UCF’s trustees announced

Governor Jeb Bush appoints a diverse group to head up UCF’s first local Board of Trustees

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As part of a plan designed to bring sweeping changes to Florida’s post-secondary education system, Governor Jeb Bush announced his selections for the new UCF Board of Trustees June 22 in the Cape Florida Ballroom.

The governing body consists of twelve members appointed by Bush, and a student representative, UCF student body president Marco Pefia.

“This is an auspicious day in the history of the University of Central Florida,” UCF President John Hitt said.

Bush made his announcement in a series of stops around Florida introducing local Boards of Trustees for the 10 institutions that comprise the State University System. The move from state Board of Regents to local Board of Trustees comes after the dissolving of the state Board of Regents, which was the result of a constitutional amendment passed in 1998. The amendment gave power to the governor to appoint a new state board of education as well as the new local university Boards of Trustees.

“We’re here to celebrate a new governance structure...for education as a lifelong pursuit,” Bush said. “It (the local Board of Trustees) is a one of a kind structure...The other boards are unable to keep up with the rapid changes in higher education.”

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Many trustees have ties to university

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Governor Jeb Bush appointed 13 members to the Board of Trustees, including Marco Pefia, UCF’s student body president. Eleven of the trustees are local professionals, several of whom serve or have served on UCF committees or boards.

Judy Albertson is an art consultant with the Albertson-Peterson Gallery located in Winter Park. She advises and helps establish UCF’s arts program and helped establish the Friends of UCF for the Flying Horse Press. Albertson has also served on the advisory committee for the Judaic Studies program.

She was a founder of the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation and continues to serve on its board. Albertson received her bachelor’s degree in 1960 from Oklahoma University.

UCF Alumna Olga Calvet is a member of the UCF Foundation Board.

Build your credit as well as your mind

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Beginning July 1, UCF students will be able to use credit cards to pay tuition.

“We believe this is a valuable service to our students,” said Linda Bonta, university controller, adding that the university is “working to accept payment via the Web during the current fiscal year” as well.

Students who wish to pay via credit card will be assessed a $10 convenience fee since UCF is, by law, prohibited from paying credit card-related costs from appropriated funds. UCF also accepts

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Board to include student government president

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title of governance for education in our country and the University of Central Florida is going to play a key role in that.

These local Boards of Trustees will now take on many of the responsibilities of the old Board of Regents, including the hiring and firing of university presidents, policy and financial decision making and strategic planning. They will also work jointly with representatives from community colleges and local school districts to create a closer relationship between each level of public education in Florida.

"It's time to tear down the barriers that have separated the university system of education," said Bush. "The way to make that happen is to shift the power back to the institutions, and to have a state board of education that will be focused on creating a seamless education system."

Suppose, 72 Florida. Just how many of the nation's 1,100 colleges and universities have a new University president?

Judy Albertson, Olga Calvet, Pat Christensen, Dr. Geraldine Ferris, Phyllis Klick, Rick Lee, Dick Nuna, Ava Parker, Harris Rosen, Conrad Santiago, Rick Walsh, Tom Yochum and Peta. Trustees are appointed for staggered, four-year terms, and may serve a maximum of eight years. They will not be paid, but may be reimbursed for travel and miscellaneous expenses.

The new UCF Board of Trustees has a number of ties to the school, with three alumni represented on it. Also, most every member having already served on a board or worked in some way with the university.

UCF, the third state university out of ten to have its new board announced, is unique among Florida universities in its goal of becoming a premier "Metropolitan Research University." Hitt, who supported Bush's plan to phase out the Board of Regents, said the newly-appointed local Board of Trustees could help UCF achieve its goals.

"They will be advocates for one university, and I think that could be helpful to us," he said.

The concept of decentralizing control over public universities is relatively new in the United States, and state governments across the nation will keep a watchful eye on the outcomes or failure of the new system.

"States all across the country are beginning to weight what they will do next and I think the experimental experience" Hitts said. "This is the model for education structure in America."

TJvesc writer David Murrays contributed to this report.

Credit card companies likely to benefit from new policy

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debit cards, cash, checks or money orders as forms of payment.

That's (paying by credit card) better than the cash advance fee that I had to pay to my credit card for tuition when I couldn't put off payment on time for one semester," said Juan Martinez, a UCF graduate who will be beginning his graduate studies in English.

Credit card companies stand to gain a hefty sum of cash from the use of credit cards for tuition by college students. If only one-third of UCF's student population chose to use the credit card payment option, it would result in over $110,000 dollars in revenue per semester, or $220,000 in an academic year.

Payment by credit card is not a new phenomenon. Many other schools in Florida accept this form of payment including Florida International, Florida State, Florida Atlantic and the University of Florida as well as numerous state community colleges, but in recent years it has sparked much debate over the question of who really benefits from their use.

Many may argue that we live in a society where morals and integrity sometimes take a back seat to fame and success. Recent studies have proven that most Generation X'ers will do whatever it takes to achieve their goals—even if that means lying, cheating and stealing. So how does UCF measure up when it comes to honesty? Well that all depends on the question.

Would you lie, for a job, to a future employer?

