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Voters will decide on topics ranging from classroom sizes to pregnant pig cage sizes by voting on 10 proposed amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot. One amendment short of the original 11 that initially made the ballot, amendment 5 was scratched after the Florida Supreme Court ruled its language was misleading.

Amendment 1 proposes reforms to the Florida death penalty. Amendment 1 proposes changing the wording “cruel or unusual punishment” to “cruel and unusual punishment” in the state constitution. If the amendment passes, Florida courts match the U.S. Supreme Court in making capital punishment decisions. The amendment also allows the execution of minors ages 16 and 17, which is presently not permissible.

Supporters say it gives the state more authority in how executions take place. More than 70 percent of voters approved a similar amendment in 1980, but the Florida Supreme Court found it unconstitutional due to misleading language.

Opponents say the state does not need the amendment because courts take full advantage of the death penalty, giving an increasing number of convicts the death penalty each year.

Amendment 2 aims to open the lines of communication between voters and elected officials. Amendment 2 requires the Florida State Legislature to issue economic impact statements to the public before voters go to the polls. The amendment will provide information on how proposed amendments will affect the area’s economy.

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local boards of trustees are vulnerable to the Legislature could lead to the WorldCom and Enron scandals — to the detriment of the state system to a business model.

The contrast between celebration and scenes of death were accentuated Friday when demonstrators in the form of graphic photographs demonstrated their views. The demonstration was organized by Florida Future, a student group that focuses on education issues.

Gilkeson pressed further with concerns that university presidents and student body presidents holding the remaining permanent position.

Jewett questioned the state system's ability to tamper with tenure and faculty salaries.

Handy welcomed the boards of trustees would protect tenure and academic freedom. "There will be no tampering with tenure under this proposal," she said. Handy also lamented an alignment with all university presidents, individual boards of trustees and student associations who have unanimously voted and spoken out against Amendment 11.

Gilkeson asserted that political pressure has influenced university presidents' stances on Amendment 11.

"Because of their positions, it is very difficult for presidents to personalize the control of the financial support for their institutions," Gilkeson said. "It is particularly telling that every former university president that is out from under the system supports Amendment 11.

"We need to protect our boards of trustees, which is extremely vulnerable under this current system," Gilkeson said.

Two years ago, the Legislature under Gov. Jeb Bush abolished the Florida Board of Regents when it cut funding for two new law schools and one new medical school.

FACULTY members also worried that local boards politically influenced by the Legislature would inhibit a professor's academic freedom in teaching particular subjects in class.

"The only way you can have academic freedom is with a board independent of the state structure which can stand up for the universities," Gibson said. "Anytime the board can be wiped out at any time by political figures, you can't have academic freedom."

Under the current system, the executive and legislative branches have the power to dismiss any trustee for "cause," which is undefined in the statutes. In other words, if the trustees don't agree with Tallahassee, the Legislature or the governor can dismiss them and "just close them all," out the window of a passing car.

About 90 Central Florida activists gathered at the high-traffic downtown Orlando intersection on Saturday, on the International Day of protest against President Bush's plans to go to war with Iraq.

Nicholas Mazzella, a 17-year-old high school student, carried a sign saying "Today's Youth Will Be Tomorrow's Soldier."" Other protesters carried signs with slogans, "George W. Bush Does Not Speak for Us," "Right War Not Wars," and "You Cannot Simultaneously Prevent & Prepare For War."

Mary Wilson, of the National Organization for Women, said she began a mass email inviting people to come to the protest event. She has organized several other local protests, and says this is her second Orlando anti-war protest.

"I wanted more people to come," she said. "I wanted hundreds. It will never be enough."

Several UCF students who either received Wilson's email, or heard about the event by word-of-mouth did show up to express their views on the issue and protest their beliefs.

"I hope that people dining by will see that war doesn't solve any problems," said junior Crystal Arriola. "I don't see how good can come out of hate, unless you turn it around and make it into love.

Arriola, who has attended several other local protests, said she was glad to see other young people who feel the same way she does. She believes people who support the war have the wrong ideas about war.

"We need to know more about our government to help make decisions about war," Arriola said.

Junior Ryan Brown agrees with Arriola's conclusions on war supporters. He calls most people's ideas on the subject contradictory, and believes many do not understand the real issues at stake.

"They want to be at war," he said. "But they don't want to go to war.

Brownie also said that although some UCF protesters attended, he does not believe the spirit of protest exists with most students yet, but says a movement is starting to form.

"I feel it's in the spirit of change," he said. "It's been growing, and I don't want it to stop."
Death penalty reforms, rights for sows and smaller classrooms among ballot measures

Amendment 10 allows to outlaw two-foot gestation cages used on industrial hog farms in Florida.

Amendment 11 proposes the creation of a statewide governing board to work with local trustees to govern Florida universities.

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SPECIAL TO CFF

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The Florida Board of Education opposes Amendment 11. Opponents say the amendment diminishes local control of universities. They also say it fails to address how the existing agencies will function with the new statewide governing system.

For more information about the issues, and on how to vote, log onto Electionrio.state.fl.us.
New system won’t remove politics

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real power until 30 days ago,” said Judy Albertson, a UCF board trustee.

Currently local boards have limited power of running their universities while in the transition phase. The boards will assume greater power in January when the current system fully goes into affect.

The current system, also known as “the seamless system” for its role in combining all levels of education K-19, under the Florida Board of Education, gives local boards the authority to create new programs limited to undergraduate and master’s degrees, construct new roads and buildings, hire and fire faculty members and increase tuition costs.

“We do not hire and fire university presidents,” Albertson said.

In the present statutory system, the Legislature specifically retained for itself the power to hire and fire university presidents, establish academic policy, enact laws pertaining to universities, appropriate public funds for universities and allocate those funds to their destinations within the universities.

Under Amendment 11, the Legislature would only have the power to appropriate state funds to the universities. It would not have the power to allocate those funds like it does now. Albertson and academic policy would rest in the hands of the statewide governance board.

