Students express concern about effects of diet supplements

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Many students at the University of Central Florida unknowingly risk strokes, heart attacks and other diseases by taking ephedra, an herb found in more than 200 popular dietary supplements.

Products such as Metabolite 356, Metabolite, Ripped Fuel, Diet Fuel and Xenadine contain ephedra, also called ma huang. Drug stores sell these supplements to customers who want to lose weight or gain muscle.

Ephedra is the herbal form of ephedrine, an amphetamine-like stimulant sold in asthma and cold medications regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. "The only difference is that ephedra is herbal while drugs like Sudafed are synthetic," said Dipa Smart, an Eckerd pharmacist. "Sudafed is okay because you stop taking it when your cold goes away, but ephedra is not safe because it is taken continuously.

Ephedra first gained publicity in 1996 when a healthy 20-year-old college student died after taking it. Since then, the FDA has investigated more than 1,200 cases of people who took ephedra and experienced severe side effects, including strokes, heart conditions, kidney disease and other diseases. At least 44 deaths have been associated with the use of ephedra.

Ninety-six percent of the UCF students interviewed knew other students who had taken ephedra. Rosalyne Scarfo, a nutritionist at the Campus Wellness Center, said she sees at least one to two clients a day who have taken it to lose weight.

Of 25 students polled at random, four men and five women said they took ephedra. The women said they took it to lose weight, while the men said they used it to gain muscle. "I took it because the guy on the bottle was ripped," senior culinary arts major Richard Simon said. "I wanted to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger."

All the students said they knew ephedra was dangerous, but were unaware of the extent of its dangers. "I was surprised," said 75 percent of her clients do not realize how severe the consequences are. The label on a bottle of Xenadrine says you should discontinue use if you experience dizzi­ness, sleeplessness, tremors, nervousness, headache or heart palpitations. However, all the students who took ephedra experienced one or more of these side effects.

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July 18 will be the closest Mars has been to Earth since 1996. This will provide astronomers with a chance to get an up close look at the 'red planet.' Mars will be visible to those with a telescope as well as to the naked-eye.

Robinson Observatory offers close view of Mars

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On July 18, UCF students can visit the Robinson Observatory on campus to observe Mars, which is the closest it has been to Earth in 15 years. The viewing will be held from 8:45-10:30 p.m.

The UCF Robinson Observatory contains the twenty-sixth Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope, the second largest telescope in the state of Florida.

"That telescope is awesome," said John Boggs, senior hospitality major. "I transferred from FAU, and we didn’t have anything that high tech there...I’ve never seen the stars so clearly in my life."

Mars will be just over 41 million miles from the Earth on July 18, the closest it has been since 1996. "This means that more detail can be seen on the planet, such as its polar caps and dark markings, as well as the red color of the planet," said Nadine Barlow, director for the observatory.

Barlow, who has been researching Mars for 19 years and has received funding from NASA to analyze spacecraft images, will be available during the observing sessions to answer any questions.

Sophomore computer science major Kim Caldwell said. "I went to the Robinson Observatory for the first time last month, and the staff there was so helpful. I didn’t even know how to look through a telescope, and they explained everything and showed me what to look for. They completely got me interested in astronomy."

The Robinson Observatory opens to the public on the first and third Wednesdays of each month between September and July, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. During the summer they open half hour after sunset. The observa­tory does not accept reservations, and people can look through the telescope on a first-come, first-serve basis.

John Hyslop, junior psychology major, said, "I always bring my dates to the Robinson Observatory. I like to impress girls with my knowledge of the solar system."

The Observatory staff will cancel obser­vation sessions by 8 p.m. if clouds impede the use of the telescope. The Observatory is located past the police station on Neptune Drive. For more specific directions or additional information, call the Observatory at 407-823-2805 for a recorded message.

College Pets
How far will college students go to have a pet? Find out.

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Students voice concern over Board of Trustees

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On July 1, the Board of Regents lost its governing power over the State University System.

This was a result of the 1998 constitutional amendment that transferred from the com­missioner of education to the state governor. The new sys­tem, which is composed of a Board of Education and the board of trustees (13 governor appointed representatives for each state university) is sup­posed to localize power and de­politicize Florida’s state uni­
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Ephedra investigated by FDA in over 200 cases

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Simon said, "Ripped Fuel made my stomach hurt and made me shaky. I don't know why I kept taking it for a year, but I feel like I took five years off my life."* Jennifer Osgood, a senior marketing major, said she used to take nine Ripped Fuel pills a day for energy. "I stopped after high school, but one day in college I took four pills, which was less than half of what I used to take," Osgood said. "And it felt like I'd just smoked crack or something. I couldn't take it and I had to leave class."* Senior psychology major Sue-Lynn Chu experienced severe side effects after taking the recommended dosage of Metabolife for six weeks. "I would black out all the time, I felt lightheaded and weak, and I felt like my heart was going to jump out of my throat. I felt high and I had a huge appetite when I was happy on it, but when coming down from it I'd really bummie out and feeling negatively."* The Xenadrine label warns against exceeding 100 milligrams of ephedra in a 24-hour period for more than 12 weeks and says people with high blood pressure, liver problems, psychiatric disease, diabetes, menopause, nervousness, anxiety, depression, schizophrenia and stroke. "Simon said ephedra causes a noticeable increase of blood pressure in all users."* After a month of taking the pills, she called the Metabolife hotline and asked if symptoms were normal. "The woman told me there was nothing wrong with me and said, 'Just lower your dosage if you want to.' I really like that much."* Chu stopped taking Metabolife two weeks later. "It just wasn't worth it. I felt like I was going to hurt myself if I kept taking it," she said. Blair Williams, a junior accounting major, said she took Xenadrine occasionally to boost her energy level before working out. Williams said, "I like it more than coffee. I used to have an appetite at all when I take it, but then I have a huge appetite when I'm coming down from it and I get really bad headaches." Williams added that she never slept well and had mood swings after taking it. "I always have trouble going to sleep when I take it," she said. Junior journalism major Mackenzie O'Bannon, "It gives me the jitters, usually with girls that are straight out of high school and are just ignorant about supplements," Bridgman said. "A couple of guys had racing heart rates, and we had to stop their training sessions." At UCF, the Wellness Center prohibits students from taking a fitness test if they take ephedra. They also give out a flyer warning students about the dangers of it. "In April 1996, the Food and Drug Administration issued a statement warning consumers not to consume ephedrine-containing dietary supplements because these products pose "significant health risks" to consumers. The FDA cannot regulate ephedra use because it is considered a herb. However, the FDA suggests that people should not take more than 24 milligrams of ephedrine per day. The manufacturer of Metabolife 356 recommends a daily dosage of 66 milligrams. Ripped Fuel contains a daily dosage of 60 milligrams. It is not illegal for supplement companies to falsely label their products. The label on a bottle of Ripped Fuel says a daily dose contains 300 milligrams of caffeine and the 'ephedra-free' formula contains 900 milligrams of caffeine, or the equivalent of 6 to 8 cups of coffee. Both Williams and Becky Muse, a junior communications major, said they bought their ephedra supplements at a General Nutrition Center and were told nothing about the product being unsafe. Freshman business major Brandon Goldberg of Lake Mary, who is a member of the University Avenue GNC, said he warns ephedra buyers of its side effects and strength. Even so, he said 12 or 13 people returned it in two and a half months. "They came back saying things like, 'It made my heart race,' 'I was never hungry,' and 'I can't sleep,' but I had told them all that already," Goldberg said. Goldberg said about 35 percent of GNC's female customers and 15 percent of their male customers buy ephedra supplements. "We once sold 15 bottles of ephedra in two hours," Goldberg said. He said one bottle of an ephedra supplement contains about a month's supply and costs between $50 and $60 a bottle. One UCF professor who would like to remain nameless said her son has been addicted to ephedra for two years. She said, "He calls it 'legal speed' and his scariest symptom has been paranoia. He is terrified and confused, and he has tried to go off it but got so sleepy he couldn't work." One idea to change the world

