Online glitch endangers SGA senate elections

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As an unresolved error in the new Polaris software could prevent many students from voting online in the Student Government Association elections at the end of the month and senators are suggesting students return to paper ballot voting should the malfunction occur.

Since the university converted Polaris — UCF’s online program that allows students to register for classes and vote in student elections — to a new operating system, several student senators are worried this glitch makes the online voting process may allow students to vote for senators outside their own colleges and prevent other students from voting at all.

Students are supposed to vote only for candidates within their own colleges. The senate has decided to continue to use the online system because it generates higher voter turnout than when paper ballots are used.

“It would just be a matter of printing the list of candidates and purchasing scantrons,” said Sen. Juan de la Torre. But the idea of students using paper ballots to vote this year if the online system fails could create havoc, because there would be no way to confirm which students already had voted online.

The senate did decide that if the online system is not acceptable one week prior to the election, a paper ballot system could be implemented.

However, there are those who remain skeptical about switching from online voting to paper ballot voting.

“If they have paper ballots, there would be no way for them to do it [at the satellite campuses],” said Sen. Jeni Delfs, who represents the Brevard campus. “How can they possibly have people at all the campuses?”

Delf’s concern stems from a lack of human resources involved with the elections.

While there are enough people to properly oversee an online election — seven election commissioners and five deputies — those same 12 individuals would not be able to count a potential 30,000 ballots in the event of a paper ballot election.

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Are we Floridiots?

State election mistakes continue to frustrate voters, candidates

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State officials Thursday declared Bill McBride the winner of the Democratic primary, but Janet Reno has not yet conceded defeat in the latest Florida election mess to frustrate voters.

On Friday Reno asked for a manual recount of all votes cast in Miami-Dade County, one of her strongholds. Meanwhile, her request for a manual recount of all ballots cast statewide was denied by the state elections board. An official determination of the victory of Florida’s latest controversial vote may not come until Tuesday.

McBride defeated Reno by a narrow margin, only 8,106 votes. Election officials continue to investigate voting irregularities in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, where irregularities included polling places that opened late and voting machines that did not work.

Reno’s campaign has questioned voter turnout at dozens of precincts in the two counties, where several precincts reported unusually low.

Thank goodness it’s Friday

Several classrooms sit empty on Fridays, such as this one in the Communication Building. Nearly 10,000 students have no Friday classes.

Extended weekends common trend at Florida universities

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

College students everywhere often celebrate the conclusion of a long week by taking the day off on Friday instead of attending classes. This four-day school week has become increasingly popular trend at UCF and many other Florida college campuses, resulting in overcrowding and traffic congestion on campus Monday through Thursday.

“I arrange my schedule to avoid Friday classes,” said sophomore Erica Vanderwerf. “I can’t go a full week with classes. I’d go crazy.”

In a recent campus headcount, about 22,000 students attended classes everyday from Monday through Thursday. This headcount noticeably declines by nearly 10,000 students by the time Friday rolls around.

Sophomore Matt Yachmetz said he intentionally arranged his class schedule this semester to have Fridays off.

“I wanted the longer weekends, that’s the only reason I did it,” he said.

Other students bemoan a lack of classes being offered on Friday as the reason most students didn’t schedule classes on that day.

“The only reason I didn’t take any classes on Friday is because none of the classes I needed were available,” said student Marc Blatt.

But Friday classes still exist, said Linda Sullivan, associate registrar at UCF.

This semester offered 906 class sections on Fridays. However, Monday through Thursday saw 1230-1400 classes scheduled each of those days.

Maribeth Ehasz, associate vice president, thinks that spreading classes more evenly throughout the week and even offering Saturday classes would help ease overcrowding on campus Monday through Thursday.

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McBride declared winner of primary, but Reno’s not ready to concede defeat

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turnouts and where Reno enjoyed her greatest support.

Reno’s insistence on a recount of votes could endanger the party unity both she and McBride say is needed to defeat Republican Gov. Jeb Bush in November.

McBride briefly spoke with Reno before declaring victory. He said that he barnstormed all will toward Reno for not conceding, adding that both he and Reno have a shared goal.

“I think we have a consensus,” said McBride. “The consensus is, we need a new person to lead the party.”

Tony Welch, a spokesman for McBride’s campaign, said the campaign is moving forward to press its case against Bush.

Welch said he doesn’t think Reno’s declared victory affected McBride’s chances.

Citing the high turnout for the primary, Welch said, “When you consider the very high turnout, the last of enthusiasm to defeat Jeb Bush.”

McBride, a Tampa lawyer and former head of the state’s largest law firm, overcame Reno’s lead in the past month with a television ad campaign that bills that he passed to increase funding for education.


Said McBride that if elected as governor, he would also push for improved funding for the working class, a diversified economy and a low-cost prescription drug-plan for seniors.

Bush will also focus on education in his campaign and will remind voters of bills that he passed to increase funding for education during his term, said Pratt.

“Since 1998, funding for K-12 education has increased by $1 billion, a 27 percent increase in total funding, while student growth has increased by 10.5 percent,” said Pratt. “For student funding has increased by 14 percent.”

Bush also will highlight crime-reduction programs he enacted during his term, said Pratt.

“Thanks to tough Bush initiatives, like 20-20 Life and Three Strikes and You're Out, Florida has the lowest crime rate in 20 years,” said Pratt.

Aunt said that Bush also plans to tout economic growth.

“Florida continues to create more jobs than any other state and was one of only 16 states to show job growth from July 2001 to June 2002,” said Welch. Welch said that McBride will cite the “crisis at the DC” and the recurring election problems as evidence of Bush’s poor leadership.

UCF students expressed frustration with the voting delay.

“Florida needs to get out the vote together... and Bush should be held accountable,” said senior Sant Sampangi. “I don’t see all the way to the top.”

Sophomore Bryan Martin also holds Bush accountable for the voting problems.

“J don’t think that’s a coincidence that we’ve had two major elections where something like this has happened,” said Martin.

Bush spokesperson Pratt diffused criticism for last week’s voting mistakes.

“The best thing we can do is make sure that we have competent local officials running the elections,” said Pratt.

Martin opposes the idea of conducting a revote or a recount.

“I don’t like the idea of revotes. It opens the floodgates... you never have a perfect election, especially when it’s this close,” he said.

Martin’s solution for Florida’s flawed voting process is to bypass the entire system and move to an internet-based, technological method.

“Voting online or using electronic terminals would be better,” he said. “When you’re counting votes by hand or machine, you’ll always have more error involved.”

UCF graduate Sploeta also supports further redesign of the voting process. Sploeta said most people who care about the elections process and their vote are frustrated that there are no final results almost a week later.

Bush needs a standard, uniform ballot all the way across the board, he said. “Right now there are too many ways of voting.”

Sploeta, who voted for Reno, said she think that Bush would push for a revote.

Senior Kelly Levison disagrees.

“We already dealt with that in the presidential election,” she said. “It was long, drawn-out and the same person ended up winning anyway.”

Sploeta believed that Reno captured enough votes in South Florida to win the Democratic primary, he said McBride has a much better chance of winning against Bush.

Florida needs a standard, uniform ballot all the way across the board.

Right now there are too many ways of voting.

—JERRY SPOLO

SGA BRIEFS

$20,000 for speaker may dry up student funds

Sheyla Nieves

Staff Writer

After granting $20,000 to the Progressive Council to bring activist Michael Moore to speak at UCF, some Student Government Association senators are worried that granting large amounts of money in the beginning of the school year could leave the senate short by the end of the year.

Sen. Anthony Tsonis said a similar situation occurred last year and a few student groups had to be turned away for lack of funds.

Sen. C. Hunter Singh said if the senate continued to pass bills without checking how many speakers would be hired to work with, it was “frustrating away students’ money.”

Airfare concerns senate

The UCF Trial Team’s request for funds to attend the Yale Mock Trial Invitational came under Singh’s and Tsonis’s scrutiny.

Both senators were concerned about the trial team’s airfare at UCF.

Tsonis questioned why the team wanted to directly fly to New Haven, Conn., when they could have opted to take a flight to a larger airport for a cheaper price.