Of the students polled, over 78 percent of guys, while only 50 percent of girls would lie if that guaranteed them a position. What makes guys more likely to lie in this instance? "Part indemnification," said a UCF senior. "Guys definitely have a lot more to hide than girls, it's easier for the girls to get a job based just on looks—usually we have to do a lot of bargaining."

If you missed a test because you slept in, would you lie to your professor in order to make the test?

"Absolutely," maintains a communications major. "I've done it several times when my alarm didn't go off—there was no way my professor would let me retake a midterm because I hit the snooze button way too many times!" A majority of students agree—when asked 95 percent of girls and 80 percent of guys said they would have no trouble lying to a professor if it helped their individual performance in the class.

Have you ever stolen from your work (supplies, food, products... etc.)?

Who hasn't asked one UCF student, who were notoriously divided over this issue with only 40 percent of girls, and 64 percent of guys admitting to practices of thieving at their place of employment.

College students susceptible to credit card fraud

JENNIFER PATERSON

In January, Kyle, a 21-year-old UCF student, encountered a problem that has become widespread among college students and consumers as a whole. In addition to the monthly average of $20,000 that the American undergraduate student has to balance, now they have to worry about a new problem—credit card fraud.

Unfortunately this crime is much easier to commit than many people may think.

"I went to a local restaurant on Aloma and the guy who worked there was harassing me about my credit card numbers. He was asking "Um, is this your?" and I told him that was me," said Kyle.

Nevertheless, after a little trouble Kyle was able to order his food and be on his way. Not until a few weeks later did Kyle realize that his identity had been stolen and credit used to make more purchases.

"A week later it was the Superbowl and I called the bank and I was missing $50! So I talked to someone and they told me that another number of purchases were coming in regarding (food)," said Kyle. "The guy ended up spending $180 in four hours."

In retrospect, Kyle felt that something was going on that day at the restaurant. "It took him too long, in my estimation, to put the numbers in the machine."

Once the theft was identified, Kyle reported the incident to his bank and only after months of back and forth correspondence did he receive his card. "It was a nightmare, what I had to go through to get the money back. I sent a letter into the bank and detailed all the purchases that I did not make and the bank lost my statement," said Kyle. "It took two months to clear up and a lot of headache."

What mistakes are UCF students making? Nobody who will admit it anyway, since 98 percent of guys and 92 percent of girls said "no way" to spending away from the scene of an accident. "That's just wrong, people do that obviously have no souls!" said a UCF freshman, "...and besides that, there are serious penalties if you get caught."

How often do you cheat in school?

Few students admit to cheating often, while 42 percent claim they sometimes copy homework or discuss test answers with other classmates. But most students feel that cheating is wrong, and recent those students who take the easy way out. "It would bother me," said junior Scott Thompson, a computer engineering major, when asked how he would feel if another student were to copy answers from his exam. "I would never blatantly cheat like that.

What constitutes cheating on a significant other?

UCF students conclude that a kiss or beyond definitely means you have gone too far. "A kiss is a kiss," says computer science major Justin Dralin, "...if you are dating someone, they should be the only person you show passion for... that is, if it's serious." While few students considered playful flirting to be harmful, 66 percent of guys and 70 percent of girls felt that kissing another qualifies a person as unfaithful.

How many times have you cheated on your significant other?

Most students remain fairly faithful—24 percent of guys and 15 percent of girls have cheated 1-2 times in their current relationship-only 5 percent admit to cheating 3 or more times. Even fewer students told their significant other about their "act of indiscretion." When asked if he would break up with a girlfriend who cheated, junior George Mella kept an open mind. "Depends on the circumstance—the severity of the relationship. I realize we are young and want to see other people, who am I to get in the way of that? But would he immediately take her back? "Not right away, I would talk to her first, to see her intentions were."

Final outcome of the honesty quiz? Cheating is relative say most students, who maintain the individual situation determines whether or not a student is dishonorable. "In some cases a small, white lie," one student said, "if it doesn't hurt anyone, then what does it matter? But another incoming freshman debunks that claim, asserting that, "it's an act of personal integrity—the type of person you are will determine your definition of honesty."
Thirteenth seat held for student body president

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Board. Calvert volunteers at an Orlando elementary school teaching Spanish and computer classes. She actively participates with the Civilian Club, an organization that fosters leadership training and community involvement. Calvert serves as a senior advisor for middle and high school students involved with the Junior Civilian Club. She received her bachelor’s degree in 1971.

Orlando attorney Pat Christiansen is with Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidon, P.A. Currently he is a trustee for the UCF Foundation Board and UCF Civic Theater. Christiansen has previously taught at UCF. He is also associated with the Orlando Museum of Art. Christiansen received his bache lor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1972.

Dr. Geraldine Fettis is a periodontist at Dr. Fettis. She has 19 years of professional teaching experience at the University of Florida and Nova Southeastern Colleges of Dentistry. Fettis has been a guest lecturer and clinical instructor at Valencia Community College and Orlando Technical School. She mentors students at both the collegiate level and public school.

Previously, Fettis served chair of the Board, as well as the Governor’s Commission on Education and is now the National Chair of the UCF Capital Campaign. A trustee of the executive council of the UCF College of Business Administration, Fettis helped begin the School of Hospitality at Valencia Community College. In 1955, she obtained her bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California.

