Eight contend for chance to lead Orlando
Still, none of the candidates are making their way to UCF

Ben Baird
Staff Writer

On Feb. 4, Orlando voters will go to the polls in the largest and perhaps most confusing mayoral election in the city’s history; an election in which many of the eight candidates see their terms having a direct impact upon UCF.

The special election comes after Gov. Jeb Bush tapped Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood for the position of Florida secretary of state. This created a campaign season, which would usually take between six months and a year, into a matter of weeks.

Citing a lack of time and invocations, no candidate plans to make an official visit to UCF during his or her campaign.

This guide to the 2003 special mayoral election serves as an introduction to the candidates.

Please See Ee-SGA On 6

Financial aid staff hopes for smooth semester

Joe Harless
Staff Writer

Despite the difficulties students faced with financial aid disbursement last semester, the financial aid office says the bugs from last semester will not present a problem this semester.

In an e-mail sent to the 23,872 students who received financial aid last semester, the financial aid office apologized to students who received their funds late due to software errors in a new computer system implemented last semester.

Lisa Minnick, associate director for communication and public relations for the financial aid office and author of the e-mail, discussed last semester’s difficulties. “It was hard in the fall,” Minnick said. “We had to accommodate the new system.”

In the e-mail, Minnick wrote that the office staff believes that students would not experience delays in the receipt of financial aid for the spring term. Less than 6 percent of the e-mails sent out came back to the financial aid office as undeliverable.

“I think it will be fine,” Minnick said. “We’ve worked those bugs out of the system.”

One look at the line outside the financial aid office confirms Minnick’s statement. While long lines trailed out from the office all last semester, only a few students now remain inside the office.

Some students, however, still have not received their funds for the fall semester. Students like senior Jennifer Stewart still come to the office asking about their financial aid.

Please See System On 4

Theater legend reflects on his LIFE AND ART

African-American theater icon Douglas Turner Ward, here to be honored at the Zora Neale Hurston Festival, lends his direction to UCF.

“T ht e ater is relevant. It can still ask the big questions, even if we can’t answer every question.”

—Douglas Turner Ward

Cary Grayson
Staff Writer

in 1959, when "A Raisin in the Sun" became the first play written by a black author to reach Broadway, Douglas Turner Ward was there. Eight years later, when the Negro Ensemble Company emerged to take its place on the cutting edge of American theater, Ward also was there. On Thursday, when Louise Elder’s “Ceremonies in Dark Old Min” opens at UCF, he’ll be there, too.

Please See Ceremonies On 20

American-English actor and director Douglas Turner Ward directs the play "Ceremonies in Dark Old Min," which opens Thursday at Theatre UCF. Ward was the lead in the play's 1959 debut.

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Drivers wanted!
Shuttles too late for earliest classes

**Shuttle operators vow to consider changes if complaints warrant**

**Danielle DePari**  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Ron Green, 19, would like to take earlier classes.

"Taking earlier classes would really benefit me, because then I could get my classes over with earlier, and would have more time to do other things during the day," Green said.

Green lives off campus and does not have a car. He relies on the UCF shuttle service to get him on and off campus and now will be able to count on it to get him to school earlier.

As UCF begins the spring semester with earlier classes, the UCF shuttle service will also run earlier but some students complain that it does not run early enough.

Parking Services Manager John Clark said his department has tried to accommodate students.

"Having received word from the administration that some classes were going to start early during the spring term, we moved the start time of the shuttles up to 7 a.m., from the previous starting time of 7:30 a.m." Clark said.

However not all students who need to get on campus earlier have been able to fully benefit from the shuttle service.

For example, Erica Books, 19, used to take the Lynx LASER bus from the Village at Science Drive to UCF each morning. But that bus stopped running last semester. Now in order to get to campus for a 7 a.m. class, she has to ride her bike to UCF in the dark because no other shuttle can accommodate her schedule.

"I really wish the shuttle would run earlier," Books said. "I have no choice but to take this class, and if the university is offering these earlier classes, they should at least extend the hours of the shuttle." Clark said the shuttle might run earlier to take students to 7 a.m. classes. "We will check with admissions, and if enough classes are starting at 7 a.m., we might adjust the schedule to a start time of 6:30. If we do that, we might have to make some other adjustments later in the day in order to accommodate a 6:30 a.m. start." Sophomore Marcelo Almeida, 20, said he would take earlier classes if he knew he could take the shuttle onto campus.

"Driving on campus is such a hassle," Almeida said. "I would like to get on and off while it isn't too crowded. The shuttle would be nice because if I had to get up that early for class, I might not be awake enough to drive." Clark said he has only received one complaint about expanding shuttle times.

The UCF shuttle runs from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stops include Pearson Point, Pearson Landing, Jefferson Commons, Alafaya Club, Bowers Hall and University House.

Higher education around the nation

**Scholar gets new shot at tenure**

Brooklyn College has reappointed a popular history professor for another year, after fellow scholars and students protested his possible dismissal.

