Students upset with Hitt’s lack of answers

Gay rights, recycling and financial aid dictate open forum

Students questioned President John Hitt and other administrators on gay rights policies, recycling programs and delayed financial aid in a forum last Wednesday open to students and faculty.

At a time when the city of Orlando faces a controversy over whether to grant gay citizens protection against discrimination, many students questioned Hitt about why the university did not include gays in its own anti-discrimination policy.

Hitt countered that he would not or could not include sexual orientation in UCF’s anti-discrimination policy until UCF’s gay community could prove discrimination. With little power to change the existing policy, Hitt said he would remain committed to treating every member of UCF with dignity and respect — something he says will prevent discrimination in the first place.

Recreational opportunities were a pervasive issue throughout the forum as students pressed the importance of adequate recycling programs on campus. Hitt placed the burden of action back on the students, suggesting to them to begin their own organizations dedicated to establishing recycling programs.

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"A lot of people ride it," Watson added. "It's usually packed in the mornings. The people who work around here ride it as well."

The LASER route runs primarily down Alafia Trail, stopping at several area apartment complexes. Bus stops are located every one and a half blocks. Sophomore Anjanel Range relies on LASER to get around town. "I live in restudent, which is across the street from Knights Court," Range said. "I have no other form of transportation except the bus."

Range attempted to ride the UCF Shuttle in

The LASER service will end on Dec. 27.

DANIELLE DEPARI STAFF WRITER

For three years junior Studeny Minor has ridden LASER. A shuttle bus, it has provided dependable transportation to and from campus. She never thought the service would stop. But when the spring semester begins, the LASER bus service will no longer exist.

LYNX’s Local Area Shuttle Eastern Region (LASER) will stop its services as of Dec. 27, leaving an average of 400 riders per day without transportation.

LYNX will terminate the LASER system because of a funding shortage.

Maintaining the LASER system costs $306,000 per year. Of that cost, UCF contributes $50,000 per year, and Orange County contributes the remainder. According to Sheldon Watson, project manager of community relations at LYNX, LYNX cannot afford the LASER service any longer. "Orange County does not have the funding available to continue subsidizing the service," Watson said. "LYNX does not make any service cut decisions without guidance from the service-funding source."
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Hitt tells student ‘your feelings have been noted’

Dennis Journey, assistant supervisor of elections in Seminole County, said his county has also prepared for this election, although in different ways. “On Christmas Day, there will be signs everywhere for the voters to figure out how to use the ballots,” he said.

In Seminole County, we publish a ballot in the Sunday newspapers (Orlando Sentinel and Stanford Herald), Journey said. “We do not send a sample ballot out in the mail. It is not mandatory.”

Like Orange County, Seminole County has not tested all the voting equipment, Journey said. “We have the same equipment from the last presidential election. We’ve used the same optical scanning equipment since 1200. It’s one of the two [voting systems] that are approved by the state. The other is the touch-screen, which is just now being instituted in Palm Beach.”

Countywide, said he hopes voters will not avoid the polls Tuesday. “Will voter turnout be up for next Tuesday’s election or down due to the voter problems of Florida?” he added.

Sandra Guard, the supervisor of elections in Seminole County, hopes for a voter turnout of at least 52 percent, a 10 percent reduction from last year.
Islam Awareness Week dispels myths

LAURA STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

Last week’s Islam Awareness Week gave members of the Muslim Student Association (MSA) a chance to educate UFC students about misconceptions associated with the Islamic religion.

“Some people blindly have no idea what Islam is about,” said Barun Kureshi, vice president of the MSA. Kureshi, 21, a molecular biology major, said Islam Awareness Week was meant to educate and not to force Islamic beliefs on others. “This is the only way to do away with misinformation,”

Last Monday night the MSA hosted a presentation, provocatively titled “Preparing for Jihad,” moderated by Quader.

Quader, part of a diversity training company, said the common dictionary definition of jihad, holy war, is a myth. "Islam is not a holy war — no such term exists in the Koran," he said, but not connected with jihad.

He said jihad was part of an inward struggle against one’s own desires is jihad," Quader said.

“For people strapping bombs on themselves and flying planes into buildings contradicts the Koran, Quader said. "This is totally forbidden from a Muslim perspective," he said. "You are not allowed to take the life of an innocent."

Quader ended the opposition of Muslim women another misconception. He said cultural differences make women’s clothing seem oppressive, but the clothing is liberating. He said through covering themselves, women can “get away from this whole obsession with the way we look — the fixation on beauty. Women are greatly honored in the Islamic culture, Quader said. “The prophet’s beloved, woman loved him, said the most righteous person in society was the one who was kindest to his wife,” he said.

Quader said the media skews Americans’ views of Islam. “If your view of America was based on watching Jerry Springer, then you would have a very distorted view of America is about,” he said. The media, often stereotypes Muslims.

“Part of [tolerance] is myth, and unfortunately, part of it is true," Quader said. "I don’t believe in the Koran, he said. "He said a lot of the tolerance, or lack thereof, is connected with politics.

A common myth says all Muslims are Arabic, he said. "Only about 15 percent of Muslims are Arab," he said.

On Thursday night the MSA held another event, a tri-faith dialogue at the Student Union. Three panelists, representing Christianity, Judaism and Islam, answered questions on a variety of topics.

“If a Jew and a Muslim can come and sit down together that’s a huge step," Kureshi said.

Yasir Munir, the event’s moderator, asked the panelists, "What should a believer in your faith do?"

The Islamic representative, Muaz Musri, said, "The word Muslim means peaceful.” He said Muslims must follow the Koran and decide how to live.

Must, another UFC graduate, is the president of the Islamic Society of Central Florida and also serves as the co-chairman of the Interfaith Council of Central Florida.

Davis said the conflict in the Middle East results from false realities. "Because people are spiritually important, they have to use bloodshed to win converts," Davis said.

Phillips said Jesus believes all people are created in God’s image. "Every soul is precious," he said.

Munir said “When humans take any exploitation, from man or God, they are bound to interpret it differently” He said God did not make three different religions and said there should not be a conflict in the Middle East.

The panelists also answered a question about their religion’s beliefs regarding the afterlife.

