Students help dictate smaller class size, smoking ban

Shelley Marmor Staff Writer

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 restructuring 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

President's popularity carries party — and his brother

Jason Irav

Staff Writer

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 Irlamgan 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 Finn, 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 Finn: "This system we're in is relatively new system. We're not changing a big tradition."

Voters approved nine of the 10 amendments on the ballot, including

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Amendment 7 proposed a district that would be elected by the people of the county, who would appoint teachers to run the district.

Amendment 8 would have allowed the state to collect taxes from Internet sales.

Amendment 9 would have given the state more power in deciding public taxes and allows for the use of state lottery proceeds for school purposes.

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"Republicans across the country, and particularly in Florida, benefited from a very popular president."

—AUBRY JEWETT

STAFF WRITER

The fight for governor is finally over as 56.2 percent of Florida voters re-elected Gov. Jeb Bush Tuesday.

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Fraternity harasses UM editor

University fails to punish members

JOE HARRLESS STAFF WRITER

Last fall, University of Miami student 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' misdeeds, Rodack found himself the target of harassment by the fraternity.

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Rodack eventually left the house due to the harassment. Though he still received threatening e-mails and harassing phone calls, the university did nothing to discipline the fraternity for the harassment or 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 acted if it 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 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."
Missed opportunity bodes ill for Democratic Party

WASHINGTON—The Republican gains in the House and Senate that followed the transformation of President Bush's standing with the American public in the months since the September 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 took over majorities in the House and Senate. In one night that year, they went from dissident Democrats who basking in the glow of the midterm election as more than a year in office, Democrat Roy Barnes, who won in North Carolina, replacing Republican Jesse Helms; Republican Jim Bunning, who won in Kentucky, taking over the Senate seat from retiring Republican senator. Though the odds were heavily stacked against the Democrats in those states, could save the disappointment over the Democrats' loss in Congress, the Senate, and by the time Americans were so uneasy about the economy represents an enormous achievement for the GOP — and a critical missed chance for the Democrats.

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The first change would raise the cumulative grade point average requirement for student leaders from 2.0 to 2.5. The other key state would restrict students from becoming involved in leadership clubs and organizations. They also contended that many capable student leaders would be exempt from holding leadership positions if the policy went into effect.

"We could have a student leader who is above 2.0 and beyond in leadership capacities, but could have had a bad semester and bring down the student body vice president."

"We are putting up limitations on people who are not meeting the standard."

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

Patricia Mackown, director of student and responsibility does not believe 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," she said.

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

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

"Frankly, it doesn't matter what other universities do, he said. "We are not here at this university to occupy a primary focus, to be in clubs and organizations. The average in those grades is a 2.9... yet we are sweating over a 2.5, 2.7, 2.9..." and not over the proposed changes in student organization policies such as free speech zones and student conduct.

The policy does not strike students as an infringement of freedom, but it requires that even if organizations are as bad as the sorority could be punished.

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UCF creates first support group for gay community

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STAFF WRITER

President John Hitt and UCF have noted that homosexuals are accepted, but now a program plans to make sure that 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 thing to accept," Hofmann said. "It is never an easy issue to come to terms with, because it usually means taking on a huge burden against society." The Allies program is offered to all students, faculty and staff.

"To become an Ally, a three-hour Advance must be taken. An Advance is a workshop that creates an awareness of the gay community. The workshop includes discussion on homophobia on-campus and discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgender individuals.

"At a time when everyday discrimination is anything but a thing of the past, this is an incredibly important project," said Claudia Schillip, faculty advisor for the Lambda Bilingual Bisexual Student Union.

At an Ally Advance people learn there are different levels of homophobia. The Riddle's homophobia Scale provides Allies with eight levels of homophobia, four positive and four negative.

The negative levels of homophobia that Dr. Dorothy Riddle identified are repulsion, pity, intolerance and the acceptance in this circumstance is that a level is still something to accept, meaning that person's views can be different or wrong.

The positive level attitudes include support, admiration, appreciation and nurturance. A nurturing level person views homosexuals as indispensable in society. An appreciative person values the diversity of homosexuals and is willing to be advocates for homosexuals.

The ultimate level is nurturance in the Allies 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 have to hide their lifestyle.

