Fire in Tower 4 displaces nearly 25

Falling candle causes fire, $50K of damage

RORYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

A fire in the Tower 4 apartment complex Friday has displaced several students.

A candle in a third-floor apartment was knocked over, sparking a fire in the room and setting off two alarms. The building, which houses about 500 students, was immediately evacuated.

No one was seriously injured. A police officer and a student were treated for smoke inhalation. Most residents were able to return to their apartments early Sunday morning.

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Comic book fans stage protest

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Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Spider-Man, The Punisher, Thor and various other Marvel Super Heroes took to the streets in protest.

Dressed to fight crime and armed with megaphones and cardboard signs, comic book fans from across the Orlando area met at A Comic Shop in Winter Park to protest illegal aliens — not from Mexico, but from outer space.

Protesters in full superhero regalia waved signs while chanting anti-alien slogans in an effort to attract the attention of passersby and promote awareness of the fictional threat.

"The actual intent is to raise awareness for comics,"
UCF students will have more shopping and eating options this fall with the addition of an off-campus shopping center. A new 77,000-square-foot shopping center, called University Commons, will offer students books, clothing and restaurants. The 45-minute shopping center is designed to open this fall, and the complex’s opening agent, Cetra Realty. The complex is directly across the street from campus on the corner of Aloma Ave and Corporate Blvd., putting within walking distance of two residence halls and campus residences. So far, stores have been reserved, mostly by restaurants including Applebees, Bonefish Grill, Chili’s, Black and Blue, and Buffalo Wild Wings. Bloody said there are several other companies, with pending contracts, that are under to finalize any additional agreements. The biggest uncertainty is how the new tenants will affect each other. A UCF spokesperson said, "We are the presence of one tenant will not have an impact on the success of the other." The complex is expected to open mid-November. University Commons is located between South Beach Tennis Center and the Student Union. The complex is currently in the planning stages of construction. The landlord has now become a five­-store shopping company with the University Commons location making six. Like every business owner in the area, Hibbett said he is counting on students and employees for his business’s success. He and the nearby Waterford Lakes location are examples of the company’s strategy and the depth of its customer service. An interview with Hibbett at the company’s headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama, recently revealed his strategy is expanding across the country in the next few years. Hibbett said the opening special is usually two weeks of testing for Hibbett said, “and that does pretty well.” One tenant, Bagel Bagel Cafe, has tried its own student-friendly atmosphere. The company’s CMO, "It’s a great way to get the students together. The cafe will offer bagels, sandwiches, soups and coffee.” The complex is under the oversight of Southern Management and Development Corp., a Boca Raton­ based property development firm. The complex is under the oversight of Southern Management and Development Corp., a Boca Raton­ based property development firm. The complex is under the oversight of Southern Management and Development Corp., a Boca Raton­ based property development firm.
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The Style of Your Life.
Bill Gates: Latin America must get its act together

The Internet is “one of the greatest inventions of the 20th century,” Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said in a speech Monday at the Inter-American Development Bank.

Another girl struck her in the bedroom wall, knocking her unconscious, and the video was ever posted on the Internet.

A 15-year-old girl who was hit on the head by a baseball bat was taken to the hospital and treated for a concussion.

Two girls confronted Lindsay when she walked in, yelling and threatening her. The room was a chaotic relay through nearly every door on Sunday.

Assailantsenned the home of a 12-year-old girl whose initial description matched police televised alerts.

Demonstrators tried to block a relay run five times Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner. Demonstrators tried to stop them on Spruce, at a local networking firm.

The video and a transcript of the incident were released on YouTube, the video-sharing site.

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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, based in Seattle, is the world's largest philanthropic organization with an endowment of $38.7 billion as of Dec. 31. So far, it has announced relatively little on its efforts in Latin America. But Microsoft and the Gates Foundation believe in the potential of Latin America,

Bill Gates told a news conference Sunday that he has syniptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease, saying, "I want rec­oncile courage and surrend­er in equal measure."

Heston revealed in 2002 that he had syniptoms consis­tent with Alzheimer's disease, saying, "I want rec­oncile courage and surrend­er in equal measure."

