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Public pushed aside for debate

With tickets limited, UCF students are mostly shut out of campus confrontation between Bush, McBride

Tiffany Repecki
Staff Writer

What students anticipated would be an open public debate between gubernatorial candidates Jeb Bush and Bill McBride at UCF on Oct. 22 will now go forth as a statewide televised debate that will exclude most of the general public.

Debate coordinators, who originally planned to distribute tickets to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, eliminated half of the tickets and decided to divide the remainder among campus administrators, trustees, student government leaders and political organizations.

Jeb Bush, Bill McBride debate
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 22
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Student Union

Please see Coordinators on 4

Jeb Bush (left) and Bill McBride (right) will go head-to-head to discuss a number of issues including the death penalty and education.

Graduate students counsel community

Adam Rosche
Staff Writer

For the last three years, UCF has provided free individual, couple and family counseling sessions.

Graduate students work with professors and licensed professionals in helping clients who need counseling. There are six counseling rooms at the Counseling & Testing Center. The rooms are equipped with cameras, earpieces and a voice box that connects to a control room, which allows the licensed professionals and faculty to assess and advise the students with their techniques.

"It's a very hands-on experience for our students and it's a service to the community," said Mike Robinson, director of the center.

The Counseling Center's main focus is to serve the community. All the students have taken the appropriate classes and have some insight about counseling before entering this class and working with patients, Robinson said.

"I've been able to apply what I learned in class to real life," said Jill Tomlinson, a graduate student in counseling.

However, there are certain requirements before a student is allowed to work in the Counseling Center, whether they have taken appropriate classes or not. The student goes through an interview process to make sure they meet the qualifications, which include having good incentives to want to counsel others, being able to establish a relationship with clients and are able to be professional.

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Senators ditch last meeting of term

Sheyla Nieves, Staff Writer

Members of the 34th Student Government Association Senate marked their last meeting last week by playing hooky.

Only nine of the 36 senators showed up for the Senate’s regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 19. Anticipating such a poor turnout, Sen. Jared Schiller had called for a vote a week earlier in a Senate committee meeting that would have required cabinet members to attend the Senate’s last meeting. Yet even Schiller himself skipped the last session, opting instead to attend the annual political "holobob," an off-campus gathering of political candidates sponsored by the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce. Several other cabinet members attended the same event.

"I decided to show my support for UCF by attending the holobob," said Schiller. "I apologize to anyone and everyone."

Schiller was also nominated the vote for food to be purchased for Senate’s last meeting, said he mixed up dates and wanted cabinet members to appear at the first meeting of the newly elected 35th Senate on Oct. 17.

SGA Vice President Brian Battles told the Senate on Oct. 5 that many cabinet members planned to attend the holobob and would miss its last meeting.

However, Battles said he expects all cabinet members to attend the first meeting of the newly elected Senate.

"The climax of the 34th Senate was really disappointing without any official business," said Sen. Premon Takakda, who went to the Senate’s last meeting.

Those who did attend addressed student concerns. Students who faced more snags than others during the just-completed Senate elections agreed that in order to improve future elections, procedures must be clarified.

Problems that arose during included students who were ORK to run but were later disqualified, and criticism from SGA Revuev officials who felt the election was run improperly on their campus.

The election commission had approved Jennifer Mattock and Sen. Shauna Thomas to run for office, but SGA’s Judicial Council later disqualified them because of unsigned paperwork.

Mattock and Thomas said confusion existed when they showed up at the SGA office to make their candidacies formal. Both agreed that SGA officials should better explain the rules to candidates and adhere to them to prevent future confusion.

SGA officials need to designate one spot where students can go to declare their candidacies, said Thomas. That way, SGA officials running elections could correct students who do anything wrong while declaring their candidacy.

SGA officials from the Revuev campaigns voiced concern over no communication and supplies from the election commission stationed at their main campus during the primary elections.

Because of this plans, to allow the SGA coordinator to put up polling stations, election posters and other required material is being worked on, said Sen. Jenn Delk.

Loophole lets some skip summer classes

Florida universities require summer credits, but students can graduate without them.

Laura Stevens, Staff Writer

In order to keep the state university running year-round, Florida requires UCF students to enroll in at least nine hours of summer courses before they can graduate.

But thanks to a loophole, a lot of students are finding a way to bypass that requirement.

Seniors who have not taken any summer classes, but who still have enough credit hours to graduate in December or May - before the next summer term begins - can petition to have that requirement waived, said David Dues, UCF’s dean of students.

"Students are encouraged to meet the requirement," said Dues. "But those who haven’t can petition for a waiver of the requirement.

State lawmakers put the requirement into law in 1968, when the two-quarter calendar was used, and apparently it appears mostly vestigial during summer semesters.

"I think this state requirement was to efficiently use state university tuition resources," said Dues.

Freshman Megan Ceravolo said her UCF orientation leaders emphasized the summer requirement, but there was no discussion about what she could do if she did not fulfill it.

"My orientation leaders didn’t say anything about getting a waiver," she said.

Although Ceravolo was not informed about the petition option, she said her parents were told about it during a parents’ orientation session.

Despite urging students to complete the summer classes, Dues said it is the least important prerequisite for undergraduate graduation.

"It has little to do with the demonstration of knowledge, levels of academic performance or the mastery of important skills," he said.

Compounding the matter for many students is that the classes are no longer covered by the Florida Bright Futures scholarship program. Bright Futures scholarships currently subsidize the education expenses for about 80,000 students statewide.

