Election decision under appeal

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Staff Writer

An appeal will be made this week to UCF’s administration in regards to the Judicial Council’s decision last week to sustain the decision to disqualify Student Body President-elect Darin Patton and Vice President-elect Andrew Cupicha.

The ticket has until 4 p.m. Thursday (7 days from the decision) to have its appeal in the Judicial office. The appeal will be based on if the ticket received fairness and due process of the law by the Judicial Council and the Election Commission.

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Council hearing lasted late into the night, from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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Dr. Garth Jenkins, director of Judicial Programs

Angry student voices is not yet known who will hear the case if it is brought to the administration.

A Council hearing was held last week about the Commission’s decision. It started at 7 p.m. and did not adjourn until 4 a.m. with a sustained decision from the Council. The chief justice refused any comment on the number of votes cast for or against the ticket and about any discussion that went on during deliberation.

The Council is made up of 12 justices, including one justice and two alternate justices that were sworn in five days previous to the hearing. One of the alternates was asked if he had any knowledge of the hearing, ever participated in Student Government, or voted in the case.

Clubs speak out against new budget

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Many UCF clubs and agencies that are included on the proposed 1999-2000 Activity & Service Fee Budget do not view the figures as being fair. Some organizations were left off the budget completely.

The budget was first introduced to the Senate on March 25. There were originally 109 submissions to be put on the budget, but only 77 clubs and organizations and 21 agencies and college programs were actually included. Members of several of those clubs stated that one reason why that happened was a lack of communication between them and the Student Government.

“We were never contacted or informed about the budget packets,” said Mike Pinn, staff advisor for the UCF Rugby Team. “It is their responsibility to inform us the packets are available, but that never happened with us.”

Members of the African American Student Union agreed that SG gave no information to the organizations about its budget as the club’s Chief-of-Staff, Eugene Mansolle, explained.

“It has been presented as a first reading, however we as clubs and organizations are supposed to get informed by the SGA when they’re going to review budgets.”

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Spring is in the air

The UCF campus wakes up to the morning sun. Students have four weeks left of school before summer break. Spring graduation is May 8.

Photo by Kevin Cothern

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2 Florida Student of the Year Finalists from UCF

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Two UCF students were recently named Florida Student of the Year finalists. Senior Melissa Zelnikier, 21, and sophomore Ann Bubrowski, 20, were named finalists in Tallahassee on April 16, where the winner among the seven finalists will be announced. The event will take place at the Capitol. The names of the finalists will be shown on the Sunshine Network at 1:30 p.m.

As a freshman, Zelnikier and Berger will receive $1,500 in scholarships, a round-trip ticket from Gulfstream Airlines, two passes to the 2000 Magic Kingdom Fun and Adventure Eastpak booking, several subscriptions to Florida magazines, a certificate and a free student-of-the-year magazine subscription to Florida magazines, a certificate and a free student-of-the-year magazine subscription to Student Leader Magazine.

“Honestly, I didn’t think that I would make it this far since I am only a sophomore,” Berger said. “It is the first time that any student has ever been nominated. This is very exciting.”

The Sunshine Network will show the Sunshine Network at 1:30 p.m.

Police use two wheels to get around campus

MARIAN CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

Sitting on a bicycle seat and pedaling through campus is an experience shared by all at UCF. Most people don’t realize that Monday through Saturday for eight hours through UCF’s Mountain Bike patrol the campus during the semester, traveling approximately 350 miles and days of the week.

According to Sgt. Mark Dear, two of the instructors on the mountain bike patrol, those classes must be able to perform a variety of tasks before becoming bike patrol officers. The tasks they must know include how to get on and off a bike, how to stop, how to set up the bike and out of courses that are placed on squares in the UCF Arena parking lot.

Besides learning how to get around up bikes, she said that they are taught how to shoot while on a bike at the Seminole County Range.

Carpentin has been teaching the bike class for three years but said the program has existed at UCF since 1994. Carpenter said that a bike accident occurs, the person at fault can be determined since the bike officers know how a bike works. She also said that officers on bikes are more one-on-one contact with students than officers in a patrol car.

“Bike Patrol Officer Kevin Schwab agrees. “On a bike it is easier to interact with the public in a more personal way, it is a car because people approach a car more hesitantly,” he said. Schwab has been a bike officer at UCF for six years. While patrolling on a bicycle, he has made some arrests.

“Toll up on incidents where people are smoking marijuana and drinking underage,” he said. During the week of May 10, a class will be offered for sworn police officers. The class will begin at 8 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost of the 40-hour class is $50 per student.

Students enrolling must provide a bike, helmet, safety gear, undemanding, duty belt, uniform vest, water bottles, tubes, tires, 50 rounds of ammunition and proper lighting. As of now, Carpenter said almost 15 officers have signed up for the class.

THE JOB INTERVIEW:

3 shocking truths that can help you nail your dream job

Lori's here. You've looked forward to job interviews. A social anxiety monster tries to discourage you from dressing to your best for your interview, trying to sound super-smart while also remembering to keep your legs crossed. While you prefer to avoid anxiety, you cannot ignore the white dress shoes that you have been able to ignore the white dress shoes that you have chosen.

Three tips for improving your interview performance.

1. RESUMES ARE OBSOLETE

Well, they're not really obsolete; they are only one piece of the job search puzzle but it's never been more critical for them to do properly for each interview. That's the first step -- a huge "right," says Bruce Tulloch, the author of "Work History: A Book About the Things You've Done That Will Help You in Your Next Job, Now and Forever" and one of the foremost experts on the interview.

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What to do:

- If you want to know more about the person you are interviewing, turn on a radio show that you can listen to as you do the interview.

2. WORK EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED

Chances are, you don’t have the work experience. But that’s not to say that you are really looking for them when they are filling new college grads. Believe it or not, the reason that you are young can work for a lot of reasons. They are not getting the jobs that they are doing for the interview. Here’s the idea: It's called experience. But firsthand: The author of "Work History: A Book About the Things You've Done That Will Help You in Your Next Job, Now and Forever" and one of the foremost experts on the interview.

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Boogie through the night for children's charity

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Do you love to dance? If so, this weekend is your chance to dance the night away at UCF. Actually you can dance the day, evening and morning away during this year’s Dance Marathon, to be held at the UCF Arena from noon Saturday until noon Sunday.

Students who love to dance will not only be dancing their hearts out and their feet off, they will also be helping critically ill and injured children by doing it. The Dance Marathon proceeds benefit the pediatric programs at Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville and the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women in Orlando.

The idea of a dance marathon began at Penn State University 25 years ago. In 1996, the Children’s Miracle Network and UCF’s Student Activities Office developed a partnership through Dance Marathon that would benefit children in our state. The idea of a fundraiser designed to appeal to the entire student body was proposed and accepted.

This is the third year for the event. The money raised last year doubled the amount raised the previous year.

The biggest misconception about the event is that it is only for students involved in campus organizations. Not true. Anyone enrolled for at least one UCF credit hour can participate in this event. The Dance Marathon is a subsidiary committee of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and is a student-run event. The marathon supports itself only through donations and sponsorships.

Kim Coleman, one of the directors of the event, has seen its popularity grow since its first year. She sees it as a very beneficial program to all involved.

“Dance Marathon is a way to help people who are unable to help themselves,” she said. “Our first year we were in the auditorium and received $8,000 with less than 100 dancers. Last year we received nearly double that at $15,000 and had over 200 dancers. We hope to double that amount this year.”

“This is a fun, great way for people to become involved, and it doesn’t matter if you belong to an organization or not, you can still participate.”

 Plenty of entertainment will be on hand to keep the dancers on their feet. DJs and a band will provide the music, while video games and board games will be there for entertainment for those who are not dancing. If you don’t know how to dance there is no need to worry, because dance instruction will also be given.

There is also no need to worry about getting too tired because the dancers will not have to dance the straight 24 hours. They will be able to sit down and rest every few hours, while enjoying free meals, which include a cookout, an Italian feast and an ice cream “Sock Hop.” Casual attire and a change of clothes should be brought.

To become involved in the Dance Marathon, you can register in the CAB office (Student Union, Room 215) until Friday. You can also go the day of the event to register at the Arena. The registration fee for students is only $10. In addition, each participant pledges to raise at least $100 in order to meet this year’s goal of $30,000. Fundraising events have been scheduled to help the dancer raise the $100. Dancer Handbooks, available at the CAB office, contain fundraising ideas.

To obtain more information on the Dance Marathon, you can stop by or call the CAB office at 823-6471.

Got an idea for a good student spotlight question?

email editor@ucffuture.com
Budget's under funding affecting clubs and organizations

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our budget so that we can be there to justifi-

y our request numbers. That has never hap-
pended in the past four years with this orga-
nization."

