Toxic spill simulation prepares rescuers

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Toxic chemicals, burning vehicles and casualties filled the soon-to-be Winn-Dixie parking lot located at the corner of McCulloch Rd. and Lockwood Blvd. Fortunately this was just a simulation. The exercise consisted of smoke machines, a computerized mannequin, UCF's Institute for Simulation and Training, and rescue teams from Orange and Seminole Counties, as well as Sweden. The high-tech, life-like mannequin was supplied by IST's training department.

The simulation, a mock chlorine spill, which is a very real threat in Central Florida, was conducted to test a new Swedish-developed technology for monitoring simulations. The system allows for crews to follow a simulation as it is taking place and assess the performance of the crews who respond to the situation.

The exercise began promptly at 9:00.

Colin Powell speaks, Army ROTC cadets present colors

This past semester, UCF's Army ROTC Fighting Knights presented the "colors" for the American Kentucky Fried Chicken Association (AKFCA) which held an exposition at the Marriot Hotel at Lake Buena Vista.

Among the hundreds of people who gathered for this event stood a man famous to all through real life exploits and history books. A man who completed an exemplary military career by command ing thousands of troops to success during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, marking him an "American hero." This man is General Colin L. Powell (USA Ret.), who served as the guest speaker for the AKFCA's event.

For an hour, several of the Army ROTC's cadets, had the opportunity to listen to the words of a great leader whose lifetime achievements are remarkable and whose presence is an honor to many Americans. He spoke of American youth and their importance to the future of our country, emphasizing the influence of education and support for success. Occasionally, he referred back to his days in the United States Army, and how the knowledge that he gained from his training and experience led to his success as a military leader. On more than one occasion, General Powell waved his hand and directed the audience's attention to the cadets and cadre from the UCF Army ROTC Fighting Knights Battalion. He did this while highlighting the fact that the future of our country is safe in the hands of young men and women such as those involved with UCF's Army ROTC.

The event was an honor able and unforgettable experience for all those fortunate enough to hear him speak.

Technical writing students win scholarships, recognition

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The Orlando Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) presented both Mireille Shebbein and Rudy McDaniel with scholarships for excellence in technical communication. Shebbein and McDaniel received the awards at STC's Awards Banquet on April 26.

Shebbein, a junior, whose family originated in Egypt, is a technical writing major. She explained that mathematics and science are important subjects to her family and ancestry. Although she realizes their importance, literature and the English language fascinate her. She particularly enjoys technical writing and has no doubt that it offers a wide range of channels in the growing field of technical writing.

"I believe that with a degree in Technical Writing, I will be a part of the new era in technology, most especially with the advent of computers," says Shebbein.
Orientation-Team gears up for summer

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Everyone has seen them around. Everyone knows at least one of them. Who are they? They are O-teams.

Each summer a team of 30-40 students engages in helping incoming freshmen and transfer students make the switch to UCF. Once the team is chosen, they go through rigorous training to ensure that they will be able to answer any tough questions new students have.

"Basically I hope to meet new people and help facilitate freshmen into courses and make their experience as enjoyable as mine was."

-Michael Hunsucker
UCF student

After selection, O-teams go on retreats and prepare to help incoming students. As of now, there are 33 O-teams and they are currently training for 13 freshman orientations and 10 transfer orientations that will be held this summer. The O-teams train from 10am-5pm Monday-Friday. Their training consists of meeting with administrators and campus resources, such as First Year Advising, Greek Council, and the Office of Student Activities. During this time they also put together the presentations that will perform during the orientations.

The UCF O-team boasts that it's different from other universities in that it teaches students as students and not as numbers. The O-team shows this by offering programs on social responsibility and diversity. The team focuses on issues concerning drugs, rape, and race relations. The O-teams also make themselves available to new students by offering business cards with their email addresses. Along with the actual orientation their will be a Welcome Expo on August 22. Campus resources and advisors will be there to help new students with any problems that may arise.

Swedish simulation makes debut in US

Am, in the sweltering morning heat, and lasted through till 12:00pm, at which time they took a break for the 'after action review.'

Partially through the exercises the rescue teams received a call on an overturned truck on Sand Lake Rd. The teams quickly packed all of their equipment away and waited to see if they were needed to respond to the accident. Fortunately they were not, and the simulation continued after a short 15-minute break.

The teams who responded to this simulation were those from Orange and Seminole counties, and were coordinated by Major Johun Jenland of the Swedish Ministry of Defense.

"This was a very realistic exercise," said Peter Kincad, Principle Scientist for Emergency Management and Training at IST. Kincad stated that the rescue teams that participated in the event rated very well, and were quite amazed to see the 'after action review' so quickly.

Used to track the happenings and to judge the simulation were a variety of different and high-tech devices. Some of these technologies included GPS location devices placed in rescue vehicles, time-stamped radio transmissions and 911 tape, sophisticated simulation tracking software, and a highly advanced computerized mannequin who stood in as a casualty of the accident.

"The use of this training and simulation exercise was its debut in the US. It designed in Sweden and has been in use in Sweden for nearly two years," said Kincaid.

