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One Woman Stands Out in Mixed Martial Arts Club — See A2

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The Student Newspaper at UCF Since 1958

Visit Avenue Q
Providing perspective on after college life through puppet sex — See HARRITY, A9

Football player sent to hospital

MARK SCHAUR
Staff Writer

During on offensive weight training session on Wednesday, UCF football player Brandon Davis "required transportation to Florida Hospital East, where he currently remains, under observation," according to a UCF Athletics release.

Leigh Tishler, a sports information director for UCF, wrote that HIPAA privacy laws do not allow the school to discuss Davis' medical status.

Calls Thursday to Florida Hospital East could not confirm Davis' presence at the facility.

According to The Associated Press, Davis collapsed at Wednesday's exercise after he became dehydrated.

Davis, a true freshman, was sent to UCF Hospital East on Wednesday, according to UCF.

Sudoku

Classifieds

Crossword

PHASE A3

Hawaiian to Get a Recharge

After a东南亚er's attempt to keep his government in vote he was all but certain to lose

Canadian Prime Minster shuts down power, fending off a no-confidence session will include free food and free Library will be for different studying.

Students can bring their UCF IDs to the Library on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. for different sessions. The study Lab will enter the second phase of research as it trains up with California-based Virtual Reality Medical Center to create a fun rehabilitation program for patients recover from stroke.

"Physical therapy is not only painful, which there is only so much we can do to relieve the physical pain, but it can also be boring and isolating," said Stacey Smith, an associate director of the Media Convergence Lab and a digital media professor, "If there is a way to add more socialization, to make it more fun, then there is at least something to get their mind off the pain."

In Phase I, the lab created an interactive multi-media virtual reality prototype called Smash Me. With the use of head-mounted reality, speakers and a small handheld netted pad, the patient would attempt to smash a cute virtual insect, resembling a big-eyed cartoon mosquito, with the pad. By attempting to crush the adorable little pest, the patient will be practicing physical therapy techniques to regain their range of motion.

While Phase I was to determine whether the lab could build a system that could capture data, like the position of a puppet's hand, and output that data into something beneficial to the rehabilitation of a person who has had a stroke.

"It is important to have a lot of impact, because working with us from the very beginning..." said Bree McDonough Interim Director of the Media Convergence Lab.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR DOREEN SMITH OF THE MEDIA CONVERGENCE LAB OBSERVING THEIR YEAR-OLD MECHANIC.

VOX tries to prevent HPV

ANANDA CANTERBURY

UCF student group VOX, Voices for Planned Parenthood wants to take the financial factor out of fighting cervical cancers.

"College students need information and access to affordable health care services in order to become educated consumers."

"Most people don't know that the cost of this vaccine doesn't stand in the way of the responsible young women who want to protect themselves from cancer."

Buyback season — it's the most wonderful time of the year. Or not, depending if you are buying or selling used textbooks.

According to survey findings from a 2001 State Public Interest Research Group on Higher Education survey, How the Current Practices of the Textbook Industry: The Cost of College Textbooks, textbook companies have increased the prices of new books by 63 percent since 1994, while the actual costs to produce the finished goods have only increased by 34 percent.

The same study stated that, on average, new editions of textbooks cost approximately 45 percent.

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Mixed martial arts member kicks butt like a girl

On the ground with her legs wrapped around his waist and her arms locked tightly around his neck, Amelia Miramonti is on Jonathon Geddes' back attempting to "choke him out" and cut off the blood flow to the brain so he is forced to either tap out or pass out.

It is grappling practice night at the UCF mixed martial arts club, and Miramonti is the only woman in a circle of seven men who will take turns grappling with every man in the circle covered seven times, including Geddes, who weighs roughly 100 pounds more than Miramonti.

On any practice night, the group begins with a warm-up that consists of 50 push-ups, 50 sit-ups, 50 squat thrusts, 50 jumping jacks and 50 squats, after which they stretch and start their drills.

This week, the drills were in grappling. Club president Chris Soha would describe and demonstrate a move before the group paired up and practiced what they witnessed. After a few trials, the pairs would "go live" and really grapple, putting each other in various holds that affected different areas of the body.

