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New movie and Transformers' history are more than meets the eye — SEE VARIETY, A7 AND A8

No free kick

UCF's schedule will feature some of the nation's most talented

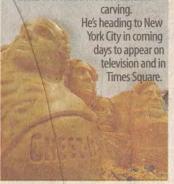
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FOOD

700 POUNDS OF **CHEESE AND**

It's George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt and Abe Lincoln — carved out of a giant block of cheese. Troy Landwehr used his carving tools to turn a 700-pound block of Land O'Lakes cheddar into a replica of Mount Rushmore. The cheese carver and winemaker was commissioned by Cheez-It to make the monumental



POLICE

MY WEINERMOBILE HAS A RECORD, IT'S

An Arizona Highway Patrol officer pulled over the Wienermobile after its plates came back as, well, hot. The Wienermobile was on the road for a promotion in which contestants sing the Oscar Mayer jingle for a shot at appearing in a commercial and winning American Idol tickets. The plates had

been stolen back in February.



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

EXPECT ROAD CLOSURES, TRAFFIC ON CAMPUS THIS MONTH

Starting Monday, all eastbound and westbound lanes on Gemini Boulevard North will be closed to traffic between Greek Park Drive and West Plaza Drive. Parts of Gemini Boulevard East will be closed this week.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

EVERGLADES RESTORATION GETS BOOST WITH NEW LAW

Gov. Charlie Crist signed a law Thursday that would provide millions of additional dollars for cleanup efforts and granting the state new authority over pollution throughout the vast wetlands. The bill was unanimously passed by the Legislature in May.

NATION & WORLD, A4

MODIFIED BOEING 747 BRINGS SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS HOME

A jumbo jet carrying the space shuttle Atlantis took off Sunday on a return trip to the shuttle's launch site at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. NASA spokesman Bill Johnson said the shuttle could arrive as late as Tuesday.

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Differential tuition bill passed

UF, FSU and USF allowed to charge more tuition

ZAILEEN ROACH Contributing Writer

In an unexpected turn of events Wednesday, Gov. Charlie Crist signed a bill that will allow three of Florida's public universities to charge undergraduate students an additional \$1,000 in tuition over the course of several years.

And if university officials and lobbyists have their way, UCF will eventually be included in that group.

"It is important that we work together to have excellent institutions of higher education in this state," Crist told times are tight."

The University of Florida and Florida State University will be permitted to charge a fee up to 40 percent of the schools' established tuition rates. The University of South Florida will be able to charge a fee up to 30 percent of its tuition. However, the fees which will not be covered by the Bright Futures Scholarship or the Florida Prepaid College Plan bought after July of this year - must be gradually introduced in increments of no

more than 15 percent per year. "They're sympathetic to

the Associated Press. "But what Florida families are dealing with, with insurance and property taxes and things like that," Crist said.

The governor threatened to veto the bill as he recently vetoed a state-wide, 5 percent tuition increase. Describing the tuition differential as "doomed," Crist encouraged universities to tighten their budgets just as Florida families

After a meeting with UCF President John Hitt and the presidents of Florida's 10 other public universities - all unan-

PLEASE SEE SGAS ON A6



PHIL COALE / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Charlie Crist signed the differential tuition bill into law Wednesday, despite having called the legislation "doomed." Universities have promised not to raise tuition until '08.

IT'S SPRING AND THE KITTENS ARE IN BLOOM



ANDY JACOBSOHN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Hello, kitties!

Animal Services sees feline boom

TARA YOUNG

April showers and May flowers aren't the only things that springtime has to offer.

Dozens of kittens are born during these late spring months, making early summer a crucial time for cat adoptions, and making the month of June the national American Humane Association Adopt-a-Cat Month.

"It's almost like if you equate it to the rebirth of the flowers and trees," said Vanessa Bouffard, marketing and public relations program coordinator at Orange County Animal Services. "Well, it's the same thing with cats. This is the time when they're being born, and the births happen to coin-



Orange County Animal Services and other pet adoption agencies are frantically working to find homes for hundreds of kittens. Summer time usually sees a huge boom in the kitten population, and some agencies are trying new things to get them adopted.

cide with the springtime."

On Saturday, OCAS, in lieu of the booming cat and kitten season and in honor of the last Saturday of Adopta-Cat Month, offered "souped-up starter kits" for up to 30 new cat or kitten adoptions. The shelter is currently swamped with thousands of

felines, brought in as either strays, abandoned, lost and found or ownersurrendered.

We always offer a goody bag on all the adoptions, but with this cat adoption project we're offering extra incentives such as litter, some treats and things of that nature," Bouffard

The special starter kits included a 5-pound bag of cat food, cat litter, toys, treats, deodorizer, videos and pet care guidelines. They also raffled off a litter box, scratching post, cat bed and other items.

This is the first time the OCAS has offered this adoption incentive, and they hope it will bring in many potential adopters.

"We're going to see the success of this year because it's the first year we're doing this and, depending on that, we can see if we will be able to do it again next year," Bouffard said.

PLEASE SEE SHELTERS ON A5

Device warns you in a flash

Thorguard signals students of lightning

JEFFREY RILEY Contributing Writer

Florida is right in the middle of its lightning season, and UCF has implemented a system to warn everyone on campus of any incoming lightning storms.

The Thorguard Lightning Prediction and Warning System sits on top of the Recreation and Wellness Center, with remote speakers in a corner of the intramural sports

When a storm approaches, Thorguard reads the amount of electrical discharge between the Earth's surface and the storm cloud. If it gets too high, too close to campus, an alarm goes off to warn students.

"It makes it for certain. No one is going to argue with it," said Jim Wilkening, associate director of programs for the RWC. "That makes it a great form of support."

The RWC purchased the initial system in 2005 for \$14,000 after researching the product for nearly a year. Every aspect of the system was looked at, including the actual tone of the horn.

They wanted to find a tone that would not conflict with any other possible warning system's emitted

According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, lightning is the the most consistent killer among bad weather, with the highest number of strikes occurring in June, July and

There are multiple lightning detection systems on the market,

PLEASE SEE NEW ON A5

Virginia Tech spurs Counseling Center changes

WHITNEY HAMRICK

The UCF Counseling Center hopes to make the campus safer after the massacre at Virginia Tech by training resident assistants to recognize the warning signs of depression, anxiety and suicide through the Question/Persuade/Refer suicide preven-

According to the American Psychiatric Association, "Half of all college students report feeling so depressed at some point in time that they have trouble functioning. If left untreated depression can lead to suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for those aged 15-24 and the second leading cause of death of

college students."

According to the American College Health Association's 2006 national data, 9.3 percent of the college students they surveyed reported having contemplated suicide at least once. In addition, 1.3 percent of students surveyed reported having attempted suicide at least once.

QPR has trained more than

600 people since August 2006. The Counseling Center plans to reach 1,000 by the end of the year.

College can be an unexpected culture shock to incoming freshmen and transfer students, leading to isolation, anxiety and depression. The Counseling Center hopes to educate more students, faculty and staff about the importance of mental health.

"I think when we say mental health, people automatically go to the negative," David Wallace, director of the Counseling Center, said. "Yes, people do have these problems, and depression and anxiety are the two big ones. Of all these mental health concerns,

PLEASE SEE SUICIDE ON A3

AROUND **CAMPUS**

News and notices for the UCF community

Traffic on Gemini to be rerouted

Starting today, all eastbound and westbound lanes on Gemini Boulevard North will be closed to traffic between Greek Park Drive and West Plaza Drive, the intersection directly in front of the Alumni Center.

Both intersections will remain open, although access to some lanes may be restricted at times. The project is expected to last throughout July.

Gemini Boulevard East will be closed between the north and south entrances of Garage C (East Parking Garage) until this Friday, to allow for the installation of storm drains.

Upcoming negotiation session

The next negotiating session between the UCF Board of Trustees and United Faculty of Florida will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 13, in Room 243 of Millican Hall.

For a negotiation status update, visit http://www.collectivebargaining.ucf.edu/pages/A nnounce.htm

Career Services holding seminar

Career Services and Experiential Learning will be hosting a seminar on Tuesday.

The seminar will focus on decision-making skills. For more information, call 407-823-2361.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

New law gives millions of dollars a

year to Everglades restoration
STUART — Everglades restoration got a boost Thursday with Gov. Charlie Crist's signing of a law providing millions of additional dollars for cleanup efforts and granting the state new authority over pollution throughout the vast wetlands.

"People all over the world recognize the importance of the Everglades," Crist said. "It's amazing how quickly Mother Nature comes back just by giving her a little bit of an assist."

is currently Florida entrenched in a multibillion dollar partnership with the federal government to restore the Everglades. Under that 2000 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, or CERP, the state and Congress are supposed to each allocate \$200 million a year toward cleanup efforts although Florida has committed more than \$2 billion.

The new law, among other things, authorizes the Legislature to allocate an additional \$100 million a year to Everglades restoration projects not included in CERP, said Carol Wehle, director of the South Florida Water Management District, which oversees Everglades water. The district would then match those funds, creating a total of \$200 million a year in new funding for Everglades projects, she said.

Work under CERP has been limited to areas south of Lake Okeechobee, a backup drinking water source for millions in South Florida and the lifeblood of the Everglades.

The new law recognizes that the Everglades is a larger system that starts near Orlando with water coming south through the Kissimmee River basin and eventually into Lake Okeechobee.

The bill was unanimously passed by the Legislature in May and highlighted a rare consensus between environmentalists, farmers and lawmakers.

PLEASE SEE LOCAL ON A4



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Striking back violence

Victim Services tries to raise cash

> MARK SCHAUB Contributing Writer

National Campus Safety Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month take place in September and October, respectively, but that doesn't mean UCF Victim Services isn't already preparing for their annual events later this

In the last month, Victim Services held two car washes to raise funds for the weeklong events, and they have more fundraisers on the horizon.

This September, Victim Services will host the "Stand Up. Speak Out." event the week of Sept. 10. The event coincides with National Campus Safety Awareness

"We're going to be covering hate crimes, sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and hazing," said Michelle Quinones, a victim advocate and coordinator of the event.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Victim Services reatures its "Strike Back Against Domestic Violence" event.

The events this year will focus more on reaching the Hispanic and black communities and will also work to reach the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

"That's why we're putting that out there and trying to get them to come to the events, to know that there's help when they need it," said Carl Hayes, a victim advocate with Victim Services and coordinator of the "Strike Back" event.

Victim Services has already raised \$400. They will hold two more fundraising opportunities in July: Saturday, July 14, at the Sam's Club on 355 E. Semoran Blvd. and Saturday, July 21, at the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 11250 E. Colo-

nial Drive. "Everything's donation based. If you don't want to get your car washed, then



Megan Licata, a junior organizational communications major and student director of Volunteer UCF, helps at one of Victim Services' car washes to raise money for events.

we also accept donations," off," Hayes said.

Money raised from the car washes will go toward the events in September and October. Money left over will go straight into the victims' fund. The victims' fund allows Victim Services to provide immediate help to those in need.

"Maybe somebody has to get out of a relationship, and they don't have any clothes with them or any food ... we can buy them a gift card," said Charlotte Hewkin, a victim advocate of Victim Services.

There will be at least two victim advocates at every car wash to answer questions. Passersby will have their chance to learn more about Victim Services and the help they provide.

This year, because the "Strike Back" event's focus is the GLBT community, Victim Services is partnering up with The Center, which is the GLBT community center of Central Flori-

da. Much like Victim Ser-Hayes said. "We have the vices, The Center is an outsponges to get the love bugs reach program for people in

"We serve as resources for any kind of social services," said Jim Sherlock, executive director of The Center. "We also host a lot of support groups here and a lot of social events as well."