"It is not only important to be supportive, but also to actively combat heterosexual 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 "prop game," as many have expressed it, and avoid talking about their personal lives with people they assume would be accepting of homosexuality.

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 placard 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, 20, 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 trainer running Advocates for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender students. 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 it more nurturing and not just accepted.

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. This separate policy mirrors exactly what the student conduct code holds individual students to and makes the policy consistent for much of student organization on campus, she said.

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

"In the past, Greeks had their own governing board, housing had their own, but now all students are in the same type of hearing as any other club," she said. "It's better to be consistent, but she did maintain that policies like these were necessary to address excessive cases of student misconduct.

Last year five members of a fraternity threw a home with baseball bats and two other fratelline members 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, disseminated rumors that administrators were unfairly targeting Greek organizations with the Kappa Sigma, former Interfraternity Council president, 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 equally defined treatment of Greeks and students and equity of over 200 clubs," he said. "I have to make a decision on what is best depending on the makeup 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 have 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.

"Leaders came into positions after the summer meeting [that informed their Greek councils about the proposed changes] who are not aware of the changes and 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 MILLER FROM WIRE REPORTS
Amendment 11 passes, creates new state governing board

Florida's education system now has an elected governing board, thanks to Amendment 11, which passed by a large margin in the November election. The amendment, which was supported by Governor Jeb Bush, allows voters to elect a seven-member board to oversee the state's public schools. This is a significant change from the past, where the state's education system was run by appointed members. Bush, who is now the first Republican governor in Florida history, won re-election with Amendment 11's support. The amendment, which was backed by the state's business and education leaders, was seen as a major win for Bush and his administration. Education experts agree that smaller classes help children learn better, and Amendment 11 will help ensure that Florida's schools have the necessary resources to provide high-quality education. The new board will have the power to set educational standards, hire and fire school administrators, and approve curriculum changes. It's a major step forward for Florida's education system, and a testament to the importance of education in our state.
Restaurants get smoked by Amendment 6

Amendment 6 passes, public smoking banned

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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 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.

Senators 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 effect 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-Dave" 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 a year or two I don't think it would matter," Imanuel said. "People go out for other reasons than to smoke."

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

"Yes, you'll 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," Cavalieri 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, 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 to $1.4 trillion, following a 0.6% decline in August. Orders for durable goods fell more than three years ago fell 4.3%, while orders for nondefense goods fell 1.8%.

"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 16,000 in October, according to the Labor Department—the second consecutive monthly decline after a gain of 150,000 in September.

Microsoft Prevails

In Antitrust Case

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

In a decision that was approved in late 1999, Microsoft has looked stronger than ever. Some of its once-impregnable Internet rivals have gone bankrupt; others have been 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 ing.

Air Fares: Seats, Cheaper,Scarcer

Air fares are at their lowest levels in more than a decade, as airliners cut back, seats have become increasingly scarce. That means prices of the deep last-minute-discounts that fliers have gotten used to in recent years.

As a result, the more-familiar practice of playing chicken with the airlines—bidding the Web until the last possible day—might backfire this season.

This year, average domestic fares are about 18% cheaper than two years ago, excluding taxes and fees, their lowest point since the late 80s, according to the Air Transport Association trade group. Because carriers are flying fewer planes in order to save money, there are about 8% fewer seats available this year compared with two years ago.

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.

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Companies Teach Ethics; Will it Work?

By Richard B. Schmitt

In the wake of lawsuits and other corporate scandals, many companies are hiring ethics cops, in an effort to emphasize 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 outfit called Integrity Interactive Corp., which provides Web-based ethics training.

Competition for the ethics-dollar is heated. LEV, The Legal Knowledge Edge Co., offers 150 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 deals with Ford Motor Co. and Johnson & Johnson.

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

Edward Petry, executive director of the ethics-officer group, concedes there isn't much even the most astute ethics officer can do when the board is under pressure and 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.

Mass Levi's, Class Levi's

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Levi Strauss is betting its strategy to offer consumers expensive slim cuts. 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 of mass chains, where a pair of denim pants sells for under $3. Levi also says that although more than 100 million people in the U.S. shop in mass-merchant stores, fewer than one in 10 wear its jeans in stores other than the traditional channel. But moving into the mass channel, where WP Corp., dominates with its Wrangler, Kmart 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 something thought 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. VP 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 Knope, a spokeswoman for VP, who says her company is ready for Levi's move into Wal-Mart. VP 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, VP says 21.1% of all denim jeans sold in this country were VP brands, making VP the leading seller of jeans in America. Mr. Marineau says the "unique" nature of the Levi's brand makes the company's gambit possible.

