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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.

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Dr. Scott Rasmussen, clinic coordinator, evaluates counseling sessions from the control room at the Community Counseling Clinic. Each room is equipped with cameras, ear pieces and microphones that allow counseling sessions to be viewed and taped so the sessions can be critiqued.

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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, ear pieces and a voice box that connects to a control room, which allows the licensed professionals 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 missed their usual meeting last week by playing hooky.

Only nine of the 30 senators showed up for the Senate's regular meeting scheduled on Oct. 10. 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 "hobnob," an off-campus gathering of political endorsements sponsored by the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce. Several other cabinet members attended the same event.

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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 universities 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.

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Clinical experience in a controlled setting

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mum GPA of 3.0, score of 1000 on the GRE, the graduate admissions school exam, and have three letters of recommendation.

The professors have high expectations because they want to see each student succeed and do well, Tomlinson said.

"A really quality program has a good clinic facility," Robinson said.

It is mandatory that students in this program attend an orientation in which different techniques are discussed. They are also required to keep all cases confidential. If this confidentiality is ever broken, students will be dismissed from the program.

This clinic offers a free service directed mainly for people who suffer from anxiety, depression, family issues or a loss of personal security and benefit.

"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."

Coordinators design debate to resemble ‘Meet the Press’ program

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UCF’s administration will receive 35 tickets; the Student Government Association will get 15. Another 30 tickets will be evenly split between UCF’s College Republicans and College Democrats, for a total campus allotment of 80.

Event sponsors WESH Channel 2 and the Orlando Sentinel will each receive up to 75 tickets, and each candidate’s campaign will get 15 tickets.

Coordinators of the debate decided to exclude the general public to make the event more formal, said Kent Morton, managing editor of WESH.

"A smaller audience [was] preferable than a large audience," Morton said. "It’s going to be more [of a] ‘Meet the Press’ style program."

"There wasn’t going to be thousands of people to begin with," Morton said.

WCNC’s Tim Russert will moderate the debate, which Morton expects will be "live — give-and-take on issues of major importance."

A room in the Student Union will be open to the public to watch the live debate. Those at home can watch the same broadcast on WESH.

"Education is such a key issue during this campaign [that WESH] thought UCF would be a good fit," Morton said.

"UCF is happy to have it here because it brings good attention to the university," said Linda Greg, director of university relations. "We’re delighted to get that kind of attention."

Senior Kyle Consider, chairman of the UCF College Republicans, said that the event would serve as a great experience for club members who have never attended a debate.

Consider said the club’s members have spent most of their time working on behind-the-scenes campaigning — holding fundraisers, press events and barbecues for volunteers.

Consider and UCF College Democrats President Lindsey Ellerbick both said they will distribute their allotted tickets to club members who have participated the most in each organization’s service projects.

Those projects have included phone banking, canvassing or precinct walking and attending social events.

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Playing the dating game

"Elimidate" comes to town seeking courting candidates

REBECCA KULCHAK STAFF WRITER

Senior 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 she know her prize is an evening alone with Thomas. While Thomas hasn't made the cut for the dating television show, she is thrilled that the winner of the dating television show will be a boyfriend, but that didn't stop her from trying to date four guys at once.

"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 got on the show, I wouldn't make out with anyone," she said. "I'd be the dumser 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:

"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. Sunday, weekdays on WKCF Channel 18.

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LATEST CONDUIT FOR ILLEGAL GUNS IS 'IRON PIPELINE' FROM SOUTHERN COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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 profound supply of cheap guns down South filled the demand for weapons on his home turf.

He was part of a group of students at the Staten Island-based university who bought at least 45 guns to New York, authorities say, and a member of a growing familiarity among college gunrunners.

Men and women who escaped the city's bullet-ridden neighborhoods to attend college in the Deep South have brought hundreds of cheap firearms back to New York for sale to others who have used them in burglaries, an attempt home invasion robbery and other crimes.

