CANDIDATES have similar views on divisive issues

With the presidential election running today through Feb. 19, candidates offer views on protecting UCF's gay community, the plus-minus grading system and solutions for easing the university's growing pains.

Candidate debate draws 50 students

JASON IRRAY
STAFF WRITER

Addressing students in their first and only public forum, the five candidate slates vying to run the Student Government Association on Thursday debated issues of funding, SGA accessibility and the need for more equitable distribution of students' money from activity and service fees.

Starting nearly an hour late, the forum, attended by nearly 50 students and moderated by DJs from 102 Jamz, allowed each ticket to state its platform. The DJs then asked questions to the candidates. Students submitted questions before the forum began.

Jeff Shrew, speaking first, talked about the goals of his 'Students First' campaign. He proposed an open-marriage policy, an issue the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Coalition was fighting for since last year.

Students rally to spare scholarship program

LAWSMakers consider eliminating, altering Bright Futures grant

BEN BAIRD
STAFF WRITER

From Miami to Pensacola, college students across the state rose before dawn on Thursday to travel to Tallahassee and rally to save the state's Bright Futures scholarship program.

Carrying signs and wearing screen-printed T-shirts bearing the message "Keep our Futures Bright," they arrived to challenge politicians who are considering slashing the state-funded program in an effort to reduce the state's budget.

With a contingent of only eight students, UCF was under-represented in the protest group that numbered about 500 people. But those who did show up included both SGA officials and Bright Futures Scholarship recipients from UCF, who hoped to convince state lawmakers to preserve the five-year-old, merit-based scholarship program that enables so many to attend state colleges at an affordable price.

"Being a recipient of the Bright Futures Scholarship, I feel it's important to show my support and be up here," said UCF student Nicholas Seldate.

UCF Student Body President Marco Pena, who has made preserving Bright Futures a top issue, also attended the rally to carry boxes of petitions — more than 25,000 student signatures — to Gov. Jeb Bush's office.

"We're going to let the state know about the importance of Bright Futures and why we believe it's important for the economic and educational future of the state," Pena said.

"I think that this is the most support that students have demonstrated in a long time,"
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Forum helps students decide how to vote

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lot for textbooks, saying that a textbook exchange between students and more competition in the textbook market would save money. Steve Waldron said he was in a planning grade solely grade 12. If elected, he said he would add more programs and make the SGA Web more visible.

Stevee wants to get more students involved and make students more aware of how SGA works. He wants to make the SGA Web more visible.

Both Waldron and Martin want to better serve the students, help the student union, and increase the number of polio guards at campus entrances. They would tell students to keep emergency supplies in their rooms, wear a flashlight and tape, and told students to see residence-hall directors to make sure they are explicitly told "two professors or not" to keep emergency supplies in their rooms.

Brian Battles said he would implement improved campus emergency procedures, and told students to see residence-hall directors to make sure they are explicitly told "two professors or not" to keep emergency supplies in their rooms.

Pavan Thakur and his running mate, Constance Katsafanas, focused on improving services within the student government. "Student government should be the official advocate of students," said the distributor of money Thakur said.

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Speaker labels the left as haters of America

LISA HOTTLE STAFF WRITER

Just seven hours after protesters flooded the Student Union opposing the Iraq war with Iraq on Wednesday, Daniel J. Flynn gave a speech in the Engineers Ballroom highlighting his book, “Why the Left Hates America.”

Flynn was invited by ROCK — Rebuilding on a Conservative Kesmetric — and is touring college campuses to accentuate what he believes is a liberal bias among professors to remark on some of the anti-war protesters being personified as “Anti-American,” and defining what makes a “leftist.”

Flynn identifies a difference between a “leftist” and Democrats or liberals. He labeled Noam Chomsky, the renowned liberal, “Anti-American,” and defining just what makes a “leftist.”

Flynn said that on a diverse, multicultural university like UCF, he is not particularly keen on the campus不断创新, but rather “to bring ideas to the table that are not normally representative at a place like UCF.” He said that by speaking on campuses he brings height to the teachings of professors.