State Sen. Don Sullivan, R-Largo, was partially in charge of starting the Bright Futures program, and pushed through the legislation that cut scholarship funding by $14.9 million and eliminated the summer scholarships.

But that’s not the only bad news for Bright Futures scholars. Previously, scholarship amounts rose with the cost of college tuition. Under the changes approved by the Florida Legislature, the amount of scholarships will no longer be increased to cover those tuition hikes.

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—David Dues

All this and brains too

Musical theatre major Wesley Miller captured the Mr. UCF 2003 title Saturday night with his ballad, "Where's the Girl?" from the Broadway musical "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Miller competed against nine other UCF men and won a $1,500 cash scholarship, a $600 gift card and an eight-semester book scholarship from the campus bookstore.

An NOC Office any help prevent art programs in public schools by speaking and performing at elementary and high schools in the local area. After graduation, Miller wants to move to New York and pursue a career in musical theatre.

Former Mr. UCF Reid Hill said Miller must enter this year’s contest, said Miller. "Red told me to audition one day in between classes. First I was hesitant, but now I'm so glad I did."
Clinical experience in a controlled setting

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Students are accepted, but they must first go through the Counseling and Testing Center. The center will then refer students who need more serious counseling.

If a patient suffers from these issues or begins to suffer throughout any counseling sessions and it becomes apparent, the sessions are stopped due to the fact that the counselors are still students. In these instances, the patient is referred to another specific institute for further help.

There have been situations where a current client has become suicidal or even a substance abuser, but they are dealt with carefully and sent to a certified counselor, said Rasmus.

"We screen to the best of our ability, but if they go off their meds or something happens during the semester and they become suicidal, we have to assist them."

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Playing the dating game

"Elimidate" comes to town seeking courting candidates

Becky Kulchak Staff Writer

Seniors Ramona Thomas has a boyfriend, but that didn’t stop her from trying to date four guys at once. Thomas wants to serve as the object of desire for four available guys who would shower her with compliments and wine and dine her at the trendiest clubs and bars in downtown Orlando.

While the boys will be working to impress, Thomas will eliminate, or rather eliminate, her dates, until she’s left with one. The last man standing becomes the winner of the dating television show “Elimidate” and his prize is an evening alone with Thomas, or so she hopes.

While Thomas hasn’t made the cut for the dating television show, she is thrilled that “Elimidate” has finally come to Orlando and wants nothing more than to be an elimidate.

“I’m not looking for love, just a good time,” she said.

Thomas says if she makes the show she knows her limits and the thin line between right and wrong that she’ll have to tread.

“If I get on the show, I wouldn’t make out with anyone,” she said. “I’d be the dumpling girl. You don’t have to strip or get all freaky-deaky with the guys for the show to have good ratings.”

Besides, the guys are usually ugly and not worth doing anything I’d regret later,” she said.

Thomas’s boyfriend may be relieved that his girlfriend will remain faithful if she becomes a contestant on the dating show, but like Thomas, senior Beth Barton said the show for most people isn’t about finding love or hooking up. It’s simply about winning a game.

“Sure I have a boyfriend, but it would totally be OK for me to go on the show,” she said. “I know [my boyfriend] would do the same thing if he were in my position. I’d be making him proud. It would be like taking one for the team.”

Even though Barton is happily involved with a boyfriend too, the hard-core “Elimidate” fan, who has compiled hours of the dating show on tapes, is only there to practice her flirting techniques and beat three other women to win the dating show.

Barton is confident she can win based on the tactics she has learned from watching past episodes of the dating show.

“If you are going to be on the show, you have to know the tactics [the other contestants] are going to use,” she said. “I know I wouldn’t have to make out with a guy so win. I would win based on tactics alone.”

The thought of being on the show surrounded by four attractive ladies at once is enough of a thrill for senior Eli Lilly; even though he admits he probably won’t find a serious girlfriend.

“You get to have a lot of chicks just chilling and following your every whim,” Lilly said. “But from what I’ve watched, people don’t fall in love on this show.”

“It has definitely gotten to where all the guys on the show think that they can get the chicks naked — they’re just looking for a booty call at the end of the night. I think I’d have a lot more fun with the other guys.”

Lilly said: “Elimidate” airs at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays on the WB network and at 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., weekdays on WRCF Channel 18.

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Freshmen Stephanie Itstree and Elnor Berkins keep each other company during Wednesday’s “Elimidate” casting call at Tisha Wight."
NEW YORK — Richard Rasheen Waldburg left Jamaica, Queens, to study Criminal Justice at Georgia Southern University and quickly learned a lucrative, illegal lesson in the traffic of firearms – buying cheap guns down South and selling them in New York. It was a process of retailing guns, of meeting with law enforcement officials in Georgia, and of transporting weapons to the burgeoning black market in New York.

Rasheen, a 23-year-old freshman, was arrested in Staten Island on Tuesday, April 15, and charged with 40 counts including racketeering, illegal corporation, and defacing firearms. His arrest was part of a sweeping New York Citywide operation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms that resulted in the seizure of 621 weapons, 416 of which were defaced.

On Friday, local authorities also seized 124 firearms in an arrest of a woman who claimed to be an agent in charge of the New York office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The transplanted New Yorker quickly saw how profitable it could be, spending $100 to purchase a gun that could fetch $800 here.

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The students told investigators they bought guns with money from tuition or student loans, which is in violation of the law. Authorities believe they will link scores more of the defaced guns recovered from the city's crime scene to students on legality Southern campuses.

