Part One in a series

Who deserves money from SGA?

In the first of a three-part series leading to the Feb. 17-19 SGA presidential election, the candidates share their views on funding Greek and other exclusive student organizations, and also how to increase involvement in SGA and campus groups.

Cary Grantson
Staff Writer

As the SGA presidential election looms, campus clubs and organizations are deciding where their allegiances lie. As always, the issue of Greek affiliation promises to be a factor in determining where votes fall. In the meantime, candidates must figure out how best to distribute almost $8.5 million of student activity fees among exclusive and non-exclusive organizations to please their constituencies.

While all of the candidates — both Greek and non-Greek — would fund sorority and fraternity events such as recruitment and guest speakers, some worry Greek affiliation to be the only factor in approving or withholding funds.

Each of the five candidate slates (except one) answered their questions with "The Picture" in person. The fifth slate provided its responses via e-mail.

Pavan Talakala, 25, a non-Greek, said he

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Elections commission clears SGA candidates of violations

Battles-MacLellan ticket receives endorsement on nightclub flier before official campaign begins

Ben Baird
Staff Writer

Former student Sen. Juan de la Torre asked the SGA Elections Commission on Friday to disqualify one of the five slates running to lead student government, claiming the candidate broke election laws by campaigning too early.

The team of Brian Battles and Joe MacLellan were accused of illegal campaigning after Primo Entertainment, a promotions company that works with several local nightclubs, began distributing advertisements around campus and through e-mail that endorsed the Battles-MacLellan ticket in the Feb. 17-19 election.

The advertising flier, which otherwise promoted the Hogs and Honeys nightclub, included a single sentence at the bottom that read: "Don't forget to vote for Primo's favorite. Brian Battles and Joe MacLellan, in the UCF election."

Many SGA officials perceived the flier as campaign material, and labeled it a direct violation of SGA campaign laws that restrict distributing, dispensing, and endorsing campaign materials before officially allowed.

"These guys are not rookies... These guys should know the rules.

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A new class of tenure

Laura Stevens
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For a university professor, tenure is a valuable commodity — a status that earns faculty members better pay, recognition, a higher rank and above all, job security.

While the road to earning it is usually long and rigorous and requires years of publishing, researching, getting grants and going to conferences, most professors consider the demanding mandates worthwhile if that guarantees them peace of mind that they will have jobs regardless of what may happen within their classrooms or on campus.

At UCF, the requirements to earn tenure are straightforward and clear. Professors are eligible for tenure after five years of working at UCF and they have completed research and publishing requirements within their departments. Based on evaluations by a group of tenured faculty members within their department, the dean of their college and UCF President John Hitt, a faculty member is either granted tenure or denied.

Once a professor earns tenure, a university is almost powerless to fire him or her unless layoffs reach a tenured professor's level, or a professor commits a major offense, such as sexual harassment.

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Funding process needs reforms, candidates say

The need to address the age-old issue of favoritism in funding prompts calls from all for more accountability.

Candidates deny any wrongdoing

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campaigning to a nine-day period that starts today.

It's just like track; it's a false start, you're getting a head start, and it's just not fair," de la Torre said.

But Battles redoubled the allegations, saying that he believed Catanese didn't know the fliers existed or were endorsing their ticket until last Wednesday. At that time, he also learned that a similar sign was placed in The Florida Panther and attempted to have it pulled, he said.

The ad ultimately did appear in the newspaper. "We want to make sure that we do our best to stop [once we did]," Battles said.

But de la Torre countered that Catanese, who relinquished her role as student president of the Student Government Association of Florida to run for a U.S. Senate seat from Florida, "wasn't going to allow anybody to go that route." Catanese, a Democrat, has not returned calls for comment.

"Those guys are not fools," he said. "Bryan Battles has been in student government for as long as he's been at this university. His running mate has been in student government for two years. These guys know how to do the rules." De la Torre also played a video for the Elections Commission that showed Bryan Battles challenging for student government for two years. "We're going to do the rules," Battles said. "We're going to play by the rules." But the charges over fliers did not sit well with de la Torre. "Our candidates and their parents," he said, "are staying out of it. What's going on is not a dealbreaker scenario. They're not going to be the ones who make it a dealbreaker scenario. They're not going to be the ones who do. They're not going to be the ones who make it a dealbreaker scenario. They're not going to be the ones who do. They're not going to be the ones who make it a dealbreaker scenario. They're not going to be the ones who do." In an e-mail response, Kirlew added: "Candidates, who believe that groups requesting their own funds must show evidence that the students on campus are not benefiting from exclusive organizations or are keeping students from utilizing all student services, are not who we want to keep anybody out. We want to bring the other 90 percent up to that high level of involvement," Kirlew said.

Catanese and MacLellan want to create more win-win positions in the existing budget of SGA to get some of the benefits of Greeks to all students. "We'd use the process of publicizing ways for students to get involved during orientation and other events, and they believe that SGA can attract more diversified participation," Kirlew said. "Brian and Mitchell believe that encouraging voter participation in this election for all students, Greek and non-Greek, is key to diversifying the involvement in SGA. "The reality is that Greeks are so active that they're able to mobilize so many voters," Huschou said. "It's probably hard to change without advertising the student elections." Both Mitchell and Kirlew also want to appoint those whom they believe are most qualified for cabinet positions; regardless of their affiliations. Streep and Clevenger said they would appoint a diverse group of students to cabinet posts, based on merit. "Our cabinet will not look like our [fraternity] chapter restorers," Clevenger said. "We will be looking for those people who have an academia background to fill those roles." Some candidates support the idea of a diversity commission or an advisory committee to provide a diversity consultant. Some candidates support the idea of a diversity commission or an advisory committee to provide a diversity consultant. Some candidates support the idea of a diversity commission or an advisory committee to provide a diversity consultant. Some candidates support the idea of a diversity commission or an advisory committee to provide a diversity consultant.
Should professors weigh in on war?

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In a time of mounting war, some members of the community have begun looking to higher education for a stance on the situation. In fact, groups such as the Massachusetts State College Association and the Modern Language Association have pronounced formal criticisms of President Bush's stance on the war on terrorism.

According to Nancy Stockdale, a UCF professor of Middle-Eastern history, the public often turns to the university because of professors' expertise in the field.

"In my experience, there are many people in the public who are interested in the informed opinions of professors who are experts in the region of the world affected by conflict," Stockdale said. "Part of the role of a university is to reach out to the community and share its knowledge with the general population."

Despite recent anti-war resolutions passed at such higher education institutions as the University of Montana at Missoula and the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, the UCF Faculty Senate has not even begun to discuss the subject, stating that such a broad-based issue is not on its agenda.

Michael Mullens, a professor of English and chairman of the Faculty Senate, does not think the faculty will address the issue. "The Senate has a mandate not to make statements on broad societal issues," Mullens said. "We are here to discuss the academic policy at UCF."

Mullens said that though members of the Faculty Senate have strong views on the impending war, these members are on both sides of the issue and could never come to one conclusion.

