Students help dictate smaller class size, smoking ban

**Shelley Marmor**

Voters in Tennessee and North Dakota were grappling with the idea of approving state lotteries. In Nevada, voters had to decide whether they should be the first to legalize marijuana in the nation. In Florida, student voters were most concerned about banning cigarettes, reducing class sizes and reconstituting Florida's public university system. Liberal studies major Nicole Gordon was among the 71 percent who voted in favor of the smoking ban that passed. Gordon

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- Amendment 1 gave the governor power to establish pre-k classes and allow for the extension of pre-k funds.
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The fight for governor is finally over as 56.2 percent of Florida voters re-elected Gov. Jeb Bush Tuesday.

**President's popularity carries party—and his brother**

**Jason Isay**

Bucking the trend of botched elections, Tuesday's elections went smoothly as Florida voters re-elected Gov. Jeb Bush, part of a Republican sweep of Florida's Cabinet positions, and decided to restructure the higher education system.

Bush easily defeated Democratic challenger Bill McCollum by a 57 percent to 42 percent margin. While Floridians re-elected Bush and Frank Iriarte as governor and lieutenant governor, they also elected Republicans Charlie Crist and Charles H. Bronson as Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture, respectively.

In addition, Republicans won 14 of Florida's 25 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Republicans also won most of the seats in the Florida Legislature.

**Ontological science professor Aubrey Jewett** attributed the Republicans' success to President Bush. "Republicans across the country, and particularly in Florida, benefited from a very popular president," Jewett said.

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Fraternity harasses UM editor

University fails to punish members

JOE HARLESS

Two weeks after the terrorist attacks last year, several UM students, including several Alpha Epsilon Pi members, went around campus with a camera asking students: "What are we going to do about the goddamn Arabs?"

At the time, Rodack, a member of AEPi, lived in the AEPi fraternity house during his second term as editor for the campus newspaper, The Hurricane. After running a story about the members actions in the newspaper, Rodack found himself the target of harassment by the fraternity.

Rodack ran the story in the paper against the fraternity's wishes. "They basically told me there would be hell to pay if I ran the story, but I felt the story was important," Rodack said.

The fraternity's reaction came swiftly. 9,000 copies of the paper with the story disappeared from news racks before anyone had the chance to read them. Three days later the papers returned to the dean's office. The university determined three members of Alpha Epsilon Pi responsible for the theft of the papers. Alpha Epsilon Pi remains in good standing with the university and still has a house on-campus.

Margot Winik, director of media relations for the University of Miami, declined to comment on Rodack's story.

Rodack said he does not know why the university determined if did but wants punishment handed out to the fraternity.

"The fraternity is a cancer to the university. They do not belong on campus."

Rodack's father, Jeff Rodack, described the university's handling of the situation as "over the top."

"When I send my son off to school, his safety should not be compromised," he said.

Rodack and his family face two battles with the university: protecting the freedom of the press and Rodack's security. While his father deals with security, Rodack spends the last 13 months seeking support for what he sees as a violation of the freedom of the press by the fraternity and the university's failure to discipline the fraternity.

Rodack told his story to several media outlets, including the Miami Herald and the Philadelphia Inquirer. Rodack remains determined to fight for what he believes in despite the harassment and the threats.

"I am going to fight as long as it takes for the appropriate outcome."
National Briefs

Missed opportunity bodes ill for Democratic Party

WASHINGTON—The Republican gains in Congress are attributed to the transformation of President Bush’s standing with the American public in the months since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

With his job approval rating approaching the midterm election as high as any president’s since John F. Kennedy’s in 1964, Bush threw himself into the campaign, gambling that he could transform his personal popularity into congressional gains for the GOP.

But missed opportunities boded ill for the Democrats. Bush managed to clarify his message in both chambers of Congress during his first midterm election, since the Civil War, the only way to win a majority of seats in Congress. The shift was from a broad thrust to a focused assault on the opposition, a strategy that experts say may be necessary in future elections to gain a majority of seats in Congress.

The GOP didn’t gain as much ground on Capitol Hill on Tuesday as Democrats had hoped, but they did capture three statehouses—Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Republicans had expected to capture the governorships of three other key states—Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan—hoped to embarrass him. But Democrats had only 11 incumbents. The GOP had taken over majorities in the House and Senate.

In one night that year, they went from a 40-19 majority in the House to a 20-29 minority in a 20-19 majority. The odds were heavily stacked against the Republicans. But they were defending 25 governorships, while the Democrats had only 11 incumbents. The difference in the vote was 513,000.

In gubernatorial campaigns, GOP

keeps Texas, loses key states

President Bush also secured the governorship of Texas, where Democrats had hoped to embarrass him. But Democrats captured the governorships of three other key states—Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan.

In the most surprising upset of the night, Republican Sunny Perdue took the governorship of Georgia away from the incumbent, Democrat Roy Barnes, who had led in every poll.

Democrats won the majority of governorships in 1994, when they also captured majorities in the House and Senate. But the gap between the two parties was less than 15 percent since a 20-29 minority in a 20-19 majority.

Greeks, SGA leaders grumble about Golden Rule changes

Administrators bear student concerns at open forum

KRISTA ZILLIZ

Staff Writer

Greek members and SGA leaders were grumbling Monday after the student body proposed new policy changes to the Golden Rule that would require higher grade point average for student leaders and hold entire student organizations responsible if several of their members decide to misbehave together.

Many members of the student body were the last opportunity for students to voice concerns over proposed changes that have been debated for more than a year in Golden Rule Review Committee meetings, workshops and open forums, before Tom Huddleston, vice president of student Life, implementation and enrollment, approves the policies this week.

The Golden Rule is compilation of several university policies such as free speech zones and student conduct.

The first change would raise the minimum grade point average requirement for student leaders from 2.3 to 2.5. This would put pressure on university administrators to punish an entire organization if several of its members broke the law.

Greek members and SGA leaders argue that the minimum grade point average isn’t consistent with the requirements of other Florida universities and would restrict students from becoming involved in leadership clubs and organizations. They also contend that many capable student leaders would be exempt from holding leadership positions if the policy goes into effect.

“We could have a student leader who was in the top 10% and beyond in leadership capacity, but by virtue of their grade average, could not be a student body vice president.”

“Are we putting limitations on people who have the capacity to lead.”

Currently the minimum grade point average requirement for leadership positions in standing is a 2.0 statewide. Most universities hold student leaders to the same standard. UCf is one of the few universities that require a minimum grade point average requirement for student leaders from 2.3 to 2.5.

Patricia Mackewn, director of student life, said that many students aren’t aware they have to maintain a minimum 2.3 grade point average to serve as student leaders, and that others have nearly 200 members.

“Do we do that with 10 members?”

“Can we afford to have 10 members?”

Mackewn said the policy better clarifies group behavior and protects organizations from being penalized for random acts by a few members, argues that it is impossible to establish one specific standard for members of different organizations. Some organizations have as many as 500 members, other have nearly 200 members.

“We have to maintain that standard and we have to be able to handle the actions of members from other organizations at the event.”