The activities on May 23 were overseen by Orange County's Fire and Rescue Chief, Joe Donavan, and Battalion Chief Malcolm Trigg of Seminole County's Fire and Rescue. Peter Kincad, who oversees emergency management training programs at IST, was the coordinator for between the Swedish and UCF's IST.

"We have already got a tentative return engagement with the Swedish where we will be working with them again on more simulations and taking in some of these technologies for ourselves," stated Kincaid.

The exercise that these teams practiced was in fact played out in real life the following day, May 24, in the Pine Hills area, when 150 homes were evacuated due to a chlorine spill on Pine Hills Road, located on the west side of Orlando.
College students bury themselves in debt

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Today in America, and in much of the rest of the world, credit card use has become widespread. Just about anywhere one goes these little square pieces of plastic can be used to purchase goods or obtain cash. Whether it be at a restaurant, in a store, or on a college campus, the power of the plastic has become almost unlimited. Unfortunately with the easy use and low qualification standards, many people, college students especially, have found themselves drowning in debt.

The story is much the same. Heather Reynolds*, a freshman at UCF, over one hundred two thousand to her credit card. The name of the first month I had my card I spent a thousand on clothes, dining, books, and entertainment. At the end of the month I had a dollar balance on my credit card. The name of the game for credit card companies is brand loyalty and they are looking to build it earlier and earlier. On campuses free gifts such as CD cases, t-shirts, candy bars, soda, and gift certificates are used to lure prospective students to fill out an application. "The other day I even had a guy offered me a free candy bar or something like that and I signed up for the card."

Time after time when asked how they actually signed up for their first credit card, college students reminisce of "the free gift." Every semester, when college students come back to school, they are inundated by new class schedules, and credit card applications. Students will find card applications already placed in shopping bags from the college bookstore, inserted into campus newspapers, and displayed on outdoor tables. If that isn't enough, credit card representatives handle out items like t-shirts, candy, and water bottles to sign up. Students receive an average of 20-25 credit card applications in the mail every semester alone.

On just about any campus around the nation, the effects of credit cards can be seen or felt. There is at least one student on every campus that has felt the woes of a credit card. At the University of Rochester a 20-year-old woman entered the office of the Vice President and Dean of students, Dr. Paul J. Burgett, and requested money for her student loan fund. When asked why she needed the loan, she finally admitted that she was so far behind in her payments on about 20 credit cards that collection agencies were calling her. Each card was at its credit limit and she was unable to pay even the minimum balance the creditors demanded.

In a market increasingly geared towards college students this is quickly becoming a dangerous epidemic. Many students who lack the knowledge about credit are finding themselves in debt and in trouble. Today, over two thirds of all college students have at least one credit card. The name of the game for credit card companies is brand loyalty and they are looking to build it earlier and earlier. On campuses free gifts such as CD cases, t-shirts, candy bars, soda, and gift certificates are used to lure prospective students to fill out an application. "The other day I even had a guy who was offering free boxes of cereal," Heather remarked. "Cereal is a hot commodity for a college student and I don't think that it is right for them to do that."

Today more students than ever have a credit card, but do they really have the money to cover the charges? According to a CNN money poll students with little or no income hold a $2200 dollar balance on their credit card. "It's so easy to build up a debt that big," said Heather. "The first month I had my card I spent a thousand on clothes, dinner, and travel." Researchers say young people are twice as likely to be delinquent on loans than adults.

According to a CardTrak online pole sponsored by VISA International, college students lay out the plastic for a variety of uses. Fifty-four percent use their card for tuition, forty-two percent for groceries, forty-seven percent for travel, and forty-four percent for car expenses. And of those people only fifty-six percent pay off their balance in full each month.

Little has been done to combat this growing problem. Currently, creditors have begun to feel pressure for reform from the media and consumers, but little action has been taken on the college campuses themselves.

Administrators can only stop distributors who want to set up booths on campus. They cannot however stop flyers from being distributed on campus because these credit card companies are a legitimate business. Stopping these vendors from soliciting on campus would significantly reduce the amount of students getting themselves buried in credit card debt.
The university has their fingers crossed. UCF is currently waiting to see if Governor Jeb Bush ok's the budget submitted to him by the Florida Legislature. Lawmakers gave their approval on a majority of the items listed within the budget and its authority.

"The Legislature treated UCF very fairly," said University Relations Vice President Dan Holsenbeck.

Listed in the budget is a proposal for $15 million to help with the Florida Center for the Arts and Education in downtown Orlando.

"We received support for our partnership efforts and funding to further our goals of excellence and the accessibility of our programs," said Holsenbeck.

The Legislature also proposed an increase in salary for state employees. The raise would be 2.5 percent.

Writer's Camp

UCF is holding a young writers' camp. The camp began June 5 and will run until June 8 as well as June 12-15. E-mail cfwp@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu or call (407)823-3405 for more information. The Blood Bank is going to be holding a blood drive on June 7 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in front of the Student Union. Students are encouraged to come out and donate, and will be given a free T-shirt for their participation. Supplies are low and the blood bank can use all the help they can get. Contact Karline Cunningham at (407) 599-8485 for more information. The Blood Bank asks that all students eat before they donate.