Flynn said diverse views do not exist on college campuses. “The kind of diversity you are likely to get on campus is where the faculty looks like the United Nations but thinks like a San Francisco collection,” Flynn said. “It’s basically a failure.”

Flynn said campuses are not diverse and conservatives are usually crucified. Flynn based his assertions on the political makeup of the faculty in the departments at five universities: University of Colorado at Boulder, Dartmouth College, University of Florida, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Stanford University. Flynn said the departments had 150 Democrats and only three Republicans.

He said that the Kremlin had more diversity than that,” Flynn said.

Political science assistant professor Drew Lanier, who specializes in teaching about files and Cruz, disagreed with Flynn’s calculations.

“It’s problematic to look just at the social science department,” Lanier said. “To take 15-20 people and say they represent the campus is dangerous. It’s a dangerous methodology and drawing from limited research.”

Flynn believes that leftists are not willing to accept that the great things America has brought to the world.

“Tragedy accentuates the negative and totally ignores the positive,” Flynn said.

Flynn praised the United States’ advancements and contributions to the world through its influence and specific specifics such as television, ATM machines, computers, the Internet-airplanes and video games. He is most proud of the United State’s self-government.

Another idea Flynn said leftists maintain is that the flag symbolizes hate. He noted rallies where flags are burned or defaced and cited an anonymous e-mail sent to him from a UCF student that said, “The American flag stands for violence, oppression and the rise of Fascism.”

Ryan Brown, 21, president of Free the Planet at UCF attended the discussion to voice his opposing view.

“We don’t hate America, we’re just on the left,” he said. “In America you have the freedom to choose your side, and it doesn’t make you any less of an American if you are on the left.”

Flynn said he tried to attend every anti-war protest, including anti-globalization rallies, to get material for his book and noted that he is not particularly born on President Bush’s push for war on Iraq but found he disagreed with almost everything the protesters represented.

“They are not anti-American ral­lies per se, as they are anti-American rallies,” he said. Flynn noted UCF’s recent rallies where students held signs such as, “Bush is the real terrorist,” with little mention of al-Qaeda being a terrorist organization or Saddam Hussein being a “bad guy.”

Many students embraced the philosophy of Flynn as a welcome change from the teachings of some UCF professors. Freshman Johnie Dobbs, 19, a member of ROCK, said she has been in a classroom where Democrats outnumbered the Republicans.

“There were like 14 people agreeing with the professor’s liberal views and I was the only one disagreeing,” Lanier said. “I perceived ROCK because I wanted to be around other conservatives.”

Another ideal that Flynn said leftists believe is “If you’re a conservative you hate America.”

Flynn said he tried to attend every rally on campus, which he said that between 1920 and 1930 American took in 60 percent of the world’s immigrants.

“Why is it that this country gets labeled xenophobic?” he asked.

Flynn also expanded his arguments to include the aid given to other countries. The United States gave away $25 billion in foreign aid to other countries in 2002. Since World War II, the United States has given away over $300 billion, according to Flynn.

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How will UCF house students?

Plans in place to build more housing, but most land preserved for Greek organizations

LAURA STEVENS  STAFF WRITER

With UCF's enrollment expected to rise by 10,000 by 2010, the university has plans to expand housing, but the new housing will benefit fraternity and sorority first.

With 80 percent of on-campus housing reserved for freshmen, many students want UCF to focus on building more dorms.

UCF responded to the needs of the campus and set aside a piece of land on the northeast corner of campus to construct new housing. However, preliminary plans have designated the land for Greek organizations and other groups.

Craig Ullom, associate vice president of Campus Life, said the Master Plan dictates how UCF will use the land.

"The Master Plan approves that part of the campus for construction of new student housing," Ullom said. "It's intended to extend the current Greek Row.

Ullom said the land is the only adjacent area to the current Greek Park. He said plans are in the early stages, but they are exploring two main options.

In one option, the university will divide the area into lots and provide land to Greek sororities and fraternities, Ullom said. However, the costs of building houses may prove too much to enter groups, he said.

In the other option, Ullom said the university will build housing suitable for group living and lease it to organizations. In this case, he said, any group could live in the housing. For example, if only 75 percent of the residents were Greek, any number of other organizations could move into the other 25 percent, he said.