For example, if a fraternity and a sorority host a social, and several underaged fraternity members are caught drinking, the policy could force the entire fraternity to be banned, even if some members aren’t aware members of the fraternity were drinking.

“We have to be careful about these standards because they have to be fair to all organizations.”

But even Greek students were aware of Ryan Browne, president of the Greek Alliance, was wary of the new policy.

“If you can’t blame the majority for the actions of the few,” he said. “Unless there is a scheduled event, I don’t know what my members do on a Friday night and I don’t want to know.”

Mackewn, who maintains the policy better clarifies group behavior and protects organizations from being penalized for random acts by a few members, argues that it is impossible to establish one specific number or percentage of members to define coordinated group behavior since some organizations as small as 20 members, while others have nearly 200 members.

“Do we do that with 10 members?”

Mackewn asked, “You can’t. When I receive a report of misconduct by an organization, for me, if only one person of an organization is arrested for under-age drinking, I need to see more than one. The policy also would consider it, as it is sponsored by the organization, the funding of the organization, the number of important members, but it’s only one criteria I look at.”

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Greeks entered just one float in this year’s Homecoming parade.
UCF creates first support group for gay community

ADAM RUSCHE STAFF WRITER

President John Hitt and UCF have not taken action to ensure that homosexuals are accepted, but now a group plans to make sure.

The Allies program at UCF provides a safe, supportive and comfortable environment for students, staff and faculty to learn there are differences in terms of gender roles and sexual orientation. The program works to eliminate homophobia from the university's community.

Karen Hofmann began the Allies program at the beginning of this semester and hopes that it will become an integrated program at the university.

"Homosexuality is such a hidden and sometimes shameful issue to accept," Hofmann said. "It is never an easy issue to come to terms with because it usually means taking on a huge burden importantly trying to get people to believe homosexuals have the diversity of homosexuals and is willing to be advocates for homosexuals.

The ultimate level in matters of the Allies program, but realizes that for many people it is not always possible. AIDS most horribly is another level of homophobic and homophobic attitudes that hurt all of us," Hofmann said.

At the Alliance, the program develops a vocabulary that is friendly and not suggestive. Gay students and faculty tend to find themselves playing the "protection game," as many have expressed it, and avoid talking about their personal lives with people they are not sure would be accepting of homosexuality.

The previous game is avoiding playing it or being in sentences and replacing it with they and them.

Upon completing the three hour session, participants will receive a placard to symbolize that person's involvement in the program. The placard is intended to symbolize that person is a "safe person."

"The benefit of the program is that a student doesn't have to worry about hiding their sexuality when talking with a staff or faculty member who is an "ally,"" said Josh Smith, 30, junior.

The Allies program has already seen 40 members take the advance and has received commitments from more students and faculty to increase the range of support.

Hofmann currently is the only trainer running the Allies Advance, but she hopes to have more faculty and students able to run sessions for new Allies. Sessions are offered two or three times a semester and upon request with between five and fifteen participants.

People who take the Advance choose not to sign a contract if they are willing to be an ally. The Advance can be taken without agreeing to publicize the position of being an ally.

The allies program has received much support and support thus far, but Hofmann realizes there may always be some people who believe a program like this is not necessary for groups like homosexuals.

"As long as there are people opposed to homosexuality, it gives this program a reason to exist," Hofmann said.

UCF administrators continue to believe homosexuals have support at the university but Allies is working to make it more nurturing and not just acceptable.

New GPA requirement, group responsibility troubles some students

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She also argued that the policy has been in effect for more than two years and has been enforced under the student conduct policies in the Golden Rule. That separate policy mirrors exactly what the student conduct code holds individual students to and makes the policy consistent for much of the student organizations on campus, she said.

"Nothing has changed, these are just new rules," she said.

"In the past, Greeks had their own holding board, housing has their own, but now all clubs are required to meet some type of housing as any other club," she said. "It's better to be consistent.

But she did maintain that polices like this were necessary to address cases of student misconduct.

Last year five members of a fraternity burned a home with baseball bats and two other fraternalities were involved in a brawl that included at least 15 members from each fraternity. During Homecoming week, Delta Upsilon president Chris Turner and several unidentified Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers attacked a member of Phi Delta Theta at his house.

Huddleston, a former fraternity president, meanwhile, dismissed rumors that administrators were unfairly targeting Greek organizations with the Kappa Sigma, proposed rule.

"I don't suggest I don't understand the Greek system and I don't care about the Greeks -- that's silly," he said. "I have an appreciation of Greeks and I know what they're talking about.

"But I worry very much about something called equity defined as treatment of students and equity of over 200 clubs," he said. "I have to make a decision on what is best depending on the mission of this university. I would be derelict if I did not set in the best interest of this university.

"Somewhere in all of this we have to assume the process will be fair," he said.

Most students complained that communication needed to improve between student organizations and administrators, citing that they were largely excluded from any decision-making process.

"We need more communication between Greek leaders and administrators," said Kevin Stone, former Interfraternity Council president. "Leaders came into positions after the summer meeting [that informed us of Greek leaders about the proposed changes] who are not aware of the changes and it's very difficult to educate all of them."
Governor’s races featured 10 female candidates

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Two other states — Maine and Minnesota — were held by retiring independents. Notable was the number of women in the gubernatorial fields. Ten female candidates — nine Democrats and one Republican — were running, and almost all were either favored or very competitive. In Hawaii, both parties nominated women, guaranteeing that state would have its first female governor. The winner was Republican Linda Lingle, who takes over from a retiring Democrat.

Animal-protection campaigns winning; marijuana measures losing

Voters across the United States generally supported animal protection Tuesday and opposed smokers — of both tobacco and marijuana — based on preliminary election returns among some 200 ballot measures from coast to coast.

Arkansas voters, however, soundly defeated a measure that would have made cruelty to an animal a felony rather than a misdemeanor. The measure said animal cruelty “cannot be tolerated in a civilized society.”

An effort in Nevada to legalize possession of up to 3 ounces of marijuana was defeated by a nearly 2-to-1 margin. Voters in Arizona similarly rejected a proposal to lessen the crime for possession of marijuana.

South Dakota voters rejected a measure to allow farmers to grow hemp for industrial purposes—an idea opposed by law enforcement. Police argued that hemp so closely resembles marijuana plants, the job of busting pot farms would be all the more difficult.

A proposal to quadruple the tax on a pack of cigarettes to 72 cents, an effort to deter smoking, lost in Missouri voters, even as the ban on smoking in all workplaces — with few exceptions, including stand-alone bars — won by a more than 2-to-1 margin in Florida.

To stem the flow of college graduates fleeing North Dakota, voters there considered and rejected a proposal to reimburse them up to $5,000 in college tuition — and offer a $5,000 tax credit over five years — if the students found employment in the state.

