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Poised, polished, ready to throw punches

Bush, McBride spar on education, child welfare in gubernatorial debate

JASON IRSAY STAFF WRITER

In their first televised debate, Republican governor Jeb Bush spoke eloquently last Friday night about his accomplishments, while Democrat challenger Bill McBride portrayed Bush as a leader who had fallen out-of-touch.

Their responses to a series of videotaped questions from various Floridians allowed the two candidates to explain their contrasting perceptions of Florida's present condition and their different futures.

Please see McBride on 3.

Short-term loans a long time coming

Students still wait for delayed financial aid, emergency loans

CHRISTINE DELLERT STAFF WRITER

Lana Williams, a graduate student, has returned to see financial aid advisors in Millican Hall eight times. By the seventh week of the new semester, she still has not received her financial aid loans from the school.

She has applied for a federal student loan as well as short-term loans, and is still waiting for both to arrive.

"As a grad student, this is financially devastating," Williams said.

Please see S5 fee on 4.

Title IX on the line

KATRINA HAMMER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Ruberg had to stay on the mat. Ruberg, a junior, does not know life without wrestling. It's in his blood and he's going to wrestle no matter what, he says. His drive and ambition led to the creation in 2000 of the UCF wrestling club, where Ruberg serves as team captain.

Wrestling club coach Johnny Bongiorno calls his team one of the best in the nation, one that finished 8-1 last season in competition with teams in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association.

"We have the ability to compete at the NCAA level," he said, "but no one will let us." Ruberg and his team can't compete in the NCAA because wrestling at UCF is not an NCAA-sanctioned sport. That's because, in 1985, the university dropped its wrestling program from the NCAA ranks to comply with Title IX.

In 1972, Title IX legislation equalized men's and women's athletics in schools and universities across the nation by yanking funds from men's sports to support an equal number of women's sports. The Intercollegiate Athletics policy established in 1976 continues to enforce that equity at UCF and other universities.

Thirty years later, legislators are now considering restoring funds to male athletics programs that were robbed of funds or eliminated altogether as a result of the federal mandate.

While every facet of gender equality in education is protected under Title IX — including student health, housing, activities, and financial assistance — athletics programs have been at the center of controversy for many years.

Responding to that controversy, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has launched a commission that will convene four public meetings to hear from experts, coaches, student athletes, parents and others on Title IX between now and January.

The purpose of the commission is to learn how to do a better job of enforcing a law that represents hope to so many American athletics, he said.

The equity policy has made some kind of difference for everyone, said UCF basketball professor Richard Crepeau.

"At one level the story of Title IX has been a success," he said. "At the same time, there is considerable discontent from male-athletes, parents, and the like.

Please see Legislation on 6.

Extinguished

The Golden Knights defeated the Liberty Flames 48-17 in UCF's home opener Saturday at the Citrus Bowl, marking their first win of the season.

Game Recap

Game Coverage

Football Notebook

Player ratings of 90 and above had a +20 or above, and will be the UCF player of the Week.

UFC FACT

The Golden Knights took home their first MW conference win against Liberty on Saturday night.

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McBride pushes drug plan for seniors: Bush claims success treating tech jobs

By Katrina Hammer

SGA candidates disqualified

Four SGA candidates have been disqualified from the election based on claims of confusion and misleading information.

Sorority pushes plan for seniors: Bush claims success treating tech jobs

We want people to be in tune with the voting process.

The community as a whole needs to understand the importance of voting.

Angel Smith

In closing remarks, McBride and Bush outlined their plans for Florida's economy.

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Bush rejected the idea of increasing taxes, saying he would oppose it.

The election commission originally declared the candidates had failed to complete their candidacy forms. That form was submitted by the SGA leaders after failing to turn in necessary paperwork.

The students blame ambiguous rules for the confusion.

We're going to focus on the old way of doing things.

The candidates will face off in two more debates before the Nov. 5 election. Bush and McBride will debate Oct. 15 on a radio broadcast, to be followed on Oct. 22 with a televised debate from the UCF Student Union.

process.

1. We wanted to do the voter registration drive to target the community, not just UCF students," said Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority member Angel Smith.

2. "The community as a whole needs to understand the importance of voting."

3. "We're focusing on everyone," said Smith.

4. "Everyone has lost focus in this election."

5. "We want to instill trust back into the system and let people know that their votes count."

6. McBride pointed to the need for increased education and outreach.

7. McBride disputed Bush's claims and called for education as a key to building the state's economy.

8. "We're returning our election system. We've offered our assistance, but ultimately the responsibility falls with the local supervisors of elections," he said.

9. McBride said the voting problems on Nov. 6 were a reflection of Bush's poor leadership.

10. "We need to make sure between now and Nov. 5 that we get it right, so that every vote counts," said McBride.

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Salaries stink like yesterday’s trash

Custodial workers lowest paid employees

JULIE MONHEIM
Staff Writer

They scrub toilets, sweep floors and haul trash out of buildings. Their underfunded work, late evening and early morning hours earn these employees about $13,400 a year — about the same as a year of tuition costs an out-of-state student at UCF.

These underpaid employees aren’t working in a third-world country; they are working as custodians for UCF.

Although UCF became a substantially wealthier institution in the past five years, allocating millions for buildings like the Recreation and Wellness Center and five new parking garages — structures which have each cost the university anywhere from $8 million to $14 million to build — the median wage for custodians averages a little more than $6 an hour.

Most of the lowest paying institutions are in the South, according to a survey in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Among them are some relatively wealthy private institutions, such as the University of Miami, ranked the second lowest paying university in the nation. The average custodial worker there earns $13,200.