The Activity and Service Fee Chair, which
doubles as the OAF chair, David Siegel, said the
stallers, said the A&S Fee
Committee, are not in the club’s favor
as to informing them about the budget.

By statistics we have to make the pack-
ets available in December, but they are writ-
ted almost to imply or say don’t tell anyone
about it,” he said.

Student Government is required by
SGA statute 801.9 to have the finished A&S Fee
Committee Guidelines, along with the
standard Budget Application Forms,
instructions, and that year’s budgeting
schedule distributed by the first week of
December.

The funding that is proposed that has
angered many members of organizations
and agencies. This year’s budget is estimat-
ed to be $9.4 million, which is $3 million
more than last year’s budget. Organization
and agency members expected more clubs
and organizations to be funded and the
clubs already on the budget to receive bet-

ter funding. This budget, many of them feel,
left short of accomplishing that.

“Looking at this recommended budget, there are many issues that I have both as a
senator and as a concerned student,” said
Melissa Younker, student director of
Volunteer UCF. “This budget sends a mes-

sage to the student body that the A&S Fee
Committee is not concerned with diversity
issues as is evidenced in the decreased bud-
get for the African American Student
Union, the Hispanic American Student,
Association, and the United Nations
Association. Where are the checks and bal-
ances? There has been a significant cut in
funding to organizations who didn’t support
certain candidates."

The African American Student Union,
the oldest organization at UCF, received a
$19,000 budget from last year’s budget funding.
$15,000.

According to Manoloff, chief-of-staff, the
budget went from bad to worse.

“SG gave us a really terrible budget to
begin with, but this year they’ve taken
$4,000 more away from that. We spent
more money putting on one concert during
Black History Month than what we got for
the entire year. The fact is the money is
there and the legislative branch doesn’t
want to give it to student services for certain
reasons.”

Out of the 25 clubs and organizations
that were on last year’s and this year’s bud-
get, 20 were denied their full budget requests for this budget.

Some clubs, such as HASA, was
denied more than $35,000 from their
request.

A&S Fee Chair Siegel said that one
reason that was done was the criteria the
committee used to determine how benefi-
cial the items requested were. Siegel specif-
ically pointed out travel accounts.

Why create another account? We
increased travel and thought that would be
a better item for the Senate to deal with as
the year unfolds."

The SG Senate’s budget increased
by $394 available a
week to run it. With only a three student
man-hours per week, the hourly wages
would be set at $1.54.

Shawn Stafford, computer lab manag-
er, said he is concerned not only with the
lab, but also with the students.

“I suppose the voice of the approxi-
ately 70,000 sign-ins we have accounted for
in 98 will allow us to continue to be open
and run the way we are. As of now, we will
be open for only 13 weeks when the new
budget starts on July 1. I do not think that
this will happen.

“As far as the copy center goes, in my
opinion, which has not been consulted, we
have no room in our computer lab at this
time. We would be approaching a fire haz-
ardeous due to the maximum number of
people allowed in this room, I do however
think moving the copy center to the union is
a good idea, but in order that things are
done right the first time around, we should
know our options, then apply them to the
needs of the students.”

Siegel spoke in front of the Senate last
week about the copy center and what they can
announce their concerns about funding to
the OAF Committee. He emphasized that
this budget is only a proposal.

“What’s coming out of the A&S Fee
Committee is a proposed recommendation.
There’s a bunch of entries that need to go in
there and the bottom line is they are referred
to Senate.”

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**UCF Army ROTC cadets awarded national aviation scholarship**

**Nicole King**

NEWS EDITOR

In mid-February, two Army cadets received a $1,500 scholarship from the Daedalian Foundation. The foundation chose Joshua Ruisanchez and Eric Petrowsky as the top two cadets in the nation who are non-scholarship students and have been selected for the Army Aviation program. It is not normal for 2 cadets in the same school to receive the award.

Ruisanchez has been in UCF's ARMY ROTC since 1995. He has been the Commander of both the Color Guard and Rifle Drill Teams, a member of the Ranger Challenge Team, and recently completed a stint as the Battalion Commander for the program.

Petrowsky enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and was deployed in Operations Desert Shield and Intrinsic Action. He received training from both the Infantry and the Signal Corps. His last assignment was with U.S. Army Space Command. While at UCF he has been a member of the Ranger Challenge Team and has served as the Battalion S-3.

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**IN OTHER NEWS:**

- The African American Studies Program is offering a study-travel program for students to go to Antigua, Dominica, Barbados, and Grenada. The program is worth six credit hours and is open to all qualified Florida college students. The cost of the program is regular UCF tuition per credit hour plus $2,680 which will include travel, meals, boarding and admission fees. Financial aid is available. The deadline for applications is April 10. For more information, contact Dr. Gladstone Yearwood, director of the African American Studies Program, at 823-0426 or gyearwood@pegas sus.ucf.edu.

- The Sigma Chi chapter at UCF began its annual philanthropy event, Sigma Chi Derby Days, on March 31. The event raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. Sigma Chi raised $1,500 last year and donated $2,000 worth of toys to the network. To help Sigma Chi in Derby Days, contact Danny McGoldrick at (407) 317-7700.

- UCF's Downtown Academic Center is hosting three seminars during April:
  1. "Hussles or Happiness: Balancing Relationships at Work and at Home" will be presented on April 9 by Dr. Kay Allen, associate professor in the College of Education, will discuss how to have healthy relationships and avoid negative stress.
  2. "Money Z. Colton, director of Publications at UCF, will present "Publication Design for the Non-Designer" on April 29. The seminar will provide tips and techniques to improve printed publications.
  3. University of Southern California's IBM Chair Emeritus in Engineering Management, Dr. Gerald Nadler, will be the featured guest at a Noontime Knowledge Series luncheon on April 22. Nadler's presentation, "Breakthrough Thinking: Changing the Way We Solve Problems," will focus on planning, changing, designing and improving businesses and organizations.

- The following items will be on display during April in the Library:
  1. "In Pursuit of Memory" by Eva Ritt of the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center
  2. "Spanish Across Curriculum" by Professor Maria Redmon of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
  3. "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Month" by Erka Pugh of UCF's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union
  4. "Excellence in Computer Science" by Dr. Udaya Venkatese of the School of Computer Science
  5. "College of Education Faculty Publications" by Dr. Larry Hudson of the Department of Instructional Programs
  6. "Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival 10th Anniversary" by Christine Card.
Dispute wages over posting of violations

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the last elections, and he answered no to every question. The basis of the disqualification, according to the chief commissioner, was the fact that the ticket did not pay a fine by 10 school days after it was posted. Patricia and Cupicha stated the posting never happened, they did pay the fine, and the due date was wrong.

More than five witnesses were called at the hearing to answer questions about the actual posting of the fine. Orlando Ortiz and Christy Harboldson, both members of the Election Commission, stated on the stand that the postings on the board are very inconsistent. Bob Williams and Kelli Belfatto both stated that the postings of the violation did take place.

David Spears, election commissioner, said even if the posting did take place, the ticket might not have been able to see it.

"There have been times when the fines are taken down or covered," he said. The statute definition of a school day was interpreted by many different factors at the hearing.

"When classes are officially offered is considered a school day and the statutes read that a school day includes any weekday where classes are offered," said Cheryl Fox, chief commissioner.

The memo from the Registrar's Office that supported Fox's theory was attached to her disqualification memo. It stated that Monday through Saturday are instructional days. This memo however seemed a contradiction to Cupicha.

"There's a question of ambiguity about the Registrar's Office memo because the schedule put out by them in the Summer/Fall semester includes Saturday and Sunday classes being offered and they're considered weekend courses," Attorney General Joseph Smith took the stand to answer questions about his interpretations of the statutes as he outlined in a memorandum dated March 30.

The 48 hour grace period is interpreted as additional time to the ten days, not in place of the ten days," he said. "Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a grace period as a period of time beyond a due date during which a financial obligation may be met without penalty or cancellation. He/she may wait until the day of his/her swearing in before paying proper fine."

The exact same situation happened to the McDonald/Montague ticket when they were SG president/vice president during the '97-'98 school year. In a memo dated Feb. 24, the ticket was fined $15 and was given two days to appeal the decision, or 10 days to pay the fine. The receipt for the fine showed it was paid on March 12.

Counting Saturdays, it was then paid on the 14th day, not including Saturdays, it was paid on the 12th day.

Fox said that the statutes are very vague at times and need to be changed.

"The statutes need to be made clearer," she said. "They're very gray. You can interpret them a hundred ways. They need to be very specific because they're not specific enough now."

The Cashier's Office was not up-to-date with their records even up to the day of the hearing so Patton asked Fox how she was informed the ticket may not have paid the fine and her answer was Chief Justice, Mike Shutley. She stated that they had many conversations and that they were only held to clarify the meaning of the statutes.

Patton said the questioning at the hearing was important because it looked for a conflict of interest.