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I spend my life constantly thinking about that next big idea that will change the world, make me rich and famous and make the world a better place to live. It's how you want it, how dedicated you are, and the will to work. In the long run, you just get out what you put in, although sometimes it doesn't seem like it. So why is it so hard to find that winning idea? First is trying to satisfy a want or need that isn't already filled. If you think you have a great idea, more than likely, it's already out there.

I recently read a motivating book called Idea Guy by Seth Godin. Godin gives help on how to make that one idea cultivate itself. I highly recommend it and better yet, it's free to download at [ideaguy.com](http://ideaguy.com). His book caused me to open up my mind and spread the word to friends and to those who read this article. I'm searching for that one idea that will make people rise to their feet, as they see a dime shattering Vince Carter dunk. That one that will make people cheer and scream, like Tony bennett at a Backstreet Boys concert. You think it would be easy, but it's not. It takes some great people a lifetime to come up with that one brilliant idea that makes them rich and famous. Others take only a short time to develop. Some brilliant people may never come up with that one idea. Most of the time when I come up with an idea, it is when I least expect it. Ideas usually flow when I'm exercising, outdoors, and when my mind is clear of anything. When you force yourself to think, it usually doesn't work. The key is to create a relaxing atmosphere where ideas can just roll.

To make that one idea spread, it takes a little luck, proper timing in the market place and most significantly, change the way people go about their everyday lives. If you can generate a buzz get people talking about it and telling others, it may work.

I specifically like the three examples (from the book idea guy) in today's digital economy that were spread by people rather than expensive advertising. In fact, two of these companies, I have never seen any paid form of adver-

Around Campus

Current decals expire Aug. 31 and new permits must be visible on vehicles by Sept. 1.

- Decal parking permit costs for a full academic year are $111 for students and staff, $186 for faculty, $123 for Lake Claire parking, $37 for motorcycles and $55 for permit parking. Hang tags are more expensive.

UCF Library Scholarships Awarded

The University of Central Florida Library recently announced the recipients of two scholarships that are awarded specifically to library employees. Placido Banius has been awarded the Lois Holt Scholarship for Library Student Assistants, and Lisa Byl will receive the June S. Stillman Memorial Scholarship for Library Student Assistants and USPF Staff.

Banius, a junior majoring in Microbiology, has been employed in the Reference Department for one year. After graduation in 2002, she plans to pursue a degree in the medical field.

The Lois Holt Foundation provides an annual scholarship for a library student assistant, as well as an endowment for library enrichment and other general scholarships.

Byl is a junior majoring in Psychology and has worked in the Circulation Department for two years. After graduation in 2002, she plans to pursue a career as a social worker.

June S. Stillman's friends and family established the June S. Stillman Memorial Scholarship in honor of the former librarians, who was slain four years ago.

No other unit at the university provides scholarships specifically for their student assistants.

Cropped from staff reports and press releases.
How far would you go to have a pet?

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Despite apartment leasing agreements limiting the possession of pets, UCF students continue to keep animals. Many students own cats for companionship. Some prefer the company of their dog. Stenger said: "Dogs are happy to see you. If they're well behaved, they listen and do what you tell them to do, and they have the ability to exhibit their own personality."

Although a pet may have rewarding qualities, they can also be a big responsibility. "Having a pet is almost like having a child," Stenger said. "It's going to take a lot more of your time and money. I don't feel that someone should have a pet unless they're willing to put the time and effort into raising it properly. A lot of people neglect their pets."

Many students say they don't own pets because they don't like the smell. Matt Zorn, a sophomore television/radio major, said: "We had a dog in our fraternity house, which is off-campus. The owner of the dog never cleaned up after it and it wasn't housebroken. The dog smelled horrible, so we had to spray it with Lysol and Febreeze all the time. Eventually we found a loving home for it...somewhere else."

Senior interpersonal communications major Jon Melton commented that although he's glad he has his pet, "it smells really bad."

"One girl kept a hamster in her bathroom and it stank up the whole apartment so much that her roommates complained," said Shirley Enriquez, who works at the front desk at University Club.

On-campus housing at UCF only allows residents to keep fish, and they must be kept in a tank under ten gallons. Melton said, "Fish are the best kind of pet anyway, because it's not that sad when they die, and they're the easiest to get rid of. You can't really flush a cat!"

Many area apartment complexes have strict rules enforcing their 'No pets' policy. Apartments such as Blanchard Hall, The Gatherings and Collegiate Village Inn give a notice informing the resident that they have 7 days to get rid of the animal, or they will be evicted. Some apartments fine their residents immediately. College Park fines residents $100 the first time they discover a pet, $200 the second time and the manager evicts the resident if a third offense occurs.

University Club fines residents $150 the first time, and $10 for each additional day that they continue to keep the animal in the apartment. The apartments' maintenance staff, roommates or neighbors usually report the animals. "One dog can run and attacked a maintenance guy," said Enriquez. "It turned out we had people raising pit bulls here. They just tore up the whole apartment." Tiffanye Castro, director of marketing and advertising for Collegiate Village Inn, told a particularly horrible incident at the CVI apartments. Castro said: "This guy was keeping a dog on the second floor, and he would let it go outside, so no one paid attention and then just throw the 'focal material' into the parking lot where people keep their cars. The housekeepers saw it, and he got evicted."