Robert David Johnson, a 38-year-old assistant professor who published two books with Harvard University Press, was turned down this year in his bid for promotion. Subsequently, the college's appointments committee recommended that he not be reappointed for next year.

However, Christopher M. Kimmich, the college president, announced in December that Johnson would be reappointed.

Lisa Daglian, a spokeswoman for the college, said the president had reviewed Johnson's file and found no reason not to reappoint him. Johnson, who came to Brooklyn in 1989 as a tenured-track associate professor, had requested the promotion to full professor a year before his scheduled tenure decision.

The professor said his promotion request had been turned down after a fallout with the department chairman, Philip P. Gallagher, who criticized him as uncordial because of his disagreements during a search for a new European historian.

Before Kimmich's decision, students marched to the president's office and submitted a petition signed by more than 1,000 people.

**Please See Spring on 7**
University professors should be responsible for monitoring their campuses for "inappropriate use" and violations of copyrighted materials.

In the wake of this pressure on college administrators everywhere, the Electronic Privacy Information Center released an open letter in an attempt to counter the RIAA's statement, warning colleges that if they continue to support the RIAA's request, they could cross a dangerous legal line and have "a significant and negative impact on the marketplace of ideas."

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 protects professors from liability for copyright infringement, as long as they have no knowledge that users have broken the law and provided they also take swift action to halt any such activities as soon as they are pointed out. Student and faculty response to the conflicting letters has been mixed. Elayne Zorn, an anthropology professor, understands both sides of the issue. "The school is providing a service, so I think they have a right to know if intellectual property rights are being violated on their network," Zorn said.

Zorn also acknowledged the potential for abuse that comes with monitoring network users, and admitted to "being very concerned about electronic eavesdropping... invasion of privacy is something that shouldn't be tolerated."

If UCF chose to monitor file sharing, students could understand the university's rationale. Senior Steve Allainello concedes that UCF has the right to know. "I don't see why they shouldn't be allowed to monitor it; it's their network," Allainello said.

He noted the relative ease of bypassing this problem. "If you don't want to go through the campus network, you can just use dial-up instead and not activate your room's Ethernet connection," Allainello said.

Senior Joseph Grace compared the monitoring of file sharing to police tactics. "It's the same thing as the police causing a roadblock to check for drunk drivers," Grace said. "Not everyone on the road is drinking and one has to deal with theーズ

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yes."

As for UCF's official position on monitoring its network, Joel Hartman, UCF's vice provost for information technologies and resources, said the university has no intention of doing so. "We do not explicitly look for file sharing, or any other type of computer use, including peer-to-peer applications," Hartman said. "Further, we are not expecting to do so in the future."

However, Hartman said that UCF investigates direct complaints. "UCF, like many other universities, occasionally receives notices from the RIAA and Motion Picture Association of America regarding copyrighted content allegedly stored on or being served to others by computers located on campus."

In accordance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Hartman admitted that the university has a legal obligation "to investigate such direct complaints and take appropriate action."

"Fortunately, we receive very few such 'take-down' notices," Elizabeth Sgammato said.

"I've heard that we weren't supposed to use Napster or stuff like that," Sgammato said. "Unfortunately, I've known one person who had it, but only I got in trouble."

In addition to losing her Ethernet privileges, a disciplinary committee also made Sgammato write an essay on the ethics and dangers of using systems similar to Napster.

Though her ordeal is over now and she has since moved off campus, Sgammato still wonders, "How did they know what I was doing?"

Web site lets students spot professors who are tough graders

MISCHAPOULOS KIP CAMPUS

Before registering for classes, students at the University of Wisconsin campus soon will be able to log onto the Internet to see just how tough their classes are.

Many students say they are eager to log on to pickaprof.com as they decide which classes to enroll in — which professors to avoid. Bar charts on the Web site show what percentage of each instructor's students received As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs during past semesters.

"I'll be strongly tempted to look like a bear with a honey jar," said Thomas McKinney, 22, a graphic design major. You could almost hear this kind of stuff through the grapevines. Now you can just punch it up."

The University of Wisconsin student association recently decided to pay $10,000 to Pick-A-Prof, joining more than 50 public universities nationwide that subscribe to the three-year-old service based in Texas. And student leaders at the University of Chicago (UC) and Wright College are debating whether to bring it to their campuses next year.

In an age when students can order term papers over the Internet, the spread of Pick-A-Prof has triggered a fresh debate about the effects of rapid technological change on education.

Many students relish having easy access to grading.

System won't be perfected until summer

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their funds. "I come here every week," Stewart said.

After taking out three short-term loans last semester, Stewart hopes to get her full funds with the spring disbursement.

"Hopefully I'll get the full [add a week before the spring]," Hartman said.

When asked about students that have not received their full funds yet, Minnick urged them to check their financial "To Do" lists on their Polaris accounts.

"At this point, the people that haven't received their funds yet have probably checked their checklist on Polaris yet," Minnick said.

To help students still experiencing problems with disbursement, Minnick said the financial aid department will need to follow-up on a few specific cases for those students, complete with hyperlinks to Polaris to check their financial "To Do" lists.