Tyan VanVoerhose, a member of the trial team, said the objections were founded, but the team had already arranged direct flights in the past so that members were rested for competition.

It is added that the student government had paid for the team to fly into New Haven in previous years.

The team’s performance will be jeopardized at the competition if the team is forced by train or car and arrive late in the evening, said VanVoerhose.

Trial team members told portions that only two airlines flew into the New Haven airport and the team had selected the cheaper of the two.

Senators will vote on the trial team’s request Thursday.

$50,000 for private lobbying

Student senators continued to debate a bill that seeks to hire lobbyists for the UCF student body.

Sinh said he did not believe that private lobbyists would be successful. University of Florida student government officials already hired a law firm over the summer, according to Joshua Groschans, SGA’s director of governmental affairs.

If passed, the connection of the firm has established with their community and administration, said Groschans, and a private lobbying firm would be equally beneficial for UCF.

SGA would pay about $50,000 for a private lobbying firm to represent UCF on both a local and state level.

The lobbyist will bill their work to the UCF tuition, according to Thursday, said student body president and the chief student affairs officer will then sign off on it.
Landlines on decline

Five percent of subscribers use their cell phones as their only phone line

KATRINA HAMMER
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows the old saying "talk is cheap," but nobody could have guessed how important cheap talk would be to college students.

Cellular phone use has exploded on campuses nationwide, including UCF. Every day thousands of students can be seen walking on campus and talking on cellular phones. In the United States alone, 61 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds own cell phones, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

In fact, many students now rely on their cell phones for all of their calling needs instead of land line connections. Most students find that wireless calling plans provide cheaper long distance as well as convenience.

Sophomore Sylows Paolino doesn’t have a telephone connection in her apartment for a few reasons. She says the main reason is the inconsistency of her previous service provider.

"Bell South doesn’t know what’s going on," she said. "They billed me three times for the same month."

Paolino uses her cell phone to call her brother in Colorado and doesn’t have to worry about long distance, which is covered in most cell phone plans.

Long distance is just one of the primary reasons students are drawn to the cellular phone. Many plans include long distance with their service, instead of charging a separate per-minute fee.

"My plan comes with long distance," said freshman Jennifer Myers. "I use it to call home to St. Pete because it’s so much cheaper."

Students are undoubtedly attracted to the convenience of having a cellular phone rather than the standard connection in homes. These home connections, more recently termed land lines, do not provide users with all the features that now come with a basic cellular phone and service plan.

"I never use my home line," said freshman Jessica Salazar. "Calling cards are a pain, and I’m never in my room anyway.

The cellular phones of today can provide students with access to their e-mail accounts, the Internet, instant messaging service and a myriad of other specialized features.

In a recent survey of 800 wireless service subscribers, 55 percent of college-aged students know how to use every function on their cell phone and usually use them regularly.

Angie Morales, a sales associate for T-Mobile at Waterford Lakes, said that about one in every 10 customers is looking for a cell phone as their primary phone.

Students typically purchase the $39.99 plan which includes 600 anytime minutes, voice mail service, caller ID, call waiting and forwarding and no charge for long distance or roaming, said Morales.

For about $10 less, Verizon offers customers a home phone service plan with unlimited local calls and one choice of four features -- call waiting, call forwarding, caller ID, voicemail, and call block. The plan does not include long distance and does not offer the mobility of a cellular phone.

Cell phones provide a way for students to stay in touch with friends and not miss any calls while they are away from their apartments or dorms.

"I give my cell number out because I have four other roommates and the chance that I would get my messages is pretty low," said sophomore Jack Sterba.

Also, students that change residences frequently may find a cellular phone is more convenient because they can keep the same phone number for as long as they live, no matter where they move in the nation. Students coming to UCF from locations other than the Orlando area may like to keep their cell phone with their hometown area code.

"My friends back home can call me without having to pay long distance," said freshman Jeri Morales.

The competition between wireless and landline corporations continues to heat up. The FCC reports that up to 5 percent of subscribers already use their cell phones as their only phone, or at least as their primary phone.

But not all students are thrilled with the popularity of cell phones.

"I hate it when people call me to talk about senseless things," said freshman Rory Hubert. "That’s why I don’t have one. They just encourage people to do stupid things like talk in cars or in class."

Sophomore Monique Hubert agrees. "I think it’s a great tool that’s overused."
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continue to study this issue as an enrollment continues to grow at UCF. Vaccination rates, even though traffic is heavier in the beginning of the school week, offering more Friday classes won’t significantly alleviate congestion during the week.

"There is still 80,000 kids going here, so there’s going to be heavy traffic just because there is more classes," he said.

Professors on campus have come to expect smaller attendance in their Friday classes.

"I have noticed there are fewer students showing up on class, but days than the rest of the week," said speech professor Courtney Paschal-Brown. "I think it’s because Thursday is the night to go out in Orlando."

Students aren’t the only ones who pre-

fer Fridays off.

"I teach on any Friday classes right now," said psychology professor Charles Negy. "I don’t have office hours that day either. Because if I did, I know students wouldn’t come in on that day. I have teacher meetings in the morning, but the rest of the day I have an extended work week."

Many teachers who have Friday classes have resorted to scheduling tests and gradu-

ated assignments on Monday through Thursday, to make sure students are showing up. "I sometimes schedule impromptu speeches so my Friday class students are coming to class when they are supposed to," said Paschal-Brown.

"I think imagine this tactic in order to raise the attendance in their his-their lecture classes.

Most undergraduate classes courses I teach show material to classes on Fridays," he said. "By going through the less-

sons showing on exams or instead being excused on a week day, it has increased attendance."
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Paper ballots shouldn’t be needed, said Ted Simmons, who created much of the computer system it has been completely re-written and after a mock-election test, the online voting procedure should prove to work properly, he said.

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Comment prompts major law-enforcement response

THE EVERGLADES, Fla. — An overheard comment in a Georgia coffee shop sparked a massive law-enforcement response in southern Florida on Friday, shutting down a major highway for most of the day while authorities questioned three men and searched their cars for explosives.

By day's end, no suspicions were found, the men were released and a jittery nation eased after the latest in a series of suspected terrorist sightings proved to be false alarms.

From tense first moments to anti-climatic finale, the Florida episode played out all day on cable news channels.

The incidents diverted air-borne passenger jets, emptied airport terminals and left Arab-Americans fuming about overreactions by both police and concerned citizens.

The Florida case was sparked Thursday by a nurse who told police she heard the three men at a Calhoun, Ga., coffee shop vowing to "make America cry," and provided descriptions and license plate numbers. Following an alert from Georgia authorities, the men were stopped late Thursday night a few miles east of Naples on Interstate Highway 75, a remote section of highway known as Alligator Alley.

At dusk, the men were released and drove east along the Everglades highway toward Miami.

Unnamed police officials said the men could still be charged in Georgia for concealing a prank that led nurse Eunice Stone to report them as terror plotters. "If this is a hoax, they will be charged," said Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter.

The men denied they had said anything that could be construed as a threat.

Officials were accused of recklessness and abusing the civil liberties of citizens by the Illinois relatives of one of the Arab-American students held in Florida.

Key Sept. 11 suspect captured, in U.S. custody

WASHINGTON — Ramzi Binalshibh, who allegedly helped plan and coordinate the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington, has been captured and is in U.S. custody after surviving a fierce firefight in Karachi with Pakistani police.

The arrest marks the end of an intense, yearlong manhunt for a suspect believed to be one of the few living conspirators in the Sept. 11 plot.

Binalshibh was arrested by Pakistani police on Wednesday along with as many as 10 other suspects after a three-hour gun-and-grenade battle that killed two gunmen. He is being transferred to a U.S. airbase in Afghanistan, sources said.

Charged in Germany with murder of more than 3,000 counts of murder for his alleged complicity in the attacks, Binalshibh had hoped to be the 50th hijacker in the plot but was repeatedly rebuffed in his attempts to secure a U.S. visa, officials have said. His name has also surfaced in investigations of several other terrorist attacks, including the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen and a bombing earlier this year on a synagogue in Tunisia.