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Georgia’s lax gun laws main cause

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robery in Conely Island in May, another in a suicide in Long Island City in June, and one was used by a burglar on the upper East side in October.

The Oakwood groups “knew each other but worked separately,” said bureau Special Agent Cameron Conklin.

He said “John Doe” is still in school, but Benson graduated in the spring with an accounting degree. When Conklain went to interview Benson in May, there were balloons with messages of congratulations, and graduation gifts in his apartment.

“They’re not hardened street thugs doing this,” said Conklin. “Most are young, clean-cut, decent kids. They’re taking student loans, gambling that if they buy guns cheap they can flip them quickly to get a lot of money.”

The Oakwood defendants bought all the guns from licensed federal firearms dealer James Longshore, who sold them out of a 3-by-5-foot shed in the rear of his home in Hazel Green, Ala. He advertised his business in the Oakwood school paper, said Shuhai.

“It’s really problematic,” said Frederick. “I think we’ll get more cases out of Huntsville.”

Meanwhile, other defaced guns were turning up here, and when the serial numbers were traced, they pointed to more college students.

Hubert Edwards, 25, of Browndale, Brooklyn, a student at Texas Southern University in Houston, allegedly enlisted three fellow students who lived in the area to act as straw purchasers.

The three, Tyrone Osby, Kylan Savage and Reginald Joiner, bought at least 53 guns, which Edwards drove to his old neighborhood.

Eight of the guns have been recovered so far in Brooklyn. Special Agent Howard Stern said one, a Bryco 8-mm, made a remarkably quick time-to-crime trip. It was bought in Houston on July 1, and wound up in the hands of a 13-year-old youth in Canserio, Brooklyn, on July 7.

The youth told cops he had bought it from another teen, who had purchased it July 4, allegedly from Edwards in an apartment where 50 shiny new guns — with serial numbers removed — were displayed in factory boxes.

Edwards and the other three Texas Southern University students were indicted Sept. 19 by a Brooklyn federal grand jury.

“Students must be made aware of the consequences of buying guns for someone else,” Domenech said. “They don’t think they’ll get caught, but restoring defaced serial numbers has been a crucial step in our investigations.”

The ATF plans a campaign in conjunction with the federal Department of Education, using the slogan “Don’t Lie for the Other Guy” to discourage college students from lying on background checks.

But the trend shows no signs of abating as long as some states have lax gun laws.

Georgia, which does not restrict the number of firearms in a single purchase, has been dubbed “the iron pipeline” because so many guns flow from there.

Atlanta bureau Supervisory Agent David Fields said it’s been a perennial problem: Students in Georgia feeling the black market of weapons in their hometowns.

“By the way, this pipe line” doesn’t have a market like New York, the temptation is greater,” Fields said. “We’re seeing more of them more frequently now.”

Georgia Southern student Waldburg, 24, had lived in the Peach State for more than 90 days, had no criminal record and a Georgia identification card.

He quickly passed background checks at the local pawn shop. He bought one gun in January, then went back and bought nine more in February, according to Fields. Two of his co-students who live in Georgia allegedly bought 30 firearms.

Waldburg’s January purchase, a HiPoint .40-cal pistol, was recovered June 15 in Brooklyn, agents said.

Waldburg didn’t foresee that a defaced gun could be traced right back to him. He pleaded guilty in June in Atlanta to firearms trafficking. He was expelled and is awaiting sentencing, Fields said.

“In their minds these students are just doing it for the money, they don’t think about the consequences,” said Shuhai.

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UC-Berkeley students rally against war in Iraq

STAFF WRITER ADAM STARK

Berkeley students kicked off the campus’s first anti-war protest of the school year Wednesday and promised many more as the United States moves closer to invading Iraq.

"We would like to stop the war before it happens," said junior Michael Smith, a member of the Berkeley Stop the War Coalition, who passed out leaflets to classmates streaming by. "And if we can't do that, we would like to end it as quickly as possible."

Roughly 200 students gathered holding several signs that read "Say No to War." Organizers had hoped for more people.

Observers predicted the student protesters' numbers will grow beyond what the nation saw earlier this year when it bombed Afghanistan. In that case, the United States responded militarily as the victim of a terrorist attack, said UC-Berkeley Prof. John Searle. In this case, the United States would be the aggressor, much like in Vietnam.

"If we go war in Iraq, there will be much more protest," Searle said.

The Bay Area's hard-core activists are already in full flight. Thousands gathered in San Francisco's Union Square last Sunday for an anti-war rally Wednesday. That encouraged students to attend another in the city Thursday organized by numerous anti-war coalitions. Plans call for an all-night candlelight vigil and then non-violent civil disobedience to shut down the Federal Building at the Civic Center on Friday morning.

Freshman Naveed Ahmad watched the Spokane Plaza protest from a slight distance: With all his homework and activities and time spent getting used to college, he hadn't paid much attention to the news recently. He picked up the paper and was shocked to see how close the nation is to war.

He thinks a lot of students are like him, just walking up to the situation.

Shootings intrude on University of Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A campus is an insular place, but not even the columns and brick of the University of Maryland's buildings could keep out the feeling of insecurity brought by the serial shootings that shocked the region in the past six days.

Eight people have died and two others have been seriously injured in gun-related attacks that began last Wednesday evening and continued Monday when a Bowie, Md., middle school student was gunned down. The Bowie incident was 16 miles away from campus in the same county. University authorities have improved security since, with uniformed officers stationed at all campus entrances.