Minnick also encourages students to communicate with the financial aid office about problems they experience with disbursement.

"Some students won't see their funds before they won't follow through on the paper work," Minnick said.

Minnick said UCF made the switch in computer programs so no university departments could be better equipped to communicate with one another. The financial aid department was the last office on campus to switch to the new PeopleSoft system without testing to make sure the system worked properly.

"Students and staff suffered together," Minnick added. "It was harder than we thought it would be, only it worked."

Minnick also said that while the financial aid department has dealt adequately with the system from last semester, it has not yet perfected the system. It will take until the end of the summer term to work out all the bugs, she also said.

"The main thing right now is to get things squared away," Minnick said. "Fall was an aber­ran."

Florida seeks new chancellor

Last month, the appointed chancellor for Florida's Division of Colleges and Universities, Daniel Papp, resigned from the position and will remain in Iowa to finish his term as senior vice chancellor there.

Papp's decision to resign comes six weeks after the state voted to install a Board of Governors to oversee Florida's higher education system, and the state's 11 boards of trustees at Florida's public universities.

Papp resigned after stating that his role as chancellor would be weaker with such a system in place, the Orlando Sentinel reported.

But Papp's decision may be politically-motivated in light of several recent problems taking over presidential positions at three of Florida's universities.

Former Florida House Speaker Earl Wetherell took over as president of Florida State University, Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan is competing for the presidency of Florida, Atlantic University, and Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney is considering a position as president of the University of North Florida.

Former Chancellor E.T. York told the Orlando Sentinel that Papp was delivered from coming to Florida for that reason.

In Georgia, Papp manages academic, faculty and student affairs, fiscal and business affairs, information and instructional technology and strategic research and analysis for 54 colleges and universities.

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Mushrooms enlist in the war on cancer

Linda Marsa
LA TIMES

During World War II, the development of penicillin was credited with saving thousands of Allied lives. Afterward, batches of scientists swarmed over swamps, marshes, jungles and forest underbrush looking for other fungi that could fight infection. Researchers screened thousands of compounds, leading to the discovery of streptomycin and other early antibiotics.

But others didn’t pan out. Among them was a fungus from the jack-o-lantern mushroom, which appeared to be used on humans. Half a century later, however, this mushroom may have turned our cancer-fighting arsenal.

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Profs: Site will cause grade inflation

The Web site, which is password protected, receives the grading information directly from the universities that pay for its service. The site also runs message boards featuring anonymous reviews of professors, which the company screens for profanity and personal attacks. Company officials say the screening process makes Pick-A-Prof's reviews more useful than the feedback that students post on other Internet sites, such as myprofessorsucks.com.

Pick-A-Prof is in operation at some of the nation's largest universities, including the University of Texas, University of Massachusetts, University of Maryland, University of Kentucky and Indiana University. Pick-A-Prof founders Chris Chilek and John Cunningham began the company while students at Texas A&M University, where they graduated in 1999.

Cunningham, a marketing major and Chilek, who studied computer science, knew they had the right to view professors grading history. But they noticed that few students went to the trouble of asking university administrators for the fat binders that contained the paper records.

"We recognized the opportunity to put it online, where there would be more access," Chilek said in a telephone interview from the Pick-A-Prof office in Austin.

Professors who criticize the service underestimate their students, Chilek said.

"The students know that if they go for the easy A, then they won't have the background they will need to succeed in a higher-level course," he said.

Some college students defend the site as a valuable tool for increasing accountability among professors and giving students more information as they choose expensive courses.

"You pay for a class and you want to get something out of it," said Terry Kowalski, the UW student association president.

UIC student government President Angel Alvarez has proposed subscribing to Pick-A-Prof. The company chose the campus as a trial site, meaning some data are already available to UIC students on a test basis.

"Now I don't have to rely on how accurate my friends are when I ask them about a class," Alvarez said, who expects student representatives at UIC to decide on taking the service soon after the holiday break.

May Ming Lam, a junior majoring in movement science at the University of Illinois, has logged onto the test version and said it is easy to use. "Of course, everyone is looking for a professor who hasn't failed too many people," she said.

But some students said the main attraction of Pick-A-Prof is the opportunity to learn more about the demands of a class and the teaching style of professors before signing up. Course catalogs customarily give no more than a terse description of the material a class will cover.

"There will be a lot of people trying to get an easy A, but those people have always been there," said Susan Howell, a marketing major at UW. "I just want to know which classes are good and which classes are not."
DANCING THE KNIGHT AWAY

U.S. claims to have thwarted more than 100 terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities said Friday that more than 100 terrorist attacks planned against the United States and its allies have been thwarted since Sept. 11, 2001, due in large part to the continuing interrogation of terrorism suspects and other counter­terror efforts initiated in the war on terror.

Although authorities would not officially disclose the nature of the planned attacks, government sources said they included threats against American embassies on three continents, a U.S. military base in Europe, and American cargo ships passing through the straits of Gibraltar.