A small town hosts the mourners of Flight 93

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — On a day bright with promise, the families, friends and admirers of the heroes of United Airlines Flight 93 gathered at the field where the plane crashed to remember the passengers and crewmembers.

All aboard were killed.

Recent reports from aides to Osama bin Laden say the hijacked plane, which had left Newark, N.J., bound for San Francisco, was targeting the Capitol.

On Wednesday morning, overreaction and nervousness led to smaller-than-anticipated crowds as several thousand people joined with 540 family members at the crash site to honor the dead and hear from speakers.

"During this period people could make a pledge to do a good deed that will help mankind in some small way — even if it’s a hug, kiss, smile or wave — a prayer or just a silent thought of those they love," said Murtial Borza, the 11-year-old sister of passenger Deora Bodley.

One year later, Bin Laden status, location still unclear

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A year after President Bush said he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive," U.S. officials are not even able to establish whether bin Laden is, in fact, dead or alive.

Afghan officials say he is certainly alive and most probably in Pakistan. Pakistani officials say he is probably dead, but that if he is alive, he is in Afghanistan.

Not a word has been heard from him since.

It remains plausible that bin Laden died at Tora Bora. DNA tests conducted on the remains of dead al-Qaeda fighters found in the vicinity turned up no evidence that bin Laden was among them.

On Sunday, an Arab television reporter said he was blindfolded and taken to a secret location in Pakistan in June to meet al-Qaeda terrorism plotters Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Ramzi Binalshibh.

In the absence of proof that bin Laden is dead, however, U.S. forces are " Actions are based on the assumption that he may be alive," said King, the U.S. official. The majority of the al-Qaeda fighters who battled at Tora Bora managed to flee, most into Pakistan and many back to their home countries.
Opinions

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OUR STANCE:

Senate revote misrepresents students' desires, needs

What would happen if the United States Senate voted a second time on a bill because they felt pressured to vote one way or another? A public outcry would inevitably follow. As a university senator, student senators automatically accept all the responsibilities of a public official, which includes making decisions under pressure and under the eye of public scrutiny. If it is indeed common practice for the student senate to vote twice on student issues — once when students are present and then again after students leave — then there is something seriously wrong with the way the student senate conducts itself. By voting one way when students are present and then another after they leave, senators deceive the very people they are supposed to represent. Had the second vote gone the other way and the student senate had denied the bill, every student who had taken the time to let their senators know how strongly they support the measure and had left the meeting feeling confident that their desires were considered and that a final decision was made in their presence, but it also allowed an unfair revote by allowing more senators, who joined the meeting late, to cast a vote which could have reversed the decision entirely.

So, um...I hate voting when all those people are around...

No worries bro, as soon as they leave we'll vote again anyway.

Letters to the Editor

Election difficulties are time-honored tradition in Florida

People everywhere are wondering if there is a way to fix Florida. In a state that has seen everything from forged absentee ballots, to voting hours stretched in dumpsters, to dangling chains on voting balls, election difficulties seem to be a time-honored tradition in Florida.

This year, after the state vowed to solve those election problems and spent $35 million in state tax payer money to overhaul the state’s public voting machines, no less than the state’s public meetings not only violate the law, but also leave the elections process a little more seriously. Senate voted a second time on a bill because they felt pressured to vote one way or another. As a university senator, student senators automatically accept all the responsibilities of a public official, which includes making decisions under pressure and under the eye of public scrutiny. If it is indeed common practice for the student senate to vote twice on student issues — once when students are present and then again after students leave — then there is something seriously wrong with the way the student senate conducts itself. By voting one way when students are present and then another after they leave, senators deceive the very people they are supposed to represent. Had the second vote gone the other way and the student senate had denied the bill, every student who had taken the time to let their senators know how strongly they support the measure and had left the meeting feeling confident that their desires were considered and that a final decision was made in their presence, but it also allowed an unfair revote by allowing more senators, who joined the meeting late, to cast a vote which could have reversed the decision entirely.

Florida now has less than two months to correct voting problems that it wasn’t able to correct in two years. As much as Gov. Bush would like to deflect criticism for last week's election mistakes, everyone, not just the top elected official, must bear the ultimate responsibility. Bush must do everything in his power to guarantee that the Nov. 2 election goes off without a hitch — because even though Florida is working hard to correct election problems, votes, and the rest of the nation shouldn’t and won’t settle for a state whose election process isn’t accurate, only a best effort.

Because it's time to move on

I read the paper every morning at my business in the Student Union. I speak with friends on Greek Council, student government, and I speak with the UCF police department daily. I am tired of reading about them in the letters to the editor section.

As a former Interfraternity Council President, Faculty President, and SSA Cabinet member, all of this is old news. I am not saying the police are right or wrong. I am not saying Marco was right or wrong. I am telling us all to get on with our lives. A number of people have written saying their diploma is cheapened by these events. That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. If you honestly are of this belief, go to Arizona State, where their SSA president was involved in some scheme with numerous former roommates last month. Though we do hold our leaders to a higher standard, let us not forget we are all college students, and the entire experience is a learning process. I fear there was at least one person to be learned. Marco and the UCF police department have learned it. If I am sure, it isn’t wrong because it doesn’t need to be reconstructed in our school’s paper. As for the rest of us, let us move on. Our magazine is released back from the press. We can do this. Let us spend our time worrying about our school, family, and Marco and the police.

— KEVIN STONE
UCF Student

U-Knighted We Stand a success

As chair of the U-Knighted We Stand candle lightvigil, I would like to start by thanking everyone who was at the event. We would not have done it without you. We would also like to apologize to anyone who was offended by the UCF police...

When we met with him, he told us what he would do, and speaking about, we reminded him of the fact that he disregarded everything we told him against us. We wanted to make the event a memorial, not a religious ceremony. Second, I would like to defend another issue. It was stated in the Florida Times’ Sept. 12 “We Remember” issue that the event wasn’t done because there were no

No worries bro, as soon as they leave we’ll vote again anyway.

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ROBERT RENO

The problem of what to do with Martha Stewart is begin­ning to assume grotesque propor­tions, somewhere between an incompetently staged melodrama and one of those scenes in a Jerry Springer show where families behave like baboons. If Martha had been roaring on a spit since she unwisely dumped 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems last December, she couldn't have endured a more cruel and unusual punishment. And all that for a crime like insider trading that is ultimately provable only by getting inside her head to discover what it was that provoked her to make a stock trade involving a drug called Erbitux that may or may not cure colorectal cancer.

If only Martha hadn't been everybody's idea of a smug perfectionist trading on the name of a former professor with a typically white Anglo-Saxon Protestant name, hailing it over her WASPy Connecticut neighbors who may have been just as Polish as she is. I confess to utter disgust that Martha, a former profes­sional stock broker herself, didn't better appreciate the insider trading laws so she could understand why so many cynical people assume she violated them.

The screaming question is that for all the money she saved by dumping her ImClone shares in advance of the sud­den collapse in their value, she could have afforded to hire more lawyers than God to tell her it looked sleazy.

Meanwhile, there is a grow­ning market for Martha dispar­agements. These include Internet-traded T-shirts that read "Insider trading: That's not a good thing." More importantly, there's a rumor rampant on Wall Street that Martha wants to get out of being Martha Stewart. This takes the form of reports that she will retire as chief execu­tive and chairman of the board. If Martha is in a sinking ship, what shrewder strategy than to present the ship's captain with the rope to jump overboard?

There are problems with this sort of thinking. Obviously, even as she has become an increasing liability to Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, she also remains a very real human being. Separating her from her brand name could require a crowbar, maybe even a team of mules. Martha's main problem is that she has assumed such a thoroughly defensive position. Nasty people will typically assume she has something to hide.

She even canceled appear­ances on CBS "Early Show," a lightweight format of fluff and prattle where her skilled han­dlers might have bubbled on endlessly about her innocence in between the cabbage recipes and schemes to stencil her ceil­ings in bright orange Amish patterns.

Martha has yet to agree to appear before congressional committees, whose members are drooling incontinently to be the first to ask her a searching question or, that failing, be able to brag that they've been on TV with Martha Stewart. This tries the patience of Congress, which knows that the first hearings at which Martha appears will have rai­nings approaching the stratosphere. Pressure for her to appear can only intensify as members of Congress lust to be associated with her star power.

