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 restructing 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 was one of the 71 percent who voted in favor of the smoking ban that passed.

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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 Irwin

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 McCrory by a 57 percent to 42 percent margin. While Floridians re-elected Bush and Frank Brunson 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.

Political 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.

Voters passed Amendment 11, the so-called Graham amendment, which establishes a board of governors to oversee Florida's 11 universities.

Terri Pitts, a political science professor, said that the name-recognition of Bob Graham, the former Florida governor and current U.S. senator who proposed the change, influenced the outcome of Amendment 11.

Added Pitts: "This system we're in now is relatively new system. We're not changing a big tradition."

Voters approved nine of the 10 amendments on the ballot, including
Fraternity harasses UM editor

University fails to punish members

JOE HARLESS Staff Writer

Last fall, University of Miami junior Jordan Rodack exposed the bigotry of his fraternity brothers and suffered the consequences.

Following 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 first 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 were responsible for the theft.

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Rodack spent the last 13 months seeking support for his story.

Rodack, described the university’s handling of the situation as “over the top.”

“When I send my son 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 safety. While his father deals with security, Rodack spent 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. He said, “I’m going to fight as long as it takes for the appropriate outcome.”

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Greeks, SGA leaders grumble about Golden Rule changes

Administrators hear student concerns at open forum

KRYSTAL ZILIZI  
SEAF WRITER

Greek members and SGA leaders were grumbling again Monday about proposed changes to the Golden Rule that will require higher grade point average requirements for student leaders and hold all student organization leaders if several of their members decide to misbehave together.

Monday's open forum was the last opportunity for students to voice concerns over the proposed changes that have been debated for more than a year in Golden Rule Review Committee workshops and open forums, before Tom Haddidian, vice president of student life, implementation and enrollment, approved 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. If the new policy passes, student administration officials argue that the minimum grade point average requirement is inconsistent with the requirements at other Florida universities and would restrict students from becoming involved in student 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 is above and beyond in leadership capacities, but could have a bad semester and bring down the student body vice president," MacKown said. "We are putting limitations on people who hold this position."

Currently the minimum grade point average requirement for students in good standing as a student is 2.0 statewide. Most universities hold student leaders to the same standard. UCF is one of the few universities that raises the minimum grade point average requirement for student leaders from 2.3 to 2.5.

Patricia MacKown, director of student life and responsibilities defends the allegation that the new requirement would prevent many students from serving as student leaders.

"If we were to implement the 2.5 grade point average requirement, today looking at the 270 student organizations, only five people wouldn't be eligible," MacKown said.

If the policy passes, student leaders who were already in leadership positions could still retain their station even if their grade point average was lower than 2.5.

Haddidian defends the new requirement as a reasonable standard for student leaders.

"Frankly, it doesn't matter what other universities do," he said. "A lot of people in this university are going to primary focus, to be in clubs and organizations. The average in most grade point averages here is a 2.9... yet we are sweating over a 2.5." Haddidian points out that the average grade point average was lower than 2.5.

MacKown insists that the recommendations to raise the grade point average for student leaders aren't proposed made by administrators, but by students throughout a year of Golden Rule Review Committee meetings.

Most students recommended raising the requirement to a 2.7, but we reduced it to a 2.5, she said. "I have no vested interest in making this rule," she said. "It's a student rule and I'm just here to serve as officer."

But students like Christine Beve do have an interest in passing a higher grade point requirement for student leaders.

"You have to maintain that academic standard and you have to lead by example [as a student leader]," said Beve, former vice president of the Environmental Sociology.

The group responsibility policy, which provides most Greek societies and fraternities to protest the proposed policy, is the issue that most students disagree with.

"The members and student government officials worry that the vague wording in the policy will leave them vulnerable to discrimination from university administrators and advisors.

The proposed rule, which fails to state many members have to be involved in misbehave only, has been an issue for present and future administrators to police an entire organization, particularly frustrations Greek members who have larger organizations than most student clubs. Likewise, the policy fails to state that organizations that want to warrants sanctions for entire organizations, they argue.