Levi sold through Wal-Mart before, with poor results. It bought Britannia in 1986 but sold the brand to VP in 1997. Mr. Marineau 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.

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What's News

In Business and Finance

A fight is breaking out between the U.S. food and biotechnology industries over plans to genetically modify food crops to make drugs and chemicals.

Bio-pharming is widely seen as the next wave for the crop-biotechnology sector, which so far has focused on making crops easier to grow. Biotech industry officials hope this nascent field, which exploits the ability of plants to make hormones, will offer a cheaper alternative than fermentation factories, will grow into a multibillion-dollar business by the end of the decade.

Most food executives support genetic engineering in agriculture, anticipating crops that taste better, stay fresh longer and don't trigger allergic reactions. But they're afraid vaccines, enzymes, antibodies and hormones might accidentally end up in their products, which would trigger expensive recalls. They fear, for example, that pollen from plants designed for pharmaceutical purposes might drift on the wind to impregnate nearby crops intended for food.

Midwest economists see bio­pharming as a cure­cane for a niche of farmers to reap more money from growing corn. "The stakes are big for a place like rural Iowa," said a Federal Re­serve economist in Kansas City, Mo.

Odds & Ends

Nokia Corp. plans to launch a portable game console that would compete with the likes of Nintendo Co. as the world's largest mobile­phone maker seeks to expand beyond its sluggish core market. ... NRC agreed to buy the Bravo enter­tainment channel from Cablevi­sion Systems Corp. for $1.5 billion in stock and cash, giving NBC its first cable entertainment channel and thereby a valuable outlet to show its comedies and dramas.

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Our Stance:
Florida voted, or at least it tried

American 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 out 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 "sahh." 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. Say goodbye to pre-choice. Say goodbye to gun control. Say hello to big business. Say hello to unchecked aggression.

The American people have given President George W. Bush a ringing endorsement by electing so many of his supporters into office. By voting in so many Republicans who support an unpopular 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 country. President George W. Bush will have a ringing endorsement from American voters.

Election night in Florida, 2002

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.

"Cutting back costs students"

I hand myself a united, to say the least, upon reading the expert on OIT’s initiative to cut back on money by locking all students to pay for their printouts from university printers in the article "high cost of cutting back on technology," by John Mathews published Oct. 25.

I can see that the cost of paper for these programs saves about $10 percent, but I just can't see that about the same amount of new students we have isn't going each year.

Almost all of the classes I have taken since starting to school last fall have given prime emphasis on some kind that vary in length. On the average, I would say 100 pages per semester. That means I am going to be forced to spend $40 more on my classes out of my pocket. Is my financial aid going to be renewed to cover this amount? Doubtful.

In a former article in the information technology industry, I can see from a professional perspective that $200,000 for serving over 300,000 people is a low expense. That's less than $6 per student. Why not tack on a printing fee our list of fees instead of charging all students $40 per semester per page.

"Utterly frightening"

The idea that these might be many people with students similar to these expressed by Kelly O'Connor in "Don't give a flying there" published Nov. 5 is utterly frightening. O'Connor's article did not appear to be unreflective, and yet the claims she could come under this contradiction, which often calls in the most important of terms, have to say.

I highly doubt that a college student's mind for a college newspaper doesn't understand the issues surrounding ordinary discussions. gym adoption and increased taxes.

In addition, if O'Connor means that none of the issues on the ballot, or those discussed by politicians, pertains to her. her viewpoint is a political perspective that although might not benefit her directly in all cases, might benefit other people. Therefore making Florida a better place for everyone, even O'Connor, to live. I hope that none of the OIT's future readers will have to suffer any negative effects from this article.

"Letters to the editor"

Letters to the editor were not received this week.

Correction:
In a caption that accompanied the article "Prognosis for health crisis?" published Oct. 31, we incorrectly said Neil A. Patterson, M.D. shared in his medical report that frozen fish was made

"Cheryl Mcbriarty. Asst. Editor"
Lizards and frogs and pigs, oh my

Mental Doodles

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 prove 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 — of 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 be: "we grow 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 described how it is that light and sound actually work. The world might have never known the joy of Velcro.