In less than two years, authorities say, some 800 guns were transported to the city by students with no prior criminal records who bought the weapons in Georgia, Alabama, Texas and other states.

The alarming trend was uncovered in the last six months.

One student from Oakland College in Huntsville, Ala., took orders for 9-mm. and .380 semiautomatics for Brooklyn gun peddlers. Another Oakland student drove a car with a trunk load of guns around Florida, East Coast and Brooklyn, looking for customers.

Another case involves 29 guns trafficked by a student from Brooklyn who attends Clarksdale College in Michigan. A third student from Jamaica started a gun smuggling operation that sent weapons to Brooklyn.

The patterns we've seen developing, where New York City residents enrolled in colleges and universities across America are buying guns and bringing them back to New York, must be addressed and stopped.

So far, 40 of the weapons have turned up in crimes here. Law enforcement officers are looking for guns smuggled from the south, but new technology retrieved the digits, and there is no way to stop the flow.

Retired NYPD ballistic detective Antonio Colon now works for the bureau, recovering scratched-off digits on guns used in crimes. Of the 40 guns recovered in the city so far this year, Colon has been able to raise 416 completed numbers and 171 partial numbers.

Authorities believe they will link scores more of the defaced guns recovered from the city's crime scene to students on lead Southern campuses.

The transfixed New Yorkers quickly saw how profitable it could be, spending $100 on a gun that could fetch $800 here.

"I think the real rub is guys from the hood, the first couple of times they buy one, two or three guns, then realize how easy it is, and they get a business going," said supervisory agent Billy Fredericks of the Joint Firearms Task Force, run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the NYPD.

The students told investigators they bought guns with money from tuition or student loans.

The task force has six cases pending, and several investigations in early stages involving New York and New Jersey students who attend Southern and Midwestern colleges.

The tally of guns they brought to the metropolitan area since early 2001 could top 1,000, agents said.

The probes began in March, when a United Parcel Service worker in Huntsville discovered seven defaced guns in a package addressed to a home in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

The serial numbers were raised, and the firearms were traced back to Sean Gage, 27, originally from Canarsie, and David Cassinsky, 22, of Valley Stream, L.I.

They were attending Oakland College, a Seventh Day Adventist school in the bucolic Tennessee Valley.

"I needed quick money," was Gage's excuse, according to NYPD Sgt. Charles Giglio of the task force.

At one point, Gage allegedly drove around East Flatbush with a car trunk full of firearms, openly soliciting customers, agents said.

When confronted by investigators last spring, Gage and Cassinsky "were worried if they'd be able to graduate," said Detective Peter Shanahan.

The serial numbers and a third student were indicted in August in Alabama on federal trafficking charges for purchasing 71 firearms and bringing them to three Brooklyn men who resold them on the streets. So far five have turned up on suspects arrested throughout the city.

There was a second set of gunrunners at Oakwood. A Bronx man known as "John Doe" in court papers because he has not been charged yet, allegedly bought 79 guns and removed the serial numbers with an engraving tool.

His alleged accomplice, Kenneth Benson, 23, an Alabama man, purchased 25 guns. Of the 119 sold by 2002. All winners.

"John Doe" allegedly bought guns for two New York men, Brian Williams and Denziny Fryfield, who were arrested on Sept. 9 and charged with firearms dealing.

One of the guns was used by a gang planning a home invasion.

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National Briefs

UC-Berkeley students rally against war in Iraq

BERKELEY - A dozen University of California-Berkeley students kicked off the campus's first anti-war protest of the school year last 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 classmatess streaming by him. "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 boomed 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 to war in Iraq, there will be much more protest," Searle said.

The Bay Area's hard-core activists are already in full tilt. 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 Naheed Ahmed watched the Sproul 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 waking 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 struck the region in the past six days.

Eight people have died and two others have been seriously injured in gunmetal attacks that began last Tuesday evening and con-
tinued 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," 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 the most recent shooting, 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 6.3 miles from where Pascal Charlot 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 serious concerns about the shootings.