Graham, dubbed as Florida’s past education governor, has actively sought to put the amendment on the ballot and has been campaigning around the state for its approval. He said the amendment protects the independence and stability of universities from political powers in the Legislature.

“I think the current system is inherently unstable because the governor can dismiss individuals for cause and the legislature can abolish anything at any given time,” Graham said. Just what constitutes “cause” has not been articulated in the statutes. Graham said with cause undefined, board members could be dismissed. “If the Legislature should become dissatisfied with their views.”

The local boards would have more responsibility over grants and state funds, which are now determined by the Legislature, he said. Under the amendment, local boards would have sole authority to hire and fire university presidents — something they do not have the ability to do under the current system, he said.

The amendment establishes a two-tier system with a statewide governance board comprised of 17 citizens and the individual local boards of trustees. Currently, student representatives have a place in the system at the local level with student body presidents from each university serving on the boards of trustees.

However, students have no representation at the state level under the current system and faculty has no representation locally or statewide.

“We feel there should be a greater presence at the table for faculty and students,” Graham said. “How can a system like the current one leave out faculty and students when they are the ones most directly affected by the system.”

Under the new system, faculty and student representatives would serve on both the state and local boards with staggered terms of seven years for the state board and five years for the local boards.

Under the current system, universities and local boards to handle.

“We’re not interested defensively in voiding the current system,” he said. “We’re interested offensively in making it better.”

While all university presidents, local boards of trustees and student associations have unanimously voted against Amendment 11 in a resolution, some faculty, former presidents of universities and former members of the Boards of Regents have sided in favor of the amendment.

Chris Martin, an attorney who teaches constitutional law at UCF, likes the idea of the new system.

“The current system is rife with political interferences,” he said.

“Under the new system, the Legislature won’t be able to tell the local boards what to do because they would be protected in the constitution,” he said. “You can’t change anything in the constitution without a vote of the people. The current system basically makes every legislator a university president for a day.”

Proponents say the current system gives no accountability to a single entity because when the Legislature, Florida Board of Education and local boards all have power, no one knows where power starts and where it ends. The new system would hold the state board of governance accountable for higher education.

Richard Deits, a research professor at the University of Florida, also likes the idea of a new system. He said with control in politi- cal hands, universities have been put in a position of having to compete against one another. Please See Amendment on 6.

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Amendment will create checks and balances

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another for state funding.

"Universities are hiring more lobbyists than ever and signing up influential supporters to get to the Legislature for favorable treatment," he said.

Many proponents site the move to the Legislature to create three new expensive programs, which they say were not needed and did not have approval under the old system where the statewide Board of Regents managed the universities.

Proponents say the two new law schools Florida International University and Florida A&M University and the new medical school at Florida State University were politically motivated. They say a statewide board comprised of citizens and a faculty and student member, would only have the best interests of the universities in mind.

Marshall Criser, chair of the boards of trustees at the University of Florida, said he likes everything about Amendment 11, except the Legislature's role of appropriating funds.

"If we were going to get rid of political meddling, I'd be all for Amendment 11," he said.

He said as long as the Legislature will have the authority to appropriate funds, the system would still have meddling, and he doesn't see the need of going through another reorganization process.

"The cure to get rid of meddling would be to have lump sums of appropriation for higher education," Criser said. But proponents say that just wasn't possible.

Criser cited an appropriation by Florida Senate President Herb McKay to build a $43 million Ringling circus museum in Sarasota because of the kind of politics he is talking about.

"That's the kind of problem we need to get solved," he said.

The increased existence of political meddling has forced many universities to hire more lobbyists to compete for funding in Tallahassee. The University of Florida recently hired 17 new lobbyists to do its bidding.

When asked about the move to hire 17 new lobbyists, Criser said, "I'll trade one speaker or president of the Senate for 10 lobbyists."

Beard agrees that Amendment 11 won't change anything because he said political meddling would still exist with the Legislature being able to appropriate funds.

"It's a myth," Beard said.

"Those that think Amendment 11 is going to get political meddling out of the system are just wrong. He who holds the gold has the power."

But Robin Gibson, an attorney and former chair of the Board of Regents who authored the amendment, said it would establish a system of checks and balances.

Initially, the governor appoints all the members of the local boards of trustees. Under the amendment, both the statewide board and the governor would appoint trustees who would appoint the most.

Political appointees almost always share the same political party as the person who appoints them, which creates a fund of political meddling. 

"The kind of politics I'm talking about are elected politicians and partisan politics," Gibson said.

Opponents argue the current system has not been given a chance and say it has been working well so far.

UCF President John Hitt said proponents are making political figures out to be bad people.

"The appointment process by the governor or Legislature to public boards is a fundamental aspect of American democracy," Hitt said. "The debate on Amendment 11 is replete with inaccuracies and misleading statements by proponents. Amendment 11 will completely diffuse any practical influence and authority of our local boards."

Gibson said politicians do not belong at the controls of higher education. "It's not that politicians are bad people, it's just that they are ill-equipped to do the job," he said.

"Besides, Idaho, Florida is the only other state to have such a system in place with the Legislature controlling higher education," he said. "I think that says a lot."

Two years ago, the Legislature under Gov. Jeb Bush abolished the Florida Board of Regents and put in its place 13 individual local boards of trustees to put the decision-making bodies closer to the universities. The local boards act independently of one another and assumed a lot of the responsibilities of the Board of Regents. The abolishment, with the approval of a 1998 ballot initiative, came at a time when the Board of Regents refused to approve two new law schools and one new medical school deeming them expensive and unnecessary.