Moreover, they worry that organizations that decide to sponsor events together can be held liable for the actions of members from other organizations at the event.

For example, if a fraternity and a sorority host a social, and several undergraduate fraternity members are caught drinking, the social could be attributed to the entire fraternity, which MacKown disagrees.

But even some Greek students like Ryan Browne, president of the Greek Alcohol尾 Divdents, are wary of the new policy.

"You can't blame the many for the actions of the few," he said. "Unless there is a scheduled event, I don't know what my members are doing on a Friday night and I don't want to know.

Depending on the severity of an organization's misbehavior, sometimes can include restrictions on an organization's social activities, the damages for the misconduct caused by an organization's actions or a mandatory alcohol awareness program if the misconduct involves alcohol.

MacKown, 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 important to establish one specific standard or percentage of members to define coordinated group behavior since some organizations are as large as 200 members while others have nearly 200 members.

"How do we do that with 10 members?" MacKown asked. "You can't. When I receive a report of misconduct by an organization, for me, if only one of the organization's members is arrested for under drinking, I need to see more than a number. The threshold would be higher, if it is sponsored by the organization, who is funding the event, and I want to be assured that important members of the group are aware that the misconduct is taking place.

To protest proposed changes in student policies, UCF Greeks entered just one float in this year's Homecoming parade.

In gubernatorial campaigns, GOP keeps Texas, loses other key states

WASHINGTON—The Republican gains in Congress were solidified by 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 1962, Bush threw himself into the campaign, gambling that he could transform his personal popularity into congressional gains for the GOP.

His bet paid off, spectacularly. Bush managed a historic feat Tuesday night: He helped parole seven of nine Republicans in both chambers of Congress during his first midterm election, since the Civil War, the odds of parity or a net loss to a midterm sweep was Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934, when he was still backing in the glow of the 100 days and the New Deal.

The GOP didn't gain as much ground on Capitol Hill on Tuesday as Democrats did in 1986. And the Republican advance wasn't unqualified: Democrats pointed with mutual pleasure at several offices of the governor's offices in big states such as Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

But the Democrat's hopes in those states couldn't save the disappointment over the dramatic setbacks on Capitol Hill, on the Senate and holding the House at a time when Americans were so uneasy about the economy represents an enormous achievement for the GOP, and a critical missed chance for the Democrats.

Among the biggest and closely watched races, Republican Elizabeth Dole won in North Carolina, replacing retiring Republican Jesse Helms; Republican Jim Talent won in Missouri,ousting Democrat Joan Carnahan, and Republicans wrestled in Wisconsin, defeating former Vice President Walter Mondale, who had entered the race after the death of incumbent Democrat Paul Wellstone.

GOP turnout was strong, amid widespread uneasiness over the economy, is bound to produce intense finger-pointing from Democrats who believe the congressional leadership failed to define a clear alternative agenda to Bush's, especially on the economy.

In gubernatorial campaigns, GOP keeps Texas, loses other 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 Missouri.

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

The Republicans secured the majority of governors in 1994, when they also took over majorities in the House and Senate. Bush won a large, unexpected victory in 1992 from a 20-20 minor clear into a 20-10 majority.

The odds were heavily stacked against maintaining majorities following November's elections, where they were defending 23 governorships, while the Democrats had only 11 incumbents.
UCF creates first support group for gay community

ADAM ROSCHE
STAFF WRITER

President John Hitt and UCF have noted that homosexuals are accepted, but now a program plans to make sure.

The Allies program at UCF provides students, faculty and staff the opportunity to help create a safe haven for gay, lesbian and transgender individuals. 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 becomes an integrated program at the university.

"Homophobia 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 tries to get people to realize that it is not only important to be supportive, but also to actively combat heterosexist and homophobic attitudes that hurt all of us." Hofmann said.