Martha's miseries are multi­plied by the fact that her principal retail outlet, Kmart, is in bankruptcy, her legal expenses are mounting and the price of a share of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia is suffering.

The battering she and her company are taking would daunt the most skillful man­ager even without the carcass of Kmart to deal with.

Her Merrill Lynch stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, is under sus­pension, as is his assistant, Douglas Finneid. Both are cru­cial to support for her position that her ImClone trades were innocent acts prompted by nothing more sinister than a longstanding "sell" order.

The only piece of recent good news for Martha is that her shares leaped for a time last week when newspapers reported she might step down as CEO. But that was precisely the sort of good news Martha can do without, since it implies that she has become a drug the company would be better off without.

Obviously, Martha has made a judgment that the less she says, the better. But for a woman so used to giving advice and yaking her head off about appearances and how they matter so desperately she is, for once, unconvincing.

If Martha is a sinking ship, what shrewder strategy than to pretend she's no longer in command?
Cracks that cross the proverbial line

Linnea Brown  
Staff Writer

It happened just yesterday. A friend of mine was joking about his own stupidity and proceeded to physically pretend he was raining blood. Watching him turn his head sideways and exaggerate the motion of biting his ear made my blood run cold. Suddenly, the joke wasn’t funny anymore.

You see, my dad has a motion disorder. He can’t help the fact that his head is constantly moving to the side and the biting ear motion is all too familiar to me.

My friend didn’t know that, of course. And perhaps that’s why, jokes about an impairment, nationality, race or religion are told so frequently that they are considered acceptable to say aloud, as long as no one would likely be offended in earshot.

This brand of cruel, ethnocentric humor is becoming more and more tolerated in American culture.

Last week I witnessed a drunken businessman victim to an obiously inappropriate impression of a Muslim person in the middle of a restaurant, complete with the stereotypical flaming accent, while a table full of friends laughed loudly and egged him on. I’m sure the man would have thought twice about doing the impression if anyone within listening distance had appeared to be Muslim. But how egotistical of the man to appear to be white, they wouldn’t be offended by the cruelty in his jokes.

Modern American entertainment is notoriously insensitive in its attempt to be comical. More often than not, we blindly accept the stereotypes depicted in movies as funny and incorporate them into our culture without realizing that they are not accurate depictions of real life.

For example, imagine that you are one of the 100,000 Americans who suffers daily from Tourette Syndrome, an inherited neurological disorder that causes its victims to have uncontrollable body movements and blurt out inappropriate word and phrases.

Now think about the horrific portrayal of the potty-mouthed twitcher in the movie “Dence Bigelow,” who made Americans believe that Tourette Syndrome is a made-up, laughable disorder that only crazy people believe in.

Entertainment media blatantly make fun of physical disabilities as if people have no control over, such as race or physical impairments. Although we may see these things on screen, it’s important that we distinguish reality from embellishment and stay sensitive to the feelings of the people around us.

It all comes down to being socially aware — aware that no matter what people look like, you can never know what will offend them.

Consider that the next time you tell a fat joke to the buff jock in your physics class. For all you know, he or she may have grown up being labeled the fat kid in school who was constantly teased about his weight by classmates.

Regardless of who may be listening, such jokes should never be thought up in the first place. The belief that a particular group is superior and another group is inferior is the sickening thought process that has set the stage for wars, terror and destruction for thousands of years.

And who decided these jokes are funny, anyway? They’re just a distasteful excuse to cover up one’s own insecurities by making others look bad.

The people who choose to snicker at these jokes are no better than the individuals telling them. Our society will never change if we keep laughing.

Free speech: Still flourishing

Free speech is never at its most popular during a war and national emergency, and you might expect that it would inspire less devotion among the American people after Sept. 11 than before. A new poll by the First Amendment Center, based in Arlington, Va., finds that respect for First Amendment rights has indeed declined.

"Many Americans view these fundamental freedoms as possible obstacles in the war on terrorism," lamented executive director Ken Paulson.

No one puts greater value on the right to express opinions than those of us who comment on important events in the news media. But the full story of free speech in the past year is more encouraging than dismal.

The First Amendment Center notes with dismay that 49 percent of Americans say the First Amendment protects too much freedom — up from 39 percent in 2001. Forty-two percent think the press has too much freedom.

At the same time, there are plenty of reassuring numbers.

No less than 94 percent of those polled agree that people should be free to express unpopular opinions — and two out of every three Americans say they "strongly support" that right. Three out of four think the right to free speech is "essential," and 83 percent feel that way about religious freedom.

Only 46 percent favor a constitu­ tionally sanctioned limit to hate speech in the U.S. flag, which the Supreme Court says is protected by the Constitution — down from 51 percent three years ago.

But if many Americans are skeptical of the need for so much liberty, that would hardly come as a surprise to the nation’s founders. The reason they included these basic freedoms in the Bill of Rights was precisely to shield them from the unpredictable tides of democracy. The urge to silence unwelcome ideas has always been present even in the most enlightened democracies.

What is striking about the state of free speech in America since Sept. 11 is how healthy it is. During World War I, hundreds of antwar activists were arrested merely for voicing opposition to the U.S. war effort. During the McCarthy era, thousands of people with left-of-center views were investigated or stigmatized as possible communists.

But in the past year, despite the heightened fear of terrorists in our midst, there has been nothing comparable.

The Justice Department has been criticized in some quarters for its detention of noncitizens on suspicion of terrorist activity and the like. But it has not tried to suppress peaceful political dissent, no matter how vociferous.

And there is no reason to think it will. Whatever aversion Americans feel about dissent during a time of crisis, they gener­ ally accept it as part of our system. “This is a country that learned its lessons,” says Richard Epstein, who teaches constitutional law at the University of Chicago.

Americans may not be universally enthusiastic about all the liberties that flourish in our cacophonous democracy. But anyone waiting for a wave of political repression will be waiting a long time.

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Off-week gives Knights a chance to heal

Quarterback Ryan Schneider, who left the Arizona State game with bruised ribs, began practicing again Thursday. He is expected to play Friday against Marshall.

Miller joins list of spider-bite victims

Maybe UCF should change its name to the Spidermen. With the number of players that have fallen victim to spider bites in the past few weeks, it would be fitting.

Those spiders, suspected to be hiding somewhere within the UCF locker room, were one of many problems the Golden Knights attempted to rectify in the off week between the Arizona State debacle and this Friday’s big MAC match-up against Marshall.

UCF had one big focus for the off-week: get healthy; both mentally and physically. From bruised ribs to bruised egos, the Golden Knights had plenty of wounds to lick.

“I think any time you lose a football game the way we lost to Arizona State, it just kind of gets out of control. It almost takes you two or three days to just put it all in perspective on what happened,” said offensive coordinator Robert McNairland.

On Monday, team leaders called a players-only meeting to regroup and regain the team’s focus. As the week’s final practice concluded Thursday, it seemed that UCF was heading in the right direction. For the first time all season, not a single practice was interrupted by rain.

“We got out there for the third straight day of getting practice in, which is a rarity around here,” said McNairland. “Offensively I think we’re starting to learn a little bit on how to practice again.”

MAC FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

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Volleyball Notebook

Knights win the classic

The Golden Knights defeated Ole Miss to become the UCF Classic champions. After losing the first game of the match, UCF came back to win three games in a row.

The Rebels took second place in the Classic. The game scores were 22-30, 30-19, 30-19, 30-28.

Junior Layne Santastre Sante was named the MVP of the tournament.

“I’m really happy that I won the MVP, but I think Jenny [Frank] played better in the three matches,” said Sante.

Freshman Emily Watts and junior Jenny Frank joined Sante on the all-tournament team.

UCF fails to Montana

The UCF volleyball squad lost to Montana on Friday in the first game of the UCF Classic. Each game was close. The first game went point for point until Montana won on a service ace (30-28).

The second game looked like a blowout for Montana until UCF made a comeback, but it was too late.