Give blood, help blood supply

The Central Florida Blood Bank is going to be holding a blood drive on June 7 from 10:00am - 4:00pm in front of the Student Union. Students are encouraged to come out and donate, and will be given a free T-shirt for their participation. Supplies are low and the blood bank can use all the help they can get.

Grant provides gallery with evaluation

A $1,775 grant was given to the UCF Art Gallery. The gallery will be formally evaluated to help improve its programs and operations using this newfound money. The Institute of Museum and Library Services gave the grant to the art gallery. The institute "helps hundreds of museums increase attendance and community support, improve programming and services to the community, and improve collections care and management," says its director, Beverly Sheppard. This evaluation will help UCF address the public perception, experience and involvement with the museum said UCF Art Gallery director, Kevin Haran.

Talented 20 letters sent out

Chancellor Adam Herbert sent out more than 7,000 letters to graduating high school seniors in the top 20 of their graduating classes this past month encouraging them to apply for state university admission.

Library

The University of Central Florida was recently named best in the state of Florida for its outstanding Greek community by Leader Magazine. UCF's Greeks lead the way in a large number of its programs. Some include, but are not limited to, the Greek Student Success program, and the annual step-show competition. The university's Greek system is comprised of 33 fraternities and sororities who are made up of 2,200 plus students.

'Orphans' makes it debut at UCF Theatre

"Orphans" is to open June 8. This comic-drama is about two orphan brothers who live together in North Philly. The eldest brother, Treat, is a thief who steals to support himself and his brother. Looking to score big with a ransom demand, Treat kidnaps a middle-aged businessman. The mysterious businessman frees himself and turns the tables on the two brothers. The show will include Dr. Donald Seay, Theatre Chair and Artistic Director in Theatre UCF's Stage 2 black-box theatre. For information regarding the play, contact Theatre UCF Ticket Office at (407) 823-1300. And for a line up of plays and musicals being put on, visit http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/theatre/season.html on the World Wide Web.

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Leadership Excellence Starts Here

UCF's Golden Key Society awarded "Best Campus Awareness"

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The UCF chapter of the Golden Key Society got quite the birthday present last month. This honor society, which recognizes the top 15 percent of the student body, was awarded "Best Campus Awareness" in April—just in time for its 15th birthday.

The society competed with another 300 other chapters not only nationally, but internationally as well. According to Golden Key's recording secretary, Samuel Realista, such an award is quite an honor. "We are very proud because winning this award has placed us into standing ground for future awards."

Founded in 1987, the Golden Key Society is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is recognizing outstanding academic performance. Unlike other honor societies on campus, which correspond specifically to a major of study, Golden Key is open to all majors. Members generally have a cumulative GPA between 3.3 and 3.5.

If interested in joining, students may apply, but most often the university recruits those who qualify. The school sends information, based on the top 15 percent of its students, to society chapter advisors. "The top three percent of students interested in a career in the military are chosen," said Dan Voss, manager of the Education Committee at the University of Central Florida.

In addition, the university recruits those who are interested in pursuing a career in the military.

Scholarship financed by memorial fund

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Technical writing is the creation of software manuals and instructional guides that make otherwise confusing technical jargon understandable and approachable for the layman. It is used in fields ranging from art to engineering.

"Technical writing is the wave of the future," says Shebbein, who plans on continuing her education at UCF after the graduation next year.

As for winning the scholarship, Shebbein says "it will help her financially in her studies and is proud of being a recipient. "I feel honored to have been chosen because it means that I am a part of this growing field of technical writing that represents the future in all of its technological glory."

McDaniel, a full-time graduate student, participates in productions such as a large documentation project, which includes multimedia videos. He also produces a database-driven web-site. McDaniel is the English Department's technical support representative and web master. As web master, he has been installing its first network server and has been redesigning the department's information systems. He currently holds a 4.0 grade point average and his academic experiences have made him a strong leader in his professional life.

"They were tops in a highly competitive field of applicants," said Dan Voss, manager of the Education Committee at STC of Pellegrin, who plans on continuing his education after the graduation.

The students received a $500 check and a certificate of recognition at the awards banquet. The Melissa Pellegrin Memorial Scholarship Fund financed the award. The fund was founded to honor the memory of Melissa Pellegrin, a 1994 UCF graduate and member of the Orlando STC, who died tragically in April, 1997. Pellegrin was an exceptional student who had previously won a STC scholarship. The fund was given yearly to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students at UCF.

Shebbein and McDaniel will also have their names engraved on a plaque placed at UCF's English Department for permanent display.

For more info & application times: Call (407) 851-3212 EEO/AA
I would like to thank you for the recent article on international students that came out in the May 10 edition of The Future. I do not think the school appreciates all the hardships that international students go through and I do not think they do enough to make it easier for them

As an international student athlete it has been almost impossible for me to continue to pay for the costs of coming to school. My major (Hospitality Management) requires job experience before graduation, but it is hard to find employers willing to work around an athlete’s demanding schedule.

Since I did not receive any financial aid from my athletic program and was unable to work, all the financial responsibilities fell down on my family. It is no secret that salaries in Costa Rica and most of Latin America and Asia are about one fifth of those in the United States, making it almost impossible for people like me to study in the US.