"I feel pretty safe on campus. To me, Maryland is sort of in a security bubble," said senior Tiffany Harris.

Some students don't understand the geography around the campus and do not realize how close the university is in reference to some of the shootings.

Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Bowie, the site of one of the most recent shootings, is, with the College Park campus, in Prince George's County. The campus is also about 10 miles from where James D. Martin was shot at the Shoppers Food Warehouse in Wheaton, Md., and 63 miles from where Pascal Chariot was shot standing on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Kalmia Street in northwest Washington.

"We are an attractive target. Looking at the victims that have been shot, a college student or a police officer are probably high on a list of targets," said University Police Maj. Paul Dillon. "Maryland's counseling center said no student has come in with 10 miles from where James D. Martin was shot at the Shoppers Food Warehouse in Wheaton, Md., and 63 miles from where Pascal Chariot was shot standing on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Kalmia Street in northwest Washington."

"We are an attractive target. Looking at the victims that have been shot, a college student or a police officer are probably high on a list of targets," said University Police Maj. Paul Dillon.

A statement on the university's Web site said officials feel the campus is safe and all students should "exercise due caution and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Maryland's campus would not be a good choice for a gunman because all escape routes are being watched, police said.

"The positions they could take up are endless, and any escape route covered will discourage someone who did make it onto campus," he said.

Police are expected to stay on alert and all activities will go on as planned unless individual organizers decide to cancel them, Dillon said.

Security measures already in place include a walking escort service, door-to-door shuttle service and security cameras located in high-traffic areas on campus.
**Our Stance:**

**Killing us softly: State's views on death penalty**

The death penalty is a major issue in the Florida governor’s race. Although both candidates support capital punishment, Democratic Bill McCollin supports a moratorium on the death penalty, while Republican Jeb Bush continues to sign death warrants.

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, Atkins v. Virginia, outlawed executing mentally ill murderers. Yet last week. Florida executed a woman, Aileen Wuornos, who appeared to be insane.

Wuornos killed six men in the early 1990s. A panel of psychiatrists appointed by Bush judged Wuornos to be legally sane. Yet independent mental health experts disagreed.

Her last words suggest that she was not sane.

Jeb Bush should stop the hatred, and ensure that no more innocent or mentally ill prisoners die at the hands of the state. A moratorium on the death penalty is the only proper response.

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**Our Stance:**

**Raise the bar for student leaders**

The Golden Rule Review Committee wants to raise the minimum GPA for student leaders from 2.5 to 2.8. The committee should make the increase and permanently keep it at 2.5. The GPA requirement applies to students who run student organizations and to students who participate in student government.

Although student leaders have very hectic schedules and bear a lot of responsibility, that does not give them an excuse to neglect their studies. A student’s GPA is not indicative of his or her leadership ability, but student leaders must remember that they attend UCF to get an education first and lead second. Academics must remain student leaders’ top priority.

Besides that, the current minimum GPA of 2.3 barely stands above the 2.0 GPA that students must maintain to attend UCF. Raising the GPA by 0.2 points should not affect that many students, and those student leaders it does affect should not hold leadership positions anyway. If student GPAs are too low, they should focus their attention on their studies rather than leadership. A 2.5 GPA is a solid C average; most students should be able to attain it.

Although the proposed increase in GPA should not affect too many students, UCF should give student leaders some warming and slowly make the change. Give student leaders a semester or two to raise their GPAs. If they cannot make the grades, they should not lead others.

UCF should not raise the GPA any higher than 2.5. Raising the minimum GPA above 2.5 would disproportionately too many students. UCF should not make leadership positions unattainable to average students.

The university should implement the change beginning next fall. That would allow current student leaders on the brink to get their acts together and find a balance between academics and leadership.

UCF should hold student leaders to a higher standard. Leaders, by definition, should set an example for others to follow. If they cannot maintain a 2.5 GPA, they should not lead.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Women’s rights thrive under Bush**

In your last editorial “Women’s rights back­­inished” published Oct. 7, you offer a study con­ducted by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League as evidence that women’s rights suffer under Gov. Jeb Bush’s policies.

Raising a religious protection group whose sole definition of how successful women or how many abortions a woman can get the government to pay for, is hardly evidence of how well women are prospering under Bush’s administration. By all measures, Florida is one of only a handful of states that has experienced job growth in the last year, while the vast majority of states suffered job losses. Thanks to the government’s leadership on tax relief, the tax rate has been reduced in Florida over the last few years, giving new job growth and small business creation.

Very few business owners and enterprises in the state of Florida are women. The majority of women admitted in a Florida public or private university are women. A greater majority of students emerging from Florida schools with bachelor’s degree research degrees or doctoral degrees are female.

If there is an education gap these days, it is among young men who are falling behind.

You mention Gov. Bush appointed Raoul Canteri­­ Hille to be a Supreme Court justice, and state this as being anti-woman. Apparently you over­­looked the fact that the current state supreme court justice, Peggy Quilter, is a woman.

Finally, you cast aspersions on the Florida women’s rights in the state. You offer a study published Oct. 7 as being anti-woman.

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**Correction**

The caption that accompanied the photo in the article “Partnership offers valuable experience” published Oct. 10, incorrectly identified Jason King as Jason King. The caption should have read “Jason King is one of two students participating in a NSF program designed to help coastal college students build their own stations.”
The melting pot calls
the kettle black

HORSE WITH NO NAME

Joey Myers
Staff Writer

I was wrong. No, your eyes did not deceive you. I actually admitted I was wrong. Read on because such admissions are rare.