While in the classroom, Mullens said that professors should discuss their views with students in an appropriate manner. This could include a forum outside of the classroom or an in-depth discussion with students that professors are closest to, such as graduate students.

Stockdale feels obliged to speak with her students about the war.

"Professors have a responsibility to discuss world events with their students, particularly wars that impact our daily lives. As a scholar of the Middle East and its history, it is crucial that my students understand my position and, equally as importantly, why I hold it," she said.

Stockdale added that professors have a responsibility to listen to the opinions and concerns of students on this issue as well.

Mullens is not the only professor who takes this stance. By the mid 1970s, 41 percent of professors opposed petitions or resolutions indicating their position on the Vietnam War according to the Biennial Index of Higher Education.

"I'm afraid, a UCF professor of history disagrees with resolutions filed on behalf of a public institution," he said. "As the official representatives of a publicly funded university the faculty senators should recognize that despite their own personal or even collective thoughts on the issue, they speak for a broad constituency which may hold many different opinions on the topic."

He added that as individuals, faculty members have rights to voice their own opinions as long as it does not present itself as an official statement.

Though Steffi Park, chairman of the Philosophy Department, thinks that there is nothing wrong with professors sharing their personal opinion about the issue with students, she said that several points must be made clear first.

Park said that it should be made evident that these are only the opinions of those professors and are not a unified response from the university.

Doug Evans, a professor of humanities, said it is not the duty of a professor to get into his or her office, turn the volume up and close the door. He said professors should speak with students about the war in a sort of open debate.

"It is discouraging that on this campus there are not more debates," Evans said. "It is like no one wants to make too much of an argument."

Some argue that whether a university takes a stance has little to do with what its decisions on the war. On Jan. 23, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that a petition faxed to the White House containing more than 300 signatures from places such as Harvard and Swarthmore College could not even be confirmed as received by White House spokespersons.

Stockdale said that whether she would start a petition depends on the circumstances at the time.

"However, I am active in community outreach educating people of various backgrounds in our community about the issues at stake in a war in the Middle East, and I think there are many effective ways that we can all express our opinions," she said.

Speaker discloses the 'truth' about Iraq war

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According to a recent CBS News/New York Times poll, about 63 percent of respondents believe President Bush should give the United Nations more time, with only 30 percent wanting to immediately invade Iraq.

Most of the roughly 75 UCF students who attended a speech by Erik Gustafson on Thursday titled "What You Don't Know About Iraq," seemed to agree with that majority.

Gustafson, founder and executive director of The Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC) in Washington, D.C., delivered two addresses on campus regarding his view that the U.S. should not go to war. He also discussed his experiences in Iraq both as an Army specialist during the 1990 Gulf War, and on two other humanitarian visits he made on behalf of EPIC in 1997 and 2000.

Advocating the position that the United States should not invade Iraq, Gustafson made it clear that he believes this war will have only negative effects in both Iraq and the United States. Gustafson said the war will harm the Iraq people, not their leader, Saddam Hussein, and will also further harm the re-
Speaker: War will hurt Iraqis most

According to internal U.N. documents, well over 100,000 Iraqis will need humanitarian assistance in the event of a war. The W.H.O. also estimates that more than 50,000 Iraqis will need medical attention just days after a war breaks out, Gustafson said.

Senior Staffer Ali agrees. Ali believes most people do not have enough information about Iraq, and especially the struggle of the average Iraqi citizen since the implementation of economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations in 1990.

"Due to the media constantly promoting news stories, many people think they know all there is to know," Ali said. "Many people do not understand what implications economic sanctions have on the Iraqi people or in what extent human rights are being exploited there."

Gustafson also commented about the president’s national address Thursday and questioned its validity. He said he believes President Bush needs the American people to rally around his decision to preemptively invade Iraq, and according to Gustafson, he has "not [been] fully honest."

"When there is a need to sell war to the American people, there is a need to lie," Gustafson said. "This is about selling fear ... making all of you worried that right now we could be under a threat of attack by Iraq."

He further questioned the validity of the monetary figures the Bush administration is sharing with the public, saying the White House is "not being forthcoming in how much a war will cost." He pointed out that Yale economist William D. Nordhaus estimates the war will cost between $100 billion and $1.9 trillion.

Gustafson said Americans need to realize that the United States, the largest donor of foreign aid, will have to pay for the effects of war not only domestically, but also in Iraq. He said estimations from international humanitarian organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO), support his claims.
Economic downturn leads to drop in endowment value

**JOE HARLESS**

Market forces and few donors have taken a toll on UCF's financial status, but the financial losses have not affected the university much.

UCF lost 5.8 percent of its market value from 2001 to 2002. The value of the UCF Foundation, for example, fell from $57,747,000 on June 30, 2001, to $52,350,000 a year later, according to a survey conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Although this loss of money hurts UCF, David Scott, a finance professor here, said the loss of 5 percent should not worry people too much, considering the state of the economy.

"A loss of 5.8 percent within the realm of U.S. financial market activities is very good," Scott said.

The survey ranked UCF at 401 out of 634 college and university endowments listed.

"Endowments in the future will be a balance," said Robert Holmes, chief executive officer and vice president of development and alumni affairs for the UCF Foundation, Inc. "We are happy to contribute to the downturn."

"The value of endowments fluctuates with the market," Holmes said. "We enter the market with a portfolio of the portfolio.

Endowments to colleges and universities usually operate with a foundation. If an individual or group wishes to give gifts to a university, the gifts go through the foundation before reaching the school.

"Two kinds of gifts given to a college or university include restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds call for specific uses of the gifts. A trust of fund given for the specific use of building a new football stadium is an example of a restricted fund. Unrestricted funds do not come with specifications on how the money or property must be used.

UCF has recently benefited from restricted gifts. During the fall semester UCF combined a financial gift of $500,000 given to the College of Education by Robert Heinrichman with a $200,000 grant to hire a scholar to study the nature of greed.

UCF also began construction on the Rosen School of Hospitality Management last semester due in large part to the $50 million given in donations by hotel owner Harris Rosen. Even the Barnett House where President Hutcheson resides was built on endowments, a result of $500,000 in donations from Al and Nancy Burnett.

Linda Gray, UCF spokeswoman, says universities very rarely get gifts that do not include some sort of attachment.

"The people who handle the gifts decide the best way to use the gift for the university," Gray said. "Financial officers may take some of the money and invest in other areas.

The biggest problem facing UCF in performing any fundraising activities is that the college has a young alumni base. An older, more established alumni base, such as that at Harvard or Princeton, has had more time to amass wealth and make connections than schools like UCF, which is relatively young in comparison."

As UCF's alumni base expands and grows older, the UCF Foundation hopes it will help out with donations.

Florida has a matching program, in which the state matches the amount of donations above a specific amount. Thus, the program effectively doubles the money given to the school. However, the state has not had the money to meet those matches.

Florida has 11 state universities, Gray said. "There has to be money there."

The matching program means the state must begin the amount in the order they are acquired. Gray uses this example. The University of Florida has one award for $10 million and another for $5 million. The University of Central Florida has an award for $5 million. In this model the state would have to match both of UF's awards before it matches the UCF award since UF acquired them before UCF acquired its award.