What bothers me the most is that the university benefits a lot from international students. Not only do we spread the news of UCF in all of our countries, but we also bring variety and new cultures into the university. I have a high GPA (3.7) and have played as a starter on every tennis match this year and yet the financial aid I have received from the school is minimal.

I would like to see more done for students like me in the future and I think it will only happen with the help of the media. Thank you for raising awareness of this problem and I hope to see more articles on the subject in the future.

-Fernando Martinez

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OPINION EDITOR

Is it just me or does everyone else get worried every semester about anything having to do with college? Due to past mix-ups with financial aid I am constantly checking Polaris and calling the financial aid office, worried that I won’t get the funds I need so desperately. I am also worried about getting the classes I want, keeping the grades that I need, and making sure that I pay everything on time.

Okay so maybe I am just a little bit of a (borrowed this term from Mom) worry-wart. I am fatigued by the constant stress of bureaucracy and paperwork and class schedules and GPA requirements. Sometimes it seems like a lot to handle. Regardless of the fact of that past mix-up was just that-a mix-up, why do I always feel worried about whether or not I am going to get the help I need. For some reason I don’t remember my sister having to file this form or send that form when she was in college. Then again I don’t think she had any scholarships.

I understand that with so many students this is how it has to be, but I just wish for once I could think to myself, “Hey I am so excited for the start of a new semester.” At the beginning of every semester I usually think, “Oh no, did I file my FAFSA, did I get the right GPA, am I registered for enough courses, did I pay tuition on time, did the FAFSA get sent to the right place?”

I often wonder if this goes on in other countries and if there is an easier way of going about this? I guess it’s the price you pay for being allowed to choose so many venues for your life, rather than having them chosen for you. Hmmm, maybe that would be easier. I wonder sometimes if this goes on in other states even. I can’t really present a solution since I don’t really understand how any of this works. I am just tired of people saying that college is supposed to be the best time of my life, when more often than not it seems like it is the most frustrating time.

In writing this I hope someone out there just nods their head in agreement. I am not looking for protest or anything, because this is how it is, and probably always will be. I just want someone to say “Yes, my stressed little writer, I know exactly how you feel.”
How to be a lousy roommate 101

I have a crummy roommate. He has never stolen and pawned any of my possessions to buy crack, (that I know of). He has never rifled through my garbage and died his hair in a clever ploy to murder me and assume my identity, (yet). But he has gone to great lengths to maintain his status as merely an occupant of Apartment 1093 rather than a housemate. He has consistently behaved in an only child, center-of-the-universe, “other people are extras in the movie of my life” manner. Even after two years of living together he has never provided me with his telephone number.

Based on two years of research and my first-hand experience living with my crummy roommate, I have provided an extensive instructional guide for anyone who wants to become one. The text below will teach you a wealth of self-centered, inconsiderate behaviors you can use to ensure that come lease renewal time, your roommates will be packed and ready to run to the hills. The majority of these instructions can be followed without risking eviction and without breaking any state or federal laws.

1) When the garbage is full, DO NOT TAKE IT OUT! Instead, precariously balance your refuse on the pinnacle of the trash heap. Do not crush two-liter bottles or cardboard boxes when you place them in the trash, especially if you have repeatedly asked them to do so by your housemates. Since you have no plans of taking the trash out anyway, who cares how fast it gets full?

When circumstances beyond your control (such as out-of-town roommates) force you to dispose of the garbage yourself, do not replace the garbage bag just to spite them.

2) If you return home one day to discover that your roommate(s) have taken it upon themselves to clean the bathroom and/or the kitchen, do not thank them. In fact, do not even acknowledge that you noticed, or make any effort to reciprocate the gesture.

3) Be moody and indifferent. When you bump into your roommate(s) in the kitchen or the hallway, give your co-inhabitants a half-hearted obligatory wave only if you feel up to it. If not, do not even acknowledge their existence. Be reclusive. Only leave your quarters to use the kitchen or the bathroom.

Remember, be amicable and gregarious only when you need to borrow something from your roommates.

4) Commit acts of parsimony so appalling that Ebeneezer Scrooge would applaud you, like leaving a “DO NOT TOUCH” note inside of your ice cream.

5) Do not show the same respect for your roommate’s possessions that you expect them to show for yours. Example: Confiscate your roommate’s Tupperware, then lose them one piece at a time. Just for good measure, leave one stray container that you stained with marinara sauce. Borrow pots, pans, and baking sheets from your roommates, then leave them in the sink so long that the grease ferments into wine.

6) Lastly, should your religious fanaticism finally consume your last ounce of sanity and you do decide to murder your roommate(s), do so in a manner that intent and premeditation can never be established in a court of law. For example, proliferate harmful and potentially deadly bacteria by thawing uncooked beef and poultry on kitchen counters. Leaving the oven on is another particularly effective method of ending human life; if lady luck is on your side and the wind is right you can wipe out an entire apartment building!
A ‘Royal’ mix of 50’s rock and punk

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Whether you know them as The Amazing Royal Crowns or The Amazing Crowns, their presence on the music scene has definitely been noticed. Classic 50’s rock and roll mixed with the punk attitude and sound of today is a style that this band has adopted and performed well on their past nine releases. They stay true to form on their latest CD “Royal”, which is to be released on June 8.