Even though the "Strike Back" event supports all of those affected by domestic violence, the GLBT community has been a recent focus.

"A lot of times people become isolated," Sherlock said. "A lot of people take home the mentality that they're somehow responsible for this tragic event that happened in their life, and I think that the underlying thing to recover from a situation and to make sure that the next relationship isn't a parasitic relationship is to understand that you don't go through these alone."

According to the Florida Attorney General 2005 Year in Review, the last annual report published, more than 3,600 domestic violence

IF YOU WANT TO GO

Car wash fundraiser: What: A fundraiser to raise money for victim services

When: Saturday, July 14 Where: Sam's Club at 355 E. Semoran Blvd.

Car wash fundraiser: What: A fundraiser to raise money for victim services When: Saturday, July 21. Where: Wal-Mart Supercenter at 11250 E. Colonial Drive

Stand up. Speak out: What: Victim Services will host "Stand Up. Speak Out." to raise awareness about domestic violence. When: Monday, September 10

relocation assistance claims were filed in Florida, with \$2.5 million paid by the Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs.

In addition, there is a large homeless population in Florida, but estimating the number of those who are homeless because of their sexual orientation is nearly impossible.

"Their kids automatically become homeless. They have nowhere to go, nowhere to turn. In the past, we've had parents bring their kids here, put them on the doorstep and say, 'You're gay. Go deal with them because you're not a part of our life," Sherlock said. The "Strike Back" event

will culminate with a concert headlined by local bands to make students aware of the help offered by Victim Services.

This year's event is looking to be better than last year's, Hayes said, and leading up to the event, Victim Services will be raffling a spa package, a Winn-Dixie gift card and other prizes to be determined. Money raised from the raffle will contribute to the victims'

Also at this year's event, students of Florida Metropolitan University will provide free massages. Free food will also be provided.

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LOCAL WEATHER



Today **TSTORMS** LIKELY High: 91º Low: 75°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.



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Grant offered for educational studies minor

KIMBERLY HERNDON **Contributing Writer**

Did you ever want to pursue a teaching career but held back because you weren't an education major? If so, the educational studies department at UCF can help you and maybe even pay for a few of your classes along the way.

The IMPACT program, which is a grant-funded program, was implemented at UCF to kick off the new educational studies certificate and minor. This new minor will allow non-education majors the chance to teach their area of concentration. The program began out of a demand for

teachers in the state of Florida. A succeed grant, developed by the state, was set up to attract potential math and science candidates to teaching. The grant will help pay the

students. However, it's only eligible for fall 2007.

tuition and books for those

"Unfortunately, the grant money will run out August 31, so students need to sign up by August 10," said Scott Wise, a member of the IMPACT pro-

Non-education majors interested in the minor will pursue the five core classes required of education majors, plus one upper-level restrict-

ed elective in their area of expertise. The electives are math, science, English or social science. The core classes include learning the legal, ethical and safety issues regarding schools, learning theory, teaching strategies and classroom management.

To receive a certificate, students only have to take four core classes and an upperlevel elective.

Knowing how people learn and receive information, learning how to teach them and how to manage a group dynamic are great assets, Wise said. These classes will benefit all students regardless of their major and will help them gain the necessary tools to stand out in the workforce.

While only math and science students are eligible to receive incentive money, all undergraduates can pursue an education minor or certificate.

"It's a great way to market yourself and further your career," Wise said.

Getting the word out there about the program and the new minor hasn't been easy. In January 2007, the educational studies department began the IMPACT campaign. In the spring, Wise and some students began a marketing campaign on campus. They held information seminars, talked classes and printed

IMPACT T-shirts that read, "Teach Your Passion."

Alyssa Bridge, an 18-year-old marketing major has helped with the campaign since April. She helped create a marketing plan that included a Facebook group and a Web

Last Thursday in the marketplace, she sat at an information table answering questions and handing out the IMPACT T-shirts. With all the new students here for summer classes, student reaction was positive.

"We've had a lot of response, especially at the information seminars," Bridge said. "Word of mouth has been great."

Political science major Kyla

Tan jumped on the marketing bandwagon in June. She was with Bridge in the marketplace helping to spread the

"I was very excited about the project," Tan said. "I wanted to get involved."

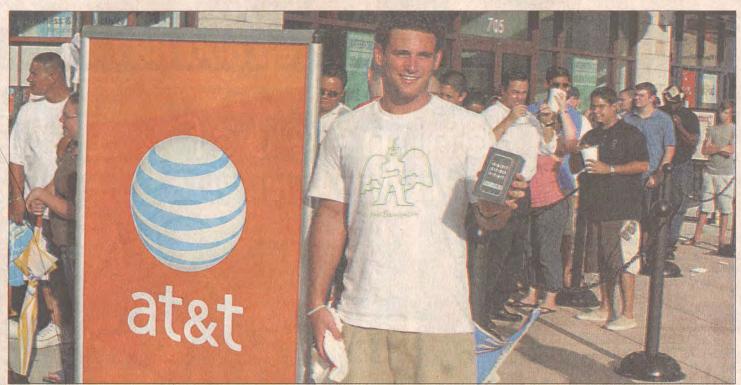
Wise advises students to seek out their advisers or contact the educational studies department before applying for the minor.

"Make sure you're doing it right and getting the right information," Wise said.

For more information, con-

tact educational studies at esm@mail.ucf.edu or the IMPACT Web site at http:// impact.education.ucf.edu

iWant one



Senior business marketing major Matt Werner holds up his new Apple iPhone outside the AT&T store at Waterford Lakes Town Center Friday. Werner was in line four hours before the store opened and was one of the first patient customers to leave the store after spending \$630 on his iPhone. Nearly 50 people waited outside the store in anticipation of the release of the new iPhone, and police officers stood outside in case disorderly conduct broke out.

Med school finds seven more donors

ROBYN SIDERSKY

On Tuesday, the UCF College of Medicine celebrated the opening of its temporary offices in Research Park with an open house.

With the celebration came the announcement that seven donors have stepped forward to fund more first-year medical students.

"It wasn't very long ago that this college was a dream," College Dean Dr. Deborah German said at the event. "This is the first step of many to make the medical school a reality and to show you the real tangible evidence that it will happen."

The next medical school milestone will be a site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in DecemTO DONATE

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The seven new donors funded eight scholarships, bringing the total amount collected to an estimated \$1.4 mil-

Ten of the 40 scholarships have been paid for, leaving 30 unpaid. Ideally, each student in the charter class will get \$40,000 a year — \$20,000 for tuition and \$20,000 for living expenses — for all four years.

But the lofty goal comes with the hefty price tag of \$6.4

million in private donations. Additional donors include Florida Hospital, funding two scholarships, Sonny's Franchise Co., Bank of America,

Judy and David Albertson, James Barnes, Florida Emergency Physicians Group and Shuffield Lowman.

UCF President John Hitt and German welcomed the

We have tremendous support from the private sector and government," Hitt told the audience. "And it's expandable."

German spoke of the medical school being a dream not too long ago and reminded the crowd that the process of earning preliminary accreditation is a long journey and encouraged them to stay for

The new offices were built in just two months, at the request of German, and reside on the third floor of University Tower in Research Park.

The temporary location is divided into four areas: faculty offices, a dean's suite, student affairs and a student learning center.

The student learning center, taking up a majority of the space, includes several smallgroup rooms, three exam rooms, a large lecture room, a computer room and library, a student work area, a lounge and even a balcony.

Students can handle financial and admission concerns in the student affairs area. The faculty offices are yet to be filled because no faculty has been hired yet.

UCF News and Information contributed to this report.

Suicide poses major risk to student health

we want to be here to help people, but on the other end of that, how can we help people prevent the problems that are occurring?"

The training takes up to two hours and is the suicide equivalent of CPR, said Vivian Ortiz, the area coordinator for Tower IV and a QPR trainer. Training centers on talking people through the crisis, persuading them to get help and referring them to a place where they can get help.

"QPR stresses that we are not counselors," Ortiz said. "You are not to assume the responsibility of counseling that person. You are only there to help them through that one moment and immediately refer them to the profession-

Ortiz explained why it is so difficult to address the serious issue of suicide.

There is a stigma associated with suicide," Ortiz said.
"To ask people if they are going to commit suicide is very difficult to talk about in society. The training is to equip people to ask that very serious question."

The goal isn't to look for a mass murderer in the crowd but to reach out and neip ple who may be suffering from depression, anxiety or thoughts of suicide, Wallace

"The program is not set up to identify the specific difficulties [Seung-Hui Cho] had, but it will help concerned individuals recognize people in distress and help them get the help they need," said Wade Arnold, a pre-doctoral intern at the Counseling Center and coordinator of QPR training.

In hindsight, the actions of Seung-Hui Cho prior to the deaths of 32 students are perceived as warning signs, Wallace said, but what warning is there for an occurrence so rare and unpredictable?

"We can talk about it all day long," Wallace said. "We can be armchair quarterbacks for most kinds of awful events and say, 'Well if somebody had seen this or this ... ' after the fact, we can see it all. The reality is it is very difficult, if not impossible, to predict the behavior of one individual ... that any one person would carry things to that extent."

The Counseling Center staff-to-student ratio is one to about every 3,200 students. The center will hire another psychologist for the position of associate director for prevention and compulsive behavior before the fall semester with goals of one staff member to every 1,500 students.

The UCF security task force has suggested a mental health course requirement for general education. The course is still in the hypothetical stages, but Wallace said it would be a great preventative

"It could be a wonderful possibility. Any kind of venue or focal point that we can bring students together for learning, growing, interacting and thinking about these things," Wallace said. "We are really putting a focus on getting that kind of mentality into the university more and more."

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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Attorney says death row inmate should be kept alive, studied

TITUSVILLE — Death row inmate Mark Dean Schwab is a "scientific mystery" who should be spared execution so he can be further studied to prevent other pedophiles from raping and killing children, his attorney

Schwab, 38, was sentenced to death for the 1991 kidnapping, rape, torture and murder of Il-year-old Junny Rios-Martinez of Cocoa. Schwab, who had just been released from prison for raping another child, targeted Junny after seeing his picture in a newspaper.

"As long as he's alive he is available for psychological research, examinations and evaluations, which could in the future prevent a person from becoming so fully misoriented as to commit a crime that Mr. Schwab stands guilty of today," Titusville attorney Kenneth Studstill wrote in a petition to be reviewed by the Office of Executive Clemency.

Junny's family plans to urge Gov. Charlie Crist in September to carry out the death sentence.

State Attorney Norman Wolfinger said Schwab can still serve science in death.

"We have sharks and whales wash up on the beach all the time and scientists can study them," he said. "I have no objection if they want to study him after he receives his injection."

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Institutions protect environment with climate-neutral plans

DURHAM, N.H. — The schools of New Hampshire's university system have joined nearly 300 other colleges and universities around the country to fight global warming by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.

The effort, called the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, involves a range of goals from building all new structures to green standards to buying electricity from renewable resources.

The commitment calls for all institutions to create a plan for becoming climate neutral — a state in which institutions have no net increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

Within two months of signing the commitment, institutions must establish a way to develop a plan, and within a year they must complete an inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions. Within two years, institutions must have a plan, including a target date for achieving climate neutrality and goals for including the issue in curriculum or educational experiences for students.

University system schools already have been working to be more energy conscious and efficient.

Plymouth State University is one of the first colleges or universities to earn national recognition for building a new, energy conscious dorm. It also runs numerous environmental research programs and has created an interdisciplinary environmental studies major.

Keene State College began a campus emissions inventory in 2005 and has converted all campus diesel vehicles to biodiesel in collaboration with the city of Keene.

Granite State College is forming an environmental advisory committee to integrate sustainable energy practices through the college and curriculum.