Miramonti, a sophomore majoring in sports and fitness, is not afraid to grapple with the guys.

In her turn with club member Robert Bl Zucker, she was flipped onto his left shoulder and onto her back but recovered quickly and moved to take her turn and try to do the same to him.

In most of her attempts with the new moves, she was successful. When the match, Solic's coach, helped her.

"She fights as if she has years of experience, but it was only one year ago that Miramonti said that she knew nothing about MMA.

She said that on her way out one night from his house after an M M A practice and discussed it briefly with him. In fact, she said she forgot the first time she passed through the Perris Community Auditorium on her way home. The doors were wide open, and she could see her friend grappling with another claimant. Miramonti was intrigued.

Dressed in a skirt and oblivious to the sport, Miramonti stepped into a closed lock.

She spoke with the club president at the time, Zach Williams, and quickly went home to change and returned to practice that same day.

She learned basic punches that slap, jabbing with her left hand and using her whole body to punch with her right.

At her second practice, she was the only girl, and she went right two girls and got slapped, for Williams helped her adjust.

"The took me aside on my way back to the locker room and said, 'Hey, girl, we didn't know anything about martial arts,'" Williams said.

Soon enough, Miramonti was a regular M M A club participant.

"I was that one girl who came out to practice," Miramonti said.

Although there were other women at the time, seven of them joined the club, few came out on grappling nights, and even fewer were participating.

Currently, there is only one other regular female member of the club, according to Soha, who said that of those two, Miramonti "has the better fights.

Another woman was not present at the three practices viewed for this article.

Miramonti "Pit bull" by Geddes for her tenacious skill and ability to really dig in and hang on during a grapple, typically舍ld herself being able to hold her own.

She said she picked up the扫黑除恶 quickly within five or six practices, and was excited to start using it in practices drills because the guys underestimated her.

"It is a type of lock that hyper-extends an opponent's elbow. On the ground, that is one of the things you do this by using her legs to trap her opponent's arm up by his head, straightening it out and raising her hips to apply pressure to the joint.

"Guys were caught off guard," Miramonti said. "They were like, 'What? She actually knows what she's doing.'"

"For her, it was an exciting new experience.

"I was like, 'Yeah, I did that.'" Mi ramonti said.

Justin Holt is a freshman in the club, who said that he was surprised to see a woman involved.

"I didn't think girls were really into MMA," Holt said.

Holt was Miramonti's partner during last week's drills that involved a lot of practice doing basic kicking and reaching in a round-robin type of station work.

Today, Miramonti is the vice president of the MMA club, the only female officer, and one of two regular women to attend practices.

She said she would like to continue with the sport after college, but for now she is focusing on school.

"It's a lot of the sport and a desire to have that adrenaline rush complete with stress relief that keeps Miramonti coming back to MMA three nights a week." she says.

"It's just a great feeling of self accomplishment," Miramonti said.

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LOCAL WEATHER

**TODAY**

**SUNNY**

**SUNNY**

**TODAY IN DETAIL**

**SUNDAY**

**PARTLY CLOUDY**

**PARTLY CLOUDY**

**HOURS**

**HOURS**

**HIGH: 73°**

**HIGH: 68°**

**LOW: 53°**

**LOW: 54°**

**HIGH: 76°**

**SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**3 pm**

**3 pm**

**11 pm**

**11 pm**
Phase II to begin in spring '09

FROM Al
ning will be a cognitive rehab person, along with an occupa­
tional and physical therapist," Smith said.

With Phase II to begin in the first quarter of 2009, the VRMC will come into the picture to help turn the prototype into a more practical program. The VRMC is primarily known for its use of virtual reality in treating anxiety disorders in patients with anxiety disorders and social phobias.

The company uses virtual reality exposure therapy by placing the patient in a controlled computer-generated virtual world to walk them through their phobias.

"Our goal has always been to branch out into all forms of medical training and treatment using simulation technology," VRMC's Orlando director of operations Angela Salva wrote in an e-mail interview. "Although our company was founded on treating patients with anxiety disorders using VR, we have been engaged in medical training and treatment for several years.