Despite all of this, I strides 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 societal 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 or maybe all of the recent announcements of late have left me scratching my head and stomach churning recently to myself. They have inevitably led me with the following thought: "We scientists have done too much time on their hands".

A few weeks back, you may have heard some mention in the news about the development of a four-ear onion. Sounds something that should take precedence over curing cancer or ending world famine, it sounds as if making a teensy bit wouldn't cause your eyes to leak every time you cut into it.

Next, we have the interesting theory that one of the world's most popular weed-killers is promoting sex changes in frogs. Have we completely run out of things to study here? Were these so-called scientists out ticking those same frogs for inspiration when one of them, before succumbing to a halogenic stupor, noted that his formerly feminine amphibian had become male?

Another discovery that caught my eye claimed that scientists had solved the mystery of the superior sex. Puffey, 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 stepped between the warring factions to try and resolve our differences. Behold, they announce, the female is superior! The female side-bitted lizard, that is. Sometimes I think scientists are just making this stuff up. Maybe they're come up about after they had lifted the frogs.

In their research the scientists note that the female of this species controls the entire mating-tribulation process — so far 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 attest to that one — I could have saved them whatever money went into that study and they could have used it on something more beneficial. Oh, say, anything.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the research being made into genetically altering pigs so that they could procure 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 comfort- able living quarters complete with a mini bar, television 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. I not only wonder 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 weed-killer-infused water. He's Kermit — here! — and Miss Piggy's relationship. They overcome it and start hugging it out in the end. With Bert and Ernie, the Muppets save Piggy from an overcrowded pen, but Kermit is left behind. The process. Piggy savos 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 what heaven 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, I would argue that while money can buy some nice things, it can not buy happiness. Many researchers who oppose Oswald's premise agree. Researchers are more apt to believe that happy people usually stay happy while unhappy people are more often sad, upset or angry. Incredibly, Oswald also claims that people don't have to get over tragedies or learn from them; instead, he claims that people can begin to feel happier by earning more money.

So, if I fail all of my classes this semester; instead of learning that I need to try harder or study more, I could just put in more hours at work and I would be happy. Well, that's what Oswald has said. I personally will not be looking for more money anytime soon — I support anything that keeps me out of line at the Financial Aid Office.
**Defending their title**

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

**Chris Magadoang**

The UCF women's soccer team returns to action this weekend as the No. 1 seed in the Atlantic Sun Women's Soccer Championship.

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. 7 Jacksonville are slated to play the other first-round match.

"We'll 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've met a few times now in the conference tournament," Cromwell said. "They play well against us, they created 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 Cieslak said: "We missed that game due to a high ankle sprain."

"I think a team 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 field. They have a quality team and are tactical-smart. They can make passes and move forward."

The Golden Knights lead the conference in six categories. UCF averages 183 shots per game for a total of 830 through 21 games. UCF turned 285 balls into scoring 58 goals and 53 assists, both tops in the league.

Florida Atlantic only allowed 14 goals this season, the fewest in the Sun Belt. UCF placed third in the category, letting 20 goals slip by.

The Golden Knights also led behind FAU and Jacksonville in goals-against-average, with a .96 percentage, but the UCF defense produced a .86 percentage.

**Frigid conditions will test Knights**

**Chris Bernhardt**

Talk about good timing. When UCF plays in Buffalo on Saturday it will do so 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 82 degrees.

The Knights come into the game having ended with a victory last week at Georgia State and one of four scoreless plays in their last two matches. Junior Graham, who had missed that game due to an ankle injury, joined the team on the locker room floor receiving medical attention for dehydration and looking one step away from the game.

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 1-4-3, 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 103 in total defense, giving up almost 450 yards per game. Conversely, UCF comes off its best offensive performance in the season, amassing 330 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 the line of scrimmage and the other against Old Dominion. 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 fantastic job of protecting their quarterback, quarterback ...
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 second reception of 55 yards. Since coming to UCF last year after two years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, this Dr. Phillips grad has strung together a slew 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 bigger-named 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 652 yards, averaging nearly 30 yards per reception. He also had a home-

leading nine touchdowns.

But prior to the Syracuse game, discussion seemed to land on 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 advantage of him, according to coach Sean Beckton said. “This particular game they decided to play straight up and we threw the ball at Doug.”