—Compiled by Staff Writer Krista Lill from wire reports
Amendment 11 passes, creates new state governing board

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admitted she smokes, but says, "I think [smoking] is really harmful for people to be subjected to." DIocco said, "I'm a manager, a management information systems major, so he voted in favor of Amendment 4 for more personal reasons. "I had family members die of it," DIocco said. "Second-hand smoke is a concern of mine, especially when I'm eating." Heather Harper, a political science major and communication studies major, said she voted for the amendment because second-hand smoke affects the environment as well as the world's health.

For Khadja Harper, a communication studies major, the most important issue for her this election was the need for major reforms in the state government. "Amendment 1. This amendment was the most important issue for me this election," she said. "I've been a member of the state government. It's a political arena, an arena where we have to make laws. If we don't make laws, we're going to get into trouble."

For Kevin Delorenzo, a physics graduate student, the two major issues included Amendments 1 and 7. Amendment 1 called for reforms to the death penalty that he said would allow the state to execute minors ages 16 and 17. While Amendment 7 outlawed holding prison dogs in small cages that prevented them from turning around. "I'm against the death penalty and anything that raises the state government's power," he said.

However, about 70 percent of Florida voters disagreed with Delorenzo's decision to vote "no" on Amendment 1. This amendment passed by the state's equal authority to the Supreme Court in making capital punishment decisions. The amendment will also allow the state to enact death sentences.

Delorenzo along with about 55 percent of Floridians, also voted in favor of Amendment 10, the state's equal authority to the Supreme Court. Delorenzo and his fellow students helped to get this amendment on the ballot by petitioning on campus and at festivals in nearby cities including College Park, Winter Park, and Orlando.

For Josie Jarrett, a communications major, Amendment 11 was the most important issue, an amendment that directly impacts Florida's public universities. "The Board of Regents failed and we dismantled it for a reason," she said. "It added an extra level of bureaucracy to the education system. Under the Board of Regents system, we are in a political arena, an unfair one.

"We saw UF and FSU were favored in fiscal matters by the board," she said. "Under the new state board, we will be subjected to the same bias as before."

But most Floridians decided a statewide governing board for the state's public universities would benefit higher education and the vote passed 60 percent to 40 percent.

For some students, the most important reason to vote had nothing to do with amendments or politics. They were simply pleased to have the opportunity to exercise one of their most basic rights.

Harper said her presence at the voting booth had deep social and personal connotations.

"My ancestors fought, bled, and cried for African Americans to get the chance to vote," she said. "I felt it would be an injustice if I didn't."
Restaurants get smoked by Amendment 6

Amendment 6 passes, public smoking banned

Benjamin D. Baird Staff Writer

As she wipes down the bar at Bennigan's, 5th year UCF student and bartender Christy Howe is thankful that none of her current customers at the bar are smoking. As a non-smoker, Howe finds it difficult to deal with customers who smoke, possibly affecting her health due to second-hand smoke.

"Personally, I don't like smoke blown in my face. I think it's a nasty habit, but for our business, I think it's a bad idea," Howe said, speaking of Amendment 6. "I think for any local restaurant or bar it's a bad idea. People like to have a cigarette right before and after they eat and they won't want to come if they can't."

Voters approved Amendment 6 by a wide margin, with more than 70 percent of voters approving the measure. Amendment 6 bans smoking in public places with the exception of stand-alone bars, designated smoking hotel rooms and tobacco shops.

So voters pushed for the ban as a matter of public health, with the goal of eliminating dangers from second-hand smoke. Places affected by the ban will range from childcare provided out of a residence to airports. Provisions in the bill require the state legislature to promptly enact and enforce it.

However, many in the food service industry are not happy about the amendment. CCF senior Michael Suggs in a wait­er at Pebble's Restaurant and believes that it will definitely have a negative affect on business.

"Smokers spend more money than non-smokers, it will reduce tips and hurt business," Suggs said.

For the most part, smokers vehemently oppose the amendment, which will prevent them from smoking in almost all public places.

Junior David "Bill-Face" Immanuel, who smokes, said Amendment 6 will affect his dining choices. "I voted against this," Immanuel said. "I want to be able to smoke. I'll go to places such as Olive Garden, or Chili's where they have take-out available. I'm not going to spend much time in an establishment where I'd not be able to smoke."

Some people question whether Amendment 6 will have the adverse long-term effects that many people in the restaurant industry fear:

"At first it would affect business, but after the initial shock of not being able to smoke I don't think it would matter," Shawn Cavaleri, a non-smoker senior, said. "People go out for other reasons than to smoke."

Cavaleri cited the cleanliness effects of similar laws in other states such as California as he explained his support for Amendment 6.

"You'd go out at night, walk into a bar, walk into a club and come out smelling the same, still smelling like perfume or cologne, not smoke," Cavaleri said. "I just think it's a lot cleaner. Right now I come out of a club and smell myself, and it's just nasty."

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What's News—
In Business and Finance

Factory Orders Fall, Forecasts Lowered

Signs of a sagging economy continued as orders for factory goods fell, convincing some to lower forecasts for growth in the fourth quarter.

The latest data came from the beleaguered manufacturing sector. The Commerce Department said factory orders dropped 5.2% in September, following a 6.4% decline in August. Orders in durable goods fell last more than three years fell 4.9%, while orders for nondurable goods rose 5.9%.

"Whatever momentum the manufacturing sector built up in the first half of the year has just completely dissipated in the summer and fall," said one chief economist at a financial-services firm.

Manufacturing and other weak economic data raised new doubts about consumer spending this holiday season. Consumer spending fell 0.4% in September, the Commerce Department said last week, suggesting consumers were losing faith before the fourth quarter begins. Total employment outside the agriculture sector, meanwhile, fell by 30,000 in October, according to the Labor Department—the second consecutive monthly decline after gains at the end of a labor market rebound earlier this year.

Microsoft Prevails
In Antitrust Case

Microsoft Corp. scored a legal victory in its long-running antitrust battle as a federal judge approved nearly all elements of a proposed settlement struck between the Justice Department and nine states late last year.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly also rejected an effort by nine other states to seek a tougher remedy in the case. She made a few changes that tighten terms of the settlement, but told the states that in many respects their complaints of continued antitrust violations by Microsoft did not belong in the current case.

Microsoft and the government settled the case late last year on terms that were widely criticized in Congress and by consumers as failing to restrain the company's power. Terms included softer disclosure requirements, greater freedom for personal-computer makers to sell a rival browser and banned some forms of commercial retaliation by Microsoft.

Costly Classes

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New Lines Aim for a Fit
From Neiman Marcus
On Down to Wal-Mart

By Sally Feggby

Levi Strauss & Co. has one of those brands that is almost beyond fashion. For years, its jeans—same model, same price—were embraced by everyone from manual laborers to high-fashion mavens. Then the jeans market diversified into a jumble of designer-utilityarian gurus, and the famous name with the one-for-all fame began to fray. Levi sales peaked in 1986 at $7.1 billion.

Now, determined to turn the brand around, Levi is designing, producing and marketing a large and growing number of different styles at different prices, sold through a range of retailers.