"The shootings have created a level of anxiety, especially being out in the open on campus, and the fact that one happened in Prince George's County makes it even worse," said junior Rashodah Ahmed.

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 hightraffic areas on campus.
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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, Democrat Bill McBride 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.

"Yes, I'd like to say I'm sailing with the rock," said Wuornos, minutes before she died. "And I'll be back, like 'Independence Day' with Jesus. June 8th, like in the movie. Big mother'ship and all. I'll be back."

Bush should not execute people to death so hastily. In light of the Supreme Court's decision, and with the ongoing revelations of new evidence that has exonerated many people on death row, Florida should impose a moratorium on the death penalty. More than 100 women have been removed from death row in the U.S., and an astonishing 24 of them were in Florida.

The death penalty is inhumane. Killing people is wrong, no matter who does it. As evidence continues to surface proving that people have been wrongly convicted, particularly in Florida, the time has come for the state to stop executing people, at least until it can establish clear guidelines for execution.

In addition, the death penalty stirs up hatred in the victims' families. Normally good people become vengeful and vitriolic as the execution approaches.

"I think she should have suffered a little bit more," said the daughter of one of Wuornos's victims. "Use the electric chair. Let her legs kick, and UCLA come out of her ears."

Convicted killers deserve harsh punishment, but killing them only propagates hatred.

Keep murderers imprisoned for life, take away the amenities that prisoners enjoy, and put them to work. There is a better way to deal with violent criminals than killing them. Florida should stop the hatred, and ensure that no more innocent or mentally ill prisoners die at the hams of the state. A moratorium on the death penalty is the only proper response.

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 2.6. 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 GPA's are that 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 warning 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 affect 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.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

—ALBERT EINSTEIN

Letters to the Editor

Women's rights thrive under Bush

In your last editorial "Women's rights blossoms" 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.

Relying on a pro-reproductive group's study of how successful women can be when many women are either in the government or in the hands of businesses, the authors argue that the state's pro-life policies are preventing women from achieving their goals.

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The melting pot calls for the kettle black

HORSE WITH NO NAME

I was wrong. My eyes did not deceive me. I admitted I was wrong. Read on, because such admissions are rare.

A few months ago I wrote a four-column editorial stating that I felt that the notion of multiculturalism was not valid. I swore that refusing to conform to become a part of the melting pot that our society is was as bad as being a bigot.

At that time, I believed that the notion of multiculturalism would be defined as something of a buffet. The penis never was able to jump in the same pot as the norm because each wanted nothing other than to trust their own policy and their own agenda.

No single culture would ever work for the benefit of society as a whole in the same individual or ethnic line, and thus a melting pot was the best solution to avoid conflict and create a new, more accurate, more complete version of itself. Through multiculturalism, we were all able to merge into our society as a novelistic Chinese restaurant, Irish pub and dance club all at once.

Sure, we were happy to have fresh egg rolls that we could buy from the Asian restaurant, hot dogs from the American, and a pint of Guinness at a local Irish tavern and brag that we were good friends and always got along, my eyes remained wide open 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 is nothing to do with a power struggle for leadership or dominance.

Multiculturalism celebrates heritage, culture, roots — sometimes things desperately held on to, but Euro-Americans have discarded, meshes into a single identity known simply as white. Why should this nation have to be a melting pot of cultures? 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 up all individuals are the very things that make this country 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 mindset and erase the myth that multiculturalism exists to bring America down.

Columbus, Ohio

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Joey Myers

Sta Wafler

Letters to the Editor

I enjoyed your editorial "True turn-out rarely offsets Pava," published Oct. 2. However, you were mistaken on one very important point. The reason I called was a news conference, not an open forum.

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

However, I was not the first for general students to do over issues, which would be the case in an open forum.

We put it all together, briefly, about the open forums. When we do have one, we will promote it and alert campus media outlets to the details.