So who are the members of this “Royal” court? The Rhode Island quartet includes the vocals of Jason “King” Kendal, J.D. Burgess on guitar, Jack Hanlon on string bass and Judd Williams playing the drums. Instrumentally the CD comes together very well but in a few tracks it is the vocals that throw it off.

“Chop Shop” is a song about not leaving your car out in the street in fear that it might be stolen. But it is in this track were the band battles over who gets to be heard, the lyrics or the instruments. However, the entire album is not like this, “Flipping Coins”, one of their admitted slower tracks, is very well performed with a great balance of lyrics and music. It is in this and other tracks on the album such as “Still Royal” that you get to truly experience the distinct sound of The Amazing Crowns with the vocals and the instruments.

The Amazing Crowns have obtained a reputation not only for their unique sound but also for their wild and out of control concerts. The fast paced sounds of their music leaves their fans not knowing whether they are in the middle of a mosh pit or hootenanny.

Dedicated to the success of their music, The Amazing Crowns are always out on tour; in 1998 they toured the world performing 300 concerts. But their efforts have not gone unnoticed; in 1997 they won four Boston Music Awards, including “Best Live Band” and “Best Indie Label”. They also won Boston’s renowned WBCN Rumble and charted at #25 in WFNX’s top 101 countdown of 1997. In 1998 the Boston Phoenix named them “Best Live Act”.

The latest release of The Royal Crowns, entitled “Royal” will hit music stores on June 8. The CD contains the unique clash of today’s music with 50’s rock that have made the band so well known.
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Cruise redefines actor's role in Mission Impossible 2

HARMET SIDHU
STAFF WRITER

Mission Impossible 2 is one of the best movies Tom Cruise has ever done. The incredible stunts and awesome fight scenes set Cruise apart from other actors. His incredible role in the making of this movie has redefined the term "actor."

Cruise plays Agent Ethan Hunt who is trying to find the killer of his friend, Dr. Nokovich. Nokovich injected himself with the deadly Kyrum virus and then boarded a plane to meet Hunt, whom he calls Demetre. Nokovich has only 20 hours of full health before the disease begins to take over his body. Hunt has to neutralize Nokovich, who has the cure for the virus, to save both Hunt and kills Nokovich.

Hunt's boss, played by Sir Anthony Hopkins, tells him the best way to capture Ambrose is to lure him through the use of his ex-girlfriend Nydah Nordoff, played by long time friend of Cruise, Thandie Newton. With the help of Nordoff, Hunt attempts to capture the anecdoce for the virus as well as bring Ambrose to justice.

The movies action sequences are amazing. From the beginning where Cruise is hanging from a mountain 2,000 ft above the final motorcycle chase scene. What made those scenes so amazing was the fact that Cruise did his stunts himself! He shot the opening scene of Mission Impossible 2 with only a thin cable to hold him.

Director John Woo was chosen by Cruise himself for this blockbuster. Woo has seen other bits of Woo's work and was amazed. He gave Woo complete freedom to do what he wanted with the movie as long as he stayed within the theme of Mission Impossible. This freedom gave Woo the opportunity to show that not only can Asian actors do awesome fight scenes, but so can American actors. Cruise did all of his fight scenes and needed only a small trampline to do one of his kicks. Woo's influence on the movie is easily seen in the fight scenes. MI-2's soundtrack is awesome, with its intense sound effects and soundtracks. Some of the artists featured are: Limp Bizkit, Foo Fighters, Metallica and Rob Zombie. The heavy beats add to the adrenaline rush from the fight scenes and bring the movie experience to a whole new level.

Despite all the excitement about the action in the movie, Agent Ethan Hunt is beginning to look more and more like "Agent 007." The intense action seems to mimic "The World Is Not Enough." Hunt seems to fall in love quite easily, as does 007, in this action flick. Will the hottest female role in Hollywood be a Bond girl or a Hunt girl?

It has already been said that MI-2 is becoming like the American James Bond series. Will Ford begin to make a car for Hunt just as BMW (previous Anton-Martin) makes a car for Bond? The car and girl chases in MI-2 are not very original ideas however.

One thing that is original is the use of music in this movie. Music was a very instrumental force driving this film. The best use of music was during the car chase scene. When the cars where locked together and everything was in slow motion intriguing music comes into play. The use of music in that particular sequence made the car chase scene seem even more romantic.

Wo's excessive use of slow motion helps to depict Hunt more and more as an all American hero running through fires or from the enemies. Cruise does redefine the role of "actor" with this film. His dedication not only as being in front of the camera, but also behind as a producer, shows his love for this film. Cruise's hard work paid off with MI-2 grossing $71.8 million it's first weekend, making it the second highest grossing movie ever over a holiday weekend.

Matchbox 20 not bent nor broken

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STAFF WRITER

Matchbox Twenty's goal with their sophomore release "Mad Season" appears to have been to put out a CD that is pop-radio friendly. Nine out of the thirteen songs on the new album are worthy of being hammed and sang by popsters everywhere.

Prior to its release on May 23, the CD's first single "Bent" had already been released on a airplay, and with good reason. Although it's not the best song on the new album, it is one of the catchiest.