It also remained unclear how many of the threats were against specific sites inside the United States. But federal authorities noted that it was the interrogation of a key al-Qaida operative that ultimately led to the arrest last year of Jose Padilla, the so-called “dirty bomber” who allegedly was scout­ ing fresh attack targets in the United States.

The disclosure about the more than 100 planned attacks came in a legal declaration filed by Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

His nine-­page affidavit was used by government prosecutors to detail how important the interrogations have become, and to argue against a federal judge’s ruling last month that Padilla be allowed to meet with his lawyer.

According to the CIA, more than 1000 al-Qaida operatives and associates have been detained in more than 100 countries since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. Other threats have been aimed at U.S. air­ports and the aviation industry.

Other sources said plots have been thwarted with a flurry of arrests, as was the case in Singapore early last year when intelligence from interrogations in Afghanistan led to the unraveling of an al-Qaida cell planning to blow up military transport buses and U.S. warships.

Wetlands may lose protection under new guidelines

WASHINGTON — As many as 20 million acres of the nation’s wet­lands may lose federal protection from industrial pollution or ununless­ ful development as a result of new guidelines announced Friday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Officials said the step was necessary to comply with a Supreme Court ruling, but environmentalists said it was part of an industry­ backed effort to get key protections under the 30-year-old Clean Water Act.

Friday’s announcement stems from a regulatory guidance letter that was prompted by a 2001 Supreme Court ruling that denied Clean Water Act protection to iso­lated, non-navigable ponds and wetlands contained in a single state. The letter was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Regional offices of the EPA and Army Corp were formally instruct­ed Friday to withhold clean water protection for those types of iso­lated wetlands and to seek guid­ance from headquarters in deter­mining whether to protect other small intrastate streams and water­ways that currently enjoy federal protection.

EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman and other officials said the new guidelines “restates federal authority over the vast majority of America’s wetlands.”

The new regulation would shift responsibility from the federal gov­ernment to the states for protecting up to 30 percent of the 100 million acres of wetlands in the lower 48 states, according to official esti­mates.

But environmental groups warned that the guidelines letter and the planned rule making marked the government’s first step towards severely weakening the law and putting at risk hundreds of thou­sands of miles of small streams, tributaries and wetlands.

The administration has been wrestling with the enforcement issue for weeks, and there were indications that the EPA and the White House decided to narrow the scope of the new guidelines at the last minute, in response to criticism from environmental groups.

National Briefs
G runted, UCF does not lie within the borders of “The City Beautiful,” but UCF is part of the greater Orlando community. Thus, it is disappointing and insulting that none of the eight candidates to succeed Glenn Hood as mayor of Orlando have plans to officially visit UCF during their abbreviated campaigns. Politicians repeatedly give lip service to the idea of involving young people in the political process, but sadly the eight people who may lead Orlando do not care enough about the votes of UCF’s 39,000 students to campaign here.

With Joe Perez, a UCF graduate and lawyer who is one of the candidates, regularly visits UCF has many UCF students working for his campaign and would make UCF a centerpiece of his economic plan for Orlando, he will not campaign here. Nor will any of the other seven candidates — Pete Bar, Buddy Dyer, Alex Lamour, Shaco Leichtering, Wayne Rich, Bill Sublette and Dwight Walling — although they say they want to involve UCF in Orlando’s affairs and make Orlando a place where UCF graduates want to live.

They claim they want to find out what concerns UCF students. They might learn what UCF students want if they only asked. And the best place to find students is on UCF’s campus, where there is never a shortage of students or opinions.

In a race as close as this one promises to be, all the candidates could use every vote that he or she can get.

By not trying to garner the votes of college students, the candidates, in essence, are saying that they value that constituency.

If they wanted those votes, the candidates would seek them as aggressively as they seek the votes of soccer moms and senior citizens.

In an election with eight candidates, likely every few votes will separate them.

These candidates will also ignore another huge chunk of voters by not tapping the campus — the 4,000 faculty members and the majority are registered voters in Orlando.

Although the mayoral candidates have not said they will not solicit the college vote, students who are eligible to vote in this election should definitely do so. The special election occurs Feb. 7.

...Or not.

OUR STANCE:

Candidates should make a call on UCF

T he U.S. government’s suspicion of foreign college students, particularly those from Arab or Muslim countries, may increase national security, but the policy and the manner in which authorities enforce it promote intolerance and injustices.

By Jan 30, universities across the country must submit key information on foreign students. Universities have until Aug. 1 to submit information about already enrolled foreign students.

Fear and paranoia motivate lawmakers to strengthen immigration laws in the past year or so. Because some of the hijackers in the 9/11 terrorist attacks entered the United States in the United States under student visas, the government now lives of foreign students and tarnish their personal freedoms.

The government views these students, many of whom are eligible to vote, as potential terrorists rather than potential voters.

Recently some foreign students have felt the wrath of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In December, the INS arrested six such students in Colorado for failing to register for enough courses.

It is true that these students did not meet the required minimum number of hours, but when is it considered a crime to be a part-time student?

After being harassed by the government, these students are less likely to think of America as the land of the free and less likely to think of it as a land where only some are free.

