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Students fight to ‘Keep Diane’

University’s decision to dismiss professor angers many students

Danielle DePari

University officials decided this month to issue legal studies professor Diane Stadia a notice of termination after they repeated-

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Nightclub bust no surprise to many students

CARY GRAYSON

Four bartenders were arrested at Headlightz at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday along with four patrons who were caught dealing illegal drugs.

Headlightz American Bar and Grill, located on East Colonial Drive, is known to many students as one of the less respectable nightclubs in the area.

Students like Cardona said he was surprised to hear that his friend had been arrested.

"It’s ghetto," Cardona said.

Although faculty members were not aware of the specific charges that the club has faced, they said they were concerned about the impact of such incidents on the community.

"This is a bad sign," said Julianne Cardona, a junior.

"I was surprised to hear that he was arrested.""
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Peña: Students excluded from the decision-making process

Stephen Hirst
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President Marco Peña is questioning university officials as to why the proposed group responsibility policy for student organizations didn't go to a final vote before the Golden Rule Review Committee. The group responsibility policy, which would sanction student organizations if a few of their members misbehave, has faced an ongoing debate between Greek members, SGA leaders and university officials for over a month.

While the proposal provided, such as the new 2.5 grade point average requirement for student leaders approved by the Golden Rule Review Committee in a final vote, the proposal for a group responsibility policy did not go before the committee for a final vote, according to Peña.

I checked the minutes of those committee meetings, and the student representatives never voted on the issue," he said. "It never appears on the agenda." But the Golden Rule Review Committee is comprised of students, faculty, student organizations, and representatives of the Board of Trustees as well as others involved in new campus policies or change existing policies, and vote to pass or reject proposals before they are sent to Tom Hedderington for final approval. Hedderington is the vice president of student enrollment and development services at UCF.

Peña contends that the same administrators who have insisted all along that Golden Rule changes come out of student recommendations secretly wrote the policy proposal into the Golden Rule changes.

Peña also insisted that the students at those meetings were not an accurate representation of the student organization. "We base our votes on the agenda," he said. "It's not just a Greek issue." He said, "This affects all student organizations. Nobody wants to be punished as an entire group for the actions of only a few members."

Patricia Maciocio, director of student rights and responsibilities, has maintained that she has no vested interest in the policy, and contented that the proposals were not her own agendas, but rather recommendations from students, collected through a series of Golden Rule Review Committee meetings.

But Peña said that all proposals, except the group responsibility policy, have appeared in the meeting minutes, which proves that students haven't been involved in the decision-making process on this issue.

"I'd rather the administration put the [final draft] up before us and say, 'Listen, these are the rules we are going to set in place and we'll work on the process,' he said."

The Greek community has been more demonstrative than other organizations in its disapp­pointment with the group responsibility policy. The rule changes prompted a protest of the Homecoming parade by poor fraternities and sororities.

However, representatives of other organizations, such as Free the Planet and SORML have also voiced opposition to the new measures.

Club owner claims he tried to prevent underage drinking, drugs

Ruey Rooney emphasized that these are not isolated incidents. Agents have observed blatant sales of marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy in the club, including anecstral problems in the liquor sales. A security guard "taking a hit from a blunt" and a pool table covered with pork chops were available for sale. Club disc jockeys sometimes announced the presence of the "pigs" before they arrived. Curing that drugs were in the establishment while police were present.

Bruce Meeks, 19, said that "many people I met at HeadLightZ were not UCF students, and attendance changes a bit, depending on the type of music the club plays.

Although HeadLightZ faced similar problems in the past, it is unclear what action will be taken against the club. Rooney will present the evidence his agents have gathered to the Orange County Abatement Board that has the authority to issue a written warning, and then shut the club permanently. Closing the club is a last resort, he said. "We don't want to take away anyone's livelihood."
The Faculty Senate has not taken a stand on whether the city of Orlando should add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination policies, but a faculty resolution could influence whether such a change is adopted by UCF, the Faculty Senate president said.

Michael Mullens, the senate president, said he has tracked the proposal for weeks, and expressed surprise that no faculty members have raised the issue. The measure—which has been passionately debated in Orlando City Council workshop sessions and full-page newspaper advertisements in the Orlando Sentinel—will be heard again by the council on Monday with a final vote on the matter scheduled for next month.

The faculty of Rollins College already has endorsed the inclusion of sexual orientation in the city ordinance. A similar stand by UCF faculty would add momentum both to the Orlando ordinance and to the growing movement to have sexual orientation added as a protected class in UCF's own anti-discrimination policy, Mullens said.

Mullens based his assertion on the Faculty Senate's past record. "Since I've been here, I don't know of any resolutions that the provost and the president haven't passed," he said. These resolutions have included a change that allows C-minus grades to receive Gordon Rule credit, another requiring all minors to obtain a minimum of 18-semester hours credit, and the implementation of the plus-minus grading system.

Yet a Faculty Senate resolution urging protection for gays and lesbians would not guarantee its implementation, Mullens said. Because of the controversy surrounding the issue, Mullens said UCF President John Hitt probably would seek other advice. "He would respond, but he might not approve it," Mullens said. "That's one that he would probably take to the board [of trustees]."

Mullens said other topics, such as the plus-minus grading system and Amendment 11, have occupied the attention of faculty lately.

Although the passage of a resolution supporting the addition of sexual orientation would add strength to the causes, faculty members do not see a need to get involved in the fight, according to Harland Chase. Chase, a member of the Faculty Senate who sits on the steering committee, said faculty members have not brought the issue before the senate because they have not faced discrimination. "If they were being discriminated against, we would have heard about it," Chase said.

Naval Modani, an associate professor of finance and one-time president of the Faculty Senate, said the senate has not involved itself in the subject because it generally addresses only academic matters.

"The Faculty Senate doesn't get involved in politics," Modani said.

Modani agreed with Mullens that a resolution addressing either the city ordinance or the UCF policy could spur action. "The Faculty Senate does have a voice," Modani conceded.

Chase, who also serves as the faculty union president, added that the union, which is separate from the Faculty Senate, has tried to get sexual orientation added to UCF's anti-discrimination policy in the past. "In terms of the union, it is one of the issues that we have been pushing," Chase said.