A few months ago I wrote a point column stating that I felt that the very idea of multiculturalism was racist. I swore that refusing to conform to become a part of the melting pot that our society was as bad as being a Negro.

At that time, I believed that the notion of multiculturalism could be defined as something of a buffet. The peas never wanted to jump in the same pot as the corn because each wanted nothing other than to treat their own policy and their own agenda.

As a single culture would ever work for the benefit of society as a whole on its own, so do the cultural enclaves line out, and thus a melting pot was the best solution to avoid conflict and promote conformity.

So we decided that the best way to keep American strong and safe was to mix all our cultures and ethnic identities together and create an entirely new one—a culture born out of all cultures—the great, white America.

That way no culture or identity would stand more prevalent than the other but really no outsider would threaten the American way of life. And that was just fine with me. I didn’t need any foreigners messing up the ideals that I had grown accustomed to.

In a counterpoint column, a former staff reporter called me ignorant. She admitted that while we were good friends and always got along, my eyes remained closed to the truth about multiculturalism and why it is so important that it exist.

I must apologize to her and admit that she had a very valid point because the celebration of one culture or diversity is a wonderful thing, and multiculturalism is a way for this nation to acknowledge that.

Multiculturalism I realize no longer does nothing with a power struggle for leadership or dominance.

Multiculturalism celebrates heritage, culture, roots—something minorities desperately hold on to, but Euro-Americans have discarded, meshing into a single identity known simply as white.

Why should this nation have to be a melting pot of culture? Why should anyone who moves to this nation have to assimilate to American ideals? Assimilation equates to racism.

The melting pot philosophy suggests that all people who move to this country should become like me—accept my beliefs, my feelings, my fashion and my music.

Diversity and the differences that make each of us individuals are the very things each of us should celebrate.

Diversity recognizes the differences that make this country so great and underlines the notion that non-conformity is permitted and guaranteed as one of our inalienable rights in this nation.

Multiculturalism embraces all cultures and allows them to exist without infringing on the freedoms of another. It also opens the minds and eyes of people like me, who are very likely to ignore other cultures, to change my mind and embrace the myth that multiculturalism exists to bring America down.

Columnist Joey Myers can be reached at joeymyers@fau.edu

Letters to the Editor

I enjoyed your adopted "true name" feature especially on Peta, I published Oct. 2. However, you were mistaken on one very important thing. The renaming of a column was a news conference, not an open forum.

It was a press conference about the elections, which is why all the campus media outlets were notified. I spoke about our project as well so that the press could be informed about them so that I didn’t have to separate interviews with everyone.

However, it was not the first time for general students to do open forums either, which would be the case at an open forum.

We are not always thriving, though about the open forums. When we do have them, we will promote it on all campus screens.

—MARIO PENA
Student Body President

Weeks six to fight bio-terrorism? Try four

Over reading your article, "Students struggling to fight bio-terrorism," by Allyson Mitrovic published Oct. 1, I am saddened that the writer could not see us as simple as the length of a study showing how much bio-paper has been advertising the study for weeks. In the article, there are two specific sentences wherein the duration of the selection is listed as six weeks.

As a participant in this study, I endured and lived through only one week long or more specifically 30 days that a person passing in this study is under observation. If you cannot get just a simple direct to that you could be setting up an open forum to talk about taboo issues.

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Emily Watts (13) had 14 kills, 13 days and four blocks in UCF's win over Gardner Webb.

UCF continues streaking

CRAIG BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The Golden Knights extended their winning streak to eight matches with wins over Campbell and Gardner-Webb last weekend. UCF improved to 7-0 in the Atlantic Sun and 13-9 overall.

The Knights needed the minimum three games to defeat A-Sun newcomer Gardner-Webb on Saturday. The Knights won the games 30-19, 30-21 and 30-27.

Leyre Santaella San and Emily Watts led UCF, which out-hit the Running Bulldogs .440-.174. Watts hit .619 with 14 kills, 13 digs and four blocks, while Chua Zerah had eight kills with 20 errors.

Bethune-Cookman still winless against Knights

The Golden Knights continued their dominance of Bethune-Cookman with a 3-1 (30-24, 27-30, 30-16, 30-17) win Tuesday. The Wildcats' one win was the first time they'd taken a game from UCF.

Jarvis stole the show, recording a season-high 17 kills and 16 digs.

"It takes all of us to make it work," Jarvis said. "We are confident in each other."

Sante led UCF in kills with 19 and put up five service aces, with four to finish off the last game.

Frank just missed a triple-double with 19 assists, 11 digs and nine kills.

Knights return to Orlando

The Golden Knights come home for a pair of games. They play South Florida on Tuesday and Belmont on Friday.

"We are prepared, playing more as a team now," Sante said in reference to the string of wins that UCF has been enjoying.

Andrea Curry (above) scored a rushing touchdown in the first quarter. Ryan Schneider (right) threw for 147 yards with three touchdowns.

UCF takes home its first MAC victory

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Kalamazoo, Mich. — With 45 seconds left in the game Saturday, UCF led Western Michigan by four points, but the Broncos were on the Golden Knights' seven-yard line.

That's when cornerback Asante Samuel wade the biggest play of his career. The senior over ran Bronco quarterback Chad Munson's pass, but still managed to pick it off on the two-yard line, preserving a 31-27 UCF win.