A Jacksonville attorney with her own practice, Ava Parker earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida in 1964 and graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in 1967. She was a general counsel for the college and a partner at the firm Edward Waters College. Parker previously assisted in the creation of the Association of Black Alumni at UF, and served as past president of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

Rosen Hotels and Resorts president and CEO Harris Rosen recently pledged $10 million to build a new School of Hospitality Management for UCF. Currently, he serves on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs and the YMCA aquatic center. Rosen graduated with his bachelor’s degree from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in 1961 and is a member of the Cornell Society of Hotelmen and the Wildstar Astoria Distinguished Alumni Association. He served as president of the Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

Conrad Santiago is a senior financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. A Central Florida resident, Santiago served as a member of President Hitt’s UCF Advisory Board. Santiago is a graduate of the University of Miami and a member of the Boys & Girls Club.

"Obviously my goal as a member is to work towards the betterment of the school," said Santiago. "I have no preconceived thoughts or ideas, I am in the data-gathering mode.”

Students can avoid credit fraud with FTC tips

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last much longer if not cleaned up.

Sally, a senior at UCF, learned this all too easily.

"Just a few months ago, I tried to get a Banana Republic card so I could get 10 percent off my purchases and I was denied," Sally said. "I found this very bizarre because I do not have a balance on any cards and have only one student loan."

Sally took advantage of her consumer right under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which says that any person who is denied credit has the right to order a copy of their credit report from the agency that denied it. Sally called the Experian credit agency and ordered her free report. When she got it she discovered that an account from a cellular store was in collection.

"Its funny because I have never received any notification of these collections and it boggles my mind how someone could have stolen my identity, but really it is pretty scary," Sally said. "I mean college student get a fake driver’s license all the time and that is all that is needed to open a pager.”

In today’s world where more and more people have access to credit and proliferation of its use is skyrocketing, and the probability of someone having their credit tampered with is pretty great. Luckily, law says that a consumer cannot be held liable for more than $50 of fraudulent transactions or if the credit damage to a credit report must be taken off it can be definitively proven that the person was not responsible for it.

"For myself, I have to send the collection agency a copy of my driver’s license and they said that if the signatures do not match up that they will fix it. We will see," said Sally. "I ordered my other two reports and luckily it only shows up on one so it makes it much easier to fix."

One of the most important types of prevention maintenance one can do with their credit is to order a report from each of the three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union — every year. The cost is around $8.50 and more information can be found at their respective web sites — www.equifax.com, www.experian.com, www.transunion.com.

Also, the Federal Trade Commission gives consumers a number of helpful tips to prevent fraud from happening for more preventative steps.

• Before revealing personal information, find out how it will be used and be it shared with anyone else.

• Pay attention to billing cycles and follow up with creditors when bills do not arrive on time.

• Give out your Social Security Number only when necessary.

• Minimize the number of cards you have.

• If cards are lost or stolen, notify your creditors immediately and also call the credit agencies so they can put a fraud alert on your account.

Keep items with personal information in a safe place; tear them up when you don’t need them. Save receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, bank check and statements, expired charge cards, and credit offers you get in the mail are disposed of properly.
Discounts for attractions available to students

Darcy Elena Rodriguez  
STAFF WRITER

Summer is here and everyone wants to have some fun. With some time off from classes, many students have the opportunity to visit some of the attractions and shows of the tourist and attraction capital of the world. The pitfall is that the majority of college students don’t have the money to go have that kind of fun. Relax, there are some places that honor the fact that college students are poor and so kindly offer student discounts.

The major attractions such as Disney, Universal, and Sea World no longer offer Florida resident discounts for those students wielding the resident ID. Wet-N-Wild, however, does provide Florida resident discounts with which tickets for the major attractions Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Wet-N-Wild, Busch Gardens, and Sea World. These tickets are available to students, staff and faculty with valid UCF IDs and cost between $31 and $38.

For those wanting to relax without driving so far or spending that much, there is usually a movie theater within a couple of miles of anybody. The UCF Regal theater on the corner of Alafaya and University is the only theater in the UCF area that offers student discounts. Movies at the UCF cost only $5. If stadium seating is in your heart’s desire, then the Ticket Center also offers super saver tickets for Regal and AMC theaters. Tickets are $5 for Regal theaters and $4.50 for AMC theaters. But before heading to that theater, check with the location to make sure of special engagement movies, where discount tickets are not allowed. The best part is that these tickets are good for about a year.

The only drawback to the Ticket Center is that tickets are at the limited to a certain number per ID and there are several other restrictions.

If live entertainment is what you want, Theater UCF offers student tickets for about $6 and has shows running throughout the summer. So, enjoy the summer and take advantage of living in the attraction capital of the world.

James Nunez  
STAFF WRITER

Burglars with caution

On June 16, an unknown preparatory found Ferenc Szipocs’ black Toyota Camry in the East Parking Garage and smashed the drivers side window in. The perpetrator then stole Szipocs’ Sony Discman with a car kit, as well as a number of CD’s.

A fingerprint was lifted off the driver’s side door, but the owner of the print has not yet been identified. Szipocs said that he would not prosecute.

Why a projector?