"Hell is a reality," Davis said. "Hell is real, and it is hot. Please don’t go there.

Phillips said the concept of hell does not exist in Judaism. "In the living the best they can and keep the commandments, Jews believe they will bring about a time when the Messiah will come to earth," she said.

"Life is a temporary life," Musri said. He said he does not believe only Muslims go to heaven. However, he said people cannot be converted. "You teach, they decide.

Then Munir asked the panelists how their respective religions regard homosexuality. "I will welcome any homosexual who wants to come, God loves the sinner, hates the sin," he said.

Phillips said people will find different levels of tolerance in the Jewish faith. There is less tolerance within the Orthodox faith, more within the conservative branch, and the reformed Jews hold homosexuals, she said.

"Homosexuality is not accepted in Islam as a normal behavior," Musri said, He said homosexuality is not condemned, but worked with and treated as an illness.

The moderator concluded the event by saying, "Whatever our differences may be, we are all children of God. May peace be with us all.”

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POLICE BEAT

Citing safety, police halt sobriety test

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STAFF WRITER

Kristine Ann Handley, 24, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence on Oct. 23. Officer James Roberts stopped Handley for speeding on Gemini Boulevard. Roberts said Handley’s eyes were glassy and her breath smelled of alcohol.

Handley told Roberts she had two or three beers at The Liquid Cellar. During field sobriety tests, Roberts said Handley was swaying and appeared to be unstable in her shoes. He stopped the tests early “for her safety.”

Joint-fest equals jail time

Travis Preadotto Hagler, 18, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Oct. 24. Officer Scott Penrose was dispatched to the Lake Claire Apartments because a resident complained that his roommate was smoking marijuana.

The complainant directed Penrose to Hagler’s room, where Hagler and five other people were sitting. Penrose asked Hagler what he was smoking, and Hagler said it was marijuana.

At Penrose’s request, Hagler produced a small black bag of marijuana and a burnt pipe. When officers searched Hagler’s room, they found several drug paraphernalia items and three unknown pills. Hagler was transported to the Orange County Jail.

Just say no to ‘blow’

Daniel Lee McDermott, 18, was arrested on charges of possession of cocaine and driving under the influence on Oct. 25. Officer Elwood Furnas stopped McDermott for driving left of the center line on Libra Drive.

After making contact with McDermott, Furnas noticed that McDermott’s eyes were bloodshot and glassy. Furnas said McDermott did not know the time or the date and had a hard time keeping his balance.

McDermott told police he had been drinking beer and smoking some marijuana. Upon searching McDermott’s wallet, Corporal Dale McDermott was transported to the Orange County Breath Testing Center, where he told police he would not submit to a urine test because they would find “two Xanax and some marijuana” in his system.

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Deputy advocates awareness, vigilance for student safety

LAURA STEVENS / STAFF WRITER

During a speech to a tourism management class on Oct. 22, Orange County Sheriff’s Deputy Craig Dorris urged students to remain vigilant and protect themselves.

In order to prevent crime, students need to limit what they carry with them, Dorris said. Often students take credit cards, more cash than they need and their Social Security cards with them to classes. “You don’t need it. Possessions are safer at home,” he said.

One possession students should keep on hand at all times in a cell phone, Dorris said. “I’m a big advocate of cell phones,” he said. “Cell phones are safety devices.”

Dorris said students in particular and people in general should better prepare themselves when traveling. “When we travel, we put the brain in neutral,” he said. “Sometimes I get a little stupid when I travel, and I’ll say that about myself so that I can say it about others.” He said tourists often put on Mickey Mouse ears and shorts and lose all sense of reality.

“Look around, not to the extent of paranoia, but plan ahead,” he said.

Students also should have a roadside assistance plan, Dorris said. If a student’s car breaks down, Dorris said the student should call the police. He said police will wait with the student until roadside assistance arrives. “[The students] are sitting ducks,” he said.

“My car doors are always locked,” Dorris said. “Always, always, always.”

Students who work in the hospitality industry should be able to recognize and report suspicious people, said Dorris, who works in the sheriff’s office division of homeland security. “When people work, they figure out what is suspicious behavior.”

Sara Stasiewicz, a sophomore, said although she hasn’t witnessed a crime, she agrees that students need to stay aware. Stasiewicz, a hospitality management major, works as a character at Disney.

“We are working for these tourists,” Stasiewicz said. “[Disney] is such a magical place, there should be nothing to spoil it.”

Dorris said he advocates a “challenge culture,” which involves a combination of customer service and awareness. He said employees in the tourism industry should ask questions when people act suspiciously. “You must be professional and courteous and find out what they are doing,” Dorris said.

Dorris said to watch for people walking or driving aimlessly. Cruise parked out of place and temporary tags should also catch the eye of tourism professionals, he said.

Students also should listen for any unusual conversation. “Perpetrators love to bring this up,” Dorris said.

“We have a new threat in Orlando and it starts communally with idle talk,” Dorris said.

DANGEROUS CROSSING

A new traffic light in front of the Recreation and Wellness Center will soon ease the tension between students and cars. The crossing is usually the sight of oncoming drivers trying to get past endless packs of students who walk obliquely across the street.

Tourism workers should know what to look for:

"Are we trying to keep the public paranoid?" Dorris asked. "No. We should learn from the tragic stories of others."

Dorris said that Orlando, the tourism capital of the world, has become a frequent target of counterfeiters. "The three top cities for passing counterfeited money are New York, Las Vegas and Orlando." Dorris said. "We recently got humped up to second." Students can help prevent circulation of counterfeit bills by staying aware, Dorris said. "Every one of us knows what money feels like," he said. "Mostly the counterfeit money is $100 bills and mostly it get passed at Disney."

Dorris talked about hotel-room security.

"Theoretically you should be able to leave anything in a hotel room and come back to it," Dorris said. "Theoretically."

He said the state legislature passed a law making theft from hotels a felony. "European tourists, excited about the weather, often leave their hotel doors open," said Dorris. "These people have money, and things that are paymateable."

Macario Garcia, 21, a telephone board operator for Loews Hotels, said he recently reported a crime. "When the guests came in, someone had taken their credit cards and staff that had bought at the parks," said Garcia, a junior at UCF. "I called in, in security, and they notified the police."

