Greeks maintain upper hand in student politics

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STAFF WRITER

At UCF, Greeks and government are an

inseparable phrase. Five years of student body presiden-
tional elections have proven this. Since 1996, student body presidents have shared one common charac-
teristic—they were all members of a Greek or-

ganization.

After Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity member Jason Murphy took office in 1996, Greek member-

ship became the platform that propelled future pres-
idents into office.

Murphy's predecessor, Darren Patton, was a
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and his predecessor, Andrew
Capolila, was a Sigma Chi. In 2000, Dennis
Bart荨's affiliation with Lambda Chi Alpha won
him the student body presidency.

No Greek candidate has been more successful
and has had more support than current student body
president Marco Peina. For the past three years,
he has served at the top of student government—
his first term as student body vice president in 2000
and then as student body president in 2001 until now.

His affiliation with Sigma Alpha Epsilon has put
Peina into office with landslide victories.

And while independent candidates have stepped up to the challenge to run against Greek
candidates who campaign with the support of an entire Greek community behind them, none have
been successful in winning the presidential candida-
ty.

In a school of 28,000 students, where less than 10 percent are Greek, membership matters; how
Greeks manage to maintain the majority in student
government.

Neil Gore, late Fraternity Council vice presi-
dent of Administration and Communications,
believes Greeks can ease into student government
positions more easily than independent candidates
because they have the polish and training the aver-

ege independent candidate does not.

"Fraternity and sorority members not only make it a
point to mold leaders, but also give you the support and confidence that a person would not get if they were
not Greek," he said. "Also, with opportunity in Greek
organizations to hold office positions, a person
can learn from that and move up to a higher level
such as SGA.

Benjamin Mongolus, a member of Beta Theta Pi,
believes student government leaders are usually
Greek because Greek organizations have made it
possible to have the most elite individuals
"This often means we are involved in leadership
positions, held higher GTPs than the average stu-

dent.

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Inflammatory e-mail stuns student government

Van Vorhees says be attacked policy, not race

BERNARD  
STAFF WRITER

SGA senator Tyler Van Vorhees stunned

SAI officials after he sent out an e-mail that

many say contained inappropriate and racist

comments about student-body presidential can-
didates.

In his e-mail, Van Vorhees, a member of
UCF's Trial Team, encouraged trial team mem-
bers to vote for certain unofficial presidential
candidates for SGA's upcoming election that he

believed would best serve the Trial Team's per-
sonal interests. The candidates he named
remain unofficial until they can declare their
intent to run this Wednesday.

His e-mail continued to explain which can-
didates he did not like, criticizing them for sup-
porting minority and ethnic groups on campus.
Specifically, he criticized Brian Kirlew, cur-

rent student body vice president, calling him
the "ticket of death." He wrote: "Kirlew has con-

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Lobbyists prepare for battle over Bright Futures
Lobbying firm Gray Harris, ASA map out goals for legislative session

DANIELLE DEPARI STAFF WRITER

Following Student Government Association’s hiring of the lobbying firm Gray Harris this month, UCF’s influence in Tallahassee should grow. The firm, along with the Florida Student Association, brings SGA’s legislative battl

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Greeks sweep votes

FROM PAGE 1

d and in return cure more than anyone else about who gets into leadership positions within the UCF leadership community.

"Greeks are students who want more out of their college experience — this is why Greeks are the spirit behind Homecoming, the vote behind student government elections and come out full force every year to get their opinion heard," said the Greek majority in student government positions isn’t just about political training and motivation — Kelly McCann, director of public relations for ASA, says it comes from the beginning.

"If the entire student population was voting during student elections, 10 percent would not be enough backing to win the popular vote," she said. "If the Greek vote is able to sway the results of the election so greatly, it is obvious that the non-Greek population isn’t voting.

Numbers add, winning the student body presidency for any independent student candidate will be a much greater challenge than for a candidate backed by a Greek organization, says Brian Sheehan, a Tau Kappa Epsilon member.

"Part of Greek being social," he said.

Greeks have the social platform to meet and campaign through Greek activities that the general student population does not, he said.

It is even less likely that independent candidates, despite their policies and promises, can garner Greek votes in student elections.

"Greeks tend to be biased toward Greeks," Sheehan said.

When a Greek sees a name he recognizes from any of the many special functions, he is probably more apt to vote for that candidate, he said.

Knights athletics gets independence

KRYSTAL ZULIIZI STAFF WRITER

Only one school in the state has dared to do it, but UCF just became the second.

Following the footsteps of the University of Florida, UCF’s student body recently decided to offer its athletes some independence.

"With the university’s investigation has revealed no indication that the hacker..."
Senator condemns e-mail as unethical and racist

FROM PAGE 1

Senator Gray Harris has accused the current leadership of the Student Government Association in encouraging racist and unethical conduct to the damage of the university and its students. Harris has never seen a racist e-mail before, but has read many racist and unethical messages from students and faculty that have been circulating online for some time.