He added: "From our standpoint, it's an issue of fairness and [Inclusion]."

Thus far, the union's efforts to include sexual orientation have come up short, in part because of the union's uncertain future. "It is one of the things that the union wants added to the new contract," Chase said. "We don't know that we even have a new contract."

The faculty union's current contract expires Jan. 7, and the union's role in the state's soon-to-be-restructured higher education system remains unknown.

Whether the Faculty Senate issues a resolution or not, UCF already has a policy banning discrimination against, "in the areas of race, sex, age, creed, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, and family responsibilities," according to Harland Chase, who serves as the faculty union president.

The Rollins faculty resolution supporting the proposed addition of sexual orientation to Orlando's anti-discrimination policy began with discussions last spring. Rollins College does not have a faculty senate. Rather, the entire faculty meets and makes decisions as a group.

"We have a very active diversity committee that collected signatures last spring supporting the gay ordinance," Chase said. "Over 120 of our faculty signed it out of 150 members. The student body asked the faculty to support it in September."

The faculty of Rollins felt that it could send a message with the resolution, Levins said. "We hope to pressure the city of Orlando," Levins said. "Rollins has a non-discrimination policy of its own, so we are fairly out in front on these issues."

Until UCF faculty members take a stand, UCF will not send a message of its own. Hitt recently said that no change in the city or campus policies was needed.

Modani said he has not heard any discussion among faculty members about the topic, and does not know what stand, if any, the Faculty Senate will take. The next Faculty Senate meeting is Nov. 21. "I'm aware of no such discussion going on at this time," Modani added.

"I think the Faculty Senate should discuss anything that deals with the quality of education."
Steroids harden arteries, promote heart disease

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"That's because oral steroids have to be broken down by the liver," Simmons explained.

All Deichen did was take oral steroids. "I did it more because oral steroids often do not maintain control of their emotions. Wild mood swings and increased aggression, symptoms of "roid rage," put steroid users and those around them in danger. "There is more and more of a recognized association with anger, rage, and violent personalities of individuals who utilize anabolic steroids," Deichen said.

He added: "People are more likely to become violent and aggressive and he loses control of his temperament. It's a scary situation. These personal attacks..."
Powell: Students should stay aware of world events

Robert Lopez

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WASHINGTON

Staying out of other people’s business may have been an attractive foreign policy option before Sept. 11, especially to young people, but when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center last year they were forced to care whether they wanted to or not, Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

“We don’t live in an island anymore,” he said. “They United States may have two oceans, but it is not disconnected from any other place in the world. And our security rests on the overall security situation in the world.”

As the Cold War ended in the early 1990s, many Americans, especially college students, lost interest in world events. Powell spoke about the apathy during an exclusive interview in his State Department office as the Bush administration was trying to craft a resolution on weapons inspectors in Iraq.

“I had seen, in my first 17 years of life, eight years of war. Powell said. “We read a lot in those days, followed current events. But again, that was in the old days when everyone was worried about getting drafted.”

Student apathy, not only about foreign affairs but also about domestic issues, has been an issue almost since 18-year-olds were granted the right to vote in 1971. A recent poll conducted by the Center for Democracy and Citizenship found that less than 21 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 24 cast ballots in the 1998 elections. Less than 50 percent voted in the 2000 presidential elections.

Though such numbers persist, Powell believes that Sept. 11 and the recent debates on a possible war with Iraq have had a profound effect.

“Along comes Sept. 11 and they realize. My heavens, there is something out there. It isn’t called communism, it isn’t called fascism. It’s called terrorism. For the first time since 1812, the United States was attacked on its own soil by a foreign enemy.”

This was sobering and it was visual. Everyone could see those towers fall and the plane crash in Pennsylvania, over and over and over.

“Suddenly we saw there was an enemy, who had a name, a face and was determined. How do you go after this enemy? Do you build a coalition? And for the past 14 months it has come back into our consciousness.”

Instead of focusing on one geographic area, Powell said students should keep an eye on the world as a whole.

“You can’t turn your back on the rest of the world,” he said. “It’s hard to separate out and say, ‘Watch him or watch that.’ College students, regardless of where they’re headed in life, have an obligation to keep themselves informed on all major issues.

They should read broadly and read deeply. But they shouldn’t become so concerned with one area that they don’t see how it connects to other countries or other issues.”

The secretary believes that students who have any doubt about the repercussions of taking an isolationist stance should see the implications of terrorism, whether they’re in in a Moscow theater or in a Bali nightclub.

“Suddenly those things are real,” he said. “It makes people say ‘If it happens there, it can happen here.’

Though he is often seen as a moderate in the conservative Bush administration, Powell said the clash of ideas and beliefs is the path to building a consensus.

“Out of that clash of ideas and personalities and egos and people comes compromise,” he said.

“We had an election [Tuesday] with strongly held views from all parts of the country. Negative ads, positive ads, screaming, shouting, noise, the polls, where do they announce them. It goes on and it’s suddenly an election. People speak and they’re conveying the American consensus.”

Recent campus protests against a war in Iraq underscore the fact that many students have that American foreign policy, and the war on terrorism in particular are being used as little more than devices to flex the nation’s military might.

But America can’t detach itself from the world, Powell said.

“It is in our interests to help nations of the world move toward a democratic path and put in place a solid economic system, so they can be our friends and not our adversaries,” he said. “We have no designs on anyone’s people. We have no designs on anyone’s country. We don’t want to steal resources. We don’t want to occupy People trust us to solve their problems. They all come to the U.S. to help solve their problems.”

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, also cites a moral obligation in America’s status as a nation of nations.

“What is the American majority these days?” he said, “In 20 or 30 years it might not be white males or white males and females. It’s going to be peoples of color, and of color, I mean Asians and African Americans and Hispanic Americans. And what does the majority mean? It’s beautiful. It’s wonderful. There’s no place on Earth like this. You can understand how what happens in the world effects us in every imaginable way. You can have a Miami be a Hispanic city or find Latin communities in the Midwest or go to Providence, R.I., and find more Cape Verdians living there than in Cape Verde. And somehow we don’t find each other. We have our problems, but there is no place in the world like this.”
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What’s News

In Business and Finance

Rate Cut Helps Only Some

Christmas is coming early for some borrowers, thanks to the Federal Reserve’s decision to slash rates.