At the Advance, the program works to eliminate homophobia on all levels of the university. An appreciative person values the diversity of homosexuals and is willing to be advocates for homosexuals. The ultimate level in nurturance in the Advance program, but realizes that for many people it is not always possible. Allies most importantly tries to get people out of the negative level of homophobia and into a level where homosexuals can be comfortable enough to not hide their lifestyle. "It is not only important to be supportive, but also to actively combat heterosexist and homophobic attitudes that hurt all of us," Hofmann said. At the Advance, the program develops a vocabulary that is friendly and not suggestive. Gay students and faculty tend to find themselves playing the program game," as many have expressed it, and avoid talking about their personal lives with people they know, which would be accepting of homophobia.

The program is avoiding placing a be or she 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 "Allie," said Josh Smith, 39, junior.

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

Hofmann currently is the only training group the Allies program, 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 become an Ally. The program has received nothing but 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 its nurturing and not just accepted.

New GPA requirement, group responsibility troubles some students

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She also argues 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. This 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 now new rules," she said.

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

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

Last year five members of a fraternity chomped a home with baseball bats and two other fraternal groups 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, dispelled rumors that administrators were unfairly targeting Greek organizations with the Keenan Stone, former Interfraternity Council president, who suggested 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 equity treatment of all 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 assure the process will be fair," he said.

Most students complained that communication needs 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. "There is nothing wrong with the administrators came into positions after the summer meeting [that informed the Greek leaders about the proposed changes] who are not aware of the changes and it's very difficult to educate all of them." Huddleston and MacKown agreed that communication should improve between administrators and student organizations and urged students to attend the Golden Rule Review Committee meetings the last Wednesday of each month to make recommendations for changes.
Governor’s races featured 10 female candidates

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

Florida voters approved Amendment 11 to make the state's education board, which oversees Florida's K-12 public schools, subject to a majority vote of the state's voters. The amendment also requires the state's education board to include representatives from each of Florida's public school districts, and to include at least one representative from each of Florida's 28 congressional districts.

The amendment was supported by a coalition of education advocates, including the Florida Education Association, the Florida Parent Teacher Association, and the Florida Coalition for Public Education. The coalition argued that the state's current education board was too beholden to the state's political leaders, and that the amendment would give voters more control over the education of their children.

The amendment was opposed by the Florida Association of Public Schools, which argued that the amendment would give too much power to local school boards, and that it would weaken the state's ability to set educational standards for all of Florida's public schools.

The amendment passed with 53% of the vote.

Educators agree smaller classes help children

Amendment 9 should improve education in Florida's schools

Denise Bloom

Florida voters narrowly approved the controversial and costly Amendment 9 on Tuesday, which would limit class sizes at all grade levels from kindergarten through high school by 2023.

The amendment, which was supported by a coalition of education advocates, including the Florida Education Association and the Florida Parent Teacher Association, would require the state to reduce class sizes to 18 students in kindergarten through third grade, and to 22 students in fourth through 12th grade.

The amendment was opposed by the Florida Association of Public Schools, which argued that the amendment was too costly and that it would not improve the quality of education.

The amendment passed with 55% of the vote.
Restaurants get smoked by Amendment 6

Amendment 6 passes, public smoking banned

Benjamin D. Baird
Staff Writer

As she wipes down the bar at Bennington's, its fifth 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 don'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 restaurants, as well as in all public places with the exception of stand-alone bars, designated smoking hotel rooms and tobacco shops.

Some 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. UCF senior Michael Suggs is a waiter at Pebbles 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" Imanuel, who smokes, said Amendment 6 will affect his dining choices. "I voted against this," Imanuel 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 Cavalieri, a non-smoking student, said. "People go out for other reasons than to smoke."

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

"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," Cavalieri said. "I 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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Factory Orders Fall, Forecasts Lowered

Signs of a sagging economy continued as orders for factory goods fell, economists moved 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 2.5% in September from August, following a 0.6% decline in August. Orders for durable goods posted a 3% drop last month while orders for nondurable goods were down 0.9%.

