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UF, FSU won’t back a formal presidents’ association

Costs, curbs on conversation are concerns of opponents

ALEXI HOWK
STAFF WRITER

A move by University of Florida President Charles Young to bow out of a new organization meant to unite Florida’s 11 public university presidents has left some members stunned.

Young, who has aligned himself with Florida State University President Sandy D’Alemberte, intends on withdrawing from the informal State University Presidents Association if its members move ahead with plans to hire an executive director and a secretarial staff.

The association, which currently is led by UCF President John Hitt, learned about Young’s decision through statements he made to the media.

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SGA buys students a safe ride home

Service picks students up from downtown bars, campus locations

CRYSTAL ESPINOSA
STAFF WRITER

Students trapped on the side of the road with a flat tire or stuck at a downtown bar without a designated driver can now rely on Student Government Association to pay for safe fare home.

SGA’s Safe Ride program has allocated $30,000 to guarantee students a safe way home from any location that falls within a 15-mile radius of UCF — from downtown Orlando to Bithlo.

“We saw the need for a safe ride home for students,” said SGA President Marco Pelaez. “There had been an increase in accident reports, of students getting drunk and some date rape situations on campus.”

Students can redeem their free ride ticket once every two months through a Safe Ride ticket that provides a phone number for students to call when they need a ride.

“If you are ever in a dangerous situation,” Pelaez said, “you can use your safe ride ticket.”

Please see 600 on 3

Adams Rosche
STAFF WRITER

As bills pile higher and higher, lines of students waiting for financial aid assistance grow longer and longer, filled with students who are pleading with financial aid officials for explanations, for answers, for money.

“I need $3000 to pay rent by the first of the month,” said freshmen Ben Overstreet, who has paid for books and first month’s rent with financial aid information and continues to delay assistance checks.

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Election Info:
Petition Pick up: Sept. 2 - 9 (9am - 5pm)
SGA Office, SU 214

Declaration of Candidacy:
Sept. 9 - 11 (9am - 5pm)

Active Campaigning begins: Sept. 16

Candidate Forum: Sept. 26
(2pm - 3:30pm) in front of Pegasus Ball Room

Primary Elections: Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 (8am - 5pm)

Run Off Elections: Oct. 7 - 9 (8am - 5pm)

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Students must swipe entry into athletic events

UCF cards older than February 2002 are invalid for free entry

Shelva Nieves
Staff Writer

Beginning Sept. 29, all current UCF students will continue to gain free entry to university sporting events. Students can no longer swipe their UCF cards at the gate, but are required to insert them into a card scanner that will verify if students are in fact current UCF students.

Gautam Garman, the athletic department’s Sports Marketing Director, said the stricter measures aim to prevent non-student UCF students from getting into UCF athletic events for free, including alumni who may still have UCF ID cards, and people who pass off other UCF student IDs as their own.

Four laptops connected to card readers will verify students’ enrollment. The laptops will contain a database on current students to verify student status through an identification number within smart chips on the UCF cards.

To gain free entry at games, students must have the new UCF cards, issued in February 2002. Otherwise students will have to buy a ticket, which will cost from $12 and up, depending on the event.

UCF students who are taking a semester off from classes will also be affected by the new policy. Garman said they would also be denied free entry to UCF games because they have not paid their portion of athletic fees.

A 1997 graduate, Garman said a few years after her graduation, she too used her old UCF card to enter games free of charge.

“I’m just as guilty as everyone,” said Garman. “But then I realized that I really needed to start buying my own tickets and give back to my alma mater.”

That is the only way our program is going to get off the ground, is if people actually pay for tickets, give that money back to athletics so that we can fund scholarships,” she said.

Some students are concerned stricter admission measures will lower attendance at UCF’s home football games.

“Who else is going to go to a UCF game?” said sophomore Chris Cray with. “It’s not like you’re going to graduate from Yale and Boston College in the area where games are going to be done to our games.”

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600 vouchers available this semester

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whether you’ve been drinking too much, or you are in a date rape situation, and you need a ride home, you call the number on the voucher, tell them your location and they will come pick you up," said Pena.

The vouchers, which remain valid until next year, document a student’s home address to provide the taxi driver directions to the student’s residence.

“You have to go to your place of residence," said Pena. “We won’t take you to another bar, but we will take you home to a safe location — hence the name Safe Ride,” he said.

The only other location a voucher will take a student to is a hospital or police department.

Instead of paying cab fare when students are picked up, students simply hand the taxi driver a voucher that has a maximum limit of $50 and allows up to five people to ride home on one voucher on a single occasion. Fifty dollars covers a trip from the farthest point, downtown Orlando, to any residence within 15 miles of the campus.

“Students should pick up a voucher before they plan to use it — they should just have it with them," he said. “It’s kind of like keeping a quarter in your pocket for making a phone call.”

The program, which began last spring semester, saw 200 students take advantage of the free ride in each of the past two semesters.

This semester, SGA will initially issue 600 vouchers, and may buy as many as 600 more, or as many as they need, to accommodate the number of students who take advantage of the service, said Marcus Gould, director of Special Projects for SGA.

“We probably end up buying 400 or 500 more," said Gould. “The program is designed to save lives, and there isn’t any amount of money greater than that," he said.

Gould said the next step for the Safe Ride program is expansion — to extend the Safe Ride programs to cover more areas, including all of Orlando and branch campuses in Daytona Beach and Cocoa Beach.

Students at the branch sites pay the same activity and service fees that students pay at the main campus. Currently, the service only exists at UCF’s main campus in Orlando.

The same 15-mile radius will apply for students at branch campuses, which will be cool, because it will cover more of an area for them because it’s basically the whole city," showed Gould. “Imagine what it would be like if you could come from the airport after Christmas Break on your Safe Ride vehicle — it saves a student 50 bucks.”

Gould said he would also like to extend the service to students at branch campuses in Daytona Beach and Cocoa Beach.

But expansion may not be immediately feasible after the $800,000 budget to purchase vouchers was cut in half following last year’s budgeting.

Vouchers also were temporarily unavailable for students the first few weeks of school this year after the program’s contract ended. Weeks passed before a new contract was signed to make the program operational again.

Many students said they were unaware the vouchers existed, citing a lack of promotion and information on SGA’s pages.

“They actually never heard of the vouchers, but it’s a good idea," said freshman Mahsa Shokari. “I think they should do something to let students know about the program, maybe pass out flyers to the thousands of people who walk out of the Student Union everyday.”