"Big, big, big play. They don't come any bigger than that. The closing seconds of the ballgame with the game on the line.
Kuhlman recorded sixth shutout

Kristy Shonka
STAFF WRITER

UCF goalie Jessica Kuhlman recorded her sixth shutout of the season Friday with a 5-0 win over Siena. The Knights continued their dominance over Atlantic Sun teams, remaining undefeated in the conference this season. UCF is 8-0 in A-Sun play and 10-3 overall.

The Knights out-shot the Bears 17-4 and Kuhlman needed just one save to record her 10th career shutout and move her into sixth all-time in career shutouts.

Eshelman scored the only goal of the first half on a left-footed chip shot over four keepers. Kuhlman needed just one save to record her 10th career shutout and move her into sixth all-time in career shutouts.

The three-yard line. UCF’s defender Ben Mowbray grabbed the loose ball and scored the Knights’ first lead of the game, 28-24.

After giving up a 50-yard catch on WMU’s next drive, the UCF defense held the Broncos to a 25-yard field goal and preserving a 38-27 UCF lead. The Knights added another touchdown with 5:46 left in the game, a 71-yard drive that took almost seven minutes off the clock. The Broncos marched down the field on their final drive and with less than a minute to go and WMU on UCF’s seven-yard line it looked like UCF was going to lose another close one on the road. Then Sam D’Ottavio recorded his second interception of the game and all Schneider had to do was knock down to run out the remaining 36 seconds.

“It gets hairy like that, but we’ve been in enough of these games. It’s unnecessary not anything new, but we came out on the positive side and that’s what great,” D’Ottavio said.

Added Fryzel: “I hate these kinds of games, but you like them when they come out like this.”

Schneider completed 31-of-43 passes for 341 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Fryzel led UCF with seven catches for 113 yards and a touchdown. Gabriel totaled 260 all-purpose yards between rushing, receiving and returning yards.

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Inside the Numbers

3
The number of picks by the UCF defense.

237
The number of combined receiving yards by seniors Jimmy Fryzel and Doug Gabriel.

36
The number of rushing yards the defense held the Broncos to.

0
The number of times before Saturday Western Michigan had lost back-to-back home games under Gary Darrall. The Broncos lost their previous home game to Virginia Tech on Sept. 28.

Fryzel has career game

CHRIS BERNHARDT SPACEWATER

For four years wide receiver Jimmy Prytal has been a steady presence in the UCF passing game. But never before has he had a game like he did against Western Michigan. The senior had one reception of 113 yards and seven receptions. And he scored his first touchdown of the season when he and Ryan Schneider connected on a 12-yard strike just before halftime.

Fryzel also extended his streak of conservative gains with a catch. He now has at least one reception in his last 26 games. That ties him with Todd Cleveland for fifth in school history.

Knights pick passes

With two interceptions by Asante Samuel and another by Carlos Thompson, UCF now has eight for the season. The team had seven all last year.

And they could have had more. Samuel had a chance to pick off two other passes early in the game but couldn’t hang on. The senior has three on the year, which is already a career-best. He had four career picks coming into the season.

Line protects Schneider well

For the first time all season, UCF started its projected offensive line. Taylor Robertson returned to his right guard spot, joining Kyle Watkins, Mike Mahay, David Ashelman and Brian Huff.

They faced a Western Michigan team that came in with 17 sacks on the year, but “The Mount” protected its castle, subjecting Schneider to just one sack. It was the first sack UCF had given up in three games after allowing eight in the first two games.

But most impressive was how well they handled Western Michigan defensive end Jason Babin. Babin came in leading the MAC with eight sacks, but was held sackless by the UCF offensive line. Much of the credit belongs to left tackle Brian Huff. The senior blocked Babin most of the game.

Inside the Numbers

4
The number of sacks by the UCF defense.

9
The number of tackles by safety Alani Bigby in his first game back since severely spraining his ankle against Marshall.

20
The number of times UCF ran the ball without starting tailback Alex Haynes.

MAC Scoreboard

UCF

Western Michigan 31

Bowling Green 45

Central Michigan 35

Northern Illinois 48

Miami 34

Eastern Michigan 27

Ohio 55

Liberty 21

Akron 49

Buffalo 21

Marshall 66

Ball State 37

Toledo 37

LEADERS:

Passing:

Schneider: 34-51, 341 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT

Brown: 0-0-0, 0 yards, 0 TD

Rushing:

Schneider: 31-145, 4 rushing TDs

Brown: 0-0-0, 0 rushing yards, 0 rushing TDs

Receiving:

Fryzel: 8-113 yards, 1 TD

Brown: 0-0-0, 0 yards, 0 TD

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Reserves pick up the slack, blunders continue

FROM PAGE 14

Blunders continue

Penalties, turnovers and dropped passes have haunted UCF all season. And they rained their ugly hands again against Western Michigan.

The Golden Knights got penalized 12 times for 74 yards in the game. They came in with 23 penalties for 274 yards this season.

They also turned the ball over three times, upsetting their season total to 17. Schneider was intercepted twice and wide receiver Tasintios Capers fumbled on a swing pass early in the first quarter. Western Michigan scored 17 points off those turnovers, seven coming off Jason Malley's 49-yard interception returned for a touchdown. That's the third interception returned for a touchdown UCF has allowed this season, a school record.

And in the first quarter, wide receiver Doug Gabriel dropped a pass near the goal line after taking a big hit.

Reserve shine

Reserve wide receivers Luther Hippolyte and Ivory Gaskins each made an impact. Hippolyte scored his first touchdown of the season when Schneider found him in the end zone in the second quarter. The sophomore came into the game with just four receptions.