This year he has taken over as the first option in the offense, leading the team with 22 catches and 945 yards. He also has 10 touchdowns, one rushing.

In addition, he’s a solid kick returner. So far for UCF he’s returned 20 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-6 inches and nearly 200 pounds. And like Gabriel, he spanned a major state program, Florida, to be a Golden Knight.

“The big thing that we have to do with Brandon Marshall is to help him learn the riches that Doug Gabriel’s doing because he’s going to play in Doug’s spot next year,” 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.”

Having seen Gabriel play for UCF last season, Marshall chose him as his player host when he visi-

ted the campus last year. The two became quick friends and Gabriel convinced 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 is a down-to-earth person. He’s like a big brother to me,” Marshall said. “On the field, off of it, 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 averages 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 in 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 152 yards. Coupled with his game last week, he’ll certainly attract the attention of some NFL teams. Not bad for a 5-foot-8PSI 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 in the last year. He’s a receiver position. And NFL scouts are in every week looking at him in particular.”

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

7 Knights garner A-Sun honors

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18 shutouts.

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

ity.”

For their accomplishments on the field, a number of UCF players earned A-Sun accolades. Jennifer Montgomery won the Freshman of the Year award, the first time a UCF player received that honor. Montgomery needed two more points to sur-

pass Amy-Jones for most points in a single season for UCF. The fresh-

man sensation scored 16 goals and 12 assists for 44 points. PAU’s Trinh Minoa de Moya followed Montgomery with 11 points this season.

“Up front, Trinh really wasn’t a factor in our game,” Cromwell said. “She really come on second half of the season.”

Seniors Vanlooven, Nicole Cieslak and goalkeeper Jessica Kubans joined Montgomery for A-Sun first team honors. Vanlooven 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 midfielder Allen Playfair was named to the second team and Summer Swayne and Courtney Fuentes were select-

ed in the A-Sun Freshman team.
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.

Owen Buffalo gives up an average of 215 rushing yards and 233 passing yards a game. They have to match up against UCF’s six-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’ll have kind of a snowmobile plan to run the football to try and control the clock and move the chains.”

Of course UCF has faced several poor defenses just a few weeks ago and had predictable offense success. But a young defense that played so well early has had trouble stopping the run in the second half of games and allowed teams to take control late. Based on the fact that Buffalo has the 100th best rushing offense in the nation, that shouldn’t be a problem this week. Yet in Akron Leeper they have a quality running back with nearly 700 yards and six touchdowns on the season. He averages four yards a 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 all those statistics are a little bit deceiving.”

The Golden Knights have done reasonably well in it during the past and the Bulls don’t exactly instill fear with their passing attack. Quarterback昆si Jackson has 11 touchdowns to nine interceptions, but he has one punt return for a touch­down on the season and has averaged 21.5 yards on kickoffs.

The Bulls have also gotten solid play out of their kicking game.

But UCF has to worry more about its own special teams as it has the ability to run the football,” said tight end Mario Jackson said.

Every game is going to be a challenge,” tight end Mario Jackson said. “I think the mind­set 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 lost this game. Buffalo is the worst team in the MAC and is overmatched everywhere by UCF. The Bulldogs need to use the Golden Knights to keep their division hopes alive they have to win the last two games and hope for a Miami win over Marshall on Tuesday.

Chris Bernhardt

SPORTS

While this year’s version of the Golden Knights took care of business on the field for Homecoming two weeks ago, beating Mid-American Conference rival Akron 28-17, a Golden Knight from the past made his presence known on the sidelines. Travis Fisher. UCF’s former standout strongside corner­back, wandered the sidelines catching up with some of his former teammates, much like he did opponent­ly the previous three seasons.

Fisher sported his No. 22 St. Louis Rams jersey, taking advantage of a bye week by the team that selected him in the second round of the NFL draft to make a special Homecoming visit. His attitude served as a reminder reminder that he’s gone. His replacement, Omar Laurence, has made it a lit­tle easier to forget.

But it wasn’t supposed to be this way. When the season began in earnest during the summer, Laurence was a long shot to take Fisher’s spot. UCF’s media guide doesn’t even list him on the depth chart at strongside. Yet injuries and ineligibility opened the door for the redshirt freshman, and he has done his best to keep it from shutting.