In his e-mail to the students and faculty, Harris stated that the e-mail was sent from someone who had actively campaigned for the student body position and was a member of the student government. He also said that the e-mail was circulated widely on campus.

Harris said that the e-mail had created a climate of fear and intimidation among students and faculty. He has asked the school's administration to take the situation seriously and to take appropriate action.

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It’s Coming.
Motivation drives 76-year-old to pursue dreams

Laura Stevens
Staff Writer

Wilbur Houston is no ordinary student. He has been a meat cutter, a sailor, a manager, a window cleaner, an actor, a motivational speaker and now is a student for the second time—at 76 years old.

This semester, Houston is auditing classes, which means he takes classes but does not pay tuition. Life is only taking Italian this semester.

"Follow your own path," Houston said. "Not someone else's, because when you follow your own dictates, you know you messed up because of you. We spend 88 percent of the time talking to ourselves, so we should have more influence on our lives than anyone else.

Houston has held many jobs and taken many detours on a path that has led him to UCF. Houston talked about his path during an interview, and stressed the importance of staying positive.

His deep, bass voice does not fit his slim stature. Facial lines, he said, "are a sign of character," and have followed his own path.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, during the depression, Houston struggled through his childhood. His mother died from tuberculosis when he was 11.

"I was never moving," Houston said. "With daddy's low income, we weren't always able to pay the rent on time." 

Houston attended an all boys high school, where he specialized in machine drawing.

"The teacher told him not to choose machine drawing, because black people were not allowed to advance in that career," Houston's father told him to study whatever he wanted.

When the time came for graduation, a student from another school was awarded honors. Houston had turned in his project early, and thought he would win the prize, but another boy received the honor instead.

"I cried that night because of the system," he said. The system held Houston back several years while he traveled through his journey through life, but he persevered.

After high school, Houston joined the Navy. He qualified for any service school he wanted to go to," he said. "I wanted to go to Annapolis Naval Academy. But again, his race held him back from it. The recruiters told him the quota for colored officers was already full.

After his service in the Navy, Houston bounced around at various odd jobs. "I found out during my meat and laundry days, I'm a people person," he said.

He eventually earned a management position at a grocery store, supervising the meat department.

"The first store that I had was doing $2,000 of business in a week," Houston said. "I walked in that Monday morning. There were three meat cutters there. I see all this outdated meat." 

Houston made them get rid of the expired meat, he said. After some disputing, the employees yielded.

"Within two months I was doing $3,000 a week...from $2,000," he said.

"In 1969, I decided to leave Cleveland and move to Washington, D.C."

Houston managed a fast food restaurant in D.C. before moving to Florida, where he started a window-washing business to make ends meet.

"I sold [the window washing] business in 77 and I went back to work for Hyatt hotels busying dishes," he said.

But he knew he would not be cleaning up dishes for long.

"As soon as I got there I knew I wasn't going to stay busying dishes. Houston earned a promotion to a manager of a small restaurant at the hotel and his first job was put in charge of the cafeteria.

Next, he was named associate manager of restaurants and then finally became the convention coordinator.

"The coordinator took care of all of the details," said Houston. "I get a big kick out of that."

In 1982, Houston became a hotel sales clerk for the Quarter Sails Hotel.

"I was the first hotel sales person [there]. That was black in a long time," he said.

He worked there for six years and left when new management came in.

"I was now 61-years-old and I needed to find a new job," he said.

During the 80's Houston began making presentations for elementary schools based on the phrase, "I think I can." Houston took six months off and decided to see if he could make it as a motivational speaker.

"It's been the most rewarding thing I've ever done in my life," he said. Houston said he uses the book, "The Little Engine That Could," to illustrate his life in his presentations.

"Success in any endeavor is based upon two things, ability and effort... and I think I can," he said. "At each little juncture you make, you reflect, 'I thought I could,' but there is always something else. Setting another goal and meeting another goal."

Houston has spoken at UCF a few times, most recently in 2001 at the opening reception for the UCF Leadership Institute.

Throughout the years, Houston said he has seen a vast improvement in racial equality.

"Race relations don't need to improve," Houston said. "People need to improve. It is all left with the individual. This is a country that has free speech. As I read recently, it's not illegal to be stupid in the United States."

However, Houston still has a difficult time with the term African-American, he said.

"It discounts my Irish and Scottish heritage," he said. "I am a unique individual."

Everyone is unique in their own way and that should give them the right to equality, he said.

"We have problems when we get into boxes," he said. "There is only one race, and that is the human race."

Houston and his wife of 10 years went to Italy last summer with UCF's study abroad program, and Houston has continued to attend Italian classes at UCF whenever he can.

"I get the chance to experience conversations with a lot of different folks," he said. "I thoroughly enjoy being able to take classes because I get a chance to meet new people."

Wilbur Houston relaxes during a recent trip to Italy, in which he traveled through the study abroad program at UCF, along with his wife of 10 years.