The matching program can also be used by the developments of a foundation to attract gift givers.

An award for $5 million meant to fund research for AIDS at our college could be worth $10 million to fund the same research at another state university giving the gift giver something to think about. It also acts on the universities in competition with one another.

The presidents of the 11 state universities have spoken with the governor and the state legislature, encouraging more funding for the matching program. More funding could encourage more philanthropy and donations, according to Gray.

"It is money in tight, philanthropy will be hurt," Gray said. "Nonprofit organizations [have been] having trouble since Sept. 11."

Holmes said the December marks were not totaled yet, adding the foundation usually has those totals by the middle of February.

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Mixed emotions on tenure changes

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Seemingly tenure is a designation that provides experienced professors the ultimate perk — it allows them to plan their long-term careers and develop their courses and departments as they see fit.

But what happens to professors who focus on teaching and service who never qualify for tenure because they haven't devoted time to research and publishing, such as Grace Moore?

An instructor at the UCF Center for Multilingual Multicultural Studies, Moore teaches English to foreign students from all over the world. But she doesn't qualify for tenure simply because she hasn't conducted research or published her work.

Moore, who has lived over the United States and in Japan teaching students to speak English, can't count on the kind of job security tenured professors can enjoy, no matter how many years she teaches, because many universities, such as UCF don't grant tenure for service and teaching.

For her, being without tenure is a threat to her career because she can be fired for seemingly no reason.

And in a time when a sluggish economy has put many out of work, and homeland security has prevented many foreigners from getting into the country, Moore knows her job isn't completely secure.

"With fewer foreigners getting visas, fewer teachers are needed to teach them English," she said.

"I love associating with foreign students and would be very glad to do it the rest of my life," she said. But Moore, like other nontenured faculty, would feel more at ease with a tenure designation that would ensure her job was protected.

In an effort to ease the minds of nontenured faculty members around the nation, some universities are doing just that — offering new tenure paths to professors that focus on rewarding instructors for teaching service and advising.

Most recently, the University of Western Michigan decided to allow a group of non-tenure-track, full-time employees a chance to earn tenure — most of them in specific professional fields, such as nursing, English instruction and aviation.

These specialists will be judged for tenure using non-traditional standards and will earn a salary similar to traditional tenured faculty members. They will not be required to research and will be judged solely on their service and professional competence.

While professors like Moore call the new tenure track a fair reward for those who are committed to teaching, many faculty members at UCF say new tenure standards create a double standard.

Naval Modani, an associate professor within UCF's finance department, believes Western Michigan's new policy will dilute the faculty.

Tenured instructors, who have not been held to the same standards as traditionally tenured professors, can now join faculty committees of tenured professors who have completed research to help decide which faculty members should qualify for tenure, he said.

Glen Cunningham, chairman of UCF's Chemistry Department, doesn't believe the new tenure standards are fair either.

"Research and teaching go hand-in-hand," he said. "We want teachers to be researchers as well."

Lin Huff-Corzine, assistant vice president in the division of Academic Affairs, thinks UCF's tenure system, which is similar to tenure standards at most of the nation's universities, works effectively and ensures that only the best and most qualified professors get to teach students.

Creating alternative tenure tracks might move less-qualified professors into classrooms, she said.

"If you're going to take a group of people who have less of an education than the rest of the faculty, I think the students would be cheated," she said. "We want to keep about 70 percent of our courses taught by tenured or tenure-earning faculty."

Huff-Corzine, who helps facilitate applicants for tenure positions, said current tenure standards at UCF have done an adequate job of accomplishing both.

"We do tenure people here who are Ph.D.s," she said. "Anyone who has reached the highest level in their field can apply for tenure."

"All the faculty in the chain of reviews take the faculty member's work extremely seriously," she said. "It's a person's life work."

While psychology professor Richard Tucker understands the plight of part-time faculty who have considerably lower pay and fewer benefits, he doesn't think job insecurity is as much of a threat as some nontenured faculty might think.

"While it seems that full-time instructors have no 'job security' in fact they may actually have less pressure on them, in that they are not subject to requirements necessary to gain tenure," he said.

"As long as they're doing a good job teaching, they will be reappointed."

While political science instructor Cindy Benson doesn't feel her job is threatened because she isn't tenured, she isn't opposed to the idea of offering other tenure paths to faculty members.

"In general, such a program would be of benefit to individual departments, the university, the students and instructors alike," she said.

"In this department, I feel quite secure, but I know and
Language barriers in the classroom

Heavy accents of foreign-born instructors’ both belp and hinder teaching

ALEXIS VALLAS
Staff Writer

Senior Brian Johnson is one of many students on campus who struggle to over­come the communication barrier with foreign teachers. Like others, Johnson sometimes feels foreign-born instructors’ accents hinder their ability to teach students effectively.

“It is sometimes difficult to understand a professor with a strong accent and this could affect the education we receive,” said Johnson, 22.

However, some students, such as sophomore Andrea Saldivar, 10, do not see a communication barrier.

Swallow’s lab instructor acknowledged that his non-native background could cause some difficulty in communication and as a result, tried his best to assist his students and make sure that they understood the material so that it would not affect their grade, she said.

“To avoid confusion, he would type out everything he said so the students didn’t have to ask him to repeat himself or better explain. He was always more than willing to help us out if and when we needed it.”

Freshman Lauren Weber, 18, believes foreign teachers are an excellent way to motivate students to learn. She said despite the strong Argu accent one of her instructors has, she is doing well in the class.

“I think [having an accent interfering] forces people to pay better attention in order to get the notes and learn the material.”

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LAUREN WEIJE

Tenure change sets a double standard, some say

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have spoken to others who are not so comfortable,” she said. “I am wary however, that as UCF continues to evolve, that [job] security may lessen. But there is evidence of at least one UCF professor who lost her job because she didn’t have tenure protection.

Despite growing evaluations and completing tenure require­ments within UCF’s legal studies department, professor Diane Spina was fired just before she would have been considered for tenure.

Spina, who has taught at UCF for four years, and serves as both an adviser and professor to students in the College of Health and Public Affairs, received a notice of termination last fall.

Bernard McCarthy, chairman of the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Department, gave Spina no other reason for firing her except that “he felt she did not fit the direction he wanted the department to take.”

“I do my utmost believing in teaching in a non-traditional manner and thereby sharing my passion inside and outside the classroom in practice with all my students,” Spina said in a previous interview with The Pacer. “My goal is to help others learn and understand difficult material.”

While Spina has appealed to both the department chairman and President Hilt, her appeals have been dismissed as unfounded. The only thing that may save Spina’s job now is a lawsuit she has filed against the university for a tenure violation — the university did not give Spina a one-year notice of her termination, something UCF is required to do.

But despite Spina’s case and the nagging fears that other untenured faculty members have, Thomas Koen, dean of the College of Business, thinks granting instructors tenure is unnecessary.