"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 began. Total employment outside the agriculture sector, meanwhile, fell by 21,000 in October, according to the Labor Department—the second consecutive monthly decline after a 59,000 job rebound earlier this year.

Microsoft Prevails in Antitrust Case

Microsoft Corp. scored a long-awaited legal victory in its long-running antitrust battle as a federal judge approved nearly all elements of a proposed settlement struck with the Justice Department and nine states 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 didn’t belong in the current case.

Microsoft and the government settled the case last year on terms that were widely criticized by Congress and by competitors as failing to restrain the company’s power. Terms included software disclosure requirements, greater freedom for personal-computer makers to use rival software and banned some forms of commercial retaliation by Microsoft.

Now, Microsoft looks stronger than ever. Some of its one-time Internet rivals have gone bankrupt; other online competitors, such as Sun, have been severely weakened by the current tech-spending recession and are struggling with big losses and layoffs. Microsoft, meanwhile, continues to rack up billions in profits and has more than $90 billion in cash. It is moving into new markets such as back-office services, software for wireless phones and online video-gam

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Election Ads Total Over $900 Million

Candidates and special interest groups spent more than $900 million on television ads in the run-up to Tuesday’s elections, a record Please turn to Next Page

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

By Sallie Pratt

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 matrons.

Then the jeans market diversified into a hodgepodge of designer-to-tobobarian gurus, and the famous name with the one-for-all fame began to fray. Levi sales peaked in 1996 at $11 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 mid-tier outlets like Macy’s and J.C. Penney Co. and shunning mass-marketers like Wal-Mart, 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 Martinus, a former top PepsiCo executive who was named chief executive of Levi in late 1999. "It speaks to everyone, it’s not just for aficionados."

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Companies Teach Ethics; Will it Work?

By RICHARD B. SCHMITT

In the wake of Enron and other corporate scandals, many companies are hiring ethics cops. By emphasizing fair play and a respect for laws 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 Swanson, 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. Swanson helps run a for-profit outfit called Integrity Interactive Corp., which provides Web-based ethics training.

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Florida voted, or at least it tried

A merican voters elected new leaders into several political offices this past Tuesday, but sadly they have put all their eggs in one basket. By electing so many Republicans, Americans have set our nation on a very perilous 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 “sack.”

Republicans 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 legislative 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.

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.

Electoral college votes appear on ballots in Miami-Dade County, but apparently did not approve of McFerres’s proposed 50-cent cigarette tax to help fund education.

Florida voters decided the state should not have the power to decide what measures appear on ballots in Miami-Dade County, but agreed the state should have more power in making capital punishment decisions. Florida, incidentally, has released 24 prisoners who were wrongful- ly put on death row.

Florida voters elected a man who stated that he has learned how to cast a sensible vote. Voters indicated they want better education. Yet, voters in Florida sent conflicting yet apparent messages Tuesday, but sadly they have put all their eggs in one basket. By electing so many Republicans, Americans have set our nation on a very perilous road.

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Uttterly frightening

The idea that there might be more people than we thought seemed to be expressed by Kelly O’Connor in “Don’t give a flying fluff” published Nov. 4. It is utterly frightening.

O’Connor’s article did not appear to be unphilosophical, and yet she claims that she cannot comprehend the “consequences” that others seem to believe. Yet, she claims that she cannot comprehend the “consequences” that others seem to believe.

Kelly O’Connor’s article appears on page 31.

Dear Kelly O’Connor, please consider spending the time to read the article in its entirety, as it provides a much broader perspective than the title suggests.

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Correction:

In a caption that accompanied the article “Pragmatic plan for health care,” published Oct. 31, we inadvertently named Kathy A. Patterson, M.D., in her medical report that she was involved in. Dr. Patterson is a family practitioner at UCF’s Health Center. Patterson is in complete agreement with the Health Center’s diagnosis for Dr. O’Connor.