Vouchers should be available for students again as early as next week, said Gould. The students may pick them up with a valid UCF ID at the student government ticket office located in SGA. SGA will also host a kickoff to promote the Safe Ride program at 12 p.m. Sept. 25 in front of the Student Union.

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Block partying

Adam Conkles tosses a football during the Block Party, held on Tuesday afternoon at Lake Claire Apartments. The Block Party featured free food and drinks, as well as sports activities.
Presidents fear costs, limits on open meetings

Gainesville Sun on Sept. 10.

"I was surprised that President Young agreed with D'Alemberte," said Hitt. "I still think this is an issue that we ought to talk about as a group, so we can hear what President Young has to say."

Young and D'Alemberte both cite concerns that a formal association could create conflict between the presidents and existing oversight boards and administrators — in particular the Florida Board of Education, the state secretary of education, the statewide university chancellor and the individual campus boards of trustees.

Currently, the 18-month-old presidents' association meets informally to discuss higher education issues such as research, tuition and enrollment growth. Making the association more formal could potentially create another lobbying group with the goal of increasing the power of university presidents over state policy.

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Hoping to boost game attendance, SGA offers $1,000

FROM PAGE 3

Despite stricter policies, SGA hopes to boost student attendance at football games by offering six $1,000 scholarships. Students who swipe their card upon entering the game are automatically entered in the drawing for the SGA scholarships and other prizes.

UCF hopes to garner alumni support by offering UCF alumni, who have graduated in the past five years, a $200 deal to purchase season tickets. Those graduates who are members of the UCF Alumni Association can purchase season tickets for $25.

In an effort to entice Valencia Community College students to attend football games, UCF will offer tickets to them for $5.

Some students say these prizes will not lure student attendance.

"My chances of actually winning the $1,000 are slim," said senior Kellie Fisher. "I'd rather put a dollar into a lottery ticket."

For students concerned that card-scanning will cause aid delays, Tammy Kidder, UCF Card Office manager, said the wait should not be any longer than in the past when students waved their UCF cards at the gate.

If students encounter problems with their UCF cards, they can go to a fifth laptop at the ticket booth between turnstiles where the student status can be verified—but students must have their UCF cards with them to gain free entry.

Card scanners will be at all of UCF's football, baseball and basketball games at the Citrus Bowl, Jay Bergman Field and the UCF Arena.

Change in software causing aid delays

FROM PAGE 1

when you install something this big, it takes time," said Mary McKinney, executive director of Student Financial Assistance. "We are trying our hardest to help the students."

One major advantage of the new program is it allows different departments to access other department's information for reference.

With the old program, students would have to visit many departments to get all of their questions answered. Using PeopleSoft, UCF personnel can assist a student with financial aid concerns and answer admissions questions as well.

The new program prevents students from having to wait in different lines and visit different departments. The program will not allow them to change the information outside their own department, but they will have the information available to answer questions.

But many students say that a system that is supposed to make their lives more convenient is doing the exact opposite.

"I understand it's hard because it's a new system, but I just wish they would have planned in advance," said Christine Cartlidge. "This is 39,000 people you are dealing with, and people are going to start getting mad."

McKinney said training for personnel under the new PeopleSoft program began over a year ago.

"No matter how much training you have had, you haven't seen reality until the system is live," she said.

But students' problems aren't all directly related to software errors. Many students, who did not file their financial paperwork on time, will now wait for weeks or months before receiving their aid, since it takes six to eight weeks for students to be verified for eligibility.

McKinney said that UCF
Students stuck waiting for aid can get loans

Usually verifies an average of $6130 million in financial aid services for students each semester. By the end of the fifth week of school, McKinnney expects that $849 million worth of financial aid checks will have already been dispersed. The best time for students to go through the formalities that financial aid requires is during the summer. Many students hand in the forms in August, which is the financial aid department's busiest time. Students who are waiting for financial aid will not be dropped from their classes because of their inability to defer. Deferment will allow the UCF to catch up and help other students with their problems.

McKinnney encourages students, who are still waiting on financial aid to apply for short-term loans. Loans are available for any UCF student in good standing — just on account approval process and — will be in classes for the semester. The student’s financial aid check will then be cut off and any remaining amount will then be sent to the student.

To make things easier for both students and the financial aid department, financial aid urges students to keep their Pegasus accounts updated. The financial aid office sends hundreds of emails to students who applied for financial aid warning them that a new system could delay their assistance check. McKennny, the financial aid counselor at University of Florida, encourages all students to take financial aid.

You can see the constitutional amendments on the SGA web site at www.sga.ufl.edu.
Setting boundaries for student, police behavior

The recent arrest of SGA President Marco Pena has sparked debate about what a few influential students may constitute harassment and abuse of power by UCS Police.

No more badgering. Here are ground rules for interactions between students and the campus cops.

Students should stop complaining. The UCS Police are responsible for policing the UCS campus. If a person lives on campus, he or she automatically falls under that jurisdiction. If that person commits a crime on campus, he or she should report the police to approach them and investigate.

Students need to change the attitudes they bring to their interactions with police. Students cannot be belligerent toward officers and expect a positive outcome. By acting friendly, cooperative and respectful, students can avoid provoking officers — and may find that, as often as not, understanding officers are more than willing to cut them some slack.

Officers themselves should bring a firm yet friendly demeanor to those interactions, rather than an imposing, confrontational manner. They too, should act respectfully, and they should "serve and protect" rather than "seek and destroy." Pulling over a student for running five miles above the speed limit is not excessive because, according to those students, even speeding is acceptable; pulling someone over for driving a stop sign or swerving across lanes of traffic is acceptable; pulling someone over for driving five miles above the speed limit is not.

The UCS Police do a fine job of keeping our campus safe, and for that they deserve students' respect and gratitude. Yet a few students still insist that certain police actions have been excessive because, according to those students, officers go beyond offering protection and actually harass people. Among those complaining most loudly are members of the Greek community.

The police should not go out of their way looking for reasons to make an arrest, if someone is endangering another, police should step in to protect. Along the same lines, students should not drive drunk or do anything else that puts someone else in danger. Students should not complain if they get caught doing something illegal on campus.

Both sides should come to a consensus in which police is too much. Chaos cannot reign supreme, but we also do not live in Third Reich. Students and police need to find a suitable middle ground to resolve the problems that both sides are complaining about. Until they can come to an understanding, the uneasy and contentious relationship that certain students say exists will only continue.

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—HENRY WARD BEETLE

Letters to the Editor

Over-sensitive society forced to celebrate people's disabilities

Linnea Brown's opinionated column "Ick! that was the powerful line" published on Sept. 16, surely is valid, with a hidden, salutary assumption.