Other programs already in place or being developed include using electric vehicles, increased use of biodiesel and a project that could use landfill methane gas for energy at UNH.

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The space shuttle Atlantis takes off atop its modified Boeing 747 carrier aircraft from
Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. on the first leg of its ferry flight back to the KSC Sunday.

Modified Boeing 747 carries the space shuttle back to KSC

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A jumbo jet carrying the space shuttle Atlantis took off Sunday on a return trip to the shuttle's launch site at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

A modified Boeing 747 with the shuttle mounted on its back left from the Mojave Desert air base at 6:05 a.m. PDT, said Alan Brown, a spokesman at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

The shuttle, which requires stops for refueling, is not expected to arrive at Cape Canaveral until at least Monday, with the possibility of a Tuesday arrival if weather is bad, NASA spokesman Bill Johnson said.

Atlantis, carrying seven astronauts, landed June 22 after a 14-day mission to continue building the international space station.

Unfavorable weather at its Florida launch site forced it to divert to its alternate landing site in California.

More arrests made in British terrorist attack on Glasgow

GLASGOW, Scotland — Police searched several houses near Glasgow's airport and made a fifth arrest Sunday in connection with a fiery attack on its main terminal and foiled car bombings in London, which the prime minister suggested were carried out by terrorists linked to al-Qaida.

The terrorist threat that Britain faces is "long-term and sustained," Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in a nationally televised interview. It is clear, he said, "that we are dealing, in general terms, with people who are associated with al-Qaida."

After meeting with the country's top intelligence officers, police and senior officials, Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said Britain would not be cowed.

On Friday, police thwarted an apparent plot to set off a coordinated bomb attack in central London when an ambulance crew outside a nightclub spotted smoke coming from a Mercedes found rigged with explosives. They found a second Mercedes filled with explosives hours later.

And on Saturday, two men rammed a flaming Jeep into the main entrance of Glasgow airport, shattering the glass doors and igniting a fire just yards from people lined up at check-in counters.

"Al-Qaida has imported the tactics of Baghdad and Bali to the streets of the UK," said Lord Stevens, Brown's terrorism adviser.

The two men from the Glasgow attack were in police custody Sunday, one of them under guard in the hospital after being engulfed in flames when the Jeep crashed into the airport.

Early Sunday, police arrested two people — a 26-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman — on a major highway in Cheshire, northern England, in a joint swoop by officers from London and Birmingham, Scotland Yard said in London. A fifth suspect was arrested in Liverpool, police there said.

Britain on Saturday raised its terror alert to "critical" — the highest possible level — and the Bush administration announced plans to increase security at airports and on mass transit.

Israel to release \$50 million in frozen assets back to Palestine

JERUSALEM — In a gesture to the new Palestinian government, Israel will begin releasing some of the hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian tax money it has frozen for more than a year, Israeli officials said Sunday.

Miri Eisin, spokeswoman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, said at least \$50 million would be sent to the government of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Israel is trying to bolster Abbas in his standoff against the rival Hamas militant group, which violently seized control of the Gaza Strip last month.

Jacob Galanti, another official in Olmert's office, said the transfers would begin later Sunday.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, officials in the office of Abbas' prime minister, Salam Fayyad, said Israel had said the money would be transferred by Monday.

They said the money is needed to pay the salaries of government workers.

Israel collects customs duties on behalf of the Palestinians, then transfers the money to the Palestinian government. The funds, roughly \$50 million a month, are a key component of the Palestinian government budget.

Israel cut off the transfers after the Hamas militant group was elected to power in January 2006, saying Hamas could use the money to carry out attacks.

Israel announced last month that it would begin releasing the money to Abbas after he dissolved a unity government with Hamas in the wake of the militant group's takeover of Gaza.

Wildfire in Utah field kills 3, nearby towns evacuated

NÉOLA, Utah — A fastmoving wildfire charged down a mountainside onto a field, and a man and his father who were working there told the man's ll-yearold son to run.

Duane Houston escaped the fire on the edge of the Uinta National Forest, but his father, 43-year-old Tracy Houston, and his grandfather, 63-year-old George Houston, were killed by the flames, authorities said. The owner of the field, 75-yearold Roger Roberson, died at a Salt Lake City hospital, officials said Saturday.

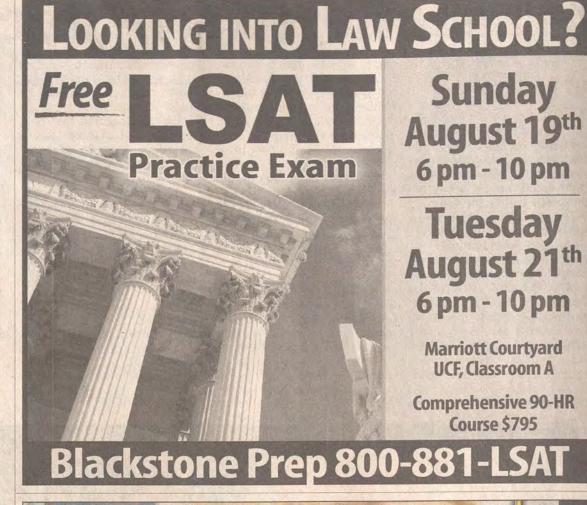
The fire started Friday morning north of Neola, about 100 miles east of Salt Lake City, and by Saturday afternoon it had charred about 23 square miles in the northeastern corner of the state.

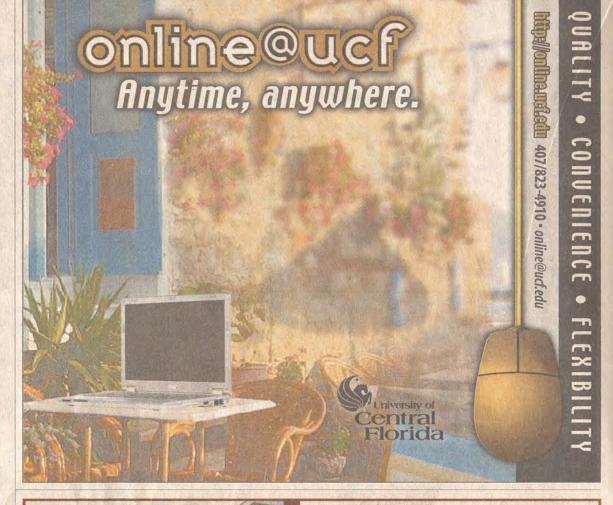
Officials said crews had not begun to contain it and more hot, windy weather was forecast for Sunday. At nearby Vernal, there was little wind Sunday morning, but humidity was only 22 percent, the National Weather Service said.

The town of Whiterocks and the nearby small community of Farm Creek were evacuated, the newspaper said. Uintah County Sheriff Jeff Merrell said buildings had been destroyed but he didn't have a count.

Gov. Jon Huntsman requested aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Shelters euthanize 70 percent of homeless cats

Like all the cats and kittens that leave OCAS' care, the felines were spayed or microchipped, neutered, dewormed, tested for feline leukemia and AIDS and fully vaccinated. The adoption cost for cats and kittens is \$40.

Friday, one day before the special adoption day, OCAS had 226 cats housed in their facility located off Conroy Road across from the Mall at Millenia, However, this number is small compared to the 3,000 cats and kittens they received on average last month alone and the 9,685 felines total they received last fiscal year. Only 1,394 of that number were adopted in that same year.

Unfortunately, the majority of the felines that aren't adopted within a certain period of time are euthanized. Unlike other animal organizations, such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the OCAS must euthanize animals.

"We put down for space, temperament and health," said Debra Villella, program coordinator of adoptions at OCAS. "We can't find enough homes. We try not to put down if [we're] able to put [a cat] into the adoption program, but unfortunately, our numbers for cat adoptions just are not that high."

According to the American Humane Association,

out of the millions of cats that enter shelters each year, only about one in four are adopted into homes. In fact, most of them - more than 70 percent of them - are euthanized.

Last year, approximately 4,200 cats and 3,150 kittens were euthanized at Orange County Animal Services.

But why are there so many

"Unfortunately, animals, especially cats, are 'throwaway' pets," Villella said. "People will move or decide they don't like the pet anymore. and instead of trying to find it a good home, they just basically toss it, and they'll go get another one. Very few times do you find people who want to make that commitment to a

cat as a lifelong pet."
What is a viable solution to the large number of homeless

"I think that offering free [vet] services to people with low incomes would help, as well as publicizing the service," junior studio art major Christina Greear said. "I also have a friend who has a lot of cats because she has a lot of land and people drop them off there sometimes, so offering some kind of safe haven like that for cats would be another idea.'

However, freshman health services administration major Adam Chatani had a slightly different proposal to end the problem.

"We should have everyone



Cats and dogs are considered "throw-away" pets by people in shelters because people sometimes will get rid of them without second thought. Only about 1 in 4 cats that enter the adoption shelters will actually find a home, and more than 70 percent of them will be euthanized. Places like Orange County Animal Services euthanize because of space constraints, too.

sit down and take a lesson on animal care," Chatani said. "Or we could all just dress up like cats and then be thrown outside and see how we like it."

Villella said education and commitment are the keys to curbing the cat problem.

"We have a lot of people who don't spay or neuter their

pet, and they let them roam," Villella said. "And of course the more they roam, the more they create, so it's just a matter of educating people and trying

to get the word out that if you don't want the pet, bring it in [to a shelter], and if you don't want extra pets, have them

UCF comes in second place at Miss Florida Pageant





Above: Five of the six contestants in the Miss Florida Pageant from UCF. They are, from left to right, Rachel Potter, Megan Clementi, Denesha Jenkins, Katie Mathews-Johnson and Tara Szczepanski. Not pictured: Lisa Van

Left: Miss UCF of 2006 Megan Clementi crowns Denesha Jenkins, Miss UCF 2007. Both competed at the Miss Florida contest Thursday through Saturday. Four of the six contestants in the pageant from UCF placed in the top 10, including Jenkins, who placed second. Miss Florida is a runner-up to Miss

New stadium to be in zone of coverage for warning system

but none had the track record of Thorguard, said Jim Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety. They contacted other schools in the state, like the University of Miami, to share ideas for procedure and policy with the

Other schools have since contacted UCF for the same

Environmental Health and Safety seeks to teach the techniques of detecting the closeness of storms so that people can make a decision that might save lives. One technique is the "five-second rule" used to estimate the closeness of a lightning strike.

While that technique might be useful, people don't always do their math correctly, Uhlir said.

"The opening of the pool was the last big push to get something like this," Uhlir said. "The Thorguard system is much more automatic, and puts less stress on the lifeguards."

The athletics department has also been seeking out the

Athletics has the hardware for the Thorguard system installed at Jay Bergman field, home of the UCF baseball team. Remote horns are located at the softball field, said Paul Bender, director of capital projects for the athletics department.

While the athletic department has Thorguard installed, it is currently non-operational, as they are waiting for

ultra-high frequency licenses from the Federal Communications Commission.

"We always wanted a system like this," Bender said. "We really needed something over here, especially with the new stadium.'

The stadium, as well as the practice soccer and football fields, are planned to be in the zone of coverage for the sys-

The combined sensors will create a tangent field of coverage for the entire campus when both are alert, Uhlir

When the original Thorguard was installed on Environmental campus, Health and Safety did testing to see how far the horn could be heard. The sound could be clearly heard all the way to Ferrell Commons and could be detected even deeper into

Because of the loudness of the system, Recreation and Wellness sent out e-mails to surrounding facilities so they would know what the new noises would be. Not everyone knows for sure, but they get the idea, Wilkening said.

"Summer B students are a good example," Wilkening said. "They may not know what it is, but they get the feeling that it is a warning of some kind, and they should go somewhere safe."

Uhlir also said that his department is interested in bringing the system to the area around the UCF Police Department and Physical Plant buildings.