“IT’s a crazy man,” Laurence said. “Every game is like I just started, like it’s my first game.”

Going into two-a-days, the favorites on the stronghold were Rolle Hamilton and Carlos Thompson. But Thompson, an older senior who spent time in the Military, fell behind by missing almost all of two-a-days with serious ineligibility. It looked like the job belonged to Hamilton until the sophomore transfer from Maryland went down with a groin pull near the season opener.

So when UCF traveled to South Bend, La., to play on Penn State, Laurence received opposite senior Asantu Sumual in front of a sell-out Beaver Stadium. He made the most of the opportunity, making six tackles and breaking up a key pass late in the first game of his collegiate career.

With the veteran Sumual on the other side of the field, most teams try to challenge the young graduate of Lafayette High School. But at 5-foot-4, 185 pounds, Laurence has used his speed and athleticism to thwart any efforts to make up the difference. So he continued to play at a surprisingly high level. He’s started seven of the Golden Knights’ eight games, recording 48 tackles and breaking up a team-leading eight passes. In the Akron game, he made his first career fumble recovery, pounding on a bobble by Charlie Frye on the Tapis’ quarter­back dive into the endzone.

“I saw the quarterback stretch out and the fumble had come loose,” Laurence said. “I tried to pick it up but there were too many hands trying to get at it. So I just jumped on it.”

With UCF clinging to a 21-17 lead and Akron seemingly sure to score a touchdown, it proved a pivotal play in the game. The Golden Knights capitalized, get­ting a 33-yard touchdown catch from Trevor Ceper 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.

“Dobie, he helps me still. And the safeties, they help me out,” Laurence said. “I owe every­thing to my coach and the other [defensive backers].”

While three years of eligibility left, he has plenty of time to build on an impressive beginning. He hopes to get his weight up to help him on bump-and-run coverage. 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 athlete­tic ability He’s got great cover skills. He runs extremely well,” UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. “I think as he progresses through his career at UCF he’ll be 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 NFL jersey, too.
Women's basketball team shows early signs of progress

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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/wrester 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 returners, the women's team started preseason practices this past few weeks with eight returning players and all five of last year's starters.

"We've got a really nice mixture this year," UCF Coach Gail Striegler said. "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 Hudson (right) is one of five freshmen on this year's women's basketball team.

"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 100 percent, but she looks pretty good. I'd say she's at about 65-70 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.

"Fans can catch their first glimpse of this year's squad Saturday when UCF plays host to NWFL 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 own 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."
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### 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
STAFF WRITER

But breath and an awkward end-of-the-night idea were the least of 31-year-old Kevin Lee’s worries after he accidentally ran over his date’s foot with his car. Luckily she didn’t have to go to the hospital because it was only part

One time I met a guy and later found out he liked to have sex with people from the Internet and ditch them.

-Kim Carran

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STAFF WRITER

Thursday, Nov. 7

“Psychosens”

Colin Powell described “Psychosens” as an opera night dedicated to the works of Sondheim and are out of town and very moving. The show includes a performance of the full work "The Mind’s Eye" with words and music by Michigan artist, musician, and composer of the work. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Friday, Nov. 8

LFF: “Friendly

of candlelight, individual menus play the favorite University student. At 6 p.m., tickets are due at the box office. All proceeds will benefit the University’s. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Peter the Pan

Bebe’s, a new stand that offers a variety of healthy food options. Opening at 5 p.m., the doors open at 6 p.m. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Sunday, Nov. 10

QSA: “A New

Again, see the QSA’s commitment to the arts in the form of a variety of performances. Opening at 8 p.m., the doors open at 7 p.m. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Monday, Nov. 11

Mighty Mighty Bosstones

The boogie band has been performing for the past 15 years and are appearing in a party venue in the 1990s. They perform a range of rock and roll tunes and are sure to be a hit. The show takes place at the House of Blues, 1501 E. Rusk St., in Dallas. The show takes place at the House of Blues, 1501 E. Rusk St., in Dallas.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

“Specifically” and “Ridley Sanders”

The Tampa Bay Rays versus series presents a double header for the Rays. The games are free for fans who can’t make the game. The show takes place at the Raymond James Stadium, 400 W. E. Raymond St., in Tampa. The show takes place at the Raymond James Stadium, 400 W. E. Raymond St., in Tampa.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

One Mic, One Name

As part of the 10th annual celebration of the United Nations, the One Mic, One Name event takes place in the Student Union. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Thursday, Nov. 14

The Merry Merry of Wishes

The Merry Merry is a whimsical 1950s-style production of “Snow White,” featuring a cast of characters and a live band. The show takes place at the University of Michigan, 815 East Huron St., in Ann Arbor.
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 can even sit down. Johnny's Diner provides this same neighborhood-style entry to the old ways.