Offensive Notebook

Freshman middle blocker Chari Arak led UCF with 26 blocks.
Frank reaches career plateau with 2,000 assists

Jenny Frank tops UCF history. Emily Queisser from the beginning. That is why I can help my team," said Arah. 

I'm really happy that I won the MVP, but I think Jenny [Frank] played better in the three matches," Leyre Santaella Sante said.

Golden Knights handle Buccaneers

Coming off of a disappointing loss Friday, the Knights easily beat Charleston Southern 3-0 (30-17, 30-20, 30-15). Sante led the lead in kills with Amanda Sloujnevsky at 12. Dell had seven kills. Jenny Frank led in assists with 30.

"We were very consistent from the beginning. That is why we won," said Arah.

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No. 15 Blue Devils snap UCF's streak

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

GAINESVILLE — Duke snapped UCF's four-game winning streak Friday, defeating the Golden Knights 3-0 in the first game of the University of Florida's Gator Invitational. Duke is ranked No. 3 in the nation by Soccer America.

For the first time this season UCF goalkeeper Jessica Kuhlman allowed a ball to reach the back of the net. Duke's Carolyn Riggs netted her third goal of the season on an 18-yard shot from the net, Oxenham put the ball behind Kuhlman.

The senior goalkeeper ended the day with nine saves, while the Golden Knights' offense produced four shots. Also during the game, Amanda King received a yellow card.

Offensive line remains banged up

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

As for special teams, coordinator Charles Huff said he'd stick with young personnel and resist the temptation to throw starters on the coverage and return units. Special teams have had several miscues in the first two games and there was talk early in the week of bringing some more experience to the unit. One of the few veterans, punt returner Asante Samuel, will retain his job despite problems on several returns against Arizona State.

Thursday, the No. 17 blue jersey was seen on the field once again. Quarterback Ryan Schneidler, knocked out of the Arizona State game with bruised ribs, was involved in non-contact drills and looked better then expected. That's certainly a welcomed sight for the struggling UCF offense.

"(Schneidler) walks in there, he's an instant ray of hope in that huddle," said McFarland. "He's feeling a lot better. There's still a couple little things that he'd feel a little twinge in his ribs on, but overall I thought he threw well."

The defensive line continues to be weakened by injuries. Center Mike Malby's broken finger didn't keep him out of practice, though left tackle Brian Huff and left guard Taylor Robertson were still up in the air.

Meanwhile the defense wasn't immune from the injury bug either. Middle linebacker Chad Mascoe broke his right hand midway through the third round of drills Wednesday. The junior returned to practice Thursday with his hand in a cast anteriorly. He was a red no-contact jersey, but did participate in several drills with the first team defense and should be able to go against Marshall.

And there then were those spiders. Though linebacker Chris Pilanko holds the team record for spider bites with four, the spiders seem to have a particular liking for back-up quarterbacks.

A few weeks ago freshman Brandon Stunm had elevated himself to the second string but fell back when he needed surgery on an infected spider bite. He was replaced on the depth chart by Brian Miller, who missed Thursday's practice because he had a bite on his knee and had it lanced.

Spider bitten or not, on Sunday UCF will start a new week of practice leading up to the game at Marshall. That gives the team one more week to heal, regain confidence and call an exterminator.

"I think that (Arizona State) finally got out of our system. It's feeling like football and it's fun again," McFarland said. "Hopefully we'll come out here prepared Sunday to get a good week in and get ready for Marshall."
Donkey Punchers win intramural golf scramble

Making their bid to represent the USA in the next Ryder Cup, the Donkey Punchers were the overall tournament winner with a score of 59 Friday afternoon - in the 4 Person Golf scramble, which was held at Winter Springs Golf Course. The Donkey Punchers made up for their bad team names with good play, as Steve Szucs, Chris Chaffin, Mike Saylor and Brian Deese eked by the competition.

There was a tie for second place with both Suspended and Tiger's Wood finishing with a score of 60. Hackers and Sigma Chi finished two shots back with a score of 61 to round out the tie for third. Keith Harris was the closest to the pin champion, followed by Brian Deese, Dane Meyer and Ben Elisha. The winner of the longest drive was Ken Finegar followed by Chris Chaffin.

Flag football gets off to a fast start

The intramural flag football season is back in full gear, as 122 teams began their quest to win the coveted intramural championship. Week one was highlighted with some high scoring action on Monday, as This Aint PE took out the Oompa Loompas 35-0 and Flabby Arms knocked off Muta Lordus 34-16. Both winning teams look to be early favorites in the Monday men's recreational league.

The routs continued Tuesday in the men's recreational league as Rice 'N Crackers ran all over the Thrashers, 52-6. Dirty South pummeled the Instigators 39-6 and Knight Time grounded Air Force, 42-7. Scoring wasn't as prolific in the sorority league, as Kappa Delta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta and Tri-Delta all shut out their opponents for opening week victories. Alpha Xi Delta looks to get back to the finals in 2002, after winning it all two years ago. They will face Kappa Delta in a week two showdown of unbeaten teams.

Wednesday's fraternity games lived up to the hype, as teams from the gold league squared off against teams from the black league. Gold league teams, who finished in the top six of the standings last season, historically have little trouble with their black league counterparts. Apparently nobody told Delta Upsilon that as they shook up the Greek standings with a 13-12 upset over Kappa Sigma.

The marquee match up of the day pitted Pi Kappa Phi versus Kappa Alpha. Last year, Pi Kappa Phi beat the Pikes in the final game of the year to vault them into the gold league. The Pikes had revenge on their mind, and the fans came out in full force. The Pikes got out to an early lead in the game and held a 16-0 lead at halftime. Pi Kappa Phi struck back first in the second half, and held a 7-6 lead into the waning moments of the game. The Pikes' defense held firm for the rest of the game, and a late Pikes TD gave them a 13-7 victory. In other Wednesday action, defending champions Sig Ep put the smack down on Phi Delta Theta, 34-12. Sigma Chi broke all kinds of offensive records in a 64-0 annihilation of TKE.

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Street racing a sub culture of its own

Leon Terry
STAFF WRITER

While most students live paycheck to paycheck, a select few choose to live their lives a quarter-mile at a time. As old as driving itself, street racing has snowballed into a subculture of its own, complete with movies, books and websites.

"It's a blast," said Travis Clark. "It's so much of a rush it's hard to describe.

"There's nothing like street racing. Whenever I'm behind the wheel the whole world just melts away," said Moki Iverandi.

Some are less than thrilled with Mustangs. "I hate it when I drive around school and see Saturns and Sunfires with wanna-be exhaust systems that are just loud," said Lang. "They think they're looking up their car when they haven't done anything."

Lang said sometimes it pays to choose to buy an imported car rather than a domestic one.

"The important thing is the whole 4-cylinder, small weight/high compression to prove you don't need a 3-ton car with 800 horsepower to run 12s," said Lang. "It's a pretty big deal when an all-motor Civic can blow the pants off a Mustang S.O."

It can also be more cost-effective to use imports.

"We can get an old car with a lot of miles on it for next to nothing. Then, get an imported motor from Japan, all for under $9,000. For $10,000 you can make a car that will run 10s," said Clark. "To get something like an old Mustang up to that speed, you're looking at $15,000 to $17,000."

There's also the all-important look to consider.

"They do look cooler," said Iverandi. "That whole Japanese or European styling to it, while the American cars are all big and boxy... they're just old looking."

Lang explained that it is hard to find street-racing these days.

"There's no street scene anymore. The cops are on to it. There's only people with nothing done to their cars who think they race, and they ruin it for everyone," said Lang.

Clark agrees. He said it's easier and safer to race at the tracks. "We are members of the national street-racing club DSM. For more information visit www.DSM.org."

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EKCEL helps students excel

Alexis Graham
STAFF WRITER

EKCEL is in its first year on campus and stands for Every Knight Can Excel in Leadership. It is a leadership development program designed for all students. EKCEL is a comprehensive leadership program that offers UCF students the opportunity to explore all aspects of leadership. EKCEL meets with students or groups at their own level and helps them work toward goals at their own pace.