However, he said these are just options, and may change with time. The outcome depends on how much the university and groups want to spend, Ullom said.

Currently, only 12 of UCF's 40 Greek organizations are housed on campus. The Greeks make up about 10 percent of the population of UCF students.

Christ Hartzler, director of Housing and Residence Life, said group housing maximizes the amount of students living in a space.

"If we address a need for more Greek housing and provides another lifestyle option," she said. "There are many groups who want to build who have not been able to.

"The affiliation with Pegasus Landing and Peganaus Pointe is a direct action by the university to provide more housing for students with services that are similar to those offered in co-campus, university-owned facilities," she said.

UCF has 1,000 beds in on-campus, university-owned housing and about the same number of beds in UCF-affiliated housing, for a total of 7,400 beds. With affiliated housing, UCF is second only to the University of Florida in bed counts.

"Due to a lack of state funding, UCF has historically had a deficit in on-campus housing," Hartzler said. "Aggressive borrowing and building efforts over the past 10 years have added close to 3,000 on-campus beds.

Hartzler said the private sector has entered to many students' housing needs. "The problem has been alleviated somewhat, but the private sector has stepped in to fill the gap even further," she said.

"Private apartment options offer a variety of high-quality housing options for UCF students. Not every student wants to live on-campus.

UCF just added 1,000 beds on-campus. There are vacancies in the private apartment complexes and some in affiliated housing.

"Since we have to pay off the bonds on our buildings, it is important not to overbuild to protect the financial integrity of the university housing system," Hartzler said.

Hartzler expressed optimism that UCF can accommodate the housing needs of its growing population.

"I do think there will be more housing on-campus in the future," she said. "As the current housing stock ages, I am sure that we will build more up-to-date facilities for our students."
Group wants to convey importance of voting
Peña encourages students to contact state representatives

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said. "The next stop will be to lobby our legislators. Every student in every district of Florida should contact their state senator and state representative, send them an e-mail, write them a letter, visit them in person."

While some students are Tallahassee-dazed between Florida Student Association and the Tallahassee Student Senate, the scholarship program has added more than 9,000 students. The scholarship has been funded by money raised through the sale of Florida lottery tickets. About 40,000 new students qualified for the scholarships last year.

Under a new proposal by the State University Presidents' Association, the program could be capped as $250 million by 2006. However, rising tuition and tuition hikes may raise the pro-rated price of tuition, the scholarship would pay a flat rate somewhere between $1,000 and $4,000, depending on whether a student qualifies for 75 percent or 100 percent of the scholarship.

On average, the scholarship is valued at $1,000 per recipient. High school seniors must earn a SAT score of 1,270 or an ACT score of 28 to receive the full scholarship to one of Florida's state universities. An SAT score of 420 and an ACT score of 28 are required for a partial scholarship.

While Bright Futures is in serious danger of being altered or eliminated completely, State Sen. Ron Klein claims that the Bush administration continues to protect $23 billion in sales tax exemptions for special interests such as ostrich feed and adult entertainment.

After speaking with multiple SGA presidents and reporters, Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan, who will soon take over as president of Florida Atlantic University, accepted an invitation to address student activists at Thursday's rally.

"It's really important that we have the students in this debate," he said. "They're in the best position to tell their story of what Bright Futures has done for them."

Tuition will increase in the state of Florida, and I think students have reconciled themselves to that fact," he said. "If you increase tuition and eliminate, or significantly alter Bright Futures, you're on the road to the double whammy of catching students on both of those issues at the same time, and that's a problem."

While some students are skeptical as to whether their messages reached the ears of legislators, Rep. Adam Hassen of Delray Beach said the rally captured lawmakers' attention.

"The beginning of the process has been the students organizing and coming together with one voice," he said. "Now it's time to figure out a plan to keep Bright Futures as part of the state's higher education program, and the students will play a very important role in that."

"I think we want to keep the student part of the purpose of the program, which is to keep the best and brightest of Florida's students in Florida's universities," he added.