After years of focusing on middle-tier outlets like Macy's and J.C. Penney Co. and shunning mainstream retailers, the company recently announced plans to launch a new brand in Wal-Mart Stores Inc. called Levi Strauss Signature that will sell for below $50, starting next July. The company is holding talks with other similar retailers which it wouldn't identify.

"This is the most democratic brand in the world," says Phil Marvinson, a former top PoloCo executive who was named chief executive of Levi in late 1999. "It speaks to everyone, it's not just for aficionados."

But Levi also wants the cachet of its other labels. It is aiming to turn the "red tab" brand, priced at $37 to $135, features new finishes and less-exaggerated silhouettes. The new signature line, expected to retail at about $50, will have higher rises and more mainstream finishes. Simultaneously, Levi is getting ready to roll out nationally a new "sub brand" called closely to super-trendy styles. Levi says stores carrying the brand will range from moderate chains like Kohl's Corp. to specialty retailers like Barneys New York.

How does a less-than-$50 price of Levi's differ from a pair selling for more than $300? "Levi says: fit, fabric and branding," said one analyst. Levi is trying to regain its cool at a time when it should be cashing in. Spencer said new styles are more versatile, stretch technology and ultralight fabrics. "This is the jeans business," he said. "Levi is making a big bet that people will pay $50 for a pair of jeans that are authentic."
Companies Teach Ethics; Will it Work?

By Richard B. Schmitt

In the wake of liens and other corporate scandals, many companies are hiring ethics cops, but emphasizing fair play and a respect for law they aim to develop a corporate culture that rewards ethical behavior.

There are practical benefits. Under federal guidelines, companies convicted of crimes are eligible for reduced sentences if they have previously set up programs to prevent and detect fraud. The new Sarbanes-Oxley Act also requires companies to adopt ethics programs.

The Ethics Officer Association, a group of "compliance officers" from major companies, says it gained more than 100 members recently, including a representative from WorldCom Inc. "Companies that were paying lip service more and more are saying, "My God, the world has changed. We do have to take this seriously," says Winthrop Swenson, a former deputy general counsel of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, who helped draft the initial federal guidelines that went into effect in 1991. Today, Mr. Swenson helps run a for-profit unit called Integrity Interactive Corp., which provides Web-based ethics training.

Competitors for the ethics-dollar is hot. Levi's The Legal Knowledge Edge Co., offers 10 interactive courses on a range of related subjects, such as conflicts of interest. It says it has contracts to provide Web-based training to about four million employees world-wide, including dealing deals with Ford Motor Co. and Johnson & Johnson.

Ethics programs aren't foolproof. Enron Corp. had an ethics code and a conflicts-of-interest policy, which its board wanted to clear the way for creation of off-balance-sheet partnerships that spelled its doom.

Edward Petry, executive director of the ethics-office group, concedes there isn't much even the most astute ethics officer can do when the board is asleep and senior management is corrupt. Indeed, Mr. Petry says most large companies have created some kind of internal ethics and compliance program in the past decade, but generally they haven't worked very well, often because compliance officers had additional duties or lacked clout.

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Mass Levi's, Class Levi's

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The big news last year, the San Francisco company's profit plunged 32% to $151 million on sales of $4.26 billion. To fuel its turnaround, Levi needs the huge volume that was paying lip service to the mass channel, while a pair of denim pants sells for under $25.

All of this has hurt Levi. Last year, the San Francisco company's profit plunged 32% to $151 million on sales of $4.26 billion. To fuel its turnaround, Levi needs the huge volume that was paying lip service to the mass channel, while a pair of denim pants sells for under $25.

But moving into the mass channel, where VF Corp. dominates with its Wrangler, Kunter and Riders brands, could potentially undercut Levi's core support in traditional department stores. And it could turn off high-end retailers. Mass and discount distribution for most upscale brands has historically been so wretched that they aim to undermine a brand's elite image. To avoid this problem, Ralph Lauren has different subbrands that range from the pricey Ralph Lauren Purple Label to the more affordable Chaps. VF sells its Lee jeans in stores including Kohl's and those of the May Co., while Wrangler is sold in Wal-Mart and Target. But both brands remain shut out of high-end department and specialty stores.

"A brand will only extend so far," says Cindy Knoepfle, a spokesperson for VF, who says her company is ready for Levi's move into Wal-Mart. VF says that since the beginning of this year, it has increased by double digits its ad spending on its Lee, Riders and Wrangler brands. Through August of this year, VF says 21.1% of all denim jeans sold in this country were VF brands, making VF the leading seller of jeans in America. Mr. Murren says the "unique" nature of the Levi's brand makes the company's plan perilous.

"Levi sold through Wal-Mart before, with poor results. It bought Britannia in 1986 but sold the brand to VF in 1997. Mr. Murren says the lesson from the experience is the importance of keeping management focused on overseeing products designed for each channel of distribution. "Someone has to run consumer segmentation in a very careful way," he says.
Florida voted, or at least it tried

American voters elected new leaders into several political offices this past Tuesday, but sadlly they have put all their eggs in one basket. By electing so many Republicans, Americans have seeumped on a very treacherous road. On this road, one political party will dominate the political landscape. By empowering a single party, Americans will allow the “Grand Old Party” to shove its agenda down their throats, and the typical balance provided by a second party is lost. Open wide and say “sahch.”

Republican won big-time, and the American people lost. Democrats lost their majority in the Senate, while Republicans added seats to their majority in the House of Representatives. Now the checks and balances that Congress and the president are supposed to exert on each other are gone. Because Republicans control both the executive and legislatice branches, they will have free rein to do as they please.

The same would hold true if voters had selected all Democrats with a sitting Democrat president.

This mid-term election will usher in a new era in American history. Without the strong influence of a second party in the political arena, the Republican Party will dictate national policy on all topics. Say goodbye to pro-choice. Say goodbye to gun control. Say hello to big business.

The American people have given President George W. Bush a ringing endorsement by electing so many of his compatriots into office. By voting in so many Republicans who support an unproven, unproven war with the phantom menace that is Iraq and who are content to ignore the nation’s suffering economy, voters have expressed that Bush and the Republican Party have the right ideas and plans for the United States. Voters have embraced this heavy-handed diplomacy.

Florida voters followed the trend by predominantly voting Republicans into political power as well.

Yet, voters in Florida sent conflicting messages on Election Day. While they re-elected Jeb Bush by a wide margin, they also passed an amendment limiting class sizes in public schools, which Bush opposed.

Voters indicated they want better education for their children, but they have entrusted a man who stated that he has “devos plans” to thwart the will of the voters on this very issue. Voters also restored a board of regents to oversee Florida’s higher education system, the same structure that Bush abolished two years ago, and passed a pre-kindergarten program funded by the state that Bush also did not support for most of his campaign.

If ever there was a defining political issue between gubernatorial candidates Bush and Bill McBride, it was education.

By voting in all three education initiatives, voters proved that they wanted education to improve, yet voted in a man who did little to improve it in four years and never supported the education measures.

And let’s see if we can make sense of the rest.

Florida voters banned smoking from public places by an overwhelming margin, perhaps motivated in part by fears of increased health care costs. Yet, Bush did not even bother to campaign for the measure.

