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Filling a hole

Wideouts Javid James and Rocky Ross look to fill new roles — SEE SPORTS, A10



Strength in culture

APAC shows cultural pride through meaningful performances — SEE NEWS, A2



WORLD

MAN BITES OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW

After getting into an argument with his girlfriend, a Northern Ireland man bit off the head of her pet python and threw its severed head at her, later remarking that it "tasted lovely." Shane Cooke was charged with assaulting his girlfriend and fatally torturing her pet snake.



POLITICS

A MODERN-DAY GRAPES OF WRATH



A Michigan activist was fined \$250 for disturbing the peace when she decided to throw grapes at Detroit school board members during a meeting. Agnes Hitchcock was mad over the board's 6-5 vote to close 34 city schools. Hitchcock will also be required to serve six months of unsupervised probation.

AROUND CAMPUS, A2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO HOLD COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MEETING

The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida will hold their next collective bargaining meeting Tuesday. The meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

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NATION & WORLD, A4

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Big-ticket facilities will bring big-ticket acts, such as Reba McEntire, Fall Out Boy and Carlos Mencia, to UCF this fall at

THE ARENA

New projects help to make lasting memories

DONALD THOMANN
Staff Writer

Though students opting out of summer classes may not have noticed, UCF is nearing completion of its renovations around the new Arena and Brighthouse Networks Stadium.

"This is going to give the students and the alumni a real sense of place that they have been lacking so far," said Martin Quigley, director of Landscape and Natural Resources for UCF's Administration and Finance Division. "It is going to be the central place for students to gather for events, a piece of a property that will stick in their minds for the rest of their lives."

The total cost of all the work being done in the north section of campus, including the Stadium, the Arena, the Knight's Plaza shopping center and the Memory Mall, comes to more than \$300 million.

These projects will be funded by several sources, including the rent retail operators pay as well as a portion of their revenue, event profits and

donations.

UCF officials are gearing up for the grand opening of the Arena on Sept. 8, which will feature a performance from country singer Reba McEntire.

A number of other acts have also been booked at the Arena throughout the semester, including Plain White T's, Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes and Cute Is What We Aim For on Nov. 1.

The fall lineup also includes Bill Cosby on Sept. 13 and Carlos Mencia on Sept. 21.

Rodney Reese, general manager of the Arena, said that university officials expect to break the \$1 million mark on ticket sales for Arena events before it officially opens.

"When Fall Out Boy tickets go on sale on Monday, that will be what puts us over the mark," Reese said. "People are going to see that this campus can attract big-name acts, and it's only going to attract bigger-name acts as we continue to move

PLEASE SEE ARENA ON A5



Reba McEntire, top, Bill Cosby and Carlos Mencia, will be included in the fall lineup of the new UCF Arena.



The new UCF Arena, seen here at night, will kick off its fall entertainment Sept. 8.

AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Grievant says UCF misused funds

Former police chief says he was targeted

JESSICA SUNDAY
Staff Writer

The former chief of UCF Police said that the university fired him from his post of 18 years after he raised questions about the way UCF spends state funds.

Richard Turkiewicz, now the director of public safety at the University of Oregon, filed a formal grievance with UCF after his contract wasn't renewed in December. Turkiewicz alleged that UCF engaged in illegal use of funds during his post and that his contract wasn't renewed because he brought this information to light.

As of March 23, all of the allegations were found unsubstantiated by University Audit and a grievance panel established by Dan Holsenbeck, vice president of University Relations, according to an e-mail from Amy Voelker, an executive director of UCF's University Audit.

Turkiewicz has scheduled a hearing to appeal those findings for Oct. 26. The investigation was launched based on a grievance package filed by Turkiewicz last year.

"For two years prior, I was asking questions and saying 'this isn't right,'" Turkiewicz said.

In the grievance package, Turkiewicz listed 12 alleged violations of rules on the part of UCF officials, including misappropriated parking funds, purposeful ignorance of traffic studies and other data and using state tax dollars inappropriately.

Subsequent to receiving notification for non-renewal of his job as police chief on Nov. 28, Turkiewicz decided to come forward with his information on the alleged violations against his supervisor and other UCF officials. He requested an investigation by University Audit on Dec. 21.

When his contract as police chief was not renewed, Turkiewicz took a temporary position in UCF's Adminis-



Turkiewicz

PLEASE SEE UCF'S ON A7

Honors residence towers above rest

AMANDA PEAVY
Contributing Writer

Honors students searching for a new place to live and learn may not have too far to look.

Tower Three, located near the new Arena on the north end of campus, can house about 500 students, from freshmen to seniors.

The tower will also be home to about 300 Burnett Honors College students, making it UCF's third living-learning community.

"Students are living with their peers who are in some of the same courses, so they are able to study more effectively and connect with students who have similar interests or academic goals," said Meredith Varner, assistant director of UCF Housing and Resi-

dence Life.

Other living-learning communities at UCF include LEAD scholars in the Hercules community and EXCEL students in the Nike community.

"The students are not only able to take the same classes but share experiences inside and outside of the classroom," said Jeff Novak, associate director of Housing and Residence Life at UCF.

Novak said the university is looking to establish more living-learning communities in the future, such as communities designed for students with undeclared majors or for those who abstain from alcohol.

Tower Three is not limited to honors students because

PLEASE SEE TOWER ON A6

DON'T SPREAD GERMS

Poor hygiene often means poor health

STEPHANIE WILKEN
Contributing Writer

Next month, a student carrying a urinal might try to shake your hand.

In mid- to late-September, the UCF Health Center will launch a campaign to promote good hygiene and prevent the spread of disease, said Erin Kettles, coordinator of University Relations and Public Affairs for UCF Health Services.

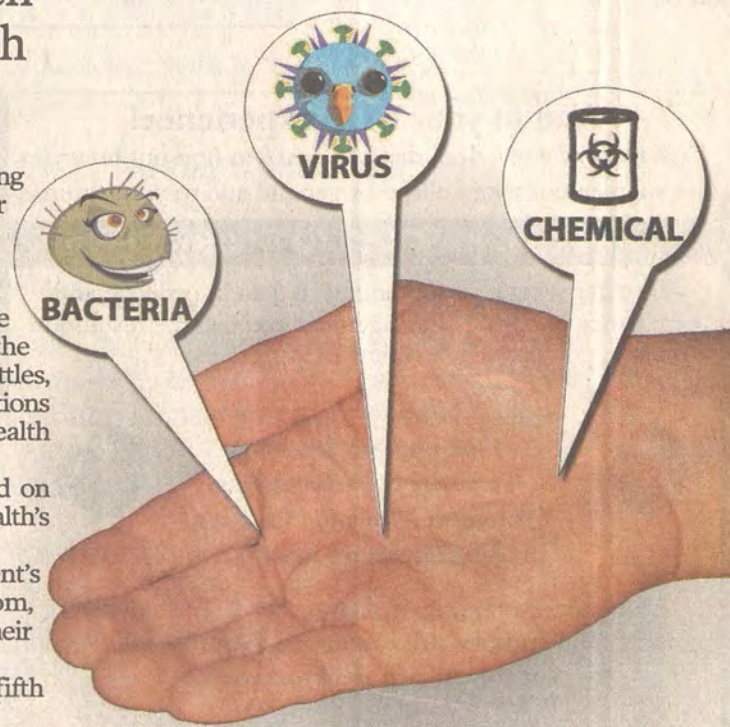
The campaign will be based on the Florida Department of Health's 5th Guy campaign.

According to the department's campaign Web site, 5thguy.com, four out of five people wash their hands after using the restroom.

You don't want to be that fifth guy.

"The fifth guy isn't healthy," Ket-

PLEASE SEE HYGIENE ON A8



Hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infections. You can spread certain "germs" (viruses and bacteria) casually by touching another person. You could also pass chemical poisons through your hands.

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Board of Trustees to hold meeting

The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida will hold their next collective bargaining meeting Tuesday.

The meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Communications Building, room 213.

Job resource workshop Tuesday

Career Services and Experiential Learning will be holding a job resource workshop Tuesday. Those interested will be able to get information about the job market as well as learn how to recognize smart employment opportunities.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will be held in the Career Resource/Counseling Center area of the Ferrell Commons Building.

Learn to make quick healthy meals

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be hosting a Sensational Salads demonstration Tuesday featuring registered dietitian and licensed nutritionist Meghan Van Camp.

The event, which runs from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., will be geared toward helping students learn the proper way to make a healthy dorm room meal on the go.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Names released for three men found dead in Orlando home

ORLANDO — A former campaign aide to a Florida congressman and two other men were found dead in a home in an apparent double-murder and suicide, authorities and relatives said.

Authorities have not determined a motive for the deaths of Ralph Gonzalez, 39, his roommate, David Abrami, 36, and a friend, Robert Drake, 30.

Investigators found weapons and signs of a struggle in the house, but they did not say what the weapons were or which man they believe was the killer.

The men are believed to have died several days before the bodies were discovered Thursday.

Gonzalez was executive director of the Georgia Republican Party from 2001-2002.

He managed U.S. Rep. Tom Feeney's 2002 campaign and was president of Strategum Group, an Orlando-based political consulting firm that represents Republican candidates.

Abrami, an attorney, was active in Republican politics as well.

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

LET US KNOW

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



JILLIANNE PIERCE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
FM, a prospective Asian fraternity, performs a dance to a packed crowd at the Asian Pacific American Coalition Assembly Friday night in the Student Union.

ASSEMBLY OF PRIDE

Group holds event to show cultural strength

LAUREN PAULASKAS
Staff Writer

In the packed Cape Florida Ballroom of the Student Union, students hurried to catch up with friends and to grab a seat to see Def Poetry Jam's Beau Sia or one of several other performances that filled the room with music, dance and an outspoken Asian-American voice.

This event had been in the works since May and was put on Friday with the efforts of a minority group on campus that is trying to make its voice heard.

The Asian Pacific American Coalition, better known as APAC, aimed to prove at the assembly that it is a force to be reckoned with at UCF.

The student organization, standing for leadership, community empowerment and unity, held one of its biggest events of the year for the third year in a row.

So many people attended the assembly that some UCF students and student supporters from different universities, such as University of Florida, Florida State University and University of South Florida, had to stand in the back.

"It's definitely overwhelming," said Min Sun Kim, co-chair of APAC. "We definitely have more support in the Florida community."

The event was held to welcome freshmen to campus and to spread awareness of the Asian-American culture at UCF.