Christopher Rank reported that he found a classroom that was unsecured from the outside. Upon entering, he discovered that a ceiling projector worth $5,000 had been stolen.

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New system doesn’t take the politicians out of education

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Those with an interest in Florida’s public university system can take a collective deep breath—the system of local Boards of Trustees is officially in place.

When Governor Jeb Bush announced his appointments for each of the 10 new respective boards, he ushered in a new era of localized control over post-secondary education, ending the reign of the Florida Board of Regents. Proponents of the system are hailing it as the savior of the state’s public education system, while opponents think students and taxpayers alike are getting railroaded.

One part of this debate is the assertion by the plans’ backers (Bush being the foremost) that the new system will de-politicize policy in the state of Florida. Transfer power from bureaucrats in Tallahassee to local business people, proponents of the system say, and decisions about Florida public education will be made without so much influence from politicians.

That, however, is hardly the case. In fact, this new system is now even more political. Bush—a Republican, appointed the members of all 10 boards. There are only a few discussions on each board, but the majority of appointees think along the same lines as the governor. Trustees serve four-year terms, and have a two-term limit, so chances are someday a Democratic governor will be handling the appointments. Then, there won’t be many Republicans around. Either way, the process is highly political, and very similar to the appointment of Supreme Court justices by the president. It is only natural to appoint people who think like you do to positions of power in your administration.

Also, these 10 different local Boards of Trustees will now be competing with each other for state funds. The old Board of Regents was in charge of all of the State University System, and had to look out for the best interests of all of the public universities. Now, colleges are being pitted against one another for budgetary needs. Now it is up to these boards to figure out how to take the interests of all of the branches of the Florida government—politicians—to decide whose proposals warrant the most funding. To that end, there are probably a whole lot more USF and FSU alumni in Tallahassee than UCF or OSF grads. That thinks that gives them an unfair advantage to the already powerful? The local boards of Trustees may work wonders for Florida public universities, or they may be the death of them. The new system probably won’t do either, instead finding the middle ground where most policy plans end up. But make no mistake, it doesn’t take the politicians out of anything.

Murderous mother not the only crazy person

ANDREW SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

It shows that Andrea Yates is not the only crazy person in this situation. Her husband Russel seems to have a few screws loose too.

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Andrea Pia Yates. I’ll let that name dwell a bit longer, you then either are both soulless and heartless or you have obviously not been paying attention to the news.

Yates was mother to five children, ranging in age from 1 month to 6 years old. I stress that she was mother to five children. Yates systematically drowned all of her children in a bathtub recently.

“The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and that’s exactly what he’s done,” Russel Yates, Andrea Yates husband told the media. “He gave me all these children, and then he took them away.”

No Russel, your estranged wife took your children from you.

The father of the slain children has stated several times that he still supports and loves his wife.

This dumbfounds me.
I would like to suggest that there are two types of people in this world: those who avidly shop at Target and those who avidly shop at Wal-Mart.

You may be thinking, "How ridiculous is this girl who has time to theorize about something so mindless as where people shop for their bath towels," but what I have concluded will most likely seriously resonate with you to the point of pure astonishment.

I will not take credit initially for this hypothesis, although it is something I have spent many minutes mulling over while waiting in line at either of these establishments. My friend brought this idea to my attention recently, and I, being so worldly and all knowing, jumped at the chance to perhaps shed some light on this so-called theory. And pay attention—there will be brief scenario questions testing your individual store familiarity along the way.

Scenario 1: You're wandering the store, desperately in search of the cheapest laundry detergent when suddenly a distinctive odor pervades through the cleaning supplies section. To your horror, over your shoulder, you see a mum carefully changing her child right in the middle of the aisle! Where would you be more likely to see this?

Answer: Wal-Mart.

Explanation: Let us acknowledge the factor of "parent-child ratio." No matter where the Wal-Mart, whether it be in Harlem or downtown Winter Park, the ratio of child to parent at Wal-Mart will be inevitably and inherently five times higher than at a neighboring Target. For every mom there will be five screaming kids, half naked and running up and down the aisle of Wal-Mart, while most Moms at Target can be seen with a single sleeping child.

Scenario 2: You are taking a class for your foreign language requirement and your professor might as well stay at home for all the information you know. You need to gain quick and reliable understanding of a foreign language, where do you go?

Answer: Wal-Mart.

Explanation: While they don't specialize in foreign language learning books, on any given day you can find many Wal-Mart employees proficient in any language, other than English of course. They will be more than happy to misdirect you at any given time and slow down the already painfully tedious textbook processes.

Scenario 3: It's 3 a.m., hunting season, and you're set to go on a fine arts expedition. So you assemble your best gear and target... Suddenly a distinctive odor is apparent and low and behold you see a mom at Wal-Mart! Do you stay or do you leave?

Answer: Go to your nearest Super Wal-Mart. Explanation: Wal-Marts are open 24 hours for your shopping convenience, and lucky for you they also sell a variety of firearms and hunting accessories. God Bless America.

Scenario 4: You just heard a ghetto fabulous single on the radio. Much of the lyrics are explicit, but you rock on with it just the same. Where can you find the C.D. at the lowest possible price?