Consider this passage: "The belief that a particular group is superior and another group is inferior is often arising thought process."

Brown's implied assumption is that there can be no objective standards by which to judge people and their condition. This is nonsense! One may easily model the ideal human condition in terms of physical, mental and emotional health and determine whether a person or social situation meets or fails these criteria.

Unfortunately, a cult of "sensitivity" has arisen over the last two decades. This cult has led to an evolve subculture to identify themselves, not by their abilities, but by their disabilities.

The 999 documentary "Sound and Fury" tells the story of deaf parents who want over giving their daughter a hearing implant. That the question should even arise disturbs the rational mind.

In quite Cathy Biring in "News magazine, this is an example of how the celebration of difference and pluralism has brought modern Western culture to the brink of insanity. There is a philosophical name for Brown's viewpoints — nihilism. This false doctrine denies any objective ground of truth and especially of moral truth. Its advocates strive to save us all to a miserable end."

—LUTHER SEID

Car enthusiasts have utmost respect for driver's laws, courtesy

As I am sure you have received a car enthusiast's emails already, I will not explicitly detail my personal content and observation pattern with your poorly-written and unvarnished article...

"Central Florida's Fast and the Furious" written by Joe Ferris on Sept. 16, I will, however, make my opinion known in a plain and simple manner. You are an idiot.

The fact that you would "throw under the bus" one of the most respectable names in the automotive enthusiast community is completely outrageous. For more information, please see RMN.org. Since you are obviously uninterested in the content of the aforementioned website, that website contains more than adequate information about driving safe in your car than you could ever learn anywhere else.

I have been a car enthusiast since I was very young. My father and grandfather taught me just about everything I could imagine about cars. From that on, I knew I wanted to be a car guy.

When I was 13, my best friend, who I knew from the time I was 4 years old, was killed in a car accident involving street racing. He was a pedestrian. He was the hardest thing I ever had to deal with at that time. It was then I decided I would never get involved in that scene. I am a DSM enthusiast, why? Because from what I have seen and experiment in this subculture of the car-enthusiast community, the DSM group has one of the most important and courteous people. Any enthusiast can be affiliated with. I would hate to think of being a member of this club or even of this subculture of the auto-enthusiast community. If I thought it was listened in with as much street racing in other sports compared to those clubs.

Broward County elections

I was disappointed and outraged at the article "Are we Floridians?" written by James Levy on Sept. 16. The only Floridian in this state is Broward County supervisor of elections Rebecca Oliphant. Numerous people want to blame Gov. Jeb Bush for the latest debacle at the polls, but the blame should be placed on those who are responsible.

Oliphant has repeatedly told the public that she was elected by 30 percent of Broward voters. There you have it, she is an elected official. Her job was not on a smooth elections process last week. She failed.

As a resident of Weston, I, too, went home after a few weeks to retrieve my mail and found out one thing: two voter registration cards with two different seats. When I called the publisher's office to inquire about the mistake, I heard nothing but a busy signal for three straight days.

Mr. Oliphant is responsible for her own actions, or lack thereof. She is paid to do a job that obviously was not done correctly. I do say it to time to get down to business first task — resign Oliphant.

—BRETT K. DAVIS

Opinions

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Cosmetic corrections not ‘just for men’

CATHLEEN CRANE
STAFF WRITER

As if millions of women aren’t free from the variety of cosmetic standards that many women adhere to, I do envy their freedom. I’m encouraged that at least half of us are free from worrying to the nth degree about our appearance. It’s like looking into a schoolyard where kids play while I’m stuck at work. Knowing that some of us enjoy the day never wondering whether we remembered to shave our legs, whether the mascara has turned into a science project, or hoping we can get an appointment for a high-light touch-up before we start looking low-rent.

While worrying about hair loss and love handles seems to be universally humiliating for guys, it’s refreshing. If not downright awe-inspiring, that some guys can check the “few extra pounds” box on an online personal ad when their photos show their obviously well into the teddy bear category. I’d hate to see guys lose that positive outlook if marketers can convince them to start worrying more about their hair, face, nails, body and wardrobes.

Healthy self-esteem aside, wrangling guys into a new cosmetic routine is also impractical. How many conflicts already exist because a couple can’t come to terms with toilet seats up, toothpaste caps off, socks thrown or a bad aim? Adding hair color for men to that mix is just fuel on the fire.

Having been a slave to the stuff myself for a few years, I can tell you hair color has wings. Like salsa on a fresh, white T-shirt, hair color is going to end up where you least want it. Like on your unbleached cotton loop bath rug.

Coexisting sexes are already challenged by domestic disagreements, a messy new cosmetic routine for the master of the crib does not bode well.

There’s also the matter of time. What will we do with the extra time we come to a particular event.

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Coexisting sexes are already challenged by domestic disagreements, a messy new cosmetic routine for the master of the crib does not bode well.

There’s also the matter of time. What will we do with the extra time we come to a particular event.

The skinny on freshman weight gain

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever noticed that most events on campus use free food as an incentive for students to attend? It’s no wonder that many freshmen pack on the pounds. Fifteen is to be exact. Ever since I was in high school, I was told that all freshmen are doomed to gain approximately 15 pounds in their first year in college.

Whether the “freshman 15” is an inevitable curse or merely a device used by men to scare college newcomers, it certainly had me worried at first, but now I refuse to buy into the cliché.

My sophomores often tell me that with a little will power, and a few trips to the gym, weight gain can be prevented.

If you looked in my fellow freshman roommate’s fridge, you would find various unappealing products. She has an extensive collection of health and diet foods such as protein bars, tofu burgers, Slim Fast products and other strange shake concoctions designed for weight loss. Her grocery selection is an inevitable curse or merely a device used by men to scare college newcomers. It certainly had me worried at first, but now I refuse to buy into the cliché.

For me, I have become familiar with the gym at least every other day. Based upon the long lines at the inside entrance to the gym, it is obvious that we are not the only ones concerned about staying in shape.

However, the odds of staying in shape appear to be stacked against us. Take the Marketplace for example. The Marketplace is a dining area that features an all-you-can-eat buffet. This usually causes students to eat even after they are full, which commonly results in weight gain.

They do offer healthy foods, but who has the will to eat only a plate of salad when a deliciously fattening slice of warm apple pie is being offered at the next buffet table over?

My sophomore suite mate warned me on the first day I moved into our dorm room about the dread- weight gain that happens to most students when first entering into college. After my freshman suite mate and I told them about our healthy eating habits, they became determined to break us and turn us into junk food addicts. For two weeks they strategically placed brownies on the kitchen counter so that we would be forced to walk by them every time we went to get a protein bar or a piece of fruit to snack on.