But UCF isn’t much kinder to its custodians. Custodians, who are the lowest paid employees at the university, will earn only a little more a year than custodians at the University of Miami — a salary that falls below the federal poverty level of $14,150 for a family of three.

Locally, UCF’s custodians make less money than most employees who work in restaurants or hotels.

At the open forum with administrators on Sept. 18, sophomore Joshua Paul Edmundson addressed administrators with the issue.

"It’s a little more than a year that the problem in resolved," McKinney said. "We have already dispersed between $40 and $45 million in financial aid, of which a substantial amount is student loans."
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Legislation robbed funds from men’s athletics to support women’s teams

The implementation of Title IX is done in an improper way — hurting men’s sports just as much, if not more, than helping women’s sports.

— JEFF RUBERG
UCF Wrestling Club

The equality policy, which stipulates that the athletic programs must meet the interests and abilities of both men and women, nor does it require equal amounts of money be spent for men and women teams.

But instead of adding more women’s sports, many schools have chosen to drop men’s sports from their athletic programs — including wrestling, track and field, tennis, swimming and even baseball — in order to comply with Title IX policy.

The intent of the current Title IX regulation is fine, says UCF athletics director Steve Desimone. But he does not agree with institutions that enforce the policy by eliminating certain men’s sports to uphold the mandate.

The equality policy, which aims at enhancing opportunities for women’s athletics, has had a much more significant impact on men’s athletics, said senior Erin Brown, vice president of the water polo team, another club sport at UCF.

“As long as Title IX is in effect, the men’s team has little or no chance of becoming a varsity (NCAA) sport,” said Brown.

Wrestling coach Rouse thinks that Title IX has its positive impact.

“Think offering more opportunities for female is fabulous, but offering more for men is stupid,” he said. “Don’t worry about a perception. Just let people participate.”

Regarding percentage.

Rouse is referring to the caps that are often placed on men’s sports under the equity policy. At UCF, the wrestling club only has about 77 members.

Those who oppose Title IX argue that dominant men’s sports, such as football and basketball, continue to hurt minor sports under the federal policy because they keep out players on the roster for those sports eliminated positions on other men’s teams.

Still others argue that college football is a money-maker that generates dollars for other sports, such as tennis, baseball and soccer. As such, colleges and universities around the nation protect their football and basketball teams, which account for 70 percent of the expenses in the NCAA budget for men’s athletics.

The most pertinent matter that Title IX brings to light is the issue of segregating sports and funding. A sport such as women’s crew is classified as a club and supported by the university’s student government.

The men’s crew team must therefore pay dues each semester and complete hours of fundraising, while the women’s crew club has about 77 members.

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MTV personality pushes abstinence without preaching

Renée Beaudette
Staff Writer

Spitting rap lyrics at the crowd with a ferocity that matched that of any mainstream hip-hop artist, Lakita Garth did not seem like the typical sex-edution speaker. That’s because she wasn’t.

Garth spoke to a group of students about sex and relationships, conveying her message of abstinence and self-control with a mix of humor, wit and music last Thursday night in the Pegasus Ballroom.

A former Ms. Black California, Garth has appeared on "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher" and MTV’s "Sex in the '90s" series. Garth is also a recording artist who sings and raps.

Growing up with several brothers and a single mother, Garth saw the effects that sex destroyed her community. At age 11, she decided she would remain a virgin until marriage.

"I saw the effects that were being raped and solved in our neighborhood, and I wanted no part of it," said Garth.

Religion had very little to do with her message, even though Garth considers herself a Christian.

Garth’s presentation, sponsored by Rock CFF, — Rebuilding On A Conservative Cornerstone — contained an assertion that is impossible to track down, but which she nonetheless presented as fact. American casualties in all the wars that the nation has fought to date are still less than the number of abortions that occur in the United States every year.

Garth’s claim startled freshman Chris Harris.

“I couldn’t believe that abortion thing — that was crazy," he said. "Some of the stuff she said really got to me. I think that everyone puberty-age and up should have heard what she said tonight.”

An hour and a half through Garth’s guest appearance, she had answered questions such as, "How do I tell my boyfriend that I want to stop having sex?" and, "Are you really a virgin?"

Garth, who insists that she really is a virgin, suggested that if a female student speaks with her boyfriend about her sexual reluctance and reassures him that he would accept it if he respected her.

The question Garth said she gets most often is why no one tells students about abstinence as a practical decision for responsible sex.

"People want this information," she said. "They need it, and no one is telling them. I watched a program on MTV called ‘The Six Ways to Not Get Pregnant’ and abstinence wasn’t even mentioned. That’s ridiculous!"

Garth addressed the feminist movement’s counter-effect — it inadvertently helped men more than it improved conditions for women.

"Men were enjoying a lifestyle of free sex and no commitment, the women’s movement raced along and instead of raising the bar, the movement lowered the standard, so that no one was left to practice responsibility," she said.

Garth said, "Our parents were members of the sexual revolution, and this generation is really paying the price.”

FROM PAGE 3

SGA elections open today with candidate confusion

Candidate form.

"The purpose of the Judicial Council by our Constitution says that they’re supposed to uphold student rights," said SGA Vice President Brian Kirkle. "I think they didn’t do that, and that’s wrong.”

When requesting their first hearing with the election commission, Mattocks and Thomas argued that they turned in other paperwork on time, including the 50 student signatures that they are required to submit from students who are within their college.

Both Mattocks and Thomas have requested that they be allowed to run in the senate elections because the Judicial Council did not notify the students of their hearing date.