Some students take extreme measures to keep their pets concealed from complexes that don't allow them. Sophomore business management major Crystal Petli lived in College Suites and managed to keep her dog, a miniature pincher, hidden for six months. "She couldn't go out because she's so shy, so I had her fenced in a box. Petli said, "I took her out to Blanchard Park every day in a suitcase, and I'd let her out of the bag as soon as we were past the College Suites gate...but it was totally worth it!"

Petli said that she thinks students are most likely to get caught with a pet beginning or end of a lease agreement, because the maintenance people are more likely to come into the apartments. "There are so many animals in College Suites," said Petli.

Some students prefer pets of the 'non-traditional' variety. Junior public relations major Megan Fox, who works in the front office at Blanchard Hall, talked about the discovery of a pet prairie dog. "One of our maintenance people alerted us that there was a 'very unusual animal' in a certain apartment, so I went and took a look at it...and I had to ask the owner what it was!"

John, who did not want his full name used in publication, works in the office at College Park and told of another unusual animal: "Someone moved out and we went in the apartment to do a maintenance check, and sitting in the middle of the bedroom floor was a big 2.1/2 foot iguana. The maintenance guy wanted to keep it, but the person actually came back for it a few days later."

Jefferson Barrish allows pets, but they charge a $300 deposit for pets 50 pounds and under, and a $500 deposit for over 50 pounds. Both charges are partially refundable at the end of a lease. There is no charge for rodents or reptiles, and pot-bellied pigs are the only animals that are not allowed. Gustafson said his apartment complex, The Harbour in Casselberry, allows pets. Summit apartments, on Metro West Blvd., also allow residents to keep pets.

Activities for students around Orlando plentiful

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STAFF WRITER

Boredom has the ability to round out list of things to do on nights and weekends in Orlando, which do not include movies, clubs and bars. The following places are activities available to all ages, regardless of birth date.

XS Orlando
Point Orlando, International Drive

Students can enjoy all new multimedia-million-dollar amusement complex and have the ability to bring out the kid in everyone. The building is filled with video games, slot machines that award tickets, pool tables and various computer simulation games. For instance, there is a rock-climbing simulator where the wall actually moves as you climb, and a state of the art game called the Dance Dance Revolution Third Mix Game. This game is a dancer simulation game that teaches all new steps. An hour of play costs $20 and two hours costs $25, the prices increase as you go up in hours. The Signature Strawberry Salad & Clinical Day Spa
The Winter Park Village
480 North Orlando Avenue Suite 112, Winter Park, 407-544-6534

A beautiful little hot spot, this salon and spa, can be a weekend haven for females or males alike. This location offers a variety of hair and nail services, as well as facials, body wraps, massages, clinical massages and specially created female and male packages. For more information, the salon can be reached at 407-544-6534.
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Some students wary of new Board of Trustees

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versity system. In theory it seems helpful, but UCF students either haven’t a clue about this major administrative overhaul or think that it won’t live up to its promises.

Robert Francis, a 20-year-old electrical engineering major, isn’t feeling any positive effects from the transition. Indeed, it is very likely that he stands to lose a great deal.

“Currently I am receiving the minority program scholarship for minority students. Every year I have to renew. Up until two weeks ago I was assured that the applications would come out and then the board of trustees was instated and I heard from certain counselors that the scholarship is not 100 percent there anymore. In fact it’s most likely not going to be there.”

Approximately 10 students receive this scholarship ranging from $2,500 to $5,000 dollars per year.

“Concerning the scholarship, they did not go out of their way at all to discover what our situation was. They just went ahead and did it. What is local about that? And I am certain that the counselors didn’t go about saying that we would like to get rid of this. I just think it’s a bunch of politicians out there trying to cut money, without looking at what they are cutting.” said Francis.

Thoqi Nguyen, a 22-year-old Computer Science student, also has his reservations about the board of trustees. “I don’t like it. I think the governor has too much power now.”

In this new system, the governor of the state appoints the members of the local boards of trustees who serve four-year terms and can serve up to two times. Also, the governor is able to elect and remove board members at anytime.

“I saw a news story that said the minority rate at UCF went down 45 percent for blacks, 15 percent for Hispanics, and whites went up 15 percent as a result of Bush getting more power. If he gets that power and pushes it up and gets that power over the board of trustees, I think he will abuse that power.”

Nguyen said citing the recent drop in minority admission rates that resulted from Bush’s “One Florida” executive order that eliminated the state’s affirmative action policy. “I think that too much power by one person will reach its limit.”

While some students seem to have a definite opinion, the majority remains in the zone of apathy. “I don’t know anything,” said one student. “What’s the difference?” said another.

On July 2, Officer Mangan performed a routine traffic stop on a Jonathan Stern for obstructing a disabled parking space.

Upon looking into Stern’s vehicle, Mangan discovered an orange pill bottle in a cup holder. Mangan claimed that when he asked Stern about the pills, Stern told him that they were a friend’s. He then showed Mangan the bottle, who noticed that it had no labels on it. Mangan identified the contents to be Xanax.

After asking Stern to exit the vehicle, Mangan noticed some drug paraphernalia and a small zip lock baggy filled with a green leafy substance. He also found two bottles of beer in the back seat of the 18-year-old’s car.

Stern was arrested and transported to the Orlando County Jail.

Freshman

On June 30, Officer Mangan noticed a subject possessing a Bush Light beer can. Mangan said that once he noticed the subject, Andrew Blecher, noticed him set the beer can down beside a car in the parking lot and began to walk away.

Mangan noticed that the individual appeared to be under 21.

Upon making contact, Mangan could smell the strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath. Mangan claims that Blecher admitted to him to be 17 years of age. Blecher was placed under arrest for possession of alcohol under the age 21.
Sak comedy lab, rock climbing discounted to students

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be reached on the Internet at www.sigstrably.com. Salon hours are Monday and Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. This is a great idea for self indulgence, and heavenly gifts.

Houston's
Orange Avenue, Winter Park, 407-740-4005

For a unique dining experience try Houston's located on Orange Avenue in Winter Park. Nestled in a cozy spot on the waterfront, this restaurant provides ambiance with reasonable prices. The menu offers a variety of foods with seasonal products and a multitude of different tastes. The restaurant contains an open kitchen, and entertainment by a live pianist. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. This restaurant provides a great dining experience, and is open for lunch and dinner.

The Orlando Science Center
Princeton St., Orlando, 407-514-2060

The Orlando Science Center is a place to spend a lazy weekend day, while actually learning. The center is full of astounding exhibits, a planetarium and observatory. It also contains the Dr. Phillips Cinedome, which functions with 28,000 watts of sound. The center's operating hours for May 28 - Aug.12 are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is $9.50.