Florida Student Association, a group that lobbies on behalf of most public Florida universities, which organized the Tallahassee event, will continue to work with students to petition lawmakers to save the scholarship program.

"The first phase was a press conference in Boca Raton, the second was our petition drivethrough, the third phase will be individual rallies on each campus sometime in March — each student government will do their own rally on the same day," said Scott Roth, executive director of FSA.
Living alone and loving it

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mail.

"I couldn't understand it. We all had the same mailbox, and why would I want to do something like that?" Moore said. "We had one little fight over cleaning, and the next thing I knew they were trying to evict me.

Junior Erin Ressa, 20, also has had several problems with roommates not paying their share of the rent and was tired of the constant struggle it entailed. She has been living on her own in The Woodlands apartment complex for about six months now.

"You don't have to worry about anyone else but yourself," Ressa said. "I know the rent will get paid and it doesn't. It's no one's fault but mine. I have to pay a little more than I would if I had roommates, but in the long run it's well worth it. You have more freedom to concentrate on more important things like classes and work with no distractions and roommate concerns."

Like Ressa, Moore decided she couldn't live with roommates who were making her life miserable, despite the efforts made to work out their differences. Moore broke her lease and decided to move into a duplex about two miles from UCF.

She still needed roommates, but this time the lease was in her name and she had the authority to choose them. Unfortunately, finding a good roommate turned out to be a difficult task.

"After sorting through four roommates bringing in the house," Moore said, "they either stole from me, were wasted by the cops or just never paid rent. I started to think maybe I attracted those people into my life."

After six months of paying full rent for a two-bedroom apartment, Moore decided it was time to get her own place. She had two conditions for the apartment complex she would choose to move into: they must allow dogs and have one-bedroom apartments available.

"I love coming home and not having to deal with another person and their mess and problems. It's great to be able to walk around in your underwear or leave your towel on the floor if you feel like it."

Ressa and Moore both pay about $750 a month for their apartments. Although both of them agreed that it is much more expensive than the apartment complexes they lived in with roommates before and it is sometimes hard to pay rent on time, it is easier than when they were forced to deal with living with other people, both said.

Some of the major apartment complexes near UCF that offer one bedrooms are The Woodlands, Pelvis East, Heather Glenn, Chatham Landing and River Park. The rents range from about $550 to $750 a month, which may or may not include utilities. Most of these places do not offer the amenities of the popular student apartments, such as Boardwalk and Jefferson Commons, but also tend to not have as many rules and restrictions.

"The last apartment I lived in made me feel like I was back living with my parents," Moore said. "They had so many rules about overnight guests, and because my roommates were under 21, we couldn't even have beer in the refrigerator. I think places where you can live alone recognize you are an adult and should be treated like one."

Even though they do not have free cable and Ethernet and are forced to work 30-40 hours a week, both Moore and Ressa agreed that the best choice they made coming to college was living on their own. However, living alone is not for everyone, Moore said.

"Of course there are going to be some cons to living on your own. You get a little lonely at night, it's more expensive and you don't have as many of the luxuries included, but in a way I think it gives you more responsibility, almost a welcome to the real world."
Award recognizes ROTC program and cadets

Laura Stevens
UCF Daily Knight

Cameron uniforms, practice drills and attending extra classes on military leadership are not the only thing that sets the Army ROTC at UCF apart from others.

Last November, the battalion received the General Douglas MacArthur Award for Best Battalion of 2002. The UCF unit beat 102 Eastern district battalions from Puerto Rico to Maine, which places UCF in the top 17 units nationally.

Lt. Col. John Ruzich credited this award to the work of junior members of his battalion at the National Advanced Leadership Camp (NALC) in Fort Lewis, Wash. NALC lasts for 32 days during the summer and cadets are trained in ways to lead a garrison when threatened with chemical warfare.

Twenty-one cadets attended NALC last year and over 40 percent left with a ranking in the top third.

The performance of the cadets at NALC was a reflection on the leadership of the UCF Army ROTC, said the battalion’s executive officer, Cadet Pearl Houle.