When the current system was put in place, the Legislature pushed funds through to establish the two new law schools and one new medical school.
1. Crowd surfing at Spirit Splash Friday. (Katie Flath / CFF)

2. Men’s UCF and UCF football players become lead singers for “Mary 3” at the Spirit Splash concert Friday. (Joe Kaleita / CFF)

3. Brian Battles and Kirra Kerr crowned homecoming king and queen during halftime at the game. (Adam Rosche / CFF)

4. Students bring their own couches to watch “Oceans 11” at Movie Knight last Monday. (Adam Rosche / CFF)

5. Bill Maher promotes his new book “If you ride alone, you ride with Bin Laden” at Comedy Knight Thursday. (Adam Rosche / CFF)

6. Snow White and Dopey did the nasty at Skit Knight Wednesday. (Adam Rosche / CFF)

7. Carnival last Tuesday in the UCF Arena Lot. (Brett Hart / CFF)

8. UCF’s Cheer Force at the Parade on Orange Ave Saturday. (Adam Rosche / CFF)

9. Chillin’ in the water at Spirit Splash. (Katie Flath / CFF)
**Our Stance:**

**Student votes make difference in close elections**

College students make your votes count and your voices heard. Historically, college students do not vote, so politicians ignore them, so college students stay away from the polls, and so on and so on.

It's a vicious cycle, in which both sides share the blame. Whore students reached out to politicians at "We the People," some local politicians felt the call, listened to what they had to say and addressed their concerns.

Sadly, the two gubernatorial candidates, Jeb Bush and Bill McCollum, ignored the hundreds of students who waited for hours to hear them speak. If either candidate had cared enough about this untapped constituency, he easily could have won hundreds, if not thousands, of college votes.

Politicians cater to people with money and people who vote. Thus, they do not care about college students, who do not have money—at least not money that they will donate to a politician's campaign.

Politics appeal to business people because they have money. Politicians pay attention to senior citizens because, generally, they vote anyway there is an election. Why should politicians pay any attention to college students, when those students avoid the voting booth as if it was the plague?

On Nov. 5, Floridians will choose the state's next governor, and they will vote on several amendments. Some of the amendments will directly affect college students. For example, if passed, Amendment 11 will restore a board of governors to oversee the state's higher education system. Even if you don't vote for a governor, you should vote on the amendments.

Change has to start somewhere. Why not now? The time has come to break the cycle. Show the politicians that you care by turning out in record numbers to vote on Nov. 5. As a voting bloc, college students could play a huge role in any election. Considering how close many elections in Florida have been over the past few years, your votes could make the difference. Make enough noise, and they will hear you.

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it."

—J.S. MILL, 1861

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Equality doesn't mean special rights**

The university as a whole should be able to argue that the president of our school is an average person with his head in the sand. Instead of regarding the proposed sexual orientation discrimination policy as folly in the article, The Daily Eastern News did not explain the policy. The Daily Eastern News published Oct. 25, 2000, most people seem to be that homosexuals and transgenders individ­uals must first display a demonstrable need that they require protection.

If the University of Kentucky were to enact a policy that dis­criminates against, say, the use of a trans­gender policy simply as the racially wrong, we would have an item of racial discrimination. Unfortunately for us, our body is a vehicle to move into the 21st century and has no means to pay for the lawsuits that will inevitably follow.

—J.J. BISHOP

**Gay equality should begin at UCF**

I was in the hallway of the Pullman Hall of Campus preparing to give an interview for a broad management position when I felt the headline of the Central Florida future. "Hitt: "I don't care about protection," by Adam Hitte, published Oct. 25. When I saw the headline, it was very familiar. I have always felt that you would be more likely to understand if you were placed in a hospital for mental treatment. We cannot accept children at the University of Florida. We would fill a new policy and officially con­firmed by the university to protect its place. Our place is to provide discrimination protection to the University of Florida.

We cannot afford to lose a ‘demonstrative need’ that they should have. The University of Florida's history of discrimination has not been pleasant, and the new policy will not result in increased fees to pay for the lawsuit that will inevitably follow.

—BRYANT SMITH

**Opinions**

Monday October 28, 2002

**Our Stance:**

**Sniping at gun control issues**

The NRA opposes additional gun control laws such as ballistics fingerprinting and more stringent background checks on people who buy guns.

Ballistic fingerprinting creates a particular mark on bullets fired from a particular gun. It would allow authorities, using a nationwide database, to match bullets to the gun they came from. Find the gun, find the owner, case closed. The sniper shootings could have been solved sooner if a ballistic fingerprinting system already existed.

The government must enact tougher laws to make buy guns. The Founding Fathers most likely did not foresee the day when people would use such firearms to randomly kill others. They included the second amendment because the U.S. was such a young country, and the threat of invasion by a foreign power still loomed.

That time has passed. Citizens need not worry about defending themselves against foreign invaders, nor do they have to hunt for food. The U.S. does not need more guns, but fewer.

In the gubernatorial election next week, voters will choose between two candidates with opposing views on many things, including gun laws. Jeb Bush supports stronger laws and ballistic fingerprinting, and, in doing so, opposes his brother, President George W. Bush. Bill McCollum wants enforcement of existing laws, but has stated that he does not favor additional gun laws. Florida voters must decide which candidate has the right idea.

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A forum of foreplay?

KATRINA HAMER
STAFF WRITER

Sex. It’s an attention getter isn’t it? The topic certainly caught my eye when I stumbled-bumbled onto a college student web site Student.com while surfing the Internet.

The site contains great links for college students on a platform of interesting and valuable information that would take hours to read through. Included are links to student poetry and articles written by college students around the country. Student.com also features organizational tools and a helpful link to search for specific college web pages.

I surfed and scoured the homepage until I found a link to the sex section. I began scanning the titles for some worthwhile while reads. I found articles on contraceptive options, the morning-after pill and sexually transmitted diseases. Informatively, I thought, and especially interesting after so many stories on sexual health and relationships.

But underneath what I considered intelligent information, I found something quite the opposite. “Don’t blow it,” was the first—an article on the act of giving a male-oral sex.

An equally informative article on condoms for females titled “Getting down; make sure you (and your partner) got a step-by-step plan on how to orally please a woman.” Master of your Domain: Find your very own place to get yourself off!” provides tips on masturbation techniques.

“I think you know which areas to focus on,” says an article tips on giving oral sex. Masturbation methods. These articles are definitely not tasteful, necessary, or informative and offer very little entertainment value. They assume that college students, if a lot of people, are dysfunctional when it comes to sex. Sure, some site visitors may enjoy tidbits of extra information on sex, but a full explanation of every sexual deed, method and position is ridiculous and useless.