Brandie Hollinger, president of the UCF Student Government Association, addressed the audience first.

"I am so excited about this year," Hollinger said. "On behalf of SGA, I just want to say welcome. We are here for you; make sure you understand that."

Sia, whose spoken-word poems have appeared on television, on CDs and in books, addressed some of his cultural concerns throughout his portion of the assembly.

"You may only want to give us Asian-American month, but if you open your eyes, you'll see it every day of the year," Sia said. "We contribute so



JILLIANNE PIERCE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Def Poetry Jam's Beau Sia performs his poetry and 'walks it out' at the assembly. Sia also expressed his opinions on the ways Asians are viewed in society. The event aimed to increase awareness of Asian-American culture.

much to society, but society only wants certain aspects of us."

When Sia first came onstage, he began to "walk it out" to the chart-topping song of the same name by DJ Unk to hype up the audience for the beginning of his routine.

"How often can you get a 31-year-old man to walk it out?" Sia asked the audience. After requesting to hear the song and then waiting for it to play due to some technical difficulties, he said, "I can't feel it in my bones; I can't feel it in my culture."

Sia then showed the audience what he was representing with a piece about different Asian nationalities engulfed in several aspects of life. He presented the piece as a way to share his strong opinions about the state of Asian-Americans today.

"We don't have to give them the power of their stereotypes," he said. "That is the perception of someone else."

After sharing his feelings on cultural awareness, he paused. "Oh, I'm supposed to do poems," he said.

Sia performed a poem called *I'm So Deep* while wearing sunglasses, and got a rise from the audience with the performance. He presented another poem and talked about his experiences in Orlando.

"I've had a lot of great conversations with people in organizations, especial-

ly student officers," Sia said.

After a roaring round of applause for Sia, it was the student organizations' turn to do the entertaining.

A skit featuring a fictional UCF alumnus named "Daniel" displayed each organization at the assembly: the Asian Student Association, the Chinese-American Student Association, the Delta Phi Lambda sorority, the Filipino Student Association, the Korean Student Association and the Vietnamese-American Student Association.

Daniel's experiences while at UCF had him meeting a person from each organization, and each meeting was accompanied by a unique dance or montage.

"The assembly is more showing what each organization is about," said Xi Guo, president of APAC.

"Leroy," Daniel's Lil' Jon-look-a-like friend, guided him through his journey in college and gave him advice.

The events of the recent Dragon Boat Festival were reenacted with a dragon boat at the front of the room, with students rowing and throwing fortune cookies into the audience.

An interest group trying to start an Asian fraternity that calls itself "FM" showed off its smooth moves and creative skills with a stomp routine in matching blue, button-up shirts.

PLEASE SEE **APAC** ON A6

LOCAL WEATHER

	Today CHANCE T-STORMS High: 93° Low: 76°		Tuesday CHANCE T-STORMS High: 92° Low: 75°
	Wednesday CHANCE T-STORMS High: 92° Low: 76°		

TODAY IN DETAIL
 Today: Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.
 Tonight: 20 percent chance of showers. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

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UCF Student Union, Key West Ballroom

Winona LaDuke

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September 27, 2007
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
UCF Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom

Women & Leadership in the Evolving 21st Century World

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UCF Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom

The Global Terrorism Challenge: Answers to Key Questions

October 11, 2007
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Davar Ardalan

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Qubad Talabani

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Amy Chua

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Gerrit Gong

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November 6, 2007
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November 8, 2007
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Ralph Nader

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November 9, 2007
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
UCF, TBA

Caribbean Students Association Statewide Conference

Keynote by Amb. Marina Annette Valere, Trinidad & Tobago
November 9-11, 2007
UCF, TBA

Jehan Sadat

Topic: Women Shaping/Changing the World
November 13, 2007
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
UCF Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom

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March 6, 2008
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
UCF Student Union, Cape Florida Ballroom

Iraq: Five Years & Counting

March 20, 2008
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
UCF Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom

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April 9, 2008
UCF, TBA

Central Florida Global Forum 2008

April 2008, TBA
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
UCF, TBA

LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Obama criticizes President Bush, Cuban policy in Little Havana

MIAMI — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama criticized President Bush's Cuba policy to rousing applause on Saturday at the same Little Havana auditorium where Republican Ronald Reagan once campaigned.

He said there are no better ambassadors for change on the communist island than the Cuban Americans who send money to relatives.

"It can help make their families less dependent on Fidel Castro," Obama said.

Obama addressed the crowd of more than 1,000 four days after he submitted an opinion piece to the *Miami Herald* that said restrictions that limit how often Cuban Americans can travel to Cuba to visit family and how much money they can send relatives should be loosened.

The Cuban-exile vote is considered key to winning Florida, and top presidential candidates have generally followed the recommendations of the community's most hard-line and vocal leaders, who support a full embargo against Castro's government.

But many in the large Cuban-American community want to be able to visit and help family and support the idea of looser restrictions.

Obama said he wouldn't lift the trade embargo, and said the offer to normalize relations in a post-Castro Cuba would be made after the country opened up to democratic change.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Rider hazing case could change the way campuses are run

TRENTON, N.J. — College administrators across the nation are likely to pay close attention to the indictment of two Rider University officials in a case involving a student who died after drinking during a suspected hazing.

The case could trigger changes in how schools deal with campus safety issues, including student drinking, experts say, because prosecutors are holding administrators more accountable for hazing.

Earlier this month, a grand jury indicted two Rider administrators and three Rider students with aggravated hazing in connection with the drinking death of a fraternity pledge.

The pledge, freshman Gary DeVercelly Jr., 18, of Long Beach, Calif., had a blood-alcohol level of 0.426 percent when he was pronounced dead March 30, one day after a special party at the on-campus fraternity house, authorities said.

A grand jury indicted Anthony Campbell, 52, Rider's dean of students; Ada Badgley, 31, the university's director of Greek life; Adriano DiDonato, 22, a student who was also the residence director and house master of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house; Dominic Olsen, 21, pledge master of Spring 2007 Phi Kappa Tau pledge class; and Michael J. Torney, 21, the chapter president.

If convicted, Campbell, Badgley and the three students each face a maximum penalty of 18 months in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. All five have pleaded not guilty.

Experts familiar with college hazing cases wonder whether Bocchini's case against the administrators will stick. But even if the charges are dropped, they say the threat of indictments will heighten fears among college administrators.

At the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, student affairs Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano said he meets with local police once a week about cases involving students. He also said incoming freshmen are required to take an online course in alcohol abuse.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed



CHITOSE SUZUKI / ASSOCIATED PRESS
A woman puts daily goods made from paper into a fire at Dong Da District in Hanoi, Vietnam, Sunday, during Vu Lan Festival, which is known as ghost festival.

Greek fires race toward Ancient Olympia; at least 51 killed

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece — The fires consuming southern Greece raced toward the site of the ancient Olympics on Sunday, engulfing entire villages and forests as it reached the hillside next to one of the most revered sites of antiquity.

At least 51 people were confirmed dead in three days of fires burning through the country's southern Peloponnese region, and people fled in panic from hotels and villages near the Olympic site.

The worst fires — 42 major fronts — were concentrated in the mountains of the Peloponnese in southern Greece and on the island of Evia north of Athens. New fires also broke out Sunday in the central region of Fthiotida — one of the few areas that had been unscathed, fire department spokesman Nikos Diamandis said.

Arson has been blamed in several cases, and seven people have been detained.

The fire blazed into the nearby village of Varvasaina, destroying several houses. As residents rushed to battle the flames, others, stunned, walked the streets holding their heads in their hands.

A separate blaze had abated Sunday in Kalyvia, an area between Athens and the ancient site of Sounion to the south, while 42 fires in various parts of the country had been brought under control.

Dozens of charred bodies have been found across fields, homes, along roads and in cars, including the remains of a mother hugging her four children.

The fire department confirmed 51 deaths, but the search of burned areas continues.

Storms pound Ohio, hundreds of thousands without power

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hundreds of thousands of people were without power after their homes were battered by fierce winds and flooding rainstorms that slammed the rain-soaked Midwest.

Tornado warnings were issued Saturday afternoon for parts of central and southeast Ohio.

Flooding this week spread across an 80-mile swath through the north-west and north central parts of the state.

Powerful storms rolling through the Upper Midwest during most of the past week caused disastrous floods from southeastern Minnesota to Ohio that were blamed for at least 18 deaths.

In southern Michigan, the skies were clearing but more than 100,000 customers were without power, utilities said.

About 73,000 ComEd customers in northern Illinois remained without power Saturday, ComEd spokeswoman Judy Rader said.

Power to nearly 600,000 customers had been restored since Thursday's storm, but it could take days to restore power to all customers, officials said.

The storms in Illinois were responsible for at least one death, a man struck by a wind-toppled tree, officials said.

In addition, an autopsy was planned on a man found lying in more than 2 feet of water in his basement in suburban Inverness, officials said.

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Playboy to launch Web site dedicated to college students

CHICAGO — The Playboy bunnies have a message for college students returning to campus this fall: We want you.

Riding a wave of renewed popularity among consumers around the globe, Hugh Hefner's Playboy empire is set to launch a sexy social networking site dedicated solely to college students, its latest online venture as it tries to reinvigorate its stagnant finances.

The launch of Playboy U, which has similar features to those found on Facebook, comes as Playboy's 54-year-old magazine continues to lose money and readers.

Executives declined to say how much they've invested in Playboy U, saying only that the effort is "sizable" and that the advertising-supported online community may ultimately bring in revenue.

But when and how long that will take is anyone's guess, especially as more companies flock to compete with industry heavyweights Facebook and MySpace for the attention of fickle young people. The Web site has managed to get 2,000 members from 500 colleges during early beta tests.

The site bars nudity but leaves little to the imagination with pictures from the mansion's "Midsummer Night's Dream" party and message topics such as "What Do You Think About Penis Enlargement?" and "How Many People Have You Slept With? To Lie or Not to Lie." The site has instituted a college-only policy, which bars anyone without an e-mail address ending in .edu from joining. And Playboy U says it will boot any university faculty, staff or alumni or other non-students that it discovers on the site.

Trial in Essex shootings seen at least a year away

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The 28-year-old former Essex man charged in a fatal shooting spree in that town a year ago likely won't go on trial for at least a year, his lawyer says.

Christopher Williams is being held in isolation at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield, awaiting trial on charges that he fatally shot two teachers, one at her home and the other at the Essex Elementary School.

