Science

**SCIENTIST’S HOPE TO CLEANSE SPECIES**

[Image of scientist and a species]

Scientists have recently discovered a rare species of plant that can absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. The discovery could have significant implications for the fight against climate change.

Travel

**BEING GREEN WHILE ON THE ROAD**

Royal Caribbean recently launched a new program that allows passengers to offset their carbon footprint by planting trees in areas affected by deforestation.

Around Campus, A2

**UCF HOLDING TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT ON CAMPUS THIS SATURDAY**

UCF will host its Toys for Tots drive on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People can drop off toys at the Fanning Welcome Center, the Alumni Center, the Visitor Information Center, the UCF Police Department, and the knights locker rooms.

Local & State, A2

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Education

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Homecoming

**HOMECOMING SPLASHES DOWN**

On Tuesday night, most UCF students had one thing on their mind: the Student Government Association Senate decided it would not retry the case of former SGA Senator Webster Cook, who won the appeal of his impeachment and removal.

Sports

**SKIT KNIGHT SHOWS OFF IMPROV**

As crowds poured into the UCF Arena on Wednesday, hundreds representing the 15 skit teams could be seen pouring over the balcony in the lobby. After four hours of skits, challenging and improving the audience, the winner of "Best Dance" was announced. The teams competing in the Knight three themes from fairy tales like Puff the Magic Dragon yet also incorporated Ember pop culture references like Skej and Star Wars.

Former SGA President Brandon English celebrates during last year's Spirit Splash.

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Students watch Obama’s blowout win

JEREMY RILEY / Online News Editor

Upon that announcement, a massive uproar of applause went through the Arena, as students jumped up from the tables they were sitting at and began running around the room and wildy applauding the winner. “I had a feeling he was going to win, but at the beginning it seemed like McCain’s sure thing,” Richard Khavan, a political science major at the UCF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said. “I had the feeling he was going to win, but I was a little worried once the polls started coming in.”

Cheering erupted in the lobby as well when the results came through, drawing over the noise of the TVs. “It’s emotional,” sophomore biology major Rachel Gourley said. “I was in the crowd, wearing an Obama T-shirt.”

As the cheering and chanting continued, people began picking up the hands they had and waving them in the air. “I think it’s won by us,” Amy Buford, a student at the UCF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said. “At about 11:20 p.m., the first broadcast of Sen. Jon McCain’s concession speech came on the television, and the crowd almost completely silenced. In the crowd was Kyle Come, a freshman who had performed during Obama’s campaign. He moved in front of the television and watched with the rest of the students, signing autographs. 

When McCain’s voice peaked in the point of his speech where he called for the “change” to come, it was as if the crowd was in awe of him, nearly silent. The applause was heard throughout the Arena, as students jumped up and down, waving and cheering. “I feel like a miracle,” Shannon said. “It is a miracle.”

Their eyes were watching CNN

In light of Tuesday’s historic election, students were excited to see the expanding global economy, the UCF Global Perspective Offices held a conference on Monday, featuring the world’s top economists and politicians. The conference was held from Thursday at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. About 200 students and community members attended the conference, which covered global issues and their recommendations on how to bring President-elect Barack Obama should address them. 

The speakers represented top economists and political leaders from around the world, which included “From Brandon Delano, UCF’s Student Government Association Counseling Center.”

Also on Monday, an agreement was reached with the University of Central Florida Police Department to allow the University to borrow the bomb squad on a regular basis. “We are excited to be able to have local support on campus,” said Assistant Chief of Police Dan Butler. “We will be able to provide a wider range of services to the university community.”

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GO KNIGHTS
Many awaited election results

Adv A!

Best Sky announced Sunday

were revealed by a panel of five judges, but Best Sky would have to wait for the Award Ceremony on Sunday 17th.

LEADfork the closure, followed by Best Sky and Suspicion.

Funding for the banquet comes directly from the Homecoming budget which is disbursed by the Student Government Association. Attendees buy tickets by invitation only and is expected to be enjoyed in appreciation of the alumni efforts.