“The College of Business has instructors who have been on for almost 20 years,” he said. “If someone is feeling uneasy, I would encourage them to give up their five-year renewable contract.”

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Increasing student diversity in SGA

A major theme

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been Greek, on this campus, I first had to be a UCF student. I would say that UCF is the first truly that I'm in."

Streep and Cleverger also want to create internships for certain cabinet posts, with the hope that students can earn academic credit and become involved at the same time. By creating these positions, their goal would be to attract students to participate in government who might not otherwise become involved.

In his e-mail, Kirlew wrote that he and Ortiz "would encourage any able and qualified student to be involved on campus. We need leaders and I don't think whether you are a Greek or not should be a prerequisite.

The five slates also each have a goal for changing the way that the SGA Senate distributes money to UCF clubs and organizations. Talakala and Katsafanas believe student awareness and consistency in our policies regarding funding, and sometimes it's Kirlew-Ortiz administration, more of a first-come, first-serve situation.

"I want [the senate] to really look at how [funding] is going to benefit the students," Talakala said.

The two feel it is essential to inform students of exactly how activity fees are being spent. "It's their money," said Katsafanas. "You put into the pot, you deserve to know what's being taken out of it."

Talakala and Katsafanas believe student awareness also will force SGA senators to remain fully responsible. Battles and MacLellan said they will direct their efforts on strengthening the protocol of the senate to ensure that legislators are professional, accountable and consistent in following policies results-driven.

"I want [the senate] to really look at how [funding] is going to benefit the students," Talakala said.

Battles and MacLellan advocate planning to insure there is available money year-round for student clubs and organizations. They also want to prevent the senate from granting excessive allocations.

"We can look into the bills and make sure that the money is being spent the right way and that's the senate's responsibility as well, to pay attention to what they're allocating," MacLellan said.

Houchin and Mitchell stressed that it is primarily the senate's responsibility to control funding, but that they hoped to monitor spending and avoid allocating money to events that don't deserve funding.

"We probably wouldn't fund things like spring and fall formals, which seem frivolous," Mitchell said.

Streep and Cleverger believe allocation reforms can be accomplished by better educating clubs, so that they are aware of allocation process.

"Our main role is to make sure that every student who needs or wants that money is trained and completely understands the process," Streep said. "I don't believe is being done right now," Cleverger said.

Battles and Cleverger also intend to encourage uniformity and consistency in the senate's process of allocating money throughout the year.

"We need to be aware that we're going to have students all year round coming here for this money, and we need to make sure that there's going to be money there," Streep said.

Ortiz, who is currently SGA's student body vice president, wrote that "student government must be more professional, accountable and results-driven. The student body president can establish a climate of respect for students and organizations, and in a Kirlew-Ortiz administration, we will use the technology and a professional and knowledgeable staff to streamline the process."

Look for additional election coverage of SGA candidates' stances in this Thursday's issue of the Future.
For professors, the Holy Grail and pinnacle of their careers is earning tenure status. They work very hard, often for many years, to achieve this status. In the process of earning tenure, professors advance their universities, their fields of study and themselves. Tenured professors have written and published papers and articles and conducted research.

Tenure is a sticky issue for professors. Those who have it worked hard for it do not want tenure standards to be eased, as they do not want their own tenure status to mean less or somehow be devalued. Tenured professors have earned the job security that comes with their status; they have put in years of work to not have to worry about arbitrary firings.

Thus, their opposition to easing tenure standards is understandable. Tenured professors do not want just anyone to have tenure. A professor should have to earn it.

However, during the long process of earning tenure, professors have little, if any, job protection. If anyone doubts this, look at the case of Diane Sudia, a legal studies professor who led the UCF Trial Team to national prominence and engaged her students in unorthodox but very popular ways. Sudia’s style conflicted with that of some of her peers and superiors, and last fall UCF tried to fire her. Sudia was on a tenured track. She advanced the name of the university. If she had the time and did not face the opposition of her superiors, Sudia would earn tenure, as she deserves. Still, even though her students adored and admired her, Sudia had no job security because she did not have tenured status.

As the case of Sudia illustrates, job security for non-tenured professors does not exist. No matter how popular or successful professors may be, Professors who do not have tenure have to work with the fear that if they conflict with their superiors, they could lose their jobs.

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There is no better word to describe the coverage than “sensationalized.” The reporting is always sensationalized, and there is a lot more to the story. However, if we have a story that is sensationalized, it is always sensationalized.

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Non-tenured pros
need job security, too

For professors, the Holy Grail and pinnacle of their careers is earning tenure status. They work very hard, often for many years, to achieve this status. In the process of earning tenure, professors advance their universities, their fields of study and themselves. Tenured professors have written and published papers and articles and conducted research.

Tenure is a sticky issue for professors. Those who have it worked hard for it do not want tenure standards to be eased, as they do not want their own tenure status to mean less or somehow be devalued. Tenured professors have earned the job security that comes with their status; they have put in years of work to not have to worry about arbitrary firings.

Thus, their opposition to easing tenure standards is understandable. Tenured professors do not want just anyone to have tenure. A professor should have to earn it.

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MENTAL DODGES

Christopher Arnold
Staff Writer

Integrity Defined as the steadfast adherence to a moral or ethical code, it is why truth is upheld. It is what newspapers are — or at least should be — accountable.

Newspapers contribute a great service to their communities in that they provide information. Accurate information. Timely information. They do this honestly — sometimes brutally and unapologetically. And with the exception of opinions sections, they offer it all impartially.

The paper's role in society then, is not to judge but to observe and collect data so the public is able to draw better-informed conclusions on its own.

Newspapers are entrusted to do this through the provisions of the Constitution, and more specifically the First Amendment. The same rights that allow our citizens to freely speak against an impending war or to worship a religion unknown to us, also enable our nation's newspapers to print what at times might seem unpopular.

Just as a newspaper can report a truth, they are also its obligations to the community it serves. And it is free to do this without fear of censorship.

This is the beauty of the press. It is the beauty of a fundamental right that too many take for granted.

Contrary to a few people in active student government have accused The Florida View of having an ideological slant over its news articles. Their claims are an attempt to undermine the independence and credibility of the paper, and could not be further from the truth.

I would like to note that one of the incredible things about a newspaper is its ability to produce a completely new product everyday.

To accomplish such a feat is no accident — a newspaper is evidence of and a testament to the great amount of work and dedication and patience that went into it.

Whether daily or not, a student-run publication is no less a part of journalism's long and rich tradition. Student-run publications, after all, are where tomorrow's journalists are trained. Such an environment necessarily adopts the legacy of the press for its own.

It all begins with integrity. Because of a paper's scope and the variety of people it reaches, it would be folly to think that a paper could appease everyone equally.

Mistakes would be inevitable, to try to do so. And it would be hypocritical to bend at the will of a particularly vocal supporter because they are in disagreement with some aspect of that paper.

Do this to not compromise the paper's integrity.

Most of those involved with student publications are getting their first experiences within a newspaper environment. What lessons would they learn if they were made to sacrifice standards to conform to some external entity? How would those same future journalists handle similar situations in their professional careers?