Police say Williams also wounded three other people, including himself, in the rampage. He faces two counts of murder and two of attempted first-degree murder. Defense lawyer Lorin Duckman said since the case involves dozens of witnesses and three shooting scenes, organizing evidence for trial has been an arduous process. Police say Williams, angered after his girlfriend, Andrea Lambesis, broke up with him, went to her home to look for her and fatally shot her mother, Linda Lambesis, 57, a longtime teacher in St. Albans. Police say he then went to the school looking for the daughter and while there, shot two teachers, killing Alicia Shanks and wounding Mary Snedeker, before going to a nearby apartment complex, where he wounded another man and himself. A court status conference on the case has been set for Sept. 11.



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UCF pulls in record number of Merit Scholars

AMANDA WELCH
Contributing Writer

A record number of Merit Scholars are attending UCF this year, thanks in part to aggressive UCF policies to recruit them.

Forty-three winners of the coveted scholarship now call UCF home, a 53 percent increase from last year.

When the official rankings are released in December, Gordon Chavis Jr., the assistant vice president of Undergraduate Admissions, expects UCF to occupy one of the top 50 slots for highest enrollment of Merit Scholars among all of the nation's participating colleges and universities.

The National Merit Scholarship Program chooses its students based on test scores, grades, activities, leadership, letters of recommendation and essays. The National Merit Scholarship's Web site estimates that 8,200 winners were chosen out of the country's 14 million applicants.

"These are the country's best test-takers," Chavis said. "For such a talented group of students to choose UCF, not being a Harvard or a Yale or

one of those flagship institutions, is wonderful."

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation states on its Web site that it aims to assist bright students in order to ensure them a secondary education that will suit their abilities.

As a result of attaining such an esteemed title, Merit Scholars are offered numerous college opportunities.

"I got mail from more colleges than I could list," said Merit Scholar Mark Daniell, 20. He gestured with his hands and spaced them about the length of a very thick book, "I had a stack about this big that had accumulated in my room."

Daniell, a Florida resident, was accepted into schools such as Auburn University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

He decided to come to UCF and major in computer science because he said that UCF had the "best scholarship offers in the country." He said that he believes many Merit Scholars choose UCF for the same reason.

"I get \$10,000 a year plus my Bright Futures," Daniell said. "And we get laptops."

Trey Hickman, a 20-year-old electrical engineering major from Texas, also received mail from multiple colleges after winning the scholarship.

However, it was UCF's aggressive recruitment that ultimately won him over.

"UCF pursued me the most, enough for me to come here," Hickman said.

Although he is an out-of-state student, UCF waived Hickman's out-of-state tuition and paid for the rest.

UCF's National Merit Scholarship Program eagerly attempts to bring in the much sought after students.

The 2006-'07 edition of *The Scholar*, an informational newsletter for Merit Scholars, invited the prospects to receptions held statewide so that they were provided an easy way to discuss the opportunities that UCF can offer.

Daniell and Hickman assist the scholarship program by speaking about the benefits of attending UCF with prospective students. They talk about how UCF will sponsor Merit Scholars who attend school in addition to any scholarships that they may have already

received.

Officials hope that the increased number of Merit Scholars will help attract positive academic attention to UCF.

"The university is still developing its reputation," Daniell said. "It is not nationally regarded as a preeminent university yet."

Chavis views the scholarship program as a benefit to UCF's reputation as well.

"Our scholars program recruits all talented students," he said. "It helps build the reputation of the institution. Now we're seeing UCF become a first-choice school, instead of a second- or third-choice."

In fact, according to the information provided by the UCF Scholarship Program on its Web site, Merit Scholars who make UCF their first choice receive better scholarships.

A Merit Scholar who selects UCF as their first choice and plans a course of study in one of the several participating areas, from hospitality management to biomedical sciences, receives a laptop computer and mentoring, as well as other options which vary from program to

program.

Merit Scholars are also guaranteed on-campus housing, admission to both the Burnett Honors College and the LEAD Scholars Program, priority registration and a specialized orientation.

But can UCF expect this increase in Merit Scholars to continue?

"I definitely think so, especially in Florida," Hickman said. The University of Florida,

the Floridian front-runner for Merit Scholar enrollment, cut back its scholarship incentives.

College Journal reports that UF downsized its scholarships for National Merit students by 79 percent.

Hickman said that he believes this leaves the door open for UCF to lure more in-state scholars.

"UCF looks to be the best school in the state for Merit Scholars," he said.

Arena, Stadium will be inspected

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along. This is a really exciting time to be a part of this university."

Before the doors can open, however, the Arena and the Stadium must both undergo some final safety and general facility inspections.

"There is a myriad of things that have to be signed off by the building inspectors for the Arena and the Stadium before they can be occupied," said Bill Merck, vice president of UCF's Administration and Finance Division. "We are about 90 percent finished, though, with all the work on that wing of the university. I'm confident all the little problems will be overcome when we are ready to be operational in September."

Merck said that the old Arena will be under renovation for the next four to six months while the two upper levels are converted to men's and women's basketball practice courts. The 2,500 seats in the lower bowl will be refurbished, and a sound system will be installed for occasions when UCF hosts smaller events that attract no more than 2,000 students.

Other projects in the north section of the university are nearing completion as well, including the plot of land next to Parking Garage D that was once filled with piles of dirt



Knights Plaza, which will be home to many restaurants and shops, has already leased out 15 spaces on the curbside strip.

and rock.

That strip of land, now featuring paved sidewalks, benches, fresh sod and newly planted trees, is the Memory Mall and has been under construction since February. The Memory Mall will offer places to congregate during shows and events and will be available for tailgating during football games.

Additionally, around the Arena are three parking garages to help the flow of traffic on gamedays and special events. Garages E, F and G are scheduled for completion

by the end of the week. The garages are interlaced among the Towers, four dormitory buildings that can house a total of 2,000 students.

The work on the shops and restaurants in the Knights Plaza surrounding the Arena is also coming to a close.

"There are a few remaining spaces available in the Knights Plaza, and we are currently in conversation with people about those," Merck said. "I am really pleased that this is going so well and that these companies are so eager to sign up."

More than 15 companies have leased the curbside space on the strip, a number of which are already open and doing business, including Barnes & Noble, Subway and Red Brick Pizza.

"Memory Mall and the Convocation Center have been three years in the making from the time we started in designing them," said Peter Newman, director of Facilities Planning at UCF. "The Mall itself was designed to be the element linking the academic core with the [Arena], and I think it does that very well."

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2007-2008 GOLDEN RULE UPDATES

The 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook has a new layout designed to make it easier to identify subject areas and offices to contact when you have questions about specific material. All sections within the 2007-2008 Golden Rule are now color coded by the office that administers each section.

In addition to the new layout, there have been many other changes to the Golden Rule. Listed below are some of the major revisions. To view the complete 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook visit: www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu

Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities
No major changes.

Office of Student Conduct
Section 1 (Rules of Conduct)

- Rule 12a has changed to read "Possession, storage or use of firearms, explosives, ammunition, other weapons or dangerous articles or substances including, but not limited to tasers, switchblade knives, and non-lethal weapons such as air soft guns on university owned or affiliated property or at university sponsored/related activities is prohibited."

Section 3 (Student Rights during the Student Conduct Review Process)

- Subsection 9 has changed to read "The results of any formal hearing shall be furnished in writing to the student within two (2) working days following the hearing; deadline can be extended by mutual agreement of the charged student and the Director of OSRR or designee."

Section 4 (Disciplinary Sanction)

- Subsection D has changed to read "Expulsion is a sanction which removes the student from his/her academic program and permanently separates a student from the University of Central Florida without opportunity to graduate or re-enroll at the university in the future. Further, an overlay will be permanently placed on the students records."

- Subsections E, 1 & 2 have changed to reflect new procedures for Disciplinary Sanction Review Committee. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for more details.

Section 5 (Appeals within the Student Conduct Review Process)

- Subsection D has changed. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for details.

Section 9 (Conduct Regulations for Student Organizations)

- Section has been restructured. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for more details.

Section 11 (Student Organization Rights during the Conduct Review Process)

- Subsection 8 has changed to read "The results of any formal hearing shall be furnished in writing to the student organization within two (2) business days following the hearing; deadline can be extended by mutual agreement of the charged student organization and the Director of OSRR or designee."

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Section 1 (Student Academic Behavior)

- Entire section has been revised. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for details.

Division of Graduate Studies
No major changes.

Office of General Counsel
Section 1 (Student Grievance Procedure)

- Entire section has been revised. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for details.

University Registrar
No major changes.

Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Programming
Section 1 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools Policy Statement)

- Removed subsection B, 3 as section was repetitive in addressing student organizations. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for more details.

Office of Student Involvement
Section 1 (Student Activities and Organizations)

- Subsection F has new wording under *Membership* "...without regard to race, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, veteran's status, or sexual orientation."
- Subsection G has changed to reflect new requirements for Student Eligibility for Leadership Positions. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for details.

Section 2 (Event Management)

- Entire section has changed. See 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for more details.

Section 3 "Free Assembly Areas" has been changed to "Campus Demonstrations and Other Outdoor Events"

- Entire section has changed to reflect a new policy. The section details the revisions concerning campus demonstrations and other outdoor events (see page 19 of 2007-2008 Golden Rule Student Handbook for more details).

Physical Plant
No major changes.

Student Union
No major changes.

For more information on other Golden Rule changes, visit: www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu



AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
The Tower III dormitories, which will be home to nearly 500 students, will also house about 300 Burnett Honors College students.

Tower 3 housing is not limited to honor students

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there are too few to fill the tower, so the Tower, through the Office of Housing and Residence Life is still seeking residents.

"If there is space, we will try to accommodate students," Novak said.

Students who cancel out of their housing agreements open spaces on campus every year, Varner said.

"Students will decide, for example, to live off-campus or to attend another university at the last minute," Varner said.

"These cancellations free up some empty spaces."

The four towers consist of suites that hold up to four residents. Suites are single-bedroom with Internet access, cable television and local telephone service.

The Towers have an annual contract that allows students to stay fall, spring and summer. Students are not required to enroll in summer classes.

Varner expects to have about 99 percent of the rooms filled. If a room remains empty, it is kept free in case there are transfer students for

the spring semester who need a room.

"On-campus residents are also able to get connected to university resources and support systems more readily, in addition to becoming involved more easily with clubs, organizations and other student groups," Varner said.