The chemical warfare training especially challenged the cadets who had to put on their gas masks and enter the chamber while remaining calm, Houle said. Battalion commander Capt. Noel Rodriguez, 21, said as leaders, they must remain calm because they are the “strength for the soldiers.”

“I am responsible for everything the battalion does and fails to do,” Rodriguez said. “Winning this award gives me a sense of pride in my organization. It feels good to be part of the best.”

Although many students are uncertain about career choices after college, Rodriguez said after graduation he will be training in Kentucky for 97 days to become an officer for one to two years. Eventually, he plans to transition over to his career branch in the Signal Corps to become a task commander.

However, when Rodriguez came to UCF his plans did not include a career in the military. He became involved in his freshman year when a friend told him to take an ROTC class.

“I really liked everything they taught me about leadership,” he said.

Houle has known since elementary school that she wanted to be in the military, regardless of her gender.

“There’s always going to be those weird looks,” she said. “I have to prove myself to all my male and female counterparts; however, working harder only makes me a better officer. It’s not about being male or female—it’s about training to fight for your country.”

Houle said she plans to go into aviation and wants to fly helicopters eventually.

“I have a lot of engineering friends, and [other Columbia] their interviews just went poof,” she said. “I know the day I graduate I will have a job.”

Rodriguez and Houle both agreed that the award means even more since they plan to make a career out of it.

“It felt good to know we had done well, to know we are the best of the best,” Houle said.

Although the battalion’s grades at NALC was the main reason the battalion won the honor, the unit also received the award because of how many officers they produced last year, Ruzich said.

“I am tasked to produce 16 commissioned officers and we produced 21,” he said. “So the combination of good quality and quantity led to our selection.”

ROTC is a great opportunity for people who want to develop their leadership skills, Rodriguez said.

“Not only teach all of our cadets to be the best physically and academically but we also train them to be the future warrior leaders of this country, both in the military and in the civilian world.”

This award recognizes the UCF Army ROTC program and the cadets that are enrolled in it, Ruzich said.

“It provides us national recognition to the many prospects that consider ROTC as essential part of their college experiences.”

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The Hooraney/Mitchell ticket has the motivation we would like to see in our next student body president, and we commend them for risking the challenges to run as the only independent ticket in the election against other slates who came into the election added by Greek affiliations.

One day Andrei Hooeinals and Nathan Mitchell may make strong student government leaders, but right now they lack the experience and knowledge necessary to serve the student body as effectively as other ticket members.

Although we do endorse their ticket, we encourage Hooraney and Mitchell to run for the SGA Senate, where they can gain that experience and begin to bring about the changes they seek.

The Streep/CleveingBr ticket has many excellent ideas that would improve life for the student body and SGA, but they need to work more effectively with student administrators and faculty members.

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Mark Michael wins in his first start

The UCF baseball team probably won’t hit a lot of home runs this season, but the Knights’ first long ball of the season had good timing. Sophomore Matt Rin took a 1-1 delivery over the left-field fence for what proved to be the winning run in Saturday’s 6-5 win over Western Kentucky at Jay Bergman Field. The win was the first for the Knights at home.

UCF starter Mark Michael got himself into an early jam, giving up three singles followed by a grand slam in the first inning of his first start of the season.

“I really wasn’t nervous,” Michael said. “They got a couple of hits and bases loaded. I got behind in the count and it was a hitters’ count. I missed my spot right down the middle and he hit what he was supposed to do with it.”

Down 4-0, David Mann scored on a sacrifice fly by Dee Brown in the bottom half of the first.

Michael settled down and did not give up another run the rest of the way. The senior only allowed two hits after the first.

“It couldn’t get much worse than that,” Michael said of his first inning.

Freshman Ryan Bono helped the Knights chip away at the Hilltoppers’ lead in the second. The catcher doubled to left field, scoring Ryan Bear. In the third another freshman got on in the action as designated hitter Dave Lambert knocked a bloop hit over the shortstop, which scored two runs, tying the game at four.

Second baseman PJ Lohmann knocked in Bono in the fifth.

“I wasn’t nervous,” Bono said. “I just relaxed. I had confidence in my bat.”