A newspaper should act as a dedicated precaution.

Similarly, it's fundamentally to label such a paper's purpose as "to be controversial" or assume its motives are deliberately intended to hurt someone, an individual or an organization. Such actions would be nothing but detrimental to a student journalist's future.

And though a publication's intent is to be unbiased and fair as possible, it is impossible to deny that controversy does sometimes ensue.

Most often those debates are centered on the opinions section. This is true for nearly all newspapers. Opinion sections are meant to help generate discussion. They are where discussions of ideas and interpretations take place.

They are what freedom of speech and the press is all about.

But just as it is the right of the press to print whatever content it sees fit, it is its duty to do so with great thought and care. Opinions, if they are to be of great consequence, should be defined and looked upon from varying perspectives. They should anticipate opposing viewpoints and provide reasoning and supporting evidence.

This should be done for no other reason than because it is the right thing to do. It is the responsible thing to do, exercising our constitutional liberty in an unbiased and mature manner.

Opinions are an argument in a debate, and must be treated as such.

By no means is this to say it is a flawless system. In fact, one might say that flaws are the category of "reader-said than done." Those particular publications are, after all, run by students. These are the same students who, afraid of failure, take courses, are involved in other activities, have friends and families, and in some cases, work other jobs. These are the same students who are still learning how they are to do their jobs.

And as it is with student publications the same as it is with any endeavor. Whether it is journalism, leadership, athletics, or whatever else, mistakes happen.

Are mistakes in print more glaring than mistakes that become prominent in print? How often do they occur, student-run publications too?

That, too, is part of the tradition that is the newspaper.

What does it mean to maintain its integrity?

So long as newspapers — remain students in their mission and faithful to their readers, the institution will remain great.

And to those individuals or organizations who would like to see the paper shaped to accommodate them, I say where is your integrity? What effusions will you take with you in your future endeavors?

What often goes unnoticed is just how valuable a print newspaper plays in their communities, and why so different.

God, I love the smell of newspaper in the morning. Thank you.

Gordon Youngblood
Editor in chief, Student government

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that the same invalid form could have damaged the shuttle why wasn't another launch scrubbed? And a further run around the loop does any one have an idea why?

It is true that Columbia had no way to know that would have allowed the transfer of the crew from one vehicle to another. Yet simply no replacement equipment is available to do that — transfering out of the loop. But shouldn't we have been given more information that day and taken a closer look at procedures rather than rush to extreme and save the country?

The Columbia crew are the model of a long career, making decisions and supplies such as on a good mission when your wearing a suit.

During my last two years as an undergraduate in aerospace and electrical engineering at UCF, we were taught enough to work施工现场s. UCF space crew in a 30-day mission, missing operations and supplies such as a good mission when your wearing a suit.

We're primarily concerned with the matter of a space program and what might happen during an emergency?

So what do you think? Why do you think things have gotten so bad? How do you think the country can be made to get back on track?

The people I have talked with at NASA have been some of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic I have ever know. But I can't picture them or their work in one word — a name and product. The name provides a description of the only one given: the name of the activity. When their movement is, it is best, irresponsible. The best we can do is to understand the situation to be simplified. By all this, and more toward

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QB Moffett’s the prize of 2003 class
Chris Bernhardt, Staff Writer

or a program with a prolific passing offense, UCF football had developed a strange trend when it came to recruiting in the backfield. Over the past several years the Golden Knights have managed to snag quality running backs out of high school in Alex Haynes and Dominick Wilcox. Yet in each of the past two years, highly touted quarter­backs reneged on an earlier commitment and chose to sign somewhere else.

But this year things were different … sort of. This time UCF got its quarterback, Winter Park’s Steven Moffett. And they still managed to ink three running backs: PJ Smith, Brandall Williams and Ron Williams.

Among all 25 players in UCF’s 2003 recruiting class, Moffett ranks the highest.

I have tremendous confidence in throwing the ball. That doesn’t mean we can’t run it also. We’re the ninth team in the history of I-A that had two 1,000-yard receivers and a 1,000-yard running back. I think we can do that just about every year.

Addendum coverage and experience
Jon Scroggins, Staff Writer

With the academic eligibility of junior tight end Michael Gallner still in question, recruiting coordinator Scott Fountain made sure the Knights wouldn’t be lacking at the tight end position.

Fountain, who doubles as tight ends coach, said Gallner already has a highly capable backup in the school’s freshmen: Darby Johnson. But on Wednesday, the Knights signed another tight end: Harvey Joiner from Trinity Valley Community College in Texas, confident the transference will immediately compete for playing time.

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FIU holds off late rally to beat Knights
Tom Alexander, Staff Writer

The 25th ranked UCF baseball team opened its season Saturday with a 5-2 loss to the Florida International Golden Panthers. The Knights rallied late in both of the eighth largest record in school history (1,103), but fell short in the bottom of the ninth.

UCF pulled ahead to a 5-4 lead early in the game, but FIU tied it up in the half of the fourth inning.

The Knights would tie the game at four in the seventh, answering the Panthers’ run in the top of that inning, but FIU would pull ahead for good in the top of the eighth after a two-out, two-RBI bloop single from Luis Stevens. FIU would score four in that inning, but UCF was not out of it just yet.

The Knights came back from the 8-4 deficit when three batters, including third baseman Rich Wallace, were hit by pitches. Wallace’s been ball scored

Coach looks for improvement from fall
Jon Scroggins, Staff Writer

Coaches Bill Fjalstald and the UCF women’s golf team are ready for the fresh start that comes along with the opening of season.

After a disappointing fall season, Fjalstald expects to rebound and have a more exciting and successful fall outing. For that to happen, the team will need the leadership of returning junior Sarah Greene and seniors Anna Green and Kim Tudor.

Tudor is the Knights’ top returner. She finished last year with a 77.70 stroke average and earned all-Big East nod.

Her performance garnered second-team All-American honors last year. Tudor missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships by three shots. The Knights’ biggest loss came after freshmen phenoms Federica Piovano failed to qualify academically. Piovano earned Adam Fjalstald’s former top returner.

Fjalstald has confidence in the returning players.

“I’m excited,” Fjalstald said. “I’m especially excited for my two seniors — I’m looking forward to watching them finish their UCF careers on a good note.”
Softball team struggles in St. Augustine

Bergman: Composure will come with experience

Knights continue Canadian pipeline

Additional signing-day coverage of defensive backs and wide receivers in Thursday's Future.
Increased talent in the backfield

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touchdowns during his days at White Park.

"Ron's the type of guy who can get him," quarterbacks coach Jamie Barrett said. "He's athletic, he can stretch the field and he's got a very strong arm." While becoming a member of the team and the construction of the new Wayne Demos Sports Center helped Moffett improve, the key was his own drive. In their strongest recruiting class yet, additional factors contributed to the recruitment of Moffett, who shunned several offers from Big 10, SEC and Southern Miss and South Carolina. The two obvious ones: the passing offense, and with that came a new quarterback coach that could put up above-average stats, and UCF's close proximity to home.