The entertainment value only comes in the form of extreme responses, which are posted bullet-like styles directly under the articles. It’s worth a laugh because of the crazy suggestions and comments that readers post. If that doesn’t make you laugh, the poor spelling and horrible grammar will.

Student.com, part of The Student Center Network, a group of sites for college students, high school students and teens, should consider that articles of that nature discredit their otherwise respectable website.

Understandingly college students, a majority of them anyway, are certainly old enough and mature enough to handle information of this manner but most aren’t interested in reading articles that resemble soft porn. Moreover, the material is not only an inappropriate way for teens and high school students to learn about sex and masturbation.

Leisure sexual explanations to Cosmo and Maxim, Student web sites should stick to articles that will benefit students or educate them, not inform them on the tricks the latest porn stars are using about.

Conservative appropriate leader for women’s health advocacy

STEPHEN HIRST
STAFF WRITER

According to recent press reports, President Bush is strongly considering nominating Dr. David Hager, an obstetrician-gynecologist, to a Food and Drug Administration committee on women’s health and reproductive drugs.

Even though the committee in question hasn’t met in two years and currently has no members, it is a virtual certainty that Dr. Hager will underwrite women’s health care if appointed.

The site warns that Hager has been a leader in an effort to rescind the approval of RU-486—a drug that allows women to take several pills to induce an abortion within 72 hours rather than going to a clinic.

They fault Hager for his books that tout the power of prayer over, and instead of prescribing birth control to uninsured women.

Even though he paints Hager as some sort of quack—a faith-healing, self-promoting, with no regard for women’s bodies or their health—activists are quick to dismiss the reality that RU-486 poses serious danger to women’s health.

The drug and the accompanying drugs used in the abortion procedure frequently cause excessive bleeding, which has claimed the lives of many women. It is a fact that RU-486 has taken the lives of women.

In France, it is illegal to prescribe the drug to women who smoke or to women who are older than 34 years of age because of these deaths. We should all question the motives of anybody who advocates the use of RU-486 and then claims to care about women’s health.

The books Hager has authored on the healing power of prayer seem to particularly strike a nerve among those who believe that God is involved even though the science and the medical community side with Hager on the issue.

Scores of recent studies have shown the positive effects of prayer on the sick, even when the patients involved are unaware that they are being prayed for.

Quoted simply, Hager is a target because of his religious beliefs. Hager isn’t suggesting anybody stop taking their chemotherapy and start praying as a way to cure cancer; he simply believes, as millions of Americans do, that prayer is an effective supplement to traditional medicine.

Perhaps what is most troubling is the tone in which the Population Connection site alleges that Hager won’t prescribe birth control pills to uninsured women.

But Hager is not the only physician in this nation with the power to write prescriptions. By law, he isn’t required to prescribe anything he is not comfortable prescribing. Whether he bases that on personal beliefs, religious or medical considerations, he has the right to deny a woman a prescription for birth control.

If a female patient isn’t happy with Hager’s decision, she can drive down the street to just about any other doctor and get a prescription for birth control there.

Even those who disagree should respect his convictions, and understand that just because they personally believe something doesn’t make it a universal truth.

Moreover, Dr. Hager is an excellent, informed choice for the health position on an FDA health panel. In the past, some appointees haven’t even been doctors, but Hager is a practicing pediatrician.

The only people who oppose the appointment of Hager seem to be those destined to have an abortion. But let’s remember that this panel isn’t about abortion politics. It’s about women’s health.
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Knights rain on ‘Canes

Charvi Magdaong

UCF women’s soccer spoiled Miami’s senior night festivities by defeating the Canes 3-3 in Coral Gables on Friday, avenging last year’s 4-1 loss.

Just under four minutes into the game, senior Nicole Cieslak opened the scoring with an unassisted goal to give UCF the 1-0 advantage. The lead was short-lived, as Miami tied the game 12 seconds later off the foot of Britney Butler. At the 8:00 mark, Butler pulled the Hurricanes ahead with a goal that beat goalie Jessica Montgomery on the left corner, but was the last lead Miami saw for the night.

Sophomore Allison Blagriff evened the score in the 19th minute of play off an assist from freshman Jennifer Montgomery. The goal is Blagriff’s fifth of the season. Then, Montgomery returned from the halftime break to score her 14th goal of the season.

Just under four minutes into the second half, Mary Luke cut the lead to 4-1, but Blagriff struck again for the Golden Knights in the third quarter, ending the season. Then, Montgomery added an insurance goal for the Golden Knights to put the game out of reach.

With Blagriff’s performance, she moved into eighth place all-time for the Golden Knights with 29 career goals, sharing the spot with Jean Varas. Montgomery has 28 points this year, which puts her into a tie for third-highest point total in a season at UCF. The senior’s 14 goals this year also extended her career goal streak to 15 games.

UCF holds on to beat Akron 28-17 Saturday

Tom Alexander

UCF picked up its first-ever home Mid-American Conference victory and its eighth straight homecoming victory Saturday night at the Citrus Bowl as the Knights beat the Zips 28-17.

The Golden Knights improved to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the MAC. UCF set the tone early, taking the opening drive 71 yards in 11 plays and capping it off with a 38-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ryan Schneidmiller to tight end Mario Jackson. It was the first touchdown of Jackson’s career, ending a 38-game drought for the senior.

Akron answered with an 11-play, 65-yard drive that ended in a field goal by place-kicker Bill Sullivan. Zips' linebacker Chase Blackmon got his first career interception on UCF’s ensuing drive, and Akron drove down the field and scored on a perfectly-executed fake field goal to pull ahead 3-0.

The Golden Knights answered back on their next drive of this back-and-forth game as tailback Alex Haynes scored on a one-yard touchdown run. The highlight of that drive, however, was a career-long 55-yard reception by wide receiver Ivery Gaskins. UCF’s defense finally held the Zips on their next drive, and the Knights added to their lead with a 31-yard touchdown catch of the season on UCF’s next drive.