"I really feel that a huge benefit to living on-campus is having the total college experience and being able to enjoy all that UCF has to offer," she said.

For more information about housing at UCF, visit www.housing.ucf.edu.

APAC organizations exhibit culture through song, dance

FROM A2

The group also performed a montage using FM officers dressed up as X-Men characters. The half-real, half-fantasy video had the audience roaring with laughter as it utilized knock-off special effects, such as the character Guo being in several places at once.

The sorority Delta Phi Lambda then showed a montage video about its seven virtues and did a stomping routine that had the audience cheering.

VASA performed a dance with umbrellas and fans, as well as a hip-hop style dance that grabbed the audience's attention.

FSA then showed off its moves with a unique cultural

dance, followed by a hip-hop style dance, in which the dancers wore camouflage.

Even after some prizes were given away for answering trivia questions, the packed room didn't empty until several students danced to "Soldier Boy" and other hip-hop songs.

"The whole event was fun," said Danny Nguyen, a freshman molecular and microbiology major who danced for VASA. "More people should come."

UF students were impressed with the event, too. A UF student and member of Pi Delta Psi fraternity, Ken Castro, watched the event in support.

"I think it was pretty good," he said. "Since [our event] is next week, we'll take the good and incorporate it. Hopefully,

it will be as good as this and maybe even better."

Another freshman, Carmina Lao, a molecular and microbiology major at UCF, enjoyed the assembly as well.

"They reached out to us," she said, citing that the organizers explained everything to her and encouraged her non-Asian friends to come as well. "They're very encouraging," she said. "It was exciting; it makes me want to get more involved."

The event entertained a large crowd, but a closing line from the beginning montage was a reminder to all who attended that the fight for increased cultural awareness can be a difficult one.

"Despite APAC's success, there are still several problems to address," the montage stated. "It's up to you."

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UCF's internal audit reveals no wrongdoing

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tration and Finance office where he planned to work until he retired.

He said that he brought these unlawful actions to the attention of his supervisor, Bill Merck, several times before he quit working for UCF.

He said that he believes the decision by his supervisors to end his job was a retaliatory action taken because he refused to remain quiet about many actions he considered to be morally wrong.

After reviewing the findings based on the investigations conducted by UCF into the allegations, Al Harms, the assistant vice president of Strategic Planning and Initiatives and special assistant to the president of UCF, said in a letter to Holsenbeck, "There is no credible evidence to suggest that any of this type of activity occurred, and the actions of the supervisor [Merck] appear to be consistent with good leadership and positive execution of his responsibilities."

Unsatisfied with the results of the investigation, Turkiewicz, in accordance with UCF regulations and Federal and State of Florida Statutes, is going to pursue the matter further.

"You must do the things that are right, even though they may cause you harm," said Turkiewicz, a self-proclaimed "whistle blower."

The hearing, scheduled for Oct. 26, will issue a final decision on the matter.

The hearing officer, Mari-beth Ehasz, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Services at UCF, will make a recommendation to UCF President John Hitt, according to Chad Binette, assistant director of UCF News and Information.

SUMMARY OF TURKIEWICZ GRIEVANCE

Grievance submitted Dec. 21, 2006; UCF audit dismissed all violations in March

1. Violation of Florida Statutes: Failure to notify law enforcement officer of the reason for action prior to the date of the effective date of the action; abridgment of civil rights arising out of performance of official duties.

2. Violation of Florida Statutes: Services provided to a UCF designated service organization (DSO) are being paid from funds earmarked for educational needs.

3. Violation of Florida Statutes: Money collected from student parking fees and assessments can not be ethically used to support a DSO.

4. Violation of Florida Statutes: For disclosing this information, the grievant faced adverse and retaliatory actions that violated his civil rights.

5. Grievant was requested by supervisor to perform an illegal background check on an executive performing contractual services to the university.

6. Grievant's supervisor violated Board of Trustees 2004 resolution, regarding Student Housing Facility and Related Parking by UCF Athletic Association Inc., in order to manipulate funds.

7. UCF did not properly bid for services or follow university building standards, which may have resulted in fraudulent practices.

8. UCF ignored documented material of financial interest that might have had an impact on securing revenue bonds guaranteed in part by the UCF assets and the State.

9. UCF ignored documents that expressed concern over the costs of the on-campus shuttle program in summer 2005 that claimed a ride cost of nearly \$30 per passenger.

10. UCF ignored requests to partake in a traffic study performed by the consulting firm PBSJ, which may have reached different conclusions than the "traffic impact" study completed by UCF in support of the Stadium. This would have required a revision of the UCF Campus Master Plan.

11. UCF ignored concerns that UCF police officials may have received salary and fringe benefits afforded to local law enforcement. This matter resolved only after the grievant brought attention to it.

12. Grievant's supervisor may have been involved in actions of malfeasance and misfeasance that when brought to the supervisor's attention resulted in retaliatory and punitive actions.

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Hygiene campaign uses humor

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tles said. "He isn't responsible, and he surely does not care about the other people around him. Those are typically not the traits of a UCF student to begin with."

The campaign is designed to help students realize the importance of hand hygiene.

"We're fairly certain that hand hygiene is not being performed as it should be, and therefore, the students are at risk," said Dr. Michael Deichen, associate director of Clinical Services at UCF Health Services. "If we can permanently change that behavior, we'll be able to have a big impact on health at UCF and beyond that."

Many infectious illnesses are spread by hand contamination, Deichen said.

"If someone coughs or sneezes, the infectious particles land on the table, or the chair, or the doorknob or whatever, and you contact them, and then you eat, or rub your eyes or nose, and you may contract the illness," Deichen said. "We see that pattern all the time."

According to the 5th Guy Web site, influenza (the flu), the common cold, strep throat, intestinal disorders — including everyone's favorite, diarrhea — and pneumonia are some problems that may be avoided with regular hand washing.

The Florida Department of Health's campaign has a 5th Guy character, Ben Mitchell, who has disgusting hygiene

habits. In a YouTube video titled *Just Another Day In the Office*, Mitchell totes around a urinal, bright blue urinal cake and all, at the office in which he works.

The video cuts to interviews of co-workers as Mitchell makes his rounds in the office, requesting high fives and attempting to chat with his peers. No one wants to talk to him, let alone make physical contact.

"Quite frankly, he scares me," says one co-worker in the video.

UCF Health Services wants to adapt this campaign to the university setting and will also use humor to bring hygiene awareness to students.

The UCF campaign will center on the 5th Guy. Health Services is planning to hold tryouts for the 5th Guy in mid-September, Kettles said.

"We want to get someone with personality, someone with a sense of humor," she said. "Someone who's not shy."

The UCF 5th Guy will show up to events with a urinal and try to shake people's hands.

Health Services is planning events that will engage students and get them involved, Kettles said. Some activities will include a prize drawing.

Also with the campaign, Health Services installed about 26 hand-sanitizer dispensers for students to use around campus.

The dispensers look like regular soap dispensers, but they contain hand sanitizer. Most are near food establish-

ments, with five in the Marketplace dining hall and 13 throughout the Student Union.

"[They] are conveniently located so that when you go to eat, you can get your food and do a couple of squirts of the alcohol-based [sanitizer]," Deichen said. "They are kind of subtle right now, but with the hand-washing campaign, we're planning to bring attention to those dispensers."

Health Services will also give away portable tissue holders and hand sanitizers to help promote good hygiene away from campus.

If UCF's 5th Guy Campaign goes well, it could be replicated elsewhere, Deichen said.

"They [the Florida Department of Health] really like the idea that we're doing this," Deichen said.

UCF is the first university to model a campaign after one by the Florida Department of Health.

"We are extremely excited about UCF's implementation of our 5th Guy Campaign," said Kevin Cate, press secretary for the Florida Department of Health, in an e-mail interview. "This is an innovative campaign, so it's no surprise that UCF, a university known for both academic excellence and enthusiasm, is the first university to embrace the campaign."

Deichen said he hopes that students don't wait for the campaign to start before practicing good hygiene.

"Don't wait till the campaign," Deichen said. "Wash your hands before you eat."

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Food to hands to food:
Germs are transmitted from raw foods, such as chicken, to hands while preparing a meal. The germs on the hands are then transferred to other uncooked foods, such as salad. Cooking the raw food kills the initial germs, but the salad remains contaminated.

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Iraqi prime minister fires back at senators

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's beleaguered prime minister on Sunday lashed out at Democrats who have called for his ouster, saying Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Carl Levin need to "come to their senses."

Nouri al-Maliki, who is fighting to hold his government together, issued a series of stinging ripostes against a variety of foreign officials who recently have spoken negatively about his leadership. But those directed at Democrats Clinton, of New York, and Levin, of Michigan, were the most strident.

"There are American officials who consider Iraq as if it were one of their villages, for example Hillary Clinton and Carl Levin. They should come to their senses," al-Maliki said at a news conference.

Al-Maliki launched the verbal counteroffensive in the final days before the American commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker are due in Washington to report to Congress on progress in Iraq since the introduction of 30,000 more American troops.

The Shiite prime minister said a negative report by Petraeus would not cause him to change course, although he said he expected that the U.S. general would "be supportive of the government and will disappoint the politicians who are relying on it" to be negative.

Al-Maliki appeared stung by the recent series of critical statements about his government, including one from President Bush, who said he was frustrated that al-Maliki had failed to make progress on political benchmarks. Crocker has said the lack of movement had been "highly disappointing," and both Levin and Clinton have called for al-Maliki's ouster.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Sunday that al-Maliki's government "is still pretty much a disaster" despite some progress made.

"It's a democratically elected government, and I don't think we can dictate to them," McConnell said. Nonetheless, McConnell said, senators from both parties agree the Shiite prime minister has been "a huge disappointment."

Based on the sacrifices of U.S. troops, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., agreed that the U.S. government should demand more.

"I think we have a right to

be critical of a government that is not doing what a government must do: protect its own people, make difficult decisions that in the long run provide for the safety and security of the Iraqi people," Reed said. "I think the criticism is fair."

McConnell and Reed spoke on *Fox News Sunday*.

Last week Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the United States should order a token withdrawal of forces by Christmas. The former chairman of the Armed Services Committee said such a move would show al-Maliki that Washington was serious about progress on reconciliation among the country's religious sects and ethnic groups.

Warner and Levin traveled to Iraq together earlier this month as part of the multitude of congressional delegations who are visiting the country before the expected heated debate on Capitol Hill about U.S. troop levels and plans for a withdrawal.