“I think Dorris’ advice is smart, but I’m not going to go jump in front of a gun for a tourist,” Garcia said. "It’s scary, but that’s not happening.”

Ellis Ellison, 21, a telephone board operator for Loews Hotels, agreed with Dorris that people should stay vigilant. "People need to be more cautious of their surroundings and more cautious of certain areas," Ellison said. "They should also be prepared," Ellison, a junior at UCF, said. "People need to be more careful in hotel rooms."

Credit card fraud has skyrocketed, but students can help thwart it, Dorris said. The American Banking Association reported banks lost $60 million in robberies last year. However, $10 billion was taken in credit card fraud. "Zero," Dorris said. "That got my attention."

Dorris said students working in sales could help prevent credit card fraud. He said he uses one sentence when he teaches people how to stop fraud. "Check the signatures." He said the unit finds signs important for crime prevention. He said tourists need to have a clear idea of where to go, and signs can help with directions, he said.

Dorris, in law enforcement for 30 years, said he has worked with the crime prevention unit for four years. He previously flew helicopters with the police force and also worked as a detective.

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uthorities in Virginia indicted John Lee Malvo, 17, as an adult on murder charges. If convicted, he will face the death penalty for his involvement in the 2002 sniper attacks in Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks that left 10 people dead.

John Paul Stevens, the associate justice, Malvo's case directly relates to Amendment 1, on which Floridians will vote Tuesday. As Florida law stands now, the state cannot execute a person who committed his crimes as a minor.

Stevens wrote that use of the death penalty for people under the age of 18 is "rebbeck of the past that left their lives he took."

Stevens argued those under 18 cannot serve on juries, vote or marry without their parents' permission. They are more vulnerable and less self-disciplined than adults, he said.

Therefore, those under 18 should not face the death penalty.

The random and terrifying string of murder


Our STANCE:

Feds stepping on states' decisions

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he 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that physicians need not fear losing their licenses for prescribing marijuana to patients. Although patients cannot legally obtain or use marijuana under federal law, physicians can now speak frankly about the benefits of marijuana use and suggest that patients use it.

The court ruled that restricting physicians from discussing marijuana with their patients violated physicians' freedom of speech.

Finally, a federal court moved toward the middle. Nine states have already passed laws allowing patients to use marijuana for medical purposes, and a vast majority of Americans (90 percent, according to a recent Time/CNN poll) do not oppose the medical use of marijuana.

The White House Office of National Drug Control concedes that marijuana may be effective in combating nausea associated with cancer or AIDS treatments.

Study after study has demonstrated the effectiveness of marijuana use in treating a large number of medical conditions including multiple sclerosis, glaucoma and arthritis.

Sadly, the Drug Enforcement Administration has raided several medical marijuana distributors, which legally sold pot to patients with prescriptions from their doctors. The U.S. Justice Department has prosecuted medical marijuana distributors for violating federal laws, although they did not break any state laws.

Medical marijuana patients swear by the plant, so much so that two California doctors have been willing to take patients filed a lawsuit last month requesting an injunction to stop the federal government from arresting people for medically using marijuana.

In an article on CNN.com, one of the plaintiffs, Angel McClary Taylor, said she felt angry and would fight with "every single ounce of energy that I have left" to make sure the government does not take the drug away from her.

The 9th Circuit court decided that the rights of those states that pass medical marijuana laws. The voters in those states approved such laws because they felt that patients should have access to any medicine that can alleviate their pain and improve their quality of life.

It's time for the government to start listening to the people from whom it derives its power. Let patients use their medicine.
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Smolder the smokers, out with the butts

JOEY MYERS STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow, many things will be on hold. One of the more interesting decisions will be amendment 6, which would ban smoking in restaurants, work places and other public venues.

In considering such a ban that would turn the home of Big Tobacco into a smoke free-state, some are baffling that it violates property rights, others call it a violation of civil rights and some are merely concerned with the dollars and cents at stake.

While unposed to the smoking ban that will likely pass, I too admit that I’ve discovered one of the shortcomings of the amendment. One thing that amendment 6 should have been included — but isn’t a part of the measure would be a smoke-free campus.

Reasons not to vote on Nov. 5

Kelly O’Connor STAFF WRITER

Hold the ballot. Can someone please tell me what exactly we are voting for in the upcoming election? I am not alone in being confused to the point of realizing our right to vote.

I guess it is rather disheartening to think that voting, something that takes less than ten minutes of a person’s time to fill out a registration form to do, can be such a bother to myself and so many others.

But honestly I choose not to be bothered. Why can’t I be bothered?

Well for starters, while I can physically read the ballot measures and spell the candidates’ names, I certainly cannot make an informed decision about any because I can’t comprehend what they are saying or what.

Perhaps I don’t vote because my parents never told me to — one of the only things I was never ordered to do and I embraced that as one less responsibility to worry about.

Maybe I am apathetic because it seems that my one vote amongst so many others will not matter. The world including my own, will continue to form and life will move on whether it’s a job or who’s the other candidate?

Maybe I won’t vote because I don’t care about pets, considering I eat them every morning with my eggs and toast, and because I’m not a serial murderer who faces the death penalty.

But ultimately the reason I can’t be bothered to vote stems from my Palm Beach County roots. If I don’t have the ability to do it right, I’ll make the wisest decision and save myself the embarrassment of mimicking a ballot.

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HORSE WITH NO NAME

Joey Myers STAFF WRITER

Smolder the smokers, out with the butts.

Not everyone agrees with my stance. But aren’t campuses already smoke-free? Well, in a way they are. You won’t see people smoking inside the Student Union or the bookstore but smokers will still light up on their way to class or outside of buildings during breaks surrounded by dozens of non-smokers.

I feel as if I am walking through a smoking section every time I try to enter a building to get to class. I cannot eat outside and enjoy the fresh air without inhaling a breath of air contaminated with cigarette smoke.

Then, there is the problem of litter. Why is it necessary to throw cigarette butts on the ground or into a bush?

Perhaps this will sound overly critical, but I don’t care. Don’t try to blow second-hand smoke up my butt and tell me that the smoke I inhale from a smoker I pass on the way to class is somehow less damaging than if I sit in a restaurant and get the very same whiff.