Sophomore pitcher Bob Page, Jr., threw three consecutive scoreless innings of relief, allowing one hit with three strikeouts. He earned his first win of the season.

Bono finished with a perfect fifth inning, striking out the side after giving up two hits in the fourth.

“I’m really proud of the defense,” Coach Butch Thompson said. “They continued to make great plays.”

The UCF baseball team ended the weekend in a 3-3 tie at Boston College. The Knights are 3-7 overall and 0-3 in the Atlantic Sun.

Knights hold off Stetson

Before UCF left Saturday for DeLand, the Knights found out their fate rests solely in their own hands. In a match-up of the Atlantic Sun Conference’s top teams, Tiny Slate last to Mercer 84-68, UCF hosts both of those teams this week, meaning that if the Knights win out, they clinch the No. 1 seed in the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

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UCF Coach Kirk Spencer said his message to the players before Saturday’s game was that they were back in control of their own destiny. The Knights (16-8 overall, 10-2 A-Sun) had lost four straight games, including recent losses to Jacksonville 90-59, but the Mercer win put UCF back in the driver’s seat.

The Hatters (7-10, 4-7) put up a fight though, despite losing senior Alkira McMillon to an injury four minutes into the game with a possible ACL tear. Spencer cut UCF’s lead to three points with 9:01 remaining in the game, but the Knights responded as they had all game.

“Every time they knocked and knocked, we found an answer to get a basket to put us five, put us back up six,” Dotson said.

Dotson and Marcus Bent helped the Knights extend the lead to eight and the Knights maintained control of the game from there.

“As long as we hold our composure and play defense, I just knew that we were good,” senior Ed Dotson said.

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Knights knock off No. 15 Fresno State

MATT BETHUN
STAFF WRITER

The Golden Knights defeated their first ranked opponent of the season, but dropped two of three games overall to open the Campbell/Cartier Tournament in San Diego.

On Friday, the Knights rallied in the ninth inning to defeat No. 15 Fresno State 9-2. Neither team pushed a run across until the bottom of the fifth, when Rachelle Schmidt singled home Jania Shinhoster to give the Knights a 1-0 lead. The Bulldogs answered back the next inning on a HR double by Lori Hoffman to tie the score.

The score remained tied at 1 run apiece until the ninth inning, when Hoffman singled home Christina Clerf. After a Pan West single, Dottie Cupp struck out the next two batters to escape further damage. The Knights rallied in their half of the ninth, loading the bases with one out. After Shinhoster struck out, Nikki Green lined a double to center field, scoring Psyda Simmons and Taylor Sawyer to give the Knights a thrilling 9-2 victory.

Cupp got the victory for the Knights, pitching a nine-inning complete game and striking out six. All-American Jamie Southern got the loss for the Bulldogs, dropping to 1-2 on the season.

The excitement would not last long, however, as the Knights dropped both of their games on Saturday, losing to Loyola Marymount and San Diego State.

Against Loyola Marymount, the Knights jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Lions fought back to tie the game at two, and SouthernCross singled home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to give Loyola Marymount a 3-2 victory.

In the nightcap, UCF managed only three hits and struck out eight times, losing 3-0 to host San Diego State. The loss was the Golden Knights' second shutout of the season.

After the first two days of play, the Knights sat at 9-2 in the season. UCF closed out the Campbell/Cartier Tournament on Sunday against UC-Santa Barbara.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Soccer signs new players

Men's soccer inks six

The UCF men's soccer team signed six athletes to national letters of intent on Monday afternoon.

"This is a great class of soccer student-athletes that will compete within, challenge and complement our program," Wach said. "We have added better players at every position. The difference between our best player and our sixth player has narrowed a great deal with this talented group coming in."

The six players signed were Corwin Elder, Aaron Ingham, Chris Crance, Matt Myers, Robert Huisman and Eric Loyd.

Elder, a defensive back from Los Gatos High School in California, was an all-league honoree and the league's freshmen of the year in 2000. In addition to playing for LBSU, Elder also traveled with Los Gatos United winning the Hamort Cup Championship in the Netherlands and competing in Brazil. He also trained with the Olympic Development Program in Northern California during 2000.