Neither Mattocks nor Thomas attended the hearing that disqualified them and Benmöller from the elections based on their negligent paperwork.

"I’ve just heard people complaining how rules were followed half-assed. They are just vague statutes," said Mattocks.

"I've never heard of a Conservative revolution, and this generation is really paying the price," said Bagley.

MTV's Lakita Garth spoke with students about the choices they have about sex.
Custodians sacrifice better pay for benefits, job security

From Page 4

Brian Woodrow said that the job security at UCF attracts and retains a lot of employees. "It's not necessarily a good job security," said Woodrow. "During the budget cut, we might lose some jobs, and no one goes elsewhere in salary." "It's tempting for many of our workers to apply at the McDonald's across the street or the Holiday Inn, but they might lose their jobs quickly at those places," Woodrow said. "So we have to find a way to keep them, and we have to make sure we have good benefits." Edmundson acknowledges that custodians have to accept some cutbacks to some of the benefits they enjoy. "We do it as the best we can to maintain the board in the best condition of the campus. We may have to cut back on benefits, but we try our best to maintain the board in the best condition." (For special coverage of the Trident, see p. 39.)

TITLE VI: THE ELECTION STATUTES

Chapter 408 (Title VI): Election Procedures

Note: Certain articles of the Election Commission have been omitted from this summary due to space limitations. Please consult the Election Commission statutes for the full text of these articles.

408.06 Removal of Election Commissioner Member

The Election Commissioner may file a complaint against any candidate or election official alleging violation of the Election статуты.

408.07 Election Commission: The Election Commissioner shall be a member of the Student Senate and be elected by the Student Senate. The Election Commission shall be responsible for ensuring that the Student Senate is in full compliance with the Election statutes.

408.08 Election Commissioner's Power to Investigate

The Election Commissioner shall have the power to investigate any candidate or election official for violations of the Election statutes.

408.09 Election Commissioner's Power to Veto

The Election Commissioner shall have the power to veto any action taken by the Student Senate that is in violation of the Election statutes.

408.10 Election Commissioner's Power to Appeal

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Police short-circuit protest
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OUR STANCE:

How to fire up UCF fans

A new custo, a new horse and a scholarship giveaway failed to entice fans in large numbers to enter the Citrus Bowl last Saturday for UCF’s first home football game of the season.

Many UCF students did make the trip downtown. But others remained more interested in the tailgating festivities outside the stadium than in the touchdowns that allowed the Golden Knights to score a 48-17 victory over Liberty.

Even 200 freshmen — bribed with free food, T-shirts and prizes to board a bus to the game in the first-ever “Freshmen Freeway” promotion — failed to significantly bolster attendance that UCF officials claimed was 20,000 (even though only 10,000 fans were counted through the turnstiles).

UCF officials, who still believe promotions are the best way to garner fan support, seriously misunderstand the notion of competitive sports.

No amount of promotions can convince people to become UCF fans, because football games aren’t about free food and cash giveaways, pre-game shows and colorful props.

Sports, football especially, are about the heart-stopping throws, the record-setting plays, the last-minute touchdowns that instantly change the outcome of a game. Real sports fans know that the only reason to go into a stadium is to catch a game worth seeing.

When UCF plays pasties such as Liberty, Toledo and Kent State, when the outcome is as predictable as Florida’s fall climate, the thrill of the game disappears. Watching UCF destroy a weak opponent like Liberty is like watching a fox chase a rabbit around in a cage, knowing the rabbit doesn’t stand a chance. Promotions simply can’t compensate for that and shouldn’t have to.

While last year’s “Fill the Bowl” promotion drew 50,220 fans, creating one of the largest crowds ever for a UCF home game, it had little do with the success of the marketing maneuver.

Rather, it had everything to do with the fact that UCF faced a decent opponent in Virginia Tech. Suddenly the stadium was filled with fans who held their breath, crossed their fingers, donned their Knights shirts and did everything in their power to support UCF — never knowing who would take the game, but aware that if UCF did, the win would mean something, and a loss still would be a noteworthy effort.

Point is, if UCF wants people to show up at football games, it will have to schedule more teams like Virginia Tech to get people to watch.

UCF will re-launch “Fill the Bowl” for the Nov. 2 home game, but it’s hardly necessary, given that the Knight’s opponent for that contest will be Syracuse. Forty thousand fans — the crowd UCF hopes to draw for “Fill the Bowl” — is a realistic attendance goal for such a distinguished opponent. Against Liberty, even 20,000 was something of a miracle.

It would be easy to pack the house for every home game if UCF played teams worth watching. As much fun as it is to extinguish a weaker opponent like the Flames, fans want a game and a win for the Knights that they can get fired up about.

Some students still don’t realize the real reason for going to football games

Dear Editor:

Prom party causes campus-housing quandaries

I am a resident of the Academic Village二期 community. It’s 9 p.m. and I have a test to study for. I cannot, because UCF housing has decided to have a party in the apartment with a live band. I can hear the band in my nose with the windows closed, and I live on the third floor. As residents, we agree to abide by campus quiet hours of 8 p.m. — 8 a.m.

I will be canceling my housing contract in the spring.

— SEAN BLAUSON

Letters to the Editor

Viewpoints expressed here are not necessarily those of the Editor.

BURNETTS DON’T DESERVE HONORARY DEGREES

I was taken aback upon reading in the Sept. 26 issue of the future that UCF is bestowing new doctoral degrees on Bill and Nancy Burnett.

The Burnetts may be large supporters of the university but they do not deserve to receive honorary degrees for simply donating truck-loads of money.