Answer: Target. Explanation: Hal Tricked you this time, didn't I? Well Wal-Mart, while they offer the chance at foreign language proficiency and screaming naked babies, they do not allow explicit music materials to hit the shelves. So while you can find a wide range of firearms, if it's a Two-Live Crew you've after, better off skipping your local Wal-Mart.

Scenario 5: Cleaning out Little Timmy's fish tank, you take Astro the goldfish out and place him in a plastic bag so you can properly drain the gravel. Unbeknownst to you, the bag had a hole in the bottom and unfortunately Astro met with the disposal. The nearest Petmart is closed, how will you ever replace Astro before Timmy gets up for school in the morning?

Answer: Wal-Mart.

Explanation: All the cheap fish you need, some Wal-Marts have all the supplies for those unfortunate pet disasters. Look no further for furry hamsters and hermit crabs, fish bowls, etc., bed, bath, and wares, Wal-Mart's got it all! And don't forget to purchase your fishing license...you won't find that at Target.

Less formal education, limited language proficiency, higher percentages of unsaved mothers and happy hunters. So basically the scenarios illustrate class distinctions, observably with the upper-middle class shopping at Target, and lower-middle class shopping at Wal-Mart. And maybe this impact can be attributed to product availability, while Wal-Mart offers a fine arms & crafts department, most well to do suburban housewives have maids to do the household sewing chores. Their typical teen daughters won't dare set foot on the beach without a name brand swimsuit and would you believe Target just recently teamed up with Mossimo to give us all great swimwear only a few seasons behind. Target has a pharmacy, but Wal-Mart provides free eye exams. Both have photo labs, with unskilled technicians who can give you hour photo development in as little as 75 minutes. Gourmet food selection such as state pretzels with processed cheddar cheese and soft drinks can be found at each store, as well as gallons of milk in case of emergencies.

Between both stores you can find whatever it is you may be looking for. Please understand, while I may point out certain class distinctions between Target and Wal-Mart shoppers I do understand that they each serve individual purposes. What boring existences we would lead if the world subsisted solely of Target going, sport utility driving moms, with white picket fences and black labs named Sparky?
My God, if this didn’t sound like the greatest thing since air. On paper, A.I.: Artificial Intelligence sought to have the recipe for making the grand- est of all illusions. By combining the complexities of Stanley Kubrick with the sensibilities of Steven Spielberg, we have been waiting to witness a land- mark of a motion picture. A film that, in short con- sideration, could have been easily placed alongside the other great works that were made separately by both men in the past (2001, E.T., A Clockwork Orange, Close Encounters of the Third Kind). If it were possible, A.I. would have been that bridge of a film; that truly unique amalgamation of stylized genius that reiterates who the two greatest story- tellers are in the world, even if one is post-mortem.

Or was that just wishful thinking? No matter how many times we saw that cryptic trailer or how hard it was not to get our hopes up, we sure weren’t expect- ing anything like this. “Pinocchio in the future” is a pretty weak plot description, but that doesn’t even begin to cover the first act, let alone an entire film that is arguably one of Spielberg’s most provocative. And by that the film in no way disappoints either. It will be something to cloud your mind, to take over your thoughts, incite debate and provoke a consuntrum of unanswered questions. Those are not faults, but simply Kubrickian mind games; only thing is we’re not used to seeing those in a Spielberg piece, and if you ask me I think it’s be about time we did. The problem lies in the fact that Kubrick had a far less optimistic view of tomorrow than his heir apparent. We have seen in his films that take place in the future: the idea that man must retain his humanity if he is to live in a dehumanized world. For Kubrick in 2001, the conflict arose that the machines were to become as capable as man; in Clockwork, just the opposite occurs. In A.I., we come to witness a little bit of both with going a step further as man takes on the role of God.

Set far down the timeline when the polar icecaps have already melted and robots are a way of life, Professor Hobby (played by William Hurt) of the Cybertronics corporation announces that it is time to create a “mecha” (or cyborganic being) child with the ability to feel and reciprocate the act of love. A technician from that company, Henry (Sam Robards) is selected along with his wife Monica (Frances O’Connor) to be the boy’s “organ” (human) adoptive parents. Unsure whether their own biological son will survive a comatose-like state, Henry takes the boy, named David (Haley Joel Osment, who is mesmeriz- ing), home to comfort Monica. Reluctant would be the nicest way to categorize Monica’s initial feelings for the star child (freaked out is more like it). But after a short while she grows so attached to the, uh...well, “thing” that she programs in the love mode. It is within these first twenty minutes of the film that one may find parallels with E.T. David is now her son and goes about doing what most little boys do, which is having a beautiful sense of apathy towards everything except adoring their mothers.

It is only until their real son, Martin (Jake Thomas) comes home that problems arise with the new mechanical family member. After a series of accidents occur, David is abandoned in a forest due to Monica’s reluctance to have him destroyed. Aimlessly, David is forgotten about, left alone to sur- vive in a place were abandoned mechas are hunted down in order to be placed in Flesh Fairs (arena- sideshow versions of Thunderdome). This is where he meets his Jiminy Cricket, Gigolo Joe (Jude Law). Joe is walking, talking sexual novelty toy pro- grammmed with an orgasm protocol for lonely human females. After escaping and recounting the Pinocchio story that was read to him, David asks Joe if he will help him search for the Blue Fairy so that she can turn him into a real boy. Basically David just wants his mommy back.