EKCEL has three levels: Emerging Knights, Mentoring Knights, and Consulting Knights, who consult with other groups and organizations on a wide range of subjects.

In leadership roles, students will participate in "workshops and leadership workshops, which the Consulting Knights teach," said Clevenger.

The EKCEL program offers students a wide range of workshops to help with leadership and communication skills. Workshop topics include stress, team building, and time management.

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No quiero
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Kelly O'Connor
STAFF WRITER

Located across the street from UCF in the University Shoppers El Cerro, El Cerro offers a wide variety of imported beer such as Dos Equis, Corona, Heineken and Negra Modelo.

"We have a wide range of workshops to help with leadership and communication skills. Workshop topics include stress, team building, and time management."
Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1 pm: Homecoming volunteer meeting, Student Union Garden Key Ballroom, Rm. 221. All students and clubs welcome.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
3 pm: Homecoming 101, Organizational meeting. Not involved in a club or organization? Want to participate in Homecoming festivities? Come to the Homecoming organizational meeting, SU Rm. 221A. For questions email UCFHomecomingPR@hotmail.com or call the Office of Student Activities at (407) 823-6471.

3:30 pm - 5 pm: UCF Downtown Boys and Girls Club. Car pool from Millican Hall at 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
11 am - 3 pm: UCF Interest Table, SU South Patio
12 pm - 2 pm: Campus Activities Board "Table of Activities," Student Union South Patio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8 pm - 12 am: CAB Thursday Knight Jive - Open Mic Poetry, Knights Krossing, Phase 3 Clubhouse

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
10:30 am - 1:30 pm: UCF Bingo at Life Care Center. Car pool in front of Millican Hall at 9:30 am.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Homecoming King and Queen applications due in OSA office by 5 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8 pm: Tuesday Knight Live Comedian, Louis Ramey, Wackadoo's, SU

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
11 am - 2 pm: UCF Green Ribbon Day, SU South Patio
12 pm - 2 pm: CAB Caribbean Festival, SU South Patio
12 pm - 2 pm: Campus Activities Board "Table of Activities," TieDye - Bring your own shirt, SU South Patio
7:30 pm: "Say It Right, Hear It Right" Communication Workshop by EKCEL, SU Cape Florida Ballroom

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
3pm - 1 am: Freshman Frenzy, SU
10 pm - 2 am: Late Knights, SU

EKCEL Workshop - "Say It Right Hear It Right"
September 25, 7:30 pm, SU Cape Florida Ballroom
Using games and fun we will go over how to communicate effectively with those around you. Learn how to get your point across in any situation so that others will hear what you are really saying - and vice versa. You will leave this session understanding what you are really saying when you speak to others.

Late Knights
September 28, 10 pm - 2 am, Student Union
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For more information on any of these activities visit the office of Student Activities, SU Rm. 208, or call 407.823.6471

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Members are diverse

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management, presentation skills, leadership in sports, introduction to relationships and diversity. The program also offers socials to practice your newly learned skills.

Andra Nuru, a freshman in Emerging Knights, has found the program to be beneficial already. She participated in a time-management workshop.

“I learned how to use time-management skills in everyday life. From dealing with homework to planning projects,” she said. “It’s a great way to meet people. You are taught skills that can be used in class.”

The importance of leadership and communications skills is becoming more evident in the professional environment. Emily Kukulies, the assistant director of the program, feels that this is a benefit to everyone.

“We all use leadership everyday. The ability to recognize and use leadership is important in business and personal life,” she said.

Kukulies said the program workshops can help students in real-world events.

“When you are in a traffic accident, and you have to deal with a rude or angered person, you can use what you learned in the workshop on how to deal with difficult people,” she said.

One fact often stressed is that EKCEL is open to every student on the campus and therefore, it has a diverse crowd.

“EKCEL offers any student the chance to be involved in leadership at any level, whether you are a beginner or experienced. Everyone can join. It is the easiest organization to get involved in. We have four students in the program that are over 30,” said Kukulies.

While EKCEL is in the beginning stages, there are plans for expansion. EKCEL leaders want to incorporate more people, community leaders, nontraditional students and community college students.

Kukulies is proud of the growth of the program.

“I am proud to be a part of it. I am proud of the students in their success in bringing together so many people,” she said.

The program currently has more than 250 students participating.

Courtney Woodling, assistant director of the level one Emerging Knights, is also proud.

“It is an up-and-coming program that is going to lead many students to personal success,” she said. “I think it’s important because you build invaluable leadership skills that have real world application and it’s a great opportunity to learn about yourself.”

Upcoming events for EKCEL include the “Say It Right, Hear It Right” communication workshop at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Student Union’s Cape Florida ballroom. It will provide information on how to communicate effectively with those around you.

For more information, the EKCEL office is located in the Student Union, room 209. Or visit http://osa.ucf.edu/ekcel.

Restaurant offers large portions

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you will have a tough time sticking to just one choice. Also, one portion is large enough to feed two people.

El Cerro’s extensive menu features lunch specials — all for under $5.50 — such as taco salad, chimichangas, taquitos and fajitas. When we come in for lunch the service is excellent, the servers remember our faces and our orders, said one satisfied customer.

For dinner, if you have a more hearty appetite there are combinations including items such as tacos, enchiladas, chicken quesadillas, burritos, tamales and Chile rellenos. El Cerro also serves individual steak, chicken, shrimp and enchilada dishes.

For vegetarians, El Cerro has many options as well. “I eat here at least five times a week because the food is good and the vegetarian selection is a plus,” said Gil Barretti, an engineering grad student.

“I plan on starting some happy hour specials to bring in more UCF students,” said Joe Salazar, an employee. If you are looking for a genuinely tasty and inexpensive Mexican meal, pass by Taco Bell and head straight to El Cerro. It is open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday, 12 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. In the end, the only question left to ask is why haven’t you been there already?
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Author Dave Eggers now embracing publishing industry

PAUL D. COFFORD
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Many who read Dave Eggers’s “A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius” held the memoir close to their hearts, while the contrarian writer worked hard to put the publishing industry at a distance.

But as Eggers prepares to self-publish his first novel next month — printing it in Iceland and selling it through the website of his literary journal, McSweeney’s — he’s unexpectedly turned to an industry power for help.

Eggers, who dismissed the agent he’d hired for his best-selling memoir, now has influential literary rep Andrew Wylie in his corner. Wylie’s clients include Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie, Martin Amis and The New York Times.

According to McSweeney’s president Barb Bersche, Wylie was originally retained to sell foreign rights for a literary compilation novelist Michael Chabon is editing for the journal. It will benefit youth literacy programs in San Francisco in which Eggers, 32, has been especially active.

Wylie also has represent- ed Eggers’ new novel, “You Shall Know Our Velocity,” in foreign markets, Bersche said. “Dave and McSweeney’s have no domestic representation, but needed help abroad, considering we have a staff of only three,” she added.

Answering readers’ questions on mcsweeney’s.net, Eggers said Chabon’s compilation of “genre stories — crime, ghost stories, science fiction, westerns” — will be published in a few months as an issue of McSweeney’s.

Later, Random House’s Vintage imprint will reprint the collection in paperback for U.S. readers.

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The performance "XXX" by the Spanish theater group La Furia dels Baus opened in May in the small town of Lorca, Spain, the only venue available because the play's rawness continues to keep it out of mainstream European theaters. Its nude, sexually abrasive tropes perform a work by Marquis de Sade ending in a rape and mutilation of her mother as she stood on the shoulder of Los Angeles' Hollywood Freeway to snap a photo of the "Hollywood" sign. And a 40-year-old man from Georgia, who had locked himself out of a 10th-floor, Alabama-beach condo, decided that shirrminy down from the 14th-floor roof was faster than asking security guards for help, but fell 200 feet into the 4-foot-deep swimming pool, breaking three ribs (Orange Beach, July).
Recipe corner

Quick, easy ideas on a student budget

Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

Student Style Chicken Salad

Ingredients
1 large can of shredded chicken (tuna can also be substituted)
1 stalk of scallion
1 stalk of celery
1 dill pickle
2 table spoons mayonnaise (or to taste)

Instructions
Drain chicken water from the can. Empty the chicken into a medium size bowl. Chop scallion, celery and pickle up very fine. Add mayonnaise and mix. This is excellent with crackers, on a sandwich or alone. Optional: add tomato slices for flavor.