Perhaps Election Day went without a hitch this time, but that still doesn’t mean Florida voters know how to vote—at least not wisely.

The idea that there might be more people with sentences similar to those expressed by Kelly O’Connor in “Don’t give a flying sh*t” published Nov. 4, is utterly frightening. O’Connor’s article did not appear to be unreflective, and yet she claims that she cannot comprehend what the consequences, which always fall in the most harmful of terms, have to say. I highly doubt that a college student and writer for a college newspaper doesn’t understand the issues surrounding cigarette prices, 50-cent cigarette tax, increased taxes. In addition, O’Connor makes that move of the issue on the ballot, or those discussed by politicians, petition to her. Amendment 11 on the Nov. 5 ballot directly asked all Florida smokers, while other broader issues, such as global warming and increased taxes, affect everyone, even college students in the end. O’Connor blames her lack of enthusiasm to go to the polls on her parents, as if it were her parents are the only ones as college students, new adults, will make decisions.

Perhaps it is better that (O’Connor) doesn’t vote, considering the seems to have no concern for anything outside of herself, and her misin­ terpretation of a story that although might not benefit her personally, might benefit other people. Therefor making Florida a better place for everyone, even O’Connor to live. I hope that none of the (O’Connor) makes her point and still shows up to vote. Their voices heard at the polls on Nov. 5.

“Uttterly frightening”

Kelly O’Connor

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“...and the sounder you argue your position, the more satisfaction you get out of it.”
—Edmund W. Hoary
Lizards and frogs, and pigs, oh my

MENTAL DOODLES

Christopher Arnold
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Thank God for science. Growing up, science class was probably the reason I most looked forward to going to school. Where else could you probe inside a dead frog or play with fire? Science, as a whole, was that subject in which we thought we could find answers and explanations—or at least theories—to all of life's mysteries.

Science used to inspire the future dreams of my friends and me. It was one of the plotters of things we all wanted to be. "When we grow up."

And while my own flirtation with a career in science came about after the logistical impossibilities of becoming a fire truck driver were revealed to me, I was nevertheless enamored with it.

What is it about science? Without it, we might not have ever touched the moon. We might never have harnessed the power of the atom or discovered how it is that light and sound actually work.

The world might have never known the joy of Velcro.

Despite all of this, I strayed from science to pursue other interests. I realized and acknowledged that I was unable to dedicate myself as fully as I felt was necessary to do justice to the vast and enigmatic celestial realm that science inhabited. Plus, there would have been a lot of work involved, and, well, that would have cut into prime-time television. Focus on something that could potentially change the world, or see who gets voted off the island this week.

In recent weeks, however, I have found myself thinking that perhaps I should have stuck with it. Some of my more scientifically-inclined friends have let me scratching my head and steered me, repeatedly to myself. They have inevitably led me with the following thought: Did science have too much time on their hands?

A few weeks back, you might have heard some mention in the news about the development of a four-hour onion. Seems to that this development anything should take precedence over curing cancer or ending world famine, it's always making a news that wouldn't cause your eyes to leak every time you cut into it.

Next, we have the interesting story of one of the world's most popular weed seedkillers, in promoting sex changes in frogs. Have we completely run out of things to study here? Were these scientists out picking those same frogs for inspiration when one of them, before succumbing to a hallucinogenic stupor, noted that his former female amphibian had become male?

Another discovery that caught my eye: the Kama Sutra, text that scientists had solved the mystery of the superior sex. Flama, I always thought the Kama Sutra was helping with that one. Still, I read it and I must say that my life has been enriched in ways I never thought imaginable.

In the battle of the sexes, in which I am told we have been entrenched since before Adam lost a rib, scientists have bodly stepped between the warring factions to try and resolve our differences. Behold, they announce, the female is superior! The female side-blotched lizard, that is.

Sometimes I think scientists are just making this stuff up. Maybe one came about after they had licked the frog.

In their research the scientists note that the female of this species controls the entire mating/ reproduction process — so it sounds a little like practically every female I've ever known. She apparently has all of the say in choosing her mate and is as promiscuous as she wants. She can choose the gender of her offspring. Alright, so that's a neat trick.

Another study indicates that there may not be enough fish in the sea, after all. My social life can attest to that one — I could have saved them whatever money went into that and they could have used it on something more beneficial. Like, say, anything.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the research being made into genetically altering pigs so that they could prove the organs for human transplantation. I admit I can see the potential benefits to this. I'm just wondering if this means that we will one day see an amendment on the Florida ballot that will provide with mice and fish with comfortable living quarters complete with a mini bar, Jacuzzi and HBO.

Maybe so, and hopefully all of this will be the foundations for great progress. I hope so, but at present they seem a little flimsy. Not only would I if the money that has gone into many of these projects could have been used more wisely, but the minds as well.

But speaking of HBO, I got to run — there's a new movie on that oddly enough includes several of these themes. It's a grittier, more adult Muppets movie. Kermit becomes a female after drinking weed-infused water. Is this his hero? — and Miss Piggy's relationship. They overcome it and start hugging out more. With Bert and Ernie, the Muppets save Piggy from an overcrowded pen, but Kermit isn't in the process. Piggy saves him — sorry, her — by donating one of her organs and they live happily ever after. That is, until Kermit takes Piggy to Denver's and she realizes just how boring his life is.

But I won't say any more — I wouldn't want to spoil the ending.

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Money buys happiness, cures grief

There are plenty of events and people in life to make us happy, not just money and possessions. Most people would agree that having children is a blessing, not a life event that is neither positive nor negative. How about earning a college degree or climbing Mt. Fuji in Japan? Writing makes some people happy, creating works of art or music works for others. Happiness obviously depends on personality; as people find what makes them happy.

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Of course, college students are often the most financially-challenged; therefore, we have no money and can't be happy. Judging by the smiling faces on campus and the never-ending parties all week, I am willing to bet that students at UCF are plenty happy. I am also willing to bet that a majority are not loaded with wealth.

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**Defending their title**

The Golden Knights head into the A-Sun Championships as the No. 1 seed

**CHRIS MAGDAONG**

The UCF women's soccer team returns to action this week as the No. 1 seed in the Atlantic Sun Women's Soccer Championship held in Batesville, N.C.

The Golden Knights and Florida Atlantic, the No. 2 seed, earned byes for the opening round scheduled for Thursday. UCF will face the winner of the game between No. 4 Jacksonville State and No. 5 Georgia State on Friday. Sanford, the No. 6 seed, and No. 3 Jacksonville are slated to play the other first-round match.

UCF will be able to watch the two teams play on Thursday, which will be nice. That's an advantage," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said. "That's why getting the bye is such a factor.

Earlier this season, UCF beat Georgia State 1-0 in overtime, playing through adverse weather.

They are a well-organized team and solid defensively," Cromwell said. "What I look forward to is getting a chance to play them on a surface where our speed can be an advantage." The Golden Knights had an easier game against Jacksonville State. UCF won 3-0.