From the 1969 short story “Super Toys Last All Summer Long” by Brian Aldiss, A.I. is a one-of-a-kind conjuration of fantastical ideas, theories and spiritual beliefs. It is a study of eugenics. It is the proportionate amount of astonishing creativity and typical contrivance we are used to seeing in a Spielberg picture. But this isn’t just Spielberg film, it is an interpretation of a Kubrick film seen through another filmmaker’s eyes. From the various elements supplied by both directors, it will distill the passive viewer. And although a fairy tale, it is not a choice for small children. The “more-human-than-human” aspect (à la Stanley) is present while the theme of having a nuclear family fully remains. In fact, Spielberg has never had a film that is seen initially as perhaps this different. With the warmth coming at the end of the story, we know who was in charge of the production, but while watching, we also knew who was guiding the way.
Local rockers speak out

Jackie Myers
Contributing Writer

"We rock! There are too many people out there who don't rock. We rock hard. And we rock really good," Chris Gotti, the lead singer of Gotti 13 said. "That's the only problem. So we have to take two vehicles because it was going to be. It was right," Chris said.

"We go to a lot of shows, and we see what people aren't doing," Henry said. "We're running off of ramps. We put on a show. We try to set ourselves apart from other groups," Henry explained.

"We rock! There are too many people out there who was the way it was going to be. It was right," Chris said. "There's so much more energy on stage; the overall presence. We feel like a brick wall. It's very, very powerful," Chris continued.

"Everything is so stressful outside of playing music," Tommy said. "You learn from all your mistakes. You learn from all your mistakes. You learn from all your mistakes. You learn from all your mistakes." Chris continued. "And that's what sets us apart too; everyone sees that we're having fun, and they have fun.

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"Every single show we've done—every single time right before we're about to go onstage you get this cold, numb feeling over your entire body, and it doesn't stop while you're performing," Chris explained.

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Funk for the whole family

Forest Crumpler

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Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards:
Bringing an old sound to the new scene

Matt Phipps

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In the beginning there was beer. Then came music, and then the people would arrive. That was the case on Sat., June 23 at the Kit Kat Club. The musical act for that evening was an odd duo of petite powerhouse on the mic. To be fair, Anthony Cole on drums, people would arrive. That was the case on Sat., June 23 at the Kit Kat Club. The musical act for that evening was an odd duo of chick rock and funk/soul. At first, the crowd was sparse but the beer was plentiful, and it would eventually be the nectar that attracted the bees. The night’s entertainment would come in the form of the funk/soul combination The Joint Chiefs with the opening act Sunny starting the night off with a kick-ass performance. Although the show started almost two hours late, it was actually worth the wait when Sunny came to play. Sunny is fronted by night-club sirens Sunny Raskin who has not only a rich voice and a gorgeous visage. She also possesses a tremendously powerful stage presence (going so far as to have one fan actually kissing her toes as she sang). The rest of the band, while obviously talented, is unfortunately transformed into stage props as all attention goes to the petite powerhouse on the mic. To be fair, Anthony Cole on drums, Matt Lapham on bass and Pat McCurdy on lead guitar did add an extremely valuable backbone to Sunny’s vocals that would have suffered greatly in their absence. I urge anyone interested to check them out. Sunny will have a CD release party at Sapphire on July 19 or can be found weekly at Duke’s for Sunday brunch. The Joint Chiefs are one of the most fun bands that I have seen in some time, with heart-pounding funk and soul with a little rock thrown into the mix just for kicks. The frontman of the Chiefs is a guy named Eugene whose charismatic personality is almost as fun and loud as the music he sings. With all seriousness, I don’t care what kind of music you like or don’t like, you are going to enjoy The Joint Chiefs just as much as I did. Eugene ripped out the lyrics while traversing the stage in a fashion reminiscent of the godfather of soul James Brown. With their infectious groove, The Joint Chiefs are one of those bands that seem to grab hold of your spine and force your feet to move to the music. I strongly recommend that you make time to see one of their upcoming shows. I give this show a D- on punctuality, but an A+ for fun, entertainment and just plain good music making. If you want to see a show, and trust me you do, Sunny and The Joint Chiefs are going to be playing together again at Wills on Mills on July 4.

For those of you who do not know this name let me fill you in. Lars is the guitarist from Rancid, a punk band with roots in Operation Ivy and other old school punk. This new band, Lars Frederiksen and the Bastards, is his side project dedicated to a best friend from his old town that passed on. The self-titled CD is excellent in my opinion. It has old school roots but at the same time does not sound repetitive like so many of the older punk albums. Lars is really creative when coming up with his sound. Using such instruments as a slide guitar in some of his songs. You don’t really hear too many slide guitars in punk music, and that’s why I thought it to be strange. Songs like “To Have and to Have Not” and “Wine and Roses” really have a melod-ic sound to them. In contrast to “Dead American” that sounds more like the traditional old school punk. To me this is great. I’m sick of hearing the same old melodic poppy punk aimed at teens. And for all those bands out there that keeping making that crap (you know who you are), you should really take some lessons from some hardened veterans of the scene.