The government should treat foreign students with more respect. It should view them as ambassadors of peace and progress.
We have decided to follow this movement readily, and every time I see them get airtime I heart? But facts are facts. Admittedly, some of that lambasting has come from yours truly, mostly because of one tiny little fact - they're clones of aliens. Or their clones - so-called "clones of an alien race?"

OK, so maybe they are a hoaxter. He even announced he was an alien in the recent documentary about "Men In Black." If that's not enough proof for you, just look at him over the last decade or so - I don't know many humans who molt.

If you're still skeptical, just think back to that fateful, almost tragic day in Germany when Jack-o forgot which planet he was on. He must have forgotten Earth had gravity, after all, and that was why he dangled his infant son over the balcony.

Anna Nicole Smith. OK, so she may not necessarily be an alien, but she's definitely a freak. And I hear she is almost a shoe-in for the role of Jabba the Hutt's sister in "Star Wars: Episode III" — Yoda Kills Jar-Jar.

"Those Crazy Raelians" — so-called — the walk amongst us. Who are they? Without further ado, allow me to reveal to you what I've found:

• Rael. He is the proverbial "leader of the pack." Should "Those Crazy Raelians" ever make it to Broadway, his will be the same on the marque sign. Seriously, every time I see him talking on television, I expect to see William Shatner signing autographs in the background.

He dresses like Spock's father in "Star Trek III," after all. This might have been cute when he was 8, but the guy's got a receding hairline and facial hair — shouldn't he have a real job by now? And as harmless and hilirous as this guy seems to us now, how long until he straps on his Nikes, catstrains himself and tells his followers they have first-class tickets on the next comet that comes whipping 'round the sun.

Speaking of Spock, I find it interesting now how they always strove for a completely stoic, emotionless state of being — essentially they wanted to be Al Gore.

• Michael Jackson. This one should be a no-brainer. He even announced he was an alien in the recent documentary about "Men In Black." If that's not enough proof for you, just look at him over the last decade or so — I don't know many humans who molt.

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• Strom Thurmond. Anyone remember Pruno Face from "Return of the Jedi?" And while I'm getting "Star Wars" out of the way, why isn't the charge never see Janet Reno and Chewbacca in the same place at the same time?

• Basta Byymes. He definitely has the Predator hair. And Christina Aguilera. If men are from Mars, then we need to take up a collection and send this gal back to Venus as soon as possible.

• Marilyn Manson. I must admit, I've never been a — what's the word I'm looking for? — fan of this particular artist. Still, despite knowing little more than his appearance and a few assorted lyrics, I was nonetheless surprised when I saw him turn up on the Sci-Fi Channel's "Paranormal." I'm pretty sure he's a clone of that show's Scroogemas. Or maybe he's just evil incarnate. Either way, he's just not right.

There you have it. As you can see, we clearly are not the unique beings we once considered ourselves. The Raelians have proven themselves immensely wise and charitable for revealing to us the true nature of our existence. We should be thankful their leader did not let sanity and reality deter him from this goal. We should not overlook his steadfast resolve to this asinine endeavor.

Let's hope that comet comes soon — I think their madness is contagious.
Knights

KNOCK OFF another A-Sun team

Kristy Shonka
STAFF WRITER

Junior college transfer Dexter Lyons registered a triple-double Saturday as the Knights handed Troy State its first conference loss of the season, 76-61. The win snapped the Knights' seven-game losing streak against the Trojans and marked the first UCF win in Troy, Ala.

UCF's defense limited Lyons to just 6-7 overall but stuck with him for the fourth time this season, and tied his career-best for three-pointers in a game.

The Knights grabbed a two-point lead at the half after Abellard stole the ball and pushed the ball up the court to Lyons who gave it to junior Josh Bodden for the score. UCF came out of the locker room with that momentum, going on an 8-2 run to open up the second half.

About six minutes into the second half, Abellard upped the lead to double digits for the first time with a pair of threes. The Trojans cut the lead back to

UCF, Mercer face off in battle of unbeaten

Kristy Shonka
STAFF WRITER

When the Atlantic Sun coaches and media filled out their ballots for the conference’s preseason poll, it was doubtful that any of them thought that tonight’s match-up between UCF and Mercer would be a battle of the only undefeated teams in the South Division.

But that’s the case as the Knights (10-5 overall, 2-0 A-Sun) and the Bears (9-3, 3-0) sit atop their division. Only one will walk away a winner from their 7 p.m. game at Porter Gym.

Both teams have Mercer finishing third in the division and UCF finishing fifth, with Jacksonville and Florida Atlantic at the top. Both teams have knocked off ECU, and the Bears beat Jacksonville, 71-69. The Owls have yet to win an A-Sun game, while the Dolphins

Golden Knights finally put a lid on the Hatters

Chris Bernhardt
STAFF WRITER

Over their first three seasons under Gill Shamburger, one team continually haunted the Golden Knights. One team that always seems to have their number, one that always seems to stand in UCF’s way. And they’re less than an hour away.