By dropping the federal funds rate by 0.5 percentage point to 1.25%, the Federal Reserve is trying to encourage businesses to step up their capital spending, and prod wary consumers to keep their wallets open even as they plan for Christmas.

The move could cut payments on many car loans, home-equity lines of credit, adjustable-rate mortgages and some credit cards. The gains for consumers won’t be universal, however. Savers, for one, will see arcane returns dwindle further on money-market funds and certificates of deposit.

But auto companies are likely to give 0% deals to some people who previously couldn’t qualify because their credit wasn’t good enough, says Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Consulting, noting that only half of the people who seek 0% loans currently qualify. Car makers are also likely to start offering 4% or 5% financing on loans that make profits in six years instead of five.

As credit-card holders won’t get any rate relief. More than half of all credit-card rates are fixed and even many holders of variable-rate cards won’t see a positive change. Roughly 20% of all variable-rate cards have a floor below which their rate can’t fall, according to CardWeb.com. Moreover, credit-card rates have been edging up all year. Average credit-card rates hit 14.74% in October, according to CardWeb.com, up from a low of 14.25% last December.

Fleeing From Fast Food

Jaded by Fatty Burgers, Diners Make Switch To Healthier Choices

By Shelley Lee

Is America losing its taste for fast food?

In various conurbations to woo customers, McDonald’s Corp. has revamped kitchens to serve hotter food, hired se­ cret shoppers to upgrade service and added more than 60 temporary items—such as a chicken flat­bread sandwich and chocolate banana shake—to jazz up its menu. The company is even investing in other kinds of restaurant formats to cap­ ture consumers’ shifting tastes.

But this fall, it bit the pricing bullet. The nation’s No. 1 burger chain poured $100 million into advertising its first national value­meals in five years to trumpet eight items for $1 each. The move forced No. 2 Burger King to follow suit with an 11 item meal at 99 cents each. And the country’s reaction? A big one.

Procrast Lander, a 12-year-old student in Chicago, says he hasn’t been to a McDonald’s, Burger King or Wendy’s in four years. He says he doesn’t like the food or the atmos­phere. "Burgers and fries can go down the drain," says Mr. Lander, on his way to have lunch at Potbelly Sandwich Works, a Chicago sand­wich chain.

McDonald’s recently issued a profit warning reflecting a continu­ous trend of declining profit in seven of the last eight quarters. The news came a day after Napaire PLC, Burger King’s parent company, said a proposed buyout group, led by Texas Pacific Group, was bail­ling at the $2.5 billion price tag because of soft sales at the 11,500-unit chain. Wendy’s International Inc., the nation’s No. 3 burger chain, also has announced it is lowering the top end of its 2002 earnings outlook partly because of weaker-than-ex­pected sales.

Among factors dragging down traditional fast food fare are con­cerns about its high fat content sparking lawsuits against the fast-food players. Plaintiffs accuse the industry of making them obese and sus­ceptible to diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. Meanwhile, the emerging category of "quick casual" restaurants— inclu­ding chains such as Chipotle Mexican Grill (majority­ owned by McDon­ald’s), Cost and Pan­era Bread—are at­tracting more cus­tomers. As many as half of fast-food pa­trons eat at such chains, which gener­ally have higher­quality food but no table service. Quick-casual customers spend about $6 to $10 per average check as opposed to fast food’s $3 to $4 aver­age check, according to food-con­sulting firm Technomic Inc.

The research firm Techno­mic Inc. found a surprising trend among quick-casual consumers. Industry experts had assumed the category attracted aging baby boomers who could afford higher costs, but in fact, quick-casual concepts appeal largely to 18 to 34-year-olds. About 47% of fast-casual customers are in this age bracket—a demographic "that’s the place to be," according to a sources.
Can Tablets Help Cure PC Makers?  
After a decade of disappointment, some of the biggest personal-computer makers hope their time for tablet computers has arrived.

Several versions of slab-shaped computers, which Microsoft has dubbed the Tablet PC, have underwhelmed recently at Hewlett-Packard Co., Fujitsu Ltd., Motion Computing Inc., Toshiba Corp. and Microsoft Corp., the models' software architect. Aimed primarily at corporate customers and "mobile executives," the Tablet PC is essentially a high-octane laptop computer loaded with Microsoft's Windows XP software—but one that also lets users scribble notes by hand on a slate. Some models come with attached keyboards that can be swiveled and folded over to make the machine look more like a writing tablet than a traditional PC.

The stakes are high for Microsoft and its hardware partners. Many PC makers have been suffering.

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through a nasty downturn. They are searching for a new growth engine, and the Tablet PC will command a higher profit margin than standard desktop PCs, they say.

This summer, Dell Computer Corp. rebuffed a $20 billion offer from AT&T Corp. called BD, for being too expensive, having a mainly monochromatic screen and inaccurate handwriting-recognition software. But new handwriting-reading software is more accurate, and Tablet PCs are cheaper, more powerful, having longer battery life and sport crisp, full-color screens.

By Staff Reporters Pui-Wing Tam, Rebecca Buckman and Gabriel Kahn

Fleeing From Fast Food

Continued from Previous Page that typically consumes the most fast food.

"I'm spending more money to stay healthy," says Maggie Thaxton, 31, a child care teacher who frequents Qdoba's. The upscale sand-

Burger King, with 18% of U.S. burger market share, and its sales are weak because the price war is dragging down the whole fast-food category. The chain says that it is losing customers to McDonald's, whose Big N' Tasty and McCicken sandwiches, selling for $1 each, are twice as large as any sandwich on Burger King's 49-cent menu.

Wendy's says it doesn't see its steep price cuts as a problem. It says its 49-cent menu has been profitable for 13 years because cus-

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Indeed, the price wars actually

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are also offering healthy options

such as salads, baked potatoes or

yogurt. In September McDonald's

said it would use different oil to re-

duce the transfat level in its foods. Earlier this year, Burger King introduced a veggie burger.