Smith said Phase II will only take a year before moving into Phase III, which is the commercialization portion in which the lab rolls out the final product onto the open market.

They hope to move the head-mounted displays entirely in Phase II in order to introduce a screen projector that will display the insect.

They are unsure how exactly the prototype will change within Phase II, as they will be brought in a new control group, Smith said.

"VRMCCOMM's commercialization partner in the development of the Smash Me game as a precursor to our prototype system: The Mixed Reality Rehabilitation System," Salva said. "Smash Me served as a proof of principle, and we are all excited about the future. Whatever the outcome is, they hope that it will be beneficial to the rehabilitation community.

"Mildly what we've found is that the rehab folks know the tools that they have are lacking," Smith said. "They are looking for ways that they can put through the vetting process to make sure they are as effective, if not more, that allow people to gather data and to bring the real world context into a controlled environment. Where I might have chaos, but it's chaos that I control.

This controlled chaos will be used to help rehabilitate patients and hopefully in the meantime, help them forget about the pain they are in. In order to do this, Smith uses three elements of human interaction to divert the patient's attention from pain. Those three elements are story, play and game.

"The play environment is like an exploratory environment in which the patient can take his or her time to use the program and practice his or her range of movement.

The game environment will put a competitive edge on the therapy, where patients could challenge their grandson or significant other to a game of who can smash the most bugs in less than a minute. These two environments are linked together by a story line, by adding narrative, will hopefully immerse them into the atmosphere.

"We love narrative. Humans are hard-wired for it," Smith said. "Play is absolutely essential, because it's the environment before game. Once you reach the game environment, there are rules and there are winners and losers."
New precedent in Florida courts

Supreme court overturns false light case

CASSIE MORRISON

A Florida Supreme Court ruling recently helped jpeg
Edith Rapp, a Florida woman who sued her former employer because the company had defamed her in an article published in its employee newsletter. The court overturned the lower court's decision and ruled in favor of Rapp, allowing her to proceed with her lawsuit.

"Just because you have the freedom of speech doesn't mean you can lie about someone," said Rapp's attorney. The ruling sets a precedent for other cases involving false light and defamation.

The case began in 2002, after Rapp, a Jewish university faculty member, was caught on tape using a cell phone during a class and the article implied she was using it to teach. Rapp claimed her employer had maliciously misused the incident.

"I'm very happy with the Supreme Court's decision," said Rapp. "This is a victory for free speech and the truth."
Police say ATVs good for patrol

... campus with 167 buildings and more than 56,000 students seems impossible with automobiles, according to William Roberts, the lawn coordinator. "It marks the second time in nine months that a UCF campus has collapsed at the hands of deranged minds," Roberts said.

Athletics says Davis remains at Florida Hospital East

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FEELING RENEWED

BRIAN MURPHY - Star-Telegram

A season of wonder coming up for UCF Athletics

As we've reached the end of yet another semester at UCF, I know there is only one matter on the minds of every UCF student: When does next semester begin?

Wish, wish, winter break... like a dream. There's just too much good stuff surrounding UCF Athletics right now. It's not all positives, but it will make for an interesting spring, to say the least.

Right now, much basketball is unfolding one upon one of its most uncertain seasons in recent memory. UCF Women's Basketball, a team which played in a conference tournament this past season, is ranked No. 19 in the nation. The Knights will look to make for an inter­esting tournament run, as does the baseball team.

So, for the second consecutive game, the Knights were out-rebounded by their opponents, which is only the second time this season that has occurred. The Tide held a 64-42 edge on the glass, with Isabella Carro grabbing 15 of them.

Although the Knights suffered from poor shooting, they were able to make a 20-20 head with 42.5 percent of their shots. But Alabama was able to go on to an 83-75 win to take the lead. UCF never led again, and its comeback bid was cut short due to the foul shooting.

The Knights weren't able to score for the second 3 minutes late in the second half which likely turned the tide of the game and increased the lead out of the Knights mouth.