"It would really assist in

keeping the masses of outside ground crews safe." Inside of the RWC, 10

administration computers are equipped with storm tracking and notification software provided by Thorguard. When a storm carrying an electrical charge approaches, the software sends notification.

"I hear the beeping on my computer, and I usually yell out 'Thorguard!' to everyone from my office," Wilkening

This tracking aspect is seen as a major advantage for the athletics department.

It is more thorough track ing storms ahead of time," Bender said. "It is acting as way more than just a warning system."

Most buildings at UCF have smaller lightning rods around their edges; however, they are simply to ground lightning bolts that might hit the building in order to protect the electronics inside. UCF sustains about \$10,000 worth of lightning damage per year, Uhlir said.

Previous to Thorguard being on campus, handheld detectors could be checked out from Environmental Health and Safety. They are typically made by outside companies from refurbished

The Thorguard system may help to streamline the process of warning people of an incoming lightning storm.

"It has been extremely successful," Wilkening said. "It really takes the guesswork out of the prevention side of

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SGAs argue against bill

imous in their support of the tuition differential — the gov-ernor signed the bill, writing, "I am convinced that the state university presidents' support for this bill reflects a valid concern with the resources available to provide students with a high-quality education, faculty and support services."

Hitt was accompanied by Vice President of University Relations Dan Holsenbeck who described the scene as "enthusiastic."

"I don't know that I've ever seen that many presidents at one time being in so much agreement over what happens, and being in such great accord," Holsenbeck said.

Florida's universities have some of the lowest tuition rates in the country. However, many universities are feeling the bulge of increased student enrollments, and some have been adjusting policies to match their budgets.

FSU announced that they will be capping their enrollment in 2008, and UF is also cutting back on expenditures. Here at UCF, faculty and staff won't receive a salary increase this year.

Steve Orlando, the director of the University of Florida's News Bureau, said "the tuition differential program would allow the universities to actually get ahead and make

progress and make changes."
The bill itself states that revenues generated from the tuition differential must be spent on improving the quality of undergraduate education such as hiring more teachers and expanding programs. But even with the tuition differential, Orlando said, tuition costs "would not be at the median level of the top 75 schools in the country ... that means that it would still allow us to be very competitive and still allow us the revenue we need to make improvements to provide a better education for our students."

Crist asked the three schools involved to wait until

WHAT DOES THIS BILL **MEAN IN DOLLARS**

FOR THE SCHOOLS:

Universities are expected to get a combined \$5.4 million in the first year, but that number could increase to \$70 million in the fourth year.

For Students:\$331 annually at Florida and Florida State and \$255 at South Florida in the first

the fall of 2008 before issuing the fee, so steps can be taken toward finding sources for funds outside of tuition revenue. Until then, universities will continue watching their

"We still have that year to get through until we implement the other plan," Orlando said. "So we do still have to take some measures to keep costs restrained until we get to that point."

Holsenbeck said he hopes to see UCF included in the bill by then. The three participating schools were selected through a series of classification systems that disqualified UCF because of the categories used, Holsenbeck said, and because 2003 data was used. He said UCF has always been in favor of differential tuition and that the school would like to become involved in the program by next fall.

"We are certainly going to give that 100 percent of our effort and have been assured by many people in the process that they would be amenable to that," he said.

The Student Government Association at UCF, however, is not thrilled with the idea.

Earlier this month, UCF's SGA passed a resolution opposing the differential tuition bill stating that it is "fundamentally detrimental to the state university system" and that it "would severely limit student access to public higher education ... '

SGA Director of Governmental Affairs Maria Pecoraro was surprised by the governor's decision, noting that his political platform has been to make higher education more accessible. The bill creates an access issue because the fee isn't covered by Bright Futures or Florida Prepaid programs purchased after July 1, 2007.

Students will be paying out-of-pocket to cover the expense.

"Students don't want to pay more money," Pecoraro said. "They just don't." She said she fears that students living on fixed incomes and loans might become discouraged by the high rates of some of Florida's top universities.

Florida State University's SGA president Joe O'Shea agrees that the bill presents an accessibility issue for those students struggling financially and also passed a resolution against the bill.

"As a whole," he said "the state needs to really step up its efforts in providing needbased aid for our students." He said he would have been more supportive of the bill had it contained language intended to increase needbased aid.

Computer engineering major Joel Jurik doesn't agree with the additional fees either. "No one would like a tuition increase, honestly," he said. "We're in college and we're not making that much money."

Holsenbeck said that revenues from the tuition differential would help lower the faculty-to-student ratio if the bill were amended to include UCF. "I think the first thing we would do with any tuition increase would be to hire additional faculty," he said.

"So now that the bill's passed," Pecoraro said, "the question that's going to face the students of UCF is ... does the student body want to be included with this. And if so, are we willing to pay the piper to be on the same playing fields as UF? To be on the same playing fields as FSU? Do we want to?"

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Astronaut shows kids how to reach for the stars



Bernard Harris, the first black astronaut to walk in space and pictured in the top right corner, talked to about 50 middle school students attending a science camp that bears his name Thursday. In this photo, students and faculty look on as one group tests their raft to see how many pennies it can hold.

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UCF THEATER PUTS ON A CABARFIT

WHITNEY HAMRICK
Staff Writer

"Willkommen, bienvenue, welcome, is cabaret, au cabaret, to cabaret!" sings Michael Pettey playing the Master of Ceremonies in the UCF Conservatory Theatre's Summer Spotlight rendition of the musical comedy Cabaret.

In this brilliantly crafted musical biopic, every element is key in telling the tale, and UCF has mastered the skill of keeping all the parts in motion.

"There was a city called Berlin in a country called Germany," said Cliff Bradshaw, played by Mark Koenig, an American writer who came to Germany to write a novel. "There was a cabaret, and there was a master of ceremonies. It was the end of the world, and I was dancing with Sally Bowles — and we were both fast asleep."

Based on a collection of stories titled *The Berlin Stories* by Christopher Isherwood, the musical depicts the social juxtaposition of a country spiraling into controlled chaos as the Nazi party gradually rises to power and the failure of love to overcome adversity.

UCF's Main Stage Theatre was transformed into the Kit Kat Klub in Berlin, and audience members became patrons of the German cabaret

Red brick peaks through the fading black paint on the club walls, and the ambiance gives a decaying feel of heartache to the tables and chairs and the actors onstage.

The red curtain rises to the word "Cabaret," written in blazing light-bulbs:

On either side of the cavern-like opening are balcony seats and twin spiral staircases that meet two rotation circles that change the setting from nightclub to the home of Fraulein Schneider, Kate Ingram, a German innkeeper, in love with her Jewish tenant Herr Schultz.

"We're putting up the mirror and reflecting that this can happen again," Pettey said.

The Master of Ceremonies is the embodiment of World War II era Germany. His appearance is gaunt



Cabaret History
Cabaret is a musical with a book by Joe

Masteroff, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander.

The 1966 Broadway production became a hit and spawned an acclaimed 1972 film starring Liza Minnelli as Sally Bowles.

Broadway has brought back the show twice over the last 20 years — in 1987 and 1998.

The 1998 revival won numerous Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical.

and vulgar, his speak mocking and aggressive in the beaten angst of a people long suffering and lost.

"In a weird way, World War II snuck up on people," Koenig said. "Germany was in shambles, and Hitler wanted to rebuild the country with nationalism and exploited people's need for stability."

The American novelist, Bradshaw, walks into an atmosphere of calm before the storm and takes part in the downfall as we watch the Nazi takeover with idealistic eyes.

"He's like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz," Koenig said. "He sees the bad and the good. He's American idealism destroyed, brought up into the forefront and slammed with the truth. He fails to save them, and in the end, he can only save himself like everyone else."

Sally Bowles, played by Abigail Savage, is an upper-class British runaway who dedicates her life to scandal and stardom in the cabaret.

Bowles represents the escapist from the harsh reality of the times, desperately holding on to a fallacious carefree exterior that only serves as an empty shell.

"We want people to leave feeling they've learned the tragedy of closing your eyes to what's going on in the world."

on in the world."

In the 1920s, Germany, once a hub of expressionism turned a home to a socio-political Dadaism of biting wit and satire, the cabaret scene flourished as the epicenter of decadent debauchery, the ultimate escapism in living life for the sole

pursuit of pleasure.

The early 1930s carried a frail version of its former glories. The actors on stage look like the younger siblings of the 1920s, bearing the characteristics of ragtag hand-me-downs with forced smiles.

With a terrible depression looming over a country ravaged by the defeat of World War I and reparations, we, the audience, sit voyeurs into the lives of a people often vilified for the war to come.

In this time warp, we are propelled into the Weimar Republic, the fragile state of a country made up of political wolves vying for control.

"Leave your troubles outside! Life is disappointing? Forget it!" Pettey said, summing up the sentiments of Cabaret.

The play ends like the end of the world. There is no escape from reality, no happy ending.

"Get caught up in it just like Cliff [Bradshaw] does. We want people to be wowed, stunned and shocked," Koenig said.

The next production of the SummerStage will be *Lend Me a Tenor* July 12 through 15 and July 19 through 22. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$10 for students with UCF IDs.

A LA MODE

Marvel at the fresh fashion hitting UCF

JAMIE SALMASIAN Staff Writer

There is a new style on campus that can make anyone feel like a superhero — comic book T-shirts.

With Universal's Islands of Adventure right in our backyard, you have probably seen some of these superheroes dressed up and ready to fight some crime.

And seeing that a lot of superheros have made their feature film debuts over the past few years, they are gaining popularity. Being able to wear them as part of your ensemble is much more fun for me; so why not support your favorite character?

Senior economics major Brett Luskin, 22, bought his Captain America T-shirt at Target for about \$12.

"Target has the best shirts for the cost," Luskin said.

He describes his style as casual but stylish, and he said that he did not purchase his comic book T-shirt because it is becoming trendy. "I read a lot of comic books when I was a kid," he said.

These superhero tees are not just for members of the male persuasion. Being a fan of comic books and superheroes myself, I can tell you that girls can be seen sporting them, too.

Sophomore theater studies major Jessi Riese, 19, bought her Spiderman T-shirt from Goodwill about five years ago for about \$2.

Even though the shirt is a boy's size 5; Riese had to have it. "Spiderman's amazing!" she said.

When asked to describe her style she

When asked to describe her style, she gave me one of the most interesting and awesome descriptions to date.

"It's like I spuck into the closet of

"It's like I snuck into the closet of someone who was living in the 1980s but had an obsession with Victorian fashion," Riese said on a break from strumming her sticker-clad guitar.

Stores like Target and Delia's have a wide variety of T-shirts with your favorite superheroes like Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, X-Men and The Hulk.

And don't forget these tees can totally fit into your budget; so you'll still have some cash left over to go to the comic book store and buy some comics to read up on your favorite superhero!





JAMIE SALMASIAN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Top: Brett Luskin sports a Captain America tee, Above: Jessi
Riese wears a Spider-Man tee she scored at Goodwill.

Local band one of four to play '07 Vans Warped Tour



Orlando-based rock/alternative/experimental band Letterperfect's new album is titled *In Transit*. CHRISTINE MULLEN
Contributing Writer

Five guys, shaggy hair cuts, five o'clock shadows and tight sweaters are all of the essentials needed for a young enthusiastic rock/alternative/experimental band.

Letterperfect takes the image and runs with it while creating a different sound that demands attention from their audience.

The band's newly released album titled *In Transit* covers heartache to finding the reason of life. With influences ranging from The Beatles, Incubus, Thrice and The Used, it's no wonder

that the lyrics are purposefully gripping.
The album's title describes the ongo-

ing progress of the band, which is to venture into different styles of music while trying to discover their next sound for future projects.