Our stance: Florida voted, or at least it tried

The sounder your argument, the more satisfaction you get out of it.”

-Edward M. Hoffer
Lizards and frogs, oh my

MENTAL DODGERS

Christopher Arnold STAFF WRITER

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 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 pillars of things we all wanted to "when we grew up." And while my own flirtation with a career in science came about after the logistical impossibilities of becoming a fire truck were revealed to me, I was nevertheless enamored with it.

What do you love about science? Without it we might have never touched the moon. We could have never harnessed the power of the atom or sound actually work. Without it we might have never thought imaginable. We could have never touched the moon. We could have never harnessed the power of the atom or sound actually work. Without it we might have never... touched the moon. We could have never harnessed the power of the atom or sound actually work. Without it we might have never thought imaginable. We could have never thought imaginable.

Another discovery that caught my eye was that scientists had solved the mystery of the superior sex. Funny, 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 boldly licked the superior sex. In their research the scientists note that the female of this species controls the entire mating-reproduction process so that it sounds 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 even 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, our social life can assist to one that I could have saved them whatever money went into that study and they could have used it on something more beneficial. I say, it's a lot of money can buy happiness. I'm just wondering if this means that we will one day see an amendment on the Florida ballot that will provide us with comfortable living quarters complete with a mini bar, Jacuzzi and HBO. Maybe some, and hopefully all, of these will be the foundations for great progress. I hope so, but at present they seem a little flimsy if not only wiser 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've 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 a宁波市infused water. I'm thinking his — hero? — and Miss Piggy's relationship. They overcome it and start hanging out more. They work with Bert and Ernie, the Muppets save Piggy from an overcrowded pen, but Kermit stops 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 Denny's and she realizes just what heroism is.

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

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Don't worry, be wealthy

Katrina Hammer STAFF WRITER

Contrary to the old cliché, money can buy happiness. Well, according to an economics professor in England, it can. Andrew Oswald of Warwick University said that his research indicated that the more money people have, the happier they are. "We found there is a strong link between having money fall upon you and being happy," he said. "Yes, because money often feels "fall" upon people.

Included in Oswald's research are "price tags" on life events. For example, a major event like getting married brings in about $100,000 a year in happiness while having children is a break-even event. He determined these values based on suggestions that the richer you are, the more you claim to be.

He used large, random samples of people from 25 countries around the world. He then asked them how happy they are and took how wealthy they are into heavy consideration. Then by working out the ratios he calculated dollar amounts.

"The idea that money buys autonomy and independence," he said. "Of course, it is money that buys these things, not hard work, responsibility and respect.

According to Oswald's research, college students must be some of the unhappiest peo

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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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Frigid conditions will test Knights

Chris Bernhardt

Talk about good timing. When UCF plays in Buffalo on Saturday it will be on 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 demoralizing blown opportunity? 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 decidedly un-Florida-like conditions will definitely test UCF's resolve. And having signed on to play in a conference where most of the teams play far too close to the Arctic, the Golden Knights will need to get used to this fast. Fortunately, Buffalo is a perfect hot cocoa 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 1-A. Out of 117 teams, they rank 106 in total defense, giving up almost 450 yards per game. Conversely UCF comes off its best offensive performance in the season, amassing 539 total yards on Syracuse.

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 Andries. 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-
Douglas Gabriel set a UCF record with 334 all-purpose yards, including 206 receiving yards, in Saturday’s loss to Syracuse.

Beckton said, “Doug kind of calls him aside 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.”

“Brandon’s 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 spurred a major state program, Florida, to be a Golden Knight.”

