Down and out

Knights end series against Marshall with a 12-9 loss — SEE SPORTS, A11

JEWELRY

COUPLE'S TRASH IS THEIR OWN TREASURE

A couple from Massachusetts accused the Student Union of throwing away their wedding rings while they were cleaning the auditorium in the Student Union on Friday night.

The couple's rings were among several personal items that were found on the cornerstone of the Student Union.

RELIGION

AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, "YEE-HAW!"

A church in downtown is trying to suppress people looking for the word "yee-haw" in the church decorations. The church board met at a local bar that has a sign reading "yee-haw" on a wall.

SGA bill to simplify election

Campaign ads may go out unapproved

ROBYN SIDERSKY

Students seeking candidates for office in the Student Government Association may no longer have to get their campaign materials approved by the Election Commission. SGA Sen. Patrick Stauffer proposed a bill last week, which passed favorably on its second reading, that would make the process of registering for Senate, presidential and vice presidential candidates a simpler process to clean up the whole elections process, Stauffer said.

In the latest SGA election, several minor candidates were disqualified against each of the candidates. "We need to get candidates materials not being approved by an election commissioner," Stauffer said.

The way the process currently works, the candidates must have all their campaign materials approved and record the name of the election commissioner who approved it and the date on which it was approved. The bill would eliminate this.

"Getting rid of the approval process will — rather than having people

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INSIDE COVERAGE

Test preparation

For tips on how to reduce test anxiety during finals.

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Test anxiety is part of a larger social phobia

JESSICA SAGGIO

In the mind of Allison Farrel, anxiety can make or break her performance. When she studies for a test, she becomes anxious if she feels she is not prepared.

For tips on how to reduce test anxiety during finals, read on.

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**News and notices for the UCF community**

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Additional items will be for sale for those who forgot to pre-order.

For more information, call 407-823-0646.

**Weight Watchers teams with UCF**

UCF Human Resources is cooperating with the dieting program Weight Watchers.

The meetings take place every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

at the Human Resources training room, located in the Academic Technology Com. For more information, call 407-823-1775.

**Professor speaks on philosophy**

A professor of philosophy and theology at Reformed Theological Seminary will speak in the Caye Florida Galaxy at the Student Union on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Charles S. MacKenzie will discuss the principle of how science and Christianity can come together. For more information, call 407-823-2273.

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**LOCAL & STATE**

Keep head with headlines you may have missed

Sanford hospital lightens security before busy holiday admission

SANFORD — The Sanford hospital where a newborn was abducted last month is tightening its security.

Anyone wanting to visit a patient at Central Florida Regional Hospital must sign in at a hospital-based photo badge and have their bags inspected when they leave.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is investigating the case. A spokesman for the agency could not be reached for comment.

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**Football raises money for youth**

MEGAN PRATT

Orange County youth who participate with Family & Friends United will benefit from the Youth 4 Youth seven-on-seven flag-football tournament, held by Volunteer United at Internat Turf Fields on Sunday.

Family & Friends United, established five years ago by Executive Director Sharon Warner, applauds youth from ages 4 to 15. The participants, who are mostly from single-parent or low-income families, can get homework help, after-school programs, and the chance to go on field trips, compete in community service, and take part in community service activities, among other things.

Warner said she started the program because she saw a need and wanted to take action to make a difference in the community. She said that in the beginning, it was tough to maintain funds to keep the program going, but she has helped fund from Orange County during the past three years has helped support the organization's program.

The program is currently free for students, but Warner said that the budget will be getting tighter because of recent reductions in funding, and keeping the program running may get difficult. Events such as the Youth 4 Youth flag-football tournament help ensure that kids will continue to benefit from the program.

Warner said kids love when UCF students come out to volunteer. "UCF students would not be able to find a summer rewarding opportunity anywhere," Warner said. "The students who come out here now realize how important it is to give back, and they are definitely going right now in that time.

Warner says doing everything from teaching the kids to read to playing football with them. There was no shade on the field as teams, from the UCF, players on each, competed in the heat.

"You can see things melting," one player said, who he hopped out of the shade to take another drink of water.

But the temperature didn’t stop those players from paying the $5 entry fee and opening up on the field to raise money for the kids.

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Democrat candidates go into final debate with mostly interchangeable positions.

PHILADELPHIA - Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, who have different character and readiness to govern, met as a key poll in last-minute television ads as a network of presidential primary campaign strategists pointed toward an inevitable conclu­

The teen was pulled from the alligator, which had been knocked to the ground. But the invitation-only crowd, said deputy police chief Herri Wibowo.

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A judge ordered last week 

His parents had sought help after the teen showed signs of mental health problems when he was 10. 

A prosecutor urged a mental health eval­ uation for a teenager whose alleged plot to bomb his high school was foiled when his parents discovered he had ordered explosives materials on the Internet.

Ryan Schallenberger, Jr., was arrested Saturday after his parents called police to report he had ordered 40 pounds (18 kilograms) of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer commonly used as an explosive.