Moodswing Cafe
815 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, 407-895-9777

A restaurant with an attitude can be the first thought upon stumbling upon this unique eating establishment. The storefront is decorated with such works as play, love, greed, joy and calm. Inside the restaurant, each word has its dedicated section of the dining room, and that section is decorated accordingly. For instance, the greed section is a green and money tree, and the play is decorated with miscellaneous toys. The menu is also unusual, with such items as the "Be Yourself Burger." Restaurant hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 12 p.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday.

SAK Comedy Club
Theater Garage
380 West Amelia Street, Orlando, 407-648-001

Eight shows are presented every week in this two hundred-seat theater. This establishment upholds a no obscenity rule, and has been voted the best place to see live comedy in Orlando. One show is titled "SAK duel of foods" and portrays two teams improvising against each other based on wacky suggestions from the audience. The show runs on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 8 p.m., and is $9 with a valid form of Florida resident or student identification. Another performance "Feet jam is totally unrestrict- ed comedy on Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. The price is also $9 with proper identification. One performance, the "Midnight thing watch" is an array of kooky comedic creatures and is on Saturdays at midnight, $5 or free with same night ticket.

Aloma Bowl
2530 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, 407-671-8675

How about an activity you haven't tried in a long time? It's time to go bowling. Aloma Bowl, on Aloma Ave, offers two nightly programs. Rock 'n bowling and Wet 'n Wild bowling are every Saturday night at 11 p.m. You must be 18 years or older to attend Moonlight Bowling, and the fee is $12 per person.

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Over the years, college loans have been the way students pay for their college tuition and other expenses. This seems the easy way out to the crushing blow on a student's wallet.

Senior Mary Hanley feels the “loans help pay for my education and my GTP instead of a way to work and lowering my GPA. The loans give me more time to spend on schoolwork and less time thinking about paying off my tuition. The loans are fair and they don’t have some other universities have.

The Federal Government offers two types of loans, subsidized and unsubsidized. The subsidized loan provides the student with a low-interest loan, but it is on a need-based system. To be eligible for a subsidized loan, the student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, be a U.S. citizen, meet the financial aid requirements set by the Federal Government and sign an application. On top of those requirements, the student must also sign a certification statement that the student understands the loans are for educational purposes and not for other reasons. The university has no control over how the loans are used, but hopes they are used for educational purposes.

The loans have an Annual Aggregate Loan Limits that rate how much you can borrow. As of the current first year limit is $2,625, $3,500 the second and $5,500 for years three and four. Graduate students can borrow a maximum of $8,500 per year. The maximum amount that a dependent undergraduate is $23,000, and for independent undergraduates the maximum is $46,000. For graduate students the maximum amount that can be borrowed is $33,500. Interest rates are actually very low at an annual variable rate capped at 8.25 percent.

Subsidized loans have a repayment period of up to 10 years, plus any periods of deferment or forbearance and while students are in school no payments are due. The unsubsidized loan is also a long-term, low-interest loan, but it is not limited by a need-based system. However, the student is responsible for the interest incurred while the student is in school. The eligibility requirements are the same as the subsidized loan.

The Annual Aggregate Loan Limits are the same except that independent student may borrow up to $62,655 the first year, $7,500 the second and $10,500 years three through five. Graduate students can borrow $138,500. Interest rates are actually very low at an annual variable rate capped at 8.25 percent.

Risks necessary in life, business

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tising from them. It must be nice to spend zero advertising dollars and be known as the one on the floor of the web! What a dreamer’s dream come true! And if you think about it, these three companies are in the top ten and that long, as far as businesses go. First is Napster, the music trading community. Although there is still plenty of controversy regarding trading copyrighting material, there is no doubt this idea reached millions of users in a relatively short period of time, all based on word of mouth advertising and free media coverage. I have never seen an advertisement from them other than part three for sponsor concert tours. When I was first introduced to the Napster concept, I immediately told three of my friends, who told three of their friends and you can see where I’m going. This is viral marketing at its finest. It changed the way we live, introduced us to new music and of course, with popularity comes controversy, which is not a concern at all. However the outcome of the online music revolution turns out, one thing for sure is that the Napster concept and one of the greatest ideas of our generation came about. People now make a living by selling their goods on eBay. It’s their lives and opened the world up to a 24-hour a day global marketplace. Microsoft network; the idea allowed users to check their mail from any computer, anywhere in the world. The brilliant idea here was that by the bottom of every email sent out saying, “Get Your Private, Free E-mail from MSN Hotmail at no cost. The idea of using an email message read is free advertising and the users of Hotmail are doing all the work, by simply sending emails. This simple idea turns out to be one of the best viral marketing ideas I have ever seen and the fastest medium ever to reach over 30 million registered users.

Third is eBay, which is the premier leader for online auctions and one of the only profitable Internet companies. Without a doubt, they have the mover today over million times have you heard someone say, “I have this old widget I want to sell and the person responds, “Put it on eBay” change the way you think. USB at Microsoft network, the idea allowed users to check their mail from any computer, anywhere in the world. The brilliant idea here was that by the bottom of every email sent out saying, “Get Your Private, Free E-mail from MSN Hotmail at no cost. The idea of using an email message reads free advertising and the users of Hotmail are doing all the work, by simply sending emails. This simple idea turns out to be one of the best viral marketing ideas I have ever seen and the fastest medium ever to reach over 30 million registered users.

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Irresponsible voters, foolish Americans

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I'm not sure what point in American history we stopped holding politicians and the leaders of our country accountable for their behavior, but I think it is obvious to everyone that the USA is morally going down the crapper. And why shouldn't it—look at our leaders?

In a recent Gallup poll, 91 percent of Americans agreed that adultery and extramarital affairs are wrong and should not be tolerated. Yet in the same poll, only 34 percent of people agreed that voters should know if a politician was having an affair. Does anybody notice something a little odd about this?

I think our past president is the most obvious of recent examples. Bill Clinton lied under oath, lied to all Americans, lied before God when he wore on the Bible and yet the public still supported him. And what did people say? His personal life has no reflection upon his political performance. Well if you think he would betray his wife and family, lie to the entire country who voted him in office, that he would not screw everyone else?

Presidents aside, look at Rev. Jesse Jackson. He wasn't being very honest to his wife during his little affair. Granted, no one is perfect and everyone deserves forgiveness, but we voted to start holding our leaders accountable.

Now we have Representative Gary Condit, who finally admitted to having an affair with the missing intern Chandra Levy after nine weeks of questioning. Something is a little fishy about the whole situation, and now, everyone is worried and surprised that such a horrible thing could happen.

Really, what do people expect? Our leaders are dishonest, money and power corrupt the soul, and as a nation, we continue to tolerate it day in and day out.

We complain about politicians, saying they are all the same. We say they lie, steal, and cheat. Yet, we do nothing about it. Despite scandals, unethical practices, and illegal acts, the same politicians are re-elected into office.