"We're at a few times now in the conference tournament," Cromwell said. "They play well against us, they create some chances, some opportunities. They have a veteran team with a lot of seniors that would like to beat us. So, they are definitely motivated." So far this season, UCF amassed a 16-4 record, 10-1 in the A-Sun. The only conference loss came from Jacksonville, who beat the Golden Knights 3-2 by scoring in the last minute of play. Senior defender Nicole Buck, whose missed that game due to a high ankle sprain.

"If we are a team I would like to see again," Cromwell said. "It was a game I'd definitely like to have back, and I know the players would as well. They have the player of the year in center said. They have a quality team and are tactically smart, they can make passes and move forward.

The Golden Knights lead the conference in six categories. UCF averages 18.3 shots per game for a total of 366 through 20 games. UCF turned that number in scoring 96 goals and 32 assists, both tops in the league.

Florida Atlantic only allowed 14 goals this season, leading the conference in that category. UCF scored 23 goals, led by senior Graham, a first-year player.

The Golden Knights also led behind Graham and Jacksonville in goals-against-average, with a .100 percentage, but the UCF defense produced

**Frigid conditions will test Knights**

**CHRIS BERNHARDT**

Talk about good timing. When UCF plays in Buffalo on Saturday it will do so on a potentially the warmest day of the week. As the Golden Knights take the field against another MAC East Division foe, the forecast calls for a tropical 50 degrees and showers, while back on campus it will be 82 degrees.

The Golden Knights will take on the Bulls having many questions to answer can they bounce back from another frustrating loss? Can they bounce back from another frustrating loss? Can they take advantage of Marshall's loss and keep their second chance at the MAC Championship alive?

"You can't prepare the football team for that kind of frigid condition," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "But it's something that we can't control, and you can't worry about things that are out of your control. But what we can control is the 60 minutes on that football field.

"The decision to play Florida-like conditions will definitely test UCF's resolve. And having signed on to play in a conference where most of the teams play for too close to the Arctic, the Golden Knights will need to get used to this fast. Fortunately, Buffalo is a perfect hot cocoon to warm UCF up and provide an important conference victory.

The Bulls come into the game a dismal 1-4, without a single conference win. They also have statistically one of the worst defenses in all of Division I-A. Out of 117 teams, they rank 101 in total defense, giving up almost 540 yards per game. Conversely UCF comes off its best offensive performance in the season, amassing 530 total yards on Jacksonville.

Without defensive back Mark Graham, Buffalo's numbers could be even worse. The junior has performed like a defensive star for the Bulls, leading the team in tackles (68) and interceptions (6). He also has two sacks, one behind team leader Anthony Andrianas. For some perspective, the second leading tackler has nine less than Graham and no one else has more than one pick. The Bulls' one saving grace on defense is their pass rush. They have 21 sacks on the year and seven players have at least two. But UCF has done a fantas...
Fans likely to see Gabriel on Sundays next year

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The numbers back up that assertion. The senior had 12 catches for 206 yards and a school-record 304 all-purpose yards. Since coming to UCF last year after two years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, this Dr. Phillips grad has strung together a slate of big games.

Last year he served as the third receiver, a slot that’s about as good as starting to head coach Mike Kruczek’s multiple wide receiver offense. In that role he showed the athletic ability that made big-name schools such as Florida and Florida State attempt to recruit him. Using his explosive speed to break for huge gains after a catch, Gabriel caught 22 passes for 622 yards, averaging a gaudy 28.7 yards per reception. He also had a home-

Toumbidleading nine touchdowns.

But prior to the Syracuse game, everyone seemed to hit a rut. With defenses keying in on him, he managed just eight receptions for 77 yards the previous two games.

Some games they try to take away his roll and they’re going to coach Sean Beckton said. This particular game they decided to play straight up and we throw the ball at Doug.”

This year he has taken over as the first option in the offense, leading the team with 82 catches and 945 yards. He also has 10 touchdowns, 10 rushing.

In addition, he’s a solid kick returner. So far for UCF he’s returned 40 kickoffs for an aver-

age of 21.5 yards. But his contributions extend beyond the field. He’s been a mentor and even a recruiter for his eventual replacement, Brandon Marshall.

Marshall is a true freshman who was able to crack the UCF depth chart. Like Gabriel, he’s local. He graduated from Lake Howell High School in Winter Park. Like

Gabriel, he’s 6-feet-4-inches and nearly 200 pounds. And like Gabriel, he sparked a major state program, Florida, to be a Golden Knights.

“The biggest thing that we have to do with Brandon Marshall is to familiarize him with the nuances that Doug Gabriel’s doing because he’s going to play in Doug’s spot next year,” Beckton said.

Doug Gabriel set a UCF record with 134 all-purpose yards, including 106 receiving yards, in last Saturday’s loss to Syracuse.

Doug said. “Doug kind of calls him bold and makes sure he pays attention to what he’s doing in every situation, which is going to help Brandon Marshall in the long run.”

Having seen Gabriel play for UCF last season, Marshall chose him as his player host when he visited the campus last year. The two became quick friends and Gabriel

confirmed him that UCF was his best opportunity. Now Gabriel has taken Marshall under his wing, helping him adjust to the college game and college life.

“He’s a down-to-earth person. He’s like a big brother to me,” Marshall said. “On the field, off the field, when it comes to girls, school, sports, he’s just there picking my head up when I’m down and just looking out for me.”

While Gabriel is still an unknown to the average college football fan, experts and analysts have taken notice: NFL draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. listed Gabriel as one of the 10 best seniors in the country. Scouts have come to record num-

bers to see UCF, and Gabriel has been one of their top points of inter-

est. Surely Gabriel’s stock rose after a great performance in UCF’s

27-24 loss to Penn State, televised nationally by ESPN. In that game he had 11 receptions for 153 yards. Coupled with his game last week, he’ll certainly attract the attention of some NFL teams. Not bad for a guy FSU wanted as a defensive back.

“It’s all based on him right now,” Beckton said. “God’s given him a lot of ability, he’s really grown a lot as a receiver position. And NFL scouts are in every week looking at him in particular.”

7 Knights garner A-Sun honors

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11 shutouts.

“TFA, we played them early and they are a team that we really have to look out for,” Cromwell said. “They have a Scottish gift in center midfielder who is the heart and soul of their team. They are quality definitely qual-

ity.”

For their accomplishments on the field, a number of UCF players earned A-Sun accolades. Jennifer Montgomery won the Freedman of the Year award, the first time a UCF player received that honor. Montgomery needed two more points to surpass Amy Jones for most points in a single season for UCF. The fresh-

man sensation scored 16 goals and 12 assists for 44 points. FAU’s Trina Mexico de Moyo followed Montgomery with 11 points this season.

“We lost, Trina really wasn’t a factor in our game,” Cromwell said. “She really come on second half of the season.”

Seniors Vanessa, Nicole Cieslik and goalkeeper Jennifer Kahleman joined Montgomery for A-Sun first team honors. Vanessa claimed a spot on the first team for the third consecutive season, joining Alyssa O’Brien and Leslie Golden, who accom-

plished the same feat during their careers.