For a habit that causes 50,000 deaths a year, no amount of banning is enough. But most of all, no amount of banning is enough in a place like a public institution of education.

I contend that it is my right to walk on campus and not breathe in cancer-causing second-hand smoke. I also contend that it is our right, as students, to have an attractive campus not covered with cigarette butts.

Would this infringe upon anyone’s rights? Not exactly, as there is no guaranteed right to smoke. I do think, however, that non-smokers rights should far outweigh those of smokers.

Let me point out that I have nothing against smokers, and I’m not suggesting that all smokers have to do so that non-smokers can live, but a smoker’s rights and where my clean air begins.

It is time that UCF went smoke-free — completely. No smoking on the benches, outside of buildings, around the Reflecting Pond. If UCF were to implement such a policy, they would be showing their support in the fight against smoking, against Big Tobacco and even against cancer.

Tomorrow, vote yes on amendment 6.

Collected Joey Myers can be reached at joey@online.ucf.edu

Letters to the Editor

Viewpoints expressed here are not necessarily those of the editor.

Seniors becoming students again

I enjoyed the article “Eve of launching brings sore look back to school,” by Crystal Cobo published Oct. 28.

I am a member of the same group but there is a small that growing number of seniors, often with advanced degrees, who are taking 125 credits of upper level courses. I believe this is a beneficial situation for the young undergraduate student and the senior students. I am taking 15 credit hours and also attend classes at Valencia and Knights and the courses range from history to philosophy. Math is my specialty, I met some of my peers doing the same.

I have some means of the fact that University of Florida will be holding an open enrollment every spring or campus view of the enormous number of baby boomers becoming on hand, this may be an interesting private venture for UCF.

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Déjà vu

For the third time this season, UCF blows halftime lead

Kristy Shonka

Through two quarters Saturday it looked like UCF was going to pick up its second win in 25 tries, over a school from a Bowl Championship Series conference. The Golden Knights were up on the Big East's Syracuse 21-10, but unfortunately for UCF the game didn't end there.

The Orange, scored 28 second-half points to erase an 18-point deficit for a 38-35 win. The Knights dropped to 3-6 on the season in front of a season-high 34,043 fans at the Citrus Bowl.

"The win is going to come up tomorrow," UCF offensive coordinator Robert McFarland said. "But right now it's a sad feeling right here in the locker room. Those guys fought and competed and we had it all the way there till the very end and we just didn't get it done and that's upsetting. I thought the crowd was great and they wanted to win one for the crowd and get a W there against a quality opponent like Syracuse."

The Knights have struggled in the second half this season, getting outscored 134-97 in the final two quarters. Including the scoreless third quarters and two scoreless fourth quarters. If all of UCF's guns were loaded after the first two periods the Golden Knights would be 5-5 on the season.

They would still have losses to Penn State and Marshall and would have tied Western Michigan. But UCF led Toledo, Syracuse and Arizona State at the half, before squandering those leads in the second half.

At one point Saturday the Golden Knights led the Orange by 21-2, but they couldn't hold on. The 18-point lead is the second-largest blown lead in UCF history.

"We just weren't able to get it done late in the game," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "Thirty-five points is plenty to win a football game."

Blinked special teams plays, poor run defense and a sporadic offense hurt UCF's last chance at a win over a Big East program this season.

Place-kicker Matt Prater had two field goals blocked and missed a third and Asante Samuel fumbled a punt return.

With 2:55 left in the game the Knights lined up for a 47-yard field-goal attempt by Prater that would have tied the game at 28, but for the second time in the game Prater's kicked was blocked. The Orange then recovered, and the UCF defense forced Syracuse to punt less than a minute later.

"It was a close game and they had plenty of opportunities to win a game," Syracuse Coach Doug Marrone said. "But we had more because of three turnovers."
**Cross-country teams place in the top five**

**Kristy Shonka**  
**Staff Writer**

A pair of juniors finished 14th as the top UCF finishers in the men's and women's Atlantic Sun Cross Country Championships.

On Saturday, Alia Dimm and Danny Cook led their respective teams to top five finishes Saturday in Troy, Ala. Dimm helped the women's team to a third-place showing, while Cook led the men's team to a fifth-place finish.

UCF's top three women finished within four places and five seconds of one another. Dimm finished in 19:41.64, and at sophomore Amy Giles was right on her heels in 19:43.78. Astrid Claessens highlighted her impressive freshman campaign with a 17th-place finish in 19:46.62.

Belmont won the team title with 57 points, with Stanford coming in second with 81 points and the Knights took third with 118 points.

**Kuhlman records eighth shutout of year**

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Eli Kuhlman recorded his eighth shutout of the season on Sunday when he served Austin Malec's two assists. Malec's second assist would come six minutes later when he served Austin Malec's two assists.

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**UCF ties Gardner-Webb**

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off a rebound of Brian Malek's header, which Campbell goalkeeper Brian English, origi-

nally saved.

The game would remain tied (1-1) until the 84th minute, when Campbell took a 2-1 lead on a header from Austin Malec. Malec's second assist would come six minutes later when he served Austin Malec's two assists.

Kuhlman claimed three saves in the match moved her to 44 on the season and closer to the season record of 46 held by Amy Jones. The 16 goals tied Montgomery for third place in the nation among freshmen with her 44 points. Senior goalkeeper Jessica Kuhlman claimed three saves for the shutout, which is UCF's 11th on the year and eighth for Kuhlman.

With about three minutes left in the game, freshman Jennifer Montgomery scored her team leading 16th goal on the year from a cross from senior Nicole Cieslak. The two points Montgomery received in the match moved her to 44 on the year and closer to the season record of 46 held by Amy Jones. The 16 goals tied Montgomery for third place in the nation among freshmen with her 44 points.

Mcintosh was Koyagialo's fourth goal of the season. Malec's second assist would come six minutes later when he served Austin English to put UCF up 2-0.

After halftime, Gardner-Webb's Brianna Harris scored off a corner kick in the 32nd minute to make the score 2-1, and would even the game in the 88th minute to send the match into overtime. Both teams played a scoreless overtime and the match finished 2-2.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh made eight saves for the Golden Knights.