But Akron quarterback Charlie Frye and the Zips offense still had some fight left in them. Frye led his team on a step-back 65-yard drive, and took the ball into the end zone himself on a 16-yard run to make the score 21-10. The Zips Boed and died by Frye’s play on Saturday and proved that they were not the team the Golden Knights beat 37-17 last season.

“They play to his strengths, which is good. He’s a big tall, bulky kid who can run extremely well. He’s accurate. He competes,” UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek said.

It looked as if Frye would lead Akron ahead of the Golden Knights in the third quarter, but he fumbled on the goal line as he stretched out for the score. Redshirt freshman Chase Laurence recovered the ball for UCF, which turned the tide of the game for good.

Laurence’s recovery set up a nine-play, 60-yard drive (the Golden Knights longest of the season) that ended in a 16-yard touchdown pass from Schneidmiller to sophomore Tararis Capers in the fourth quarter. Capers’ touchdown proved to be the final nail in the coffin for Akron, as UCF’s defense shutout the Zips the rest of the game. It was the first time all year that UCF held an opponent scoreless in the second half.

Quarterback Ryan Schneidmiller finished the game 25-for-38 with 287 yards, three touchdowns, and one interception. Kruczek said that UCF’s defense finally held the Zips the rest of the game.

PLEASE SEE Lawrence on 15

Volleyball Notebook

Knights improve to 9-0 in Atlantic Sun

Craig Brooks

The UCF volleyball team won its third consecutive three-game match 30-25, 30-27, 30-25 over Troy State on Friday.

The Golden Knights improved to 9-0 in the Atlantic Sun Conference, maintaining their status as No. 1 in the league. Troy State was in second place in the conference going into the game, but the loss dropped the Trojans to 16-8 overall and 6-2 in the A-Sun.

Senior setter Jenny Frank added 45 assists, five kills and seven digs. Freshman Chaz Archbold totaled seven kills and two blocks on the day.

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Game Coverage: Inside the numbers, around the locker room & notebook, pg. 12
The junior quarterback was consecutive interceptions in the 1-M game of their offensive work of their offensive game of the season. The number of sacks registered by the defense, they came in with one 14-yard reception. That qualifies as a huge night for UCF’s tight ends.

As a whole the Golden Knights did a great job of utilizing all of their receiving options. Eleven players registered at least one reception, paced by wideout D.J. Pressey with seven. "Coach wanted to give Schneider an opportunity to spread it out a little bit," McFarland said. "I thought Ryan did an excellent job of hitting his check-down receivers."

Seldom used receiver Ivery Gaskins had the longest strike, a 55-yard catch near the end of the first quarter that set up an Alex Haynes touchdown run. For Gaskins, who came into the game with just 32 receiving yards on the year, it was a career-long.

Stack of sacks
UCF did a tremendous job applying pressure to Akron quarterback Charlie Frye. They registered six sacks, the most in any game this season. Star defensive end Elton Patterson had half of them, including sacks on back-to-back plays. On Akron’s last drive of the first half, Patterson ran right through the Zips offensive line for a five-yard loss. On the very next play, Patterson again got to Frye, causing a fumble that Akron recovered. The sacks helped stall an Akron drive that had gotten to the UCF 38 before Patterson’s first sack.

The senior leads the team with 7.5 sacks this season, and now has a total of 28.5 for his career. That ties him with Jermaine Romine for all-time UCF leadership. The record of 31.5 set by Darrell Todd in 1984, remains well within reach.

Also recording a sack were defensive ends Rashad Jeanty and Brent Bolar, and nose guard Mike Lynche. For Bolar and Lynche, it was the first of the season.

Tight ends catching on

Last week UCF tight end Michael Gaines opened some eyes with his first touchdown reception of the season. It wasn’t that the catch was so spectacular; just that Golden Knight tight ends seldom get many throws their way, let alone in the endzone. Gaines’ touchdown was the only one out of the tight end position this season.

That is, until the first quarter of the UCF-Akron game. On UCF’s opening drive, Mario Jackson sprinted out in the middle of the endzone to snare a 14-yard pass from quarterback Ryan Schneider and cap off an 11-play, 71-yard drive.

“We saw some things in Akron’s coverage we thought gave us the tight ends,” offensive coordinator Robert McFarland said. “We thought (Jackson) was going to be wide open but Ryan made a great throw and Mario came up with a big catch for his first touchdown.”

Jackson had two more catches on the night, giving him 10 for the season. He believes he’s a wide receiver. "He thinks he’s a wide receiver," McFarland said. "It’s not that the catch was so spectacular, it was that we didn’t make another mistake really the rest of the game.”

Michael Gaines does too much dancing. He thinks he’s a wide receiver. "I think overall the defense, they came back and did a great job. We had a couple of problems at first but we got it all together. We all got on the same page and did a great job ending up with it.”

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Mario Jackson catches a three-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Schneider.

Former Knight Fisher makes an appearance

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Johnson had started every game for the Golden Knights since transferring from Southwest Mississippi Community College last spring. But against Akron the junior, who replaced Josh McKibben, came off the bench.

Freshman Frisner Nelson made the start and recorded two tackles. Johnson still rotated in often, registering two tackles of his own.

Fisher makes appearance

Former UCF cornerback Travis Fisher, drafted by the St. Louis Rams in the second round of last year’s NFL draft, took advantage of his team’s bye week and attended the homecoming game. He was easy to spot, wearing his No. 22 Rams jersey as he joined his former team on the sidelines.

Poor crowd turnout, again

For the second consecutive week, UCF failed to draw 20,000 fans. The official attendance for the homecoming contest was just 18,278. Those numbers should improve next week, when Syracuse comes to town. Though the Orange come in just 2-6, UCF has promoted this game for some time and the Syracuse name should be enough to fill some seats.

Etc.

Freshman cornerl>ack Omar Laurence recovered a fumble on the goal line in the third quarter, the first of his career.