"The great thing about Moffett (is) he is growing up right in front of us, watching you play each year in year out," Coach Mike Kruczek said. "You can tell what he could gain here with what we do." Although not the biggest factor, though, is that UCF will conve-
niently have an opening at the quarterback position this season, given that Schneider graduates next year.

With Schneider firmly entrenched at center,轮说 Moffett would redshirt during the 2003 season. But that hasn't stopped him from already trying to come in and learn the system, or to give Brown some hints on how to protect his hands on a playbook. Up until last Wednesday, NCAA rules pre-
vented him from competing more than coming by on his own free will to watch practice or look at film. However, he can begin the full

"He'll be able to watch and (Schoenfield) is such a good play-
ner, he'll be able to learn the system."

"Ryan's getting to be like the master a little bit more, so that should be something he can learn experience for (Moffett) just to watch that go." As for the future of the run-
ning backs in this class, things look a little cloudier. Smith and Ron Williams both come in as tailbacks, while Evandall Williams will play at the fullback
top. Problem is, the first and second string slots at those posi-
tions are all filled with players who have at least two more years of eligibility.

"There are three more very talented kids coming into an already talented group, but it's just another year to work on the competi-
tion," running backs coach Alan Gooch said. "That's what you want as a coaching staff. That way the competition makes everybody a better player.

"In six weeks, you could end up in a monster senior year at American Heritage High School in Boynton Beach. Moffett finished out for 2,003 yards and 32 touchdowns, averaging an obscene 12.5 yards per carry.

Even as a junior he ran for 2,003 yards and 29 scores. Needless to say, he garnered all-state honors in both seasons as well as Palm Beach County Player of the Year in the 6-foot, 200-pound talent who would appear a candidate to red-

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Where UCF Students Want to be...
Women's tennis improves to 2-0.

Sadie Sham
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's tennis team shut out its opponent for the second time this season with a 7-0 Atlantic Sun Conference win over Stetson on Saturday at the UCF Tennis Complex. The Golden Knights improved to 2-0 in the A-Sun with the victory and 2-2 overall. The Hatters fell to 0-1 in the A-Sun and 2-2 overall.

UCF dominated in the doubles category to gain the first point. Kristina Lohmus and Aneta Samara had an outstanding performance at the No. 1 position, winning 8-5. Julie Peacostling and Anna Wessling defeated Stetson's Beth Hayden and Malissa Milowonkoe 8-5 in the No. 1 spot. While Pamela Fernandez and Ola Luczak picked up a win in the No. 2 spot, 8-4.

In singles play, Lohmus and Pamela Fernandez both smoked their opponents in straight sets. Lohmuspressioned past Beth Hayden, 6-2, 6-1, while Fernandez defeated Wessling, 6-2, 6-4. Peacostling took it at 8-5 in the No. 3 spot with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Bohannon.

First-year Victoria Lewis defeated Bohannon, 6-4, 7-6 at No. 1. At the No. 4 spot, Ola Luczak defeated Lindsey Soffes, 6-4, 6-3 in straight sets. Lewis and Amber Samara won their second match at No. 5, coming back to beat Jen Wilsink, 4-6, 6-3, 10-6.

In Thursday's match UCF defeated Rollins 5-2. UCF swept the doubles matches, which is an improvement for a team that has struggled in this category in the past. "Rollins," No. 1, and Vanessa Caddick and Carla Prieta, along with a win in the No. 3 spot with Annet Stille and top seed, barely finishing the match with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 victory.

The bottom players came up big with UCF's No. 5, 6-4, 6-4 spots taking winning home wins. Kristina Lohmus cruised Rollins' Alielle Hicks 6-2, 6-4 in the No. 5 spot. Oia Luczak defeated Lindsey Soffes, 6-3, 6-1.

Pamela Fernandez defeated Frances Giron 6-3, 6-4 at No. 5 and Annet Stille at No. 6, 6-3, 6-4. Annet Stille won the No. 6 spot.

"She dropped the first set but didn't fold," Coach Patrick Allsopp said. "She fought back, won the second set, and then was down in the third set but came back. That's really important."

Rollins' Vanessa Caddick took the No. 3 spot, winning 6-2, 6-1. While UCF's Julie Peacostling fell to Caroly Watson, 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 2 spot.

The Knights travel to Tallahassee, Fla., this weekend for a 5 p.m. match against the University of South Florida.

FIRST PITCH OF THE SEASON

UCF Athletic Director Steve Crimi throws out the ceremonial first pitch at the baseball team's season-opener Saturday against Florida International.

Men's tennis team breezes by Rollins

Sadie Sham
STAFF WRITER

The UCF Golden Knights' men's tennis team defeated Rollins College 9-1 on Friday at its first home match of the season at the UCF Tennis Complex. The 68th-ranked Knights are now 2-2, 1-1 overall, 1-1 in the A-Sun and 1-1 overall.

UCF dominated the doubles category to start the match. The Golden Knights' Catalin Brudni and Alan Caddick won their first match up over Matt Umbres, 6-4 in the No. 1 spot. At No. 3, the pair fell to Gabriel Strankham and Derek Rossen, 6-3.

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Knights jump to 10 games over .500

Kristy Shonka / Staff Writer

With five regular season games left on the schedule the UCF men's basketball team has already reached its win total from last season. The Golden Knights ran away with games against Atlantic Sun Conference North Division basement dwellers Campbell and Gardner-Webb to improve to 17-7 on the year and 9-2 in the conference.

UCF beat Gardner-Webb 82-59 Saturday at the UCF Arena. The Knights jumped out early on the Hatters, building their trademark stifling defense to gain a 35-0 lead with 7:21 left in the first half.

"I thought the first 10 minutes of the game was the deciding part of the game," UCF Coach Kurt Speraw said. "I thought we did a very nice job defensively of establishing our defense. I thought we did a nice job of moving the ball offensively, getting good looks."

Robert Moore and Dexter Lyons paced the Knights in the first half. Moore was a perfect 5-for-5 from the floor for 13 of his 14 points and he grabbed seven of his eight rebounds in the first half. Lyons scored 11 of his 13 points and grabbed all five of his rebounds in the first half. They combined to lead UCF from three-point range, nailing three of his five 3-pointers in the opening 20 minutes.

UCF went into the locker room up 42-24, but some confusion about the length of the half-time break led to a Gardner-Webb run to within 12 points at the 11:33 mark of the second half. Speraw said 20 minutes were on the clock when the Knights left the court, instead of the usual 15. But at some point during the break the time was cut back to 15 and the Knights did not reenter.

The UCF players did not.

Golden Knights split two game home stand

Chris Bernhardt / Staff Writer

The UCF women's basketball team continued its recent string of strong play Saturday, winning for the fifth time in its last six games with a 52-50 triumph over Jacksonville State.

After going into halftime down 34-31, the Golden Knights saw themselves fall behind by as much as seven after the Gamecocks got a layup from Fredericksin Embry with 16:56 left, making it a 43-38 ballgame. But UCF rallied back, tying the game at 35 on a Shylia Smith's fastbreak with 10:15 mark. From there the Golden Knights never looked behind, going on a 25-8 run over the next eight minutes to seal the game.