— MARIO PEDA

Student Body President

Six weeks to fight bio-terrorism? Try four

After reading your article "Students need to fight bio-terrorism," by Jerry DiLorenzo published Oct. 1, I am saddened that the author did not mention that in a week of a study showing how much a person has been advertising the study for weeks. In the article, there are two specific questions where the definition of the outlined is used in six weeks.

As a participant in this study, I am embarrassed to say that I only have a few weeks or maybe no days because the person examining the study is under observe. If you cannot get a single detail of help, I suggest you just get writing after

Editor’s note: The Editorial Board of The Florida Review was not aware that the author studied in six weeks, and included a week of knowing people before an individual can receive an advanced, followed by four weeks of observation. The future story is expected.

Pea plans open forum for students

After reading your article "Students need to fight bio-terrorism," by Jerry DiLorenzo published Oct. 1, I am appalled to find that your paper an unreserved number of information, it opens me that I cannot trust the validity of a publication that would be published in the local media. To be blunt, I don’t, and to write the article.

Also, I am somewhat disappointed that your article did not reflect positively the movement to key word the studies in the news section rather than running it in the opinion section.

This article produced better for the opinion section of the paper. By only quoting two people, we were both left questions opened to the idea of the presentation, I further

enhanced your biased opinion.

The study participant, demographics, and name did not have any problems, but would not volunteer for another study, according to the author.

Well, in a week they went — the other four had 100% of the blood, and by then the researcher had not run this study and that it is better than the one is supposed to be, so it is not very likely that they will be released to the public.

I am very nueva in your research and your representation of new.

— AMY HEMING

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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:te 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 Chux Jenz had eight kills with no 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 return 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.

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 made the biggest play of his career. The senior over ran Bronco quarterback Chad Musson’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,"

PI.EASE SEE Samuel ON 13
to make an interception, you hope your seniors come up big in those situations and he did that in the kind of the football game," said defensive coordinator Bill D’Ottavio.

Senior wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel said that this win brings an offense and defense together.

"When the defense was on the field and on special teams there wasn’t one offensive player sitting on the bench," he said. "We had everybody up, lined up, yelling at the defense. Even had a little chant going. I was down in the corner praying.

The win gave the Knights their first Mid-American Conference win after joining the conference before the start of the season. It was UCF’s first road win since Sept. 22, 2001 when the Knights beat Tulane 34-21 in New Orleans.

UCF got on the board first with a seven-yard touchdown reception on a nine play, 77-yard drive on its first possession.

"I think our kids were feeling their way out a little bit on that turf," said D’Ottavio. "It was a little bit slick. I didn’t think we played as crisp and sharp as we could have coming out of the block."

The Broncos scored again just over a minute later following a fumble by UCF wide receiver Tavares Capers. Sam Reynolds returned it 97 yards to the UCF five-yard line, two plays later Jumaane connected with Philip Reed for a touchdown.

The Knights found themselves in early 14-point deficit, but cut it to seven on their next drive. Schneider connected with Fryzel (who on the drive for 15 and 12 yards, the last catch put the ball at WMU’s seven-yard line and a roughing the passer penalty gave UCF the ball on the three-yard line.

On the next play Andreal Curry ran the ball in for a touchdown. It was UCF’s first rush of the game. Schneider connected with Luther Huggins and Fryzel in the second quarter and the Knights went into the locker room tied 21-21.

UCF failed to score in the third quarter for the fourth time this season, but with 1:50 left in the game Schneider and Gabriel connected on a 12-yard touchdown to give the Knights their first lead of the game, 28-24.

After giving up a 30-yard catch on WMU’s next drive, the UCF defense held the Broncos to a 32-yard field goal and preserving a 38-27 UCF lead. The Knights added a field goal with 5:46 left in the game in a 15 play, 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 Reynolds recorded his second interception of the game and TMQ had to do was knock down to run out the remainder of the clock.

"It gets hairy like that, but we’ve been in enough of those games. It’s unfortunately 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 45 passes for 341 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Fryzel led UCF with seven catches for 113 yards and a touchdown. Gabriel totaled 236 all-purpose yards between rushing, receiving and returning yards.