The second track on their CD, "The Greatest Lament," begins with a cool voice claiming, "Today is the day, when we decide if you will live or you will die. Tonight is the night that we have been waiting for all of our lives," and continues to dive further into the spiral of emotion

"If," the album's first song, embraces the range of the band with humorous sound blurbs, fast guitar playing, intriguing drum beats and echoing screams throughout the song.

Overall, the album has a very imaginative and poignant ambience sealed with a very crisp and artistic cover. The songs have a wide range of diversity.

The band is planning a future acoustic album that will cover some of the songs on the current album as well as new tracks that they have been working on in between their many tour dates. Also, they are trying to involve more of an experimental feel, crossing influences from The Mars Volta and Circa Survive.

Letterperfect has always drawn a large crowd with their compelling performances in cities as small as Deland to as large as Orlando.

The band will be playing in the popular Vans Warped Tour on July 22 at Tin-

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TRANSHORW

From action figures and comic books, to animated TV shows and an animated 1986 movie, the Transformers brand has reached everyone in one of its shapes or forms over the years.

Now it's hitting the big screen with a live-action feature film just in time for the Fourth of July holiday.



AUTOBOTS

The protagonists in the Transformers Universe, a collection of various toys, graphic novels, paperback books, cartoons and movies first introduced in 1984. In the 2007 movie, these heroic robots protect the Earth and its inhabitants from the evil Decepticons.



Film more head-shaking than jaw-drop

Let's cut to the chase. Michael Bay's Transformers is big, dumb, loud and fun. In just about that order.

The gist of the story: Dueling races of giant alien robots arrive on Earth to duke it out over a giant power cube hidden here, while the fate of mankind hangs in the balance, as it so frequently does.

If on the shorter side of two hours, this robot rumble might have been a blast, but at nearly two-and-a-half hours, director Bay (Bad Boys I & II, The Island) and executive producer Steven Spielberg (War of the Worlds) indulge in the former's more excessive tendencies: clumsy humor, product placement and seemingly endless exposition.

The majority of the movie seems to consist of hackers staring at screens, secretary of defense Jon Voight barking orders, secret agent John Turturro chewing scenery, soldiers led by Josh Duhamel overseas trying to get in touch with the States and unpopular teen Shia LaBeouf

Transformers: The Movie ** . . .

Rated: PG | Runtime: 144 mins Directed by: Michael Bay Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Jon Voight **In Theaters Tuesday**

trying to get in touch with hot chick Megan Fox by way of his recently acquired Camaro (which admittedly amuses with its everappropriate selection of tunes).

All of it makes for more headshaking and eye-rolling than jawdropping and eye-popping, in spite of the numerous transformations that do actually take place early on. With Industrial Light & Magic at the wheel, the effects are about as phenomenal as expected,

although most of the money shots are unsurprisingly saved for the climactic melee.

However, all of the excitement seems to be set aside for the finale as well, leaving audiences spinning their wheels. Until that point, there isn't an established sense of scale or scope, just leaping from location to location with all of the characters eventually gathering together. There seems to be no traffic, no outside world, barely anything outside of the occasional news report and shots of the suburbs.

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Originally a VW Beetle, Bumble Bee is now a Chevy Camaro.



JAZZ

Modified Pontiac Solstice Jazz picked his sports car form because it is the epitome of style. If there's one thing he digs about Earth, it's human





Formerly a Porsche 935 Turbo, Jazz still rides in style.



Animated Series Iron Hide

IRON HIDE

Modified GMC Topkick 6500 The toughest Autobot around. More than one Decepticon has busted an Oring just from seeing him narrow his



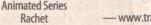
He used to be a Nissan C20 Vanette, but switched to a GMC.



RACHET

Modified Hummer H2

The Autobot's chief mechanic, engineer and medical expert. As a pacifist, he'd rather solve problems peacefully than



- www.transformersmovie.com



Rachet lost his ambulance look for that of a sturdy Hummer H2.





1987

Timeline

changing/converting robot brands in Japan

Transformers" to unite them. Beginning of

1985

1986

Pre-1984

"Generation: 1" era.

1984

1983

Hasbro secures the rights to many

and creates the umbrella name "The

1986 Animated feature film titled Transformers: The Movie is released in theaters.

1988

1989

1990

Hasbro introduces the Fortress Maximus, the largest action figure at the time, standing at two feet.

1987

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1994

The first Bot

Transformer

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1992 Hasbro introduces "Transfol

2." All of the toys are re-cold earlier figures.

There is a Generation 2.TV a that features all new Color

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COURTESY DREAMWORKS PICTURES (PARAMOUNT) Optimus Prime battles Scorponok on a freeway in the new film.

to think that fans won't get their fill of metal-mashing, gear-grinding action while the rest of us just grow increasingly numb to the assault of sound and fury. For all the perfect pixels in the world, it fails to be just fun or genuinely

exciting, which is the very least a summer blockbuster should do.

Some flicks can get by on great effects and little else, but that doesn't mean a weak story and worse humor can't undermine all the booms and bangs.

My inner child would devour the last half-hour of slam-bang shenanigans with unabashed glee and awe, but even my inner child might not have the patience to stomach two-thirds of relative inaction to get there.

1986 MOVIE REVIEW

Twists surprising, music awful

WILLIAM GOSS

Let's go ahead and make something clear: When it comes to Transformers, the toy line, I missed the boat.

Not that I fail to fathom the appeal of giant robot rumbles; it was just always my brother more than me who watched and played with everyone else's favorite sentient machines.

I had the gist of things: Optimus Prime led the Autobots (yay!), while Megatron led the Deceptions (boo!), all of which could - say it with me now transform into a variety of other objects, from cars to cassette players to BFGs.

So, speaking as a non-fanboy, the appeal of 1986's original Transformers: The Movie is understandable: The action is pretty constant over its 84minute running time, the twists genuinely surprising (he said the s-word?!?) and the music awful.

Like, really bad. Rank soundtrack aside, nostalgia seems to have Transformers increasing credibility among fans, and I have little reason to think it isn't

worthy of their admiration.

For the rest of us, it's a flashy primer in the lore of giant robots that conveniently doubles as a swell game of Guess That Voice, with a cast including Casey Kasem, Judd Nelson, Leonard Nimoy, Eric Idle, Orson Welles and Scatman Crothers, making this the very last film that either of those last two participated in.

Then again, if given the chance, who wouldn't cap off their career with The Touch?



Transformers: The Movie 1986 feature-length film poster.

Transformers: The Movie

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Rated: PG | Runtime: 84 mins Directed by: Nelson Shin Starring: Peter Cullen, Orson Welles, Eric Idle, Casey Kasem, Judd Nelson, Leonard Nimoy Now available on DVD

DECEPTICONS

The "bad guys" in a civil war with the heroic Autobots. Originally, Optimus Prime and Megatron ruled Cybertron together. Eventually, Megatron began to desire the power for himself and assembled a like-minded army of separatists the DECEPTICONS.



Megatron first was unveiled as a Walther P38 pistol.

MEGATRON Cybertronian jet

The leader of the DECEPTIC He will stop at nothing to establish his empire and destroy the Autobots.



Megatron



STARSCREAM Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor

He chose to resemble a F-22 jet because it's the pinnacle of human technical achievement.



Animated Series Starscream



Originally a F-15 jet, Starscream's been upgraded to a F-22.

Originally a bomber jet, Blackout is now in helicopter form.

BLACKOUT Sikorsky MH53 Pave Low

As a military helicopter, Blackout is also the heavy lifter that **DECEPTICONS** rely on for transport over long distances.



Blackout

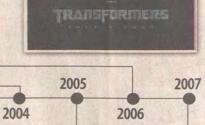
Transformers celebrates its 20th anniversary. As a fanrequested tribute, a special 1984-version of the heroic Optimus Prime is introduced.

1998

Transformers movie is re-released on a commemorative DVD from Sony BMG.

2002

2003



The 2007 Transformers live-action feature film directed by Michael Bay and executive produced by Steven Spielberg is released in theaters.



Was an F-1 racer, but is now a

Ford Mustang.

Frenzy is now a boombox.

FRENZY Boombox

BARRICADE

Saleen 5281 Mustang

Barricade is a born hunter. On

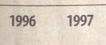
Earth he took the form of a police

car to subvert the public's trust in

A chaotic spy turned boombox, Frenzy was sent by the **DECEPTICONS** to infiltrate enemy strongholds.



- www.transformersthemovie.com Frenzy



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The animated TV series, Transformers: Beast Wars, debuts and is an instant hit.

2000

1999

Hasbro announces that together with DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures, they will bring the Transformers saga to the "big screen" in July 2007.

2001

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BIG SCREEN



COURTESY DREAMWORKS PICTURES (PARAMOUN

TRANSFORMERS (PG13)
When the battle comes to Earth, all that stands between the evil Decepticons and ultimate power is a clue held by young Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf).
Directed by: Michael Bay

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Jon Voight, Bernie Mac, Tyrese Gibson, Rachael Taylor, Amaury Nolasco, Kevin Dunn, Ronnie Sperling



MONDAY JULY 2

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. The cougars met the kittens last
week, and the two sets of women competed
to see who could wear the most makeup.

TUESDAY JULY 3

9 p.m. ABC Shaq's Big Challenge Shaq confronts the kids about slacking off on their fitness routines; a new personal trainer makes his presence felt right away.

WEDNESDAY JULY 4

10 p.m. MTV Reunited: The Real World Las Vegas
Somehow they've managed to stretch the two weeks of filming into two months of shows, but it's the Fourth of July. Don't sit at home and watch reality TV.

THURSDAY ILLIY

8 p.m. FOX Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? This show tests adults' lack of knowledge — as revealed by how much they've forgotten since elementary school. New grownup contestants will find themselves revisiting their youth.

FRIDAY JULY

9 p.m. CBS Jericho
They're showing the full season over again starting tonight. Catch the first episode about America surviving after a nuclear attack. This show was canceled and then brought back after fans sent thousands of pounds of nuts to executives at CBS, so maybe you should check it out.

CATUDO AV HUV

8 p.m. NBC Live Earth: The Concerts for a Climate in Crisis A concert to "raise awareness" about global warming. Or in my opinion, a bunch of really liberal musicians pretending they're important.

SUNDAY HILY

10:30 p.m. Comedy Central
American Body Shop
This single-camera comedy documents the day-to-day workings of an auto body shop.

— COMPILED BY WOODY WOMMACK

BILLBOARD

TOP 3 ALBUMS: Artist / Title / Label

1. Bon Jovi / Lost Highway /

- Mercury/Island
- 2. The White Stripes / Icky Thump / Third Man

CD REVIEW

Listen to this film's CD more than Once

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO

One of the greatest assets to any film is the accompanying music that helps to support the narrative.

Quite possibly the lead character in most films, music offers insight regarding the unraveling of things onscreen and often signifies the onset of something crucial.

In the case of the film Once, the music not only supports the story, but is the sole purpose for the movie's creation.

Once is an Irish musical — don't run for the hills just yet. The music doesn't fit into the stereotypical show tunes category. Instead, the soundtrack offers acoustic folk ballads, harmonized vocals and the occasional support of the violin

The album features the original work of Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova. Both professional musicians, neither Hansard nor Irglova received any training for the film and had no prior acting experience. Fans of the forbidden love-struck duo will similarities notice the between songs that appear on the film's soundtrack and those that appear on The Swell Season, an album they released together prior to the making of the film.

One of Once's greatest achievements is in the use of the music. Instead of random bursts of song every 10 seconds with overdone theatrics, the film examines the narrative of a situation where the creation of music might actually occur. The result: heartfelt love songs that could and probably have made a grown man cry.