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Bridging the gap between technology, human capability

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Simulated human patient, nicknamed Stan for standard man, teaches combat medics to treat battlefield injuries and handle life-and-death situations.

Stan, equipped with lifelike skin, organs and blood, allows medics to practice treating internal injuries and limb wounds. Civilian organizations, including Orange County Fire Rescue and the UCF School of Nursing, now use the simulated human patient as well.

Created in 1992, UCF's Institute of Simulation and Training conducts $4 to $6 million in simulation projects, working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and the military.

Eduardo Salas, director of applied experimental and human factors doctoral program at the IST, also conducts research in the field of human factors simulation.

"I try to develop principles, tools, techniques [and] methods to enhance the way the Army, Navy [and] military in general train their troops," Salas said.

Salas said human factors research strives to bridge the gap between the technology and human capabilities.

"We build these things so sophisticated that most of the troops can't use [the technology]," he said. "We redesign the simulations to make them more user-friendly!"

He said the military research conducted at UCF benefits many parties.

"It helps national goals. It helps local goals. It helps the local economy. It helps students, because it supports a lot of students. It supports a lot of faculty. It supports the local economy. There is a lot of money in simulation," Salas said.

The military research projects provide opportunities for graduate students in psychology and other fields to conduct research. "What we give the students is the full experiences of experimental research," Salas said, "They do everything from library work, running the experiment, analyzing the data and writing the report."

Although many graduate students gain valuable experience working on projects at the IST, most undergraduate students do not know about the research that goes on here at UCF. "When informed of the research, students' opinions ranged from full support of military research at UCF to strong opposition to the projects."

Junior Richard Younkins, 22, a U.S. Army veteran and Florida National Guardsman, offered his opinion on the research projects. "I fully support any military activity that happens at UCF or any other place in this world," Younkins said. "UCF should accept any money from the military if they are cooperating in accordance to their needs."

"UCF is in a public institution and military money originates from the tax payers. It is just being funneled back into the system," Younkins added.

Others support the military research conditionally. Freshman Richard Jones, 19, who went to Washington, D.C. to protest against war in Iraq, said he can back some of the projects, but he opposes other types.

"I'm not particularly for us spending so much money on the military," Jones said. "However, if we are to spend a lot of money on the military, I would be OK with spending money on field medicine or training to reduce civilian casualties in urban environments. However, new ways to kill people is not necessary."

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College peers help grade school kids plan for future

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SAG needs non-Greek leaders

From Jan. 27 to Jan. 30, students interested in leading the campus can register for the upcoming election next month. For many students, this is their only chance to have a say in how the campus is run.

Not only will students select a new student body president and vice president, but they will also choose the members of the SAG. Our system of electing SAG candidates is broken. While we as Americans prize democracy, we must be honest about the principles we apply to our political system.

For too long the UCF community has deferred leadership of the campus to the Greek system. While Greek leaders have a vested interest in the campus, they often lack the experience and judgment necessary to make wise decisions. This system of electing leaders does not allow for a diverse pool of candidates to run on campus.

For example, Greek student leaders allocate more than $20,000 to UCF's Greek Council, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to use that money to build a new stadium. The plan was approved by the Board of Trustees without any vote from the student body. The Board of Trustees has stated that they will not consider changes to the plan until after the election.

The improved fund-raising ability of the UCF Athletic Association will benefit more than just the football team. The softball team may get its stadium sooner, since it may have the funds to complete it all at once rather than in phases. Additional funds to the baseball team may allow the baseball team to add more seating to the baseball stadium and allow the team to host regional tournaments.

In theory, the athletic program will have more money to pay its coaches, which would allow it to retain its best coaches and recruit talented coaches to fill vacancies.

Athletic independence should help teams

The board of trustees approved a plan to make the UCF Athletic Department financially independent of UCF. UCF will join a small group of Division I-A universities with non-profit athletic departments, most notably the University of Texas.

Although the move will not necessarily improve UCF's athletic program, it could help the program get better. Athletic programs at other universities have implemented non-profit athletic departments, such as UF and the University of Georgia, have prospered under the format. Still, these universities had strong, established athletic programs before making the switch.

Even if UCF's sports teams do not immediately improve under the new organization, they may have better access to funds. Since it's all about the money in college sports, more money could help the teams improve.

The board also approved a plan to allocate funds to the student body. The student body will have the power to decide how to allocate funds to different initiatives. The student body will be able to make more informed decisions than the Board of Trustees.

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Several sports teams could get better facilities because they may raise funds easier. The football team will be able to build an indoor football practice facility, which it needs because of the rains that occur so often during the beginning of the season. More practice time should make the team better.

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UCF athletic director Steve Orsini has experience with this type of program, having been one of his previous jobs as a graduate assistant athletic director at Ohio State and associate AD and treasurer at Navy. The universities that have implemented non-profit athletic departments have had more success in raising funds than those that are still tied to the university.