"The decision might have been influenced by their interpretation instead of making it on her own," he said. "It shocked me because it looked like the chief justice had made up his mind on a decision he was supposed to be deliberating on."

The fact that a hearing was not held to discuss the disqualification of the ticket for students by the Election Commission was also questioned as a possible violation of the law.

"I feel I wasn't given the opportunity to address that I had tried to pay the fine," Patton said. "There should have been a chance to give us due process of law and there wasn't."
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Conviction upheld in Marilyn Manson T-shirt case

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - A circuit court judge has denied an appeal by a Murray State University student who was convicted of harassment for wearing a Marilyn Manson T-shirt at a local festival.

Marshall Circuit Judge Dennis Foust upheld Versus "Star" Morgan's 1998 District Court conviction and $250 fine for wearing the shirt to "Tater Days," a festival in western Kentucky. Foust said he failed to see how what Morgan did was a matter of free speech.

Morgan wore the shirt, bearing an image of the singer - who is known for performing lewd acts on stage and singing about murder, rape and self-mutilation - and a six-word phrase from his song, "White Trash." The phrase contains an obscenity and the word "God."

Three people complained to police about the shirt. When Morgan refused to change her clothes, she was cited for harassment.

"Were Morgan singing the song on the street corner at Tater Day, this might create another issue," Foust wrote in his order upholding the conviction. "However, by wearing a T-shirt displaying one particular phrase from a song, she is essentially repeating this same lyric over and over. This, in the court's opinion, is what creates a separately identifiable conduct which separates it from constitutionally protected free speech."

Morgan told the Associated Press that she views the conviction as a violation of her rights to free speech.

"I think it was clearly speech," she said. "It meant something to me. I think it means being your own god, being who you want to be, unlike this community, who is trying to force God down your throat."

Michigan freshman accused of distributing child porn

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A freshman at the University of Michigan is accused of using a school-operated Internet connection to distribute child porn from his dorm room.

Aaron C. Bruns, 19, of Lima, Ohio, was arrested in March after police took a personal computer from his room and found almost 6,000 pornographic images of children on it hard drive.

Bruns is charged with possessing and distributing material that depicts the abuse of children, according to The Ann Arbor News. Police and prosecutors said Bruns transmitted the images during an Internet chat session that was monitored by an investigative task force based in Florida.

Investigators alerted the university's department of public safety after they found six files containing images of children "engaged in sexual situations" that were code-named to a computer user who was using the university's Internet connection.

Michigan authorities followed up the findings by raiding Bruns' dorm room on March 15.

If convicted, Bruns faces up to seven years in prison and could be ordered to pay a $50,000 fine. He is expected in court May 12.

School officials, citing privacy issues, declined to comment about the allegations against Bruns Thursday. They also would not say whether plans to expel him are underway.

Ball State student survives after being dragged by train

ANDERSON, Ind. - As a freight train dragged her car along the tracks for miles, 20-year-old Amber Scott, a student at Ball State University, retained every single detail of her brush with death.

Speaking with the Associated Press one day after the March 29 accident, Scott recounted her harrowing ride. Her car, stopped in a dense fog at a railroad crossing that had no gate, was pushed into the train's path by a truck that rear-ended it.

"I was just sitting there, waiting for the train," Scott told the A.P. "I looked in my rearview mirror and I saw it (the truck) coming. I just gripped the steering wheel and closed my eyes."

When she opened them, Scott could see the driver's side door of her 1989 Pontiac Grand Am pinned into the side of the Conrail train and the car's front stuck under it. The train's engine, unaware of what had happened, continued onward, dragging the car and its frightened passenger.

"I was scared," she said. "But I just knew I had to sit and don't be scared. I knew I had to help myself."

Scott called 911 twice, thinking that police would be able to trace the call and find her. Her pleas were barely audible over the engine's noise.

"I'm being dragged ... by a train! Oh, please help!" she cried.

Scott briefly considered rolling out of her car's passenger side door but decided against it. Authorities later determined the train was traveling at about 30 mph.

"I scooted down in my seat some, and I just waited," said Scott, who was wearing a sheriff's prayer sticker on her shirt.

She said she doesn't remember what happened after her car hit a railroad sign-post at another crossing, finally breaking it free from the train. Scott said she was shaken up, bruised and sore - and her car was a wreck.

The driver of the truck that slammed into her car, 25-year-old Ross Schroeder, was cited for not having insurance.

Scott's family is happy to have her home and safe.

"It hasn't really all sunk in that I've made it through a real life and death experience," she said. "I feel like it was a miracle."
April 7, 1999

East Lansing on mend after weekend riot

Christine Tatum
College Press Exchange

East Lansing, Mich. - Clean-up crews and carpenters dispersed throughout downtown East Lansing on Monday to repair and restore property damaged and destroyed when thousands took to the streets late Saturday and early Sunday after Michigan State University's loss to Duke in the NCAA semifinals.

Only minutes after the game's end, the crowd poured into the downtown area from bars, campus, restaurants and nearby neighborhoods. Hundreds of people - some wearing T-shirts printed with words celebrating the victory before things ever got out of hand - were up to no good and bunched between the downtown area and sections of campus, lighting fires, overturning cars and breaking windows wherever they could. By the time police managed to get control of the situation, eight cars were torched, more than 25 downtown businesses' windows were smashed and 24 people were arrested. Of those arrested, 11 were MSU students. The rest were basically out-of-towners who wanted to make trouble no matter what the outcome of the game, said Judith Taran, the city's director of communications.

The rampage frightened many who were caught in the middle of it. Witnesses tried to avoid flying bricks - one of which smashed into a fire truck's windshield - and get out of the way of ambulances trying to take the injured to local hospitals for treatment. A police officer was treated for second-degree burns, and 10-15 others for a variety of minor injuries. The manager of a local Taco Bell closed the restaurant when the crowd frightened him, prompting rioters to smash plate windows.

The rampages didn't quiet down until 3:30 a.m. after patrol cars, including mounted patrols, used about 300 canisters of tear gas to disperse the crowd.

The riot stunned MSU coach Tom Izzo.

"It's totally embarrassing and ridiculous," he said. "That upset me more than anything.

"If Michigan State students (who were involved) hear me, if you have season tickets, I'll buy them from you, and I hope you never come to another Michigan State game again."

MSU President Peter McPherson also minced few words.

"Seldom have I been as angry as I am today," he said, promising Sunday that any student caught burning a car would be "kicked out of school" and any student who endangered the lives of others would face immediate suspension.

"Michigan State University has no tolerance for behavior like this.

"University and city officials hit the airwaves Monday, with a campaign, titled "Do the Right Thing," designed to encourage anyone with information that could lead to an arrest to step forward. Taran said the city and MSU already had agreed to contribute up to $25,000 each toward the establishment of a special fund for reward money. Local business owners and several East Lansing residents have also pledged to chip in because they, too, are determined to find culprits. Taran said. She added that the city will make use of its Web site and fliers to post images of lawbreakers caught on film.

"We will use any means of identification that we can get," she said. "We expect additional arrests."

MSU's image has taken a beating and will suffer as a result of the weekend's riot, many city and university officials said. Izzo said anyone who doesn't think "it's going to affect our recruiting, our image and our identity...it doesn't understand how important image is."

And in light of the melee last May that erupted when students protested against new drinking restrictions on campus, many potential MSU students may be even less inclined to head to the East Lansing campus, Taran said.

"A lot of parents have to wondering. "Do I want my child to go there?" she said. "And students who have options are probably going to look at those a little differently than they might have before this happened."

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Supreme Court to decide student fee funding

**JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG**

WASHINGTON - Setting the stage for an important ruling on free speech, the Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether public universities can use mandatory student fees to fund a variety of student groups, from Amnesty International to the Pro-Life Action League.

The dispute arose at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where a group of conservative students sued to stop their activity fees from going to organizations they found objectionable. They maintained that the university violated their First Amendment rights by forcing them to fund private organizations that engage in political and ideological speech, such as the International Socialist Organization and the Campus Women's Center.

A federal appeals court panel in Chicago agreed and ordered the university to come up with a different funding scheme that did not require students to fund political groups at odds with their beliefs.

Other courts have seen the issue differently, however, as have several judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Those judges said the ruling could spell the end of student-managed activity fees. A complete restructuring of the way student groups do business at universities.

"It tells the university that ... you can only make people pay for speech they agree with and that there's no educational value in hearing from people you don't agree with," said Lorence. "Obviously, the groups more cut of the mainstream are going to feel the brunt of it."

But Jordan Lorence, general counsel for the Northstar Legal Center, a conservative public interest group representing the students, argued that "government can't require individuals to fund private organizations that advocate ideas the person finds unacceptable."