Since the 1999-2000 season, UCF and Stetson have squared off eight times. The Golden Knights have lost seven of those contests, including meetings in the past two Atlantic Sun tournaments.

But they didn’t lose this time.

The Hatters, stumbling along with just one win all year, lost to the Golden Knights, who finally got some vindication Saturday with a 76-62 win at Stetson.

Despite both squads coming in with a losing record, the two rivals played predictably tight early. After watching the lead change hands six times, UCF scored eight straight points to open up a 22-14 lead.

The Golden Knights hung on to take a 29-24 edge into halftime.

UCF came out but after the intermission, scoring seven unanswered in the first two minutes of the half and building on it with a 22-10 run. Stetson mounted a comeback with a 14-5 push but could get no closer than 15 points with a little over three minutes left.

The Golden Knights shot 45 percent from the field in the decisive second half, and 50 percent for the game. Meanwhile they limited the Hatters to just 31 percent.

All Roberts scored a game-high 14 points to go along with her six rebounds. Erin Paige chipped in 10 points. Jodylyn Giles had 14 to pace Stetson.

Stetson fell to a dismal 1-12 and 0-2 in the A-Sun. UCF is still just 6-7 overall but 2-0 in-conference.
Bradu, Sierra lead Knights at Miami

CFF STAFF REPORT

Juniors Catalin Bradu and Antonio Sierra earned UCF's only wins in the first two days of the University of Miami's Spring Fling. Bradu and Sierra won their singles matches and combined for the Knights' only doubles match win Friday against William and Mary. Bradu rallied to beat Jeffrey Kader 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, while Sierra easily beat Stephen Ward 6-2, 6-2. The two beat Ward and Sean Kelleher 8-4 in their doubles match. Junior Gabriel Strangberg beat Kelleher, who is ranked 30th in the Midwest Region, in singles play 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

The Knights couldn't muster any victories Saturday against Clemson. Bradu, Strangberg and senior Augusto Sanabria were the only UCF players to win a set in their matches. Clemson swept the Knights in doubles.

The matches in the Spring Fling count against players' individual records, but do not count against the team's record. UCF played host Miami on Sunday.

The Knights' next match is Jan. 23 at the University of Florida.
UCF's lead shrinks, but 13-0 streak stays intact

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UCF's defense stifles A-Sun's top offense

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Mercer is final stop on road trip

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Roberts excels off the bench

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Hudson playing solid

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Around the A-Sun
UCF fairs well at national tourney

UCF officials also did very well, as Chris Morello and Steve Anderson were both named All Americans. 71 officials from 31 different institutions were invited to work the national tournament, and the top 20 officials are annually recognized as All Americans. Steve Anderson worked as the field judge for the Men's Collegiate Championship game and Chris Morello worked as the line judge for the Co-Rec Collegiate Championship game. This is the first time UCF has had two All Americans in the same year.

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UCF UPSETS 8-TIME CHAMP

The UCF cheerleading squad ended Kentucky's string of eight consecutive national championships on Saturday when it won the squad's first-ever national title. It marked the ninth time in the last 10 years that UCF has finished in the top 10. The Knights avenged their second-place finish to the Wildcats last year.

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LINNEA BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The new year has begun and while most people are trying desperately to stick to their dieting resolutions by restricting carbs, consuming cabbage soup or slipping shakes to replace meals, four UCF couples decided to take a different approach to dieting this year.

They decided the best diet plan would involve getting a little physical—sigh!—and it would all start in the bedroom.

For SSD, our UCF couples enrolled online for a week-long trial run on the newest alternative diet—the sex diet.

The diet, which can be found at thesexdiet.com, is intended for couples in committed relationships. It calls for couples to go through the program together and encourages them to use detailed sexual fantasies as their motivation and reward system for achieving their personal weight-loss goals.

With the help of the sex diet, “sex diets” learn how to focus on sex instead of food to lose weight. The diet’s guidelines instruct each participant to read his or her e-book and fill out a contract with his partner encouraging them to work together to achieve their team goals.

“A lot of diets are such a common thing,” said Angela Williams, a 22-year-old senior. “This is something really helpful to make this a team effort and helped us to support each other when I probably would have just quit if I was doing it on my own.”

—I knew I’d be getting a lot more action if I went along with it."

—CHRIS ADAMS
Senior, 21

Please See Diet on 19

Playing with candy-flavored fire

KATRINA HAMMER
STAFF WRITER

What is wrapped in a leaf, smokes when lit and is about two-thirds the size of a cigarette?

A marijuana joint comes to mind, but also throw in a choice of mouth-watering, candy-inspired flavors such as strawberry, cherry, grape and chocolate.

It is the latest bid, a small, sweet-flavored cigarette that is gaining popularity with young adults around the nation. In fact, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 40 percent of teens in urban areas have tried a bid at least once.

These hand wrapped, non-filtered cigarettes attract young smokers for several reasons. They come in a variety of flavors, are cheaper than traditional cigarettes by about a dollar per pack and are considered by some to be a “natural alternative.” The cigarettes contain pure tobacco that has been sun-dried and then wrapped in a leaf.