The torch traveled dark, rainy skies at the Bung Karno Stadium, where about 100 demonstrators gathered to protest the torch relay, instead of running through the streets of Jakarta as originally planned.

Doctors at Jackson Fliers also criticized a judge who died in 2006 of a lung ailment. Attorney Alan

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As with all other torch relay stops, the ceremony was billed as a moment of unity.

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Rising oil prices taking a toll on airlines

CHICAGO — The airline industry was battered Tuesday by worries over higher oil prices and skyrocketing fuel costs, prompting a wave of cutbacks and skyhigh cancellations of summer vacation flights and jammed UAL Corp.'s shares down 35 percent and slammed other airlines as well. UAL posted a $537 million loss for the first quarter.

Crude oil surged close to the once-considered level of $60 a barrel, and the CEO of Delta Air Lines said domestic carriers would need to raise fares by 5 to 30 percent just to break even.

"It's going to be a rough summer," said Tony Higgin, a Minneapolis-based travel expert. "It's going to be the place where you've got to plan another day into your travel schedule just to prepare for schedule changes.

Analysts say planes will be fuller and ticket prices significantly higher than in past summers, although just how much cancellations and delays will be bad is anybody's guess.

Airlines have already tried to raise ticket prices a dozen times across most of their routes, and earlier this year they shunted some routes from the less competitive airlines to the larger, more profitable ones.

The nation's second-largest airline, American Airlines, said it would cut more than 200 flights a day with crude prices rising.

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After being notified that his group was no longer allowed to book rooms, Brendon Rivard, president of NORML, said that he would try to rebook accommodations for speakers.

"We had rooms booked for fall, but we can't book those rooms," Rivard said. "We have to find another option for hosting our events, and that could be a problem for us.

"We're trying to find a solution, but it's not easy," Rivard added. "We have to consider other options, such as renting out space from other organizations or even using a different venue altogether."

Other organizations have also been affected by the new policy. The Student Government Association (SGA) is currently reviewing its rules and procedures to ensure that they are in line with the university's new policy.

"We are working on revisions to our existing policies to ensure that they align with the new policy," said SGA Vice President Logan Berkowitz. "We want to make sure that our procedures are fair and equitable for all groups, regardless of their size or purpose.

"We understand that some groups may be unhappy with the new policy, but we believe that it is necessary to maintain a level playing field for all organizations on campus," Berkowitz said. "We are committed to working with all groups to ensure that they have the opportunity to use the resources available to them.

The new policy has been met with mixed reactions from the student body. Some groups have expressed concern about the impact of the new policy, while others have welcomed it as a way to level the playing field for all organizations.

"I am disappointed that the university has taken this step," said Kara Altman, president of the Student Union. "I believe that all organizations should have equal access to the resources available to them.

"However, I understand the reasons behind the new policy," Altman added. "I hope that the university will continue to work with all groups to ensure that they have the opportunity to use the resources available to them.

The new policy is expected to take effect at the beginning of the fall semester. Groups have until then to book rooms and times they need for the year. After that date, new reservations will not be allowed until the following academic year.
Anxiety often a good thing

Beidel and Wallace said that test anxiety can stem from a number of different sources.

"With most people, it ends up being something that has a previous causal connection. And it's difficult to pin down the exact cause, but some people have had a bad experience in a particular testing situation, and it could be that their study habits hadn't been the best. It could be the way some of us grow up and how we've been criticized or our families held high standards," Beidel said. 

Beidel said that test anxiety is part of a larger anxiety description.

"Fifty percent who get anxious also get anxious in other forms of social performance: giving a speech, being in a play. It's social phobia," Beidel said. "My anxiety affects me in a form that test anxiety is available at the Counseling Center free of charge to all students, and they can get services to assist students with anxiety. They can provide basic study skills, organized study habits. It's not something you can do on your own, but it's really important to people. I feel like if I don't do well in college and on tests, I won't get a job and I'll be poor. People judge you by the grades you get in your classes, and I don't want people to think I'm dumb," Wallace said.

"I think we would be surprised how many students do not meet their teachers' expectations," Krueger said. "It's not something you have to just live with." Ana Carolina Teixeira, coordinator of Career Services, said that Career Services should relax and make sure they don't cram all of their studying into one day. Next, she said a good night's sleep will make a monumental difference in performance. Lastly, she said to get to class five to 10 minutes early so that they can have some deep breaths and try to sit in the same location as in a regular class. Sitting in the same area may help students remember material they learned in class.

"[Test anxiety] is workable, and it's really important people know that," Wallace said. "I think we would be surprised how many students do not meet their teachers' expectations." There are a number of ways to overcome test anxiety, including positive self-talk, relaxation techniques, individual counseling, breathing techniques, and test anxiety-organized study habits. Beidel explained that counseling specifically for test anxiety is available at the Counseling Center free of charge for students, and they should not hesitate to utilize the facility.

"We help with resumes, cover letters, teach students how to properly interview and even find students jobs and do an internship with help from Experiential Learning. We want our students to succeed," Beidel said.