**Is it always this hot in November?**
The junior quarterback had 440 passing yards in the loss. He completed 28-of-47 passes to five different receivers.

Defensive Player of the Week

STANFORD RHULE
The sophomore linebacker made eight tackles on the night, including six solo and one for a loss. He anchored a linebacker corps that was beat up throughout the night as middle linebacker Chad Mascoe and strong side linebacker Chris Pilinko battled injuries.

Football Notebook

Marshall gets zipped

Chris Bernhardt

Though UCF lost to Syracuse, it can take comfort in knowing that division rival Marshall lost a conference game against Akron, 34-20. For the Thundering Herd, it’s the first Mid-American Conference loss of the season.

At first glance, Marshall losing to the 1-7 Zips seems shocking, but throw in the fact that star quarterback Byron Leftwich suffered a leg injury and it becomes more understandable. Leftwich returned to the game, but was clearly hobbled.

The Thundering Herd fell to 4-1 in conference, tying them with their next opponent Miami of Ohio. UCF sits in third at 2-2, with a contest at Miami still looming.

“That gives us a chance,” UCF wide receiver Doug Gabriel said. “We wish we would have got this win, but we got to go out there and make sure we beat every other team.”

Offensive explosion

Even in defeat, UCF had its best offensive game of the year. They finished with a season-high 380 yards of total offense.

Quarterback Ryan Schneider set a school record with 440 yards passing, going 28-for-47 with a touchdown.

Gabriel and fellow wideout Jimmy Fryzel each set career-highs in yards, with Gabriel catching 12 passes for 306 yards and Fryzel making six receptions for 136 yards. Their 546 combined yards is the most by two UCF receivers in one game.

“They got some man coverage on us sometime and I thought Jimmy and Doug did a good job of getting themselves open and making some plays,” offensive coordinator Robert McFarland said.

Gabriel, who came with just eight receptions for 77 yards in the past two games, is just the seventh player in school history to go over the 200-yard barrier. His game ranks as the sixth best by a UCF receiver.

The senior also set a school record with 117 rushing yards. That gives him 844 rushing yards on the season.

The Thundering Herd fell to 1-7, with a contest against Akron, Miami, Western Michigan, Ball State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Ohio State still to play.

Around the Locker Room

“We came out there and give it all we got. For me I know I gave it all I got cause I couldn’t even pick myself up off the field. So I know I went out there and gave everything.”

—QUARTERBACK RYAN SCHNEIDER

“We got that second half fever. I don’t know what it is. Then they came out with more intensity then us. They wanted it more then us. But that’s all of football, somebody’s going to make a play and somebody ain’t. But we’ll be alright, we’re young right now but we’ll be good.”

—WIDE RECEIVER DOUG GABRIEL

“It’s going to be more and more a part of our offense we think.”

—McFARLAND ON MARSHALL USING
Offense still sets records

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than a minute later.

But Mike Shan plowed the Knights at their own two-yard line with 12:02 left in the game. UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider brought his team out to the 37, but that’s where the Knights ran out of time and energy. Schneider threw three incomplete passes and on fourth-and-10 he was sacked and he fumbled the ball to end the game.

“Special teams wins the close game,” Syracuse Coach Dino Pasquazol said. “I think that happened here tonight and I thought the offense went out in the second half and took the game over.”

Down 5-27, the UCF defense forced the Orangeemen to punt with about 10 minutes left in the game. Shan’s punt hit the ground and Samson attempted to pick it up on the hop, but couldn’t control it and Syracuse’s Steve Gregory recovered the fumble at UCF’s 10-yard line. The Orangeemen scored a touchdown two plays later that affected the game.

Syracuse ran for 107 yards, including 105 in the second half. The UCF defense had players dropping like flies throughout the game. Middle linebacker Chad Mascoe and free safety Peter Sands left the game and did not return, while outside linebacker Chris Pilinko and defensive tackle Larry Brown and Delealus Johnson all went out with injuries and returned.

Despite gaining a season-high 539 yards and scoring four touchdowns, the UCF offense settled for five field-goal attempts. Prater made two field goals in the third quarter, but had UCF scored touchdowns on any of those drives the Knights would have won the game.

Schneider was 23-for-47 for a season record 440 yards, but he threw for only one touchdown pass. Of Schneider’s 25 completions, 18 were for 10 or more yards, but his four touchdown pass was just four yards.

Wide receiver Doug Gabriel set a school record with 324 all-purpose yards. He had 12 receptions for 266 yards and five kickoff returns for 157 yards and one return for a one-yard touchdown. Receiver Jimmy Fryzel had a career high 150 yards and combined with Gabriel for 156 receiving yards, which is a school record.

Fullback Alex Haynes ran the ball 15 times for 84 yards in the first half, but only got two carries in the second half, ending the game with 88 yards. The offensive line gave up two sacks. It had gone 10 quarters without giving up a sack.

The UCF defense registered three sacks with Rashad Jenity, Gerren Bray and Chad Mascoe each getting one.

Mascoe records his first sack of season

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clear effort to exploit Syracuse’s weak run defense.

But that strategy went out the window in the second half, as the Orangeemen began stacking the line against the run. Haynes ran just twice in the second half, for four yards.

“Right toward the end of the first half they really started loading up on our run and bringing a lot of safety blitzes,” McFarland said. “So we decided just to throw them a little curveball, come out the second half and spread them out a little bit and catch them off-balance throwing the ball.”

Still, the sophomore did have a major accomplishment early in the game as he moved into the top ten on UCF’s all-time rushing list. He has 1,281 yards in his young career, placing him 10th all-time at UCF.

Block party

With two blocked field goals against Syracuse, UCF now has had three blocked on the season. The first came against Penn State in the season opener. That tied a school record, set in 1999.

Though neither block was really his fault, it punctuated a bad day for freshman place-kicker Matt Prater. He missed an attempt of 41 yards in the second quarter, and after that he lost his kickoff duties for the rest of the game. Fellow freshman Ryan Feely kicked off four straight times before Prater returned for the Golden Knight’s final kickoff.

On the positive side, Prater did hit two field goals of 32 and 34 yards in the third quarter.