Gaskins had two catches for 40 yards, surpassing his season totals of two and 12 respectively. Both catches came on the same quarter drive and set up a 29-yard field goal attempt, which place-kicker Matt Prater missed.

Boiling point, a backup defensive end, recored the first sack of his UCF career. The defensive end transferred from Southwest Missouri State College last spring.

Third quarter slump comes back

Until his last game, UCF had failed to score in the third quarter all season. Then they put 20 points on the board in third quarter of the home opener against Liberty two weeks ago. But the problems resurfaced against Western Michigan.

Despite getting a huge momentum swing by tying the game late in the second quarter and opening the second half with possession, UCF failed to score a single point in the third quarter for the fourth time in five games.

Matt Prater missed a 29-yard field goal during the third quarter drive and set up a touchdown return for a touchdown.

Injury report

As expected, starting tailback Alex Haynes did not play against Western Michigan and didn't even make the trip. Neither did his backup, Keith Williams. Both are nursing ankle sprains. Backup fullback D'Coren Brown and Andre Curry picked up the slack.

Brown rushed 10 times for 42 yards and Curry had three-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Three starters did return after missing some action. Strong safety Alan Bigby and linebacker Chris Plutino both played after sitting out the Liberty game with ankle injuries. And Robertson returned after missing two games with a sprained thumb.

Gurteet McClary, who started the year at right tackle and moved to right guard when Robertson went down, didn't play and is out for the remainder of the year after blowing out his right knee in practice last week. The injury ends the senior's collegiate career.

Freshman linebacker James Cook broke a finger on his left hand defending the opening kickoff. Classmate De Williford pulled his groin.

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**Faux reunion, true frivolity**

Linnea Brown  
**Staff Writer**

"Dude, I am all over this spinach dip," my former high school classmate shivered drunkenly, taking a sloppy swig of beer.

Twenty years after graduation, he was still wearing his cheesy purple and yellow Fighting Flounders letterman jacket, carrying around a tattoo of beer.

"Fighting Carola, my former school sweetheart who promptly dumped him when he lost his job, had no change a bit since the last football reunion would play out. And he was still wearing his letterman jacket, carrying around a tattoo of beer.

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The show is for anyone who has ever wondered how his or her 20-year high school reunion would play out. And let's be realistic. Who wants to attend a legitimate reunion when you can have a blast at a staged one and believe it is yours instead.

Almost two hundred Orlando residents and tourists pay $25 each weekend to attend the staged reunion where they can wine, dine and party reunion-style at the fictional United Brotherhood of Yaks Lodge in Lake Minne Vista. Friday and Saturday nights.

CRAIG BROOKS  
**Staff Writer**

Like everyone else, UCF freshman Brandon Harrington is a partisan when it comes to sports. He has his favorite teams, players — even broadcasters.

"They should have never lost Dennis Miller," he said. "He was the glue that held it all together."

Every Monday night, it's not Miller, but rather football itself that draws UCF students together. "Monday Night Football," for which Miller served up color commentary for two years until this season, is a televised institution with appeal to more than just football fans.

"It is a good excuse to party," said freshman Jen Marks. "That excuse also allows sports fans to continue their weekend obsession into the work week. The frenzy starts at 9 p.m. Mondays, as it has every Monday night of the National Football League season for the past 33 years. "Monday Night Football" is the longest-running, prime-time sports broadcast in television history.

UCF students are no different than any other fans when it comes to clearing their weekly calendar and settling down with friends and food for the televised ritual.

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Upcoming Activities

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
CAB Spectacular Knights: Miss UCF Tryouts begin Tuesday October 15. Info packets available in the Office of Student Activities, SU Rm. 208. Applicants must sign up in advance for an audition time.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
3 pm Homecoming Organizational Meeting, SU 316D
11 am - 2 pm VUCF: Green Ribbon Day, SU South Patio
4 pm - 7 pm CAB Spectacular Knights: Miss UCF Tryouts, Mod 5 Rm 105
8 pm Tuesday Knight Live - Comedian Flipp Shultz, Wackadoo's

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
12 pm - 2 pm Cultural Arts Concert @ the Union, SU South Patio
4 pm - 7 pm CAB Spectacular Knights: Miss UCF Tryouts, Mod 11 Rm 105
7:30 pm ECXEL: "Being a Leader Others Want to Follow," A Diversity Week Event. SU 224

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
4 pm - 7 pm CAB Spectacular Knights: Miss UCF Tryouts, Mod 5 Rm 105
8 pm - 12 am Cultural Arts: Thursday Knight Live, Academic Village 1 & 2
5 pm - 7 pm VUCF Best Buddies. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 4:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
4 pm - 7 pm CAB Spectacular Knights: Miss UCF Tryouts, Mod 11 Rm 105
9 pm - 2 am Late Knights, Rec. and Wellness Center. Featuring Doug Bradley "Pinhead" at 10:30 pm and the movie Hellraiser at 12:30 am in the Wired Cafe.
9 pm - 2 am Haunted Arboretum, UCF Arboretum

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
5 pm - 10 pm VUCF Kids' Knight Out at the UCF Football Game. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 4:15.
9 pm - 2 am Haunted Arboretum, UCF Arboretum

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
Homecoming Week Begins

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
3:30 pm VUCF Chili With Children Halloween Edition, Lake Claire

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
4 pm VUCF Halloween Spooktacular. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 3:30 pm

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Roommate matching a game of chance

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"After living with her for about a year," she said, "I had enough."