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Raise your cup, throw it away

Katrina Hammer
Staff Writer

It is expected that a majority of college students attend parties. It is also expected that a majority of college students will drink. Beer from plastic cups at these parties and take shots of whatever kind of liquor is available. It is not expected, however, that they will leave your house or apartment in the condition it was when they first arrived. In other words, expect the house or apartment to be trashed.

This is not an expectation that I really would like to accept. Instead, allow me to introduce party etiquette. The house or apartment should stay decently clean and people should try to clean up after themselves.

While I am not new to the party scene, I recently hosted my first house or apartment party.

Both of the house bathrooms had been thrown up in, her dog had been urinated on and the house was apparently trashed.

My goal here is not to complain and point fingers of fault; instead, I would like to suggest a few simple tips for party-goers.

Save beer? Why not? Done drinking? Close the party. Keep your cup. Have to do? Do not use the dog, use a restroom.

Party people provide guests with a place to socialize, relax and, of course, drink beer, take drinks or whatever they please.

Help them out. They have made your night by providing something fun to do. Make their morning with one less thing for them to have to clean up.

To that, raise your cup, and when finished, throw it away.

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Two-for-one mental doodles

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receive enough? And while I am not trying to imply that we cannot eradicate Iraq on our own, we nevertheless still have a reputation and an image to uphold in the eyes of the world.

I have taken the liberty of listing several alternative ways to war that just might succeed in solving the problem of Iraq once and for all.

1. Al Sharpton could announce he is a candidate for the presidency of Iraq. He did the same thing here, and a day later his office was on fire. A lot of people might have seen this as some sort of joke, but not Sharpton. So let’s see if we can harness that magic and unleash it on our enemy.

And after the CIA sets him up in his new “campaign headquarters” conveniently located next door to Saddam’s palace, the crisis is over.

2. Send in the Beast. Arnold “Man vs. Beast” Schwarzenegger has already stated he is interested in participating in the American flag eating contest between a Kodiak Bear and the current world champion, who is from Japan. It was a long shot, I know, but I had to root for the human.

Then I noticed it. A lightning bolt hung behind the human competitor. While an American flag hung behind the bear. This show was man versus beast, but the beard in this case was from the U.S.

I must have slid into some sort of existential state as the debate over whom I was supposed to root for went on inside my head. As a result, I don’t remember any of the rest of that show.

A few years “Man vs. Beast” could be paired with this American flag.

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Hot second half lifts UCF over FAU

Sadie Sham
Staff Writer

After a slow start, the UCF women’s basketball team beat Florida Atlantic, 77-62 and now shares a three-way tie for the top spot in the Atlantic Sun’s South Division with Troy State and FAU. FAU (6-10 overall, 4-1 A-Sun) started strong, jumping out to a 17-0 lead. UCF (8-8, 4-1) took the lead for the first time with about two minutes remaining in the first half. But the game was tied at 33 at halftime. When the Knights scored onto the court in the second half, it was as if a completely different team had entered the arena. A three-pointer from freshman Shayla Smith got the Knights going.

“We always talk about how in the first five minutes of the second half we need to jump on them,” UCF Coach Gail Shiffner said. “Smith hitting that three-point shot really got us going.”

UCF maintained its lead throughout the second half, even with a 22-point game from FAU forward Tamiya Pierce. Junior forward Adrienne Billings racked up a season-high 16 points for the Knights. UCF shot 51.4 percent from the field.

Please see Roberts on 12

Men’s basketball picks up two key road wins

Kristy Shonka
Staff Writer

The Golden Knights extended their winning streak to four games Saturday with a double-overtime win over Georgia State. UCF beat Jacksonville State on Thursday on a pair of free throws by Ray Abellard with four seconds left.

After UCF and Georgia State managed just two points apiece in the first overtime period, the Golden Knights outscored the Panthers 12-5 in the second overtime for an 84-74 win. UCF improved to 14-4 on the year and 6-1 in the Atlantic Sun.

The Panthers led 47-43 with 2:11 left in regulation, but Abellard closed the lead to two with 2:01 left. Robert Morentin hit a pair of free throws to tie it at 67 with just over a minute to go and that’s where the scoring ended. Georgia State missed its last shot and Ed Dotson lifted the Knights in the second half.

Please see Abellard on 12

Gators pull out two close games over UCF

Matt Bethon
Staff Writer

Rachelle Schmidt and Taylor Sawyer played brilliantly for UCF, but their individual efforts weren’t enough as the Knights dropped both games of their season-opening doubleheader to the University of Florida on Saturday afternoon at the UCF softball complex.

The Gators turned out to be a tale of two players for UCF. In the opening game Schmidt homered twice, and her five RBIs accounted for all the team’s offense in its 6-0 defeat. And fresh off a three-hitting relief stint in the first game, Taylor Sawyer pitched a complete game one-hitter for the Knights in the rubber match, yet came away the hard luck loser as UCF was shut out 4-0.