With songs like "Last Beautiful Girl," "Mad Season," and "Stop" it is clear that Matchbox Twenty has expanded on its playing style by adding some poppy beats that weren't as prominent on the band's debut "Yourself or Someone Like You." Special attention should be paid to the song "Last Beautiful Girl." Its tone is happy and almost tropical, despite the somber subject matter.

love gone wrong.

"Stop" is also the first attempt at a song written by someone other than the band's front man, Rob Thomas. Paul Doucette has teamed up with Thomas to bring us lines like "You fit me like a second skin and one by one I will begin to wear you on the days I'm feeling this.

Thomas, as talented as ever, not only lends his vocal and writing talent but also his piano playing on the last track, and probably most moving, track of the CD "You Won't Be Mine."

"You'll be rich in love and you will carry on, but no-oh no you won't be mine" croons Thomas' very tenor voice on this last track. It is enough to make any female fan be loyal, to this band anyway, for life.

Overall, this CD is a victory for a band who refuses to become "one hit wonders." Matchbox Twenty is back with a more mature sound and they are still interested in doing what it is they do best--wow and surprise their fans.
Whass up Hollywood?

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Staff Writer

Actors Billy Bob Thornton and Angelina Jolie got married on May 5 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple took out KV on Nashville, Tennessee, before heading to Las Vegas. The couple was married at The Little Church of the West. The ceremony lasted five minutes and cost $187. Jolie wore dirty blue jeans, cowboy boots and a sleeveless T-shirt. She carried a three-carat diamond bouquet. Thornton wore black jeans, cowboy boots and a Walmart hat in a rebel cap, which he kept on during the ceremony. An Elvis impersonator serenaded the couple by singing his own version of "Love Me Tender." After the ceremony the newlyweds drove off in a Lucky Cab to the Four Seasons, where they paid $625 each. Four days after their marriage, Jolie had to leave for England to begin work on her new movie "Tomb Raider." Her brother James has already caused the couple to argue because he thought he would be able to move in once his sister and Thornton were married. When Thornton found out, he went ballistic. The issue has yet to be resolved because Jolie had to leave before they were able to make a decision. This is the first marriage for Jolie and the fifth for Thornton. Enhancing the newlyweds marital strain Jolie openly spoke about her bisexuality in a recent interview. She spoke of a relationship with a female co-star and condemned the media for diminishing its value.

At a New York's LA Sports Club the "Artist Formerly Known As Prince" held a press conference. He announced that he has changed his name back to Prince! On December 31, 1999, his publishing contract with Warner Chappell Music ended; therefore, now he is free to take back his name without any commitments burdening him. Prince also announced that he will spend several months in "spiritual study" after his "Prince: A Celebration" showcase at Paisley Park Studio. After his "spiritual study" Prince may try to tour, but nothing is confirmed yet. Prince will open the doors of Paisley Park studio to the public between June 7-13 for a festival where fans can tour the studios, vote on songs for upcoming New Power Generation albums, and hear surprise concert guests. The festival will end with Prince's first concert of the summer at Minneapolis' Northrup Auditorium on June 13.

After being a couple for 13 years, Hugh Grant and Elizabeth Hurley have decided to call it quits. According to their publicist, "It is a temporary thing. It is a mutual and amicable decision." Why the temporary thing? The only reason why then why is Hurley moving to Manhattan? According to World Entertainment News Network, Hurley wants a "clean break" and she has decided to move to Manhattan, where she has many friends. Grant and Hurley will continue to produce movies together. No third party is involved.

Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher has quit the band's world tour after arguing with another brother Liam. Their May 23 concert in Paris was cancelled. However, the tour will continue with another guitarist replacing Gallagher. In 1996, Noel quit the band's U.S. tour. Liam refused to perform for the band's tour of MTV Unplugged because Liam wanted to sing vocals. No reason for the recent argument has been given, but reports say that Noel, who is now sober, is angry at Liam's continued partying. A spokesperson for the band said Noel will not perform for the foreign concerts, but will still join the group when it performs in the United Kingdom later this summer.

In other music news, rock band Smashin' Pumpkins will break up by the end of this year, singer/guitarist Billy Corgan, 23, announced on ABC's "Good Morning America" today, May 23. The band has been together for 11 years. "We felt that before we even started this album, we had come to the end of our sort of, road ---- emotionally, spiritually, musically," Corgan explained on air.

The Beastie Boys have been sued for copyright infringement by University of California music professor James W. Newton. Newton is a famous jazz flutist. The music piece in question is Newton's 1982 "Chook," which appears more than 40 times in "Pass The Mic," a song on the band's 1992 CD "Check Your Math." The suit claims that the band supposedly got permission from the record company for its use, but not from Newton. He is asking for $1.8 million.

Lamb "Puffy" Combs has settled a lawsuit with several women who have accused him of sexual harassment. The lawsuit was against a pedophile that took place at an overcrowded event at City College of New York in 1991. The amount of the settlement is not known. Nine people were killed by the stampede. The May 24 agreement has ended several lawsuits against Combs, Dwight "Heavy D" Myers and the college.

Multiple Grammy winner, Carlos Santana, is launching his own shoe line. On May 25, the Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis, maker of Buster Brown shoes and Matisse footwear, announced its new Carlos footwear for both men and women. A portion of the sales will go to the Milagro Foundation; an organization that helped Santana and his wife in 1998 to help young people. Santana says his shoes will feature multi-cul tural influences and will appear in stores across the nation this fall.