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What's Going on in the Moviegoing Audience

Will Tony Soprano Hijack the Emmys?

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is threatening to move the Emmy awards show, a celebration of network television, to cable channel HBO. After the big four broadcast television networks refused to pay for more next year's rights to broadcast the program.

That the ultimate promotional bash for traditional broadcast television could go to a cable rival is yet another sign of the changing Hollywood landscape. For years, the networks wouldn't even let HBO in the contest; recently they have been humiliated that HBO, well known for its mob hit "The Sopranos," has walked away with so many prises—last year, 24 out of about 60 awards.

Blackberry, Nokia

Will Team Up

Research In Motion Ltd., maker of the Blackberry wireless e-mail device, has reached a deal with cell-

phone maker Nokia Corp. to put Blackberry technology on Nokia phones around the world.

Nokia will license the software for an undisclosed fee. Research In Motion will also collect an undis-

closed portion of the monthly fee subscribers use the new phones to pay their service providers.

Joining forces with the world's biggest cellphone company "offers large revenue potential," for Res-

earch In Motion, said a Research

spokesman. Having already deeply
generated the corporate wireless e-

mail market in North America, the company chose a collaborative ap-

proach for a world-wide rollout. "To continue that momentum in a closed or proprietary way would be unrealistic," the spokesman said.

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Time for faculty leaders to lead by example

UF faculty members, this one is directed toward you. You may not have suffered discrimination based upon your sexual orientation, but many people have. Many gay people who have not yet lost their jobs worry that revealing their sexual orientation could cost them their careers and livelihood.

Thus far, you have remained silent on the anti-discrimination policy that Orlando's city council is currently debating. You have yet to take a stand on UF's own anti-discrimination policy, which does not include sexual orientation.

As leaders of the UF community, you bear the responsibility of helping to set the university's policies and agenda. President Hitt and the rest of the administration listen to your suggestions. When you pass resolutions, the administration almost always approves and implements them.

Whether or not you have faced discrimination, you should call upon the administration now before the law takes its course. The anti-discrimination policy as soon as possible. A pre-emptive measure, in this case, is the wisest one.

In the greater picture, you should use your role as leaders to promote the ordi-

CONFEDERATE FLAG: A SYMBOL OF RACISM, HATE

The Confederate flag has caused more harm in Southern pride.

The Confederate flag embodies the racism and rebellion of a misguided part of the country that tried to hold onto an institution - slavery - that lasted far too long.

Southern pride must not equate to an external attachment to the Confederate flag. For many people, the flag represents, and will always represent, the fight to maintain the institution of slavery. If people want to take pride in the actual accomplishments of the South, fine, but pick a symbol less divisive and more representative of the entire Southern population.

Black people help shape Southern history and culture as much as white people. Likewise, the South should have as a symbol something that appeals to the hearts and minds of all people, not just white rural Southerners. Trying to hold onto a divisive symbol such as the Confederate flag only serves to perpetuate the hostility that the flag has evoked for the past 140 years.

What exactly are Confederate sympathizers proud of? They should not celebrate the legacy of slavery and racism, nor should they look fondly upon the Confederacy's failed attempt at sovereignty. The Confederate flag embodies the racism and rebellion of a misguided part of the country that tried to hold onto an institution - slavery - that lasted far too long.

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"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." -GEORGE SANTAYANA

Letters to the Editor


Promoter Gar Heavey made the comment that he wanted to use the event to prove that UF is a progressive university. Homosexuality is a sin, and I don't get the motive. I have no problem with these people as people, but their twisted sin and it is wrong. We are a university and not to be a pro-

Tolerance doesn't mean we have to accept or promote anything - especially homosexuality. It means that the way of handling the problem is not through violence or hatred. But again, it doesn't mean they deserve a voice. I'm part of the new homosexual vote proclaiming my way throughout our campus. It is wrong and it is time we stop the homosexual nonsense from Chuck Shepherd that you don't have to accept. I mean you are working harder than anyone. Take it easy and take a break.

I graduated from UF in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in business management. While attending school for the year, I was an Undergraduate, an AV winner and an officer in my fraternity for three years. Throughout the time I maintained a 2.9 grade-point average, I graduated with a 3.3. Under the new rule that would require students to maintain at least a 2.5 grade-point average, I would not have been allowed to be involved in any of the previous activities.

I am now a business manager for a large engineering firm in New York City. I have been told by you that I was one of the first to be a leader in those organizations. I probably would not have made it through school, being a leader does not require a higher intellect than those you lead. It requires dedication and a solid work ethic. I have a 2.7 and you have a 4.0, it doesn't mean you are working harder than I am.

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Stop whining, start studying

I would just like to say that I am sick and tired of hearing the Greeks whine about their grades. They need to understand that the minimum grade point average for students ranges from 2.0-4.0. SGA leaders, please consider giving Grade Bots changes, by letting them publish top. I do not think the students need "Giri" who cares about their grades. If you are in a good mood, consider a tip: do not care about their grades. If you are in a bad mood, consider another tip: do not care about your grades. If you are in a really bad mood, consider yet another tip: do not care about anything. You will be much happier in the long run.

Letters to the Editor

30 seconds to fame

MENTAL DODGES

Christopher Arnold

I hate Andy Warhol.

There. I said it.

It was, after all, Warhol who claimed everyone in the future would have his or her 15 minutes of fame. And it is Warhol I found myself thinking of this week as the television station I was watching began to run one of those "breaking news" banners at the bottom of its screen.

It caught my attention, naturally, and so I focused solely on the text on that news item of the utmost importance — war with Iraq, perhaps? — would warrant such an interruption, and so I watched.

"Winona Ryder jury is deliberating," it stated.

Confused, I was certain I had missed it. So I waited, because, like all good stations, they do usually scroll the news items two or three hundred times before you got it.

"Winona Ryder jury is deliberating — that's right, you read it correctly the first time, you idiot!"

Oh, so there are several problems I had with this — the first being that the jury was still deliberating. They hadn't come to a decision, mind you. This station, in all its zeal to beat its competitors to some kind of a scoop, wanted to let us know that nothing had changed and the process was still intact.