A 6-0, 185-pound goalkeeper, Ingham is a four-year letter-winner at Santa Rosa High School. He led the team to two district titles the past two seasons and the Pinellas County Athletic Conference North Championship in 2000. To date, he has kicked 14 shutouts, a good-
Stertzbach picks up first loss

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fourth for UCF's first lead of the game before Von belted his homer in the sixth. UCF Coach Jay Bergman was happy to see the Knights' bats explode a little bit.

"We had a lot of runners on. We had a lot more offensive situations," Bergman said. "You could kind of see the flow getting a little better and I think you'll see the flow getting better tomorrow." Michael pitched six and two-thirds innings for the Knights, giving up four runs on six hits. Mike Billek earned his first save as a Knight.

"The ballgame today was identical to the game last day, but confessed;" Bergman said. "I just hope I can keep this up."

Senior Jessica Knight scored all 11 of her points in the second half of Saturday's win over Campbell University. She went three-for-three from behind the arc in that period.

Jacksonville upsets UCF

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"We started off really well as a team, and I just wanted to contribute," Billings said, but confessed, "I wish I would have had another rebound." One more rebound would have given her a double-double.

"There's stuff I could have done better, but it was definitely my best game this season. I just hope I can keep this up," Billings said.

Billings said she was counting on Billings keeping it up, especially now when the team travels to Florida Atlantic on Saturday for a game that will likely decide the South Division title.

"This is going to be a big-time game," Striegler said. "They don't lose at home much. They haven't lost a home game in the conference all season. It's going to be tough."

UCF finished up play against the A-State North Division with a 9-5 record with the Knights' only loss going to Georgia State.

Billings led the Knights in victory Thursday night over Gardner-Webb. Billings recorded her sixth career double-double in UCF's 74-60 win in North Carolina. She scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Knights led 41-30 in the first half and extended that lead as many as 27 in the second half. Storzel led UCF with 13 points, while freshman Shaqia Smith had 11 points for the Knights.

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Women's golf finishes eighth in first tourney

The UCF women's golf team finished its first tournament of the season last week, placing eighth at the Tulane Invitational.

The Knights shot 329 in the first round, 325 in the second round, and finished off the tournament with a score of 324, combining for a total score of 978 (+112). Host-team Tulane won the event with a three-round score of 906 (+41).

Senior Kim Tudor led the way for all UCF players, finishing with a total score of 86 (+4), 70 (+7), and 79 (+6), a total of 234 and good enough for 21st place out of the 65 player field.

Junior Sarah Greene improved her game each day with three-day scores of 87 (+15), 79 (+7), and 77 (+5), good enough to tie for 50th overall. Her 77 was the best score of all Knights golfers in day three.

Freshman Megan Barrely finished the tournament in a tie for 54th overall with an overall score of 219 (+27).

Senior Anne Green tied for 35th overall with a 251, and rounding out the scores was freshman Kristin Stordel, who shot a 270, placing 68th.

The Knights have a week off until their next tournament, the UCF Invitational. The event will be held from February 24th-25th at the Stonybrook Golf and Country Club in Orlando.

Knights finish 5-1 against North Division
Men’s tennis team tops Hatters

MATT BETTON
STAFF WRITER

The UCF men’s tennis team kicked off its 2003 Atlantic Sun Conference season in style Friday, sweeping Southeastern 7-0 at the Mudan Tennis Center in DeLand. The No.30 Golden Knights improved their overall mark to 14-9 and 3-0 in the A-Sun while the Hatters fell to 2-4 in 4-1 conference play.

The Knights now lead the all-time series with the Hatters 17-1. The teams met for the first time after winning matches on the day. Catamion Binda and Antonio Sierers led the Knights to victory in No.1 doubles, scoring Vitorindo Frata and Bierde Soja 9-1. Antonio Sierers and Jakub Aurabas and Eere Gursoy at No. 3 (6-3) were also posting convincing doubles victories over Sam Madge and Augusto Sandonis 9-1.