Basketball great, Michael Jordan is fighting with two restaurant developers in federal court over the use of his name. Jordan's restaurant in Chicago closed and filed for bankruptcy court protection. Jordan now wants to be free to use his name for another restaurant.

Talk show host, Rosie O'Donnell, plans on sending a bodyguard to accompany her 8-year-old son Parker to kindergarten this fall in Greenwich, Conn. O'Donnell told the Associated Press that the move is necessary because of threats made against her for her gun control stance. The school's principal, Roger Louw has given O'Donnell permission for Parker to be accompanied by a bodyguard. Although the guard does carry a gun, he will not be carrying one to school.

Comedian Dana Carvey went in for heart surgery to repair a tear in his heart artery. Because of the operation, the comedian has been out of the circuit for a long time, which has cost him to lose a lot of money. Dana Carvey has filed a $7.5 million lawsuit against his doctor because he feels the operation has been a huge setback for his career. Carvey said he has an unusual anatomy and his blood vessels are in atypical position.

James Dean's famous Porsche spider, which he died in, has a mysterious curse around it. Dean died in 1955 while filming "Rebel Without A Cause." After Dean's accident, his car was restored and began to tour with a safety convention sponsored by the highway police. The original builder of the car sold the transmission to a man, who went upside down in his car and paralyzed his arms. The car's engine was sold to a Doctor who smashed into the side of a building and was killed. The car was in Fresno, CA for a show and the building, which it was in, burned down. In Seattle, a guy tried to steal the steering wheel and broke his arms. The car was being unloaded in California, for a show and the person unloading it, broke both his legs. After that the car disappeared and has been seen again.

N'Sync band mates are worried about Joey Fatone's increase in weight. The band has tried hiring nutritionists and personal trainers for Fatone, but he doesn't seem to be losing weight. The band jackets can only hide so much and the guys are worried about Fatone's weight making them yesterday's news.

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Jason Arnold will likely not return to pitch for UCF next season, taking his vast talents to the minor leagues.

Brisson’s decision to stay will weigh on mind of juniors

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three seasons, struggled late in the season, finishing with a .295 average, a significant drop from last year’s .371 clip. He still managed a team-high 11 home runs and 61 RBIs, and had big plays to try and regain his groove at the plate.

“I got a tryout with the Devil Rays, I’m going to go down and hit in the stadium down in Tropicana, which is pretty exciting. Who knows what’s going to happen,” Bowser said. “I’d love to come back and play another year of college baseball, especially, with the new stadium going up and everything, but I feel I’m ready to play pro ball and if the opportunity looks good for me, I’ve got a good feeling that I’ll probably go pro.”

Bowser was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 10th round of the Major league draft coming out of Palm Harbor’s Tarpon Springs HS, and gained notoriety as the only Toronto pick of the first 13 rounds not to sign with the club. That experience will help him get through this endeavor, as he knows that you can expect the unexpected.

“The draft is, in my opinion, and other people’s opinions, an event where you never know what’s going to happen. I can’t pinpoint and say, I’m going to go in this round and if I don’t I’m not going to sign. It doesn’t work like that,” Bowser said. “I’ve been through it out of high school, so if someone makes an offer that my family and I feel is acceptable, than I’ll feel comfortable going.”

For both Arnold and Bowser, the experience of teammate Dustin Brisson this past season serves as a guiding light in their decisions. Brisson turned down a deal with the New York Mets, who selected him in the 24th round, and returned for his senior year, setting a school record with 27 doubles and batting .369.

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Mark Balia returned from a month-long absence with a hand injury to play in the NCAA regionals, but couldn't ignite the UCF offense in the deciding losses to FSU.

Offense fizzes on final day

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runs in the top of the ninth.

"I didn't really want Casey to pitch, but he asked if he could go in and we sent him down to the bullpen with (pitching coach) Craig Cozart to see what he had," Bergman said. "We really just sent him in to stop the bleeding and he gave us more than we expected. It was a tremendous performance by him. I really admire what he was able to do to keep us in the ballgame."

Unfortunately, like in the first game of the day, the Knights could produce little offensively against Read, who took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before giving up a home run to Rich Wallace. Matt Bowser followed with a single to right, and that was it for the Golden Knight bats.

"Today really proved, as far as baseball is concerned, everything else is window dressing except pitching," Bergman said. "Not to take anything away from our players, but we just got out-pitched. Florida State moved on and defeated the defending champion University of Miami in the Super Regionals, and now advances to the College World Series.

"It was a great day for Florida State and Mike Martin said of the two victories over the Golden Knights. "They were not going to be satisfied until we got to the College World Series and a lot happened today for our confidence."

Bergman felt that UCF's 9-8 victory over the Seminoles on Saturday was the best thing that could have happened to the Noles, who had to feel the pressure of elimination early. Meanwhile, the Golden Knights will have to regroup and build off a season filled with accomplishments.

"I think we've established ourselves within the state and on a national basis as a team to be reckoned with. We keep banging at the door, and sooner or later, we're going to knock it down. And I hope it's during my coaching lifetime."