The big thing that we have to do with Brandon Marshall is for him to learn the intricacies that Doug Gabriel’s doing because he’s going to play in Doug’s spot next year.”
UCF still in division hunt

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The job of protecting quarterback Ryan Schneider against some tough pass rushes is the past several games. "They'll be coming back with nearly 100 percent this week," tailback Leeper said. "They have a quality running game. Quarterback has proven they're the best rushing offense in the nation, that shouldn't be a surprise." Leeper has made six tackles and broken up nine interceptions, but the Golden Knights have done a much better job defending those statistics. The Golden Knights have not allowed teams to run the ball in the second half of games and have held the run in the second half of games. The Bulls have also gotten solid offensive line play. "I think their biggest asset on offense is the ability to run the football and those statistics are a little bit deceiving," Knuczek said.

The Golden Knights have done a good job defending rushing the pass and the Bulls don't exactly instill fear in their pass protection. Quarterback Randall Secky has 11 touchdowns to nine interceptions, but has completed just 60 percent of his passes. Wide receiver Andre Forde leads the team in every statistical category despite missing the past two games with an injury.

Tight end Chad Bartonzke represents the next most proficient receiver with 36 receptions, placing him among the leaders at his position. And by the way, the Bulls have given up 23 sacks this season. That has to put a smile on UCF's head coach Elson Patterson's face.

Forde also serves as the biggest special teams playmaker, returning both kickoffs and punts effectively. Leeper has one punt return for a touchdown on the season and has averaged 24.5 yards on kickoffs. "They've had predictable kicks," Leeper said. "I think the mind¬set of the team is just going to play and to win and let everything else take care of itself." Though the Golden Knights should have some problems adjusting to the weather: they should have to use the cold. A pivotal conference contest at Miami of Ohio looms just three weeks away.

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Women's basketball team shows early signs of progress

Chris Bernhardt  
Staff Writer

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.

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.

"Last year a lot of people were really banging against (Roberts) and trying to physically outdo her, and it was messing up her game. But she's gotten a little bit stronger and little bit tougher under there and I think she's going to be able to adjust to that a little bit better," Striegler said. "(Scala) is still not back 100 percent, but she looks pretty good. I'd say she's at about 85-90 percent right now and should be back, full-speed by the time the season starts."

For the most part the Golden Knights have stayed healthy, avoiding any serious injuries. That has allowed all the veteran players to get on the court and help newcomers such as freshman guards Shayla Smith and Celeste Hudson show great promise early.

"The thing that surprised me the most is how quickly some of (the newcomers) picked it up," Striegler said. "In the past in our systems they've had a hard time picking it up. This group of kids seem to be able to pick it up a little bit quicker, and I think a little bit of that has to do with the upperclassmen."

The Central Florida Knights begin their season Saturday when UCF plays host to NWBL for an exhibition game. It will host another exhibition Nov. 15 against the Houston Jaguars, before starting the season the following weekend at the Golden Knights Classic. So the Golden Knights still have plenty of time to ready themselves for a promising season.

"We still have all of our noise stuff to put in, the kids have still got to get together a little bit more, and the newcomers have still got to pick up some stuff," Striegler said. "We're playing a lot of tough competition in the preseason so we'll be able to tell early how good we're going to be. But it should be a good year."
Volleyball
team wins
fifth straight

CRAIG BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

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 Bears fell 25-20 after starting off slow offensively.

Despite the loss, UCF played strong defense in the first game. Outside hitter Leyre Santosela 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 Karla Javier dug the team out with a kill. Santos then took the early lead for UCF with a kill to put the Knights up 6-4.

UCF went up 26-22 with kill after kill and finalized the game with a 30-22 win off a huge block.

In the third game UCF came out scoring with five unanswered points. Santos extended the lead to 13-3 on an ace. The Knights went up by seven after middle blocker Amanda Stoutjesdyk 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 30-22, winning the match 3-0.

"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.

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 fullback 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 their rest of their games, including a tough road game at Miami, while relying on Miami to beat Marshall on Thursday.

Marshall could be without quarterback Byron Leftwich in Tuesday's game. Leftwich briefly left Saturday's game with a rib injury and was clearly in a lot of pain when he came back. Marshall Coach Bob Pruett 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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Dating Disasters

Kristin Davis

Bad breath and an awkward end-of-the-night kiss were the least of 16-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 has met his date intentionally.