The opening game was expected to be a pitchers’ duel between UCF’s Dottie Cupp and UF’s Jenny Gladding. Cupp went 3-4 in 2002 and posted a 1.11 ERA for the Golden Knights. Gladding, a junior transfer from the University of Arizona, went 21-6 last year and was a member of two College World Series teams during her two years at Arizona.

The Gators struck early against Cupp.

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Roberts, Washington injured in victory

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beginning. They were making every shot, but we fought back and attacked them and put them on their heels. In the past, when we’ve been up by 10 or so points we started slacking. But tonight when we were up, we stayed up. I think that’s something we’ve rarely done. It’s a big improvement."

"The kids are just going to have to step up and shoot," Striegler said. "To me, free throws are freebies and the girls need to be able to hit them. We try to put them in pressure situations in practice, but we’ll keep working on it."

Even though she only had 6 points on the scoreboard, it was an eventful night for senior Erin Paige, as she surpassed the 700 career-points milestone.

"Erin didn’t have one of her best games tonight, but she did a lot of good things for us," Striegler said. "Erin is a leader. She’s just been a solid player since she’s been here and I’m glad to see her getting some recognition for it."

Also acknowledged was sophomore Ali Roberts. Before the game, Striegler and UCF’s Athletics Director Steve Orsini presented her with a signed basketball to commemorate her record for most blocks in a career with 99.

UCF did lose two players however, was the team’s free-throw percentage. The Knights were making recognition for every shot, but we fought back and put sophomore Ali Roberts. Before them on their heels. In the game, Striegler attacked them and put "Marvelous Washington" went down with a deep quad bruise. She may not participate in Monday’s practice, but will likely play in Thursday’s game. All Roberts suffered a high ankle sprain, but is expected to see playing time this week.

"It feels really, really good to win," Striegler said. "The kids came out tonight and just played our type of basketball. I think it’s one of the best games they’ve played all year. I’m very proud of them because they went out and executed everything we’ve been practicing all week. They really wanted it."

Abellard, Morentin lead UCF over Gamecocks

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ing UCF in a period that saw 15 lead changes and nine ties. Neither team could pull away as the largest lead by either team was four points. The Knights held on for a 69-66 win.

The Gamecocks’ Dela Richardson hit two free throws to put his team up 62-61 with 1:25 left in the game. Abellard answered though, nailing a three-pointer with the shot clock winding down, to give the advantage back to the Knights 64-62.

Lyons picked up a steal on JSU’s next possession, and passed it ahead to Abellard, who got two points on a Gamecock goaltending call. The Knights led 64-62. But Jay heard hit his second 3-pointer of the game with 30 seconds left, cutting the lead to one. Heard then hit one of two free throws with 13 seconds left to tie the game. That’s when Abellard was fouled, and the senior hit both for a two-point UCF advantage. The Knights held on for the win.

The Gamecocks led 34-33 at halftime. Abellard and Morentin were the only Knights to reach double figures in scoring. Abellard had 21 while Morentin added 16. UCF shot 45.1 percent from the floor but just 50.0 percent from the free-throw line.
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Field goal propels Team USA over Florida Team

UCF's Jimmy Fryzel led all receivers with seven catches

CHRIS BERNHARDT

When UCF wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel caught two first downs in the opening drive of Saturday's Rotary Golden Classic, the Knights might have felt like Texas Florida. But as a 49-yard kick from Oklahoma's Jonathan Hazel went through the uprights with just 13 seconds left, Team USA clinched a 23-17 victory.

Once again the Citrus Bowl played host to this college all-star game, started in 1998. It pits one team comprised almost entirely of players either from Florida or Florida schools against one full of top college players from around the nation. This year's event included three Golden Knight players: Fryzel, defensive end Elion Patterson and centerback Austin Samuel.

It also featured UCF Coach Mike Krzyzewski as one of Team Florida's co-lead coaches, though ironically the traditionally passing focussed coach and former quarterback reached the running backs. "It was fun," Krzyzewski said. "I had a good time. I had a lot of fun. I was invited to this game to be good people. Good quality, good character, the game means a lot of them, but being a straight up person means a lot to them, too."

Saturday's Rotary Golden Classic was Fryzel's last game at the Citrus Bowl.

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scraping across a run in the first inning on Jennifer Mossouard's RBI double. UCF left the bases loaded in the first, but picked up right where it left off the next inning. Lindsey Cameron led off the second inning with a single, and one out later scored on Jenelle Garner's RBI triple. Garner also scored on the play after the relay throw from left field sailed wide of the plate. The Gators added another run in the inning on a Glauding RBI single to up 4-0 after two.

Cupp settled down however, and the score remained 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth. Nikki Green led off the inning with a walk, and Schimdt came up to the plate knowing the team was in desperate need of a hit. "I just thought, 'It's or the right here,'" Schmidt said. "I got lucky and it went over the fence."