Kuhlman records sixth shutout

**Kristy Shonka**

STAFF WRITER

UCF goalie Jessica Kuhlman recorded her sixth shutout of the season Friday with a 5-0 win over Stetson. The Knights continued their dominance over Atlantic Sun teams, remaining undefeated in the conference this season. UCF is 5-0 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.

Becca Abelman scored the only goal of the first half on a left-footed chip shot off a corner kick by Lauren Berry. That goal would be all the Knights needed, but Amanda Sidor and Jennifer Montgomery would add goals in the second half.

Sidor scored off a deflection on a lobbed shot to the top left corner of the net at the 64:51 mark. Montgomery scored on a pass from Courtney Baines in the 86th minute.

The Knights remain in first place in the A-Sun, while the Bears drop to 0-7 in the conference and 4-12 overall.

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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, slid 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 tat-ted football and babbling loudly about Carla, his high school sweetheart who promptly dumped him when he lost his football scholarship.

Nope, Blaine Dickerson hadn't changed a bit since the last school reunion. All my rowdy friends are coming over tonight.

Kristin Davis
Staff Writer

expect, consideration and courtesy are still the only things junior Kacey Vinnett expected of her roommate. Instead she got stuck cleaning up after parties that she never threw, paying bills that belonged to someone else and living with a cat she was allergic to.

When Vinnett decided to move in with a high school friend of 10 years, she had no idea her roommate would become her worst enemy.

"I remember being in tears cleaning up after one of her parties when I was expecting my parents to come and visit that same day," she said. "I packed up $5,000 of debt from having to pay all the bills most of the time." While Vinnett covered her roommate's expenses, her roommate's boyfriend lived in the apartment rent-free.

Craig Brooks
Staff Writer

Like everyone else, UCF freshman Brandon Parrington 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 drives UCF students together. "Monday Night Football," for which Miller served up color commentary for two years until this season, is a televised institution of 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.
GET INVOLVED!
The Office of Student Activities at UCF

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 Flip 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 EKCEL: "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
5 pm - 8 pm 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 Chill With Children Halloween Edition, Lake Claire

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

Homecoming 2002

HOME COMING EVENT INFORMATION

Monday, October 21
Movie Knight of Oceanas 11
Reflecting Pond, 9 pm

Tuesday, October 22
Carnival
UCF Arena Lot, 5 pm

Wednesday, October 23
Skit Knight
UCF Arena, 8 pm

Thursday, October 24
Comedy Knight with Bill Maher
UCF Arena, 8 pm

Friday, October 25
Scream Splash with 7 Mary 3
UCF Reflecting Pond, 3:30 pm

Haunted Arboretum
UCF Arboretum, 9 pm

Saturday, October 26
Homecoming Parade
Downtown Orlando, Orange Ave & Church Street, 11 am

Homecoming Game vs. Akron
Citrus Bowl, 4 pm

Crowning of King & Queen
Half-time of Homecoming Game

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Roommate matching a game of chance

"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 rotten.

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 eleventh grade; but in the say, 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 consensus," he said. "The situation with the air conditioner would be minimal if my boyfriend, who also suffers through the apartment's 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 illicit nature.

The fact that his former roommates were obviously loud was the least of Ali Mazid's problems.

Mazid's roommates were doing drugs inside their apartment on regular basis. "The cops actually came in at midnight to do an inspection," said Mazid. "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.

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

"She came home drunk and high all the time, or she would throw parties 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 evicted her in an apartment."

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

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 manager] 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."

Staff Writer Adam Shiver also contributed to this report.
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 passers-by, are 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.