The vocals are predominantly led by Hansard, with Irglova offering harmonized supporting vocals. "If You Want Me," however, showcases Irglova's ability to steal the spotlight and carry one of the album's most intense tracks. The first and most noteworthy song on the album is "Falling Slowly." The song is



Album:
Once: Music from the Motion Picture

Label: Columbia Available Now

the painfully beautiful epitome of creative genius. Chances are, if you've seen the film trailer, you're already familiar with the tune.

The Once soundtrack chronicles a week in the life of two people who fall in love. Hansard's voice sounds similar to artists like Damien Rice and Cat Stevens. His female counterpart is more reminiscent of Azure Ray and Kate Havnevik. Together, the artists make for an unforgettable musical experience.

The soundtrack has received incredible reviews, most of which note the genuine and emotional content of the songs' makeup. Lyrical content is a major driving force in the positioning of the songs throughout the film.

songs throughout the film. Hansard, who offers his veteran musical familiarity to the soundtrack, has released albums prior to the film with the band The Frames. He's also teamed up with Czechnative Irglova for *The Swell Season*. Amazingly, Irglova's fresh voice holds its own when synced with a co-star who is nearly 20 years her senior.

Unfortunately, no show times are currently listed for *Once* in the Orlando area. Luckily, the music is powerful enough to convey a message independent of the visual elements of the film.

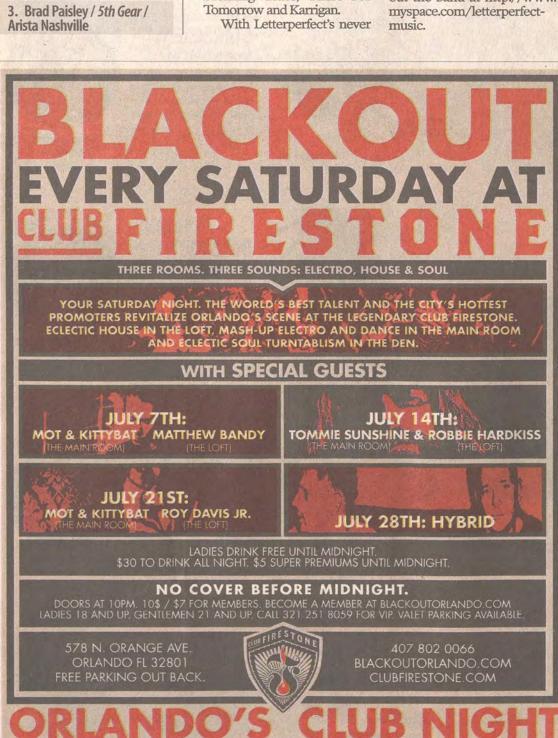
Send questions, comments and album suggestions to: AmandaKShapiro@gmail.com

Letterperfect chosen from pool of 70 aspiring Orlando bands

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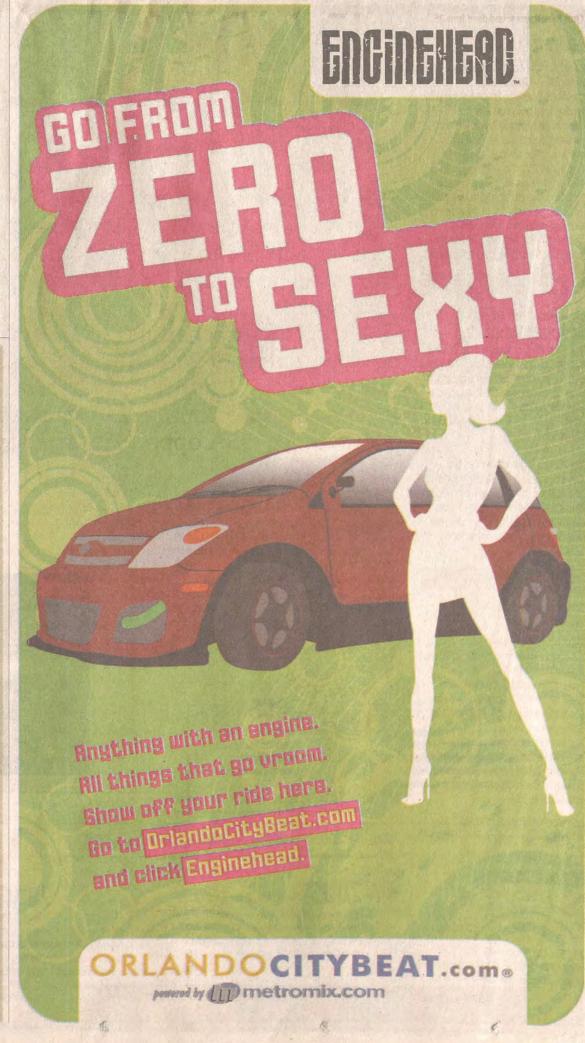
ker Field. Bassist Justin Jacobs said the band was voted to perform at the venue out of 70 other Orlando bands and will be accompanied by three other winning bands from Orlando: Breaking Tides, There For Tomorrow and Karrigan.

ending vigor, it will be difficult not to please audiences at their shows. To purchase their album, to get a short listen or more information on the band, visit their Web site at http://www.letterperfectmusic.com. You can also check out the band at http://www.myspace.com/letterperfect-music.











BEN MARGOT / ASSOCIATED PRESS Bonds hit career home run number 750.

BARRY BONDS CLOSES IN ON HISTORY WITH NO.750

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Giants' outfielder Barry Bonds hit home run number 750 on Friday night in a 4-3 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks, an inning after a fan jumped the fence in left field and approached Bonds. Bonds greeted the man and walked him to security."He just wanted to shake my hand," Bonds said. The Giants finished up their series with the Diamondbacks Sunday and begin a three-game series at Cincinnati starting Tuesday.

DEVIL RAYS FALL 8-6 TO CLEVELAND INDIANS

CLEVELAND — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays dropped their 13th of their last 17 games, six straight, with an 8-6 loss to the Indians in Cleveland on Saturday. The Indians' C.C. Sabathia became the first pitcher to reach 12 wins and matched his win total from last season. The Devil Rays will finish up their series in Cleveland on Monday before heading to Boston for a three-game set against the division-leading Red Sox.

WRESTLING



DARRYL DYCK / ASSOCIATED PRESS Chris Benoit was found dead June 25.

DEAD WRESTLER'S FATHER EAGER FOR TEST RESULTS

ATLANTA — The father of Chris Benoit, the World Wrestling Entertainment star whose dead body was found with those of his wife and 7-year-old child on June 25, said that his family is in shock over the slayings."We have no understanding of why it happened," Michael Benoit said."We need some time to gather our thoughts and wait and see. There's still more information that's going to come out from toxicology tests that will give us some understanding of why this happened."

TENNIS

FEDERER, SHARAPOVA **ADVANCE TO 4TH ROUND**

WIMBLEDON, England — No. 2 Maria Sharapova defeated No. 26 Ai Sugiyama 6-3,6-3 in one of only two women's matches to be completed Saturday at Wimbledon. No. 4 Amelie Mauresmo beat No. 28 Mara Santangelo 6-1, 6-2 in the other match.

No. 1 Roger Federer extended his winning streak on grass to 51 matches with a 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over No. 26 Marat Safin. Federer advanced to the quarterfinals after No. 13 Tommy Haas withdrew from the tournament on Sunday.

FOOTBALL

NFL SAYS 'AU REVOIR' TO NFL EUROPA

FRANKFURT, Germany — The National Football League announced Friday that it would shut down its developmental league, NFL Europa. What started in 1991 as the World League of American Football was reportedly losing about \$30 million a season. The announcement came less than a week after the Hamburg Sea Devils beat the Frankfurt Galaxy 37-28 in the World Bowl championship in Frankfurt before a crowd of 48,125.

COMPETITIVE EATING

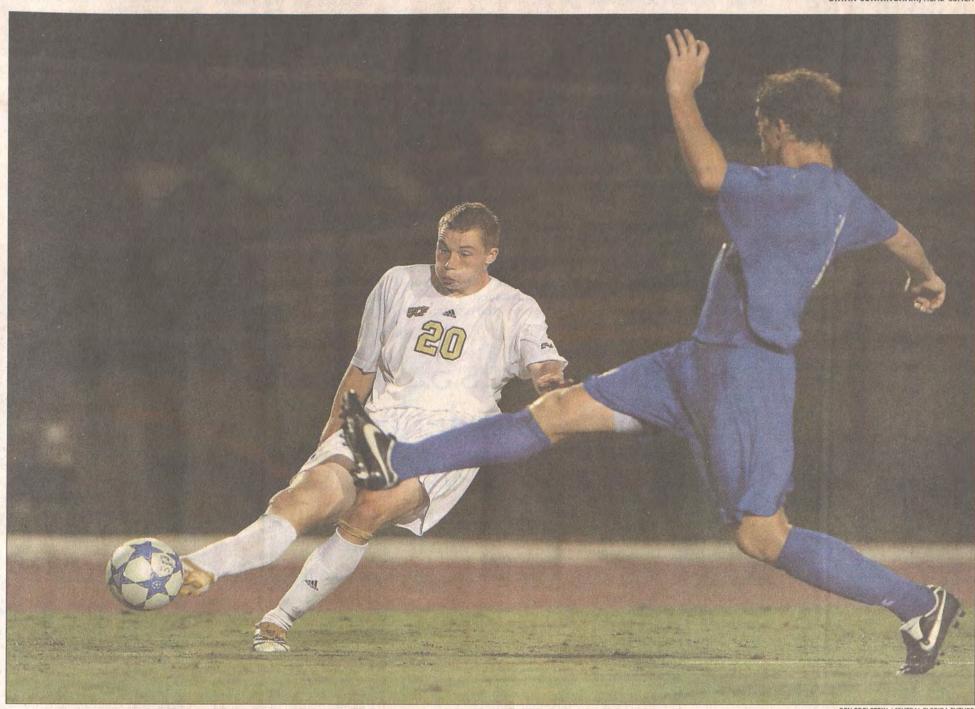
KOBAYASHI TO DEFEND HOT DOG TITLE

Takeru Kobayashi, the six-time defending champion of Nathan's hot dog eating competition, wrote in his blog that he will be attending this year's competition. There was speculation that he would forgo the contest because of a sore jaw.

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"We are once again playing a competitive national schedule with tough road and home matches."

- BRYAN CUNNINGHAM, HEAD COACH



New schedule pits UCF against NATIONS BEST

MELISSA HEYBOER

With less than two months before the team's first game, UCF Men's Soccer head coach Bryan Cunningham recently announced the Knights upcoming 2007 schedule.

After a tough schedule last season, resulting in a 6-9-2 record, the Knights will enter this campaign with more experience and confidence against their Conference USA opponents and national powerhouses.

The Knights' schedule will rival last year's, as they face four teams who participated in the NCAA Tournament and five opponents ranked in the top 50 nationally according to the 2006 NCAA RPI.

"We are once again playing a competitive national schedule with a combination of tough road and home matches," Cunningham said in a press release. "It is important that the

players are not only challenged early but throughout the season, especially as we prepare for the games against Conference USA opponents."

Last season the Knights faced four nationally ranked opponents, including SMU, who at the time was the top-ranked team in the country. Their match-up resulted in a 2-2 tie

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REBECCA BARNETT / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Members of the UCF Men's Soccer team gather before a game against Conference USA opponent Memphis on Oct. 4. The Knights will kick off their C-USA schedule this year against the Tigers on Sept. 15.

LAST RECORD

Four of their six wins came when the Knights competed at home.

Six of the Knights nine losses were by a margin of one goal.

Both ties came against SMU and UAB, both nationally ranked teams.



Where: Tampa • When: Aug. 31 Last meeting: The Knights beat South Florida 2-1 on Aug. 25, 2005.