The Supreme Court established that principle in earlier cases involving the payment of dues to unions and bar associations, Lorence noted. The court said those groups cannot spend an objecting member's dues for ideological activities that fall outside the group's legitimate purpose.

Lorence said he believes the court will decide the student fee case much the same way after it hears arguments next fall.

"It's not that these groups should be silenced. We've always stated they should have the freedom to expose their views," Lorence said. "What they don't have is the right to force unwilling students to fund it."

Students at the University of Wisconsin must pay, in addition to tuition, a student activity fee. When the lawsuit was filed during the 1995-96 academic year, the fee was $165.75 a semester.

The university turns over part of the fees to the Associated Students of Madison, the student organization, which then allocates funds to various groups, service organizations and university departments.

The objecting students pointed to 18 organizations that received student fees and engaged in political and ideological activities. One group, the International Socialist Organization, advocated the overthrow of the government. Another, the Campus Women's Center, which received $34,200 in student fees, urged students to work against legislation that would impose regulations on abortion.

The federal appeals court in Chicago said that requiring students to support student government and its funding decisions meant, essentially, that every individual student was subsidizing the speech of every group that got funding. It drew parallels to the compelled-speech cases involving unions and bar associations and concluded that such spending of the mandatory activity fees violated the First Amendment rights of objectionable students.

But the unanimous ruling, by a three-judge panel, inspired "impassioned response by other judges on the same appeals court who believed the entire, 11-judge court should review the issue."

Judge Diane P. Wood said the university and the student government association were not espousing the viewpoints of any of the organizations. Instead, they simply are creating the forum for the expression of other peoples' views, she wrote. She noted that the student government funds a vast array of groups regardless of viewpoint and often with conflicting viewpoints.

Also on Monday, the court said it would not review two lower-court rulings that raised important issues about affirmative-action programs.

In the first, a lower court struck down an affirmative-action program designed to promote more blacks, Hispanics and women in the Dallas Fire Department. Justice Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg said they wanted to review the lower-court ruling, but four of the nine justices must vote to do so.

In the second case, from Utah, the court refused to hear arguments that a federal program designed to help "socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" in higher education was illegal. An electrical company said the program discriminates against businesses owned by white men, but lower courts said the company had no legal standing to sue.
Fire forces life into focus

Daniel F. McMullen

Do you want the good news or the bad news? I asked my wife, Melissa, who was at work.

"The good news," she replied. "My boss gave me a raise." "Okay," I said. "Does that mean you're going to get a haircut?"

"Not now," she said. "I have to get going." I hung up and called Rich. He was busy working on the pipes in our guest bathroom. Rich had enlisted his neighbor, Johnny, to help solder the pipes. As I lay on my bed fumbling through some homework, Rich walked outside to get some more tools. When he came back inside, he got a real surprise.

"Now don't panic," his friend Johnny said in a smooth, gentle southern accent. "There's a fire." Rich panicked.

"Where's the fire extinguisher?" Johnny asked Rich.

"I don't know," Rich replied. "I don't have one." I blurted out.

I bolted for the kitchen and brought back a gallon jug of water.

"No, that's not it," Johnny said. "We don't want to top off your beer. That's when I spotted the flames shooting out of the ceiling." Rich panicked.

"Always the fire extinguisher," Johnny said with a laugh.


"Oh," Johnny said. "Do we have it in this pitcher?" Johnny said like he was asking me to top off his beer. That's when I spotted the flames shooting out of the ceiling. Turns out, Rich had been working on the pipes in his kitchen and one of the flanges had come loose. The flames shot out of the ceiling and into the attic, where they quickly spread into the attic and then all over the house. Rich's handiwork. He used a cobalt-blue tile to cover all the counters, walls and the bar on the other side of a pass-through window above the stove.

"This is your house man, for crying out loud," Johnny said like he drove away, out of the room. I ran out and got her some clothes. Micaela is irreplaceable. The negatives and slides, however, are my future. I want to put together a book of my life as I see it.

"It's right there!" I yelled to Norma to get my kid out of the house. When I called that command out, I yelled to Norma to get my kid out of bed. Micaela first, our legal documents second and then the negatives and slides.

"You're going to have to poke a big hole in your ceiling," Rich told her.

Rich has always been light-hearted, but now seemed like a strange time to joke. I went in to Mike's room and opened several drawer. I must have picked up every shirt and short and short, looking for a match. Somewhere there's a shallow recess of my mind, it seemed terribly important for my daughter to look good as our house burned to the ground.

Mark and the rest of the firefighters, clad in all their gear, inspected poke, probed and inspected the situation again and determined that the fire was out and there was no chance of a flare up.

"Is this all right?" I asked incredulously.

"Yes!" shouted several voices.

"We're doing the bucket brigade and dousing the fire."

The realization was shocking.

"This is your house man, for crying out loud," Norma said. "We're not going to have to poke a big hole in your ceiling!"

When the smoke cleared, both literally and figuratively, we surveyed the damage. The bathroom, my office and my daughter's room were thick with the acrid smoke of insulation. Apparently, when Johnny was working on the pipes, the flame hit the insulation and it torched immediately.

The wall of the bathroom was chipped and the white ceramic tile floor was a Jackson Pollock painting of wet bootprints and ashes.

Over pizza later we laughed about how poorly we all reacted to the emergency. Rich went out and bought the biggest fire extinguisher Home Depot stocked. As he finished the last portion of the day's stock, I peppered Mark with questions about my paperwork and things?

"What do you think?" he asked incredulously.

"What are you calling it?" I asked. "I already told you my house is on fire!"

By then the neighbors across the street were doing the bucket brigade and dousing the fire. Norma whisked my daughter, Micaela, clad only in her Simba underwear, out of the room. I ran outside to see the smoke billowing from the attic and ran back inside with a new checklist.

My daughter was safe but what about my stuff? I always tell Melissa that in an emergency, save Micaela first, our legal documents second and then all the slides and negatives. Micaela is irreplaceable. The passport, birth certificates and discharge papers would be pains to replace. My photographs—well, my photographs are my link to the past, but they're replaceable. The negatives and slides, however, are my future. I want to put together a book of my life as I see it.

Anyway, my thoughts were interrupted when Rich came running out of the house.

"Where's the hose? Where's the hose?" he screamed.

"This is your house man, for crying out loud, it's over there," I told him, pointing to the hose under the guest bathroom window. "It's right there!"

"The water's turned off!" he replied. "We're screwed, I thought. Chris from across the street was making a mad dash down the street with a garden hose. He jetted a half at the end of his yard when the slack played out.

The firehouse is close enough to hit with a rock and save it from spreading to other houses. Close calls can really drive the point home of following cautionary procedures. Rich is now extra careful when using a blowtorch. The fire extinguisher and several buckets of water are place strategically around the room.

Common sense, some might say, but it never occurred to us before that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student angry over elections

So Patton and Cupicha won the elections. Now the results may be disqualified because of a $5 fine.

What the HEll is going on here?

Every semester, I'm accosted by mad campaigners as they valiantly attempt to get my vote. This semester, I actually voted. Not because of campaigners, but because one of the platforms was making a stand that I wanted to support. So I did. I voted for them. I'm not going to say if they won or lost, but the point is that I actually went out and voted.

So what happens? The vote might now be disqualified, according to the future, because the election commission didn't tell them where to pay their fines.

My belief is that for the last six semesters I've been here, I can't remember a time when an election was simple, cut-and-dry, this person wants to do this and that person wants to do something else, et cetera. There have been runoffs, disqualifications, problems in the election commission, the list goes on. If I was going to be here for another few semesters, instead of graduating in the fall, and if I didn't have to have a job and an internship to support myself, I'd try to find the elections. But I can't. I've never been able to.

Let's find someone who can really do the job of election commissioner, quickly. But I don't know everything there is to know about it, but even I can tell that something's rotten in Denmark (or, at least, the Student Government offices) if this is the second election in a row that we've had these problems.

Or maybe it's not the election commissioner's fault. If it isn't, maybe she should endeavor to find out whose fault it is and make them fix their problems.

Really, now. Do we have to keep throwing out elections? I mean, Student Government wonders why no one votes, why many of the students go out of their way to avoid the campaigners. Maybe this is the reason. Maybe we, as students, are so disillusioned with campus politics that we just don't care anymore. Maybe getting the people we voted in kicked out of the offices they haven't even taken yet for a $5 fine is making us angry.

FIVE DOLLARS! I know I'm not going to vote again this semester if Patton and Cupicha get disqualified from their positions. Quite simple. I don't really CARE who's at fault here. Maybe he's the president and vice-president-elect. Maybe it's the election commissioner. Maybe it's Student Government itself. I really don't care. I just want it all to stop. We need a better way to do things. Since I'm not in Student Government, and with all that I have to do, I really don't have the time to be. I can change it. But I'd be glad to vote in someone who could.

Like that'd ever happen.