Although I have resisted their chocolate temptations, I have succumbed to the free food offered at the vast number of campus events placed. I can’t walk by a building without seeing an advertisement in large let­ ters reading free food if you come to a particular event.

But nothing comes without a hidden cost. This free food too has a price — 15 pounds.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno

Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he’s discovered aren’t likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That’s why Dr. Sereno was afraid of getting eaten alive. So he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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Men should remain practical

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whether those shoes go with that outfit.

While I’m all for equality, equality as in the chance for both sexes to have the same opportunities. Equality should not be about introducing a new burden to the most cosmically unware of the sexes.

The only area I don’t mind sharing is waxing. It’s comforting to know that we’re not the only ones going through that barbaric, but effective process.

Fjestors in high places, I welcome you. If you want the experience with different looks, then by all means, cover the walls and floors in plastic and try out your brand new hair.

I just hope this hair color isn’t the first small step (a broader plan?) that you need so many improvements or enhancements as a lot of women believe. You see, I’d hate to see marketers drug you down with us.

Correction

in the SGA bitch that ran Sept. 16, it wrongly attributed a quote to Sen. C. Singh due to an editing error. The statement should have read "Sen. Anthony Jones did not believe that private subsidies could truly represent students at UTEP."

Solutions

Introduction by LRC Chair (fellowship) == Sponsored By: LRC Constitution (333), Senator, Giller, Bray, Bearden, and Ven Horned
Vote: 24-3 (Urgency: 2)

(Restructuring of Executive and Legislative Branches)

Louisiana, there is need to resolve the structure of our Student Government in order to facilitate environment that represent a true division between the Executive and Legislative branches.

Wherein, under the current system, the Executive branch often oversteps and usurps its authority and becomes dominant over the Legislature.

Therefore be it resolved by the 39th Student Senate the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida is to remain in full force.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

We, the Students of the University of Central Florida, in order that we may retain the benefits of Membership, faculty and equity (and Representative Association throughout which the individual Student Participation Activity) in this university and promote Cooperation among the Student Body, Faculty and Administration, hereby declare and establish the Constitution of the Student Body of the University of Central Florida.

Article I: The Student Body

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Student Body of the University of Central Florida. The powers of government of the organization shall be the University of Central Florida Student Government,这里 referred to as the Student Government.

Section 2: Limitation

All actions by either of these organizations in the University of Central Florida shall be members of the Student Body and shall be subject to this Constitution.

Section 3: Objectives

All student groups at the University of Central Florida shall be entitled to seats in the general and general actions of the Student Government.

Section 4: Referendum Election

The Student Body has the right to call for a referendum election, provided that a petition signed of at least one percent (1%) of the Student Body is mailed, specifying the purpose.

Section 5: Elections

The current edition of Black Law Dictionary, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution, Student of the Student Body or Senate Rules and Procedures. Shall be used to determine the terms contained within the Student Government Association, Student Body Rules and Procedures.

Article II: The Legislature

Section 1: Legislative Body

The legislative authority of the Student Body shall be vested in the Senate, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

Section 2: Composition

The Student Senate shall be composed of:

A. a number of students shall be elected to the Senate;
B. a Governor/President who shall be the Student Body; and
C. a Speaker Pro Tempore elected from the Senate.

If a number of officers elected or appointed exist in the Student Senate and Procedures.

Section 3: Senate Section

The Senate section shall define and each such full minister.

Section 4: Appointment and Election of the Student Senate

The Senate shall be elected by majority vote.

Section 5: Powers, Duties and Limitations

The Student Senate shall:

A. elect, by consent, constitutional bodies to be known as Student Body Departments, with the exception of those agencies existing which are included within (2/3) of the Senate never to exceed (1/5) of the Senate.
B. prepare and amend the Constitution of the Student Body.
C. provide for the completion and publication of legislation.
D. act and act, by majority (2/3) votes, appointments made by the Student Body President.
E. impound Student Body funds, both elected and appointed, according to procedures set forth in these rules.
F. approve and alter the composition of Student Government, or provide for its dissolution.
G. elect, in one (1) sitting, the Student Body President.
H. abolish Student Body departments, and any departments or functions, as necessary to the Student Body President.

Section 6: Senate Section

If any matter of this Constitution of the Student Body shall be amended by the Senate, it shall be effective on the date of action.

Section 7: Senate Section

In the event that the Student Body President, President, the Student Body President, as the Student Body President, shall then be determined by the Student Body President, as the Student Body President.

Section 8: Senate Section

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Section 10: Senate Section

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Historic Knight

UCF travels to Marshall on Friday for its first-ever MAC game

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

History is on the minds of both programs for this Friday's game between the Golden Knights and Thundering Herd. And this game between two of the East Division's best is one the Golden Knights have been geared up to for the past few months.

"Hopefully we're going to be able to make this a real game," said tight end Mario Jackson. "There's been a lot of talk saying how good Marshall is and there's been a lot of talk saying that UCF is not ready to come into the MAC. Hopefully we're going to be able to show people that we are ready.

This was supposed to be a match-up of the MAC's two most dynamic offenses. In a conference full of grinding running attacks, both UCF and Marshall prefer to throw the football and put plenty of points on the board. At least in theory.

Instead both teams are smarting after blowout losses in which their offenses failed to execute with consistency. UCF fell to 0-2 after scoring only 13 points against Arizona State two weeks ago. Marshall, 1-1, lost 47-21 to Jackson.

And those 21 points all came in garbage time, after Marshall was down 35-0. The Thundering Herd also completely fell off the national rankings, from 16th in the Associated Press poll and 17th in the Coach's poll.

On paper the two teams are very similar. They both have great passing attacks lead by talented quarterbacks. Marshall's Byron Leftwich has particularly drawn high praise. Many college football experts believe he is the best player in the country. The senior's name already appears amongst the favorites for the Heisman Trophy and to be the top pick in.

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Field general

Senior defender Brad Wagner provides game leadership

TOM ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Because coaches can't be on the field with their players at all times, every successful coach has had his or her on-field leader to keep the team focused and carry out the gameplan. Phil Jackson had Michael Jordan (and now Shaquille O'Neal) in basketball. Jimmy Johnson had Troy Aikman in the NFL and UCF men's soccer coach Bob Winch has Brad Wagner.

Wagner, a senior defender and one of this year's three captains, came to the Golden Knights as a transfer from Meridian Community College in Mississippi in 2001, where he captained the 2000 NJCAA National Championship team.