Football hires new line coach

BRIAN MURPHY

The UCF Football team's offensive line is already wealthy in experience, but the Knights gained some more on Friday when coach George O'Leary announced the hiring of Tom Freeman as the team's offensive line coach. Freeman has coached college football for 36 years, including 32 at the Division I level.

Freeman comes to UCF from Stanford University, where he spent the last two seasons coaching the guards and centers on the Cardinal offensive line. He also was the team's run game coordinator.

"I am very happy to add a coach with Tom's experience to our staff," O'Leary said in a press release. "He brings with him a lot of football knowledge, and we are excited to have him here to work with our athletes at UCF."

During his coaching career, Freeman's teams have appeared in 10 bowl games, including six with Pittsburgh, where he served for eight seasons as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator

before making the move to Stanford. In Freeman's last season with Pittsburgh, the Panthers earned the Big East's automatic bid to the Bowl Championship Series and appeared in the

Fiesta Bowl. Freeman's coaching history also

PLEASE SEE FREEMAN ON A12

Marshall coach joins UCF

MELISSA HEYBOER Sports Editor

The UCF Volleyball program welcomed a new edition to their team Friday when head coach Meg Colado announced the hiring of Trevor Theroulde as a new

assistant coach. A native of Trincity, Trinidad, Theroulde joins the UCF coaching staff after spending four seasons as a volunteer assistant at Marshall.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to welcome Trevor to my staff," Colado said in a release. "His knowledge and

experience with the game of volleyball will help our team prepare for the tough Conference USA competition we will be facing this season."

During his time at Marshall, the Thundering Herd captured the 2005 Conference USA title.

That same year, Theroulde graduated from Marshall with a bachelor's degree in physical education sports marketing and management.

Theroulde's experience also extends beyond Marshall, as he was a head coach of the Trinidad

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NBA DRAFT

Magic get Rakovic in trade with Mayericks

WOODY WOMMACK

After rumors flew all week long leading up to Thursday's draft about proposed trades for names like Kevin Garnett, Amare Stoudamire and Kobe Bryant, it was the Orlando Magic that made the first deal on draft day, swapping the 54th overall pick to the Houston Rockets in exchange for cash considerations.

The Magic didn't make their first pick until the second round, nearly four hours after the draft started, when they selected North Carolina forward Reyshawn Terry with the 44th overall pick, but quickly traded his rights to Dallas for the rights to the 60th overall pick, forward Milovan Rakovic from Serbia.

Magic general manager Otis Smith said he expects Rakovic to stay overseas to continue to grow as a player. "We picked up a big guy

that we could let develop He's a big raw talent that will probably need another year to develop," Smith

It's become common practice for NBA teams to select international players late in the draft and let them develop before bringing them over to compete for playing time.

The Magic now shift their focus to free agency. Players became free agents Sunday at 12:01 a.m., but contracts cannot be signed until the salary cap is set later this month.

Smith said the Magic have already begun to narrow down the list of players they will go for, and said that finding a legitimate scoring threat is definitely a priority.

"We need somebody to score the ball," Smith said.

The top of the draft went as expected with the Portland Trailblazers selecting Greg Oden from Ohio State with the number one pick, followed by Seattle, who selected Kevin Durant from Texas. Three players from the

Three players from the University of Florida went in the top 10 picks of the draft, with Al Horford going third to the Atlanta Hawks, Corey Brewer going seventh to the Minnesota Timberwolves and Joakim Noah going ninth to the Chicago Bulls. It was the first time in NBA Draft history that three players from the same school had been taken in the top 10 picks.

Two other members of Florida's back-to-back National Championship Team were also selected in the second round: forward Chris Richard was selected by the Timberwolves with the 4lst pick and guard Taurean Green was taken 52nd by Portland.

Another in-state player was selected in the first round. Florida State forward Al Thornton was selected 14th by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Only one player from Conference USA was selected in the draft, Morris Almond, the guard from Rice that ended UCF's basketball season with a game winning 3-pointer in the C-USA tournament, was selected with the 25th pick by the Utah

Next up is the Orlando Pepsi Pro Summer League that takes place from July 9-13 at the RDV Sportsplex in Maitland.

Women's Soccer adds four to 2007 roster

Recruits bring local, international experience

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

UCF Women's Soccer coach Amanda Cromwell announced June 25 that Amaka Ofuani, Danielle Dos Santos, Aline Reis and Kimberly Gustafsson signed with the Knights as part of the team's 2007-08 recruiting class

Ofuani, a 5-foot-6-inch forward from Tallahassee, is transferring to UCF after playing one year at Armstrong Atlantic State University, a Division II school in Savannah, Ga. She recorded 10 goals and three assists in 23 games and earned All-Peach Belt Atlarge honors.

Prior to attending AASU, Ofuani was a four-time letter winner for Lincoln High School, where she holds the school record with 70 career goals. She was named to the All-Big Bend team by the Tallahassee Daily Democrat all four years.

"Amaka might be the fastest player that we have ever had at UCF," Cromwell said in a press release. "She is an extremely dangerous player who will stretch the field and add a nice change of pace to our attack. Her year at Armstrong Atlantic helped her improve her game"

Dos Santos, a 5-foot-7-inch forward from Campinas, Brazil, is coming to the Knights after two seasons with Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn. She scored 12 goals and recorded six assists in 13 matches before being sidelined with an injury.

Despite the shortened

season, Dos Santos was named to the 2006 Daktronics All-Southeast Region Second Team.

In 2005, she was named the Gulf South Conference Eastern Division Freshman of the Year and selected to the All-South Region First

"We are extremely excited about Danielle," Cromwell said in a press release. "She is a fast, quick, technical, and a sophisticated player who adds that South American flair. Her work ethic is fantastic, and she should make a significant impact this season."

Reis, a goalkeeper, also grew up Campinas. Reis and Dos Santos played for the Guarani Football Club that produced former UCF standout and two-time All-Conference USA First Team selection Roberta Pelarigo.

"Aline reminds me of (former two-time Mexican World Cup goalkeeper and striker) Jorge Campos," Cromwell said in a release. "She is extremely athletic and could probably start for us on the field with her ability on the ball. Her experience, distribution, understanding of the game and technical ability with her feet will definitely add a whole different perspective from the goal."

Gustafsson, a 5-foot-7-inch forward and outside midfielder from Upplands Väsby, Sweden, has played for Division I club Bollstanäs SK. She also trained with Djurgården, one of Sweden's top teams.

"Kimberly is an exciting attacking player from Sweden

who has played at some of the highest levels in Europe at a very young age," Cromwell said in a release. "She has pace, a nose for the goal and sophistication not uncommon with the international player. We expect big things from Kimberly in her four years at UCF."

The Knights went 11-5-2 in the 2006 regular season. They were even better against Conference USA competition, posing a 7-1-1 record. The Knights earned the No. 2 seed in the C-USA Championship, but were eliminated in the quarterfinals by No. 7 seed, UAB, 2-1 in double overtime.

The Knights have now signed 10 players to their 2007 team. The Knights signed the other six players on Feb. 9.





Freeman brings 32 years of Division I experience to UCF

FROM A11

includes five seasons at Purdue (1992-96), eight seasons at Arizona State (1984-91), three seasons at his alma mater, San Diego State, (1981-83) and six seasons at Hawaii.

Freeman fills the vacancy on the Knights coaching staff left by Joe Gilbert, who did not have his contract renewed for the 2007 season.

"It is a great thrill to be here with coach O'Leary and his staff," Freeman said in a release. "I have followed the progress of the Knights over the last three years and having just completed a tour of the facilities, this is a fabulous place. I also met with some of the athletes and I am very, very impressed. I look forward to the challenges of Conference USA and being a part of things here."

Freeman will be taking over a solid line that includes senior Kyle Smith and juniors L.J. Anderson, Patrick Brown and Josh Sitton. Each



"It is a great thrill to be here with coach O'Leary and his staff."

— TOM FREEMAN, OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

player has started at least 10 games in each of the last two seasons. Smith and Sitton started every game in the 2005 and 2006 season.

As a player, Freeman spent his first two years of college at San Diego City College before transferring to SDSU where he was a part of two College Division National Championship teams in 1967 and 1968. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant for the Aztecs in 1969.

Several players coached by Freeman have had successful careers on the professional level, including Randall McDaniel, who was a 12-time Pro Bowl selection in the National Football League. McDaniel played under Freeman at Arizona State

UCF opens its 2007 season on Sept. 1 at North Carolina State at 6 p.m. The Knights will debut at their new on-campus home, Bright House Networks Stadium, on Sept. 15 against Texas at 3:30 p.m. That game will air on ESPN2.

UCF will play on campus for the first time after spending the previous 28 seasons at Florida Citrus Bowl in downtown Orlando.

Knights to face five top 50 schools in '07

FROM A11

in double overtime on Oct.

UCF will compete in 18 games this year, eight of which will be played at the UCF Soccer Complex.

The Knights proved to be more of a threat on their home turf, losing only one of their seven home matches last season, with a 3-2 loss to Wright State on Sept. 10.

Before the beginning of their season, the Knights will host two pre-season games against St. Leo and Jacksonville, Aug. 18 and Aug. 24, respectively.

UCF will kick off its regular season on Aug. 31 when they travel to Tampa to face in-state rival South Florida.

The Knights will then travel to Albuquerque, N.M., to participate in the TLC Plumbing and Utility Invitational Sept. 7-9, in which they will face Cincinnati and Loyola Marymount.

UCF will begin its home schedule with a match-up against another in-state rival, Stetson, on Sept. 12 and will follow that up with its C-USA opener at Memphis on Sept. 15.

Before heading back home, the Knights will head to Massachusetts to take on Boston University on Sept 17.

Next on the schedule will be the UCF Invitational which takes place Sept. 21-23 where they will face College of Charleston and Wofford.

UCF's next eight matches will feature five conference opponents including SMU, FIU, Kentucky, Tulsa and UAB. The other three matches come against Saint Louis, Charlotte and North Florida.

Last year the Knights finished with a 3-3-2 record in conference games.

The Knights will close out their season with two home games against conference rivals South Carolina on Nov. 4 and Marshall on Nov. 9.

After its 18 regular season games, UCF will travel to Birmingham, Ala., to compete in the Conference USA Championships on Nov. 14-18.

Last season the Knights were ousted in the first round of the tournament with a 5-0 loss to the Tulsa Golden Hurricane.



Theroulde joins UCF after 4 years with Herd

FROM A11

and Tobago National Team from 2003-2004. He was also the head coach of the national team in 1996, when he led his team to the national championship. During his reign, he was awarded with the Caribbean Volleyball Coach of the Year Award.

As head coach of the Erima Patriots, Theroulde led his squad to national league titles six consecutive times.

Theroulde's commitment to volleyball extends beyond coaching. He aided in the formation of the River City Volleyball Club in 2002, and he served as a public relations officer for the Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation.

Aside from his coaching experiences, Theroulde has also spent time as a teacher at Trinidad's Ministry of Education. While there, he helped create physical education programs for children ages 5-12.

The Knights begin their season on Aug. 24 when they head to Atlanta to take on the Fordham Rams.



Dear Bush, let's talk about stem cells

ireworks, barbeques and Old Glory have put us in a historical mindset this week.

The Fourth of July is upon us; that wonderful celebration of a letter our wealthy forefathers sent to King George III, detailing where exactly he could stick his

We wonder if the Founding Fathers ever expected anyone in power to actually read the Declaration of Independence and take its assumptions to heart. Did they really intend to change national policy with a sheet of paper, or were they just venting

Funny how things never really change. More than 200 years later and rich people still hate

Americans even have their own little tyrannical George to deal with.