The fact is: it's our own fault. We conveniently overlook issues when we feel it has little significance to our personal lives. We don't hold people responsible, because we in return don't want to be held responsible for our own actions.

The old saying is true: what goes around comes around. We will get what is coming.

I am resolved to be a contributing factor. I am determined to be honest, to make reality of my dreams. I am determined to make up for the loneliness, bitterness and poverty that's my theory. What is wrong with America?

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- She was planning a trip home, but never made it. Her packed suitcases were sitting unsnatched by the door with no sign of foul play or break in.
- Condit recently passed a lie detector test, denying any sort of involvement with Levy's disappearance.
- Police have performed DNA tests and continue to maintain Condit is not a suspect at this point.

Now, I'm no detective and I certainly have no background in criminal justice, but something about all of this just does not add up.

Go to any major news site and you will find pages and pages of articles addressing the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the intern, but very little leads as to what actually happened to her. Despite all the many key pieces of evidence, but still no sign of Levy. A gigantic game of "Where's Chandra?" and the police are not releasing any significant details—at least not to the public any­way.

And then suddenly, a sense of alarm washes over you when you think to yourself, "How much are they hiding from us?" Is it possible that a person can simply vanish, with no clear evidence, no sign of a struggle, no witnesses, leaving us with virtually no clue to where she has gone? There is no way that Levy could have vanished on her own. Something is seriously wrong with this situation, and it's more than just the fact that Levy is missing. Either we have incompetent local and federal police officers, or we have corrupt and deceitful government officials. Take your pick, we lose either way.

We need a better track record with our interns, especially since I will soon be one of them. I value my life so I shall stay far, far away from presidents, senators, congressmen, aides, egars and oval offices.

Who and what's next with federal interns?

CASY McCORKLE
STAFF WRITER

Anyone with a television, magazine or for that matter a life has heard about the not-so-recent disappearance of Washington, D.C. intern, Chandra Levy. Everyone has their own theories: adultery or murder. By now, we've heard it all. But as an upcoming intern, heading to D.C. this spring, I just have a few concerns...

What is with our country and interns? We have serious issues.

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Do we have an obligation to old friends?

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High school was just a few years ago for most of us. If you went to a Central Florida high school you might just run into an old classmate while wandering around campus. Questions run through your mind when you think you recognize that classmate whom you haven’t seen since high school. Should I talk to them? Will they recognize me? What should I say? Just hope you didn’t forget their name or it makes things a lot more complicated.

There really is no reason why you should avoid them, unless you owe them money or had a fling with their significant other. Why don’t they make the first move if they really want to talk to you? They could be having those same exact questions running through their mind, they might not recognize you, or just haven’t even noticed you yet.

Why don’t you make the first move to talk to them; or are you too good for them now? Let’s hope you are not that self-centered at this time.

Some people might rather totally forget who you are and not make an attempt to chat, while others will want to reminisce about old times and hear about the new. People will change a great deal in college, whether it is in looks, actions or attitudes. People who snub you can leave a terrible impression in your mind, but don’t worry, they will gain 200 pounds and go bald before the high school reunion comes around.

I recommend catching up with old friends from high school, if that person were a true friend. Sometimes it’s just fun remembering the past and laughing about the good old days when you didn’t know better. It’s not like most of us know much better now a days.

It’s good to keep friends from throughout your life. Maybe the acquaintance from high school will become your new best friend. Just saying “hi” doesn’t hurt, and catching up with a friend can’t be worse than that math class your taking.

Making your vote count

Last week we asked you online: “Which genre of music would you like to see CAB host this year?” You let us know that UCF students love to rock:

Rock/Alternative: 35%
Classic/Jazz: 9%
Hip Hop/Rap/R&B: 19%
Country: 14%
Other: 8%

We want to know what you think. You can let us know by logging on to www.UCFfuture.com and participating in the Online Polls, Letters to the Editor and reader Forums. Every week we will publish your Letters to the Editor and the results of your Online Polls. We will also make it a point to respond to your Letters to the Editor each week.

Editorial Cartoon

Wow! Castro has a daughter who lives in Miami... she could be circulating right here among us and we wouldn’t even know it.
We should consider ourselves lucky. It's not every day that we get to bear witness to the birth of a new art form. And with computer animation, that's exactly what we've been doing for the past 15 odd years since its inception.

Computer animation builds on the techniques, ideals and visual power of traditional, two-dimensional animation. And by standing on the shoulders of this limitless visual language, computer animation has the ability to reach further still, to show the audience images never before dreamt of and to immerse us in worlds never before imagined.

**Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** stretches and expands the limits of computer animation while giving new credibility to this burgeoning art form.

The beauty and detail of *Final Fantasy*'s computer-generated world is simply astonishing. Spacecraft, laser guns and other sci-fi accoutrements exist in a believable world of buildings, trees and cars without looking out of place. This digitally crafted universe seems so tangible and touchable that you're immediately engrossed by its surroundings.

The character design is amazing as well. Human characters are rendered so naturally that you can see individual strands of hair blowing in a breeze and freckles on a face when a character smiles. The characters are animated with a technique known as "motion capture" which uses special body suits and sensors to trap all the subtleties and nuances of a real live actor's movements. This translates into incredibly fluid motion never before seen in animation, whether computer-generated or hand-drawn.

But, as with most great leaps forward, *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within* may have jumped too far ahead. While pushing the boundaries of the art form of animation, *Final Fantasy* left behind most of the disciplines of its chosen medium: cinema.

At first glance, *Final Fantasy*'s visual progressions may seem to have left other CG-films such as *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life* and *Shrek* to choke on its dust. But after just a few minutes of watching *Final Fantasy*, the viewer begins to sense that something's missing.

On the surface, *Final Fantasy* is optically mesmerizing, but, unlike previous digitally animated films, that's all it has to offer. *Produced and directed by Square Films, which is part of Squaresoft (the company responsible for the ultra-popular Final Fantasy line of video games), Final Fantasy forgoes all of the cinematic conventions that are integral to film in favor of incredible eye-candy. Plot, character development, action, pacing and performances are handled so hap hazardly as to be rendered non-existent and arbitrary. This animated feature is less like a film and more like a gloriously overblown video game. The "story" takes place 60 years in the future on a much more technically advanced but nearly annihilated Earth. Dr. Aki Ross (voiced by "ER's" Ming-Na) is working with her mentor Dr. Sid (Donald Sutherland) to find seven mysterious spirits that will aid the remaining survivors of our ravaged planet in their quest to repel an invading and hostile alien force. What exactly these "spirits" are is never truly explained, setting the stage for audience confusion that finally culminates in utter disappointment and anger at the weak script, numerous plot holes, lack of character depth and numerous other cinematic prat­fucks.