Separately, a Kurdish security official said a U.S. helicopter attacked two Kurdish police outposts on Sunday, killing four policemen and wounding eight. The U.S. military said it was investigating the report.

Jabar Yawer, spokesman for the Kurdish Peshmerga militia, said two police vehicles also were destroyed in the airstrike 65 miles northeast of Baghdad and he believed the attack was mistaken friendly fire.

"We demand American troops to give an explanation for the U.S. airstrike against a police station," the Kurdish Interior Minister said in a statement. "The U.S. troops should take care to understand what troops are deployed in the border areas."

Al-Maliki said he criticized some U.S. military actions, "concerning American raids on Shula (a northern Shiite neighborhood) and Sadr City (the Shiite slum enclave in east Baghdad). There were big mistakes committed in these operations. The terrorist himself should be targeted not his family," he said "We will not allow the detaining of innocent people."

Two nights ago the U.S. military raided the Shula neighborhood and said it killed eight "terrorists" who had attacked an American patrol from rooftops. Some Iraqis reported many civilians were killed and wounded.

U.S. forces also are routinely raiding Sadr City, often calling in helicopter fire. The U.S. says it targets only Shiite militia fighters. Iraqi officials

regularly report civilians killed.

Meanwhile, waves of Shiite pilgrims descended on Karbala on Sunday for a festival marking the birth of the ninth century Hidden Imam. A woman making the 50-mile trek from Baghdad was shot to death by men in a passing car in the southwest of the capital.

More than a million Shiite faithful from throughout the world were expected to converge on the Shiite holy city for the celebrations, which reach their high point late Tuesday and early Wednesday. The Shabaniyah festival marks the birth of Mohammed al-Mahdi, the 12th and last Shiite imam who disappeared in the ninth century.

Religious Shiites refer to al-Mahdi as the "Hidden Imam," believing he was spared death and will return to Earth to bring peace and justice.

Six men were wounded as they walked toward Karbala with the woman who was gunned down, according to Baghdad police officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

In the past, Sunni religious extremists, including al-Qaida in Iraq, have launched massive attacks against pilgrims during Shiite celebrations, which have drawn huge crowds since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime.

Last March, about 340 people were killed in a weeklong wave of bombings and shootings, most of them Shiite pilgrims en route to Karbala.

To prevent a repeat, Iraqi authorities Saturday banned motorcycles, bicycles and horse-drawn wagons from the streets of Baghdad indefinitely. Earlier in the day, state television announced that the ban applied to all vehicles, including cars and trucks.

Later, the chief military spokesman for Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Qassim al-Mousawi, said cars and trucks would be allowed but other forms of transport that could slip into smaller places were banned until further notice.

All vehicles were banned from the Karbala city center and each pilgrim entering the district was subjected to a security pat-down.

"I was hesitant to come because I feared a terrorist attack, but when I saw these strict security I felt safe," said Haji Sabeeh Raheem, a 61-year-old pilgrim from Najaf, another Shiite holy city to the south.

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AMERICAN TYSON GAY
CAPTURES GOLD AT WORLDS

OSAKA, Japan — American Tyson Gay surged past Asafa Powell to win the 100-meter dash at the track and field world championships Sunday in 9.85 seconds. Gay had the season's best time of 9.84 seconds and was undefeated in the year coming into the meet. Now, he has his first gold medal from a major international championship. Powell, the co-holder of the world record, powered out of the blocks, leading most of the way until he was overtaken by Gay and Derrick Atkins of the Bahamas. Atkins took silver in 9.91, and Jamaica's Powell was third in 9.96.

FOOTBALL

NFL COMMISH SUSPENDS
VICK INDEFINITELY

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick can only hope he will get more leniency from the judge than he did from the NFL. Roger Goodell's letter informing the Atlanta Falcons quarterback of his suspension reads almost like a goodbye, the NFL commissioner doing nothing to hide his disgust and his disdain. A similar reaction by U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who will be presented with Vick's plea agreement today, could mean years in prison. In court papers, Vick admitted bankrolling "Bad Newz Kennels" and participating in the killing of dogs in the dogfighting operation. Vick tried to deflect much of his culpability in the grisly enterprise onto his friends. That didn't deter Goodell, who was quick to hold Vick responsible, suspending him indefinitely and without pay Friday from the job that made him a millionaire and a superstar. The decision leaves the Falcons without their headline player on the brink of a new season. Goodell made it forcefully clear Vick wasn't helping himself by trying to pawn off blame on his three co-defendants in the case. "You are now justifiably facing consequences for the decisions you made and the conduct in which you engaged. Your career, freedom and public standing are now in the most serious jeopardy," Goodell wrote.

BASEBALL

GRIFFEY JUNIOR BLASTS
HOME RUN NUMBER 591

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit career homer No. 591 and drove in four runs Saturday night, leading the Cincinnati Reds to their season-high fifth straight victory, 11-7 over the Florida Marlins. Griffey had a two-run double and a two-run homer off Sergio Mitre, ending a slump of 52 at-bats since his last home run Aug. 10. Griffey is sixth on the career homer list, trailing Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa. Adam Dunn added a three-run shot in the seventh off Byung-Hyun Kim, who signed as a free agent earlier in the day and was hit hard in his return to the Marlins. Florida has lost 10 of its last 11, tumbling a season-high 16 games under .500 at 57-73.

MADDUX MAKES IT 20 YEARS
WITH AT LEAST 10 WINS

Not even Cy Young accomplished what Greg Maddux has now done over the past 20 years. Maddux became the first pitcher to earn 10 victories in 20 consecutive seasons, tossing seven solid innings in the San Diego Padres' 14-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night. Cy Young had 19 straight seasons with double-digit wins from 1891-1909. Maddux is tied with Nolan Ryan for second behind Don Sutton for most seasons with 10 wins. Sutton had 21, but not consecutively.

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■ UCF KNIGHTS OFFENSE ■

KNIGHTS GO ON THE
OFFENSIVEBRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

Bright House Networks Stadium: It seems to be the top topic regarding UCF sports in and around Central Florida.

It was the subject of the first question head football coach George O'Leary was asked at both the Conference USA and UCF media days. Newspapers from Daytona Beach to Miami wrote articles about the stadium this summer. It's even

displayed on the cover of the football media guide.

But with all this coverage on the football stadium, there is some breaking news: a football team will actually be playing in it. Since that fact seems to have been passed over by some, here is a preview of the Knights' offense this season.

WHOM TO WATCH



5, 18 — Wideouts Rocky Ross (5) and Javid James (18) look to replace Mike Walker.

7 — Senior quarterback Kyle Israel will be the Knights' starter in 2007.

79 — Kyle Smith's move to center should bolster an already experienced line.

24 — Junior running back Kevin Smith will be the focus of the offense this year.

Quarterbacks:

The one word to describe the Knights' offense last season is inefficient. The Knights finished the season ranked second in Conference USA with more than 400 yards per game, but O'Leary said the team's production in the red zone was "atrocious." Whether the offense simply stalled or committed one of its 13 turnovers, The Knights averaged less than 20 points a game and were forced to settle for the most field goals of any team in C-USA.

Another reason for the Knights' lack of scoring was instability at quarterback. Steven Moffett was the Knights' unquestioned starter heading into 2006, but after a few sub-par outings, he began to lose playing time to junior Kyle Israel. By the seventh game of the season, Israel was running the offense.

Israel threw for 1,420 yards last season, 1,009 of which came in his four starts. He completed an impressive 65.1 percent of his passes, the third highest single-season mark in school history. He did throw five interceptions compared to six touchdowns in his limited action last year, but O'Leary said that Kyle has done a "masterful" job with the offense in offseason.

"I think what Kyle does well is make good decisions, gets the ball to the right person and I think he can adjust on the field, which I'm happy about," O'Leary said. "Sometimes when you talk to kids on the sidelines, they don't understand what you're talking about, you got to draw it up for them. Kyle understands the game."

Israel is one of the team's senior leaders this season and he knows that his time to lead is now.

"[I] always try to prepare myself like I was the starter," Israel said. "It's for times like this,

PLEASE SEE SMITH ON A11

UCF'S PROJECTED
OFFENSIVE LINEUP

As the Knights prepare for their Sept. 1 game against N.C. State in Raleigh, N.C., here's a look at the projected starting lineup for the offense.

78 PATRICK BROWN

Position:
Left tackle

Stats: 290 lbs. | 6'5"
The junior has started every game that he has played in, a streak of 25 consecutive games.

66 JERAMY DEVANE

Position:
Left guard

Stats: 290 lbs. | 6'3"
The sophomore is the only new face on the line. He was one of five freshmen to earn a start last season.

79 KYLE SMITH

Position:
Center

Stats: 301 lbs. | 6'2"
Smith moved from left guard to center late last season and has started 32 consecutive games.

63 L.J. ANDERSON

Position:
Right guard

Stats: 292 lbs. | 6'3"
The junior has started 22 of the 24 games he has appeared in over his first two seasons.

70 JOSH SITTON

Position:
Right tackle

Stats: 324 lbs. | 6'3"
Sitton, along with center Kyle Smith, is one of two seniors on this season's offensive line.

7 KYLE ISRAEL

Position:
Quarterback

Stats: 223 lbs. | 6'2"
Israel, who split time with Steven Moffett last year, threw for 1,420 yards and six touchdowns.

24 KEVIN SMITH

Position:
Running back

Stats: 211 lbs. | 6'1"
The junior has 2,112 rushing yards in his first two years, the most in such a time frame in UCF history.

32 SHANE SMITH

Position:
Fullback

Stats: 235 lbs. | 6'3"
Smith had three receptions for the Knights in 2006, including one for a touchdown.

18 JAVID JAMES

Position:
Wide receiver

Stats: 197 lbs. | 6'3"
The senior will look to increase on his 24-catch, 278-yard season from a year ago.

5 ROCKY ROSS

Position:
Wide receiver

Stats: 198 lbs. | 6'2"
Was second on UCF in receptions (36) and yards (531) behind the departed Mike Walker last year.

85 MIKE MERRITT

Position:
Tight end

Stats: 270 lbs. | 6'3"
Primarily a blocking tight end, the senior will probably split time with sophomore Corey Rabazinski.

Senior Javid James will try to fill the role vacated by the departure of Mike Walker. James, along with Rocky Ross, will look to make big plays to keep pressure off running back Kevin Smith.