Sophomore midfielders Allyse and Kallie were named to the second team and Summer Swain and Courtney Flaning were select-

ed to the A-Sun Freshmen team.
UCF still in division hunt

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The job of protecting quarterback Ryan Schneider against some tough pass rushes the past several games.

Dean Buffalo gives up an average of 215 rushing yards and 233 passing yards a game. They rise to match up against UCF's sixth-ranked passing offense and a running game that's starting to come around with Alex Haynes. In the cold weather the Golden Knights might have to become more of a running offense, so Haynes will need to continue his recent success.

"I think we've got a heightened sense of confidence in being able to run the football," Kruczek said. "We've had kind of a snowstorm plan to run the football to try and control the clock and move the chains." Of course UCF has faced several poor defenses the past few games and had predictable offensive success. But a young defense that played so well early in the year has struggled to stop the run in the second half of games and allowed teams to take control late. Based on the fact that Buffalo has the 106th best rushing offense in the nation, that shouldn't be a problem this week. Yet in Aaron Leeper they have a quality running back with nearly 700 yards and six touchdowns on the season. He averages four yards per carry, though, like the Golden Knights, Buffalo does not run very often.

"They've got a young football team," Kruczek said. "But I think their biggest asset on offense is the ability to run the football, and those statistics are a little bit deceiving."

The Golden Knights have done an admirable job defending the pass and those statistics are a little bit deceiving. But they've also struggled to run the ball, which could be a problem against the Bearcats of Cincinnati. With the Carrier Dome coming down, Haynes and the Knights will need to run the ball to take advantage of the weather.

Oregon State running back LaDainian Tomlinson will be suspended Saturday against the Buckeyes of Ohio State because of an off-field incident. The suspension will be announced Saturday morning in Columbus, Ohio.

The defense was dominant against the Buckeyes in Week 1, allowing only six first downs and 65 total yards in the game. The defense held Ohio State to just one touchdown on the road for the first time since 1970.

Freshman fills big role

Omar Laurence has started seven games for the Golden Knights this year, making 46 tackles, and breaking up eight passes.

With UCF falling to 2-17 and Akron seemingly sure to score a touchdown, it proved a pivotal play in the game. The Golden Knights capitalized, getting a 32-yard touchdown catch from Travis Cepero on the ensuing possession.

After just eight collegiate games, Laurence appears to have locked down a position of major concern during the preseason. But he's quick to point out all the help he's received along the way.

"Douglas, he helps me out. And the safeties, they help me out," Laurence said. "I owe everything to my coach and the other defensive backs.

With three years of eligibility left, he's pleased to have time to build on his experience. As he continues to work and improve, the sky is the limit on how much better he can get.

"Omar is high energy. He loves the game. He's got great athletic ability. He's got great cover skills. He runs extremely well," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "I think he's progressed through his career at UCF, he's been known as one of the best that's ever played here along with the Fishers and some of the other guys, that have been around here.

And when his time at UCF is all said and done, maybe he can return for Homecoming in his own UCF jersey, too.

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As Kristy Collignon barked a desperation three to end practice Friday, the difference between this year's version of UCF's men's and women's basketball teams was clear. Collignon, a senior forward/center who started 12 games last season, represented the "white" team traditionally made up of less experienced players.

While the men's team has almost twice as many newcomers as returnees, the women's team started preseason practices these past few weeks with eight returning players and all five of last year's starters.

"We've got a really nice mixture this year of upperclassmen that are returning that have had a lot of experience, and some younger kids coming in that are pretty talented," UCF Coach Gail Striegler said.

As a result of such continuity, the Golden Knights are able to use this time in preparation for a season of raised expectations. After finishing last season in third place in the Atlantic Sun, UCF was picked to finish second in the South Division in the preseason polls.

Two of the Golden Knights' best players, point guard Jessica Scala and center Ali Roberts, enter their second year at UCF and look to improve upon successful 2001-02 campaigns.

"Roberts, a 6-foot-3-inch sophomore, was far and away the conference's best shot blocker in her freshman year, averaging 2.6 a game. Scala, a senior who transferred from Palm Beach Community College last season, was UCF's most versatile player.

But both had issues to address in the offseason. Roberts needed to improve her strength so she could compete in the paint. Scala had to recover from back and ankle injuries that plagued her most of last year. She had major back surgery in the offseason and is still rounding into form.

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Volleyball team wins fifth straight

The UCF volleyball team won its fifth consecutive match Monday as the Golden Knights hit the final stretch of the season. The Knights defeated Morgan State in four games and have just two conference matches left before the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Nov. 22-23.

Morgan State came into the match winning 15 of its last 17 games and after the first game it looked like the Bears might make that 16 of 18. The Knights fell 25-20 after starting slow offensively. Despite the loss, UCF played strong defense in the first game. Outside hitter Leyre Santos led the team with 16 digs and added 14 kills.

"I was not at my best on the offensive, but I try to compensate with defense and give my all to my team," Santos said.

The Golden Knights started the second game slow, falling two points behind, but Tanya Jarvis dug the team out with a kill. Santos then took the early lead for UCF with a kill to put the Knights up 6-5. UCF went up 22-22 with kill after kill and finalized the game with a 32-22 win off a huge block.

In the third game UCF came out scoring with five unanswered points. Santos extended the lead to 13-5 on an ace. The Knights went up by seven after middle blocker Amanda Stojjesdyk hit two kills in a row. Morgan State made an attempt at a comeback but was silenced by a kill by Santos. The Knights won the game 30-21, taking a two-games-to-one lead.

UCF won the fourth and final game 32-22, winning the match 3-1.

"This was a great win for us," UCF Coach Meg Colado said.

The Knights face Jacksonville at 7 p.m. Friday for the chance to extend their conference record to 10-0 on the season.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Volleyball team earns regional ranking

Brown moves to linebacker, division title hopes alive

Sophomore running back Dee Brown made the switch Monday from backup fullback/fullback to backup middle linebacker. Brown played linebacker in high school and UCF's lack of depth at that position made the transition necessary.

Marshall's loss to Akron on Saturday made the race for the Mid-American Conference East Division title more interesting. Even with two MAC losses, UCF's hopes for a division title are still alive. The Golden Knights have to win the rest of their games, including a tough road game at Miami, while relying on Miami to beat Marshall on Tuesday.

Marshall could be without quarterback Byron Leftwich in Tuesday's game. Leftwich briefly left Saturday's game with a ankle injury and was clearly in a lot of pain when he came back. Marshall Coach Bob Prott said Monday he was taking a wait-and-see approach as to whether his star quarterback would play.

Paleontologist Paul Sereno has encountered some of the weirdest creatures that ever walked the earth. Yet some of the scariest things he's discovered aren't likely to become extinct anytime soon. Sad to say, mutual fund management fees will probably outlast us all. That's why Dr. Sereno was afraid of getting eaten alive, so he turned to a company famous for keeping the costs down. That meant more money for him and less for the monsters.