Good job, guys.

But why should we be followed by Winona Ryder's trial, anyway? She was caught shoplifting in a store apparently too expensive even for the rich and famous, because, well, she's rich and famous and was caught shoplifting there.

Enter good ol' Andy Warhol.

Because of our soup-smearing, painting friend it is now illegal in all but three states to not follow the lives of 30-lot actors and actresses like Ryder. Heres not the only name of note in this living film, however.

Her supporting cast is equally as unimpressive. Let's not forget co-stars Gary Busey - "Slap Shot 2: Breaking the ice," Nick Nolte -"The Golden Bowl," and Robert Downey, Jr. - "Chaplin." — although, to be fair, Downey spent time on "Aliy McBeal," which would probably drive anyone to drugs. Each has, like the mythical Phoenix, been reborn in the news through drug abuse. Believe Nolte's mug shot is even replacing his other X-rated press kit.

Now, far be it from me not to pay homage to the legends of this industry. You see, the way was paved by "The Trial of the Century" starring that actor of Benicio Del Toro's and co-star in "The Naked Gun" Mo Brandy, G.L. Simpson. You remember him, don't you? The best acting he ever did was struggling to get that glove on his hand. He was on trial for and acquitted of murder after which he vowed to not rest until he found the real killer. His sources must have pointed towards Tiger Woods or Arnold Palmer, though, because he seemed to spend an awful lot of time on the golf course afterwards.

But the lives of our revered celebrities are not limited to their legal transgressions. As consumers of all things Hollywood and all those familiar with them, we somehow demand the happier moments in their lives as well. Do note you can find one right now, starring that former Fly Girl, Jennifer Lopez — or J-Lo, as she so likes to call herself these days. This current darling of the media can be found on practically every tabloid, magazine and news show having recently announced her engagement to a regular in Kevin Smith movies, Ben Affleck — or B. Leck as he might not call himself one day. She just needs to finalize her divorce from her current husband first, though — this is the guy she turned to when Puff Daddy — or is it P. Daddy? — didn't need her for any purposes any longer.

And while there are a great number of people who love vicariously through their favorite celebrities and Indeed, all things celebity, there are exceptions — namely those people desperately trying to achieve their own star status. The current vehicle through which to attempt this is that genre known as the reality show. Want a quick shot of stardom? Then try your hand at "Survivor" or "Fear Factor." "The Real World" or "30 Seconds to Fame."

Reality shows. I guess that's right. Just the other day, after all, I was on a Marquisan island in a luxury house with complete staff, eating pig intestines for the heck of it. It is frightening how impressed we are with this era of celebrity and how easily it can impress upon us its values and characteristics. If we could spend less time living through these people and focus on our own lives, who knows what we could accomplish? But then again, if we were actually working towards some greater goal, we might have missed getting that first glance at the rock. B. Leck bought for J-Lo. Another time, perhaps.

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UFC faces Jacksonville in A-Sun Championships

High expectations are difficult to deal with, and no one knows that better than the UCF men's soccer team. After being named preseason favorites to win the conference title, the Golden Knights struggled at times, but managed to post an 8-7-3 overall record. However, UCF Coach Bob Martin's squad came through in conference play and the Knights' 5-2-1 conference record has put them right where they've wanted to be all year: in the conference tournament.

The Knights enter this weekend's tournament in Boca Raton as the third seed overall, which means they will face second-seeded Jacksonville (10-5-2 overall, 5-2-1 A-Sun) in the first round. When UCF faced Mercer in the first round, the Golden Knights struggled at times, but managed to post an 8-7-3 overall record. However, UCF Coach Bob Martin's squad came through in conference play and the Knights' 5-2-1 conference record has put them right where they've wanted to be all year: in the conference tournament.

Auburn awaits UCF in the NCAA Tournament

The UCF women's soccer team on Monday learned it would travel to Tallahassee to face Auburn in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Women's Soccer Championships. The Golden Knights square off against the Tigers at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Seminole Soccer Complex. Host Florida State plays the University of Mississippi in the second game, at 7 p.m. The winners play at 1 p.m. Saturday for the right to advance to the third round of the tournament.

The Golden Knights and their supporting staff gathered Monday at Froggers sports bar in Oviedo to await the announcement of the bracket. When ESPNews announced UCF's destination, the cheers were loud and long.

Kent State's Cribbs questionable for game against Golden Knights

Quarterback Joshua Cribbs, just a sophomore, already has two 1,000-yard passing and rushing seasons under his belt. He's only the second player in F-A history to accomplish such a feat in back-to-back seasons.

"He's a fabulous kid with the ball in his hand, making plays with his leg," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "I had the opportunity to watch him against Marshall on TV and he made one option run that was like he blinked his eyes and he was 80 yards into the endzone.

Just one problem, he might not play. During Kent's game last weekend, Cribbs re-aggravated a hamstring injury that forced him to miss a game last month. That will not only take a lot of sizzle out of an interesting match-up of division rivals, but cripple a Golden Flashes team so heavily reliant on Cribbs.

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Newcomer Giraudo leads Knights’ offense

Tom Alexander
Staff Writer

Baseball is America’s pastime. Football is America’s passion. In Argentina, where Juan Pablo Giraudo was born, soccer is both.

“It’s a custom in Argentina that your first gift is a soccer ball,” Giraudo said.

The Golden Knights’ leading scorer this season was born in Buenos Aires and spent the first 10 years of his life in Argentina. Giraudo started playing soccer with his friends as a young child, and fondly recalls going to the stadium on Sundays to watch soccer matches. His love for the game is such that he still follows his favorite players and teams every Sunday now that he is stateside.

Giraudo and his family moved to Miami when he was 10 years old, and he continued playing soccer through middle school and high school. It was while playing at Sunset High that he met current Golden Knights Ernie Vasquez and Xavier Delgado.

Giraudo scored nine goals and had 11 assists his senior year at Sunset, but upon his graduation, he was faced with a difficult situation, one that led him to take a

year off from the game that he loved and attend college at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami.