BEN EDELSTEIN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Orlando
fans stuck
with poor
offseasonMagic shackled for
foreseeable futurePADRICK BREWER
Sports Editor

The Orlando Magic made some interesting decisions this offseason to go along with the announcement of a new stadium.

They allowed Darko Milicic to sign with Memphis, Grant Hill to sign with the Suns, gave an extension to Dwight Howard, got Rashard Lewis to sign a max deal worth about \$110 million and signed Adonal Foyle.

In short, Magic fans have been hoodwinked if they think that this team is going to be any better than the one that went 40-42 last year.

Orlando's summer boils down to this: They gave up a first-round pick in a stacked draft, Milicic and Hill's expiring contract for a max contract on an almost above-average player, a replica of Kelvin Cato and secured a young big man.

Hill's contract has been a pain for the Magic almost since the day he was signed, and the only thing that made him worthwhile was that his contract was coming off the books at the end of last season.

But they couldn't capitalize on it, either by trading him during the season or signing him back at a reduced rate, and he took his game to the Suns' locker room.

And the Magic gave up Milicic too early, just like Detroit did.

He averaged close to a double-double per 40 minutes last year and increased his rebounding rate since he made his debut for the Pistons.

If anything, the Magic should have kept him around because they spent a first-round pick to bring him in. Now, Orlando wasted a pick and received no compensation. Instead, he went to the Grizzlies for just \$21 million over three

PLEASE SEE LEWIS ON A12

Volleyball
manages one
win in first
tournamentRYAN BASS
Contributing Writer

After dropping the first three matches of the Georgia State Invitational, it looked like the Knights were going to leave the Georgia Sports Arena the same way they arrived — winless.

Thanks to freshmen Blaire Brueggemeyer and Kristen Petrasic, that wasn't the case.

The Knights (1-3, 0-0 Conference USA) picked up their first win of the season in comeback fashion against Chattanooga 3-2 (30-20, 29-31, 32-34, 30-24 and 15-13) in the final match of the tournament.

Brueggemeyer posted a career-high 61 assists while Petrasic racked up 34 digs, second-most by any Knight in a single match since Miriam Metzcus had 35 on Oct. 14, 1993.

"The best thing about that win is that we got so hungry each game and nobody gave up," said Brueggemeyer, who tallied 155 total assists in the four matches. "I was amazed at the progression from the first game to the last game. We were a totally different team, and that's exciting to see, especially in our first tournament."

Petrasic's defense was one of the main reasons for the Knights' improvement. She tallied 47 digs in the final two games of the tournament after recording only nine in

PLEASE SEE BRUEGGE MEYER ON A12

Smith, Isreal to lead UCF

FROM A10

when now I am and I know what I've got to do to be successful. I welcome all the pressure."

O'Leary said that he wants to keep competition open at the quarterback position because he thinks that's the way players get better.

Sophomore Marquel Neasman is listed as the Knights' No. 2 quarterback to start the season, but he has never played a down in his collegiate career. Sophomore junior college transfer Michael Greco will be Neasman's main competition for the backup job.

Running backs:

Junior running back Kevin Smith is the key to the offense and everybody knows it. His 2,112 career rushing yards are the most by a UCF running back entering his junior season. After a fantastic 2005 season in which he ran for 1,178 yards as a true freshman, Smith's sophomore season was a bit of a disappointment. He missed the final two games of the season with a shoulder injury and was suspended for another game for conduct detrimental to the team.

O'Leary said that Smith has matured in the offseason and Smith said that he is healthy and more than ready to get back on the field.

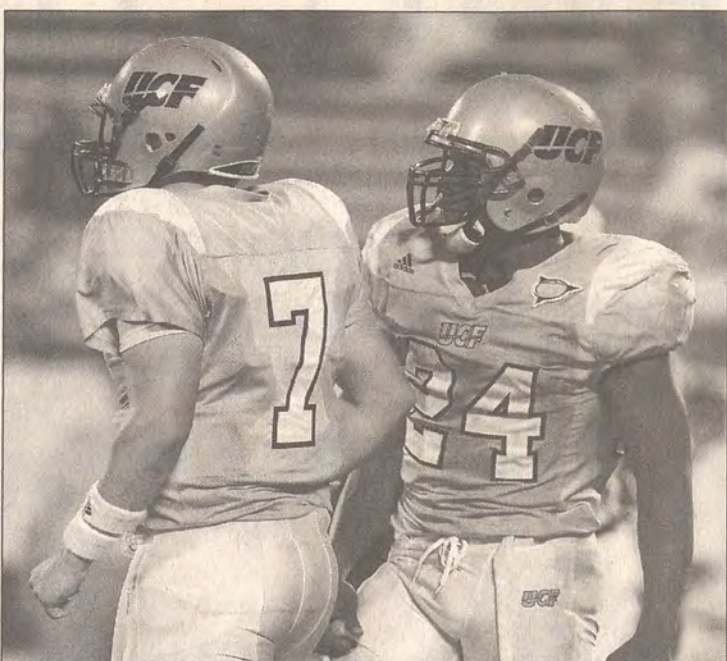
"I'm back, 100 percent," Smith said during C-USA Media Day. "I missed spring (practice), so I got a chance to watch from that perspective, but now, it's time for me to go back out there, put on them pads and get back with my team, where I belong."

Smith had just 23 receptions last year, but with the Knights in need of more offense, O'Leary is trying to get Smith more involved in the passing game and into some open spaces where he can use his speed and athletic ability to create big plays.

"I think it's a challenge," Smith said about being the clear focus of the offense. "No pressure. Pressure bursts pipes. It's a challenge for me, baby, and I'm ready to step up to the plate."

Jason Peters and Phillip Smith split carries when Kevin was unable to play last season. Peters has run out of eligibility and that leaves Phillip, a sophomore, as the team's top option as a second running back. He ran for 91 yards on 28 carries over the final two games of last season. Phillip is not the power back that Peters was, but he is very quick.

If the Knights do need a dose of power in their running game, they could turn to yet another Smith, sophomore Shane Smith. He is listed atop the depth chart at fullback, and he can definitely take as well as deliver a few shots to defenders with his 6-foot-3-inch, 235-pound frame.



BEN EDELSTEIN / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Senior quarterback Kyle Israel, left, and junior running back Kevin Smith will be the focal points of the UCF offense in 2007. Smith is coming off a year with 934 rushing yards.

Wide receivers and tight ends:

For the first time in three years, UCF will start a season without a true go-to receiver. That role was handled by Brandon Marshall in 2005 and then Mike Walker in 2006, but both of those players are playing in the NFL. The top candidates to be the team's No. 1 receiver are junior Rocky Ross and senior Javid James.

Ross was second among UCF receivers in catches and yards. He has the most experience of any of the team's receivers with 53 career catches, but Ross' style isn't about the game-breaking play. He is apt to be the team's slot receiver and running the short routes over the middle of the field.

When no one seemed to step up and complement Walker as the Knights' No. 2 wide receiver early last season, James got a chance to show his skills in the fourth game of the year and he produced right away. He caught seven passes for 70 yards and a touchdown against Southern Miss in his first career start. He finished third on the team in yards and catches.

"The likes of Brandon and Mike Walker are going to be inevitably a thought and memory of UCF history," James said. "However, Javid's hands will make their own mark."

"I plan to be the best that Javid can be, and that's it. Those guys were great, but I plan to be Javid."

Junior Willie Thornton provides big-play potential, as all four of his career touchdown receptions, three of which came last season, have been from at least 20 yards out.

The focus of the Knights' 2007 recruiting class was speed at the skill position. They seemed to have accomplished that with the signing of receivers Chad Alexander, Kamar Aiken and A.J. Guyton, to name a few.

Alexander was a standout sprinter in the 200-meter dash

and the 4 X 100-meter relay on the Lake Wales High School track team. Allen was ranked as the 51st best prospect in the state of Florida by the *Orlando Sentinel*, and Guyton was ranked as the 60th best wide receiver prospect in the nation by Scout.com.

The tight end position turned in some insignificant results for the Knights last year. Three tight ends combined for 16 catches. The top returning tight end is sophomore Corey Rabazinski, who caught 12 passes for 145 yards. Senior Mike Merritt is currently listed atop the depth chart at tight end, but he is usually kept in as an extra blocker.

Offensive line:

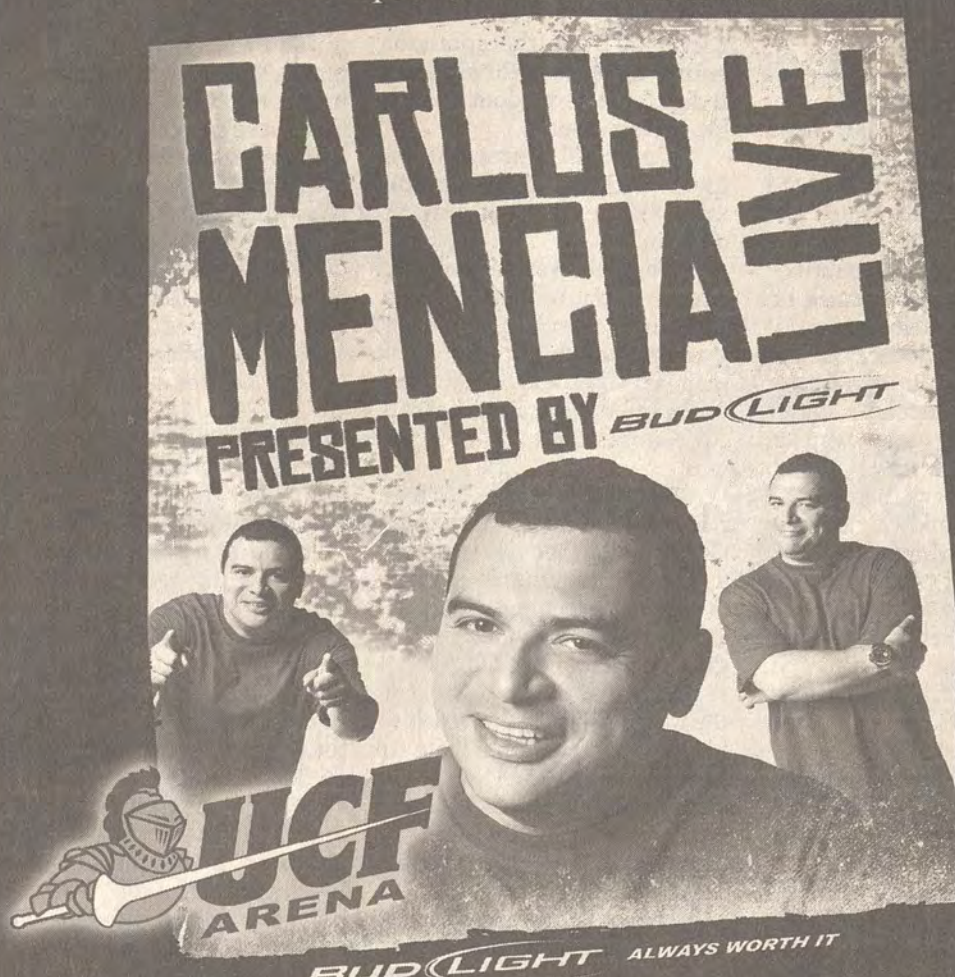
But everyone knows that an offense doesn't work without a good offensive line. That time for the quarterback to throw and those holes for the running back to run through have to be provided by someone. And the Knights have a very experienced and capable offensive line ready for this season.