**Latest protests**

A formerly obese woman organized a “million-pound march” for Ottawa in October to protest the Ontario Parliament’s proposed funding cuts for stomach-stapling surgery. (Attendance was about 800,000 pounds short.) And to protest unemployment in Ecuador, women held hundreds of workers captive inside an oil terminal and threatened to take off their clothes, which Nigerians regard as gravely shocking. And in Nigeria, in July, about 600 women held hundreds of workers captive inside an oil terminal and threatened to take off their clothes, which Nigerians regard as gravely shocking. And in Nigeria, in July, about 600 women held hundreds of workers captive inside an oil terminal and threatened to take off their clothes, which Nigerians regard as gravely shocking. And in Nigeria, in July, about 600 women held hundreds of workers captive inside an oil terminal and threatened to take off their clothes, which Nigerians regard as gravely shocking. 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Audience, performers an entertaining combo

For $25, reunion guests enjoy a children Parmesan entree and choice of key lime or chocolate pie, as well as unlimited supply of wine and beer.

Co-producer, co-creator and co-director John Dilione explained that the show is more of a party than a theatrical experience, since the characters are at the guests’ table 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 30 pages of relationship history with the other characters, so of them can stay in character and remain quite easily with everyone else.”

The two-hour dinner show is meticulously designed in mock seriousness to resemble a cozy reunion for the class of ’82, cursed ever since the gin burned down at their prom.

The presentation includes a slide show, a goofy awards ceremony, a karaoke contest and the crowning of prom king and queen—20 years later.

More important than the storyline, however, is the colorful ensemble of 14 characters who participate in the festivities alongside the guests. Those characters include Fabulous, a perverted drag queen who formerly was known as a high school geek named Hurst. Also among the cast are: Hobo, a lovable, Hawaiian-shirt-clad karaoke host who was the high school’s 12-year-old valedictorian, and Kenny Hurst, the high school slacker who became a success pursuing a career in informatics.

As old rivalries surface, the characters clash and confront each other. They climb on chairs, strip, yell and delight the audience, making everyone realize how petty and ridiculous high school really was.

Anyone who has been to high school will appreciate this,” said cast member Kimberly Shadie. “These people might have different faces and names from the people you know, but everyone can relate to them.”

The audience’s level of enthusiasm and willingness to play along remained surprising throughout the reunion. The aged audience seemed to be having an equally effortless time slipping into their past party mode.

For instance, the audience were constantly surprised at how seriously the audience perceive their performances.

Steve Hurst, who plays party-animal Blaine, said that couples in the audience have propositioned “Blaine” to go home with them.

“I think it happens because the Blaine character is always up for a good time and he attracts people looking for that same situation,” he said. “I also had a guy a couple of weekends ago who wanted Blaine to find some pot and go smoke it with him after the show.”

Shadie, who plays faux-turban-babe Azalia, said a choreographed fight that takes place between two characters in the middle of the dinner show instigates many guests to interfere with the performance.

Directors have incorporated bodyguards into the scene to hold back the zealous audience members who try to break up the brawl.

On occasion someone’s become jealous when characters flirt with audience members, while other tablemates have taken drinks away from characters who appear to have had too many.

“People buy into the possibility that it could be real and lose themselves in it for a couple of hours,” Shadie said.

Returning from the show later that evening, I stopped at a gas station still wearing my class of ’82 nametag that I forgot to remove. A much-elder cashier inquisitively asked me, “You mustn’t from your reunion or something?”

A slow smile spread across my face remembering how I too had lost myself in the ridiculous high school reunion that wasn’t even my own.

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October 21-26th

Schedule of Events:

Monday, October 21
Movie Knight: "Ocean's II"
Reflecting Pond, 8pm

Tuesday, October 22
Carnival

Wednesday, October 23
UCF KNIGHTS
UCF Arena, 8pm

Thursday, October 24
Comedy Knight w/ Bill Maher
UCF Arena, 8pm

Friday, October 25
Spirit Splash w/ 7 Mountains
UCF Reflecting Pond, 8:30 pm
Haunted Arboretum,
UCF Arboretum, 8pm

Saturday, October 26
Homecoming Parade
Downtown Orlando
11 am

Football Game
Citrus Bowl
4 pm

Poel-Game
KnightFest Street Party
w/ 3 Doors Down
Church Street,
after the game

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