Makes 2 to 3 servings.

Student Style Chicken Salad is an easy and tasty dish.

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Ingredients
1 packet of hot chocolate
Whipped cream
Cinnamon sugar

Instructions
Pour the contents of the hot chocolate package, ice cream and coffee into the mug. NOTE: Leave 1 inch of space at the top of the mug; the contents will expand. Microwave for one minute. Stir contents of the mug (be careful, it’s hot). Add whipped cream and cinnamon to the top. (Chocolate powder or syrup can be substituted for the cinnamon).

This is an excellent alternative to dessert and plain coffee.

For fall, fashions feature plush fabrics, lots of color

Holly Hanson
Staff Writer

Banana Republic touts the need for pintucked pants and a ladylike coat. Neiman Marcus spotlights boots and denim, Lord & Taylor stresses the importance of fringe and paisley. Marshall Field’s gives the nod to a look it dubs New Romantic, while Vogue devotes the 750 pages of its September issue to “all-out glamour.”

Seeing all of this, you might naturally conclude that fall fashion is all over the map, with no consistent trends, no clear direction and no common theme. And you’d be right.

Cool, isn’t it?

The days when the fashion industry attacked one rule-bound look per season are long gone. Now, stores are filling up with a variety of patterned, braided, fringed, embroidered, handmade garments and accessories, giving every indication that fall will be a feast of personal style for both men and women.

Perhaps the most striking element of fall fashion is the overwhelming presence of plush fabrics. On the budget end of things, there’s corduroy, which shows up in everything from weathered-looking jeans to finely tailored jackets and coats.

Corduroy jackets, corduroy suiting, corduroy trench coats, corduroy pea coats,” says Gregg Andrews, fashion director for Nordstrom’s eastern region. “Well see it everywhere.”

Cozy knits and sweaters also offer across-the-board appeal. For men, fine-gauge knit shirts and lightweight sweaters are beginning to replace the polo shirt.

For women, sweaters take on some of the girlish details that emerged as a popular trend for spring. That could be a sleeve with smocking, a neckline edged in ruffles or a line of embroidery tracing the hem.

Some retailers found the selection so inviting that they couldn’t resist. And color was often the definitive attraction.

“lt looks like an impressionist painting in here,” says Lynn Portnoy, whose Lynn Portnoy boutique in Southfield, Mich., outside Detroit, is awash in colorful knitwear. “Light lavender to deep purple, yellow from pale to goldenrod, oranges and reds, every tone from jewel to pastel. I think it’s refreshing to see something happy and pretty.”

Color is making a return to monotone as well. Joining familiar staples such as navy, black and gray, Hitch reds and burnished browns are key accent colors.

The leather jacket makes a strong showing for both men and women, in versions suitable for indoor and outdoor wear. The woman’s jacket might be sleek and fitted, done in textured leather with zipper accents. The man’s jacket might be a blazer, in classic or honey brown.

Such garments can be pricey, but fashion-conscious shoppers are eager to invest in pieces with a special look. At the same time, retailers say they’re also looking for quality and fine workmanship.

“If someone’s going to spend any kind of money, they want to make sure there’s value attached to it,” says Randy Flower, general manager of the Boss Hugo Boss men’s store at Somerset Collection South in Troy, Mich. “And when they see it, they’re willing to pay the premium.”

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- Enthusiastically introduce yourself to employers.
- Ask some of the following questions of employers:
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  - What are the growth projections for the next year?
  - How many employees do you have?
  - What are the company's top goals?
  - What qualities does your company look for in a candidate?
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addresses, phone numbers, information. • Mail thank you cards and letters. • Cover letter and résumé restating your interest in the company. • Be patient. • Plan a follow up strategy if you do not hear back from them.

Job fairs are exciting and can be fun. The open air market atmosphere produces a relaxed environment where you can interact with employers and sharpen your interviewing skills without the anxiety associated with the closed door, one-on-one formal interview. For candidates who know how to "work" them, job fairs can be extremely beneficial, and in today's super-competitive job-market, there is no more efficient way to promote your availability to employers.

What do you have to offer? What do you have to show? What else can you find such a concentration of potential employers in one place? Where else can you interact with hiring officials and company executives, identify available opportunities, collect company literature and business cards for future networking and possibly get a lead, application or an invitation to an interview? These events are good not only for the job seeker but also for the employer. Where else can they see such a concentration of potential candidates in one place?

It is essential that you study the job market. Having an understanding of your field of interest can help you in approaching a job fair table even if you know nothing about that employer except the fact that they have a function for which you are qualified and are interested in performing.

As an example, if you are pursuing a career in retail management and your desire to learn more about company X's management training programs. You have to be able to hit the right button with that representation, very quickly convincing them that you can be useful to the company. Now is when you present your résumé with a smooth, confident motion.

Compare this approach to "What do you have to offer me?" which is what most job fair attendees say. Imagine if you will for a moment that you are an employer at a job fair lasting about six hours. Anywhere from 500 to 100 job candidates could stop at your display. That's about 50 to 150 per hour! Some candidates will demonstrate their initiative, job experience, training enthusiasm, confidence and job search preparedness; however, others will present themselves passively and be guaranteed instant failure.

Listen very carefully to what the recruiter says, whether there is hope for further discussion and how you can follow-up. Now is the time to pick up their literature - annual reports, brochures, etc. Being prepared is the key to getting the most out of a job fair. Let's assume that you know all about dressing for success. Remember you may have only 30 seconds to make your case. Imagine how important that first impression must be to the employer. If we are talking non-technical fields here, the employer has to assess the personalities and obvious strengths of potential candidates.

Your résumé will be your strongest and most useful tool at the job fair. Prepare a crisp and eye catching, one-page résumé that starts with a well defined career objective. Make sure that you establish a firm linkage between your goals and your experiences. Your résumé must reflect your excellent communication skills as well as your attention to details - no typos, misspellings or bad grammar.

Now is it up to you to get what you want out of a job fair. If you want it to be more than just wandering from table to table with empty handshakes, you better plan a strategy and be prepared.

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Planning for the first interview

Sure you’ve been on job interviews—like the Interview for your first part-time or summer position at the mall or café. No sweat! All you were asked was your name, availability schedule and when you could start.

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If you didn’t learn it during high school and it still didn’t grasp the concept during college, now it before getting your first job planning is everything.

First, individualize each interview. Identify the requirements of each position you’re interviewing for and get into the mindset of how your experience, skills, education and ambition will fit in. Second, do your homework. Research as much as you can about the company, including visiting its web site, scanning for articles written about it and asking questions from people you know who work or have worked for your potential employer. Checking with professors who work or have worked for your potential employer is also an excellent source. Professors usually have relationships with several companies who contact them for recruitment or hear back from former students about their experiences with certain companies.

Third, plan your attire. The rule of thumb is to dress one or two steps above what you would wear to work. Therefore, interview attire can vary between a professional position with a law firm and the same position with a radio station. Remember that your attire should complement your professionalism and nothing should distract from that: earrings, loud ties or strong perfumes and colognes.

Fourth, know who and where. If possible, find out who will be interviewing you or who will host it. This allows you to relate your educational background, experience, specific knowledge relating to the position and salary. Here are five general questions you should practice before the interview:

Could you tell me about yourself? Keep the answer related to your position requirements and don’t ramble on. Talk about your educational and work background, career goals and how the company would help you achieve career success.

What is the salary you expect for the position? Although you will most likely be an entry-level professional, give a salary range that leaves room for negotiation. The range will depend on the market value of the position—the higher the market value, the larger the range.

Why do you want to work here? This is where the research comes in. Tell about what you admire about the company—throw in product knowledge, size, reputation, image and mission—and how you would like to start your career and grow with it. This is also a perfect break to make friendly conversation by asking questions.

Where are you leaving your current position? This question probably won’t be asked to students since this will most likely be their first professional occupation. But, if you are currently working, don’t point fingers at the company. Instead, point at yourself—“I’m looking for a place with more advancement opportunities, like this company could provide me”—or give a “group” answer if possible—“The department I worked for was re-organized or eliminated.”