“I wasn’t sure if I was ready to leave home, maybe stay a year more with my parents. It was hard leaving the rest of my family in Argentina and I didn’t want that to happen again. But I felt like after a year I matured and was ready to go,” Giraudo said.

After that year at FIU, Giraudo decided he wanted to play soccer again. He had heard of the good experiences his old high school teammates were having here at UCF and decided to come to Orlando. That decision has worked out well for both Juan and the Golden Knights.

“I’m really enjoying it here. There’s not one guy on the team that I can say something bad about. We’re always together; it’s like a new family, therefore it makes me feel at home,” Giraudo said.

Please see Giraudo on 18
Confidence builds after second-half surge

CHRIS BERNHARDT  
STAFF WRITER

The problem had reached epidemic levels. It was well documented, no longer just a road woe but one that was starting to show up at home. Buffalo was losing to the likes of Florida Atlantic (5-6), UCF (8-4) and Syracuse all used sloppy UCF play and power running games to dominate the second half and come back for a victory.

Over the past two seasons, UCF has been outscored 151-99 in the third quarter. Conversely, over that same time period, the Knights have blown out opponents 176-93 in the first quarter and 104-84 in the second. In the fourth quarter they've played tighter but still have a 135-112 edge.

“We got that second half fever,” linebacker Chad Massow said after a recent loss to Syracuse, where UCF blew a 21-10 halftime lead. “I don’t know what it is. They come out with more intensity than us. They wanted it more than us.

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Knights score 31 unanswered points Saturday

Ryan Schneider threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter of UCF’s 45-21 win over Buffalo on Saturday.

UCF’s struggling defense finally got a reprieve. Free safety Peter Sands stepped in front of pass and returned it 50 yards to the Buffalo 12-yard line. UCF scored two plays later on a one-yard sweep to Michael Gaines. “It was real big,” wide receiver Luther Huggins said. “Instead of just trying to hang on, actually start seeing ourselves as winners. And once you put that vision in front of you everything just starts to click.”

It worked. On the ensuing possession, UCF’s vaunted offense buckled down and got back to business. Quarterback Ryan Schneider quickly and efficiently picked apart the Bulls porous defensive, hitting wide receiver Ivery wide receiver Ivery with a 13-yard touchdown pass. It was the first down en route to a big day.

Those two scores spurred the Golden Knights on to their most complete quarter and half of football this season. The offense put up 17 more points, a total of 31 unanswered. And the young defense didn’t allow another first down en route to yielding just 38 total yards in the second half.

Why UCF has struggled so much coming out of the halftime locker room leaves coaches and players stumped.” In the Golden Knights’ five losses this year, they’ve lead at halftime three times. Yet Arizona State, Toledo

“Buffalo was gaining momentum but fortunately Peter was kind of just hanging around and made a big play,” linebacker Stanford Rhude said. "It was real big," wide receiver Ivery Huggins said. "I don’t know what it is. They come out with more intensity than us. They wanted it more than us.

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Kuhlman and VanLoonen lead a strong defense

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rang so loud it was nearly impossible to hear over the roar of the crowd.

"We're just happy to finally know where we're going and who we're going to play," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said.

The Golden Knights' (18-4-0) have not played Auburn (13-4-2) this season, but do lead the series 5-0 with the last win coming in 1997. They have played this season in the Seminole Soccer Complex.

"It's good to get ready to Florida State," Cromwell said. "We're comfortable there. We've played there once all ready this season and we played well." UCF lost to FSU 3-1 back on Oct. 4. The Seminoles were ranked 12th in the country at the time. They're now ranked 22nd. Auburn is not ranked, but is receiving votes in the Soccerbuzz.com and the NCAA Coaches' Top 25 polls.

Win the regular season, Southeastern Conference, tournament title, and the Knights share the regular season Atlantic Sun Conference title with the Southern Mississippi. They won the A-Sun Championship with a 3-2 win over Jacksonville.

Assistant Coach Karen Richter

played at UCF from 1987-90, was an assistant coach from 1991-92 and was the head coach from 1993-95. The Knights' three wins over Auburn came with Richter at the helm. UCF's seniors were Richter's last recruiting class, so playing against Auburn is especially sweet for them.

"Our coach recruited all eight of us," senior Nicole Cieslak said, "so we never got to play for her, so now it's revenge time. She left us and now we're going to beat them."

Classmate Jackie VanLoonen said she knows Richter will be hot for opportunity but it's still hurt.

"We felt deserted," VanLoonen said. "Well, in come Cromwell and four years later she and Richter's final recruits have led UCF to the most successful season in school history. The Knights' 18 wins are two better than the school's previous best.

The Knights advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Cromwell's first year, but they lost in the first round of the A-Sun Tournament the next season and went 8-1-1 on the year. VanLoonen and Cieslak said that was tough to find any kind of chemistry.

The past two seasons the Knights have worked to build team chemistry and it has paid off. They're 32-10 over that span with two A-Sun Championships. This season's team has a good mix of upper- and underclassmen. Freshman Jennifer Montgomery and senior Cieslak have dominated the offense, while seniors VanLoonen and Jessica Kuhlman and freshmen Summer Savage have dominated the defense.

Montgomery tied UCF's record for points in a season with 49 Friday against Jacksonville State. Cieslak is second on the team with 32 points. VahLoonen, Kuhlman and Savage are part of a UCF defense that has recorded 12 shutouts.

Mercer holds the top seed with conference's best offense

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the doelhers earlier this year, the Golden Knights茁壮至16-15, but one on-deck hitter found the back of the net. The Dolphins won that game 1-0, but Which final that "enormous game" interest given UCF's good chance in the first round.

Jacksonville is a great oppo­

nent for us because...the guys feel that we left them take one from us," Which said. "We did everything in that game well except score. We knocked it off the post a few times, but it was just one of those games." But the Dolphins are not a team for anyone to look past. Their offensive attack is led by Richard Blackburn, who leads the confer­

ence in assists, and has only one less point than UCF's leading scorer and have Glowi13, Jacksonville's greatest strength lies in his defense.