"The dirt, wine bottles, the parade wanna be at any discounted reds," Dinger said. "And the banquet is our thank you to these people that have supported us for all their hard work."

Tailing Festival a first

Dinger said. "I was the first comedian to perform at the UCF Arena. He stayed afterward to watch the results of the election."
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Miami Herald

MIAMI — Former FBI agent John Connolly was convicted Thursday of second-degree murder for leaking information to Boston mobsters that led to the 1993 shooting death of a gambling exec- 
tive who also had ties to mobsters.

Jurors deliberated about 13 hours over three days before delivering the verdict follow­
ing a two-month trial.

"Unless we catch Bulger, this marks the end of a 1995 tip that enabled Bulger to escape arrest and begin a life on the run that continues to this day," Bulger's attorney Manuel Callahan said.

"What happened here is that we tried a federal, very rare case," Callahan said. "What they had to do is try him up, to be in a lens as bad as possible." 

James declined comment last Friday to leaving court. They were instructed by the judge that Connolly — who was handcuffed to a Boston police officer as he left court — did not have to say anything related to the crime.
UCF's LAST, BEST HOPE

Season comes down to a must-win versus USM

F collections

Steve Darden

Soccer

UCF knocks Rice out of C-USA tournament

WILLIAM PERRY

The No. 22 UCF Women's Soccer team advanced to the semifinal round of the C-USA Championship with a 2-1 win against Rice Wednesday.

"The atmosphere was great, and we love playing in front of that kind of a crowd." Game win this, where we gained it out, will help us prepare for the NCAA Tournament, where you're typically playing in noisy environments on other schools home fields," head coach Amanda Cromwell said.

Entering the game, Cromwell said the Knights would need to push their opponents early during the tournament. That's exactly what they did just like in the perfect start to the first half.

Just 97 seconds into the game, they got the board on the goal, and from there, Rice scored back-to-back goals in the first 9 minutes of the half.

But the Knights were able to quickly leave the goal behind and move forward. The final result was a big win, but the game was far from over.

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Women's Basketball

First exhibition on Saturday

ALEX KEMP

After a 10-20 2007-08 campaign, the UCF Women's Basketball team is looking to continue its improvement within Conference USA.

With a team that returned five freshmen last year, the Knights are still very young and inexperienced. But they have a year of service under their belt and are looking forward to being an better basketball team.

Last year, the Knights were 5-15 in C-USA, and they barely made the playoffs. This year, they're playing with confidence, and their season averages.

Watch out

First-year head coach Larry Pedrosa has a Southern Miss offense that averages 897 yards per game at the game on November 29, getting nearly 70

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Offensive line seeking stability

Florida State University

The only thing I'm concerned about is the running backs -- is not making use of other players," O'Leary said. "I don't think Bryant is at that stage where he'll be out there getting all the downs. We're not. There are other players really needed to get fresh legs out there, and I want different backs in there for different games.

Final note

"It's a new team," Stoops said. "I would take a look at either team in that first game, right down to the present goal of winning the SEC East and going to a bowl game."

Memphis Lady Tigers face Knights tonight

"We've got to do a better job of taking care of the ball," said Coach Bassett. "It's just a matter of us practicing every day, every practice, and that's going to be our emphasis every day."

The Knights and the Golden Eagles are scheduled to get underway at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hinkle Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Knights finished in last place in the conference and were eliminated from the Conference USA Championship in the first round. This was the goal to make the top half of the conference and go to the NCAA Tournament."

"Last year, we finished fifth place out of 12 teams," Williams said. "We really want to make the top half of the conference this year. I think that would be a tremendous jump for us if we can go to the halfway of Conference USA.

While the team still is young and has a lot to learn, the players now have confidence and a year of experience to work with."

The Knights have a core group of players, which includes senior six-footers and an older junior, and they are looking for a strong showing from improved players.

"I think a lot of teams in our conference know that in time we're going to be a good team," Williams said. "It's just a matter of us working hard that respect. The only way you're going to turn it is go out and execute and take care of business."

The Knights take on the court Saturday in an exhibition game vs. UTEP. The game is the season opener for the Knights, and the first home game is Nov. 2 against Lipscomb AIAU.