Following the game, the entire crowd gave the Knights a standing ovation, chanting U-C-F in recognition of the team's sparkling effort over the three-day regional. The team's 43 victories tied the 1996 version of the Golden Knights for fourth place on the school's all-time list in wins.

Fox's four hits ignites rally

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Fox, who had his first four-hit game as a collegian, got on an infield single, and advanced to second on a wild pitch by Seminole reliever Daniel Hodges. Frost doubled him in to pull UCF within one, and scored the game-tying run on a clutch hit by Greg Good, who had entered the game as a defensive replacement.

"A grand slam can really push you up a creek," Bergman said. "It was big that we were able to immediately get back into it. It gave our team a boost."

UCF surged ahead in the bottom of the eighth, again seeing a two-out attack. With Rich Wallace on base after an inning-opening single, Matt Meath was hit by reliever Mike DiBlassio, the game's losing pitcher. It set the stage for Fox's blast, a line drive that seemed to carry over the head of center fielder Karl Jermigan, who initially misjudged it.

"When it hit the bat I thought it was a routine fly ball," FSU Coach Mike Martin said. "I had no idea it was going to carry that far."

Fox finished just a home run short of the cycle, and scored a team-high three runs.

The win snapped Florida State's record of 10 straight regional victories, and marked the first time ever that the Golden Knights had won a game at Howser Stadium.

Florida State scored single runs in the second and third innings to take a 2-0 lead. The Seminoles were able to capitalize with runners on early, unlike UCF, who left a pair of runners on in each of the first two innings. With two out in the second, designated hitter John Halladay belted a 3-2 offering off the screen in right field, driving in Karl Jermigan with the game's first run. One inning later, Griffin hit a one-out double and was driven by a Bartleheim single. McDougall, who had walked just prior to Bartleheim's RBI hit, advanced to third on the hit, but was thrown out trying to steal home. Bartleheim attempted to steal second, but catcher Jeremy Frost's throw was wildly cut off by Mike Fox, who was able to rifle it back to Frost, nailing McDougall at the plate. Jermigan then flew out, ending the threat.

The Golden Knights knelled even in the bottom of the fifth, with Mike Myers inciting the rally with a one-out single. Myers was running when the next hitter, center fielder Mark Batia hit a slow grounder to second base which Bobby Spano tried to turn into a double play. Myers beat the throw to the bag, and shortstop Brett Greves' desperation throw to first sailed over Bartleheim's head, allowing the runners to move up. It was one of a number of mental errors on the afternoon for the Seminoles.

"Mistakes are a part of the game, but their dispositions are for all of us," Martin said. "I cannot and will not say anything bad about my ballplayers. Mistakes happen.

Bowser made the Noles pay for their mistakes, scoring a game-tying double. In the sixth, Matt Meath led the inning off with a walk, and advanced to second on Fox's bent single. After Frost's sacrifice attempt failed, resulting in a fielder's choice that cut Meath off at third, Myers drew a walk to load the bases. Daniel Hodges entered the game in relief of Ziegler, and pinch hitter Andy Johnson, batting for Batia, grested him with a slow roller that he was able to leg out for an RBI infield single. Britton drove in UCF's fourth run with a sacrifice fly, but Hodges was able to get out of trouble, striking Bowser out with the bases loaded. UCF's lead held up until Griffin came up in the seventh.

"It was back and forth, kick and forth. The game was amazing," Martin said. "It was a great win for UCF. My congratulations go to them. They'll be a very tough team to beat..."
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Jason Arnold, Matt Bowser thinking pro

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

Less than one hour after UCF was dealt its two biggest setbacks of the season, being eliminated by Florida State 6-1 and 8-1 at the Tallahassee Regional, thoughts turned to next season, and what could be two even bigger losses.

Junior Jason Arnold and Matt Bowser have a decision to make. With their selections in the MLB draft on June 5, both will have to weigh the prospect of returning for their senior seasons with that of starting their professional careers and earning a paycheck.

"It's going to be fun. It's something you've been waiting your whole life for as far as the draft goes," said Arnold. "I've been trying not to worry about it, but now that the season is over I can think about it. It's a tough decision, but I think it's going to be a good decision either way. If it doesn't work out, I'll be glad to come back and play my senior year, but if it does, well, I guess I'll go out and try to make something of my self.

Arnold is considered one of college baseball's top closers, and was ranked as the 16th best prospect in Florida by Baseball America, who saw him as a second to fifth round pick.

"I hope to go in a high round, and things are optimistic at this point," Arnold said prior to the draft. "The way things are going right now, I would say that there's a good chance that I'll be gone next year, but I'm not going to etch that in stone, that's for sure."

In his three seasons, Arnold has compiled a 15-8 record with a school-record 177 strikeouts in 138.1 innings. The Melbourne HS product has established a national reputation despite arriving at UCF with little fanfare.

"This is neat. I wasn't a high prospect coming out of high school, in fact I was barely recruited by Division I schools, so it's nice to see that hard work finally paid off," Arnold said. "It's what you wait your whole life for."

Bowser, the only Golden Knight to hit in double figures in home runs this year, was ranked as baseball's top closers, and was ranked as the nation's top 30.