The Jacksonville defense is led by goalkeeper Greg Williams, who leads the A-Sun in shutouts, the Dolphins allow fewer goals per game than any other team in the A-Sun. Williams also leads the conference in goals against average. The first game in the tour­

ament looks to be a hard-fought defensive battle, as Williams matches up very well against UCF's own brick wall Ryan McIntosh.

Should the Knights get past Jacksonville, they will face the win­

ner of today's second game playing between top-seeded Mercer (16-4-1 overall, 6-1-1 at A-Sun) and third seeded Stetson. Mercer, defined UCF in Orlando 1-2 when they met earlier this season. The game was a battle with UCF committing 26 of the 47 total fouls in that match. Mercer boosts the offensive best defense in the conference, leading all teams in the A-Sun in points, goals per game, assists and assists per game. They are led by three of the top 10 scorers in the A-Sun in Del Olape, Ramiro Canovas and Mark Doolin.

Stetson (8-5-1 overall, 5-3-3 at A-Sun) enters as the fourth and final seed. Should the Golden Knights get to face their intricate rival in the tournament, they will look to repeat their stellar performance when they faced Stetson to open conference play this season. UCF won 3-1, aided by what was to become a nearly routine eight-start perform­

ance by goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh. Stetson is led by one of the top net­

minders in the conference in Ian Landrum, but their erratic scoring attack couldn't haunt the Hatters in tournament play.

The Knights can hold nothing back; if they expect to win the tournament and live up to the expecta­

tions placed upon them, this offense. All of the games look to be tooth-and-nail bat­

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"There is no tomorrow," Wileh said.
EMILY WATTS
Watts lights up competition

By KRISTY SHONKA

UCF MAC hopes all but crushed with Marshall win

By KRISTY SHONKA

Last week the Mid-American Conference gave the UCF football team hope that its goal for an East Division title was still a possibility. If Miami had held on to beat the Thundering Herd, the Golden Knights’ destiny would have been in their own hands. Wins in UCF’s final three games would have clinched the East Division title for the Knights in their first season in the MAC. Now Marshall needs a victory over Ohio to wrap up its sixth consecutive East Division title.

It looked like the RedHawks were going to pull off the upset, with Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich watching the game in sweats. Miami took a 24-19 lead with 6:33 left in the game, but Leftwich’s backup Stan Hill scrambled for a 1-yard touchdown with five seconds left. Miami’s attempt at a Hall Mary as time expired failed.
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Attempting to drive a stick shift car while talking on her cell phone and changing CDs are only a few of the distractions junior Emily Gollick, 20, encounters daily.

"Everyone says that they are perfect drivers and aren't so distracted as to the point of being dangerous," she said. "But to be honest, it is dangerous to drive with all those distractions," Gollick said.

New York law enforcement believes that cell phones pose a dangerous threat to drivers. New Yorkers face fines of $100 if caught using a hand-held cell phone while driving as a result of the first law of this kind in the nation to restrict drivers from talking and driving. The legislation allows for the use of hands-free cell phones and would allow hand-held phones in case of an emergency.

New York is the first state to pass such a ban on cell phones, however, they aren't alone; thirty-four other states are considering legislation banning the use of hand-held cell phones while driving as well.

While the media and law may portray cell phones as a dangerous distraction for drivers, the main consensus among UCF students is that there are bigger distractions than cell phones.

"When I'm on my phone, I'm still always looking around me," said junior Bethany Rota, 21. "I still don't drive defensively, always looking in my rear view mirrors and such. But when I'm digging in my purse for something like a cigarette or changing a CD, I look away from the road."

Freshman Armando Izaguirre, 18, claims that changing the radio station is more distracting for him than using a cell phone.

"The radio itself is a distraction for me because I don't have one specific radio station that I like," Izaguirre said. "So I constantly spend time changing the station and

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Drivers keep their eyes off the road

Automobile thefts up in college communities

DENISE BLOOM
STAFF-WRITER

Although UCF is ranked as the second safest campus in the state, students like junior Desiree DeAngelis, 20, aren't feeling secure.

She lives in an off-campus apartment in Jefferson Commons, one of many student complexes that is regularly plagued with cases of car theft.

"Although I am not scared for my personal safety, I am scared for my car's safety," she said.

Over the past couple of weeks, a rash of car thefts has apartment complexes and Orange County officers on alert - warning students about incidents and ways to safeguard their vehicles.

Apartment complexes are usual targets of car theft because of the high volume of cars in a concentrated area, according to commander Roland Lacroix of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

"We distribute fliers with the purpose of informing students," Lacroix said. "It means there has probably been a few car thefts in their immediate area and we hope to increase awareness."

Awareness and precaution can help reduce the number of car thefts, Lacroix said.

"Students should remove all valuables from the backs of their cars and make sure they lock up," he said. "Do not leave anything in plain view that could be of interest to the thief."

Apartment complexes also have a solid defense to combat these thefts, said Capt. Lynn Masiano, community assistant at Jefferson Commons.

"Police officers patrolled the grounds Monday through Thursdays and they are looking to extend this through the rest of the week as well," he said.

"We ask the residents to report any suspicious behavior," he said. "Because they live there, they are used to the usual surroundings and happenings. Your neighbors can be your best defense."

DeAngelis is aware that car theft is happening in her neighborhood, but does not know if she can stop worrying about her car even if she follows the preventative measures.

"If my car was stolen or damaged, I might have to deal without a car for weeks," she said. "I'm not sure how I would manage, you become used to the independence and convenience a car brings."

Junior Lauren Masiano, 20, can relate.

"Although my car isn't what many people would consider valuable, it's still there," she said. "I don't know what I would do if it was stolen."