Wagner was born in New Orleans, La., to Brad and Darlene Wagner in 1981. He grew up in the town of Slidell, just outside of New Orleans, and began playing soccer there at age 5, when he and another boy in the neighborhood started kicking a soccer ball around. Wagner's father was his first coach.

"My dad decided he wanted to coach me, learned a little bit about what he was doing, and I guess that's where it all started," said Wagner.

Wagner was a two-sport athlete until high school, when the soccer season started conflicting with his other sport, basketball. He chose soccer, and has not stopped winning.

His club teams won state championships when he was 15 and 16, he was on an AAU team.

Please see Wagner on 14

Local product scores for Knights

CHARLY MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

"I love to watch her fly down the field," said Claudia Cieslak, about her daughter Nicole.

As a striker on the UCF women's soccer team, senior Nicole Cieslak has been running through defenses for the past four years for the Golden Knights.

In the first three games of this season, Cieslak scored three goals, helping the team off to its best start since it began in 1981 with a 5-1 record. Against George Washington, she produced the only goal of the match. In the next game, she found the back of the net again against Florida International, netting her career seventh game.

Please see Cieslak on 14
next year's NFL Draft. This all came thanks to a junior year in which he threw for 4,125 yards and 39 touchdowns. So far Leftwich has backed up the hype. In just two games he's thrown for 875 yards and seven touchdowns. He's also completed 84 percent of his passes, for a quirky QBR rating of 189.6.

UCF should have its own version quarterback, Ryan Schelsdorfer, back on the field after he left the Arizona State game with bruised ribs. How he stands up against Leftwich could be the most entertaining, and most telling, aspect of the game.

Both quarterbacks also have some high-quality receivers. The Knights' Doug Guidolet and the Herd's Darious Watts will be another intriguing comparison to watch. While Guidolet is off and running with 16 catches for 269 yards, Watts is just now rounding back into form after missing the season opener with a sprained shoulder. But when he's healthy, he and Leftwich can make the Marshall passing game lethal. "It isn't so much that their structure of how they run things are so complex," UCF head coach Mike Kruczek said. "Understanding the people they got to run it are very, very good."

Both teams also possess solid, if seldom used, running backs. Marshall will use Franklin Wallace, as well as Brandon Carey, from time to time to try and keep the UCF defense off-balance.

UCF will use Alex Haynes to do the same to Marshall. Haynes has only carried the ball an average of 17 times in the first two games, but against a Herd defense that gave up 266 yards rushing to Virginia Tech, the Knights might want to hand off to the sophomore more often.

How the UCF defense will play in this game is tough to predict. So far the unit has replaced nine starters with quality personnel, though they've been victimized by poor field position. But neither Penn State nor Arizona State passed the ball the way Marshall does. The Golden Knights have had one of the better pass defenses in the country the last few years, but they're going up against one of the nation's best passing offenses.

"I believe we have a great defense that can play with just about anybody," said nose guard Larry Brown. "If we just do what we have to do, their offense and what they do doesn't really matter." The Knight's Achilles heel has been special teams. Though freshman place-kicker Matt Prater has been a pleasant surprise, the rest of the unit has been far too mistake-prone. Marshall too has had some special teams issues. They've already had one punt returned for a touchdown and a field goal blocked. Still their punter, Curtis Head, is one of the nation's best.

Perhaps the biggest difference between these two teams will be how well they'll rebound from demoralizing defeats. Neither team will really know until Friday night. "We have to understand, even though we lost those games, we still have a MAC championship and hopefully a bowl bid to get into," said Jackson. "I think that's going to spark a fire here."

UCF has the edge on defense, but Marshall has the edge on offense. With more practice time and the adrenaline of their first conference game, expect the Knights to be sharper then they've been the first two games. But they'll need more than that to pull out a huge road victory.
Wagner hopes to lead Knights to A-Sun Championship

NATION CHAMPIONSHIP team when he was 17, and he was kicked off the all-district honorry in high school.

After successes at Meridian, Mississippi, and North Carolina State, South Florida, Hofstra and Grand Canyon University recruited Wagner. He said he chose UCF not only because he liked the area and the school, but for other reasons as well.

"One year before when they were recruiting me, they [UCF] had kind of a rough year. I liked the chance to come in here along with some of the other players I knew they were recruiting at the time, to help the program rebound," he said.

"I liked the idea of coming in and already being a jrounior, being one of the ones looked upon to make an impact."

UCF's coaching staff liked Wagner's leadership skills as well as his playing ability.

"We recruited him as a leader, and that's hard, he's come into a situation where he's a new person on the team. It didn't take him, he's not afraid to make tough decisions or put himself in a tough situation and come out of it," said UCF Coach Bob Winch.

Winch added that Wagner's success was also a factor in his agreement to play all 23 games.

"He's a winner, he wants to win, he was captain of a national championship team, and you can see it. When we lost to College of Charleston in overtime, he was real upset, and he let the other guys know how upset he was, how disappointed he was, and you need people like that. It can't always come from the coach. It has to come from peers, captains, and leaders on the team," said Winch.

Wagner said he doesn't set personal goals.

"All of my goals are pretty much team-oriented. I think personal goals come through success with the team. My goals are winning the conference and getting to the NCAA tournament," said Wagner.

Wagner, Winch and the rest of the Golden Knights know they are marked men in the Atlantic Sun this year, having been picked to win the conference. It is a mark they all seem to be comfortable with, especially their senior tri-captain.

"The whole team plans on winning the conference," said Wagner. "Because we've been picked to win it, every team knows we're going to be good. There won't be any sneaking up on anybody, but we're going to come and play and take care of our business."

Cieslak leads UCF to fast start

CIESLAK'S 143 points in a season leads UCF to fast start.

"Nikki's matured in her ability to recognize defenses," said Cieslak. "She's got a lot stronger, and she's deceiving in her quickness."

Cieslak started playing at age 4 on a team with boys. She grew up near UCF which she chose over other places because of the campus and its soccer program.

Year after year, UCF has been able to get some of the area's best talent. Cieslak is a testament to that fact.

"We have an awesome freshman class," Cieslak said. "They bring so much skill and competition."

In soccer there are many lessons. Cieslak said she has learned to "never quit and always strive to accomplish your goals."
Knights rebound from only loss of season

CHARY M. MAGDAON
STAFF WRITER

GAINESVILLE — UCF’s women’s soccer team used three unanswered goals to come from behind to defeat Syracuse 3-1 Sunday in its final game at the Gator Invitational.