Strong safety Atari Bigby lay down on the sidelines receiving medical attention for several minutes during the first half. He then went down in the endzone for a few moments in the second half. He continued to play throughout the game, and didn’t appear to favor the ankle he sprained several weeks ago.

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Men's soccer team back at .500 mark

The UCF men's soccer team fell back to .500 Friday night in a 4-2 loss to Atlantic Sun Conference rival Mercer.

Mercer's Ramiro Canovas scored two consecutive goals in the 21st and 28th minutes to give the Bears an early lead. The Knights started to get back into it when freshman Juan Pablo Giraudo scored his sixth goal of the season off a pass from senior Freddy Koyagialo in the 30th minute.

Canovas completed his hat trick just after halftime, and picked up an assist on Mercer's fourth goal. UCF would attempt to mount a comeback with a goal by sophomore Mauricio Ruiz in the 86th minute, but it proved to be too little too late.

The two teams combined for 47 fouls, 26 of which belonged to the Golden Knights. UCF's Ryan Mcintosh recorded three saves and the Golden Knights fell to 6-6-2 on the season and 3-2 in the A-Sun. Mercer improved to 9-2-1 and 5-1-1 in the A-Sun.

Giraudo's six goals keep him three ahead of the next highest goal scorer on the Golden Knights' squad this season. He is in the top three on the team in every offensive category, and not only leads the team in goals, but also points (13), shot percentage (.286), and game-winning goals (2). He is also in the top-10 in the A-Sun in five offensive categories.

UCF lights up Birmingham Southern

Led by outside hitter Leyre Santaella, the UCF volleyball team swept Birmingham Southern on Thursday night, 30-26, 30-18, 30-27.

Santaella led the match with 22 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore Amanda Stotjesdyk added 12 kills and hit an above average .371 percent. Adding nine kills and four blocks, freshman Chaz Aruh helped the Golden Knights take the win.

Knights among top in A-Sun

As a team, the Golden Knights lead the Atlantic Sun Conference in kills, assists and overall wins, remaining undefeated in the conference. Santa leads the conference in kills overall totaling 464, but is second for average per game with 4.83. Likewise, Jenny Frankl leads for total assists with 1150, yet is second in assists per game with 11.79.

Amanda Stotjesdyk stands in second overall for total blocks (68) and blocks per game (1.69) while Lindsey Whalen is third in total in digs per game with 3.78.

Up next

The Knights get a week off before UAB comes to town at 2 p.m. Saturday.

That's why REACH Peer Education is offering HLP2701 Peer Education Training class this spring semester, Mondays from 2:00 - 4:50 p.m. HLP2701 counts as a 3 hour elective, and discusses a broad spectrum of topics like drugs, alcohol, and safer sex. Registration is limited, so call now or stop by our office (Trailer 617) to reserve a space.

(407) 823-5457
Laurence makes key recovery

FROM PAGE 11

while Schneider still needs to improve in some areas, overall he feels his quarterback played well.

"I thought he played within his ability level," Kruczek said. "He was pretty proficient in what he was doing, seeing things. He gave it to the guy that was supposed to get it. He was a little late on one or two throws, got knocked down. Anticipating things is something that he's got to pick up a little bit, but he did a pretty good job."

Kruczek added that while the defense played better against Akron than it did against Toledo last week, there's still room for improvement.

"(Defending) was just a little better this week. We still have a long way to go. We missed a lot of tackles out there. But when you win a football game, I don't care what happens. It makes it easier to make the corrections," Kruczek said.

The coach also mentioned that the blocking up front was a reason that UCF's running attack didn't take advantage of Akron's poor run defense as well as it should have. Tailback Alex Haynes had 16 carries for 85 yards and a touchdown, and the Golden Knights were held to less than 100 rushing yards as a team.

Akron's defense was allowing an average of over 200 rushing yards per game going into Saturday.

The Golden Knights hope to build upon this Saturday's conference win with a win over Syracuse next weekend.

Akron quarterback Charlie Frye fumbles inside the UCF one-yard-line.

Maximums win IM MidKnight Bowling

Two hundred four students bowled in the dark last Wednesday night at the brand new Boardwalk Bowl in hopes of taking the first ever MidKnight Bowling tournament. Only one team could go home with the prize however, as the Maximums won the 51 team MidKnight Bowling tournament with a combined three game score of 1986. The Maximum's Erick Lace was the high men's bowler with a 244. Emily Goettleman had the highest women's individual score with a 160.

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The value of virginity

Christine Dellert
Staff Writer

His deep dark hair and altering green eyes made every girl’s head turn when he walked into the room. After working at Abercrombie & Fitch for two years, he was exceptionally well-dressed. He had a 3.5 grade-point average last semester and made it to class most of the time. The 19-year-old sophomores had close friends, ground parents, and just last month, he finally paid off his credit-card debt.

Jesse had it all it seemed, even the thing that most men his age had already lost—his virginity.

“It seems almost expected nowadays that the guy who’s the ice man, even the thing that most men parents, and just last month, finally paid off his credit-card debt, is the guy who will lose his virginity first,” he said. “I am not going to abide by any one else’s stereotype.”

Quick facts:
- 75 percent of males and 77 percent of females have engaged in sexual intercourse, according to the Student Health Center.
- 19-year-old sophomore, Patti Stuart, an on-campus women’s health nurse practitioner, says that of the 25 to 20 female patients she sees each day only one two or are not sexually active. Among those who abstain, she adds, the majority have higher self-esteem and feel less depressed than those who don’t.

Sex Signals’ students on relationships, gender roles
Rachel Zall
Staff Writer

As a strikingly beautiful woman with dark features sitting at a bar with a drink in her hand, a blue-eyed, brown-haired man makes his way towards her. Just as he is about to speak to her, he turns and shouts out, “What should my opening line be?”

Many men and women have been in this particular situation where they encounter a loss for words. The only difference now is that this bar scene is not real; in real life, there is always someone around to help break the ice.

The bar scene is only one of the scenes in the play, “Sex Signals.” The play came to the UCF Student Resource Auditorium Oct. 23. The Sydney for this show describes it as an “in-your-face, no-holds-barred look at the college dating scene.”