The Burnetts have helped the college with their substantial contributions totaling over $4 million. They have helped in the construction of an honors college building and have donated money to aid in building President John Hitt’s house on campus.

While these are extremely generous people, it does not make them worthy of honorary doctoral degrees.

A put on the back, a thank-you and a series of buildings named after them should suffice.

People like the Burnetts and Rich Delos are not donors of honorary degrees. If they wish to obtain a doctorate, for whatever reason, they too should enroll in classes and work for their degrees.

In essence UCF is telling the student body that they do not have to get a doctorate to be successful, but once you are successful you can have one for simply donating to the university.

— CINDY JACKSON

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HORSE WITH NO NAME

Joey Myers

STAFF WRITER

As if fraternities do not have a bad enough rep... Perceived by many as partiers, raging alcoholics, homophobes and womanizers, fraternities have forever suffered from a tarnished image. Now, you can add racism to the mix.

Not long ago, Alpha Gamma Rho's chapter at Oklahoma State University and the African-American Student Union. Sanctions are likely to follow, handed down from the national Alpha Gamma Rho office.

Sanctions? Not really sure what they mean by sanctions, but it doesn't sound anything like a harsh punishment or a serious consequence, something that these fraternity members rightly deserve. It doesn't sound like these fraternity brothers are being expelled from their fraternity for their bigoted actions.

I don't suppose that there is much that the university could do. The party was not on university grounds, Oklahoma State recommended sending the three off the hook, and it certainly doesn't mean that the fraternity shouldn't impose some kind of punishment.

If this fraternity wants to save face and prove to the rest of the world that not all of their members are racists, then they will ostracize the members who stained their reputations.

They should remember that a few people's actions weigh heavily on the entire fraternity's reputation. And for fraternities, who don't have much more to go on than reputations, a name as a racist fraternity will most likely not appeal to a large sector of students.

Bigger than Oklahoma State, bigger than Alpha Gamma Rho, bigger than political correctness, is the issue that racism is very real, racism still exists.

If this fraternity is smart, and wants to spin the situation in their favor, they will expel these members and make a stance against racism.

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Danielle DePari
STAFF WRITER

I recently broke a mirror. Not just a mirror, a double mirror which serves as my closet door. The door kept opening and as I tapped the middle of it to close it, it slid off its track, shattering into pieces and missing my head by a couple of inches. I freaked out; it nearly broke on top of me.

I could have sliced my head open as the mirror fell towards me, it was the fact that it was actually two mirrors. I shrugged off his comments, not a huge believer in the fact that superstition had anything to do with luck or doom.

As more and more awful things happened, I started to believe that I had just inherited years of bad luck for my carelessness.

My boyfriend teased me about the event. He told that because I broke a mirror, I would be faced with seven years of bad luck, maybe even fourteen considering the fact that it was actually two mirrors. I shrugged off his comments, not a huge believer in the fact that superstition had anything to do with luck or doom.

And thus the seven years began. As I drove through a parking lot just a week later, a driver, who had just turned in, slammed straight into the passenger side of my car. I couldn't believe it had happened.

I took an exam that was so easy, I was sure I had aced it. It returned with a D grade. I couldn't understand. I looked back over it and realized I had missed several questions and got things wrong. I knew the answers.

Just bad luck, I thought. That was when it hit me. Seven years of bad luck is a long time. As more and more awful things began to envelop in my life, I thought of the doom I had caused myself by not getting into one silly superstition.

I thought of all the times that I had crossed my fingers expecting to change the outcome of an event. I remembered the times before the ropes went up around the Fergus in the Student Union, when superstition kept me from walking all over it. I didn't want to jeopardize my graduation in a school where most believe you can't finish.

I remembered how many times I allowed myself to sink in the rain because I refused to open an umbrella inside.

So maybe I had consumed my life with superstitions just for fun, never believing that superstition would ever essentially affect my experiences throughout the course of my life.

So I've developed a whole new approach: Better to just live the rest of the next seven years in optimism, than give into the idea that the next seven years will bring nothing but misfortune.
Why can’t Florida be more like Nebraska?

Keeping quiet, keeping heads low can’t hurt our image

DUFFY HERY
STAFF WRITER

Florida would be considered the Sunshine State — for its sandy beaches, orange blossoms and Disney World — if it weren’t for the fact that we are also known for our ridiculously flawed election procedures. Unfortunately, the Sunshine State title is just a wool blanket we Floridians throw over our eyes to protect ourselves from the truth.

The truth is that we’ve become the biggest joke in the country. The rest of the country makes fun of us, and believe me, it didn’t happen overnight. The American public first noticed our stupidity when we failed to elect the president. (The President being Al Gore, not George W. Bush.) Considered a large goof by any standard, the election snafu caused the satirical media to tear us apart. That was OK; we needed that, a little.

Then we did it again. A few weeks ago we had a repeat performance, during our own Democratic primary for the governor’s race. Every paper in the nation had something to say about our stupidity. Jon Stewart from “The Daily Show” asked, “Can’t we just cut Florida off and let them drift into Cuba?”

For a guy who has lived in Florida for 17 years, it’s pretty sad for me to know that my own country perceives my home state as the laughingstock of the nation. I always thought that the country only made fun of states like West Virginia and Alabama, surely not Florida.

It’s not just our voting (or non-voting) habits that make us look like idiots. It’s the fact that some Floridians are dying to draw attention to themselves for no good reason. A mayor in the town of Inglis, Florida has decided to ban Satan from her town. Her city council wrote up a document, passed it, and posted signs banning Satan across their city lines.