Expecting romance to blossom, Lee prepared for this particular date no differently than any other. He put on his best suit and stepped out of 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 very much a hurry 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

www.datingontheInternet.com

Fantasy versus reality of online relationships

Kelly O'Connor

When 16-year-old film major, Robbins usually meets the person she is dating two or three months later. She also tries to meet them in a public place to try to avoid any bad situations.

Robbins, online dating is easier because of the many misrepresentations. 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 is usually very superficial and end up having a cataclysmic 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 who the person is who they say are or whether or not they are telling the truth," said sophomore Amanda Kent, a 19-year-old business major.

Can has experienced some of these dangers first-hand.

"One time I met a guy and later found out he had sex with people from the Internet and ditched them."

-Kim Carran

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 DeMonaco, a 25-year-old senior biology major.

Richard Loon, a 16-year-old senior advertising major, has "been in a similar situation."

"Some people can be overly nice and it could be to compensate for their bad looks," Leon said. "When I finally meet 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 Schlaks, a 20-year-old nursing major, agreed with Loon.

"A lot of times, Internet dating it can be 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."

8 Days a Week

Highlights of the cultural calendar

Shelley Marmor

Thursday, Nov. 7

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

Gai Roudas presents "The Importance of Being Earnest" an opera nearly dedicated to the world of hypocracy and how to make a smart and pretty party. The New Horizons group is presenting a great meal and pretty music every weekend. This week take place at Old Florida, 25 Grant Dr., call 407-963-4230.

Friday, Nov. 8

UFymphlet

"A" of golden symbols, individual stars play the Shakespearean University at 7 p.m., Today, check out what's in town. UF Ulysses Activities for students with a valid UF ID is free. Call 407-823-6471.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Piedro the Flower

Some other, also known as "Pedro the teen," brings his talent and salted radish to the field. His name means that have entertained audiences ever since. Opening act on the look at "Weirdos from Wonderland." Buy tickets to this all ages registration of 50 and there are a lot of them. The event is at in 14th, Orange County, call 407924-9345.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Arts Faculty Rental


Monday, Nov. 11

Mighty Mighty Bosstones

The St. Petersburg band has been performing for years now in Rigged bar and appeared in a party scene in the 1995 movie "Good Burger." They performed as the main event and won in their last year of Disney. Their band is 95 and their sound is pop. The event is at the Student Union; call 407-823-4500.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

"Specifically" and "TLSU Socials"

The Campus Activities Board presents a double feature of Mel Brooks. These two movies are not only on the line, but are also showing of these films begin at 7 p.m. in the Lapin Hall. Follow up on the Student Union. For info call the Office of Student Activities at 407-823-6471.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

One Mic. One Voice

Join fellow UF students in trying to end homelessness among college bars on campus. This open house is presented by the National Advisory Council of the Student Association. To make a change, take the time to join the Rocky Top Team. The event is at the Student Union. Call 407-823-4500.

Thursday, Nov. 14

"The Merry Wives of Windsor"

Theatre 87 presents Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," an interior and exterior play about husbands, lessons and the Office of Student Activities. The event is at the Student Union. Call 407-823-4500.
EIGHT DOLLAR DINING
A good old-fashioned diner

Donna T. Schuman
Staff Writer

One might picture a neighborhood diner as a place full of "regulars" and a waitress who already knows everyone's order before they even sit down. Johnny's Diner provides this same neighborhood-style entry 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, biscuits and gravy and French toast. Eggs, bacon and sausage are also offered to customers who prefer a more traditional breakfast.

Johnny's offers sandwiches such as BLT's 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 the ingredients come from old family recipes, Margarita Krasniqi said.

"It's like eating at your kitchen table at home," said Joe Martian, 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. "We let them take their time."

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

Johnny's Diner welcomes new and old customers to come in and enjoy the home-style cooking.