Luke or not, Schmidt took Glauding's 2-2 offer over the left field fence for a two-run home run and the Gator lead was down to two. Mossouard homered to lead off the fifth inning for Florida, but the Knights once again clawed back into the game. Tailing 5-2 with two outs in the bottom of the fifth, Janie Shinnoster singled and Green walked, bringing Schmidt to the plate. The right fielder delivered one for the books again for the Knights, tying the game with a three-run home run. Schmidt's two home runs practically equaled her entire output for the entire 2002 season, when she went deep three times.

"The second time I was aiming for just a double into right, right-center," she said. "It just so happened it went over the fence again."

Neither team would score again the next two frames, and the game went to extra innings. Cupp departed after the fifth inning allowing five runs on nine hits. Glauding went six innings, allowing five runs on six hits and striking out five. The Knights had a chance to win in the bottom of the seventh when they loaded the bases with none out, but Stephanie Best struck out to end the threat.

The Gators scored one in the top of the eighth on a Garner RBI single to take a 6-2 lead. The Knights had runners on the corners with two outs in the bottom half of the inning, but Kayvee Clark struck out to end the inning. Amanda Moore got the win for the Gators after pitching two scoreless innings of relief. Sawyer got the loss decision, as the Gators scored a run off Garner's RBI single. She went three innings, striking out one pair.

"We really thought that game when we came back," Schmidt said. "Our intensity was high and I think it carried over to the second game. Our intensity went low and that's something that we need to work on."

The second game varied in sharp contrast to the first, as both teams only managed one hit apiece. UCF's Laura Templeton provided the only run of the game with a RBI single in the fourth. She was more than enough for Garner pitchers Amanda Knowles and Moore, as the pair combined to shut out the Knights 4-0, striking out the side once again and earning the shutout for the Gators, pitching seven innings and allowing only one earned run.

"We have the most effective pitching in the country," Templeton said. "I didn't tell them to relax, just go out there and play hard."

Then Patterson took over the game with her fourth hit for two extra-base hits in the first inning. Templeton led off the inning with a RBI single, giving the Gators a 1-0 lead.

"It's a little sad," Fryzel said. "I was hoping we actually might have gone to an extra game." She went 0-2, but would have liked a win in the end. "I feel bad, but we need to win these games in order to have a really good season, or to have a really good season, to win all these games," Fryzel said.

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Women's tennis team starts season with win over JU

SAHIE SHAM
STAFF WRITER

In its 2003 season opener, the UCF women's tennis team triumphed Atlantic Sun rival Jacksonville on Thursday afternoon at the UCF Tennis Complex. Senior Maritza Guzman shined as the Golden Knights struggled through cold, windy conditions and beat the Dolphins 7-0.

UCF won all three matches in doubles play, which is hopeful to a team that has struggled in this category in the past. Last season the Knights posted a 25-41 record in doubles. Guzman and Julie Pecastaing, playing at the No. 1 position, defeated Jacksonville's Nisrine Hajbane and Kim Packer 6-1. Anna Westin and Pamela Fernandez eased past Martina Kaftalovich and Martina Strusova, 6-3, in No. 2 doubles. In No. 3 doubles, Kristina Lohmos and Alona Samara won a back and forth match, beating Amber Otto and Kristina Puck, 6-4.

At the No. 1 singles position, Guzman was stellar, defeating Hajbane, 6-3, 6-2. Westin picked up another UCF win at No. 2, defeating Packer, 7-5, 6-4. Pecastaing defeated Strusova, 7-6, 6-1, at No. 3 singles. Lohmos knocked off Kaftalovich, 6-3, 6-0 at the No. 4 spot. Fernandez, a freshman, was victorious in her dual match debut, beating by Puck, 6-3, 6-4. Ola Luczak quickly defeated Otto at the No. 6 position, 6-1, 6-2. The Knights next match is 2:30 p.m. Sunday at home against Rollins.

ATo leading the pack of dodgeball teams

JULIE REEVES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To most, avoiding flying rubber objects is about as difficult as it gets. For a handful of teams, it's like a walk in the park. The first week of dodgeball has come and gone, and Sigma Chi, defending summer dodgeball champs, is marked second after the first week of the Central Florida Future League tournament. The winners of the first week knock out the losers and advance to the next round. The winners will advance to the next round. The tournament, which is still in its first week, is played on a Sunday night. The tournament consists of the top 32 teams, who are ranked in ascending order based on their previous year's scores. The tournament is divided into four rounds, with each round consisting of 32 teams. The winning team of each round advances to the next round, and the losing teams are eliminated. The tournament will end with the winning team being crowned champion. The tournament is played on a Sunday night at the Recreation and Wellness Center.
Under the Sea

Divers drawn to deep blue worlds

Personal Treasures
Eclectic tastes reflected in the things collectors fancy

KAETRINA HAMMER
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Danny Rood would rather be underwater than sitting in class on any day.

Rood, 19, has been a certified scuba diver for over two years.

"I really enjoy diving," he said. "There is a whole other world to see underwater."

Rood has gone diving in the Florida Keys, the Gulf of Mexico and other exotic places such as Cozumel, Mexico.