Surillo said the bids are made from tobacco that is cheaper than traditional cigarettes. Many people don’t know that these cigarettes contain more nicotine, tar and carcinogens than their American counterparts.

Indian bids are made from tobacco that is run on the newest tendu leaf. Many people don’t realize that these cigarettes contain more nicotine, tar and carcinogens than their American counterparts.

People often do not realize the danger that lies behind smoking these sweet-tasting Indian imports. One reason may be that seven out of 10 bid packages do not contain a surgeon general’s warning.

Nevertheless, people flock to specialty stores, health food stores and head shops, those that sell paraphernalia for use with illegal drugs, to stock up on bids. Indian bid cigarettes are sold through the Internet as well.

Business major Evan Schechter smokes bids occasionaly. Schechter, 18, said that bids are hard to get, but well worth the effort.

“They actually have a flavor,” Schechter said. “They’re much better than regular cigarettes where there is a choice of no flavor or menthol.”

Schechter said that stores around the UCF area have recently

Please See Bids on 19
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE INTEGRITY?

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT KNOWING HOW TO MAKE SUCCESSFULLY DECISIONS THAT ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH YOUR PERSONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES.

MON 
8 pm Avant Garde Speaker Dr. Ronald Eaglin on Adventure Racing, a sport which challenges mind and body requiring teams to cross terrain on boat, bike, foot and other. Dr. Eaglin will share his experiences along with slides and pictures, and how you can get started. SU Key West 218A.

TUE 
10 am - 4 pm Club Showcase. SU South Patio. Clubs and organizations will have info tables. Get involved!
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Knights of the Round Table meeting. SU Egmont Key. All Clubs and Organizations are invited to get updates on campus happenings, share ideas, and improve UCF.
7:30 pm Intro to EKCEL. SU Egmont Key 224
9 pm CAB Cinema "The Good Girl" starring Jennifer Aniston. Cape Florida Ballroom 316

WED 
1 pm VUCF Mentor Training Session. Learn how you can help a young person study. Carpool from Millican Hall at 1 pm.

FRI 
5 pm Spring Registration Deadline for clubs: forms due in the Office of Student Activities.

SAT 
8 am VUCF Ripple Effect. Carpool in front of Millican Hall at 7:15 am. Join us serving the Orlando homeless community by distributing clothes from our clothing drive and food from the Ripple Effect organization.

TUE 21 - 22
7:30 pm EKCEL: Leading with Integrity. SU Cape Florida 224. What does it mean to have integrity? And how does this principle affect your leadership ability? Find out more about knowing how to make successfully make decisions that are in alignment with your personal and organizational values.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB)

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Pick up and drop off applications in OSA. All applications are due on Jan 24 by 5 pm.

VUCF Clothing Drive will continue through January 24th. Drop boxes are located in the Student Union and in the breeze way near the bookstore.

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Bidis pose more severe hazards than cigarettes

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started to carry bidis, which means that it will be easier for him and others to get them. "There are several stores that now carry them, so I won't have to order them online or smoke up when I'm back home in Tampa," Purple Hinge, a tobacco store on Semoran Boulevard, has recently started to carry bidis. Shop worker Chris Cornelius said the store had received many requests for the cigarettes and now sells two flavors: cherry and grape.

Yet, smokers do not realize the danger in smoking or being around the smoke of bidis. The National Institute of Drug Abuse reported that bidis cause more damaging effects than American cigarettes. They also cause the same problems. Bidis contain more carcinogenic agents than American cigarettes. They also cause the same problems. Bidis cause cancer problems, mouth, throat and lung cancer, heart disease and bronchial irritation.

The wrapping of the bidi also causes problems. Bidis are wrapped in a tendril leaf, which is grown in India's forests. The leaf is very thick and also nonporous, so smokers have to inhale deeper and more frequently to keep the bidis lit. The leaf does not allow any other air to enter through the bidis to dilute some of the toxins.

Bidis are primarily made by women and children in India. A report issued by Human Rights Watch of New York said that bidi manufacturers employ about 325,000 children as underpaid "bondage slaves." Also, importation into the U.S. is often illegal.

Hollywood Briefs

Lioitta always looks good

WASHINGTON -- Actor Ray Liotta may be short on rhymes, but plenty of his performances have won good reviews.

Joe Carnahan, who wrote and directed Narc", which opened Friday, compares Liotta to Michael Caine as an actor who can shine through a bad film. "Even if the movies have been less than spectacular," he says, "Ray's never been bad in a movie."

"In Narc," Liotta is back to the cliched-gangster role. By the end of the movie, Liotta's character is such a tempest of sweating, spitting fury, you could set him outside as a barbeque appliance. But for all the scene-chewing, the wheedling and ferocious Henry Oak is no laugh-gurcery character. Liotta infuses him with enough ambiguity -- even softness -- that you're never quite sure whether he's a good cop gone bad or a bad cop gone good.