And as spellbinding as the animation is, it's non without its share of faults. Ironically, it's the film's hyperrealism that litters it. During the opening sequence, the film quickly switches from an exciting joyride to a bitter chore not even worth sitting through. A world where rockets soar with ease and multi­limbed aliens are a dime a dozen. Exaggeration and elasticity are trademarks of American animation and are sadly lacking in this film.

After *Final Fantasy*'s gorgeous and engaging opening sequence, the film quickly switches from an exciting joyride to a bitter chore not even worth sitting through. A world that seemed so inviting and impressive quickly becomes cold and sterile in its quest for style over substance. Animation as an art form can do anything and be anything, but as part of the larger, more encompassing medium of cinema, it has to give more to the audience than just a series of pretty pictures. *Final Fantasy* is a truly marvelous product of art and technology, but sadly devoid of a soul. And, in terms of technology, it bypasses its predecessors in visual design. But whereas *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within* will only exist in the minds of viewers till the next prettier, more technologically advanced flush piece comes along, films like *Toy Story* and *Shrek* will continue to thrill audiences with wonderful characters and engaging storylines.

Though we are fortunate to stand alongside the creation and development of a fantastical new art form, giant leaps forward are also accompanied by giant falls backward. *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within* is a technological achievement in its own right, but it extends its reach too far to compensate for its obvious flaws. The film is not only a big-budget video game; it's also a wax apple. Beautiful on the surface, hollow at the core.
Aries (March 21-April 20)
Image: "On a misty evening, a brightly lit Gothic castle"
Message: Firm structures. 
Home relations, family promises and romantic intimacy may require delicate discussions early this week, Aries: expect close relationships to now progress toward solid commitments. Single Ariens may soon pursue an unusual or unexpected relationship. If so, Aries, all is fine: creative ideas, social invitations and romantic opportunities are now highly rewarding. After Friday carefully study new duties or instructions. Older teachers, mentors or authority figures may be misinformed: go slow.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Image: "A crisp, new five dollar bill"
Message: Fresh starts.
Social announcements and home decisions are accented early this week, Taurus: before Thursday expect loved ones to be highly motivated to change their lifestyle, improve relationships or increase financial security. For many Taurians this will mark the beginning of several weeks of important change in key relationships. Expect loved ones to no longer be absorbed in yesterday's family disappointments or business restrictions, Taurus: it's time to plan solid home and romantic goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Image: "At the bottom of an ancient well, three bright coins"
Message: New desires, new hopes.
Nostalgic ideals and messages from past lovers may be distracting this week, Gem: late Tuesday expect outdated relationships or dreamy romantic moments to be a strong theme. Many Gemini will this week experience a brief but intense phase of romantic optimism, vivid memories and returning emotional strength. Let the past fade quietly away, Gem: this is your time to make peace with yesterday's disappointments and establish positive growth in present relationships.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Image: "At the corner laundromat, Superman washing his cape"
Message: Preparing for something great.
Monday through Thursday close relatives or family friends may be unusually critical of your life decisions, future goals or business outlook. Remain graciously detached, Cancer: this is not the right time to publicly struggle with the opinions or social observations of others. Rather, use this time to quietly further positive ideas and private dreams: recent choices will soon be proven accurate. Avoid controversy, Cancer, but follow your own unique path: loved ones will soon offer approval.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Image: "After a thunderclap, a rabbit bolting through the woods"
Message: Making strides.
Older officials will expect powerful gains this week. New assignments or daily expectations may change dramatically before Friday: watch for authority figures or managers to reveal controversial contracts, ideas or business information. All will eventually work in your favor, Leo, so not to worry. Do, however, expect temporary delays and group disagreements. Late Saturday romantic attractions are unmistakable. Trust your instincts, Leo: new love is now possible.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Image: "Backstage at the theatre, a bouquet of fresh roses"
Message: Celebration.
Brief love affairs, social triangles and romantic

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If you are in any way connected to the art world in Orlando, you have most likely heard the name Elton Bracey. For the last seven years Elton has been making a name for himself by putting his own touch to the experience of art. He awed the Sapphire Supper Club with his "Sommatime Produkt," showing his unique style of artistry as well as producing two 1st Thursday events at the Orlando Museum of Art Associates.

His newest venture is an attempt to combine art, jazz and spoken word poetry into an upscale social event. The O2 Elements oxygen bar on Orange Avenue downtown is where this smorgasbord of class will be held on July 19 and will be called C-NOTE. The jazz band King Tet will be the musical guest for the evening to go along with the viewing of the exhibits. To accompany the music and art, there will also be readings from a collection of spoken word poetry called "Art-Verse" composed by Bracey himself that is meant to combine the words, music and artistry to transform the viewing into a full sensory experience. While it sounds like a radical approach to art, it does sound very interesting.

The best thing about this event is that it isn’t the traditional stuffy art show. Past the music and the art, there will also be food and beer available for those who like more than just paint thinner with their art. It isn’t a party though; it is strictly 21 and up and has a business casual dress code. The name C-NOTE comes from the pricing of the art, ranging in denominations of $100 for purchase. While that might sound a little high for a college student, an art buyer would find it very reasonable and with the added benefit of a good conscious because part of the proceeds of the night go to the arts and music programs of Ferncreek Elementary School. A $7 cover will be charged at the door to the show but there is a free upstairs gallery that everyone is invited to visit. O2 Elements is at 49 N. Orange Ave. downtown between Washington and Central Boulevard, so any of you who are art-o-philes, looking for culture, or just trying to impress a date, C-NOTE might be something you should check out.
Crossword

ACROSS
1. Pre-owned
2. Beethoven
10. Summit
14. Parallel with a home
15. Flow steam
16. Bunny monmemes
17. Anathemata
18. Payback
20. Hypothetical
22. Dr. Jekyl
23. Unenvious
24. Oxydyes
25. Map volumes
26. Play on words
29. Pearl
30. Full-fuze letters
31. Wren
39. Face-pace exams
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37. Furniture
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42. Politics winner
43. Beauty current
44. Smallgive
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52. Mormon mixer
53. For purchase
54. Pumps
59. 1st Rich Sound
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63. Common
64. Blow
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88. School break
89. Breaks or
90. Brundage

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1. Christmas season
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10. Burflee
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12. Ear
13. Zipper term
19. Banana subject
20. Knows
21. Sneeze
22. Draw
23. Billionth of the Ninth Gate
24. Work units
34. Phoenix carrier
36. Late or now ending
39. Ribby rock
40. Folds
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42. Debate
43. Apply elbow pressure
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46. Scoop
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attraction will be unavoidable over the next 11 days, Virgo: early this week watch for powerful romantic passions and rare social invitations. Although controversial, new relationships will rapidly expand, Virgo: over the next few weeks many Virgos will take obvious emotional control over their private lives. Lifestyle decisions, public image and new social introductions are highly favored at this time, Virgo: don’t avoid positive emotional change.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
Image: “In early September, three school girls opening their lockers”
Message: New combinations.