O'Leary said that they have the most chemistry of any group on the team, and that's understandable when you notice how long they have played together.

Four of the offense's eight returning starters are linemen and this line is led by senior Kyle Smith. After moving to center from left guard late last season, Smith is the Knights' starting center for 2007. He has started 32 consecutive games, and was an honorable mention for the All-C-USA team last season.

Both tackles, senior Josh Sitton and junior Patrick Brown have each started 25 consecutive games. Junior left guard L.J. Anderson has started 22 of the 24 games in which he has appeared. The only addition to the line is sophomore right guard Jeramy DeVane. He was one of five true freshmen to earn a start last season.

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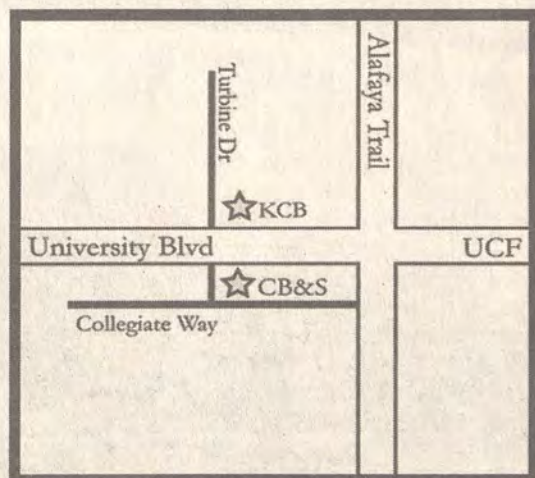
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Brueggemeyer shines in debut

FROM A10

Friday's two matches.

"[Petrasic] is a stud," head coach Meg Colado said. "She is the best defender I think that I have ever coached. She is just so athletic, reads incredibly well and is just so competitive."

One player also extolled on Petrasic's performance.

"She would not let the ball hit the ground," Brueggemeyer said. "She just kept after it. Her defense really gave us that extra push."

After a Kerry Brown kill made it 16-16 midway through game four, the Knights went on a 14-8 run to close out the game and even the score at two games a piece entering the fifth and final game of the match. The Knights went on to win that game 15-13 and earn their first win of the season.

The win snapped a 19-match losing streak for UCF, which dated back to last season.

"I was confident that we were going to get [a win] with the progressions that we were making," Colado said. "What occurred was that we enforced the fact that we were in pretty good physical condition to go for four matches in two days."

That physical condition helped five Knights register double-digit kills and digs. Erin

Campbell stole the spotlight with a career-high 20 kills and 11 digs for her first double-double of the season.

"[Campbell] turned it on today with 20 kills," Colado said. "She just came in firing at all cylinders."

Campbell wasn't the only Knight to put up big numbers Saturday. Stephanie Serna posted 21 kills in the final matches and totaled 43 for the tournament, earning herself All-Tournament team recognition.

"When [Serna] is on, it is really tough to defend her," Colado said. "She has got such a quick arm. She is such a dynamic player, and she is so emotional and is just such a great spark for our team."

In the first match of the day, the Knights didn't fare well, losing to East Tennessee State in four games (30-20, 30-23, 28-30 and 30-26), despite Schanell Neiderworder earning her first of two double-doubles with 18 kills and 12 digs.

"There is progression in these losses, and I know the scores are not indicative of this progression," Colado said. "However, from our perspective, we sometimes have four and five freshmen on the floor at one time."

Freshmen Brittany Turnbull and Petrasic provided a spark

in the backcourt with a combined 25 digs, while Brueggemeyer registered 45 assists. But that wasn't enough against a Buccaneers defense that had Marissa Mortensen and Kaena Apana account for 23 digs each.

On Friday, the Knights dropped two matches to Fordham and host Georgia State, 3-1 and 3-0, respectively, on the opening day of the tournament.

The Knights fell to Fordham 30-26, 27-30, 31-29 and 30-24 in the first match of their season, despite 20 assists, 13 digs and four service aces from Brueggemeyer in her debut.

It didn't get any easier for the Knights against former Atlantic Sun foe Georgia State in the nightcap. The Panthers, who captured the tournament title after going 3-1 on their home floor, had their way with the Knights, sweeping them 30-26, 30-25 and 30-22.

Despite winning only one match in the tournament, progression from players like Brueggemeyer and Petrasic helped that win outshine the other three matches.

"We kept coming back out and getting a little bit better and a little bit better and we finally pulled it out in the end," Neiderworder said. "It's so reassuring and it's so exciting [to see us get that win] and it just shows how our season is going to go."

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Lewis signing the worst move of summer

FROM A10

years.

To understand exactly how awful the signing of Lewis is, check out a post by Tom Ziller at AOL's FanHouse that examines the vast differences between Lewis' deal and the one given to Gerald Wallace, another free agent.

Lewis pulled in almost twice as much money as Wallace, even though Wallace was significantly better than Lewis in rebounding, assists and steals and blocks.

Are the four more points Lewis scores worth \$50 million? I really, really doubt it.

Of course it wasn't enough that Orlando just signed Lewis to a max deal; they had to go the sign-and-trade route, guaranteeing him a sixth year.

So instead of keeping a developing center and signing Wallace, a dedicated defender and amazing athlete, with some cap room left to entice Hill to stay, the Magic threw all their money at a shooter that doesn't play defense and never had to worry about being "the man," as he always had Ray Allen to take the spotlight.

It was possible that Wallace was going to re-sign with Charlotte anyway, but it wouldn't have hurt the Magic to make a run at him instead of

jumping on Lewis the moment the free agency period began.

A lineup with Milicic and Wallace sounds much more appealing and better on the court than the one that the Magic currently boast.

Who knows, perhaps the lineup of Jameer Nelson, J.J. Redick, Lewis, Howard and Tony Battie will make everyone in the Eastern Conference shake with fear en route to a stunning 50-32 record.

But probably not.

For the Magic, this offseason was one of subtraction by addition, and one that didn't bode well for those fans who think this franchise will bring them a title sometime soon.

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Rosen's petition hurts Orlando

Orlando thrives on tourism and has become the city it is because of it.

Orlando officials are using those tourism tax dollars to better the Orlando community by building two new venues and renovating the Citrus Bowl, UCF football's former home.

A performing-arts center, costing \$425 million, will be built along with a new arena for the Orlando Magic, costing \$480 million.

Harris Rosen isn't too fond of the idea. Rosen is the CEO of Rosen Hotels & Resorts and his name was bestowed on UCF's Hospitality College.

Rosen is challenging the \$1.1 billion project by creating a petition against the new arena and only the new arena.

In an interview with Jim Philips on 104.1 FM, Rosen explained his petition was created because of our rights as citizens to vote.

"I am not against the venues," Rosen said. "What I'm fighting for is what the kids in Afghanistan and Iraq are fighting for and why I served for 3-and-a-half years overseas, so that we as citizens have a right to vote. And the City Council and the County Commission took that right away from us. And that's wrong."

What's really wrong is Rosen using the soldiers over in Iraq and Afghanistan as an excuse for a temper tantrum.

It's interesting that the only venue Rosen is against is the sports arena. He isn't fighting against the performing-arts center, which received \$80 million in private donations, or the revamping of the Citrus Bowl.

Included in those private donations is the Walt Disney Corp. who donated \$12.5 million to the performing-arts center in May.

Could the reason for Rosen not targeting the arts center be Disney? The theme park is one of the reasons his hotels are populated.

In 2001, Rosen made an offer to buy the National Basketball Association (NBA) franchise. Obviously, he doesn't own it today.

Earlier this year Rosen was interested in leading a group of businessmen and government leaders to broker a public stock saying that they would eventually buy the Magic.

He said it would make the Magic "economically viable."

Apparently, that didn't work out either.

Rosen should really just come clean and admit that it's all about his money.

He's a man who has thrived off tourism to become who he is.

Now that the tourism dollars are not allocated to his benefit, he's upset.

Within six months Rosen needs to gather 49,967 petition signatures for the decision to be left to citizens on the fall 2008 county ballot.

If Rosen succeeds, he could end up costing the city more money in construction delays.

"He needs to start thinking about the community as a whole rather than his own special interest," said Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer in an *Orlando Sentinel* article titled, "Rosen goes after venues."

Rosen is known for his charitable side as well. He has the Harris Rosen Foundation, which helped raise money for New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. It is also the foundation that created the Tangelo Park Program.

The program provides free daycare, college tuition, and room and books to any resident in the Tangelo Park community near I-Drive.

"Do something for this community," Rosen said to Rich DeVos, owner of the Orlando Magic, over the radio. "We have been supporting a very sorry franchise for too many years. It's time for him to put up or shut up."

To remind you, the Magic was a "sorry franchise" he wanted to buy.

DeVos, despite what Rosen say, has donated much to the community.

Recently, more than \$22 million was given to arts groups, charities, scholarships and underprivileged youth. Of the \$22 million, \$6.5 million was donated to UCF for its DeVos Sports Business Management program.

Even if he and DeVos put all humanitarian efforts and business ventures behind them, because both of them have done significantly well in those aspects, it still never adds up.

We should be able to use those dollars to enrich our city and its culture.

If you're presented with this petition, don't sign it because what's good for tourism is good for Orlando and essentially good for us.



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Face-to-face is better than Facebook.com

The other day, I sat down at the computer to quickly check my Facebook account. A half-hour later I was done looking through photo albums and posting comments on the walls of friends, some of whom I see daily.