Orlando’s mayor wanted to beautify her city by removing the homeless, proposing a voluntary citizen patrol to chase them off sidewalks and benches.

Let us follow Nebraska’s example and remain quiet for our own sake. Any mayors out there, with another bright idea in their head, may I recommend you keep it there?

If not this, there is only one other last resort, Secede from the Union, and give control back to our original founders, Spain. Spain has an official naptime at 1 p.m. Perhaps all Florida needs is a nap, every now and again, to keep us quiet.

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Love being extreme? Don’t care what others think about you? Sometimes we hide behind our masks, never allowing others to know the real you. These people here, though, they never seem to notice the way I look. Even the pastor guy has his eyebrow pierced. Now I know they accept me because God accepts me. And I don’t have to trade my tattoos for a tie. I’m accepted just the way I am.

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The Golden Knights won their first game of the season Saturday, beating Liberty 48-17 in front of 20,416 at the Florida Citrus Bowl. They have a week off before traveling to Western Michigan on Oct. 12 for their second MAC game.
McIntosh preserves win

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Knights went into the locker room up 2-0. Stetson would not be silenced after the break, scoring only 37 seconds into the second half to cut the Knights' lead to 2-1.

Sophomore Eric Vasquez gave the Knights an insurance goal, his second of the year, after he broke in alone on Stetson goalkeeper Ian Landrum.

UCF Coach Bob Winch stressed the importance of McIntosh's play in the win.

"He's a great shot-blocker. Saving that [penalty kick] was a turning point," said Winch.

Winch added that his goalkeeper's consistency has been very important to the Knights' success so far.

"I would say [in all seven of our games to date] [Mcintosh] has been one of the top three players in each game, if not, some games, being the top player," he said. "As a goalkeeper you've got to make this your team. That's the most important position, and that's hard to do. Mac's done a great job, the team has embraced him, and he's a young guy still. He was voted team captain."

The coach went on to say that the team's bench play was also important to the match.

"I'm glad our bench was able to contribute," he said. "They've been working very hard, and they deserve it."

UCF needs OT to win

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fell to 3-4-2 and 1-1-1 in the conference.

In the 97th minute in Saturday's game against Campbell, Allison Blagriff produced the game-winning goal, giving the Golden Knights a 3-2 win. UCF opened the scoring when Becca Eshelman capitalized on a turnover by a Campbell player in the Camels' box, beating keeper Erin Switalski to give UCF the lead.

In the 39th minute, Jamie Armstrong fed a pass to Susan Persson, who placed the ball in the upper left hand corner of the net, out of Kuhlman's reach. It took a second-half goal by Montgomery, assisted by Blagriff, for UCF to regain the advantage.

Eleven minutes later, however, Campbell tied the game again off a tally from Sara Davis. The game ended when Eshelman served the ball to Blagriff who blasted a shot past Switalski. UCF out shot Campbell 27-9 and held a 5-4 advantage in corner kicks.

The Golden Knights improved their record to 8-2. They are now tied with Jacksonville for the top spot in the Atlantic Sun.
DEE BROWN

The sophomore running back ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass. He had four receptions for 66 yards and five carries for 44 yards, replacing the injured Alex Haynes and Keith Williams.

STANFORD RHULE

The sophomore linebacker made his first career interception, forced a fumble, recorded a sack and had eight tackles. He leads the team with 42 tackles and three sacks.

Inside the Numbers

397
The number of yards Ryan Schneider threw for, a career high.

7
The number of touchdowns UCF scored.

0
The number of field goals the Golden Knights have kicked in the past two games.

3
The number of UCF running backs injured in Saturday’s game.

6
The number of times UCF defense forced the Flames to punt.

571
The number of total yards the Golden Knights’ offense gained.

Football Notebook

Knights of firsts

CHRIS BERNHARDT

Getting a big lead early enabled UCF to get significant playing time for several of its reserves. That resulted in several career firsts for many Golden Knights.

Sophomore fullback Andreal Curry ran in from the one-yard line for UCF’s second score and the first touchdown of his short career. He carried the ball 11 times for 50 yards, both career highs. He had only carried the ball once coming into the game.

Sophomore running back Dee Brown had his first touchdown reception of the year and also got a unique piece of UCF history. Brown also plays left field for the UCF baseball team, and became the first Golden Knight to hit a home run and score a touchdown in the same calendar year. He already held the distinction for being the first to hit a home run and score a touchdown in the same academic year.

Freshman wide receiver Brandon Marshall made the first catch of his career in the fourth quarter. He had two receptions in the game, for a total of 18 yards.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Feely saw his first collegiate action. Feely, the backup place-kicker, made the team’s final extra point.

Sophomore Jon Rivera, the backup quarterback, saw the first significant playing time of his career when...
JOE KALEITA

Freshman tailback Keith Williams rushed for 15 yards on four carries before injuring his ankle in the second half.

Knights end 3rd quarter drought

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he relieved Ryan Schneider during a drive in the third quarter and completed two of five passes. He also showed his mobility, running twice for 24 yards. He saw action in last year's Liberty game, but did not register any stats.

Speaking of place-kickers, standout Matt Prater missed the first PAT of his career in the third quarter.

Two starters got into the act too. Safety Peter Sands and linebacker Stanford Rhule both picked off a pass for the first time in their careers.

Knights improve third down efficiency

Coming into the game, UCF had been abysmal on third downs. They had converted just 15 of 43 attempts and hoped to work on that against Liberty.

Mission accomplished. They went five for eight on third down and also converted a fourth down.