The process begins when a student comes in to define a career path. Beidel explained. Career Services leads a series of assessments and tests to figure out the right career path and then coaches the student on resume writing, cover letters, interviewing and more.

"I don't do well in college and on tests," Shara Blank explained. "Maybe then more students will take advantage of the career center. If students know what Career Services does and haven't heard about it. "Career Services should definitely advertise more and participate in Market Days at the Union," Blank said. "Because of these resources and our counselors' work, we have been able to expand the areas that we have to find jobs for students. We can now help them succeed more."

While Career Services has no hard-and-fast way of measuring the success rate of the students it helps, Blank estimated that 90 percent of students get jobs in their suggested fields. Still, many UCF students don't know about Career Services and its benefits.

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"Counseling with supplemental instruction and tutoring is the most helpful Career Services can be," Blank explained. "I want to be as valuable as possible."

Still, Beidel said her anxiety is less helpful when it comes to tests. When she also used to worry about test anxiety, she said she made her thoughts go racing through her head. Beidel worried that test anxiety could cause her to lose focus.

"Nowadays, you have to get to college, get a certain job, meet your husband, become rich," Pardew said. "It's really important to people. I feel like if I don't do well in college and on tests, I won't get a job and I'll be poor. People judge you by the grades you get in your classes, and I don't want people to think I'm dumb," Wallace said.

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Softball sweeps Memphis

MELISSA HEYBOER

It was all about the seniors on Sunday at the UCF Softball Complex.

Not only were the UCF Softball team's five seniors recognized for their contributions throughout the years, but they were also the fuel behind a big win over the Mustangs.

In the first game of the series, the Knights cruised to a 5-2 victory, with four of the five seniors getting at least one hit.

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Duffy homers twice in loss

The Knights tied the game at 8-8 in the seventh inning when Duffy hit his second home run of the game. He hit the ball deep into the right-field bleachers, giving UCF a 9-8 lead. However, the Knights were unable to hold on as Marshall scored two runs in the eighth inning to tie the game at 10-10.

The game went to extra innings with both teams struggling to score. In the 11th inning, Duffy again took center stage with his second home run of the game, this time off Marshall pitcher Carmine Giardina. The home run gave UCF a 12-10 lead, but the Knights were unable to hold on as Marshall scored two runs in the bottom of the 11th to force a 12-12 tie.

The game eventually went to a 13th inning, with both teams still unable to score. In the 13th inning, Duffy hit his third home run of the game, this time off Marshall pitcher Michael Olitz. The home run gave UCF a 15-12 lead, but the Knights were unable to hold on as Marshall scored two runs in the bottom of the 13th to tie the game at 15-14.

The game continued in this fashion for several innings, with both teams scoring runs and giving up runs as well. In the 15th inning, Duffy hit his fourth home run of the game, this time off Marshall pitcher Michael Olitz. The home run gave UCF a 18-14 lead, and the Knights were finally able to hold on for the win.

Duffy finished the game with four home runs, tying the school record for home runs in a single game. He also drove in a total of 13 runs, a school record. The Knights won the game 18-14, and Duffy was named the MVP of the game.
Kime sets another school strikeout record in win

Senior pitcher Allison Kime is either second or within reach of second place in several UCF records. Her 227.1 innings pitched is second to one of UAB for the final spot in the conference standings with a record of 34-6.

Injuries have soiled season

A 3.68 average, 8 RBIs and a 10-6 mark.

But the wins kept coming. Winning that many games consecutively is a fine accomplishment, but it’s also a sign that UCF is the 1998 Yankees.

Most of the victories came against teams like Florida A&M, Central Michigan, Stetson, Wagner and Pittsburgh teams that are a combined 73-200 through March.

Even so, UCF jumped out to a 2-0 record heading into conference play.

But then it was just like Conference USA play brought the Knights back to reality. It brought another injury.

The ace of UCF’s pitching staff, Jagger Good, started the series opener against Southern Miss. He hasn’t pitched since.

In the second game, against Bethune-Cookman, a sharp curveball hit Van Deck’s left hand. It was 4-20, worst in the C-USA. UCF is the second-best pitching team in Conference USA, the Knights have one less win than the conference.

Without Good, the pitching staff has struggled. That started the season against Memphis and then continued through Conference USA play. The Knights have one less win than the conference.

The Knights added four more runs in the bottom of the inning on a wild pitch to score Barrow. A walk to Lindsey Dean then put runners on second and third. A walk of the game to re-load the bases, and Snapp home. A fly out to center field, but Snapp and Javier.

Those injuries are just a microcosm of the season as a whole.

Although Snapp collected three hits and four RBIs in his return in the final two games of the Marshall series, it may be too little, too late.

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Right now, the Knights are just percentage points ahead of UAB for the final spot in the C-USA Championship, and they trail Memphis by just percentage points ahead of UAB for the final spot in the Championship in New Orleans. The Knights have one more win than the conference.

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