In the first half, Natalie Galan received a cross from Stephanie Sybert and headed the ball past UCF goalie Jordan Kuhlman. From that point in the match, the Golden Knights turned the game around.

“We weren’t playing that great in the first half, but we came out on fire in the second,” said UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell.

UCF’s big break came when Syracuse’s Brooke DeFonseca received a red card for an intentional handball in the box. On the ensuing penalty kick, Sara McDonald placed the ball behind Syracuse’s goalie Emily Kowalczuk.

Twelve minutes later, Amanda King found the back of the net after receiving a pass from freshman sensation Jennifer Montgomery. From nine yards out, Montgomery scored the final goal of the game at the 84:25 mark. UCF out shot Syracuse 17-1, and Kuhlman made two saves on the day.

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For the season, Montgomery leads the team in goals and points. The Golden Knights go on the road this weekend, playing Colorado College (2-3) on Friday night and Air Force Academy (4-0) on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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The biggest dilemma for the Tigers was replacing 11 players from last year’s roster due to graduation and several former walk-ons pursuing other interests. CU’s defense was the hardest hit when it lost two of the team’s captains last year. Head coach Greg Ryan brought in 10 new players to fill the void, focusing on its defense. The Tigers face UCF at the Sky Sox Sports Complex. The game is slated for 7 p.m.

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Cross country team struggles

KRISTY SHIONKA
STAFF WRITER

Illness plagued the UCF men’s and women’s cross-country teams at the FSC Invitational on Saturday.

Sophomore Amy Gilles came in 2,000th in 18:57, which was an intentional handball in the box. On the ensuing penalty kick, Sara McDonald placed the ball behind Syracuse’s goalie Emily Kowalczuk.

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The bottom line

That’s what business is all about, right? Well, according to Dr. Bob Preziosi, it’s not that simple. As a professor at NSU’s Wayne H. Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship, he introduces his students to "congress" by asking them to look at companies from many different vantage points.

"Congress is taking any organization that has consciously selected values and using those values for making and implementing decisions," Preziosi said.

"We explore the concept of ethics in the classroom, and I frequently share with my students what I’ve picked up from the business world. Like most of the faculty at NSU, I have real-life knowledge. I consult regularly with several clients, including Fortune 500 companies, and was a corporate VP before I started teaching.

"Every M.B.A. student who leaves here should know the Evian Bill Gates, Michael Dell, or Jack Welch. And quite possibly, you will. But the one thing I tell them is that you don’t have to become a superstar to be successful. Just be a star.

"Knowledge for the sake of knowledge is not what today’s students are looking for. As an educator, we have a responsibility to prepare them to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Nova Southeastern University, with its progressive, wide-ranging curriculum and nurturing faculty, is laying the groundwork to make that happen. That sounds like smart business to me.”
What’s News—

**IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Tyco Says CEO Had Illegal Loans**

Tyco International Ltd. said a pattern of personal and illegal activity by its management occurred for at least five years leading up to June 3, when former Chief Executive L. Dennis Kozlowski resigned, and that this activity was concealed from the board and its relevant committees.

Among other disclosures, made in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Tyco said Mr. Kozlowski, former Chief Financial Officer Mark Swartz and former Chief Corporate Counsel Mark Belnick used the company’s relocation program to take nonqualifying interest-free loans and unauthorized benefits.

Under the program, the company was facing multiple criminal counts for alleged lobbing of the company, improperly boreed about $6.7 million to purchase real estate and other properties, Tyco said. Mr. Swartz boreed about $3.8 million and Mr. Belnick boreed about $1.4 million, the company said.

In a related development, a company memo surfaced detailing arrangements for employees, and that subordinates to bill him for any company employees who attended the programs now in question were Tyco covered expenses.

The files for much of that expense, household net worth held 3.4% in the second quarter, in billions of dollars.

Economists worry that a sustained decline in household net worth could cause consumers to cut back on spending. Household net worth—a measure of total assets such as homes and retirement funds, minus liabilities such as mortgages and credit-card debt—had fallen in 2001 and 2002 after hitting a $1.425 trillion peak in 1999 due to the dot-bubble market.

**Anheuser Tries Low-Carb Beer**

The nation’s largest brewer is thinking big. Tapping into the latest dietary obsession of health-conscious consumers, Anheuser-Busch Cos. is preparing to launch Michelob Ultra, the first major beer to claim it is low in carbohydrates. Anheuser plans to charge a premium price for the low-carb brew, hoping to capture a larger share of the high-end beer market at a time when many consumers favor imports over domestic brands as Budweiser and Bud Light.

Ultras is set to go into national distribution later this month.

**Companies Press FDA on Ad Rules**

The food and drug industries are pushing federal regulators to loosen longstanding restrictions on promoting their products, setting themselves up for a training on clash with congressional critics who think such a move would endanger consumers.

At Stake in the way the Food and Drug Administration handles a wide array of advertising and marketing tools. Please turn to Next Page.

How CEOs Retire in Style

**Rich Deal for G.E.’s Welch**

Was Part of a Trend Of Lush Perks, Fat Fees

By JOAN S. LEVIN

Revelations of the lavish perk packages offered by General Electric Co. granted former Chairman and Chief Executive John F. Welch Jr. have thrown a spotlight on the trend of retirement deals promised to executives during the booming 1990s. The details also are raising hackles among investors already angered by the financial scandals rocking America’s corporations.

Details of Mr. Welch’s deal came out when his estranged wife, Jane, recently filed papers in divorce proceedings describing the couple’s lifestyle. In the filing, Mrs. Welch complained that her husband, who separated from her after he began an affair with former Harvard Business Review editor Suzy Weil last fall, is paying her only $50,000 a month in living expenses, far below the standard of living during their 13-year marriage.

The tab for much of that lifestyle, she says, was and is picked up by G.E., even after Mr. Welch’s retirement a year ago. Among expenses reported by Mrs. Welch at electronic devices at his several residences, many costs of a GE-owned apartment in Manhattan, from flowers to ketchup to tickets to sporting and cultural events; and services such as country-club fees, security and financial planning.

Mr. Welch has confirmed that he will have to pay $40.077 million in total compensation in 2001 and holds GE common shares and other stock-based holdings, in hardly the only CEO to receive a hefty retirement package. And increasingly common are deals that include a lucrative consulting gig at the executive’s old employer. Between 1996 and 2001, 38 retired chiefs of the nation’s 1,000 biggest companies pulled

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The global music industry has thus far failed to defeat piracy by cracking down. So now it's trying to offer something the pirates can't match.