Could you tell me about a moment that you went beyond your call of duty? It might seem like bragging but be able take credit professionally. Helping out classmates or working several hours on a particular school activity related to your major for the benefit of other students are appropriate responses.

What is the salary you expect if we offer you this position? Although you will most likely be an entry-level professional, give a salary range that leaves room for negotiation. The range will depend on the market value of the position—the higher the market value, the larger the range.

Planning for the interview will show your potential employer how serious you’re taking the opportunity and, for your own sake, calm the butterflies in your stomach when the big day comes.
Don't forget to say thanks

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After planning for an Interview by individualizing it, researching information about your potential employer, planning your attire, getting names and directions and practicing interview questions, you probably think you're ready to strike a homerun with your interviewer. But here are some more pointers you should consider during and after the interview.

Actions speak louder than words. Interviews sometimes fail because of the lack of positive body communication—and you might not realize it. The interviewer most likely has your resume before the interview and called you in because you are qualified. Now the test is whether you have the personality for the position—and body language is a powerful way to prove that you have it.

Eye contact is one of the most important ways to make an excellent, nonverbal, first impression. It’s an assurance to the interviewer that you’re a good listener. But good eye contact is not just for listening. Apply it when speaking, which indicates a strong confidence and sincerity level.

Some interviewees give off a negative vibe with facial expressions of confusion, too much seriousness or just the opposite—too cheerful. The key here is sincerity and appropriateness. When listening intensively, don’t scrunch your eyebrows or forehead, but maintain a sincere, attentive and pleasant look.

In the other hand, constantly putting on a Kool-Aid grin will appear exaggeration. Try a genuine smile that indicates your appreciation for the opportunity.

Posture is a strong indicator of confidence, enthusiasm and power. Keep your back straight, shoulders back and head up. Ladies, don’t give a wrong message by crossing your legs if you’re wearing skirts that end above the knees or long skirts with long slits. In this case, keep your knees together and cross your ankles. Men should keep their feet and knees within one and two feet of distance between each other.

If your interview success makes it to third base, go for a homerun by closing the interview well. Thank the interviewer again for the opportunity, exchange business cards and offer a strong handshake. If the interviewer introduced you to people who are influential with hiring decisions or people whom you'd be working for or with, ask if you could say goodbye to them also. Remind the interviewer how much you want the position and of the times and ways that you can be reached—by phone, e-mail, etc. A good closer is: "When will I hear from you?" If you were asked to bring more documentation, such as a salary proposal, give the interviewer a specific time frame and date you will come back with it. If you can, bring it back in person and don’t miss the deadline you set.

Send out a thank-you card as soon as possible. Don’t become discouraged if you don’t hear from the company after a few days. The employers may be meeting other candidates, but a follow-up phone call one or two weeks afterward will remind the interviewer of how well the interview went and how persistent you are.

Interviewing is a draining, tiresome and sometimes a drawn-out process. Don’t fall into a depression if you don’t get a response quickly. Continue your follow-up calls or visits and keep a positive mindset.

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When asked what one of the major motivations was in deciding on a career, students most often said salary. The issues of salary and benefits will always be pertinent factors in the job pursuit. But where should students turn to satisfy their job-related inquiries?

In only its second year and already one of the top 10 career sites, Salary.com is providing compensation information to researchers nationwide. It helps users locate career opportunities on many job boards, management sites and recruiters. The Salary Wizard, a tool unique to the job portal, allows users to view a range of high, medium and low salaries for thousands of job titles.

According to Johanna Schlegel, Director of Communications and Public Relations, the Salary Wizard is available through a vast syndication network of more than 300 sites, including all of the top career sites. In three simple steps, users can research a job's market value then print or preference. They will also find a list email the results for future ref

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Salary.com is visited by not only individuals, but also business managers and human resource professionals. However, students are encouraged to utilize the site’s services and resources. Currently, only about seven percent of the site’s visitors are students, with another six percent searching for positions as entry level. About 11 percent are under 24 years old.

Freshman Amanda Major found the site helpful in researching her career options as an education major. “The one thing people associate with teaching is low salaries, but this search actually showed that I would make a little more than I had originally been told,” she said. “It also compared Florida teaching salaries to any state or city, which I thought was really neat too.”

But this isn’t where the site’s features end. “The most exciting new development at Salary.com is the Personal Salary Report,” Schlegel said. “This premium report gives job seekers and employees high-end data plus a customized analysis of the value of their education and background.”

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After visiting Salary.com for the first time, freshman David Dewett liked that he could find qualifications needed to get a certain position and the ability to apply for jobs online. “I would definitely recommend the site again if I were looking for a job, and would recommend it to friends too,” he said.

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Students need to start networking three to six months before graduation

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Be proactive with regards to job hunting—not reactive, advises Melanie L. Parker, director of the UCF Career Resource Center.

According to Parker, being proactive means beginning your job hunt three to six months before graduation. This means starting toward the end of fall for spring graduates—and not starting with sending out a stack of résumés.

With several months of time, she says your search for a professional position should begin with a serious self-assessment—recognizing strengths and weaknesses, skills, interests and work values.

But the labor begins with interaction with others. Parker said, "Over 70 percent of people get jobs through these modes: networking, information interviewing and direct contact with the hiring person.

Networking includes letting your peers, professors and others know what type of position you're looking for. Information interviewing allows you to meet with individuals in areas that interest you, helping you uncover information about the career not taught in the classroom.

Directly contacting the person who has the hiring power can be of enormous help to you. According to Parker, only 20 percent to 30 percent of jobs are posted online or in want ads. Unfortunately, she says, most people don't have time to contact 15 or 20 potential employers—especially freshmen, a very effective technique.

Direct contact includes sending out a letter of interest or your résumé. But remember that some recruitment departments of companies may receive tens, hundreds or even thousands of unsolicited mail every day, so like you may receive lots of unwanted junk mail. Sending it to the right person, usually not in human resources, according to Park, is vital. It is also vital to tell them you will soon follow up with them to further discuss your qualifications.

Different majors or careers may have an impact on when to start sending out résumés. For example, for most instructional positions, hiring begins at the end of the school year and ends at the beginning of the school year. Parker recommends that those in the field of technology—one of the most negatively affected areas due to the economic slump—give themselves a little more time, since economic times also play a factor on when to send out résumés.

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**Where do you buy your job interview clothing?**

UCF students reveal where they go when they're shopping for a job interview

"Probably Limited Express. It has stuff that fits."—Lauren Dulin, freshman

"Men's Closet... It doesn't have the same plain, black suits that everywhere else has."—Anthony Wright, senior

"I usually go to J.C. Penney because it usually has nice pants."—Ashla Chan, freshman

"I go to J.C. Penney or Suireys Men's Wear—it's a little custom shop. Penny's cause it's cheap and Suireys cause it's nice."—Keith Ray, junior

"The only place I've ever bought a suit is at the Men's Warehouse. It gives you a lifetime warranty—it tailors your suit anytime for free."—Mike Enomoto, senior

"Maybe Sears or Rave. The Rave is cheap, but Sears has better-looking clothes and they fit better."—Stephanie Hettie, freshman

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Students attending career planning workshops are encouraged to fill out a registration form to be entered in a drawing for a job fair prize, which is awarded at the end of the career planning workshop.

Career information library
The Career Information Library in the Career Resource Center offers a variety of resources to assist students with career planning and job search activities. The "Business and Industry" section contains information and promotional literature from more than 600 companies. This includes companies currently interviewing on-campus as well as other organizations, both local and national, which recruit frequently. Other sections provide information on City, County, State and Federal Government agencies as well as various school districts throughout Florida and the United States. In addition, students interested in furthering their education can find information in graduate, law and professional school programs.

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Career Resource Center web site is your passport to a world of career and job search resources. Simply point your web browser to www.crc.ucf.edu to check out the latest job for information, sign-up for a career planning mini-class, or look up a variety of nationwide job bank web sites and search engines. The web site also includes information on the programs and services offered by the CRC.

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