If you like Rancid or old school punk at all this CD is a must. For everybody else out there, definitely give the album a chance. It might just surprise you. So, run to your local music store and pick up a punk CD that actually lives up to the genre name.

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vate schools and flourishing public schools. The location of the members is also exciting. In the states where the A-Sun has members it covers seven of the top ten media markets.

The Atlantic Sun worked with Phoenix Design Works (New York, NY) on the name and logo project.

The Atlantic Sun membership includes Belmont (Nashville, Tenn.), Campbell (Buies Creek, N.C.), University of Central Florida (Orlando, Fla.), Florida Atlantic (Boca Raton, Fla.), Georgia State (Atlanta, Ga.), Jacksonville State (Jacksonville, Ala.), Jacksonvilleville (Jacksonville, Fla.), Mercer (Macon, Ga.), Samford (Birmingham, Ala.), Stetson (DeLand, Fla.), and Troy State (Troy, Ala.). Gardner-Webb (Boiling Springs, N.C.) will join the Conference for the 2002-03 season.

New web site
UCF Intramural Sports has unveiled its brand new web site located at www.imspports.ucf.edu. The web site was developed by Graduate Assistant Gary Cohen and will allow students to access league schedules, team standings, and

In other news
Due to the unprecedented growth of the Summer programs, Intramural sports will be offering two new events for the Summer 2 term. A Disc Golf tournament has been added to the July schedule, as well as a Triple Skills Challenge event, featuring skills competitions in football, softball, and golf. Both of these events will feature the new online registration...4-on-4 Flag Football, Co-ed Soccer, and 3-on-3.

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Golden Knights sign three Jr Co linemen to fill holes

Golden County All-Star game and chose UCF over Clemson. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, and impressed coaches at the UCF football camp. “Butcher is the most athletic lineman I’ve ever coached,” said Admiral Farragut head coach Mike Jenks.

Butcher is also being compared by the Golden Knight coaching staff to Lorenti, who started at center for UCF and signed a free-agent contract with the NFL’s Tennessee Titans. He’s a guy that we feel has unlimited potential, exhibiting tremendous ability for a big man, exhibiting his athleticism on the light side right now, and he’s got the speed to take that step up,” McFarland said. “We’re going to try to redshirt him if we can, but I see Adam being the center of the future. He could be the next Lorenti here for us because he has that kind of athletic ability. He could potentially be a stronger player (than Lorenti). Those are high expectations, but we really see that in him.”

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UCF baseball signs four
Assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Greg Frady announced four spring signees for the 2002 UCF Baseball program. Headlining the list is Clay Timper, a left-handed pitcher/outfielder from LaBelle High School who was drafted in the 41st round by the Texas Rangers during the Major League Baseball first-year player draft. Timper is joined by David Mann, Ryan Bear and Nathan Kragt. Mann, Bear and Kragt are all highly touted community college transfers looking to give the Golden Knights experience in the field.

Clay Timper, LHP/OF, LaBelle, Fla. (LaBelle HS) Timper was a second team FHSAA all-state selection in the 3A division. The left-handed pitcher was the offensive and pitching most valuable player at LaBelle High School. Recognized by the Fort Myers News Record as a three-year All-Area honoree, Timper led LaBelle High School with a career batting average of .448, ERA of 2.39 and 75 stolen bases in three seasons. Baseball America recognized Timper as honorable mention Defensive Player-of-the-Year in 2000. David Mann, INF/OF, Columbus, Ga. (Lake City CC/Columbus HS) Mann was a first-team all-state selection in Georgia and broke many of the school records there, which was also the same high school that produced Chicago White Sox and Auburn University all-star Frank Thomas. At LCCC, Mann hit .383 with one home run, 35 RBI, 26 stolen bases and 11 doubles. His 26 stolen bases ranked ninth in the state and batting average was 14th. Ryan Bear, OF, Panama City, Fla. (Gulf Coast CC/Mosley HS) Bear is a solid outfielder with good offensive numbers. He hit .402 with seven home runs, 40 RBI and 49 runs scored. He also hit 13 doubles and three triples, which ranked tied for second in the state.

Nathan Kragt, 3B, Bradenton, Fla. (Manatee CC) Kragt is an outstanding defensive player with good speed on the bases. He led the state with four triples and hit .310.

Pope, Arnold and Kurella named All-American
Justin Pope and Jason Arnold were both named to Baseball America's All-America teams. Pope was voted to the first team, while Arnold made the second team.

Collegiate Baseball released their All-America teams on May 25 and Pope (15-1, 1.68 ERA, 158 K's) was a first-team recipient, while Arnold (4-3, 1.97, 150) made the third team with shortstop Jeremy Kurella.

UCF was the only school to have two pitchers represented on the first and second teams in Baseball America. Southern California had pitchers on the first and third team.

Both Pope and Arnold have signed professional baseball contracts. Pope is pitching for the New Jersey Cardinals, while Arnold is with the Staten Island Yankees.

Pope having success in minor leagues
As a result of his performance during his first two minor league seasons, Howe Sportsdata has named New Jersey Cardinals' pitcher Justin Pope the New York-Penn League Pitcher of the Week (6/18-6/24).

Pope started two games, firing 10 innings, allowing only 3 hits and did not allow an earned run. Pope struck out 13 batters (best in the league), while surrendering only one walk. The opposition is batting .088 against the right-hander.