Gone in 60 seconds

UA and Florida State take 21st place in NCAA baseball on April 25

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ART GALLERY TALK

10:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 14. Art Gallery in the Student Union. This presentation is in conjunction with the UA faculty Art Exhibit in the UA Art Gallery and will be through Dec. 19. Call Intercom 407-802-8664.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

ART GALLERY TALK

Thursday, Nov. 14

"Art Gallery Talk" faculty member Rolle Bowrey will give a free lecture on art work displayed in the UA Art Gallery from 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. in conjunction with the UA Faculty Art Exhibit in the UA Art Gallery this week. Call Intercom 407-802-8664.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

MULTINATIONAL STUDENT CENTER EXPO

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Nov. 15. Attendees are expected to pre-pay for the tickets. The Multinational Student Center Expo takes place in the Student Union.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

Family Weekend

Keep your black and gold attire on you, and your family members around the premise to know the location of the next event. Some of the Student Events, Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. behind the 1030 the Kent State football game at 6 p.m. - 4 p.m. Family Center for Student Scholarships and student members, $5 for adult events, $3 for student events, and $5 for non-members.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Family Weekend

Keep the school spirit going all weekend and make sure to attend the 6 p.m. SGA Student Council meeting in the Student Union. This event is free for a golf package including breakfast, and golf during an awards ceremony, call Stanley Lacy at 407-582-2223.

MONDAY, NOV. 18

RUSH

Highly recommended. Under 18s, non-RUSH. in the place to hear the best music, Central Florida hockey team is to offer to the game. Local seat nears of the all-age weekly event, which features live bands, a很差d show, and other events. RUSH starts at 8 p.m. in the Student Resource Center, and only $10 before the game, and $20 after the game. Call 407-823-6471.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

Comedian Kevin Barnett

As part of the UCF Student Union's semesterly event, the Campus Union presents comedians Kevin Barnett. Right now, Kevin Barnett's work is being done mostly in theaters such as "Fat Hates Kerr" and "Comedy Show with Kevin Barnett." You can see him live at the UCF Student Union or via satellite broadcast. Call the Office of Student Activities at 407-802-6474.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

WII FESTIVAL SHOW

Join us at the 6:30 p.m. show extravaganza featuring the bands Jett, Your Eyes, Hooch and their best 11-

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

"Halloween Horror Picture Show"

Art Gallery Talk: "Library Scary Tales" will give an introduction to one of the most popular full-time genre's of the last few years and will be held at the UA Art Gallery from 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. in conjunction with the UA Faculty Art Exhibit in the UA Art Gallery this week.
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Cell phones, radios common distractions while driving

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that's distracting. You tend to take your eyes off the road when you are changing the station and a couple of times while doing that I've almost hit the car in front of me or made a mad rush with a light and turned."

A study conducted by the University of North Carolina Highway Research Center agrees that cell phone distractions are minor compared to other potential interferences. More than 23 percent of drivers reported that they were distracted by things outside the car, 11 percent by adjusting the radio or CBs and 10 percent by passengers in the car.

Freshman Brandon Kelmam believes that he was almost hit by a woman who was too busy yelling at her children in her car to stop in time.

"I actually had to roll forward one time to keep her from hitting me," he said.

Nevertheless, some people still question why cell phones have been the only thing banned if they only make up 1.5 percent of the distractions, an drivers report, Sgt. John Moore said it has everything to do with reaction time and defensive driving strategies.

If something happens while driving, you need both hands quickly on the wheel to respond and hand-held phones distract you (especially to do), that," Moore said.

Moore believes that the big worry over drivers at UCF are cell phones and wants Florida to pass a law that strictly allows only the use of hands free while driving.

Although Florida has not passed any law regarding the use of cell phones while driving, the Florida Highway patrol has recently added a code entitled driver distraction to place on dents feel many other prevalent distractions.

"When I pull up to a stop light, I'll put eyeliner on, and then when it turns green I'll go," said freshman Katia Walters, 18.

"I mean what are they going to do, ban eyeliner? You can't ban everything."
Friendly and fun, Elijah’s feeds all

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moved to the North Forsyth Road location.

However, location is never an obstacle for Elijah’s faithful customers. “Some customers drive all the way from the Geneva and Oviedo areas to eat here,” Abraham said.

Some UCF students may have already tried Elijah’s food without even knowing it. As Louie’s Deli, Elijah’s Grill catered food for the UCF Bookstore.

As the parent of a UCF student, Elijah said that he would love to see more [UCF students] at the restaurant. “My son is majoring in biology and will be graduating soon,” he said.

A local television station recently recognized Elijah’s Grill. “They awarded us for having the cleanest restaurant and the best food in the area,” Abraham said.

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Lead stories

• Among issues in the months-long labor-management strife at the Taronga Zoo (Sidney, Australia), workers have resisted managers’ alleged solution for getting liberals the gorilla to make (following his rejection of all females for six years now), which was to have the keepers sedate him, stimulate him manually, and collect his sperm in a container (but that, said one keeper, would be “too bloody dangerous. What if he woke up?”). It now appears that zoo officials are resigned to use technology instead, by a process called electro-spermation. Earlier, workers had announced a partial strike for a 5 percent pay increase, in that they would stop picking up animals’ droppings (whereupon he woke his sperm in a container (but that, said one

People lower than a snake’s belly

In August, Brian Lynch of Scituate, N.Y., was convicted of stealing $8,000 in donations intended for a Sept. 11 FDNY widow. Also in August, Vernon Coleman, 32 (of Philadelphia), and Dan Coleman, 26 (of Upper Darby, Pa.) (who are not related), were arraigned on charges of stealing $5,000 from a donation fund for Afghan children displaced by the war. Also in August, New York City landlord Denise M. Lyman announced she would not allow the family of Sept. 11 victim Danielle Rousseau into Danielle’s old apartment to secure DNA to help detect her remains because Danielle had breached her Sept. 1, 2001, lease by failing to give three months’ notice before “abandoning” the apartment.

Extremely effective clothing

According to a July Reuters photo dispatch from the mountains of northeast Colombia, U.S. Indian girls’ traditional “coeurs” hats, designed to encourage chastity from puberty until marriage, consist of oversized cones made of layers of large sheets of green leaves, all completely covering the girls’ heads, except for narrow eye slits.

Dachshund, Brutus the Skydiving Dog (100 career jumps), is the protests of animal-rights activists but (according to Sirull) to the delight of Brutus, who was “totally turned on.” (Brutus doesn’t jump alone; he wears goggles and rides in Sirull’s jumpsuit. According to Sirull, Brutus vet and the Arizona Humane Society say the jumps are safe.)
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