Said Johnny Krasniqi: "We're just a good old-fashioned diner."

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 - all while continuing to preside over a nationally syndicated radio program that also is exported on cable TV - Stern is turning inside producer.

His first project will be a remake of the 1981 teen comedy "Peeky's," to be followed by a remit of the 1987 film musical "Rock 'N Roll High School.

Stern will serve as executive producer with former Dimension Films executive Dan Gross under the latter's newly formed Arclight Films.

In a news release, Stern said that producing the films would give him "the opportunity to bring more of what I love - music and film - to a whole new generation - and that thrills me!"

Kilman tells magazine about Cruise

The relationship was "real," Nicole Kidman insists - disputing media reports that her bond with 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, and I physically don't believe in doing huge lawsuits about that stuff. Tom (Cruise) does.

Nicole, it 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."

I do a movie too. I'm willing to go, 'Yeah, bring it on, we'll see what happens.'"
No longer weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly orderly but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (57) The accidental bombardment of a house by an airforce's "blue jet" toilet waste, such as by the motor-powered ball that plunged through the bathroom ceiling of Susan Seltzer's house in North Massapequa, N.Y. In September (58) And the usually elderly citizen who must fight the cutoff of government benefits brought on by the bureaucrati's erroneous insistence that he or she is dead, as happened to the 80-year-old Ms. Addie Nelson of Natchitoches, Miss. in September, by the Veteran's Administration.

What goes around, comes around

• Sheriff's deputies in Marion County, Ind., said in September that passenger Kevin Small's right arm was severed in a one-car collision as he and a buddy were taking a midnight dinner home after her shift. According to deputies, when Small and the driver asked the dancer for sex, she refused and started fighting with the man, causing driver Richard Everhart to lose control of the car and crash. Taking Small's arm off. (The dancer was unjured; Small's hand was recovered but not the rest of his arm.)

• Theaters Local 366 opened its brand-new meeting hall in Houston in August, to unfavorable reviews by representatives of locals representing construction workers, plumbers, electricians and other trades. According to a Houston Chronicle report, the Teamsters had the hall built with union labor because union work was too expensive.

Lead stories

• A business consulting firm teaching how to use astrology to increase profits was inaugurated in May in San Francisco by two former telecommunications executives (and ex-Marines). Bruce Cady and lawyer Tom Mitchell founded Jupiter: Returns to show executives, for example, that a failed business collaboration may have been prevented simply by understanding that one's associates "cast" out their (astrological) programs.

• Mitchell told the San Francisco Chronicle that the firm's best customers are women.

• Performance artists and computer gamers stayed a rooftop night at a basement in Los Angeles' Chinatown in October, attracting about 200 people to go down-chile, drink beer, and warg on "roosters" flapping and pecking and clawing at each other, except that the coots were humans dressed in garish rooster outfits. Tech people had rigged the outfits with sensors to register the effectiveness of the fighters on a large screen that exhibited virtual blood.

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Blind dates often flop

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—KEVIN JEFF

Throughout the night, Strickland recalled her date saying a total of two words. He then took Strickland to a small, sticky movie theater that only cost $1.99 to get in.

At the end of the night, Strickland was so eager to get out of the car that she opened the door and jumped out while it was still rolling.

"I think I just went out with him out of pity. It was the cheapest, most horrible date I have ever been on."

After arriving at the restaurant, the two girls continuously made jokes about their friend, Geraghty, and his friend, while still on the date with her. Geraghty decided to make a joke that the whole date was a ploy to get the girls to meet a guy he wanted me to be part of his pyramid of employees so that he could manage money off of me.

When she turned down his employment offer, the two men were very rude to her and even made her pay for her own dinner. Theater major Emily Lazenby, 27, was set up with Geraghty, his friend, and two girls they met earlier through Geraghty's mom. She added, "I thought I just went out with him out of pity. It was the cheapest, most horrible date I have ever been on."

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