Josh Roseman, senior
Scholarship Chair, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Student speaks out against death penalty

The United States is ranked among the countries of China, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia for having the most executions worldwide. Of 54 executions committed in U.S. history, only 10 have been for white killing blacks. Between 1900-1967, 3,259 were executed and 54 percent of these were black, but blacks only make up 10 percent of our population. Race is a major factor in Florida. Eighteen people have been released from Death Row because they were found to be innocent, and all of them were black.

During jury selection, people who are opposed to the death penalty are excluded from selection, so mostly women and minorities are excluded. One hundred and sixty-four times in Florida history, a jury has come back with a sentence of death without the judge having ruled for death instead.

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—(Gina Carson, senior

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U.S. should have acted earlier in Kosovo

David Pittman  
Copy Editor

Two weeks ago, the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started an air campaign over former Yugoslavia in an effort to force President Slobodan Milosevic to sign a peace agreement that would end the killing of Serbia's ethnic Albanians.

Since then, however, the bombings have had little effect, if any. NATO said that they would step up bombings from night-time hours to all day and night. And even though U.S. officials say that sending troops is not an option, it appears to be the only way to end the genocide in southern Serbia.

When the bombings first started, I was totally against them. Forcing a country to sign a peace agreement through the use of interest military force contrasted each other like night and day. It was wrong, and I still feel that it is wrong. However, the use of ground troops is necessary to bring an end to the senseless killing of thousands of people.

The U.S. has pushed itself into a corner where they have sold too many wolf tickets and issued too many false threats. Milosevic knew the beginning but could not muster the international support to flex its military muscle. Now, we are at a point where diplomacy is no longer a viable option and the only thing left is heavy military involvement.

Headlines are 20/20, but the U.S. and its NATO allies could have avoided this precarious position if they had used the same strategy the United Nations used in containing Saddam Hussein and Iraq. Milosevic has been in power for over 12 years. He didn't start executing Albanians two weeks ago. But stopping this mad man then wasn't appealing because there was nothing precious to gain in Serbia (oil for example).

We only care when it hits our pocketbooks. This is evident in support for the Serbian air strikes. According to the Gallup Organization, American support for the current bombings is at 50 percent, as opposed to the 74 percent enjoyed during the December Iraqi bombings, or the 66 percent during the August Afghanistan bombings.

But now we are at the point where we have to do something or more people will die. And even though support for it is weak, sitting around doing nothing does not help the problem. So, in order to advert a Hitler-esque atrocity, we must destroy numerous small towns and displace millions of innocent Eastern Europeans. All of which could have been avoided if we had not procrastinated and didn't right the first time.

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—Sylvia Herbozo, 19, sophomore, psychology

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—Tracy Holz, 26, junior, legal studies

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• In March, the Seattle Police Department ordered the 20-year-old driver, who suggested a taxi driver to arrange a mandatory, half-hour safety class in how to sit down. Recently, three of the unit's employees had filed worker compensation claims for injuries that occurred as they were attempting to sit in chairs with rollers. The proper technique, according to an internal memo, is, "Take hold of the arms and get control of the chair before sitting down."

• Only in California. In March, the Jane Lathrap Stanford Middle School in Palo Alto began offering sailing (a vegetarian version, wrapped in seaweed) in its lunchroom on Wednesdays.

Low-Abiding Citizens

Controllable Carol Hachem told the Edmonton Journal in January that she had recently ministered to, over the phone, a man who was severely guilt-taxed that he had driven home to Valleyview, Alberta, four hours away in his own driver's license, which he had accidentally left in an Edmonton hotel room. And in Charlotte, N.C., at his February sentencing for laundering money others had taken in a robbery, John Calvin Hodge was found guilty of a crime he had declared his $40,000 laundering fee on his IRS return and had paid the tax on it.

New Frontiers in Bearing Arms

William L. Strater, 26, was arrested in Durham, N.C., in December and charged with robbing the Centura Bank. The robber had presented a teller with a note demanding money and containing a finely detailed drawing of a gun, but he was later admitted to the hospital with a gunshot wound.

• In California, in January, the Joliet City Council passed an ordinance requiring the police department to use a new technology to test the plant's security. The technology, according to an internal memo, will use a new technology to test the plant's security. The technology, according to an internal memo, will use a new technology to test the plant's security.

Government in Action

• The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced in February that it would scale back its terrorist-combating safety inspections of nuclear power plants, despite the fact that the companies fail inspections about half the time and in 14 of 57 inspections since 1991, the breacher had been so severe that terrorists could have caused a core meltdown. (Furthermore, in an inspection, the power company even knew the exact date of the "inspection" inspection, although it did not know exactly what area or tactic the NRC would use to test the plant's security.)

• In November, the mayor of the South Gate, Calif., adjacent to Los Angeles, proposed an ordinance banning the colors "wild orange, rose, lavender and turquoise" on houses. One resident said he'd paint over his house if he was ever charged with armed robbery. However, Terry Williams, 23, was arrested in Oakland, Calif., in March after a road-rage collision in which he allegedly crashed his empty hands as if he had a gun, pointed at the other driver and yelled "Bang!" The prosecutor charged Williams with making a terroristic threat, in violation of the California Penal Code, section 246, which he allegedly clasped his empty hands as if he had a gun, pointed at the other driver and yelled "Bang!" The prosecutor charged Williams with making a terroristic threat, in violation of the California Penal Code, section 246, which he allegedly clasped his empty hands as if he had a gun, pointed at the other driver and yelled "Bang!"

Recurring Theme

In February, a 17-year-old, 300-pound girl in Baltimore had a benign ovarian tumor the size of a beach ball and weighing 80 pounds removed at Franklin Square Hospital Center. Four people were needed to carry the tumor out of the opening room. Three weeks later in nearby Lancaster, Pa., a 52-year-old woman had a 75-pound benign tumor removed. The largest ever reported, which made News of the Week in 1991, was the 303-pound cyst taken from a 34-year-old, 513-pound woman at Stanford University Medical Center.

The Only Way Out

A 46-year-old bass-baritone for the Cleveland Opera hung himself in December, reportedly distraught over a bad rehearsal for "Lucia di Lammermoor." And a 53-year-old man shot himself to death in Anderson, Ind., in January because, according to a 911 tape, he thought his wife was having an affair on the Internet. And in November, a 24-year-old man in southern Thailand leaped from a sixth-floor window to his death, reportedly because his wife had refused to let the additional two wives he had just brought home stay with the couple.

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Moore wants you to know 'The Awful Truth'

Christine Tatum
College Press Exchange

CHICAGO - This frumpy, dumpy guy badly in need of a hard cut walks onstage wearing sagging jeans and a ball cap, and hundreds of people packing an auditorium at the Illinois Institute of Technology go nuts.

They're cheering for Michael Moore, the folk hero from Flint, Mich. The underdog. Everyman, regular Joe whose guerrilla filmmaking tactics have forced the stiff-upper-lipped crowd to shut up and take notice. They're cheering for a guy whose groundbreaking 1989 film, "Roger & Me," bounded bigwigs at General Motors about their decision to close factories in Flint. A guy who embarrassed the dickens out of Nike last year with his film, "Sneakers." A guy whose father's pancreas transplant after staging a mock funeral for the man at the business's front door. A guy who wants to play himself, for crying out loud, in Ron Howard's new comedy, "Ed TV." And they're cheering because Moore is at it again, this time with his version of "The Awful Truth," which already has premiered on Britain's Channel 4 and is scheduled to make its American debut on the Bravo network April 11. (9 p.m., EST)

"There's really odd thing about all of this," Moore says after a night of tap-dancing avant-garde. "There's something about television that legitimizes or validates one's existence." Much like his critically acclaimed but short-lived NBC-Fox series "TV Nation," Moore's "Awful Truth" uses a mixture of pranks,ashness, populism and deadpan satire to criticize just about all things conservative and corporate. The first 12 episodes, true to Moore's modus operandi, are part comedy, part news magazine. He directs a band of loudmouthed Puritans to Special Prosecutor Ken Starr's home to demonstrate a "cheaper way to conduct a witch hunt," and shames Humana, an HMO, into covering a young father's pancreatic transplant after staging a mock funeral for the man at the business's front door. Moore also drives a caravan of openly gay men and women through states with laws against sodomy. They ride in what he calls the "SodomMobile" - a bright pink camper splashed with bumper stickers that say, among other things, "If this vais a rockin', don't come a knockin'..."

Moore's devilishly funny "Beat the Rich," a contest that pits the wits of blue-bloods shopping along New York's ritz Fifth Avenue against those of a blue-collar crowd from the streets of Pittsburgh. ("How do you change the bag in this vacuum cleaner?" "What's a share of IBM stock going for these days?") manages to poke fun at both groups but ultimately declares those with the smallest bank accounts the winners.