Every college student may want to know about sex, relationships, gender role stereotypes and mixed messages is discussed in this play.

Stern and Murphy are at a party in one of the scenes. Stern’s role is to play a “submissive and virginal” college freshman, while Murphy assumes the role as an aggressive, overbearing junior in college. For this particular scene, stop cards were located under all the audience members’ seats so that they could hold them up when they need.

Entering into a sexual relationship is a choice that confronts many students—male and female—for the first time in college. The choice that many make is to go for it. Before college, at least 40.9 percent of teenagers report having lost their virginity. By the age of 19, 68.9 percent of males and 77 percent of females have engaged in sexual intercourse, according to the Student Health Center.

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Married... with classes
KELLY O’CONNOR
Staff Writer

For most high school students, college represents their next big step in life. But for junior chemistry major Sejal Jagirdar, that step was getting married.

Some might think that marrying while in college would prevent them from finishing school and earning a degree. In addition, one in five marriages ends in divorce or separation within five years, and one in three marriages ends in divorce within 10 years, according to a 2001 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Although students are aware of these statistics, it still doesn’t prevent some of them from making that leap.

At age 18, Jagirdar married her high school sweetheart on Valentine’s Day. With only a year and a half left of college and now a mother-to-be, she plans to graduate in the fall of 2005.

“I married my husband and it was just right,” Jagirdar said. “We knew each other for four years and now have been married for two and a half.”

Lindsay McMahan, a sophomore political science major, also married her husband Brandon, when she was 18.

“We are both in college and have jobs as servers at restaurants,” she said.

The McMahans always knew they were going to get married—it was just a matter of when, she said. There really was no reason to wait, when you know you just know she added.

“I got married in June of 2002 after being engaged for one month and knowing Brandon for a year and a half,” McMahan said. “People think that it changes everything, but it only changes what you allow to be changed.”

Yet, along with the ups in their situation, they dealt with the downs as well.

“The thing that scared me the most about getting married is that there was someone I was in love with in college, and that was me,” McMahan said.

People never assume that the reason for getting married is love, she said. Instead, many people think the marriage is the result of an accidental pregnancy, even though that is not the case for McMahan.

“I do not plan on getting pregnant at 20 because, for me, getting pregnant at this age, whether I am single or married, would mess up my whole rigid life plan I had set for myself,” McMahan said.

Nevertheless, marriage does not come so easily for everyone. Sometimes couples need to break up before they can decide if marriages in what they want. Caroline Leo, a junior music performance major who got married at 19, is a perfect example of this.

“She was so much in love, but we broke up for about a week so that she could take time out to think reasonably and see if he was the kind of person she could spend the rest of her life with, and her answer was yes,” Leo said.

Although Leo felt secure with her decision to marry her husband after dating him only three months, her parents did not feel the same. Leo kept the wedding a secret so her mother would not try to persuade her otherwise.

“I got married the day of my engagement,” she said. “After we got married, my Mom called me every day to see if I was happy and I was, so now she is happy for me as well.”

Although everything worked out in Leo’s favor, married life was not always so easy, especially with a baby on the way.

At one point, her husband lost his job, Leo said. However, as a result, they were able to qualify for Medicaid. Now they will no longer be in debt with medical bills for the rest of their lives, she said.

“For us, everything just fell into place so right and so quickly.”

How couples fit marriage into a college lifestyle

Ryan and Caroline Leo have been married for two years. Caroline is majoring in music at UCF. The couple is expecting their first child.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
9 pm. CAB Cinema Movie Knight “Se7en,” Student Resource Center Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
7:30 pm. “Play With a Purpose” EKCEL Teambuilding Workshop, Student Union 224, Egmont Key

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
9 pm. CAB Cinema Movie Knight “The Shining,” Wired Cafe

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
3 pm - 6 pm. UUCF Boys and Girls Club. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 2 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
9 pm. CAB Cinema “The Royal Tenenbaums,” SU 316 Cape Florida Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7 pm. EKCEL Ballroom Knights, SU 316 AB Cape Florida

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
5 pm - 7 pm. EKCEL Best Buddies, Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 4:30 pm.
11 am - 2 pm. EKCEL Green Ribbon Day, SU South Patio
8 pm - 12 am. CAB Cultural & Fine Arts: Thursday Knight Jive Open Mic Knight, Libra Community Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:30 am - 11 am. UUCF Give Kids the World. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 6:30 am

Thanks to all of the students, staff, faculty and alumni who participated in Knightmare 2002 Homecoming activities! GO KNIGHTS!

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

“Play With a Purpose” EKCEL Teambuilding Workshop
October 30, 7:30 pm
Student Union 224, Egmont Key
Have fun and teach useful skills by playing games in your organization. EKCEL will present several teambuilding activities for you to use when you want to strengthen the cohesiveness of your group. These unique ideas are sure to add fun to any meeting atmosphere.

VUCF Boys and Girls Club
November 4, 3 - 6 pm
Come join Volunteer UCF for Literacy Day at the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteers will be helping children to read and aiding coordinators with activities. Meet in front of Millican Hall at 2pm to carpool.

EKCEL Ballroom Knights
November 6, 7 pm - 12 am
Student Union 316 AB, Cape Florida
Don’t step on my toes! A fun, informative session to learn the secrets of formal dance. Learn the basic steps and appropriate etiquette so you will dazzle your partner when asked, “May I have this dance?” There will be free food!

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Majority of virgins have higher self-esteem

I'm a 19-year-old guy. Of course I've thought about having sex for the fun of it. But I have enough self-control and self-respect to restrain myself from going wild.

-Jesse

I spent years growing up in church, but that was less of what I wanted and more of a glorified production event.

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News of the Weird

Chuck Shepherd's

Lead stories

• The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concluded in May that Costco Wholesale Corp.'s firing of Kimberly M. Cloutier was based on her religious beliefs. The Commission said that Costco fired Cloutier, 27, of West Springfield, Mass., for refusing to stop wearing an eyebrow ring at work. The church says piercings and tattoos are "essential to our spiritual salvation." Based on the EEOC ruling, Cloutier, 27, of West Springfield, Mass., filed a federal lawsuit against Costco for not "accommodating" her religious practice, as required by law.