It seems that I can't do anything quickly on the Internet these days. I find myself spending hours doing practically nothing, but at the same time my brain registers I'm doing something really important. It's like something from "The Twilight Zone".

It wasn't until I was driving the other day that the amount of time I spend online fully registered.

I heard on the radio that an Israeli psychiatrist is pushing for Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD) to be put into the American Psychiatric Association's fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). It would be alongside such disorders as gambling and sexual addictions.

His name is Dr. Pinhas Dannon, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University and researcher in the area of addictions, especially gambling.

Now he and his colleagues are spreading their research about excessive Internet use to doctors around the world.

Some of their findings include ways to specifically treat IAD, as well as the age groups it affects most.

Surprisingly, college-aged students are on the cusp of the two age demographics most affected: teens and "empty-nesters" more than 50-years-old.

IAD was created as a parody of other DSM disorders by New York psychiatrist Ivan Goldberg in 1995. IAD has become one of the newest subjects of debate in

JENNIFER LARINO
Staff Writer

psychology and is currently classified as an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

There's even a center for Internet Addiction Recovery in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

The radio disc jockey joked about how the Internet is basically all of the DSM disorders rolled into one. People can immerse themselves into obsession with things like online poker, pornography and dozens of other Internet activities.

It's true. Some people do spend way too much time online.

It's easy to do. We now have laptop computers and most social centers have wireless networks. Just about everything from college classes to shopping has become an online norm.

Although most of us are far from being addicted to the Internet, the fact that there is such a concept should be an eye-opener. It is for me.

As school begins, I'm going to try to break away from my own little Internet addiction. I use it for just about everything when it comes to school and writing these columns. When I add in Facebook surfing and random Wikipedia searches, a large part of my time disappears, never to be regained.

The Internet allows us to be connected to the world in ways unimaginable 20 years ago, but it also isolates us at the same time.

Spend a little more time away from Internet use this semester and see what happens. Go out for a walk when it seems there's nothing else to do but hop onto the computer. Have a real, live poker night instead of challenging online gamblers.

Go out and do something because life doesn't happen inside a computer screen.

Liberty and injustice for all

Celebrity justice seems like an oxymoron.

This past summer has been filled with celebrity sentences and arrests. Nicole Richie and Lindsay Lohan are just two that committed crimes and, as some claim, gotten light sentences. Or have they?

Celebrities are not the only ones who have gotten away with crimes; some average citizens got less-than-expected punishment for the crimes they have committed.

These were average citizens who weren't above the law, but the law looked above them. Some people jump through the flaming hoops of the law without getting burned.

Is it fame and money? Is it being black or white? Is it looks? Is it gender? No, it's not any of these things. It's the legal system itself.

Socialite Nicole Richie drove under the influence of drugs and alcohol and got four days in jail. When she went to serve her sentence, she was only present at the jail for 82 minutes and was let go due to overcrowding.

Then there's the complex case of Lindsay Lohan who was arrested twice for DUI this past year.

First, she crashed into a curb under the influence of alcohol and was found with 0.04 grams of cocaine in her purse, but that's only a misdemeanor since you have to have at least 0.05 grams for a felony. She then entered rehab where she "learned" her lesson.

A few days after rehab, she was arrested a second time. She was drunk again, but this time she had 0.02 grams of cocaine in her pocket. She hijacked a sport utility vehicle and followed her assistant's mother after her assistant quit.

Lohan got off with one day in jail, 36 months of probation, and 10 days of community service. She must also complete an 18-month alcohol education program and three days of a corner's office program visiting a morgue to talk to victims of drunk driving. To top it all off, she must complete at least 30 days in rehab.

Both these women committed irresponsible misdemeanors, but because of the amount of attention given to their cases, their punishments seem too small.

Actually, according to a U.S. Department of Justice's report, 382,970 adults in 1997 were on probation for driving while intoxicated. So their sentences do reflect the consensus.

A more serious case with small punishment is that of Mary Winkler. Winkler admitted to killing her preacher husband by shooting him in the back while he slept.

She claimed she snapped after years of physical, verbal, and sexual abuse, but had no proof of any of it.

Winkler was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. Her three-year sentence was reduced to 210 days with 143 days of credit for time spent in jail. The final 60-or-so days were spent in a mental health facility.

Winkler was released last week and is now a free woman.

In a report by the U.S. Sentencing Commission, in 2000 there were 48 manslaughter cases and four of those cases resulted in probation, similar to what was given to Winkler.

How about Debra LaFave who admitted to having sex with her 14-year-old student and got off without any jail time? She blamed bipolar disorder.

LaFave isn't alone in her sentence.

In the same report there were 240 sexual abuse cases. Of those cases, 214 received only imprisonment while three got prison and community split sentence. Seven received probation and confinement and 16 only received probation. Again, the case does somewhat reflect the consensus.

The controversial Genarlow Wilson case shows how the justice system can flop.

Wilson is now serving 10 years for having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17-years-old. Both consented to sex, yet he's doing the time because of the girl's age.

John Couey, the murderer of 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford was just sentenced to death this week for her killing.

The justice system did its job there, but where was it when he was arrested for 24 burglaries and two indecent exposure arrests? One of those exposures did get him labeled a sexual offender, but he was released and able to murder Jessica Lunsford.

It's not about fame, money, race, gender or good looks when dealing with crimes; it's about our legal system.

These cases show a flawed and embarrassing legal system where some criminals slip through the cracks. We just never hear about all of the cases.

Each state is different so maybe we should blame the California, Florida and Georgia legal systems for these cases in particular.

Whatever the case, what it really boils down to is a flawed system where it's possible to get easy sentences for misdemeanors, molestation and even murder.



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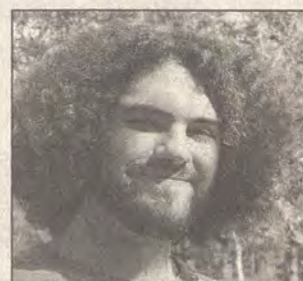
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Monday puzzle: Easy level

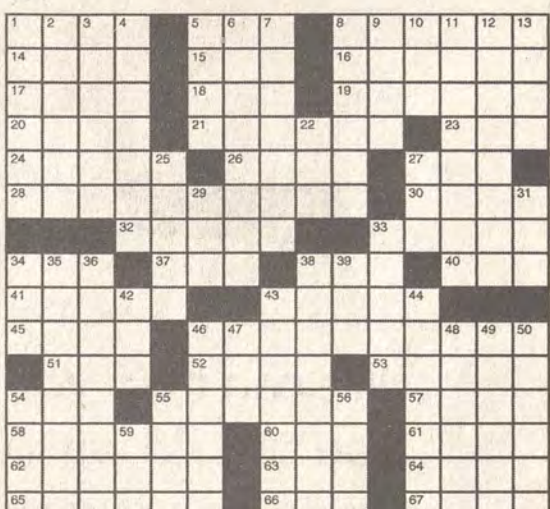
Wednesday puzzle: Medium level

Friday puzzle: Hard level

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- ACROSS**
1 Circle parts
5 Phone co.
8 Rodeo rope
14 Composed
15 Fancy vase
16 Homecoming guests
17 Actress Rosalind
18 Ryan or Foster
19 Packed down
20 Actor Estrada
21 Bernhard and Chalkie
23 Top shot
24 Removes skin
26 Pitch of a phrase
27 Zany Caesar
28 Headshrinkers
30 Horse's pace
32 Gin fruit
33 Some canines
34 Sailors' org.
37 Shakespearean contraction
38 Captive GI
40 Ruby or Sandra
41 Appears
43 Sgt. Bilko
45 Sleeveless garment
46 Short gridiron connection
51 Current craze
52 Plane or saw
53 Non-violent protest
54 Pres. Coolidge
55 Head count
57 Flight school final
58 First name in soul
60 Nev. neighbor
61 Aware of
62 Replace a cork
63 ___ out (be a couch potato)
64 Profound
65 Fears
66 ISS partner
67 Small whirlpool
- DOWN**
1 Regard as true
2 Gung-ho
3 Bloom or Trevor
4 Tobacco fans
5 Chews though toothless
6 International agreements
7 Absorb
8 Shaping tools
9 Lamentar's cry
10 Daiquiri requirement
11 Diminished in strength
12 Incidental tale
13 Ebb or neap
22 Colony critter
25 Old sailors
27 Sault ___ Marie
29 Taro dish
31 Pooh's middle name?
33 Two peas in a pod
34 UCLA rival
35 Sailor
36 Language of Katmandu
38 Introductory pieces
39 Washington's bill
42 Eur. sea



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Last issue solved

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| 44 Serialized segment | 50 Comic-strip pooch |
| 46 Swipes | 54 Jokerster |
| 47 Inmate, briefly | 55 African nation |
| 48 Made amends | 56 Heroic tale |
| | 59 Lipton product |

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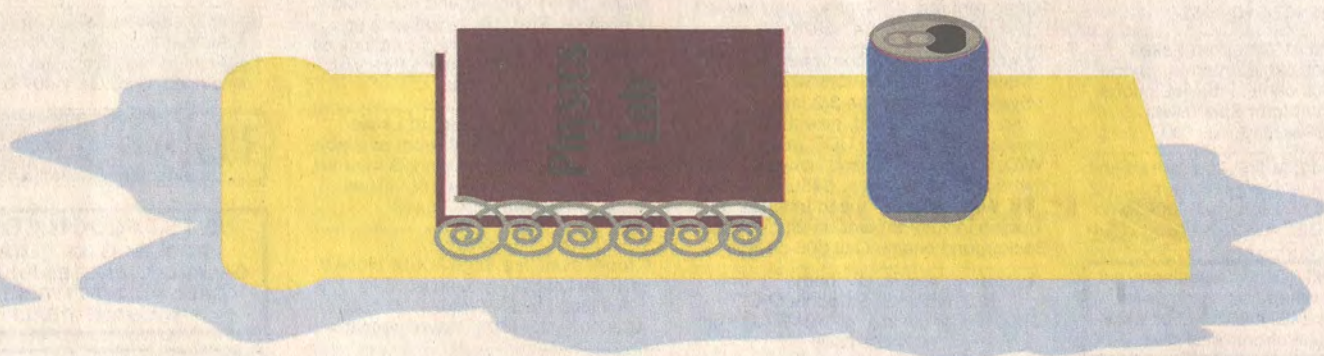
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