There is probably more penetratin-
g humor in one half-hour of "The Awful Truth" than in a season of just about any popular sit-com these days, but Moore makes it clear that he's not continuing his foray in television just for the laughs.

"I really want people across the country to see the things that we think are important," he said. "And I want them to be so angry about some of this stuff that they get off their asses and do something. One person really can make a difference."

Yet Moore's biting sense of humor often compromises his mission to inspire. Nevermind that he visits his hometown often and yes, younger - audience.

Whether that strategy works without driving away the channel's current viewer base remains to be seen. "It's too bad that it's not on a larger network," he told one studio audience. "And yes, we are going after Henry Hyde and his hypocritical ass. It's a two-part story."

They were jokes sure to get laughs - especially given that Moore's handlers were careful to pack the house with college students from campuses scattered throughout the Chicago area. It was a crowd filled with folks known for their left-of-center views and bowdly senses of humor - the perfect audience for any of Moore's endeavors. But are college students avid fans of the Bravo channel, the film and arts network that features dance, classical music and jazz? Moore said the network, currently reaching 35 million homes, is hoping "The Awful Truth" will become an anchor that will attract a new - and yes, younger - audience.

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Hole-less Manson goes all out

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STAFF WRITER

By looking at the line outside the O-rena it was clear that a lot of kids skipped school that day in order to dress up and get in line early last Monday for the Marilyn Manson show. As expected there were a lot of guys with make up and girls dressed just a tad bit suggestively.

I was disappointed that there weren't that many psycho preachers intercepting the show; only a couple of bums that got paid to hand out flyers.

The first band that played was Jack Off Jill. Lead singer Jessica looked like Ann Wilson (you know the fat chick in Heart) on crack. The music wasn't bad but I can't say I was impressed. During their set Jessica cuts her forehead and chest (who knows maybe she could work for ECW if the band doesn't work out) and challenges some guy whom was yelling at her to fight.

Manson are a true rock band, not some pretty boy Matchbox 20 crap that dress up like Bon Jovi and play like Hoosie's Blowfish. Singer Dave Wyndorf looks like a biker version of Paul Stanley. In true rock star fashion he performed with an endless amount of obscene gestures, the occasional guitar playing and outrageous stage raps. He even took time to comment on Hole's departure and saying that the tour was better without their negative attitude. Who the heck needs Hole? Her last album sounded like leftovers from a Savio Nicks record. Courtesy is all about the fake breast. To Dave's credit he is the only person that I've seen laying down his guitar without looking like a wimp for not breaking it. Their music has always been a psychedelic rock version of Black Sabbath. The band focused mostly on material from their Powertrip CD. On stage the songs sounded raw and larger than life. If a band is any good they should be able to prove that they're good every time they step on stage and Monster Magnet passed the test. The only disappointment was that their set was too short. Since they got bumped up to Hole's place, I thought they would be able to play longer.

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Women salvage one of three matches in Shootout

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

Following losses to higher-ranked New Mexico and Texas-El Paso, the University of Central Florida women's tennis team went home with a hard fought victory against Alabama-Birmingham to close the UTEP Spring Shootout at the El Paso Tennis Club.

UCF ran out to a big lead and held off a UAB rally to defeat the Blazers 5-4, last Sunday morning.

After trailing 3-1 early in the match, UAB took a 4-3 lead when Sjouke Liem and Monika Schmid defeated Daniela Okal and Sonja Prokopec 8-2. But the Golden Knights came back strong, winning the last two matches.

Veronica Widyadharma and Gaelle Gouttefarde rolled to an 8-4 win at number one doubles, and Rachna Ashar and Hadas Ronen won a tightly contested 9-8 decision at number three doubles to clinch the win for the Golden Knights.

UCF got off to a great start when the 60th-ranked Widyadharma had her second major upset of the season, defeating 17th-ranked Mirela Vladutescu at number one singles, 7-5, 6-0. Widyadharma defeated #21 Elisa Penalvo of Marquette earlier this season.

Gouttefarde gave the Golden Knights a 2-0 lead when she rolled to a 6-2, 6-1, win over Monika Schmid at number two singles.

The Blazers came back with a win at number six singles to cut the lead to one until Ashar put UCF back up by two with a 6-4, 6-3, win over Sjouke Liem at number five singles. UAB's Michell North came from behind to defeat Sonja Prokopec at number four, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, and Mary Anne Martin came from behind to defeat Ann-Jeanette Svantesson, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, at number three to tie things at 3-3 going into doubles.

The win came as a much-needed remedy to a two-game losing streak suffered in the first two days of play at the Shootout.

In opening day action, the 21st ranked New Mexico Lobos swept the three doubles matches to come from behind and defeat the Golden Knights, 6-3.

The Golden Knights got off to a good start with Gouttefarde rolling to a 6-1, 6-1, win over Aimee Hites at number three singles. Gouttefarde notched her 16th victory of the season, second most on the team.

UNM's Ana Friganovic then defeated Widyadharma, 6-2, 6-0, to tie the match at 1-1. Hadas Ronen gave the Golden Knights a 2-1 lead with a 6-4, 6-1, win over Courtesy Chao at number six singles. Prokopec was defeated by Neza Kurnik at number four singles, 7-6, 6-1, to tie the match at 2-2. Natalia Alekhova then gave the Lobos their first lead of the day with a 7-5, 7-5, win over Svantesson at number two singles. Okal won probably the toughest singles match of the day, a 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, come-from-behind win over Nicoleta Spika at number four singles to tie the match at 3-3 going into doubles, where it was all New Mexico.

Host team UTEP handed UCF another 6-3 loss the next day, but it was the singles portion that hampered the Knights, as only one individual, Widyadharma, registered a victory.

The Golden Knights returned to action on Tuesday at the University of Nevada Las Vegas at 3:30 p.m.
Ami Gardner placed 11th in the 1,500 meter run (4:56.86) and Garner placed 11th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.58. Shari Lambers and Sarah Kureishi competed in the 800 meter run, placing 17th and 18th with times of 2:23.28 and 2:26.99, respectively.

UCF will compete next Friday on April 7, 1999, at the Trans America Athletic Conference Championship at Troy State University. The Golden Knights will attempt to win its third straight TAAC title in women's track and field.

Panaggio continues to dominate long distance running at UCF, recently establishing a new school record.

Panaggio sets school record

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

H. Anne Panaggio broke the University of Central Florida school record in the 1,500 meters, leading the way at the 1999 University of Central Track and Field held on Monday, Jan.29 at the UCF Arena Track.

Panaggio, a junior from Bettendorf, Iowa, ran a 4:40.08 to take second place in the 1,500 meter behind Ninna Lynch, who with a time of 4:34.68. Golden Knight Brianna Harrington took third place with a 4:50.63.

Several other UCF athletes took first place at the meet. Christy Turner won the 500 meter dash with a time of 1:27.11. Natasha Garner won the 400 meter with a 59.56. Takeia McClover took first in a tight race in the 400 meter low hurdles with a 1:09.84. She edged out Shana Zanatis of Bowie's College, who ran a 1:10.24. Amber Twyner won the shot put with a distance of 39-5.75, won the javelin with a 114-6 and took second in the discuss with a 113-6.

The Golden Knights also swept the 1,500 relay, winning the 4X100 meter relay in a time of 48.83 and the 4X400 meter relay in a time of 4:08.10.

Less than a week later, the women's track and field team competed at the 13th annual Miami Gatorade Invitational on Saturday, April 3 at Greentree Track on the University of Miami. UCF was led by Turner, who placed first in the pole vault by clearing 3.20m. Turner also placed fourth in the javelin (26.72m). UCF's throwers brought home the highest finishes as a group. Twyner placed second in the javelin with a throw of 35.98m. Twyner placed fifth in the shot put with a 11.50m toss and Katrina Beard placed third in the shot put (13.04m).

Gardner placed sixth in the long jump (5.90m) and 11th in the triple jump (11.41) while Wester and Takeia McClover placed 14th and 15th, respectively, in the 400 meter low hurdles. Ash finished in 1:08.33 and McClover came across the finish line at 1:08.98.

New NCAA standards may be in place by September

CHRISTOPHER R. HEPP

PHILADELPHIA - The NCAA could have new freshman-eligibility standards in place by September, regardless of the outcome of a lawsuit challenging the current standards, an NCAA official said on Wednesday.

New standards probably would place less emphasis on standardized test scores and more emphasis on high school grade-point averages, said Graham B. Spanier, president of Penn State University and chairman of the NCAA Division I board of directors.

Spanier said it was hoped a new model could be ready for adoption by the board's August meeting. That would allow it to be in place by Sept. 1. Spanier said the review had been going on for months and was independent of the lawsuit brought against the NCAA.

Using standardized test scores as part of the eligibility rules led to a suit by African-American student athletes, who said the tests were racially discriminatory.