With release of its new album, "Bounce," the band Bon Jovi and its record company, Universal Music Group, hope to establish a "steel" relationship with fans by offering plenty of extras—preference in buying concert tickets, the possibility to climb on stage and band-related freeness. "Bounce" will be released Oct. 6 in the U.S.

"The idea is that when you buy the music, you're also getting an ongoing relationship with the artist," says a member of Bon Jovi's management.

The plan is based around a unique serial number that will come with every album shipped—as many as 10 million copies for starters. At the band's Web site, www.bonjovi.com, the owner of the CD can type in the number and, after providing personal information including age, gender and location, be registered in a sort of Bon Jovi fan club. Members will be regularly notified by e-mail of "Bon Jovi exclusives"—which might also include the opportunity to chat with the band.

The Bon Jovi plan is one of the music industry's biggest efforts yet to combat piracy by offering some added goodies. It follows moves by Interscope Records, also part of Universal, to include a free DVD with the first two million copies of the new Eminem album. Until now, the world's recorded music industry has primarily sought to fight piracy by cracking down on Napster and other Web sites that allow free downloads, so the Bon Jovi initiative is a strategic shift.

"I would like to think this is the beginning of the process where the labels start to think more about the added value," says Jay Berman, head of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. While stressing that anyantigue efforts must continue, he adds: "The industry's initial reaction to piracy was to fight back. Now the reaction is that we've got to do something positive, and this is the start of it."

By staff reporters Jennifer Drulbrock and Charles Goldsmith

How CEOs Retire in Style

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down at least $60,000 a year in consulting fees, up from 10 between 1991 and 1995, reports Executive Compensation Advisory Services. And more juicy contracts could kid in soon. Sixteen major companies disclosed in their latest proxy statements that they plan to pay their current leader for consulting after retirement, concludes an analysis by Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

The theory is that consulting contracts help sustain a smooth leadership transition—and keep the former big boss from joining a rival or poaching staffers. But most retired leaders don't work very hard for their high-priced advice—one reason the popular perk has begun to draw fire.

Another package, that has drawn attention belongs to Ronald W. Allen, the former chairman and CEO of Delta Air Lines, who earned $600,480 last year advising Delta—only slightly less than the $649,259 salary paid Leo F. Mullin, his successor. Mr. Allen, who was forced to retire in 1997, rarely talks with Mr. Mullin or appears at the company headquarters, informed individuals say. In addition to his consulting contract, Mr. Allen received from Delta a $170,000 annual pension, 14.6 million lump-sum severance payment, a car, club dues and an office in Atlanta that costs $63,774 to design, build and furnish. The 56-year-old retiree is entitled to his sizable annual advisory fee until at least July 2004, even if he is totally disabled or dead, according to his retirement agreement.

"He is available as needed for consultant work for the company," a Delta spokesman says, declining further comment. Mr. Allen didn't return repeated calls.

The Allen arrangement remains "a raw wound" among Delta's rank-and-file, says Michael H. Messmore, a pilot there since 1976. The 56-year-old airline captain, who owns 1,500 Delta shares, vows to challenge Mr. Mullin about his predecessor's consulting deal during the 2003 annual meeting next spring. "Is Ron Allen doing something for this money or is it money going down a rat hole?" Mr. Messmore asks. "We think it's money down a rat hole."

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leaving issues, including how pharma­ceuticals makers peddle their wares to doctors, how food produc­ers label their products and how medical-seller's make the investing community about potent­ial new products.

Responding to the FDA's offer to review its rules and its solicita­tion of public input, the pharmaceu­ticals industry is pushing for both regulatory and criminal action. Pfizer Inc. wants the FDA to ditch a rule that requires manufacturers to prominently place the generic name for a drug alongside its branded name in advertisements, and it wants the FTA to drop its re­quirement that drug makers list possible side effects in reams of fine print in magazine ads. Sun Challenges Microsoft in School

Sun Microsystems Inc. said it will give away more than $60 mil­lion of StarOffice, its office-related software, to ministries of educa­tion in Europe and South Africa. Sun hopes the donation will bring StarOffice to 42 million elementary, secondary and post-secondary students in those regions. Sun made similar donations in Asia several months ago and plans to seed U.S. schools with StarOffice as well. Sun previously focused on sup­plying more obscure software-devel­opment tools to universities, but it wants the FDA to ditch a rule that requires manufacturers to prominently place the generic name for a drug alongside its branded name in advertisements, and it wants the FTA to drop its re­quirement that drug makers list possible side effects in reams of fine print in magazine ads.

Sun will release StarOffice 5.0 later this year, with more than 300 features. It includes the mail, calendar and task management tools a user would need to run a small business or government agency. Sun will offer the software for $2 per student and $5 per teacher. But the company isn't worried about losing money on StarOffice. Sun's goal is to raise the awareness of its Sun Campus Edition@wsj.com email software, which is included with all Sun workstations.

The company has been losing $600 million a year on SunOS, the Unix operating system for which StarOffice is available as needed for

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Developing madness

Shelley Marmor
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Would you be able to take a more seriously with Robin Williams playing a psychopathic stalker? If not, you probably are not alone. And you may want to pass on seeing his new film "One Hour Photo." In this film, Williams plays Sy Parrish, a photo technician who loses a few screws and forms an obsession with a "perfect family" - the Yorkins.

All of the pictures Nina Yorkin brings in for Parrish to develop are of her, her husband, Will, and their son, Jake. These pictures paint the picture of a fairy-tale life, showing the family frolicking around their beautifully decorated upper-class house without a care in the world.

In one scene, Parrish comments to her that Jake is getting too big after he sees pictures of the boy's birthday party. He questions her about the boy's age, saying that he must be nine now, as he really doesn't care. Parrish goes on to comment that he feels like he is "Uncle Sy" because he has watched the boy grow up through the family photos he has developed over the years.

This is about the time when many of us would be freaked out. Nina, however, does not seem to be. She brushes Parrish off, gets into her Mercedes SUV and drives back to her home in the suburbs.

At the end of his shift, Parrish returns to his apartment. It looks like a motel room, and lacks the feeling that anyone ever lives there. There is little more in it besides his furniture.

There is however, one notable feature in the apartment. He has an entire wall completely covered with the extra prints that Uncle Sy has been making of the Yorkins over the years.

"It's disturbing that there are probably people like that," said student Angela Asilo. "I'll probably look at the person at the one-hour photo different now."

The movie really starts going downhill halfway through. It keeps getting more and more cliched, like many other psychological thrillers that fall short of actually scaring anyone.