Plenty of options

In an ever-growing trend on offense, the Golden Knights ran the option several times in the first half. On UCF’s initial drive, Schneider ran forward for four yards then pitched the ball to Haynes for a touchdown. But they tried the same play to the other side later in the game and it nearly resulted in a fumble.

Mascoe gets first sack

Middle linebacker Chad Mascoe recorded the first sack of his UCF career, taking down Troy Nunes for an eight-yard loss in the first quarter.

“Just going to have my first one, I should have had a couple more,” Mascoe said. “But being that we lost the feeling is not the same as we would if we were.”

Injury report

Safety Peter Sands left the game in third with an injured shoulder and did not return. Mascoe also left in the third with an injury to his leg.
Volleyball wins seesaw battle

Frank leads UCF with 61 assists

Craig Brooks
Staff Writer

Three-time Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week Le-Reyne Santee-Slate led the way as the Golden Knights defeated UAB in a five-game seesaw battle. Santee had a match-high 21 kills and five aces in the 5-2 win.

The win was UCF's 12th in 13 matches, and the Knights improved to 17-10.

After going back and forth with the Blazers, UCF opened up with eight points in the fifth and deciding game, while UAB couldn't keep up, scoring just six overall.

The Golden Knights won the game with complete domination in the early minutes of the game. Sophomore middle blocker Amanda Stoutjesdyk led UCF to victory in the fifth game, which UCF took 15-8.

"By the time it is the fifth game, there is nothing to lose. I just had to do it," Stoutjesdyk said.

In the first game, which UCF won 31-29, the Golden Knights had doubled UAB's score 10-5 and continuously increased the lead. The team played fluidly and capitalized on every Blazer mistake.

However, effortless mistakes from the Knights allowed UAB to close the gap through the middle of the game (14-14). UAB stopped making mistakes and sailed by as UCF beat itself up. After the halfway point of 15-15, the Golden Knights started to right themselves.

From 26-22, the Knights added the five points necessary to win, but the Blazers added seven of their own and forced UCF to push to 21 to win, 31-29.

UCF struggled to start the second game, but tied it up at 11. Point for point after that, the game was up for grabs. After point 18 for UCF, UAB took off on a four-point jaunt, and UCF watched as the game slipped away. The Knights tied the game at 29, yet the efforts were futile in a UCF loss, 31-30.

The third game looked similar to the first game, UCF doubled UAB's score early on, 12-0, and continuously advanced toward 30. After the UAB coach received a red card, UCF ran away with the game. The score through the first two-thirds of the game read 22-9, and shortly after it was finished at 30-18, ended on a kill by Chaz Abuh. In the fourth game UCF started slow, but was able to tie it at 12. The Knights stalled though falling behind 19-14 after a service ace from the Blazers. UAB plowed on to take out UCF 30-25.

Stoutjesdyk finished second on the Golden Knights with 14 kills, while Tanya Jarvis had 13. She added a team-high 15 digs. Jenny Frank had a match-high 61 assists.

The Golden Knights host Morgan State tonight at 7 p.m. in their final non-conference match before the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

Cinderella didn't sign up for intramural basketball this year

Julie Reeves
Staff Writer

The road to the final four in the intramural basketball tournaments has come to its final pit stop, with all of the favorites still in the hunt for the title. The semifinal pairings are now set for the men's competitive, men's recreational, and women's tournaments.

In the men's competitive bracket, all four teams have earned a 3-1 record on the season. Defending champion Triple Threat will meet the lone fraternity team left in the playoffs, Kappa Sigma. The odd-even favorite, State Drivers, will get its biggest test of the season as members meet the suddenly hot Lady Slammers, who knocked off Kappa Alpha Theta in a thriller to reach the final four.

The recreational tournament has turned into a thrilling race for the title. The Latin Brothers will meet up with the Bus Drivers in one semifinal, and Sigma Chi will take on Triple Threat Deuce in the other. All semifinal games will be played starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Recreation and Wellness Center.
Experience lacking for men's basketball team

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

It didn't take a program to pick out the veterans as the UCF men's basketball team practiced last week. It didn't even take them all wearing black jerseys. Instead it just took a second of watching the Golden Knights scrimmaging, as the "black" team comprised of experienced players had its way with the "white" team made up of underclassmen.

"Your returnees are the guys that have been through it all before and they're ahead because they know our offense and they know what we're doing defensively," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said. "They always have a quicker start than the newcomers."

The Golden Knights began practicing almost three weeks ago, starting in earnest a season full of question marks. Only five players return from last season: guards Ray Abellard and Al Hiller, swingman Marcus Boyd, forward/center Ed Dotson and center Josh Boyd. No one else on the team has played a single game at the Division I-A level.

With highly enough experienced players to form a starting lineup, UCF's preseason practices have turned into a feeling out process as much as a preparation for the season.

Two junior college transfers, center Roberto Morentin and forward Dexter Lyons, have joined the five returning players on the black team. As expected, the veteran group, made up of four seniors and three juniors, looked sharp.

Playing solid defense and running numerous fast breaks, their body language showed their experiences as much as their play.

Just as predictably, the younger white team looked woefully out of sync. Handicapped and frustrated by the black team, the collection of underclassmen struggled to do much of anything and at one point made the coaches plead for them to execute something.

Still, this youthful group was expected to be a work in progress. The good news is Morentin, a 6-foot-8-inch junior who transferred from San Jacinto Junior College in Texas, looks like a player that can provide a lot of help to the Golden Knights this season.

"(Morentin) has come in and really done a nice job of working hard, has a good feel for the game, a good sense of how to play the game," Speraw said.

With all the new faces, the team desperately needs to get everyone on the court. Fortunately the Golden Knights have had to deal with few health problems. Lyons has missed practices with a back strain, but no one else has suffered through any serious injuries.

Dotson, who stunned everyone last season by returning very early from a broken leg, looks fully recovered from the injury. He finished off several fast breaks for the black team Friday, including one dunk that excited the few people watching at the UCF Arena.

"He's probably 90-95 percent healthy," Speraw said. "I'd say in the last seven to eight days he's really started to get his quickness and explosiveness back. Hopefully he'll start to get his timing within the course of the next couple of weeks."