With Florida's warm temperatures, scuba diving is a popular hobby. The bodies of water within Florida and those that surround it provide divers with an excellent environment to explore. Florida offers saltwater, freshwater and cave diving, each with a unique experience for the diver.

Scuba divers can see a variety of animals and plant life, depending on the environment they choose to dive in. Florida is known for its manatee population, which inhabits the freshwater springs and rivers of the state.

Many people believe that they can become adequately trained in one weekend, and will often pay hundreds of dollars at resorts while on vacation. Scuba diving requires more intense training and total comprehension of the sport. One mistake could cause serious complications or even death; therefore, it is better to receive proper training in the form of weekly classes.

Divers require a variety of complicated and expensive equipment and should also take lessons to learn how to use the equipment. A majority of dive shops will provide equipment to dive students taking lessons. Many colleges offer scuba diving for credit, and students are already certified and are looking to spend a day diving have the option of renting equipment by an hourly or daily basis, rather
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Tue Feb 4  
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9 pm - CAB Cinema presents "Punch Drunk Love," Cape Florida Ballroom, SU 316

Wed Feb 5  
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8 pm Dance Marathon Dance Competition. Clubs can have fun and compete for prizes! Registration fees go to Children Miracle Network. Pegasus Ballroom

Fri Feb 7  
9 pm - 2 am Late Knights Polar Bear Pool Party.  
Recreation and Wellness Center.

Sat Feb 8  
9 am - VUCF Beach Cleanup at Alan Shepard Park. Carpool from Millican Hall.
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Finding fun in odd possessions

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people build personal collections, and in a few cases those collections go over the top — or veer into the bizarre.

Smith’s roommate, senior Karen Galjentan, 22, is also a collec-
tor. While her collection isn’t as fanci-
ful as Smith’s, it is nonetheless over the top.

“Karen has Floco-nipple clad book covers,” Smith said. “They’re all wearing vintage clothing pulled dangerously low.”

Her collection of over a hun-
dred romance novels used to be proudly displayed on a shelf on her dresser until a pipe in her house burst and ruined all her books.

“It was funny,” Galjentan said. “They all started to expand.”

Her collection is now sized in a plastic tupperware container under her bed. Galjentan said her collection began from childhood hobbies.

For others like senior Eric Stevenson, 21, beer bottles are his choice Item to collect. He began saving every beer bottle when he was a freshman and now has about 50 different bottles. Eventually he couldn’t keep up with saving every beer bottle so he only started saving one of each brand. His favorite is La Pint du Mou, or “The End of the World.”

“They’re organized by country on display in my room,” Stevenson said.

Among the countries represented are the Czech Republic, Cuba, Ireland, Canada and France. He also collects them from grocery stores or brings them home from bars.

Graduate student James Forman, 22, has been stacking antiques costume jewelry in an eight-sided trunk for about three years now. He is saving them for when he gets married and has chil-
dren, he said.

“I wanted to have a big treas-
ure chest for my kids when they get to that age,” Forman said. “It can be dress-up stuff or pirate treasure.”

Forman plans to hide the trunk in his attic for his future children to find and play with. He has about 150 pieces, some of which he inherited from his grand-
mother.

“Some of them are actually designer sets from the 40s,” he said.

He scourcs garage sales, thrift shops and antique shops. But it’s getting harder to find them because of antique jokers from up north who come down to Florida to hunt for bargains, he said.

“It’s very seasonal, most peo-
ple don’t even bring out three pieces until they know the north-
ers are coming down,” Forman said. “I told myself at one point I wouldn’t spend more than $40 a piece, but they’re getting harder to find, so I moved up to 100.”

Senior Sloke Dickey, 22, has a Winnie the Pooh collection. She has been collecting them since the end of her freshman year in high school and now has 1,100 dolls, costing more than $21,000. The first Pooh that started it all was her mother’s doll stuffed animal that a child she used to babysit for gave her.

“Everyone said that I was crazy when I started,” Dickey said. “I remember when people said that I would grow out of it.”

During Dickey’s freshman year a hurricane hit and her whole apartment complex had to be evacuated. Her mother told her to bring her most important belong-

ings, so she packed the entire car with as many Poohs as possible, she said.

Dickey hopes to marry on her collection as long as possible.

“I haven’t stopped buying because I will pass it on to my kids,” she said.

Junior Katie Starkey, 20, col-
lects Barbie dolls. She has about 30 Barbie dolls now and said her first Barbie was probably one of the first ones to be released, however she no longer has it because her mother gave it away, she said.

Among her collection are the Star Trek Barbie and Ken, Dorothy Barbie, anthropologist Barbie and an army Barbie. She plans to keep adding more Barbies to her collection, such as the Bob Lobel Barbie she saw when she went to EM Shaw Schwartz in West Palm Beach.

Starkey also has her sights set on a newer, more realistic Barbie.

“I want a real-life Barbie, the one [with body measurements] a real person could attain,” she said.