But turnovers continued to plague the offense. The Golden Knights fumbled five times and lost them all.

"The biggest disappointment I think was just not holding onto the football," said offensive coordinator Robert McFarland. "But overall I think it was a good deal for us to come out there and perform like we did and put up the numbers we did."

Third quarter drought comes to an end

After being outscored 45-0 in the third quarter of their first three games, the Golden Knights finally came out strong after halftime. They scored three touchdowns and tallied 20 points in the third.

Schneider sets career high

Schneider struggled with inconsistency through the season's first three games, but put on a predictably strong showing against Liberty. He threw for a career-high 307 yards and moved in third place on UCF's all-time passing yards list.

He also did something very unexpected in first quarter: he ran the option. The normally stationary quarterback ran forward a few yards and pitched the ball to running back Alex Haynes for a small gain. It was negated by a hold penalty.

"So many people are looking up on us now," said McFarland. "That's just something to keep people honest."

Fryzel, Schneider keep streaks alive

Wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel caught three passes, extending his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 25. That puts him all alone at sixth on the school's all-time list, one behind Todd Brown.

Fryzel's streak started after the 2000 season on a cold, snowy night against Florida State. He caught seven passes for 143 yards, breaking an eight-year-old school record of four catches in one game.

Schneider's streak started after he transferred from Oklahoma State in 2000. He has started every game since.

"I'm just happy to be out here," Schneider said. "I'm happy to be helping the team."
Injury bug bites UCF running backs

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Cleveland for fifth.

Schneider's four touchdown passes gave him at least one in 13 straight games, giving him sole possession of second place in UCF history and leaving him nine behind Daunte Culpepper's record of 22.

Williams makes longest catch

Reserve running back Keith Williams benefited from his first significant playing time, running the ball four times for 15 yards.

But his biggest highlight game in the passing game. In the third quarter he took a pass from Schneider and went 37 yards, a career best. UCF scored two plays later.

Nice turnout

Despite the weak opponent, a good amount of people attended UCF's home opener. The official attendance figure was 20,416, up from the 17,103 that showed up for last year's UCF-Liberty game.

"It feels great to be home in front of the home crowd, that's always an advantage to this football team," said Sands.

Injury report

The most significant injury came in the second quarter, when Haynes limped off the field. He was diagnosed with a sprained ankle and never returned.

"Just precautionary-wise we put him on crutches and we'll do a further evaluation tomorrow," said McFarland.

Williams also hurt his ankle in the second half and starting fullback Sean Guadion left with a hip pointer.

Three starters missed the game: safety Atari Bigby (high ankle sprain), linebacker Chris Pilinko and left guard Taylor Robertson (sprained MCL). Alphonzo Hopkins Jr., Gerren Bray, and Kyle Watkins started in their places, respectively.

Sophomore linebacker Gerren Bray had five tackles and one quarterback hurry Saturday against Liberty. He filled in for senior Chris Pilinko, who dressed, but did not play due to an injury.
The Golden Knights beat Samford and Jacksonville State to pick up their first Atlantic Sun Conference wins of the season. The defending A-Sun champions defeated Jacksonville State 3-1 on Saturday. UCF won the first two games 30-28, 30-25, but the Gamecocks battled back to win the third game 30-25. JSU almost pushed it the match to five games, but UCF was able to pull out a 34-32 win.

Outside hitter Leyre Santamaria Sante led both teams with 23 kills, she added 19 digs and two blocks. Outside hitter Kristen Kerner recorded 11 kills, 14 digs, four assists, and 14 digs for the match's only double-double. Right side Cassy Leyte had six kills each. The Knights improved to 7-9 overall and 3-0 in the Atlantic Sun.

The Golden Knights take on Florida Atlantic on Tuesday in another A-Sun match. UCF defeated the Owls in last year’s A-Sun championship match, coming back from an 0-2 deficit to take the match. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

The Golden Knights opened A-Sun conference play with wins over Jacksonville State and Samford over the weekend.
Junk foods are becoming meals for many students

Rachel Braverman
Staff Writer

Remember those good old days when the word “meat” had meaning? Breakfast was a bowl of cereal, lunch was a sandwich with a snack, and dinner was some meat with a side dish (maybe steak and mashed potatoes). If those days are difficult to recall, then the reason may be that you are a college student. Between classes and other activities, it can be hard to find the space time to sit down and eat something that does not come pre-wrapped.

Students are on the go, and they pay the price when it comes to eating. Many times long school hours are to blame. It’s a popular trend for students to cram all of their classes into just Tuesdays and Thursdays. While that allows for a lengthy

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Resident Ally

Craig Brooks
Staff Writer

A lonely student paces feverishly up and down the hallways of a well-lit residence hall. The watch on his wrist reads 5:47 p.m. His fist pounds on a door, yet nobody seems to hear the noise. Then suddenly, without warning, a friendly face pops out from behind the door: His R.A. smiles and asks, “What do you need?”

At UCF, this scenario seems to be the norm. The majority of students seem to enjoy their relationship with their resident assistants and have no problems with them or her.

Walking about the campus, you may hear a conversation about a terrible R.A. or about how a particular resident never

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Like, umm, they like talk

Weird

Filler words have become the basis for language

Jeffrey Ashkin
Staff Writer

Who would have thought a language that could generate the phrase, "A wilderness of elapsing credence and waning nightmares rests on the helm of the newest manifest of technological..." could also produce such bastardized terms as "Yo, he’s whack, like for real, blastermaith?"

Granted, not everyone can be a Shakespeare or an Oscar Wilde, but what has happened to our own language is shocking. It is now considered excusable to use the word "like" a lot, especially when you’re nervous.