Early this week, Libra, cancelled plans or quick social changes may create minor tensions between friends and lovers. Late Monday expect a sharp increase in gossip, controversy and social speculation. For many Librans this period of scattered information will initiate a 3 week period of intense social change. Before mid August expect business and social relationships to quickly expand. Past history will be key, Libra: thoroughly check all facts, statements and records.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Image: “Two jugglers, a bulldog, four sailors and a parrot”
Message: A circus of fools.

Work and social relationships will this week be easily confused by minor disagreements, Scorpio: watch for colleagues and friends to be focused on unimportant details. Facts, numbers or promises may be a strong concern, Scorpio: expect others to challenge social information and public ideas. After Thursday, however, your ability complete difficult tasks will dramatically increase. Work on your own, if at all possible, Scorpio: all will be well. Early Sunday home finances will improve: expect steady gains.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Image: “Flying over snow capped mountains, a small white dove”
Message: Graceful balance.

Family decisions and delicate social discussions are accentuated this week, Sage: over the next few days your emotional insight will be helpful to loved ones. Tuesday accentuated this through Friday expect friends and former lovers to now ask for further dedication or return to old habits, ideas and patterns. All is well, Sage, so not to worry. Do, however, expect financial disputes to continue until mid-August. Late Friday a friend or lover may reveal new family information. Patience is key, Sage: stay focused.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Image: “Deep in the woods, a gathering of young foxes”
Message: Fresh ideas, new alignments.

Before mid-week financial details and official contracts may present misleading information. Over the next 19 days postponed assignments or neglected tasks may demand special attention: spend extra time finalizing minor duties and verifying obligations, Cap: all will be well. After Wednesday a refreshing romantic and social outlook is due to arrive: watch for recently troubled love relationships to become almost effortless. Trust your inner voice, Cap: romantic promises are genuine.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Image: “Outside a church, a priest blessing the faithful”
Message: Promise, trust, loyalty.

Long-term relationships and marital commitments are a strong theme over the next few days: expect romantic partners to now ask for further dedication or return to old habits, ideas and patterns. All is well here, Aquarius: in fact, for many Aquarians this brief period of romantic discussion will lead to rewarding romantic decisions and rekindled intimacy. Listen closely to the needs and observations of loved ones, Aquarius: important social and romantic changes will soon be delightfully unavoidable.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Image: “On the distant horizon, a pose of horses”
Message: Imminent rescue.

Short-term projects may now require a special effort, Pisces: late Tuesday expect previously silent colleagues to express new opinions and ideas. Although temporarily draining, Pisces, creative input is worthwhile and will soon restore positive relationships: don’t avoid difficult workplace triangles. Later this week romantic communications will also increase: expect lovers and close friends to end a recent silence with a gentle declaration of attraction, loyalty and friendship. A strong week, Pisces: enjoy!

If your birthday is this week...recently strained relations with colleagues and new co-workers will soon improve: before early August expect new assignments, revised work habits or complex instructions to captivate group attention. Team efforts will be greatly rewarding in the coming months: use this time to create unique friendships and re-establish a positive alliance with fellow workers, students or business partners. Some Cancerians will also experience a dramatic expansion of romantic commitments in the coming few months: by mid-February 2002 expect reliable long-term proposals and passionate romantic overtures.

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LEAD STORIES

— Military researchers will soon try to combine the two awfulest smells ever engineered, in an attempt to develop the ultimate nonlethal weapon, a magnificent stink bomb. According to a July report in New Scientist, the winning stenches (excrement and rotting foods/carcasses, with each technologically "improved" to even fouler levels) would be mixed, with the result a festishness so overpowering that not only would it disperse people in a panic, but would also act on brain tissue in the same fear-provoking way that other unrecognizable stimuli do.

— In July, the city council of La Verkin, Utah, passed an anti-United Nations ordinance (soon to be copied by the city council of Virgin, Utah) that not only prohibits the municipal government from recognizing any UN activities but also requires any private citizen engaged in such activities to file an annual report with the city and to post a sign on his property informing the

Neighbors

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Tough Times for Gays

— In May, two anti-discrimination bills were voted out of the Illinois House; the bill prohibiting establishments from discriminating against motorcyclists that. "

Teacher, sarcastically:

saying they are better than other kids. And we can't have

that.".

In May, a judge in Northampton, Mass., dismissed Lamar Peoples' lawsuit against Massachusetts Electric Co. after his cat, Venus Viola, was electrocuted on an uninsulated company wire; the battery balls "so that, as the company's owner describes it, the

"wrongful death" in this instance was that of her beloved

220-pound Filomena Raso and their two children about

the loss of a human family member, though

the value of the good luck he said the cat was expected to

bring him, but the judge shipped the case to small claims

court.

Australian judge Brian Herron awarded Arthur and

Filomena Raso and their two children about $85,000 in

damages in March when they suffered food poison-

ing, apparently after eating pork purchased from a local

wholesaler. In addition, due to special demand by Arthur Raso, the judge awarded about $1,200 additional for the unusually large number of rolls of toilet paper the family says it went through because of diarrhea from the tainted pork.

In March, twice-convicted murderer Kenneth Williams, 21, filed a lawsuit against the prison system in Arkansas (his current residence), demanding his right to be placed on death row. The prison, noting Williams' violence and history of escape attempts, had transferred him from death row to its maximum-security lockup for its most problematic cases. Williams says the deprivation of "rights" has caused him mental, emotional and physical distress, and besides, he hasn't tried to escape in over a year (even though he killed a man during that escape).

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— 21st Century Russian Technology: Russian inventor Dmitry Zhurin (or his colleague Sergei Lykov, depending on the news source consulted) told reporters in February that he has introduced a working model of a talking vodka bottle that proposes tows (roughly translated: "Another round, then?" and "To our beautiful women"). Periodically after the initial unscrewing of the cap, a louder cacaphony of voices is heard. The battery doesn't last long after its first use, but then, as Zhurin points out, neither usually does the vodka.

— A Decatur, Ga., company that makes ecosystems-pre

serving, concrete artificial reefs for fragile areas in the

world's oceans has also finished about 60 jobs in a side

business; mixing cememted ashes into the "reef balls" so that, as the company's owner describes it, the deceased can spend eternity among marine life rather than on a plot of land with dead people. Costs range from $850 (being part of a community reef) to $3,200 for your own reef ball; the balls are then donated to go

government reef projects, with about 30 so far off the coasts of Florida.

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 Authorities charged a Syracuse University football player with false impersonation after he gave state troopers several fake names during a traffic stop.