A UCF biology associate professor wrote a letter to President Bush, requesting a relaxation of restrictions to embryonic stem cell research.

What? Why are you laughing? It could work.

Actually, on second thought, that letter's DOA. For some reason, we keep thinking of snowballs in hell.

No, the letter is not going to change any of the president's policies — the Senate tried and failed to do that a year ago. The president's veto on promoting embryonic stem cell research remains as firm as it ever was: a great wall of NO, keeping out all the ghouls of a fundamentalist's

worst nightmare. Usually academic departments have a policy about wasting paper, and we wouldn't mind saving a tree or two either, but in this case, we're going to make an exception.

Even if this letter winds up in a White House wastebasket, which will most likely be the case, it still needed to be written.

Embryonic stem cells are our society's great moral dilemma. On the one hand, they offer the hope of salvation to those suffering every day from deadly and debilitating diseases. On the other, such research threatens to be a slippery slope into a world where life is valued cheaply.

Who's to say when a tightly packed cluster of DNA becomes a human being?

But then again, who wants to be the first in line to tell that Parkinson's patient that he'll have to wait for a cure until a less controversial discovery is

Hard questions. Hard answers.

Yet the White House and some senators seem satisfied with leaving things up in the air.

Rather than engage in meaningful discussions on the matter, we choose instead to pretend that it doesn't exist.

At least some of our UCF professors understand the importance of keeping the discussion flowing.

Not just part of pop-culture, stem cells have the potential to greatly alter humankind's understanding and application of medicine. It's an important field that needs to be studied fully or not at all.

Adult stem cells and cord blood are trotted out as healthy substitutes to the whole embryo thing — they're the Splenda of

Yet, while each offers its own pros and cons toward curing disease, neither, as of yet, can give us a wholistic view as to the capabilities of stem cells.

To get an idea of what stem cells can do, we need to approach the issue from all possible angles: embryonic, adult and cord.

But unless '08 delivers us a president who will be more open-minded, America will continue to be ignorant about onethird of the puzzle.

Not that the president is completely wrong in wanting curbs on stem cell research.

This just in, German scientists announced last week that they successfully bred mice using artificial sperm derived from embryonic stem cells.

Using those stem cells, scientists are able to craft both sperm and eggs, regardless of whether the donor was male or female.

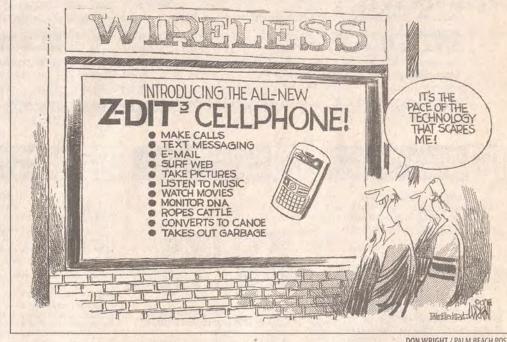
The research promises to rid impotency as well as being a steeping stone to allowing gay and lesbian couples to conceive their own genetic offspring.

Theoretically, as the donor's stem cells can be made into both eggs and sperm, it could be possible for a person to reproduce by himself.

That's just great. Can we blame folks for believing stem cell research is amoral now that we face the possibility of perverted loners giving birth to their own lovechild?

But events like this only increase the need for a serious debate and responsible research on embryonic stem cells in the

That's probably not going to happen any time soon, but we can't forget the problem and expect that it will go away.



We should be willing to pay to better UCF

JENNIFER LARINO

No one likes the idea of paying more money, especially college students. We tear coupons, spend gas to find the cheapest gas in the area and hate the idea of tuition increase.

That's why when rumblings of a Florida legislature proposal to allow public universities to increase tuition and a plan to increase fees at UCF first started, my knee-jerk reaction was to scream "NO!"

Although higher education in Florida is cheaper than it is in other states, especially for residents, the financial burden for families who are sending children to college is still significant. The obvious reaction to making people pay more for something they once got for cheaper is resoundingly negative. But then I got to thinking.

Two big stories on the front page of the June 25 Future displayed UCF's need for improved funding. Not only does the university desire advanced security measures after the Virginia Tech massacre, but UCF staff and faculty faced the threat of losing their yearly raises in light of Gov. Charlie Crist's past veto of differential tuition increases

With all of these additions, combined with the day-to-day costs of maintaining an institution like UCF, it's obvious that the university needs more money.

It may seem impossible to have a lack of funds with nearly 50,000 (and counting) students backing you, but when you think about it, the bigger the population you must serve, the more it costs to serve them.

Where does funding for public universities come from?

In large part from its students.

This past Wednesday Crist realized what presidents have long been trying to convince him: that in order for public universities to continue to improve, they need more funding, which means a bump up in tuition is needed. Crist had the same reaction as I did to initial plans to increase tuition and utilized his veto

This time, however, Crist was convinced by unanimous support from presidents of 11 Florida public universities to pass a tuition increase bill.

Crist signed a tuition increase bill that will allow differential tuition at the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of South Florida. Although UCF is not included in the recent tuition increase bill, the decision sets the pace for future decisions on tuition increase.

From what I'm reading, it would have been a good thing if we were included in that bill.

Although seeing an increased tuition bill at the beginning of the semester would have its initial bite, where that money will take UCF will be our com-

For one, UCF professors and staff may be able to receive the pay increase that the university cannot afford to give them now. Such a move will keep better teachers on board at UCF, which in turn, affects the student's education tremendously. One cannot stress the importance of excellent teachers to an excellent education.

Research can be expanded. Better classrooms, labs and teaching aids can be brought on campus.

UCF will also be able to move forward with those security plans that are currently halted by financial strain. Text messaging systems that send emergency announcements to students' cell phones and campus maps equipped with blue light phones could be a norm at the uni-

A small percentage increase on the tuition you already pay is a small price for such benefits. A little more money from every student can go a long way to improving our education and protecting

We students expect a lot. We expect a quality education, with the best teachers in each field and up-to-date classrooms. We expect a safe campus environment. Most of all we expect a new and improved UCF each semester.

We have to give a little back; UCF puts out a lot of good things for us, and as much as we hate to admit it, each of those things costs money to keep running. If we want to enjoy the benefits of being a UCF student, we have to pony

Something's goofy with Disney policy

he place where dreams come true received a rather unhappy injection of reality last week. Disney was caught with its guard up and its pants down when the expulsion and banning of four teens from Disney World sparked speculations of racial profiling in the happiest place on Earth.

So is Mickey Mouse a racist? Park officials claim that the teens were banned for loitering. Apparently, you can't walk aimlessly around a theme park anymore. Someone should warn the thousands of Disney visitors now milling about the park like cattle that they are on thin ice.

Perhaps Disney should invest in a new slogan to help ease confusion about its new policy? We think "Get on Space Mountain, or get out!" has a certain ring to it, especially if it's followed up with a whimsical Mickey laugh.

Of course, Disney isn't going to be showing families the door because they paused a little too long outside of the restroom.

Loitering on Disney property will bring down the "Goofstapo" only when the offending individuals happen to be young and black, as all four teens were.

The teens join a group of about 50 people expelled from Disney parks over the past two weeks, according to the Orlando Sentinel. That group is almost exclusively black or Hispanic.

So why does the media suddenly care about these four particular teens?

All of them were potential recruits for FSU football. SMACK! That's the sound of

a collective head-slap by all Disney officials. Thus did Disney violate the

first commandment of business: thou shalt not offend athletes.

Not long after the ensuing media ruckus, Disney lifted the teens' ban on its parks and chose only to restrict them from the Downtown Disney venue for

It's a weak gesture that neither the teens nor we can accept.

Disney can make all the allusions they like as to why they chose to remove the total ban on the teens. It's quite obvious that the decision has nothing to do with an admittance of guilt on Disney's part.

Park officials aren't apologizing for the incident, and the remittance of the suspension is nothing more than an attempt to placate angry Seminoles fans and minorities who are now screaming racism.

Yet there is no evidence to expect that if the teens had not been watched over by the guardian angel Celebrity that Disney would have reversed its decision any more than it has for the 40-plus people who still remain on the park's blacklist.

Certainly, Disney has a right to protect its property and its image. If security spotted a 40year-old man trailing a group of children, they might want to keep an eye on the situation.

Disney wants to keep gangs out of its parks, and unfortunately, the stereotypical image of a gang member is not a white kid in a cardigan.

It's a shame that minorities have to watch what they wear and how they act whenever they decide to take on the town. A group of high school age, black men seem to gather an unfair amount of attention from nervous businesses wherever they go. It's not so much the use of

racial profiling from Disney that gets our blood pressure up, but the park's refusal to admit that race had anything to do with the

So far, Disney's attitude has been, "So what? You caught us, but we're not going to say we're

But how can you stand by something you're not going to admit to? Disney's refusal to give specifics on exactly what made the teens a threat to the park only indicates that those reasons would anger the public if they

were made known. If Disney wants to institute a dress code or train security guards on how to spot gang members, that's fine. But if the park is following a "no more than three black men together at a time" policy, then we have a problem.

Disney would be wise to note this as well.

As a major economic force in Central Florida, it doesn't need the backlash that will come from accusations of racial profiling. Protests, while not crippling the financial giant, would nevertheless damage its extremely profitable reputation.

Not since rumors of pornographic images in children's movies has Disney faced a challenge more damning to public

If Disney doesn't want a million man march on Main Street spoiling its press then the company will have to fess up and put an end to its current security practices.

If not, it's only a matter of time before Mickey gets fitted for a white hood.

READER VIEWS

Responsible use of guns can save lives

After reading your editorial "Guns on campus: the most dangerous game," I felt the need to respond. First, I believe you are addressing the wrong question - the question is not whether concealed firearms should be carried on campus by UCF students; they already are! What many students are not consciously aware of is that numerous law enforcement and corrections officers from the federal, state and local levels carry their duty weapons on campus while they are attending class. This cadre of police serves the UCF community as a sort of silent backup in the event all hell breaks loose, as it did at Virginia Tech. As for your fear of them, I believe that it is totally unfounded. To my knowledge, there has never been an incident involving a UCF student who is also a law enforcement officer inappropriately displaying or using a firearm on campus.

I believe that the correct question should be how do we, as a college community, develop a system so that even more armed, trained personal can be on hand to protect our students. Why would I suggest such a thing? Because

when you are dealing with a homicidal madman, the only thing that is going to stop him is a bullet — his or someone else's!

Many law enforcement agencies maintain reserve and auxiliary units within their departments. I believe it would bode UCF Police Chief Richard Beary well to consider creating such units on campus and actively recruiting students to fill these positions. I am sure that Beary, having served with both the Altamonte Springs and Lake Mary police departments, is personally familiar with the caliber of students that UCF produces in its criminal justice and legal studies programs. Additionally, UCF has Army and Air Force ROTC units that could provide the type of student who could be entrusted with this type of

Carrying a concealed firearm is a tremendous responsibility. The power of life and death is in your holster. It takes a great deal of maturity, self-discipline and self-control to ensure that a weapon is used properly. What we saw at Virginia Tech is what happens when a student lacking these traits gets his hands on a firearm, and what we also saw is what happens when there is no one there to stop him.

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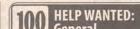
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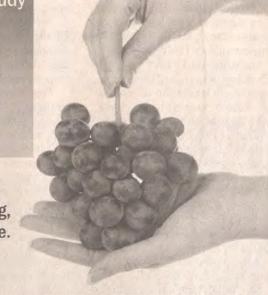
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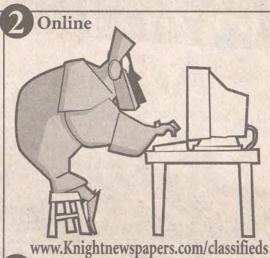
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