With his large, muscular build, well-honed face and sonorous voice, Heston proved the ideal star during the period when Hollywood filmed dramatic Swe­edish successor with pandemical drama.

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The Department of Housing and Residence Life wishes to congratulate the newly hired Resident Assistants for the 2008-2009 academic year.

We look forward to the extraordinary contributions that these ordinary heroes will make in the lives of our students living at UCF.

Brett Ambrosini
Derek Andrews
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Bryan Senisi
Kyle Simpson
Vincent Smith
Jonovan Stafford
Hannah Tobias
Stephen Tomasetti
Gabriella Torres
Adam Tulp
Janelle Urquiola
Adrian Vallenilla
aren't expected to be able to move back in for at least a month.

Binette said the $50,000 of estimated damage was mostly caused by water from the fire sprinklers.

Not only will the building have to be inspected for water damage, but the electrical system will also have to be checked.

Sophomore Jared Rubi­no, a resident of the second floor, is one student who is temporarily displaced.

"I went back in last night and got some belongings," he said.

Rubino said his apartment was the only one on his floor that was dry and none of his belongings were damaged.

After the building was evacuated, residents gathered in clusters in front of the building.

"I was walking out, and my RA came flying down the hall," said freshman nursing major Mariel Binette, a resident of the third floor. "I saw smoke pouring out of the room."

The smoke filled much of the building, and residents continued to smell smoke after the incident.

Two of the windows in the fire-filled apartment were knocked out and later replaced by wooden planks.

For the majority of Saturday, large trucks blocked the courtyard entrance to the building with equipment to aid in the carpeting on the first floor.

Despite the chaos of the scene, the resident assistants were commended by UCF for keeping everyone calm and informed.

"The resident assistants were helpful in evacuating the building," Binette said.

Rubino agreed. He said he knew the RA who was on duty and said he seemed to know what he was doing.

The marketplace offered free meals to the residents affected by the fire.

Binette said cleanup is a priority and a professional water extraction company is working on drying the affected areas, which is expected to take a few days.
Protester: ‘Skrulls don’t have souls’

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Bush, Putin meet for last time over missile defense

President Bush, left, laughs while meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Novo­larva Palace, Friday in St. Petersburg.

In the face of a future leading relationship far apart from the beginning, Putin and Medvedev decided to name him prime minister.

The Russian prime minister, who has worked very closely with Putin at the Bocharov Ruchei, said, "My guess is that these two men who have worked very closely together for now almost two decades will have a very collaborative relationship, that seems to be a good thing, not a bad thing." Hadley, who spoke with reporters aboard Air Force One on the way home to Washing­ton, also said he didn't see any prospect of a breakthrough on missile defense before Bush leaves office next January. "They can learn to live with the respective successors," he said.

As their 20th and presum­ably final meeting as heads of state, Bush and Putin sought to emphasize their good personal relation, praising each other extensively, but they also both acknowledged remaining significant disagreements, princip­ially missile defense and NATO's eastward expansion.

Putin remains adamantly opposed to the expansion of the alliance into its back­yard, an enlargement that Putin has adamantly chal­lenged over Putin's vocal objections.

Their meeting came just days after Nato leaders agreed to invite Albania and Croatia to join the alliance. However, the alliance refused U.S. suggestions to begin the process of merging Ukraine and Georgia, both former Soviet republics, to join, although their eventual admission seems likely.

Putin called the U.S. mobile plan — which envisions basing tracking radar stations in the Czech Republic and Poland — the hardest of U.S.-Russian dif­ferences to reconcile. "This is not about language. This is not about diplomatic phrasing or wording. This is about the substance of the issue," he said.

Putin reiterated his insist­ence that the plan — designed to intercept and destroy approaching ballistic missiles at a high altitude — should not be viewed as a threat to Russia. In a reference to Iran, he said the system would help protect Europe from "regimes that could try to use this hostagelumination.

They blamed opposition to the plan to inaugurating Cold War fears.

The two leaders did issue a joint statement on nuclear defense as part of a "strategic framework" for future relations between Washington and Moscow.

In a telephone call between U.S. and Russian positions, the prospect for future cooperation on missile defense seemed at its highest.
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GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

THREE-DEGREES OF DISAPPOINTMENT

It's a long week for the Knights as they face the No.9 team in the country, Tuesday and meet the Hatters on Wednesday.