"It had no depth," said political science major Heather Mann. "It wasn't interesting because they just showed a sequence of events without letting you into the character's psycho mind."

"It's really a movie that is more about the visual experience. It's just not as suspenseful as the previews indicate," Williams's performance, a departure from his usual roles, is decent for an Academy Award winner, but definitely not his most notable.

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Luck be a lady tonight

Kelly O'Connor
Staff Writer

Free drinks. Free cover. Easy access to VIP. You may ask yourself, how does one get this lucky? It is simply just one of the advantages of being a girl.

For girls, going out and having a good time is easy if you take full advantage of the perks to it, which is simply just one of the advantages of being a girl.

Fred McNair, a junior finance major, works at Chili's and Antigua in downtown Orlando. He said pleasing ladies brings in business.

"We let ladies drink free all night just so we can bring guys into the club and boost our business," said McNair.

This is because girls go to a club to have fun and guys go there to pick up girls. Although being an attractive girl has mainly positive perks to it, this can work against you as well.

"Guys are intimidated by good looking girls, so they simply stare," said Sharon Bloom, a senior hospitality major. "Instead of gaining courage, they settle for the girl next door."

Either way you look at it, girls are more likely to get a free buzz than guys. People go to ladies night no matter what sex they are. At clubs, ladies don't care whether they are dancing with their girl friends or by themselves. Girls are the ones who walk around and pick out who they want to dance; guys will dance with anyone. They will not be seen on the dance floor with their buddies or flying solo.

As far as dress code is concerned some clubs have strict guidelines.

"It, once again, girls have it made. "Girls can get away with a wide array of clothing, unlike the guys," said Courtney Clymer, a junior psychology major.

She said girls can get away with wearing practically next to nothing. It seems the more you show, the further you go. Sometimes guys will not be allowed entrance into a club because they are wearing jeans and that can be considered too casual of an outfit.

Most clubs and bars give wristbands to people 21 and older. Girls who are not legal of age have a better chance of getting their hands on one than guys who are under 21.

Another trick for women is getting drinks for free.

"Since the music at clubs is always blasting when a guy tries to talk to you, your reply is simply, 'I can't hear you. What did you say?' You want to buy me a drink?"

"It works like a charm," said Lindsey McMahan, a sophomore political science major.
One man's dating trials and error

Craig Brooks
 Staff Writer

On a recent day not unlike today, I set out to find myself a date. I also set out to discover the best way to obtain that date.

I had in my head a list of things to try. I would use different methods and see which one would work. I told myself that I would use pickup lines, regular greetings and finally a poem — to take the romantic route. Hopefully, through at least one of these methods, I could score a date.

I first approached a woman outside our dorm. I happened to have free tickets to a movie the following night, so I thought to myself, “Well, you should ask her to come. It’s free.” How could she say no?

After several seconds of silence, she asked, “Do you want to go to a movie?” It’s free, I said.

“I have work,” she replied. Trial one ... failed.

After I got over the initial embarrassment, I moved on to try again. Someone told me never to give up and that is exactly what I needed to do. So there I was, rejected once, but still cheery. I walked one of my classes and promptly sat down alongside my next prospect.

“I was six feet away,” she said.

“Do you want to go to a movie?”

The offer didn’t work the first time, but at least this woman had met me in class a few times, so I thought I had a better chance.

“Yeah, sure,” she quickly answered.

My brain didn’t quite comprehend the answer, because I just stared at her for several seconds before she asked me what movie. I told her and she squealed with glee. I felt very pleased with myself until she made a comment.

“I like hanging out with guys like you,” she said. “It’s better.”

I turned to her and replied, “I didn’t know that you were asking me out!”

As it turns out, the woman had a boyfriend, which is very cool. Friends are great to acquire and I am glad to have gained another.

However, for the sake of scoring a date, trial two ... failed.

During this wonderful day I also had lunch with a friend, Kelli Campbell, an undeclared freshman. I already knew she had a boyfriend, so there was no need to ask her out. But what about me, while at the Marketplace, the student cafeteria on campus, a gentleman propositioned her while she was trying to get a brownie.

“So, where is Mr. Right?” he asked without even a slight hesitation.


I was six feet away attempting to fill my cup with iced tea, but considering what I was witnessing, more of this too went on my hand than in the cup.

Kudos to Campbell for her quick-witted, perfect response. After the fact left with his head hung in shame, I patted her on the back and mentally placed a golden star over her for the day. I wasn’t finished. Oh no. There had been only two failures and there were about 20,000 more women to approach.

On my third attempt, I figured I would try a line, albeit a decent one, to see if the subject would bite.

“Do you believe in love at first sight or do I have to walk by again?” I asked the unsuspecting object of my affection.

I think I actually heard crickets because everything was so quiet after I broke that barrier. Absent a response, I quickly tried to recover.

“So, what are you doing tonight?” I asked.

To this, the woman literally laughed out loud in front of 15 or 30 other students. I felt a little bit of shame, but I knew what I had done myself from the beginning, so I stood my ground.

“Number 1, what are you doing tonight?” I asked.

“I’m busy,” she replied.

To this, Levine offered, “In California.”

Point, game, set, match. Just like that, I was burned to a crisp.

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Diagnosis on dating

Craig Brooks
 Staff Writer

Where has dating gone? The days when a date encompassed a nice evening meal and a movie have disappeared. Now a date is more of an idea than an actual occurrence.

Several UCF students were asked what they believe dating is and has become. Their responses shouldn’t shock anyone given the state of affairs pertaining to dating.

Most students said the structure of dating is collapsing.

“Dating has become a lot more casual. It has become more of a ‘friends with benefits’ kind of thing,” said Shantay Ballas, a sophomore economics major.

Justine Levine, an undeclared freshman, agreed.

“These days, dating is ‘being with someone from the opposite sex alone for an hour,’ said Levine.

This was a good observation on the actual logistics of a date, but not a deep enough perception to satisfy the definition.

After being asked a second time, Levine offered “hooking up with someone” as a better definition of dating.

It seems that “hooking up” is what a date is these days.

The act of “hooking up” has many definitions. To some, it can be the holding of hands; to others, it can go as far as sex.

With “hooking up” being passed off more and more as a date, the actual idea of the date is being cast away.

Some students feel that dating returns to normalcy after college.

“Tot, as soon as we get out of college, dating will go back to dinner and a movie from ‘hooking up,’” said Levine.

This casual outlook on dating most have been caused by something.

Ryan Loering, a freshman computer science major, has the answer.

“Teen movies destroyed dating,” said Loering.

What is the prescription? Go on two good dates and call that special somebody in the morning.

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