For many students, going off to college means more than just their first time away from home. It's also their first time sharing living quarters with a virtual stranger. Adjusting to another roommate's way of life can be impossible, even if that person is a close friend. While some differences are a matter of learning to adjust, others find their roommates to be insufferable because they are just plain nopes.

Some living situations are so bad that they ruin friendships. Senior Jessica Edmonson experienced this firsthand when she moved in with someone who was her close friend at the time.

While moving in with her friend may have appeared to be a good idea in the beginning, in retrospect, she admits it was a huge mistake.

That nightmare included a dog that wasn't housebroken; a boyfriend with a key to their apartment that came and went as he pleased and a series of rent checks that bounced like rubber balls. It was unbearable, Edmonson said.

On top of everything else, Edmonson's roommate stole money from her. Upon moving out, the landlord gave the return deposit to the roommate. Edmonson never saw her share.

"At the time I went to Florida State University and I came to UCF just to get away from her," said Edmonson. "We were colleagues, but in no way, we aren't anymore."

Sometimes the battle between roommates can become quite heated. Literally.

Senior Victor Leonard's roommates are constantly jockeying the air conditioner controls. First hot, then cold and then back to hot again. Back and forth the dial swings. It is a never-ending battle that Leonard endures through every day.

"One minute you're freezing to death, the next you're sweating your butt off! There is never a constant," he said. "The situation with the air conditioner would be minimal if his boyfriend, who also suffers through the apartment's extreme climate changes, would not stand up for her all the time."

That is not the only problem Leonard faces, though. Another of his roommates has come close to destroying their entire apartment.

Leonard's apartment is equipped with gas appliances; one of those appliances is a gas range.

"I came home after being gone for the weekend and was hit with an overwhelming stench when I walked through the door," Leonard said. "Turns out my roommate had left one of the burners on our gas oven running all night when she left to go to her boyfriend's. It took nearly four hours to finally get the gas and its horrible odor out of our apartment. It's a good thing I don't smoke otherwise I'd be dead."

Other students face problems of a more serious nature. An illegal nature.

The fact that his former roommates were abnormally loud was the least of ALL Miazad's problems.

Miazad's roommates were doing drugs inside their apartment on regular basis.

"The cops normally came in at midnight to do an inspection," said Miazad. "They searched all of our rooms. The cops found everything with them in their possession so they later removed and separated them.

Senior Anna Ambrose also had to summon police to arbitrate a violent argument that her former roommate and Ambrose had one evening two years ago after several months of bickering.

"He was crazy," Ambrose said. "My roommate was a 17-year-old, alcoholic-junkie."

"He came home drunk and high all the time. He threw beer cans down the halls and threw spaghetti on the walls when she got mad and threatened to key my door," Ambrose said. "Our hostility for one another all began when I wrote her a note and told her to ask permission before she ate my food and replace what she ate."

Ambrose said the evening she was forced to call the police was the same day her roommate was finally evicted.

"She barged into my room, hunged at me and tried to punch me in the face," Ambrose said. "I finally called the police and they arrested her in our apartment."

"She was drunk and kept yelling at me in police handcuffed her. Have them arrest me, see if I cared!"

After months of pleading with her apartment complex's leasing office to remove her roommate for throwing parties, physically threatening her and smoking inside their non-smoking apartment, Ambrose was only able to convince leasing managers to remove her roommate with a copy of her police report.

"The leasing people did nothing to help me, which was really frustrating," she said. "I was so miserable living there, and I kept every threatening note she left me, recorded every violent thing she did to try to get her evicted, and the most they [leasing managers] offered to do was hold a mediated meeting between her and I and a leasing manager."

"Meetings don't get the message across to people who are drunk and high and throwing spaghetti on the walls."

-Jeff Peterman, Senior The views of this contributor do not necessarily reflect the views of the student newspaper.
try out of its long and severe economic crisis. (It is a common street scene in Buenos Aires that politicians, once they are identified by passersby as targets of insults and spitting.) If the bill passes, all congressional and presidential candidates would be required not only to prove they have paid their taxes and to disclose any criminal records but also to submit to psychiatric exams to assure voters that they are emotionally fit to hold office.

**Lest protests**

A formerly obese woman organized a "mill­ion-pound march" for Ottawa in October to protest the Ontario Parliament's proposed fund­ing ofelief ear surgery on stomach-stapling surgery. (Attendance was about 400,000 pounds short.) And to protest unemployment in Ecuador, in July, about 600 women held hundreds of workers captive inside an oil terminal and threatened to take off their clothes, which Nijerians regard as gravely shocking. And in

Bordem, illustrated

A 15-year-old boy was sent to Sherm­an Hospital in Elgin, Ill., in September with second­degree burns after he and two pals started play­ing a game in which each would splash gasoline on their shorts and set themselves on fire before rolling on the ground to try to extinguish the flames. One of the boys told police they agreed to three rounds each as sort of competition.
Audience, performers an entertaining combo

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For $28, reunion guests enjoy a children Parmesan entree and choice of key lime or chocolate pie, as well as an unlimited supply of wine and beer. Co-producer, co-creator and co-director John DiDonna explained that the show is more of a party than a theatrical experience, since the characters out at the guests' tables and interact with them directly.

"The sets are given tremendous freedom within their roles," he said. "Each cast member has a three-page character biography and 20 pages of relationship history with the other characters, so all of them can play in character and remain quite easily with everyone else.

The two-hour dinner show is meticulously designed to mock seriousness to resemble a campy reunion for the class of '82, cursed since the high school reunion that wasn't something!" I replied. "Or something!"

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