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The Internet allowed people to notice this status feed right and start commenting on it. As it was in progress, opponents were quick to respond. "It's a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense," said MC Wrekshin of the group. "It's a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense," said MC Wrekshin of the group. "It's a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense," said MC Wrekshin of the group. "It's a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense," said MC Wrekshin of the group.

The denizens of Azeroth filled each town with playful commentary, as they watched CNN and shopped for the newest toys. Wizards and warlocks threw verbal fireballs at one another from opposite sides of the political spectrum. All throughout the continents of Kalimdor and the Eastern Kingdoms knew Obama's victory the very moment it happened. Even if you traveled out to the farthest forest or the highest mountain, it was guaranteed that you'd get a message from a friend saying "Obama won!" It's almost like you had to wonder out of a real forest to get away from it all.

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Some celebrated that they wouldn’t have to move to Europe or Canada, while others expressed an intention to start packing their bags. Some encouraged us to enjoy our newfound civil liberties, while others sought to remind us that only Ron Paul “could have saved this country.” Some were overcome with a fervent fear and said that they were now thinking about where they would be if they were to stay in the United States. One young woman from the Midwest berated the internet with a tirade that somehow explained why the election was so depressing.

The machinery, without fail, would invoke God’s wrath, which makes the Internet in this instance bring up the name of another. By comparing either Obama or McCain to this, in turn, would immediately invoke Dickie Collyari, who states that whoever brings up Nazis automatically loses the debate. Obama, though the Hitler reference comes straight from a Facebook status, qualifies everyone’s argument before anyone said anything. Even online commenters couldn’t escape the politics. In the World of Warcraft, Night Elves and Dwarves fervently debated with one another. Some of the Elves preferred Obama, citing his environmentally friendly policies. Many of the Dwarves backed McCain, stating that they needed a strong military to fight off the Orcs. While his old age was seen as a demerit to many voters, the Undead Friends McCain next year for their Slag and the Trolls wondered whether or not Obama could properly handle the Illegal Immigrant issue. Several guru's supported Ron Paul based on appearance alone.

The debate of异味 is filled with those play-by-play commentary, as they watched CNN and shopped for glory at the Auction House. Much like the factions, conversations would quickly and often dissolve into chaos, as weath and insults were thrown back and forth from opposite sides of the political spectrum. All throughout the continents of Kalimdor and the Eastern Kingdoms knew Obama’s victory the very moment it happened. Even if you traveled out to the farthest forest or the highest mountain, it was guaranteed that you’d get a message from a friend saying "Obama won!" It’s almost like you had to wonder out of a real forest to get away from it all.

The dead can dance for brains
ERIC WOODARD

The Zombie Emergency Defense held their second annual Zombie Dance at Backbooth to get some good times after the election. "The point of our dance is to encourage ZED members as well as the enthusiasm to recruit more people to our dance," said Nick "Jade" Martinolich, captain of Zombie Emergency Defense. "Once they get in and see the kind of fun and games, they're actually a very dangerous thing and that's just like fun and games." Martinolich said the dance serves to add flavor to the sometimes dismal reality for which ZED are preparing.

We have a very serious situation and if you’re going to get in ZED it takes a lot of hard work, were going to have to make it easy to depart," Martinolich said.

Doors opened at 8 p.m. last Thursday and the zombies were ready to move through the streets. The group began dancing to Michael Jackson’s "Thriller" theme tune. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense. "Get them all in the same room," Pandel said, it’s a concept album about Zombie Emergency Defense.

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Sex-toy parties in the privacy of home

Five senses used to sample naughty goods
CHRISTINE HARPER

Kris Kelly

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It makes me wish Facebook had existed during the real forest to get away from it all.

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The Pink Spiders at Backbooth
6:30 p.m.
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The Pink Spiders are a party company based in Rhode Island. The company specializes in selling sex-toy products. Nothing is off-limits in their "Tupperware" parties.

Sex-toy parties have become increasingly popular among Americans in recent years. According to a study presented to the American Sociological Association, Americans spend about $1.2 billion dollars a year on sex toys.

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