The Golden Knights still have a little less than two weeks before they see genuine game action. On Nov. 13, they play an exhibition game at home against ORIANS of Argentina. Then on Nov. 22 they'll travel to Annapolis and open their season against Navy. So UCF still has time to come together for the season.

"There's a lot of things that we have to find out and learn about one another, and we've got to grow together as a team," Speraw said. "It's not going to be something that we come together real quick. It's probably going to take us a little time."
**Party ’til the cows come home**

**Denise Bloom**

**STAFF WRITER**

Most students agree that partying is a vital part of life in college. Although Junior Christine Saviano, a 20-year-old liberal arts major, does not object to partying, she still believes partiers should abide by a certain etiquette while partying.

"Partying should happen on the weekends, Thursday through Saturday, and end before 3 a.m. That way students who don't wish to party can learn in peace," Saviano said.

"However, there are still four rules each partier should follow," Leetun said.

1. "There are four rules each partier should follow," Leetun said. "The respectful, be prepared, watch your alcohol intake and have a good time."

2. "However, parties are not only about drinking by certain rules. Parties enable students to meet new people, as well as allow them to release the daily stresses college may inflict on them."

3. "The weekend party is a necessary evil," said Desiree DeAngelius, a 21-year-old physial therapy major.

4. "Nevertheless, there are still students who insist that never learned this party etiquette and suffer consequences because of it."

"I have witnessed revenge on partygoers when they have misbehaved," Lueun said. "At one party, when the offending partygoer passed out, he was duct taped from head to toe, scared up and peed on."

But revenge is not uncommon at most college parties, at least for senior marketing major Adam Taylor.

"We have been known to 'punish' those who pass out. We have a rule in our house, if you pass out with your shoes on then you are subject to any torture we can think of. We become very creative in our 'punishments.'"

Some of Taylor's 'creative punishments' have involved taking embarrassing photos or pouring pancake mix on them and then throwing them in the shower.

But the fun usually stops when parties get out of control.

"Parties can quickly take a turn for the worse," DeAngelius said.

"During one Super Bowl party, there must have been about 60 people in our little apartment," DeAngelius said. "Someone decided to reenact the winning touchdown catch and ended up leaving a huge hole in our wall."

But DeAngelius is not the only one with a bad party experience to tell.

"We lost a good couch during a birthday party," Saviano said. "I turned around and someone was throwing up all over the couch. The next days and then he moved to the floor, leaving a wonderful stain behind."

However, most apartment complexes have limitations to try to prevent situations like Saviano's and DeAngelius' from happening.

"We have policies to keep our residents safe and many options to assist us with this," said police officers patrol the grounds and any parties that have overflowed to the patio.

"We are also able to send a violation to the offending residents if they are reported to the office," Better added.

These measures help us make sure everyone is following the community guidelines listed in the lease.

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**When the men take it all off**

**Becky Kulchak**

**STAFF WRITER**

As well-liked male dancers флan their toned bodies around the room, overly excited women swarm with excitement. The atmosphere has a sense of wildcard, like a teenage girl's parent-free weekend at home.

At an establishment where men take off their clothes for monetary gain, there are certain country rules one should follow. One of the most important of these rules, according to Spyder Morton, a 21-year-old ex-stripper at the Pink Velvet in Georgia and the Red Carpet in Pennsylvania, is to remember to maintain control and keep your clothes on.

"A lot of girls tend to take off their clothes. When they see a guy they like, they want to show off their body, too. But you can't do that."

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**Spyder Morton**

Parliament House, no one appreciates being grabbed, especially if the customer does not tip well.

It is also customary to buy at least one drink during the night, even if it is just a soda.

"Just as long as you put a little money down, it's okay," Morton said.

Brian Humphries, a former stripper added, "Men the strippers drink, they usually do a better job if they're a little liquored up."

However, there is a difference between having a few drinks and getting drunk. For some patrons, that difference dictates whether or not they will be escorted out due to behavior problems. Even though it is expected for customers to buy a drink, it is also expected that each person will drink responsibly.

But sometimes expectations are not always true. Although it may seem that the male dancers anticipate sexual favors offered to them while performing, that is not always the case.

"The most amazing thing about

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**Professor teaches students to think outside the textbook**

**Denise Bloom**

**STAFF WRITER**

Although most teachers follow a basic way of teaching and assigning work, Shelly Park, a feminist theory professor and the chair of the philosophy department, chooses to take a different approach.

Park uses experiential learning to enrich her lectures, as well as her homework assignments.

The assignments not only help students understand new material, but enable them to test the new information learned as well.

"Experiential learning brings life to the text and students probably retain what they are learning from these types of assignments more than they would from the book."

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The purpose of Park's experiential learning is to try to make students aware of different lifetimes.

"My goal is to teach them to try and look at their part of the world from multiple perspectives to step outside the box."

Such assignments may ask students to step outside their 'gender norms,' as well as their "cultural norm," Park said.

"Students become very creative with their assignments," Park said. "I had one male student who wore maxi pads for one week and shaved his legs just to see what it feels like."

"However, not all of those experiments have to be so daring; they can be very beneficial, as well," Park said.
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
9 pm CAB Cinema "Royal Tenenbaums," Cape Florida Ballroom SU Rm. 316

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9 pm CAB Cinema Mel Brooks Double Feature:
8 pm Spaceballs, 10 pm Blazing Saddles.
Cape Florida Ballroom SU Rm. 316

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
10 am - 4 pm VUCF Blood Drive, SU South Patio
11 am - 3 pm VUCF Interest table, SU South Patio
5:30 pm EKCEL Social, Wackadoo's
8 pm CAB and GLBSU's Diva Invasion, SU Pegasus Ballroom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10 am - 4 pm VUCF Blood Drive, SU South Patio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Family Weekend Begins
10 pm - 2 am Late Knights, Student Union & the Recreation and Wellness Center

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

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 316AB, 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!

Finishing the Semester Smart: Study and Test Taking Skills
November 20, 7:30 pm
Student Union Rm. 224 Egmont Key
SARC and EKCEL team up to help you be successful throughout the semester. This workshop will cover study skills, as well as positive test taking habits. With this session and a little practice, you'll be well on your way to straight A's!