"When I see Oak, I see almost nothing of Ray," Carnahan said. "None of his mannerisms, none of his look. Ray is an incred-

Diet encourages couples to reward weight loss with sex

"I gave up eating Ben and Jerry's ice cream and popcorn, which I used to do every night," said Linda Thiel. "I'm going to try to keep the diet going for myself, thou…"

"I think you really have to be in a committed relationship to do this contract thing," Anderson said. "We were on shaky ground already and we both started laughing so hard at the 15 things that the other person suggested that we got mad and decided to end the relationship.

"By the end of the week, three people reported they lost weight, one gained weight, and two report-

Accepting Applications for Positions on the Campus Activities Board

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Ceremonies’ as timely today as 33 years ago

Ward is bringing his talents to UCF in conjunction with the 14th annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival, during which he will also be honored with the Zora Neale Hurston Festival Award.

His role in the monumental social reformation that opened more doors in the theater to blacks is undisputed. But Ward contents that theater’s impact on politics is “usually indirect,” and that social and political changes remain secondary to artistic goals.

“Theater is relevant,” he said during a break in rehearsals for the campus production. “It can still ask the big questions, even if we can’t answer every question.” Indeed, he said, “Ceremonies” is as timely today as it was 33 years ago, but for different reasons. "Any play written skillfully and with depth in its own time will speak in a later time,” he said, “The examination of the people, characters and conflicts is enduring.”

Like Lorraine Hansberry’s “A Raisin in the Sun,” “Ceremonies”—which the Negro Ensemble Company first staged in 1969—focuses on the struggle of African-Americans as they try to play by their own rules in a white world. When the protagonist attempts to support his family by engaging in illegal money-making activities, the family begins to disintegrate. The play confronts the social issues of racism and explores how blacks can succeed in a culture that...
Ward showcases black talent, changes complexion of theater

The Negro Ensemble Company's founding in 1967 had somewhat similar motivations. Ward's part in "changing the complexion of American theater," as he puts it, began when he joined the touring cast of "A Raisin in the Sun." He and fellow cast member Robert Hooks dreamed of creating a theater company that showcased black talent, addressed black issues, and entertained black audiences. The Negro Ensemble Company was the result.

The effort had two primary goals: create a professional company of African-American actors, and provide a tuition-free program to train blacks in every aspect of theater. "That purpose has been fulfilled beyond what I expected," Ward said.

An iron of black success in the arts world, the company nurtured the early careers of such prominent talents as Louis Gossett Jr., Sherman Hemsley and Phylicia Rashad. It continued to stage award-winning works through the 1970s and 80s, though it fell on hard times in the 90s. Ward blames the company's demise on a lack of backing from the Reagan administration and cutbacks in support for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ward summarized Reagon's view of nonprofit art as, "Not profitable? What's that?" However, "the arts are significant enough that they need to be supported," he said. "Everything can't be profitable."

Still, the ripple effects began with the Negro Ensemble Company had built into a wave.

Playwright Nicolai Shaw's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" debuted on Broadway in 1976 and broke ground in revealing the issues that women of color faced in modern society. In 1984, August Wilson reached Broadway with the first of his ongoing cycle of plays that chronicle the black experience in America in the 20th century, an effort that has earned him two Pulitzer Prizes. Much later, "Hitting Out Vag" the true story of 193-year-old black Beside and Sadie Delancy, had a strong Broadway run.

Such successes are taken for granted now, but credit is due to the trailblazers.

Much of what's been accomplished is shown by the fact that "universities like [UCF] now have significant amounts of blacks in every phase of theater," Ward said. "It has been a qualitative change.

"I've had very few directors who were so real, who came from such a real place," said Westley Todd-Holden, 21, a junior and part of the cast of "Ceremonies." He describes the experience as "intriguing," but rewarding.

Senior Randy O'Neal, 24, said he is inspired by "the things that [Ward] achieved, at a time when it was more difficult. It's been inspiring as an actor and as a human being, period."

Though Ward is considered a pioneer in African-American theater, he emphasizes that plays like "Ceremonies" hold truths for people of all races. "Ceremonies" explores not only issues of race, but also investigates family dynamics and the struggle to achieve the American dream.

In that sense, he added, theater "is always on the cutting edge, examining how we live and the values we have."

Where Ward's views about theater remain optimistic, however, his experience is reflected in a marked cynicism of the nonprofit sector which he calls "a business." Although African-American theater has made strides since the early days of the Negro Ensemble Company, "we have really gone backwards" in recent years, Ward said.

He values what was accomplished through the company but regrets that it is no longer a force in the theater world. "The task was not finished," he said.
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Vote On Line!!

Petition Pick-up: Jan. 20-30th (9am - 5pm)

Declaration of Candidacy: Jan. 27 - 30th (9am - 5pm)

Active Campaigning: Feb. 10 - 19th (Beginning at 9am)

Candidate Forum: Feb. 13 (12 - 2pm, infront of the Student Union)

Elections: Feb. 17th - 19th (Online voting ends @ 5:00pm Feb. 19th)

Run-off Elections: Feb. 24 - 26th (online- if necessary) Online voting ends at 5:00pm