With the old Barbie’s meas-
urements, it would probably not be possible.

“If Barbie were a real person, she would be too skinny and she’d fall over,” Starkey said.

But for Starkey, her Barbie dolls have a more sentimental meaning to her than just another collection.

“They remind me of when I was a little girl,” Starkey said. “If you think about it, when you’re little, all you have to worry about is going to school and staying out of trouble — so it reminds me of happier times.”
Diver awareness needed to combat dangers of the deep

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than purchasing their own.

Depending on the type of class, lessons can range in price. The average price is about $180 for three lessons a week for three weeks. After the completion of the nine classes, the required practice of safety skills and dives, the student will take a written test to become a certified open water diver.

Once certified, divers can purchase their own air tank refill and can pursue more advanced diving certifications. With these certifications, divers can participate in more advanced dives and have the opportunity to become a diving instructor in order to teach others to dive.

Seabed diving is an entertaining, but complicated hobby. In fact, divers must be very careful and must stay aware of their environment at all times. Gauges on divers' equipment help them keep themselves out of dangerous situations.

Divers can suffer from dehydration very quickly. Another concern is surfacing too quickly, which will cause decompression sickness (also known as the bends).

When a diver swims to the surface at a rapid pace from a deep level of water, tiny air bubbles in the blood stream expand. In most cases this is not harmful, but some rare cases can be fatal. Severe cases require the diver to go to the hospital and get treated by a hyperbaric chamber, which exposes the diver to high pressures to relieve pain and discomfort caused by decompression sickness.

Junior Ethan Coperstos has been a certified diver for almost five years. He paid for his own classes and equipment using the money he earned from his part time job. “The classes are a bit expensive,” he said, “but the experience makes it all worthwhile.”

Coperstos, 20, may have a chance at a unique experience in Australia this summer. “I was given the opportunity to participate in a work program over the summer,” he said. "I would work for two weeks and then have two weeks for recreation.”

During his two weeks of recreation, Coperstos said that he planned on visiting Australia’s Great Barrier Reef to do some scuba diving. “I’m sure that there are all kinds of things to see there — tropical fish, sharks and coral. It’s going to be a totally different experience than diving in the Gulf,” he said.

The Gulf of Mexico, while not as extraordinary as the Great Barrier Reef, provides divers with some interesting unique and scenic areas as well. “Almost everything underwater is untouched by humans,” Bood said. “That is, with the exception of some artificial reefs.”

The artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico serve a purpose of promoting and balancing sea life. Artificial reefs provide all kinds of aquatic creatures with a home to live and breed and they also provide divers with some beautiful scenery.

“I wish I could spend more time diving,” Bood said. “For one, I don’t have a boat. Two, UCF isn’t all that close to water.”

In her courswork, Bood’s instructor from bodies of water makes it a more difficult for students to dive, the UCF Dive Club plans monthly dive trips, to both fresh-water and saltwater destinations.
John David McKee adds cheese to his customer's vegan hot dog. McKee allows customers to add up to 10 toppings to their meatless meal.

Meatless weiners
a healthy mouthful

Gabrielle Arnold
Staff Writer

At the stroke of 2 a.m., a mass exodus begins when downtown Orlando's nightlife establishments close their doors, releasing crowds of club and bar hoppers out onto the streets. While many still crave more alcohol, some just crave good food. At this hour, though, the choice of cuisine is pretty limited, which makes America's favorite food, hot dogs, a popular item — but this time, vegan style.

A downtown Orlando vegan holding stand offers a solution for many people who prefer meatless dining or a healthy alternative to traditional beef hotdogs.

At first glance, John David McKee's business looks like any given street corner's classical hotdog stand. But underneath this street vendor's umbrella is a more than a typical meal on wheels.

McKee's meatless weiners are made of textured vegetable protein, seasoned with the same kinds of spices found on regular hotdogs (onion, paprika and garlic) and cooked in a vegetable broth.

Vegan hotdogs look similar to beef hotdogs, but they taste significantly different.

Junior Patricia Michel, 20, tried the hotdogs for the first time Friday night and enjoyed them.

"The texture is not what I expected," she said. "It was a lot softer. After trying them and reading the menu I'd rather eat them over regular hotdogs now."

For 2002 customers have a choice of either French bread or a bun for their hotdog, in addition to about 10 toppings which range from spinach and artichoke to ketchup and sour kraut, for no extra charge.

At 110 calories, vegan hotdogs contain about half the fat of beef hot dogs. A regular sausage can't compare to the quality of a vegan hotdog, reoccurring customer Jennifer O'Malley, 21, said.

"They never give me a stomach ache, he's generous with the toppings and it's cheap," she said.

McKee's business looks like any street corner's classical business three years ago when he wanted to have a socially conscious business that would raise environmental awareness.

"The meat industry, second to the automobile industry, is by far the most polluting industry in the country," he said. "I wanted to do something for the environment." McKee said he started his business on the streets because he wanted to have a socially conscious business that would raise environmental awareness.

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