Seven years ago, Johnny Krasniqi, along with his wife Margarita and their 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 lunch. The menu offers breakfast entrees such as pancakes, blinis 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 BBLs and hamburgers for lunch. Gyros, fish and chips and a variety of vegetarian items, such as Greek salads, veggie plas 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 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. "We let them take their time."

Joe Martind agreed. "You will never 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.

"You can't do it any more," she told Barbara.

"There's a better way," she said. "Let's find a more comfortable place to eat at."

Johnny's is a neighborhood diner as a place full of regulars. "Regulars" already know everyone's name, and a waitress who cheery and always greets them with a smile.

Johnny Krasniqi waits on longtime customers Johnny and his family; Johnny Krasniqi and his wife, Margarita; Johnny's regulars; and Johnny's guests.

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The passion for Johnny's Diner and Margarita Krasniqi's wish to open it.

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 existed because they were in love," she said. "I personally don't believe in doing huge pieces about that stuff. Tom (Cruise) doesn't believe in doing huge pieces about that stuff."

The relationship 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..."
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 Cadby 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’ "(act) out their (astrological) clawing.

Angeles’ Chinatown vended simply by understanding that one’s associates’ "(act) out their (astrological) clawing."

humans dressed in rooster outfits. Tech fighters

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fires, and crash, taking Small’s arm off. (The dancer was uninjured; Small’s hand was recovered but not the rest of his arm.)

But Small opened its brand-new meeting hall in Houston in August, to unfavorable reviews by representatives of locals representing Teamsters, Plumbers, Electricians and other trades. According to a Houston Chronicle report, the Teamsters had the hall built with union money but union work was too expensive.

No longer weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly societ but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (57) The accidental bombardment of a house by an airliner’s “blue dot” bullet waste, such as by the motor-styled ball that plunged through the bathroom ceiling of Homer Sechter’s house in North MSSocious, N.Y. In September (58) And the usually elderly citizen who must fight the cutout of government benefits brought on by the bureaucrat- e’s erroneous insistence that he or she is dead, as happened to the 80-year-old Ms. Adelle Nelson of Natick, Mass., in September, by the Veterans 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 baddie were taking a nightclub dancer 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 uninjured; Small’s hand was recovered but not the rest of his arm.)

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Blind dates often flop

of her shoe that I hit, but I was so mad I didn’t even cure.”

Humanities major Dan Geraghty, 20, is still fuming over his dating catastrophes. He went on a double date with his friend and two girls they met earlier that week.

The date began with a nearly 30-minute drive Geraghty made in order to pick the girls up. Then the girls demanded that Geraghty and his friend take them out to dinner at Planet Hollywood.

After arriving at the restaurant, the two girls continuously made jabs at both Geraghty and his friend.

Story's mom claimed to be setting her up with a guy who looked just like one of the Baldwin brothers. "At least she had the bald part right," Story said.

She added, "He was short, fat, and completely boring. I went to the bathroom and had one of my girlfriends call me during dinner and say she needed me to come over right away. Luckily we drove to the restaurant in separate cars so I was able to escape."

Stacey Lazenby, assistant director of the LEAD Scholars Program at UCF, said she still remembers her worst date from when she was in graduate school at UCF.

Lazenby, 27, was set up with a guy by one of her friends. After hearing that her date was rich and drove a BMW, she was excited to meet him to see if there was a connection between them.

She was slightly confused when her date showed up and brought his dad along. The plot began to unravel when the three of them arrived at Denny's to get a bite to eat.

Said Lazenby: "I turned out the whole date was a ploy to get me to work for his father. He wanted me to be part of his pyramid of employees so that he could make 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 Strickland, 18, knows all about having a cheap date. Strickland recalled her date taking her to a smelly, sticky movie theater that only cost $1.99 to get in.

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."

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.

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