Jill Wagner, a linguist at Temple University in Philadelphia, recently authored a study that concluded filler words are not bad. The linguist said there is merit in using the word "like" and other such word fillers.

The word "ummm" has been creeping into the lexicon ever since that first person gave a speech at the front of the room and got scared about the first word they were going to say. Wagner, an associate professor of anthropology with a specialty in linguistics, said each culture has filler words used in everyday conversation.

"People do use fillers when they need time to think about what they’re saying, when they’re not quite sure, want to hedge or are introducing exaggeration," Wagner told the Iowa State Daily newspaper.

Conversationally, these words are hard to avoid. The Internet has had a big influence on the way people speak.

Online, it seems people can’t help but use expressions such as "lol" (laughing out loud), "g2g" (got to go) and "ttyl" (talk to you later).

There is probably not a single person under the age of 20 who cannot decipher the aforementioned Internet lingo.

Yet, there is no real cause for the hacking and slacking of language. It’s just always changing. It becomes a problem when a person cannot complete a thought without using the words "like" and "ummm" repeatedly.

Writers and essays in conversation is different than talking in conversation but there is a definite correlation between the two.

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1:30 pm Knights of the Round Table Meeting - A meeting of all club and organization leaders, SU Rm. 316AB
3 pm Homecoming Organizational Meeting, SU Rm. 316D

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**
5 pm - 7 pm Volunteer UCF Best Buddies, Carpool in front of Millican Hall 4:30 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**
2:30 pm - 4 pm Ice Cream Social with Winter Park Tower Residents. Carpool in front of Millican Hall 2 pm.
6 pm - 12 am Cultural Arts Party & Movie Night, "Minority Report" and "Mulan," Knights Crossing Phase 3 Club House. DJ and Food!

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**
10 am - 2 pm Thunderdorm Tour, The Chemistry Green

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**
7 pm EKCEL - Study Skills Workshop, SU Rm. 224

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**
8 pm Mr. UCF Scholarship Competition, Pegasus Ballroom
12 pm - 2 pm UCF - Cocoa Beach Clean Up, Shepard's Park. Carpool in front of Millican Hall 11 am

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

"Study Smarter not Harder"
October 9, 7:30 pm Student Union
SARC and EKCEL team up to help you be successful throughout the semester. This workshop will cover study skills, as well as positive test taking habits. With this session and a little practice, you'll be well on your way to straight A's!

"Being A Leader Others Want to Follow"
October 16, 7:30 pm, SU Cape Florida
Everyone has someone that looks up to them. Through effective interpersonal communications, you will discover how to be the best mentor to those that look up to you. This is helpful with friends, with siblings, in the workplace, and in organizations. You will leave this program proud to have people watching you.

Mr. UCF Scholarship Competition
October 12, 8 pm Pegasus Ballroom
Come watch the guys strut their stuff as they compete for the title of this year's Mr. UCF

Miss UCF Scholarship Pageant Auditions
Audition packet available Oct 4 in OSA. Sign up for interview/auditions to be held Oct 14 - 17.

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Most students are friends with their R.A.s

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can find an R.A. when they need them. Apparently these conversations are difficult to come by, though, because the population of students who live in residence halls across campus feel very content with the duties of their resident assistants and the manner in which those duties are executed.

"My R.A. does everything for me," said Jim Plafke, an undeclared freshman. "If the R.A. is good, he will fix things for you, which he has done for me several times. He also checks up on us, to see if we are all right," he added.

This seems like the perfect scenario. The R.A. does everything to please the resident. However, not all is well in residential life.

"My R.A. is a good egg, but I have the sneaking suspicion that he wants me dead," said Sam Weitzner, a digital media major. "In fact, if you are reading this, I just may be."

Other than Weitzner, not many other students have negative things to say about their R.A.s. That can be interpreted as a good thing, considering that the relationship between a resident and the resident assistant should be a good one, bolstering the residential life experience.

Resident assistants have certain obligations that must be fulfilled in order to have a good standing with their residents.

Because of the time requirements of the R.A. positions, it is expected that R.A.s will give their job priority over all other areas, with the single exception of their academic program.

"For an R.A., class comes first and the job comes in a close second," said one Nike Community R.A. who asked to remain anonymous.

An R.A. must spend sufficient time in his or her living area to become acquainted with each resident and sensitive to individual needs. A resident assistant acts as a facilitator in his or her living area, helping students live together in a way that is conducive to personal, social and academic growth.

Another resident assistant, who asked to remain anonymous spoke of helping out a student with personal problems.

"It is difficult at times, but I have dealt with personal problems with a resident. It is just part of the job," said the resident assistant.

Tricia Panarello, the area coordinator for the Nike Community, said the R.A. is an essential link for the safety and security of residents. R.A.s can be contacted 24 hours a day and have a direct line to the police in case of emergency.

Chris Mesa, a freshman computer science major, said that R.A.s are definitely a necessity.

Mesa said: "The R.A. is necessary because when lacrosse is being played in the hallway at 3 a.m., someone has to throw down and it isn't going to be me while I'm in my unmentionables."
try to rob a Circle K store in September wearing a plastic foam cooler on his head; he was unsuccessful, in part because the cooler made it impossible for the clerk to understand what Pavlich was saying (Augusta, Ga.).