Johnnie Morant, 19, was pulled over in Cortlandville, N.Y., about 30 miles west of Syracuse, in the early morning hours Monday, June 18, police said. He had been traveling 89 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Morant told police he had no identification and gave several fake names, police said. He had been driving on a suspended license.

Morant, a 6-foot-4, 218-pound wide receiver, had just completed his freshman year at the university, where he played in three games for the Orangemen.

The university had not yet administered any disciplinary measures against Morant, said Sue Edison, director of athletic communications. The university and athletic department would work together to administer any discipline, she said.

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Ex-Coach decries proposed bet ban

TMS Campus

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Director of Enforcement Mark Jones indicated that the infractions are being processed as secondary violations. NCAA Committee on Infractions member Dick Dunn will review that decision.

The NCAA will rule on the matter, but in most cases, the recommendation of secondary violations is accepted.

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CLEMSON, S.C. – Five members of Clemson's football staff received penalties ranging from mandatory attendance of a rules seminar to frozen salaries, and a booster has been disassociated from the athletics program for one year in response to second­

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 attends a rules seminar at his own expense and will not be eligible for a salary increase or a bowl bonus until Sept. 1, 2002.

That coach also will not be allowed to recruit off campus until Feb. 6, 2002, and has received a letter of reprimand.

In addition, Clemson reduced its number of official, on-campus visits by potential recruits for 2001-02 from 36 to 42, and will be allowed 83 scholarships rather than the NCAA maximum of 85 for the 2002-03 school year.

The number of coaches permitted to recruit off campus between now and Feb. 6 has been reduced from seven to six, and the evaluation period from April 25 to May 31 of this year was shortened from four weeks to two weeks.

"I think they are appropriate," Clemson Athletics Director Bobby Robinson said of the sanctions. "It's a judgment call, and I made the judgment."

The sanctions are the result of a joint investigation conduct­ed by the NCAA and Clemson's NCAA compliance staff. In October, NCAA investigators interviewed Gaffney High School players Jeff Littlejohn and Roger McIntosh, reportedly regarding their association with Clemson booster Lamar Greene.

Efforts to reach Greene at his residence in Gaffney on Wednesday night were unsuccess­ful.

Ultimately, Clemson self­ reported three secondary viola­tions in the case, according to documents released Wednesday by the university:

• Improper contact by the assis­tant coach and the booster when they had lunch with the prospects at a restaurant during a recruiting "quiet period."

• A $1,300 loan provided by the booster to pay for a limousine the players used to attend their prom.

• Use of the booster's boat by the recruits.

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Clemson Chief Public Affairs Officer Cathy Sams said the penalties involving the booster stem from violations committed while recruiting two football players from Gaffney committed while recruiting two football players from Gaffney

Women's crew team announces signings

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ophanship. Day One will feature the #3 seed vs. #6, and #4 vs. #5. Friday's semifinals will pit the #1 seed vs. the 4/5 winner and #2 vs. the 3/6 winner. Game times for the matches, including Saturday's final, have not been set.

UCF crew signs four recruits

The UCF women's rowing team recently announced the signing of four Lightweight Coach Chris Deetrich signed three proven rowers - including Jessica Naftzinger (Tallahassee/Leon HS), Heather Seward (North Fort Meyers/Fort Myers HS) and Ashley Shapiro (Ventnor, N.J./Atlantic City HS).

Naftzinger rowed four years for Coach Tom Morgan, earning three letters and captaining the team. Most recently, she rowed seven-seat in the varsity light­weight 8+ that took first place at the Miami Invitational and the Gainesville

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CB’s Scramble Freeballers 30-18

The CB’s rolled over the Freeballers 30-18 as they won the 3 on 3 Basketball Recreational Title. Jason Adams had 10 points and 11 boards to lead the way, and Joshua Ward added 10 points secure the victory. The Freeballers advanced to the final by beating Delta Upsilon in the semifinals, led by Danny Wayland’s 18 points. Lawrence Miller scored a tournament-high 22 in the loss for Delta Upsilon. The CB’s Mambas, 20-0 capped their championship run with a perfect 10-0 record.

Triple Threat goes Back-to-Back

In the Competitive Tournament, Defending Champions Triple Threat overcame an early 11-0 deficit against Supreme Clientel to win their second straight 3 on 3 title, 30-22. Matt Kreszenski lead the way with 14 points, including 5 baskets from beyond the arc. Triple Threat received a scare in the Semi-Finals, pulling out the victory in overtime against Talent, 29-26. They finished the year with an 8-0 record.

Flag Football Championship

Moose Harris connected with Will Ogle for three touchdowns, as the Moose capped off an undefeated Summer season. “We’ve been trying for 3 years, through suspensions and triumphs”, said Ogle, “and now we’re champions, so we got that going for us, which is nice”.

Those Guys Sack Eastsider attack, 29-8

Those Guys got out to an early lead and never looked back against the Eastsiders, winning the Competitive 4 on 4 Flag Football Title.

Swank cranks it up a notch, takes Coed Soccer Title

In the first ever Intramural Coed Soccer Final, Swank defeated The Barcelonas 5-2. The Barcelonas tied the game up 2-2 after halftime, but saw Swank score 3 unanswered goals to seal the victory. Jason Brown’s four TD passes en route to a convincing 29-8 victory. Jason Pfeiffer had four sacks including an early safety to seal the deal for Those Guys. “Our defense held us in, and our offense was unstoppable.” Said Pfeiffer, as his team finished the year with a perfect 5-0 record. In other news, The Regulators repeated their Spring Championship, winning the Women’s 4 on 4 Flag Football Title.

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The Atlantic Sun Women’s Soccer Championship will be played at UCF. The UCF bid to host the event includes television coverage of the Championship Final on Sunshine Network. The six-team event will be played Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

“We are very excited about bringing our women’s soccer championship to UCF. To be able to have the television coverage is a tremendous bonus,” said A Sun Commissioner Bill Bibb. “We have worked previously with the UCF staff as hosts for conference championships and we know they will do an outstanding job with this event. It should be an excellent championship experience for our student-athletes.”

The Atlantic Sun Women’s Soccer Championship should be a very competitive event this season. Host UCF has five Conference Tournament Titles to its credit, including 1994, 1998 and 1999 as hosts. Georgia State interrupted a string of UCF titles by winning in 1997 and will be a top contender again in 2001.

Defending champion Jacksonville University will be gunning for national Top-20 status after an outstanding 19-3 campaign last year. All eleven members of the Conference will compete in a single round-robin regular season schedule. The top six teams based on the conference standings will advance to the championships.

Quarterback Ryan Schneider (right) will need to play even better this season to guide the Golden Knights to a winning record against a tough schedule.

The seven UCF selections trail only Notre Dame, who had nine players named Preseason All-Independent. The Golden Knights led the 2000 postseason list with seven players.