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November 6: Open Jam (Open Mic)
November 8: Bird Dog (Blues)
Ladies should remember to keep their hands off.

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dancing is when someone in the audience is observing the show thinking that that person dancing is sexy and ready into it," Humphries said.

In fact, he said, the dancer's mind is often elsewhere. "Dance is out of it, they're thinking about their laundry."

But when excited customers try to grab and pull on the dancer, it is apparent that laundry isn't anywhere on their mind.

"You're going to tease me with your five dollars rm going to tease you and the audience is observing the show thinking that someone is performing and not worrying about what's happening. It is a threat to national security. I think it is worth fighting for," Spencer said.

"When the assignment switched to the unfamiliar, I found it hard to participate." But, unlike Holmstrom, most students are not worried about what others think, Park said.

"Most of the time students find out no one really cares. The only person that has been making them conform is himself or herself. The liberating thing is finding out that you can break the norm and the world does not fall apart." Sophomore Nikki lnelsen, a 19-year-old advertising major, agreed.

"I had to step inside the shoes of my patient during a communicative disorders class," Holmstrom said. "In this class, we pretended to have a speech impediment and judge the reactions we received. It didn't bother me inside the classroom walls because I knew the people I was working with and that I could perform the same experiment in public, I couldn't."" Students share perspectives from classes.

I had one male student who wore maxi pads for one week and shaved his legs just to see what it feels like.

—Shelly Park, Junior they system

"I had to find a partner that I could trust. I think if I was performing with someone else I'd be more comfortable."

However, Junior Edward Cannon, a 20-year-old finance major, feels somewhat differently. "Nobody I know wants to go fight because no one wants to die," Cannon said. "For me, there is no excitement at the apex of fighting. I cannot answer whether or not the war in Iraq would be justified, I don't even want to think about it. I can only answer the call that my country gives me.

Cannon is a National Guardsman, which means that in the event that President Bush declares war he can be taken out of class at any time and sent off to Iraq. But Cannon doesn't feel too worried about being called in to serve.

"It is unlikely that I'll be sent to Iraq because there are so many other people ahead of me waiting to go. It's more likely that I'll be sent away to help for a natural disaster than to fight in Iraq."

Regardless of the list of people ahead of Cannon, his parents are still uneasy at the thought of him at war in Iraq, especially since all of their sons are in the armed forces.

"My parents don't really like the fact that I'm in the program, but they know they can't stop me," Cannon said. "My oldest brother was the first one to start it all in the family then my other brother followed and I just couldn't say no. It just makes sense to me."

Junior Antonia Santa, 23, a reservist and accounting major, agreed.

"I believe that any war fought for the protection of our country is justified," Cannon said.

UCF's ROTC drill crew, led by校区 Sanchez, ran through a cannon drill at 7 a.m.

Annie Beavers/CFP

Ken Bendetah has had more than just money problems in his underwear when his strips. He has found rings, phone numbers and condoms rewarding him for a job well done.
People different from us

Linda Henning, 48, went on trial for murder in Albuquerque in September, charged as being the dupe and accomplice of cancer-curing, 2,000-year-old guru Diazien Hossencofft in the murder of his wife, the late Gilly Chow Hossencofft. Henning was described by longtime friends as exceptionally level-headed, right up until the day she met the charismatic Hossencofft, after which she became "crazy," according to one, in that she believed that reptilian aliens were ready to take over the world, using cryogenic pods. (She wrote that reptilian George Bush maintains his human visage through the use of magnetic fields to create holograms.) Hossencofft has since come clean and withdrawn from the race after his Democratic opponent ran attack ads that Taylor said were "inaccurate." But by then it was too late. The education commissioner of Nova Scotia announced a new high-school graduation system, with diplomas noting that they never passed the mandatory literacy test. A Norwegian environmental research group said the chemical pollutants PCBs, drifting northward, might be responsible for recent strains of polar bears born with both male and female sex organs.

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Q. I recently sprained my ankle and have received all sorts of advice from friends and roommates about how I should treat it. What's your advice?

A. Ankle sprains are one of the most common injuries we see at the Student Health Center. Sprains are often of minor consequence but sometimes are more serious, or may even represent a fracture. Most ankle sprains occur when the ankle has been forcibly twisted. This results in pain and swelling with possible bruise formation. According to the "Ottawa Guidelines," sprain type injuries that cause pain with weight bearing or result in tenderness of the last few inches of the leg (tibia or fibula) are at increased risk for fractures and require an x-ray. Most common sprains can be treated with rest, ice, compression and elevation (RICE). Compression can be achieved with a zip-lock bag with ice, a favorite, frozen vegetables (frozen peas work best), or your favorite, frozen vegetables (frozen peas work best). Ice can be utilized and mucus on tonsils. When two of the criteria are present, the illness is likely a throat swab for Strep. These criteria seem to be a pretty user-friendly way to assess if antibiotics might be helpful. Obviously, if you are unsure, severely ill, or your sore throat persists for more than a week, you should see us at the Student Health Center.

For further help and assistance:

Q. There seems to be a lot of debate about when to use antibiotics for a sore throat. Do you have any suggestions?

A. In recent years we have witnessed the unmasking development of increasing bacterial resistance to antibiotics. Probably most of the blame for this process is related to overuse of prophylactic antibiotics for treatment of upper respiratory tract infections. For this reason, the medical community has been trying to better define when antibiotics are appropriate. Recently the Centers for Disease Control published a list of criteria for the treatment of pharyngitis (sore throat). These guidelines are referred to as the Centor criteria. They advise clinicians to look for four elements when assessing pharyngitis: presence of fever, absence of cough, tender lymph nodes in the neck, and macules on tonsils. When only one of these criteria is present, the illness is likely a virus and should be treated with rest, fluids, Tylenol, lozenges, and observation. When two of the criteria are present, a throat swab to check for Strep should be considered. If three or four criteria are present, than the patient may be either treated with antibiotics or tested for Strep. These criteria seem to be a pretty user-friendly way to assess if antibiotics might be helpful. Obviously, if you are unsure, severely ill, or your sore throat persists for more than a week, you should see us at the Student Health Center.

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