FOUR RUNS IN FOUR GAMES

UCF's
taking on two rivals:

Florida State (home)

UCF softball will host the Florida State Seminoles for a three-game set that starts at 5 p.m. (home). The Knights have swept Florida State three times in the last 16 contests, but the Seminoles will have the advantage in the mid-state rivalry.

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Saturday, March 16

The Knights will take on two rivals: Florida State and Stetson. Both games are slated to start at 1 p.m.

BRIAN MURPHY

The Knights and Cougars enter tonight's game with 13 straight losses, but the Knights are just 1-3 in their last 14 games.

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MEN'S GOLF
MORRIS WILLIAMS
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BETHANY COOKMAN
TOMORROW
5 P.M. (HOME)

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Tennis is tops in Tenn.

Knights win two while in Memphis

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Juniors qualify for regionals

Another week meant more broken school records and two regional-qualifying marks for the UCF Track and Field team.

UCF spent Friday and Saturday in Greenville for the Pepsi Florida Relays, andte Shantelle Blackburn and Dione Thomas captured the Knights' first two NCAA regional-qualifications of the season.

With her searching time of 10.00 in the 100-meter run Friday, Blackburn became just the second Com- feme utes into a great day for the Knights themselves on Saturday, in which her leap of 12.46 meters was good enough for fourth place.

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Tulsa wins two at home to secure first CBI title

JEFF LATZKE

TULSA, Okla. — One by one, Tulsa's players climbed a ladder to put down their own portion of the net.

It wasn't to commemorate a trip to the Final Four or a conference championship. It was an unusual celebration for a team sitting out baseball postseaon play because its stadium was still filled with the same level of joy.

Remnants of a sellout crowd chanted "TULSA" and cheered with each step of the man in the gold uniform.

The Hurricane celebrated a 7-6 win over Bradley Friday night and the first-ever championship of the College Basketball Invitational.

"It's been a long season, but it is great to win any kind of championship," Tulsa coach Frank Haith said. "I'm going to miss playing in here every weekend to try to stop the ladder, the culmination of the year. We were the first program to crown a player by his team's partner in a final game.

"The energy in the building, the fans, the enthusiasm, that's why we do what you do as a coach," Wojcik said. "This is a special moment in my life and hopefully of a people in this building tonight that they'll never forget." Ben Uzoh scored 17 points and Tulsa GA (30) rallied after falling behind late in the game with a dramatic game-fitting touchdown. Earl's hit a 3-pointer from the free throw line to put his team up 82-69, which was enough to hold off a late comeback by the UCF Knights. The Knights were able to cut the lead to four with less than a minute left, but they were unable to score again as the Golden Knights moved closer to their sixth consecutive conference title.

Earls hit a 3-pointer from the student section in the final minutes of the game to pull the Musketeers within two points of the Golden Knights. The Musketeers had taken a lead in the game earlier in the second half, but the Golden Knights were able to reclaim the lead on a layup by Ben Uzoh with less than two minutes left in the game.

The Musketeers were able to take the lead back for good on a 3-pointer by Earls with 18 seconds left on the clock, which was enough to secure the victory.

The Musketeers will now move on to the second round of the tournament, where they will face either Iowa State or Oklahoma State.

The Musketeers' victory over the Golden Knights was a significant moment in the team's season, as they had been struggling to find their footing earlier in the year. The team had lost their previous two games, but they were able to come back strong in this game to secure a much-needed win.

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In the past, students were able to register for multiple terms. This allowed students to plan out their entire schedule at the beginning of the semester. With single-term registration, students are only able to register for one term at a time. This can be very difficult for students who need to balance multiple courses or have other commitments. Additionally, students may find it challenging to finalize their schedules if they are unable to register for all of their desired classes in one sitting.

Another concern is that single-term registration forces students to make decisions too early in the semester. This can be problematic if students change their minds or if they discover new classes after the initial registration period.

In conclusion, while single-term registration may simplify the registration process, it can also lead to inefficiencies and difficulties for students. I believe that we should consider reverting to multiple-term registration in order to better accommodate the needs of our student population.
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