• Police in Modesto, Calif., arrested Kelli Pratt, 45, in October and charged her with domestic abuse after she, enraged by her husband's refusal to buy her a new car, allegedly held him down and bit him so viciously and so many times that his severely ripped-open skin was ripe for the bacterial infection that killed him six days later. Kelli suffers from multiple sclerosis and often uses a wheelchair; husband Arthur, 65, had recently been hospitalized for diabetes. Said an arresting officer, "(Kelli) refused to wash up before we videotaped her," so she basically looks (to the tape) like a vampire with blood all over her face and teeth.

Parents shooting their kids:

A man accidentally killed his 14-year-old son with a crossbow when he mistook the boy for a deer (Adamsville, Ohio, October). A man accidentally shot his adult son with his Father's Day gift—a hunting bow, driving an arrow into the skull of his 11-year-old daughter, but she survived (Greymouth, New Zealand, September). An 8-year-old boy was taken away by child welfare officials in September after his stepfather shamelessly admitted that he had used a stun gun on the boy for being late for school (Swegg, Texas).

Brief thrills:

Terry Decline jumped on a motorcycle immediately after receiving his driver's license in Greymouth, New Zealand, in September and sped off at almost 100 mph; his biking experience lasted about 45 minutes, until police caught him, and his license was suspended. And to address a self-described "mid-age crisis," Jim Zimmerman of Saginaw, Mich., bought a Harley-Davidson in September, even though he was 60 years old and hadn't been on a bike in 30 years; 10 seconds into his first ride, he slammed into a utility pole and broke several ribs, and shortly afterward sold the bike.

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29. Brief authority
32. Some on the Wall
34. Impedance
35. Part of the Bible
36. Flight simulator
38. 11:00
40. Surgery
43. Move with the mass
50. Nukka's 055 partner
51. Highland boy
53. Boy's mate
54. Who's partner?
55. Computer acronym
56. No videos
58. Fine paint coat
60. Men's lawn of memory
61. Kearns or Dan
67. College
69. So one's best
70. Campers' shelter
71. Down

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1. Make bald
2. Shaved privilege
3. Dives
4. Literally already
5. Little, big
5. 30's, 40's
6. 3's, 4's
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11. Capital of Canada
12. Hector for
13. Useful qualities
14. Southerly tour
15. Free from obligation
16. Perfume
17. Indonesia
18. As a gift
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Play portrays college dating situations

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told Stern was being put into an uncomfortable situation.

Murphy used his seniority to make him seem “more expe-
rrienced” to Stern. Even while Murphy’s aggressiveness in-
creased throughout the scene, Stern remained timid and did not say stop, despite how uncomfortable the situation got for him.

Meanwhile, about 90 per-
cent of audience members held up their stop cards, but Stern and Murphy would not stop.

They did not stop because situa-
tions like this one happen all the time and it is rare if any-
body ever intervenes, they later explained.

But this aggression was only a beginning to the serious reality of college dating situa-
tions students constantly encounter. Such situations as roofies slipped into drinks at parties to forceful behavior, such as Murphy’s were men-
toned.

“These types of people are like telemarketers; pushy, un-
wanted and harassing,” Stern said.

But when Stern gave Murphy an opening line to work with, a more serious issue was addressed—rape.

“I really didn’t rape that girl,” Murphy said over and over
again.

When an issue as serious as this one is brought up, it is usually hard to feel sorry for the alleged rapist, innocent or not.

But somehow, Murphy managed to do it by revealing his side of the story.

Sometimes people are raped and do not even realize it because they do not know what rape exactly is, Murphy said. If an individual does not give his or her verbal consent to engage in sex, it is considered rape, despite whether the person may put up a struggle or not.

Most people can’t distin-
guish the difference between rape and regret,” Murphy said.

“Sometimes it takes them days or even weeks to realize,” Stern added.

In addition to performing in 10 percent of the shows for “Sex Signals,” Stern was also an ex-
director of a rape crisis center founded six years ago at the University of Illinois. She was about 34 years old when she found herself in the same situa-
tion she taught college students about everyday.

Rapes occur between peo-
ple who know each other.

After reaching 16 percent of the time, Stern said. "Even strong women can shut down. Luckily my situation didn’t end in rape, but I taught this everyday and I still frown."

But there are ways to prevent rape from happening.

“Learn how to say what you think and don’t be afraid to say it,” Gwendolyn Dryor, a crisis counselor for Rape Victim Advocates and office main actress for “Sex Signals.”

“We think we can prevent rape if we are conservative or don’t sleep around. But by doing this you are only pretending you won’t,” she said.

In addition to working with “Sex Signals,” Dryor also car-
ries a bag and a beeper around 24 hours a day for one month to help any rape victims from Rape Victim Advocates.

“If 13 hospitals have a vic-
tim come in, I come in to help them become a survivor,” she said.

Dror also tries to prevent any possible rapes she might see from occurring.

"Sometimes I will actually go and talk to the women that the predator is stalking. I total-
ly interfere if I see something happen now; I stop it at ground zero.

Murphy and Stern were originally doing one person comedy shows in Chicago when they decided to start up “Sex Signals.” Both are certified cri-
sis counselors, as well as main characters for the play. At first, they performed the play Fri. and Sat. nights, for five to six weeks at the Stage Left Theatre in Chicago.

Rape Victim Advocates was invited to these shows to give Stern and Murphy input and assure them that they are cred-
ible.

In order to perform these shows, one must also be passion-
ate about it, willing to invest time into it and able to insert it well Murphy said.

“Keep it light, but at the same time profound. There is a fine line between offending someone and getting a point across.”

Stern agreed that the actors must remain calm and know “their stuff” at all times.

“It’s a tall order they fulfill,” she said.

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Gwendolyn Dryor
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