Earlier this month in Philadelphia, U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter struck down the eligibility rules, citing a July 27 memo by NCAA officials to Division I member schools that showed that African-American and low-income student-athletes have been disproportionately impacted by the standards.

Buckwalter ruled in a lawsuit brought in 1997 by two track athletes at Simon Gratz High School who did not obtain sufficient SAT scores. One, Leatrice Shaw, sat out her freshman year of competition at the University of Miami, where she is now a junior, and the other chose to attend a Division III school, where the test requirement does not apply.

On Tuesday, a federal appeals court panel issued a stay of Buckwalter's ruling, while the NCAA appeals the decision.

The stay renews the eligibility rules known as Proposition 16. The three-year-old NCAA rules required freshman student-athletes at Division I colleges and universities to have scored a minimum of 820 on the Scholastic Assessment Test or 680 on the American College Testing Assessment, or ACTs), and have a 2.5 grade point average in 13 core high school courses, to play intercollegiate sports and qualify for scholarships.

Under a sliding scale, athletes could play as freshmen with a grade point average as low as 2.0 if they scored a 1010 on the SATs.

Spanier said that any new standard most likely would continue to employ standardized test scores.

"By having no test scores at all, you run the risk of allowing teachers, and counselors in high schools to simply use grades to make the determination," he said.

"There is a such thing as grade inflation. Standards differ greatly from school to school, from state to state." Standardized tests allow colleges to "level the playing field," he said.

However, he acknowledge the high school grade point average is the single best predictor of academic performance in college. Because of that, he said, he would not be surprised if future eligibility standards gave greater weight to grade point average and a student's performance in core subjects.

One possible change could be the reinstatement of freshman ineligibility, he said, although suggested that was not likely.

"We have had a process underway for months that was reviewing Prop 16," he said. "We are looking at alternative models. It is very likely we will make some changes to Prop. 16. The stay gives us the opportunity to do it in an orderly fashion."

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Tennis ace Ashar honored

UCF senior women's tennis player Rashna Ashar will receive a special honor when she graduates this spring.

Ashar was informed that her grade point average is among the top 2.5 percent of all graduating seniors at UCF and thus she will graduate Summa Cum Laude from the university. Ashar has 62 career singles victories during her nearly four years with the Golden Knights.

Women's crew finishes second at Petrakis Cup

The UCF women's crew finished second to host Jacksonville, braving a choppy current and tail winds at the annual Petrakis Cup Regatta on March 27. Also competing in the event were Stetson and Embry-Riddle.

The Novice 8+ Lightweight crew, consisting of coxswain Cait Peck (Pembroke Pines), Mandy Workman (Satellite Beach), Mandy Marks (North Fort Myers), Jill Ascua (Winter Park), Natalie Gohba (Hornshaw), Jannae Muekeley (Seminole), Lindsey Hoffman (North Fort Myers), Lauren Roderick (Boca Raton) and Jussi Mayer (Jupiter) finished first with a time of 6.41, 0.5 seconds ahead of the Dolphin squad.

Coxswain Jessica Freeman (Vero Beach), Melissa Coverson (Jacksonville), Sam Scott (Orlando), Chrsissy Robinson (Valrico), and Courtney Allen (Gainesville) rowed the Varsity 4+ to a first place finish in 7.59, with Stetson finishing second, 31 seconds behind.

In the Varsity 4+ race, UCF's Lightweight and Open crews finished second, as did the Varsity 8+ in its race.

The women are off until April 10, when they compete at the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship in Tampa.

Perkins makes the grade, eligible to play in the fall

Dwight Perkins, a standout linebacker from Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, has met academic requirements and will enroll at UCF.

Perkins achieved a satisfactory score on the SAT and will have four years of eligibility remaining at UCF. He graduated from Plantation High in 1997 after signing with Clemson, but didn't qualify academically. He spent a year at Stetson before transferring there in 1998. Perkins achieved a satisfactory score on the SAT and will have four years of eligibility remaining at UCF. He graduated from Plantation High in 1997 after signing with Clemson, but didn't qualify academically. He spent a year at Fork Union where he made 120 tackles in 12 games. As a senior at Plantation, Perkins made 125 tackles. He is the school's career tackling leader with 331.

He already is listed on UCF's third team at middle linebacker behind Deantrey Devine and Chris Gunn, both seniors. He is considered one of the top members of this year's recruiting class and could challenge for playing time.

Perkins (6-foot-2, 210 pounds) has a 375-pound bench press and 515-pound squat. He runs a 40-yard dash time of 4.59 seconds.

Knight Dancers hold tryout

The UCF Basketball Dance Team, also known as the Knight Dancers, are having tryouts for prospective members from Fri., Apr. 16-Sun., Apr. 18.

The three day tryout requires mandatory attendance for all three days. The April 16 event will be held in the Student Center Auditorium from 4-6 p.m. On Saturday, Apr. 17, tryouts will continue in the SCA from 12-3. Tryouts end on Apr. 18 in the UCF Arena, and will be held from 12-4.

For more information, contact Linda Gooch at 823-7300.
Women take second in Florida Championship

David Marsters
STAFF WRITER

After holding the lead for the first two rounds of the Ryder/Florida Women’s Collegiate Golf Championships, the Golden Knights dropped a spot on the final day to finish second in the team competition. However, junior Line Berg shot a six-over-par 222 to win the individual championship.

The tournament consisted of twelve Florida schools including Florida, Florida State, Miami, and nationally ranked South Florida.

Playing at Don Shula’s Golf Resort in Miami Lakes, the Knights recorded some of their lowest scores this year. Along with Berg’s honors, freshman Monica Gundersrud finished in third place overall with a tournament-low 216. Beatie Faanes and Olivia Hartley both shot a three-day total of 240 to finish in 11th place, and Chrisy Aichison took 15th with a 243.

Berg led the tournament wire-to-wire, and finished four strokes better than her closest competition. She followed an opening round 72 with a 1-under-par 71 on second day, and then cruised to victory with a final round 79.

Entering the final round, the Knights stood at 608, holding a six shot over Florida State. The Seminoles also shot a tournament-low 296 in the second round, benefited from UCF’s worst round of the tournament and finished three shots better than the Knights to take the team title. FSU finished at 926 to UCF’s 929.

Close behind was South Florida at 935 and Florida International at 938. Florida, who had won the last four state championships, rounded out the top five with a 939.

The second place effort came on the heels of a runner-up performance at the River Wildness USF Invitational in which Faanes, too Berg, Gundersrud, and Aichison led the Golden Knights. Hartley and Tatiana Londono also delivered solid efforts.

Next up for the UCF women is the Trans-American Athletic Conference Championship in Atlanta, Georgia from April 12-14. The tournament, hosted by Georgia State, will determine the Knights chances of earning a trip to the NCAA Women’s Golf Championships.

**NOTE:** The UCF Men’s Golf team was also in action last week, finishing third out of 15 teams at the Southeastern Louisiana Mardi Gras Invitational on March 29-30. The Knights shot a two day total of 599, 23-over-par.

The tournament, which was shortened by rain, was won by Campbell University. The UCF men return to action in the TAAC Championship on April 17-21. The tournament is hosted by Campbell in Buies Creek, North Carolina. After that, they travel to Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina for the Wofford Invitational on April 22-24.

Hidden-camera tapes track college wrestlers

Michael Hirsley
KNIgHT-RIgINS

CHICAGO - When Ken Kraft, senior associate athletic director at Northwestern University, got back to campus after the Wildcats’ exciting but unsuccessful football odyssey to the Rose Bowl in January 1996, a disturbing package awaited him.

Someone had turned in a camera case to lost-and-found at Welsh-Ryan Arena on Dec. 29-30, 1995.

Inside the case was a camera inside, and it was pointed at the showers.

Kraft learned there were multiple tapes in distribution. He gathered some tapes and flyers advertising them and met with members of the Midlands committee. They decided that the material should be turned over to the FBI.

Jason Peterson, a former Michigan State wrestler, discovered the Midlands tape in the Northwestern locker room.

Peterson a wrestler from Eastern Illinois University took the camera to a tournament desk. He recalls being watched by a slightly built man 35 to 40 years old, with short hair and glasses, dressed like an athletic trainer “with a water bottle and everything.”

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Richter built UCF into a top level program

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about four months after.

"I took it over as an interim and my contract was for 10 months. I didn’t know if I was going to take it for just those 10 months or if I was going to stay on. My goal was to leave the program in better shape than when I got it. I definitely think I’ve achieved that."

Richter guided UCF to TAAC championships from 1994-96 and a co-championship in her first season. The Knights defeated Jacksonville in the TAAC Tournament last year and earned an automatic berth into the NCAA. It’s since first since 1991. UCF lost to Wisconsin, 2-0.