"It just clicks in the second half," UCF coach Paige said. "I can't tell you what it is but I think that's one reason why our team is so confidant, because we know the second half is our half."

This second half, where UCF scored 51 points and shot 51 percent from the field, followed an ice cold first half that saw both teams shoot under 35 percent. After trailing by as much as nine early in the period, the Golden Knights came back to tie three times in the opening half and even took two brief leads midway through.

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Paige reaches career milestone

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Paige hits a milestone

Early in the second half of Thursday’s game, Paige grabbed her 50th career rebound. She becomes just the 11th UCF player to achieve this feat. She now has 515 over her four years as a Golden Knight, tied for ninth on the school’s all-time list.

She was presented with an award to commemorate the milestone before Saturday’s game.

“It’s an accomplishment, but I had a game today,” Paige said after Saturday’s game. “I don’t know when I’m going to have another one, but I’m glad I did it tonight.”

Roberts back in the starting lineup

After coming off the bench for eight straight games, Ali Roberts found herself back in the starting lineup against Jacksonville State. She

replaced Kristy Colligan, who had replaced her as the starting center Jan. 9 against Jacksonville State.

According to Striegler, the move was made in order to match up better with Freeman, one of the top post players in the Atlantic Sun. Still, Freeman managed a double-double and Roberts scored just four points and grabbed one rebound in 12 minutes.

Success at 70

With the win over Jacksonville State, the Golden Knights improved to 8-4 when they score more than 70 points.

After an early season offensive slump, the team has surpassed that plateau in six of its last eight games.

Around the A-Sun

Jacksonville forward Kat Sungy and Troy State center Theresa Herring split Player of the Week honors on Feb. 4. In two games Sungy averaged 21.5 points, 13.5 rebounds and three blocks per game. That included a career-high 25 points at Campbell. Herring averaged 24 points, 6.5 rebounds and one block for the week, including a career-high 37 points against Jacksonville State.
The perfect gift guide for valentines

Knowing what a girl wants

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Jennifer Bramski, 19, isn't hoping to get the traditional box of chocolates and flowers for Valentine's Day or for her boyfriend Dave, who she has been dating for a year, to get her something that is just picked up off a shelf or bought at a grocery store. Instead, she wants a gift with sentimental meaning to it.

"I want for Valentine's Day from my boyfriend is something personal and creative," Bramski said. "I would like him to plan a romantic dinner that he cooked himself or take me out somewhere fun like Disney."

With Valentine's Day approaching, many women with boyfriends are hoping to get a unique gift this year — one that has emotional value to it. However, for some women with boyfriends, like sophomore Laura Walton, 19, receiving an expensive gift would also suffice on Valentine's Day.

"Every girl loves diamonds. I actually have never gotten any diamond jewelry from a guy, but if I could pick out anything I wanted for Valentine's Day, I'd want it to be it," Walton said that the best present on Valentine's Day is spending quality time with the person you care about the most.

Junior Jenine Macleod, 

PLEASE SEE Couples on 21

Searching for a man's heart

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Senior Kevin Lee, 21, believes that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. He plans on having a romantic home-cooked meal with his wife for Valentine's Day.

"Having a nice dinner by the fireplace with my wife would be the best gift in my book," Lee said. "All that matters to me is that we get to spend quality time together."

Since Lee's family owns a day spa, he plans to give her a day of relaxation at the spa for part of her present. But even Lee likes to receive presents. One of the most thoughtful presents he has received was flowers a woman once sent him, he said.

"Guys don't normally receive flowers, but I actually thought it was nice since it was different from the typical gift."

Sophomore Carl Stewart, 21, also finds unique gifts to be the most memorable. The best Valentine's Day gift for a guy would be doing something for him that girls don't ordinarily do, he said.

"I think it would be sweet if a girl took a guy out to dinner for Valentine's Day and paid for him. I believe that a man should always talk back to his girlfiend, and for one night it would be nice for the woman to look him out and paid for him."

PLEASE SEE Women on 21

Athletes flock to certain majors

Liberal studies, other majors perceived as less challenging, attract athletes

STEPHEN HIRST
STAFF WRITER

Certain majors, such as physical education, building construction, criminal justice and, perhaps most typically, liberal studies, attract a large number of student athletes.

The extensive enrollment of student-athletes, particularly that by no means exclusively football or basketball players, in such academic programs has surprised them the unflattering title of "jock majors."

Athletes at universities across the nation tend to study in such majors, and the trend holds true at UCF as well.

A recent study conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education, which analyzed the majors of football players at UCF and other universities, revealed some startling statistics about UCF's football team.

Among all undergraduate students, the most popular major was business administration, claiming nine percent of students.

The football team holds true to the makeup of the general undergraduate population, with nine percent of the players majoring in business administration. However, some particular majors draw a majority of the team:

More than a fifth of the team, 22 percent, major in criminal justice. The next most popular majors among the players were general business, administration or management with 16 percent. The criminal justice program claims 15 percent of the players.

The numbers for business majors are only slightly higher than the rest of the student body, but the other two represent a disproportionately high percentage. Some feel that liberal studies in particular may appeal to athletes because of the relatively ease and lower admission requirements of the major. The bare minimum 2.0 GPA necessary to gain acceptance into the program and also for graduation falls far below the stringent 3.0 and above that many other majors require.

Guy Moore, the football team's academic adviser, acknowledges that there is a link between academics and athletics, but he emphasizes that what liberal studies offers is an academic atmosphere that is not nearly as demanding as that of a business major.

"I think that tells you something about programs in that field, you are choosing between two areas of emphasis and one minor."

Moore also noted that athletes do not have as much free time as most of their peers, possibly influencing them to select majors in liberal studies. The relatively intensive and time consuming majors.

"While many students have jobs or work at an internship during the summer, college athletes haven't had those summer months available," Moore said. "Many of them are busy with school and training."

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"For years there wasn't such an emphasis on women's sports. Now, however, many female athletes are dedicated to improving over the summer. So I think this is a trend we could be seeing more and more in the future, all across the board."

—CARL MOORE

Academic adviser for the football team on athletes majoring in certain areas.
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Couples share thoughtful gifts with loved ones

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Women give heartfelt gifts to their boyfriends for Valentine’s Day presents

He said random acts of kindness, not expensive gifts, matter the most to him.

“I appreciate anything a girl does for me. Even something as small as filling up your boyfriend’s gas tank for him on Valentine’s Day would be nice.”

Freshman Brian Friedberg, 18, would also like a practical Valentine’s Day gift. He said his gift of choice would be a pair of boxes, but preferably not ones with hot pink hearts all over them.

“I don’t like useless things. I always wear boxers, so a nice pair of those would be perfect. It means more to me if I am wearing something that was a gift from someone I care about.”

Freshman Bruce Jeffers, 18, also advises women to buy their boyfriends something useful they know their boyfriend likes.

“It would show me that she actually pays attention to the things I like. If she gives me a CD of my favorite band,” Jeffers said.