Pope was the St. Louis Cardinals' first-round pick in the 2001 first-year player draft.

TAAC becomes Atlantic Sun Conference
MACON, Ga. - The Atlantic Sun Conference rises in place of the former Trans America Athletic Conference. The change in name and logo, approved by the Conference Presidents Council on June 14, represents the focal point of an overall branding and identity program for the Atlantic Sun.

"Our conference has evolved dramatically over the past ten years and we felt the timing was appropriate for this change," said Commissioner Bill Bibb. "The logo is bright and exciting and I think that reflects the overall message we intend to spread about the schools and student-athletes in the Atlantic Sun." The identity program's main goal is to make a lasting connection between the visual image and the accomplishments of the member schools and their student-athletes. The Atlantic Sun stands alone as far as athletic achievement in NCAA Championship competition as it is the only IAA/AAA conference in the country to have postseason wins in men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball over the past four seasons. During that period the A-Sun has also put competitors into the National Championship round in men's golf, women's golf, men's cross country, women's cross country and women's track & field.

Academically, the Atlantic Sun shines exceedingly bright with a remarkable 45% of all student-athletes earning All-Academic Honors (3.0 or better) in the past four years. The Conference boasts some of the finest institutions in the southeast, including prestigious pri-

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Titusville trio hopes to make impact at UCF

DAVID MARSTERS

Together, Sands, Craig Waters and Peter Sands hope to make Titusville just for the impact," said Sands, who has known each other since elementary school and want to continue their football careers, and that's how they will get to do so.

The three friends and high school teammates all chose to sign with UCF over more established and nationally visible football programs, and plan to make big names for themselves while helping to establish the Golden Knights as a national power. And that shouldn’t be very hard, because they are all, well, big.

Clemens, one of the highest rated prospects in the 2001 UCF recruiting class, is a 6-foot-7, 270-pound mass of humanity that plays tight end, defensive end and perhaps even offensive line. Waters is a 6-foot-5, 210-pound defensive end who looks more like a wide receiver, and whom Sands calls “the quickest player I’ve ever been up against.” Sands, perhaps the best of the three, is a 6-foot-4, 200-pound safety whose nicknames include “Hit Man” and “Psycho.”

And while many recruits are satisfied with redshirting during their first years, these three want to play.

“This working my hardest to try to play, but if they redshirt me, then that’s just for the better,” Waters said. “I feel real, but if I feel redshirting is the best way to go, I’ll probably redshirt. If I feel I can help the team, then I’m going to play.”

“Hopefully I can get on the field pretty quickly,” said Clemens. “I have the size and I have the ability, I just have to channel it into one direction and go out there and play hard and just compete.”

The graduation of senior offensive linemen Chris Lorenti (left) and Kurt Baumann (right) left big holes to fill, but the UCF coaching staff recruited three Ju-Co players who they think will help immediately.

UCF hopes to bolster running game with offensive line recruits

DAVID MARSTERS

UCF football coach Mike Kruczek entered the 2001 season with the specific goal of improving the Golden Knight running game.

But the team did not accomplish this goal, averaging only 78.73 rushing yards per game—107th in the country. This year, the objective is still the same, and to run the ball more effectively, UCF will need better play from its offensive line. The losses of four-year starting center Chris Lorenti and fellow senior Kurt Baumann will hurt, but the addition of three junior college transfers should help a talented trio of running backs (Terrance Williams, Alex Haynes and Corey Baker) get plenty of yards in 2001.

Kruczek and offensive line coach Robert McFarland went the junior college route during recruiting season to fill the immediate needs created by the graduation of Lorenti and Baumann. The Golden Knights signed Mike Mabry, a 6-foot-2, 272-pound offensive guard from Jones (Miss.) Community College. Mabry expects the three transfers to play next season, especially Mabry.

“Mabry should be an immediate help in a position that’s critical right now because, to be quite frank, we don’t have a center,” he said. “We’re very, very fortunate to have him.”

McFarland indicated that Mabry already has an inside track to the starting role, jumping over redshirt sophomore Travis Muse, who worked with the scout team last year. He committed to UCF over Southern Miss.

“Anytime you go to junior colleges for offensive linemen, you look for guys to step in immediately,” he said. “The guy that’s going to be the most important is going to be Mike Mabry. He’s the center. That’s such a critical position. He’s probably going to come here penciled in as a starter.”

UCF will need better play from the offensive and defensive lines in order to beat Virginia Tech on Sept. 29 this year. The Hokies dominated the line of scrimmage in last year’s 64-21 victory over the Golden Knights.

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Morgan, who originally played tight end at Alabama before transferring to community college, comes in as Taylor Robertson’s backup at the quick line for that role is redshirt junior Brian Huff (6-foot-6, 285 pounds), who saw considerable playing time in that spot last year.

“Alex Mendez is just a physical specimen,” McFarland said. “He’s a tremendous strong man that plays the game with a lot of intensity. We really expect him to come in here and challenge to be a starter.”

Mendez will compete for a starting job protecting quarterback Ryan Schneider’s blind side at the quick-tackle position. He chose UCF over West Virginia, Baylor and New Mexico.

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