But it was last year’s TAAC championship that stands out as her all-time favorite.

"It was the first time to automatically qualify for the NCAA," Richter said. "That single moment, when the whistle blew to win, was the best moment in my UCF career. When I was a player, we got to in the NCAA by invitation. We didn’t win it on the field."

Richter’s final contribution to the women’s soccer program is one on par with all of her other accomplishments. She leaves behind a team that loves five players to graduation but returns seven seniors. The team also is bolstered by Richter’s best recruiting class ever. She said that factor should make the UCF job very attractive to her replacement.

"It’s a great job and we’re going somebody it’s tough," said Richter, who was named TAAC Coach of the Year in 1998. "The team is in place to be successful again next year. We far and away had the best recruiting class in the conference and one of the better ones in the Southeast. It’s a prime job for somebody."

She said telling her team, plus her newly-signed players will be difficult. Richter signed eight, including some who can make an immediate impact. Her message to them is to stay at UCF.

"I’ll encourage them all to stay because the team is going to be successful," she said. "Heck, it’ll probably more be successful than my Auburn team next year."

Auburn is coming off a 5-12 season. But Richter feels the Tigers can turn it around through recruiting.

"They had a very poor year but I don’t think they’re recruiting the right kids," Richter said. "It’s a high-level athletic department. They’re top notch, everything they do."

"They can recruit the right kids. A lot of the kids I signed in this year’s class would have helped Auburn and are SEC-level kids."

In fact, Richter is confident she can add women’s soccer to the list of Auburn teams that annually contend for a national title. That Tigers can turn it around through recruiting.

"I would like to win a national championship and Auburn being in the SEC is a step in that direction," she said.

UCF will conduct a search for a replacement immediately. Richter’s success was not limited to the playing field or in the classroom. She was a member of the National Team in 1986. She also was a member of the National Squad in 1987 and 1990. She has been inducted into several national honor societies, including Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Psi Chi. She also served on the 1991 College Student-Athlete Project: Women and Athletics Sub-Committee.

A native of Naperville, Ill., Richter was a three-sport star at Naperville Central. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in psychology and earned Adidas/USIA Scholar-Athlete honors as a senior. She was a member of the prestigious Honda Award for women’s soccer for her achievements in the classroom and on the field.

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A native of Naperville, Ill., Richter was a three-sport star (soccer, basketball, softball) at Naperville Central High. In soccer, she earned All-America honors and was a member of the National Youth Team in 1986. She also was a member of the North squad at the United States Olympic Festival in 1987 and 1990.

Richter came out of "retirement" in 1997 when she joined the Tampa Bay Extreme of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (USISL) "W League" as the team’s starting goalkeeper.
Cambell hungry to get back into the TAAC race

Bradley Coates (.343-1-26), and outfielder Keith Sears (.328-1-16) are among the team’s best hitters. Along with Barker, first baseman Mike Campbell and third baseman Dan Krause are power threats with seven and six home runs, respectively.

“They’ll be prepared because they are well coached,” Frady said. “They have better players than in the past, and they’ve had some good non-conference wins.”

While David Rankin and Justin Pope are locks in the UCF rotation, Brian Freeland may get a chance as the third starter against Campbell depending upon his performance Tuesday against South Florida. As for the Camels pitching staff, 11 players have seen action with seven different starters.

Righties Byron Batson, Corey Byrd, and Daniel Hall throw alongside Wes Hepler, the lone left-handed starter. Hepler (4-0, 3.35 ERA) leads the staff and has struck out 34 in 48.1 innings. Batson (4-4, 4.03) leads the team with 60.1 innings and has throw three complete games. He has started nine games and recorded 48 strikeouts.

Byrd (3-2, 4.47) and Hall (3-5, 7.07) have started six and seven games, respectively. Byrd has recorded 48 strikeouts in 48.1 innings. Hall has struggled with 27 walks in 42 innings but has added 34 strikeouts.

Right-hander Chris English (0-2, 4.15) has taken the role as closer with three saves, and has 29 strikeouts in only 21.2 innings but has 18 walks.

“We’re just gonna take it one game at a time because Campbell is a very improved team,” Frady said.

UCF needs to take advantage of Campbell’s struggles because Florida Atlantic (12-0) and Jacksonville (13-2) have jumped ahead in the race for first and second in the TAAC. With the Knights at 8-4, they can’t afford to lose any ill-advised games.

“We don’t get caught up in what they (FAU and JU) do, but we are very respectful of what they’ve accomplished,” Frady said. “Our focus is on ourselves and what we are doing. That’s all we can worry about.”

Taking care of business this weekend would ease some of that worry, not to mention put the Golden Knights back in the race for the conference crown.
The Golden Knights took advantage of Centenary’s pitching struggles and its own timely hitting to take two of three from the Gents in Shreveport, Louisiana. Assistant Head Coach Greg Frady knows that UCF (23-11, 8-4) is close to putting everything together, but it just takes time. “We need to keep pushing closer to sweeping more three-game series (in the TAAC),” Frady said. “We just take one game at a time, and anytime you can take two of three on the road it’s a plus.”

The Knights did take each game one at a time, unfortunately losing the second game of the Friday double-header. But they recovered for a solid 16-8 win in the rubber game on Saturday.

To the coaches’ surprise, Pete Cavallin and Andy Johnson headed up the offensiveouting. Cavallin went 5-for-6 with four RBIs, and Johnson was 4-for-6 with three doubles and three RBIs.

“It’s extremely important for these guys to step up,” Frady said. “As we go down the stretch, we’re gonna face a lot more lefties, hitting off their power, hitting their second and third, and they need to take advantage of doubles and three-baggers.”

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UCF takes two of three from Gentlemen

“I know that we have a chance.”

Brisson and Bill Olday led the charge in the opener. Brison hit his ninth home run while going 2-for-4 with four RBIs. Olday also was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Matt Meath, Mike Fox, and Brent Spooner added the other RBIs.

UCF had a 4-2 lead after six innings in the nightcap, but Jason Arnold struggled for the first time out of the bullpen this season. He gave up four runs on three hits and four walks in 2.2 innings. UCF took a 5-4 lead after losing the lead in the seventh, but Arnold gave up a two-run home run to Jim Voisin for the 6-5 loss.

Bowser and Brison each had two hits, but the rest of the lineup only combined for six more. Bowser had two RBIs, and Fox added another. Centerfielder (11-22, 7-8) Jacob-Haney held UCF to only five hits in six innings.

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If an NCAA Tournament appearance is going to materialize, UCF needs to defend its homefield advantage down the stretch, as well as display its dominance over the lesser teams in its conference. A prime opportunity to accomplish both presents itself this weekend.

The Campbell Camels travel to Orlando for a three-game series on Friday and Saturday, as they look to try and move back in contention for the sixth and final berth in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament. The Camels have completed half their TAAC schedule and have lost five of six games. The Camels went 2-1 against Mercer and lost two of three against Stetson before the current collapse.

Campbell is hitting .306 and has hit 36 home runs, while averaging 7.5 runs per game. Second baseman Ben Barker leads the Camels offense with a .397 average and nine home runs. He also leads the team with 12 doubles and has scored 33 runs while driving in 25.

Their coaches will challenge them to stay in the race,” Assistant Head Coach Greg Frady said. “They’ll do some things that you wouldn’t normally see because this is their playoff.”

Georgia State, Jacksonville, and Florida Atlantic have swept Campbell in three conference series after it started 10-1 in non-conference games. The Camels went 2-1 against Mercer and lost two of three against Stetson before the current collapse.

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After 12 years as a player and coach at UCF, Nancy Richter has resigned to become head coach of Auburn University. Richter compiled a 64-44-9 record in six seasons as head coach, including an NCAA Tournament berth last year.

“The most important thing was to take the emotion out of the decision and do what’s best for my career,” Richter said. “It’s certainly a positive step for my career.”

So positive in fact, that the situation that caused Richter to resign was a perfect fit to what she desires in a soccer program.

“They have a lot of great things to sell,” Richter said. “Those were the three things that persuaded me. For me to leave UCF, a job would have to be perfect.”

Richter, 29, will be joined at Auburn by assistant Matt Mott, who has been at UCF for four seasons. Her other assistant, former player Amy Jones (1993-96), will pursue a career in criminal justice, a field she majored in at UCF.

With her departure to Auburn, Richter ends an association with Central Florida that has spanned over a decade.

Richter was a standout goalkeeper for UCF from 1987-1990. She was named the NCAA’s Goalkeeper of the Year in 1990 and helped UCF reach the NCAA Tournament twice, including the Final Four in 1987.

She spent two seasons (1991-92) as an assistant at UCF and took over as head coach in 1993 with one simple goal: to one day leave the program in a better condition than how she inherited it. She succeeded, leading UCF to a national ranking as high as 19th and in the Top 10 regionally each season.

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