Even the traditional candy gift would be a nice gesture, he said.

“If I don’t go with chocolate. You can’t go wrong with candy.”

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Unique teaching methods

**Katrina Hammer**

UCF Student Writer

Students line up across the classroom, ready to run as fast as they can to the wall on the other side. With markers in hand, the signal is given and they are off, rushing to beat their fellow classmates to the pieces of paper and poster board hung on the other side of the room. Chairs are quickly pushed out of the way and beanbags jump up and down in the excitement of the game. Students cheer and team points are added onto the board.

This is not a kindergarten classroom in an elementary school. Instead, the participants are UCF students attending Spanish class. The signal comes from foreign language instructor Alexe Korovy, who has brought Spanish board games and toys in a way for students to learn their vocabulary and verb conjugation.

"I try to have a sense of humor," Korovy said.

Sophomore Amanda Mohammed, 19, has enjoyed the experience so far.

"You feel like you're not in class. I would completely recommend her to everyone. I love her."

Korovy presents her classes with a variety of activities so that they can "actively learn." She comes up with new ideas for class all the time, at any time of the day.

"Most teachers are never off duty," she said. "I always think, 'What can I do that my students will get this better than in the past?'

Unique teaching methods are becoming more common at UCF as instructors look for interesting and fun ways to help their students retain important information, if not keep them more entertained (and awake) in class.

Mathematics Instructor Arup Guha mentions types of liquor in his lectures. He will plug the word "vodka" or "rum" into his problems.

Junior Tyler Eisemberger, 20, remembers being in one of Guha's classes his freshman year.

"Guha's lectures made people laugh," he said. "We're talking about hard core engineering here. That's an accomplishment in and of itself.

Sometimes students just appreciate the effort that their instructors make to keep them entertained in class.

Junior Melanie Wilson, 21, said she loved her organizational behavior and theory class taught by Lauren Mignoni. During the section of the course that focused on emotions, Mignoni played seven or eight different songs for her students, Wilson added.

"Students were then asked to analyze the song and write down what emotions they felt and what products the song might be useful for processing. Instead of standing there and lecturing, she keeps us involved," Wilson said. "She wants our feedback and wants to know what we think.

Wilson said she enjoys Mignoni's class because of the entertaining ways that she teaches. The classes are fun and have been a positive experience overall, she added.

These unique methods seem effective since teachers use them and students love them.

"It's the most effective teaching I've ever had and it's a lot of fun," Mohammed said.

Korovy believes that her method is more successful than students may think it is.

"In 10 years of teaching they haven't said that they haven't learned anything or that they hated the games."

**Summers focused on game, training**

With weight training or running during that time, continually training to stay in good condition."

Although the study in The Chronicle focuses on football, Mooney believes that the trend is not limited to just a university's marquee sports. He contends that ambitious athletes, no matter the sport, will focus on their training and we give them a very different stance on the mat. "I don't believe it's that simple. The student must complete a full 60-credits in the program," Vittes said. "It's a busy schedule, but it allows students to fit in different classes of courses that they wouldn't otherwise experience ... to get the most out of college.

That's why I think that many athletes opt for such a flexible academic program. In fact, two of the highest-profile athletes to ever attend UCF were in liberal studies - Michelle Akers and Deanne Cullpepper,

While Akers went on to become a soccer legend and star of the 1999 USA Women's World Cup team, and Cullpepper (though he never completed his degree) now starts in the NFL for the Minnesota Vikings, not every student is as rare combination of ability and desire to play his or her sport for a living.

That's what is at the heart of the survey: underlying concerns for the athletes' well being. There is a growing fear that some college athletes are not receiving the education they need to thrive in the job market, or do not know what to do with their degrees after graduation if they can't play professionally.
Ask a doc

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Florida Health Services

My lower back aches, how do I make it better?

Back pain is a very common problem among adults of all ages but is even more frequent as we get older.

There are many causes of back pain including muscle strain, muscle tightness, trauma (injury), degenerative arthritis, and nerve impingement. In the college age group, the most common reasons for back pain are a sedentary life style and/or excess weight. In those students who are physically active, the cause can be improper lifting and/or tight hamstrings. Everyone will likely suffer from back pain at some time in their life.

Back pain that does not radiate below the hips is probably not from nerve impingement but rather mechanical (muscular) in origin.

Tightness, frowning, or weakness of either lower extremity is worrisome and should be evaluated by a health care provider.

Often, the most practical treatment of back pain is a combination of daily stretching exercises and over-the-counter analgesics such as aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxen. The use of hot compresses or cold packs can be beneficial to relieve discomfort.

If you are overweight and do not exercise, a weight loss plan combined with regular exercises can help the symptoms of back pain. If you do exercise, a careful warm up with stretching before your activity is important as well as attention to proper body mechanics when lifting or carrying heavy items.

Although most back pain is in the lower (lumbar) spine, the upper (cervical) spine can be affected as well. Most would call this neck pain but the causes are similar and the treatment is the same.

Good posture both when standing and sitting is important to prevent back or neck pain. A slouched posture puts undue strain on the small muscles in the lower back which can lead to pain. A head forward posture such as a reading at a desk or working at the computer puts tension on the neck muscles leading to symptoms.

The abdominal muscles contribute more than 50 percent of the support to the lower back so weakness of these muscles increases the chance of developing symptoms.

Severe, acute pain is probably indicative of a more significant injury and should be evaluated by a health care provider. Occasionally this will require prescription medication and/or supervised therapy.

There are numerous Painful Information "Handouts" regarding back pain available at both the Student Health Center and the Campus Wellness Center if you desire to learn more.

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Winner plays at an Orlando Magic Game. Top 8 bands out of 47 competing, plus a return performance from last year’s winning band, Unsung Zeroes.

Sat Feb 15
7 am VUCF Paws in the Park. One mile walk at Lake Osceola for animal services. Volunteers will help with registration and clean up. Carpool from Millican Hall at 7 am.
3 pm - 4 pm VUCF Winter Park Retirement Community, Post Valentine’s Day Party. Carpool from Millican Hall at 2:15 pm.
7 pm Block Party sponsored by CAB and Affiliated Housing, Pegasus Landing

Sun Feb 16
2 - 5 pm VUCF Bingo with residents of Sunbelt Health Facilities. Carpool from Millican Hall at 1 pm.

Tue Feb 18
7:30 pm EKCEL workshop “Say It Right.” Communication, SU 316
8 pm CAB Popular Entertainment presents Hypnotist Tom DeLuca, UCF Arena. Free to everyone.

Wed Feb 19
Tickets available in OSA for CAB Mystery Dinner Theater event on 3-13-03
7:30 pm EKCEL workshop “Say It Right.” Communication, SU 224

Thu Feb 20
4:30 pm VUCF Best Buddies. Have pizza, meet UCF Men’s Basketball team, and watch the game with kids. Meet at Lake Claire.
7 pm VUCF Get Carded info table at UCF Men’s Basketball game. Volunteers will hand out info on organ and tissue donation, UCF Arena.

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