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Kristin Davis
STAFF WRITER

Dating Disasters

But breath and an awkward end-of-the-sight licks were the least of 19-year-old Kevin Lee's worries after he accidentally ran over his date's foot with his car.

Although the accounting major is currently married, he has had more than his fair share of bad dating experiences. After hearing about his date's bad behavior, it might seem as though Lee terminated his date intentionally.

Expecting romance to bloom, Lee prepared for this particular date no differently than any other. He put on his best suit and stepped out the door to pick up his date, whom he had met in school.

"She ended up inviting her friend along with us without asking me first," he said, "I had bought some beer and she and her friend ended up drinking it all. They got completely drunk." The date got progressively worse as the night dragged on. Lee said that his date ended up calling another guy to meet up with her in the middle of their date.

"When she got out of the car, I was so drunk I was too dumb to get out of there that I ran over her foot with my car. Luckily she didn't have to go to the hospital because it was only part

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Fantasy versus reality of online relationships

Kelly O'Connor
STAFF WRITER

Kim Carran, 22, a junior psychology major, turns to the internet after a string of bad dates to find the perfect match. Carran and her "online friend" have been talking for a few weeks now. On this particular day he stepped out of his car, and stepped out the door to pick up his date, whom he had met in school.

"I figured I would be able to look for exactly what I wanted and find someone more compatible," Carran said.

Some online daters are even willing to go to extreme measures to meet someone. "I have drivers hours away to the other person's home town," said freshman Sherry Robbins.

An 18-year-old film major, Robbins usually meets the person she is talking to after about two months. She also tries to meet them in a public place to try to avoid any bad situations.

For Robbins, online dating is easier because of her other money commitments. But the outcome is not always a good one, she added. "Sometimes the hardest part about internet dating is that one person usually takes it more seriously than the other. The relationship ships are usually very superficial and end up having a catastrophic fallout. When an individual chooses to rely on the internet as a form of dating, that person should be aware that there are still risks involved.

"You never really know if the person is who they say they are or whether or not they are telling the truth," said amanda Kent, a 19-year-old business major. Carran has experienced one of these dangers firsthand.

"One time I met a guy and later found out that he liked to have sex with people from the internet and ditch them," Carran said. "The worst part of it was that he had genital warts." But for some students, their fear is that the other person will not meet their expectations.

"Sometimes, when I finally do meet up with someone from the internet, I will go to where we are supposed to meet first to scope out the person, and if they are ugly I will just stand them up," said Brian DelMonaco, a 22-year-old senior biology major.

Richard Loon, a 20-year-old senior advertising major, has been in a similar situation.

"Some people can be overly nice and it could be compensating for their bad looks," Leon said. "When I finally met this one guy from the Internet, he looked nothing like the picture I had seen, but I didn't have enough courage to bring it up. After the date, I never spoke to him again."

Sophomore Kathy Schiabak, a 20-year-old nursing major, agreed with Loon.

"A lot of times, internet dating is very disappointing because somewhere you always build your hopes up, only to be let down when you finally do meet the person in real life."

The Campus Activities Board’s cinema series presents a double feature at the Student Union’s Student Center Theatre. The first screening will be Leos the Lion" on Thursday, Nov. 14 and "Love, Lies and Mistletoe" on Friday, Nov. 15. Tickets are $1.50 and $1.00 for UCF students. The shows begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call the Office of Student Activities at 407-823-6471.
EIGHT DOLLAR DINING
A good old-fashioned diner

Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

One might picture a neighborhood diner as a place full of "regerals" and a waitress who already knows everyone's order before they can even sit down. Johnny's Diner provides this same neighborhood-style entry bar for under $8.

Seven years ago, Johnny Krasniqi, along with his wife Margarita and his family, opened Johnny's Diner. This diner is now a favorite place for several Central Florida residents. "We get a lot of regulars in here daily," said Margarita Krasniqi.

Johnny's serves breakfast all day but offers specials for $3.99 until 11 a.m. The menu offers breakfast entrees such as pancakes, blueberry and grayson and French toast, eggs, bacon and sausage are also offered to customers who prefer a more traditional breakfast.

Johnny's offers sandwiches such as the B52 and hamburgers for lunch. Gyros, fish and chips and a variety of vegetarian items, such as Greek salads, veggie plats and vegetarian omelets, are also offered.

For customers with a sweet tooth, an assortment of cakes and pies are made fresh daily. All of the food is homemade and the majority of recipes come from old family recipes, Margarita Krasniqi said.

"It's like eating at your kitchen table at home," said Joe Martind, a regular customer at Johnny's for the past five years. "The laid-back atmosphere and relaxed attitude of the staff has also helped contribute to Johnny's success.

"We don't rush people out after their bill has been paid," said Johnny Krasniqi. "Let them take their time."

Joe Martind agreed. "You will never find a more comfortable place to eat at."

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Hollywood Briefs

Howard Stern as movie producer
Radio talk show host Howard Stern told listeners Friday that he's expanding his media reach in a new direction. After writing books, starring in an autobiographical movie and producing a TV series—while continuing to preside over a nationally broadcast show host—Stern said that producing will give him "the opportunity to bring more of his creative talents to a whole new generation—and that thrills me!"

Kleiman tells magazine about Cruise
The relationship was "real," Nicole Kidman insisted—disputing media reports that her bond with ex-husband Tom Cruise was a "marriage of convenience."

"The marriage existed because it was two people in love," she said in the December issue of Vanity Fair. "It's that simple. They said I'm gay, they said everyone's gay. I personally don't believe in doing huge lawsuits about that stuff. Tom (Cruise) does."

Kidman went on to say that she was so great that she was willing to have a baby with him without tying the knot, which is what she wishes she had done. "I was willing to give up everything," she recalled. "I do it when I want to do it."

I do a movie too. I'm willing to go. 'Yeah, bring it on, consume me, intoxicate me.' I want to feel alive—I want to reel, basically."

Her life "collapsed," she said, after the break-up. "It was so difficult that when it was over for me, I just said, 'It's over for me now.'"

"Though it feels good to be immersed in her work right now the previous package was her preference. 'This makes me sad, but I still would probably choose a marriage and an intact family over my career,'" she said.

Sharon Osbourne will call it quits
Despite a new contract with MTV, Sharon Osbourne said she's calling it quits after this season on the top-rated cable show "The Osbournes."

"We can't do it anymore," she told Barbara Walters in a "20/20" interview that aired Wednesday. "Another 10 shows and I'm out." Despite the fame and fortune generated by the show, she wouldn't choose to do again, said Osbourne, whose boost with reality star will be an integral part of the story line.

"If we hadn't been doing this show, it would have ended on us all... The cameras are here for his part, has a different opinion. "I want to fulfill the commitment we made," he said.
No longer weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly
sordid but which now occur with such frequency
that they must be retold from circulation (57)
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Blind dates often flop

When she got out of the car, I was in such a hurry to get out of there that I ran over her foot with my car.

—Kevin Jeff

Throughout the night, Strickland recalled her date saying, “I think I just went out with the cheapest, most horrible date I have ever been on.”
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