The team will look to rebound when it travels to Fort, Myers and Santa Florida Gulf Coast at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.
Trio of guards lead Bulls

The Knicks will finally return to their home court for the first time since their home opener on Nov. 5, where they defeated North Carolina A&T. It comes after playing five consecutive games on the road, including a long trip to Cancun, Mexico. The travelogens to take time off the players, especially the young men.

O’Leary says he will not quit

Victor was seen as one of the nation’s top players before breaking his wrist in the preseason and missing 40 games. Good win the Knights staff before an arm injury ended his season after just five starts. Fall seasons from both of them would obviously be a ton of help the Knights return.

Fuelled by the likes of Ashleigh Cole, Julia Black and Chelsie Hooper, the preseason and missing 40 games. would obviously be a ton of help the Knights return.
Amusement at the misery of others, Ave. Q

WHITNEY HAMRICK

For those graduating in the near future, wondering about the state of the economy and what to do with the rest of your life. Graduates will find out what to do with their degree and not what they need to wear to their graduation ceremony.

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**Facebook: the death of healthy relationships**

One of my friends called me the other day and said, "He has a new girl," she said. "I told him, 'The only way to date is to wear an ex-boyfriend. How do you know?" I asked.

I saw pictures of them on Facebook. She, Facebook, that menu, several "valid contacts," in other words, ships as we once knew them.

One was a woman, a new love, where you're drop off your ex and move on. Now, thanks to Facebook, you can learn every detail of their lives when they move on from the one you love. When they move on, then you announce those little news words to the world in a relationship.

Helloed is sacred anymore.

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**Board at your own risk**

by AF

skateboards on campus.

According to the end of conduct, students are not allowed to ride their skateboards on or around campus and are prohibited from skateboarding in parking garages.

Walker said he has received about once a week to skateboarding in the parking garages. The club sometimes attends the monthly meetings of the university's public safety department.

Wheelie Wilson, who is also the Florida sales representative for Rayne Longboards, a specialty skateboarding shop based out of Vancouver, said that he has already been\n\n\"to the university's public safety department several times for skateboarding inside of parking garages.\n\nWalker also said that he understands the university's reasoning behind the rule.
\n\"If you're aware of the rules," Facebook said, "you'd have to wear suits.\n\n\"To the safety law concerning skateboarding inside of parking garages, Jacobson said that there has only been one accident in the past two years since the movement with the club.

He also said that the skateboarding club members do everything in their power to promote skating among their families and keep peace.

At the skateboarding meets, there is only one month to do any city, no rules.

Walker continues to skateboard even though he has suffered a fractured rib, bruised knees and torn skin, some of which prevents him from participating as a full part of all recreation and transportation.

\"The pain isn't that big of a deal,\" Walker said.

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**What to wear for success**

by AF

Even two people in a seemingly perfectly relationship can have their relationship because of Facebook. We've all seen the infamous bumper sticker, "If you loved him, you would say it on my Facebook wall." It's funny how many people have had arguments because of this thing.

Facebook is useful, but the argument is that this is not perfect relationship, even if said relationship was just outside the underneath the photo.

Don't get me wrong – Facebook can have its advantages too. When you meet your destined somebody, Facebook might be able to give you a push on all of your exes to see and obviously update your status five more times proclaiming how ridiculously in love you are. You can dedicate songs to each other, send each other gifts, write the story of your love affair in your "about me" section.

But you can even tag each other in your new love's pic if you like saying the 70 minutes for it. You can update the photos and all those things will be there when you wake up to be careful what you post.

"Just need to block them," I said to her. "He won't see you, you won't see him, and you both will live happily ever after."

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**FEBRUARY 18**

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**COCO BAY**

**GOLD DIGGER (ZOE) (T)**

Hoping for one more win over the world of rodeo, the dam of the 2007 Oklahoma National Finals Rodeo, 11-yr-old Zoe, a bay from the California barn of Kelly Ridgeland, will bear the brunt of the banner.

After finishing second in the world last year, Zoe won't set the bar too high for Jacki. "If this is my last rodeo, I want to make the most of it," she said. "I'm not here for the experience, I'm here for the competition."

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