Undignified deaths
A 22-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man were found dead and made in a car in his family’s garage, in a love clench, with the garage door closed and the car’s engine running (for the air-conditioner) (Corona, N.Y., June). And a 21-year-old woman, filling in a closet to surprise her boyfriend, made a noise that provoked him to fearfully grab his pistol, and when she flung open the door, he fired, killing her (Council Bluffs, Iowa, June). And when a 23-year-old man insisted on driving home despite being drunk, he the eyeholes so large (Leeds, England). And a 24-year-old man was convicted of firing his handgun down through the floor of his upstairs den (after an argument with his wife of 32 years) and tossed the clippings over a fence into his neighbor’s yard (Cedar City, Utah).

Also, in the last month...
The Australian version of AAA (the NRMA) reported that, following a morning headlines tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, “thousands” of forgetful motorists clogged in with dead batteries. An inebriated man was convicted of firing his hand gun down through the floor of his upstairs den (after an argument with his wife of 32 years) and blindly hitting her as she stood in the theater (Savannah, Ga.). A 24-year-old man was cited for littering after he allegedly shaved his head, cut his beard and tossed the clippings over a fence into his neighbor’s yard (Cedar City, Utah).
Clichés come home to sweet Alabama

Southerners and Democrats should be offended

KELLY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

There is no doubt that any girl in her right mind would want to live the life of Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) in the romantic comedy, "Sweet Home Alabama." With fabulous looks and a successful career in New York, Melanie has the kind of life that most people only fantasize about. Things for her couldn't get any better—but they can get worse. And when New York's most wanted bachelor, Andrew (Patrick Dempsey), asks her to marry him, they do get worse, because Melanie has some unfinished business and undeniable love for her first love and "soul mate" Jake (Josh Lucas), the man she left back home in Alabama.

The two men of Melanie's life come from two different planets. One is a down-to-earth country boy; the other is a business-minded lawyer who loves politics and the city life. Melanie is stuck in the middle. Both are able to give her what she wants and needs, but in different ways. Somehow these men, in a sense, are in love with two different girls—or rather just two different sides of Melanie. Little by little, the real Melanie is revealed to them both. If it weren't for the derogatory remarks about the South and Democrats throughout the movie, it would have been more enjoyable. What made it worse was the fact that the moviemakers did not even base their satirical imitations on legitimate information. The way the South and Southerners are portrayed will offend certain viewers. Granted, a preview audience laughed at the most tasteless parts of the movie, which furthered the shock effect. Then again, too much can't be expected these days. People will laugh at anything that is being ridiculed.

One of the key scenes involves the marriage proposal from Andrew. One night, unknowingly before Melanie meets her soon-to-be mother-in-law (Candice Bergen), who is also the mayor of New York, Melanie is taken to Tiffany & Co. to pick out a ring—all one she chooses (price is not an issue)! Now, imagine that this same woman retreats to Alabama, only to have her fiancé show up at the wrong house looking for her, because she has lied terribly about her past life. It is pretty obvious why; Melanie's parents are people anyone would want to hide. Her dad is still fighting the Civil War and surrenderers to the Yankees in battle-field reenactments. Now that is a real culture shock.

For note for guys: It is safe and OK to take your girlfriend to this movie. Your other guy friends won't laugh at you because they most likely will be dragged to see it as well. Although it is one of the millions of movies that can be labeled as a "chick flick," it really doesn't fit the status quo. It took the audience by surprise, even those of the male sex, and made them laugh out loud.

There are a few tense-jerk parts for the ladies, but overall it is a feel-good romance with a sense of humor.

Skipping meals can cause fatigue

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weekend, the remaining days are jam-packed. Everyone is stressed for time, it seems," said Evan Bond, a sophomore.

With such a full schedule, some students may find themselves on campus for up to six hours a day at a time. Leigh Nordman, a junior snacks on pretzels with Diet Coke when she is on campus for those hours.

"Sometimes lunch can be crackers and reach dip," said Megan McMenamy, a freshman whose lunch has been reduced to almost nothing. "—Maybe the reason for the snacking craze is sheer laziness.

"It's easy, quick and simple," said Josh Grossman, a sophomore. "Plus, I think a lot of people are lazy and don't feel like preparing a whole meal." He loads his snack on chips, apples and cereal—foods that are around the house and ready to go.

Adam Nichof, a sophomore, only buys snack food to stock his home pantry. "I have no real food," he said.

When you're on the run, health and nutrition are not the first thing you might think about. The snacks machines on campus do not offer the healthiest variety to choose from. Available assortments are dominated by chips, cookies, Pop Tarts and candy. The healthiest offering is a bag of pretzels and maybe animal crackers, if one is lucky enough to find some.

Ignoring a balanced diet can cause headaches or lack of concentration because food is all one can think about. "I get headaches by the end of the day because I'm so hungry," said Nordman.

Skipping meals can also cause fatigue without the proper amounts of sugar, carbohydrates and proteins in your system.

"I am tired a lot more than I usually would be," said McMenamy.

Others, like Jessica Kahn, a sophomore, concentrate on eating healthy even if they can only grab a quick snack. "I love carrots-light bars," said Gahn. "I also eat apples. I try to stick to healthy foods." The snack attack does not have to win, however. Planning is the key.

"I plan everything well so I always have time to sit down and eat," said Bond.

Waking up even 10 minutes earlier provides ample time to have a quick bowl of cereal. You can pack a sandwich before you go to sleep for the next day. Or, if you have break in your schedule, go to the Student Union and grab a meal to go. Also, snacks from home tend to be healthier and are more cost efficient.
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Wednesday, October 23
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Thursday, October 24
Carnival UCF Arena TBA

Friday, October 25
Spirit Splash/Concert
UCF Reflection Pond, 3:30pm
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Saturday, October 26
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