Although the No.1 doubles duo lost to the Knights, Jaeger and Augusto Sandonis 6-3, 6-2 winning the doubles point. Pamendolas and Ols Larsson defeated Gina Craig and Talia Romeros, 9-6, at No. 2 for their third consecutive match, Kristina Lohnos and Ammara Samsara were successful at No. 3, beating Paio Kolondro and Jamie Lunchin, 4-7, 6-2.

In the singles division, Westin defeated Fabiana Tavera, 2-6, 6-2. At No. 1, Fernandez, a 7-6, 6-2 winner over Craig at No. 5 was the only other Golden Knight to win in two sets. Postanatana (No) defeat Obouco, 6-2, 7-6, 8-3 while Lohnos (No 3) outscored Kedoon 6-2, 4-6, 6-0. Larsson (No 4) picked up the win against Romeros 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

The only South Florida player to walk away with a singles win was Belen Puentes, 6-2, 6-1 winner at No 6 over Ammara Samsara. UCF will have almost two weeks off until its next match, Feb. 27 at Florida Atlantic. The Atlantic Sun Conference matches in Boca Raton is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Women’s soccer signs eight

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against-average of .313 and a raw percentage of 344. Like Edger, Ingram also participated in the Olympic Development Program.

Voted into the heart of the best seniors in the nation by College Soccer News, Crissy has scored 84 goals and 67 assists. In the last three years, the Knights’ hold the state’s all-time leading scoring record. Crissy is third in the state in career goals and 12th in assists.

McDevitt is a Moscow-based international tournament player. In 2003, McDevitt also participated in the Olympic Development Program from February to June and also participated in the ODP Regional Camps in 2002 and 2003. McDevitt also participated in the Colorado Rush Soccer Club, one of the top clubs in the nation. Her club team was on the state championship and also placed second in the National Tournament at the Nike Headquarters in Portland, Ore.

Kristen Huang was a three-time All-County player and two-time All-State player. In 2003, Huang was a four-year varsity player for Satellite High School. In 2003, Huang was named the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman in 2002 for the Golden Knights. Huang also played for the Indiantown Forest Club Team and was part of two national championship teams.

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Sigma Chi repeats

Sigma Chi used its experience and ability to knock out surprise finalists SAE in four games to win the 2003 Dodgeball League. Sigma Chi, the No. 2 seed, lost its first game of the night to the No. 31 seeded Citronauts and pushed to go undefeated for the remainder of the tournament.

The tournament got off to a shocking start, as top seed End of an Era was upset by No. 32 Terun Skoot. Skoot rode the momentum for their historical upset by defeating the aging O'IX>yles squad to move to the final eight. Joining them in the elite eight would be the Haz Beens, who upset the No. 4 seeded Stoner Squad. The tournament wasn't kind to the No. 3 and No. 5 seeded squads also, as ATO and Pike both were walloped early on by DU and Pretty Paird, respectively. The only other top 10 teams to make it to the final eight were the Moose Knuckles and Kappa Sigma.

In the elite eight, the brackets were reseeded starting with the No. 1 Haz Beens against the No. 19 DUI team. The Haz Beens rode the quickness of Geno Jangpau and trickery of Felipe Olivera to quiet a boisterous crowd and find a spot in the final four. Sigma Chi ended out the Moose Knuckles in the Quarterfinals, and beat them handily 54 thanks to Glen Lyle and Mike Romano. SAE put Cinderellas to bed, as Team Skoot's run ended. SAE's Pete Perbach took his team to the final four where they would face Kappa Sigma — who plastered the Big Guys.

The semi-finals didn't have the drama that was present earlier in the night, as Sigma Chi and SAE ran right through their opponents to the final. SAE ran out of gas in the best-of-seven championship round, as Sigma Chi's relentless attack painted them into an early deficit. It was all over when Sigma Chi's Ed White knocked off the final man during a two-on-one advantage to end the tournament.

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Sophomore Chad Mazaryn's girlfriend has an unusual hobby for a girl athlete: NASCAR racing.

She is a die-hard NASCAR fan and wanted nothing more than to spend Valentine's Day weekend watching race drivers spin their tires at the Daytona 500.

So, Mazaryn, 20, skipped the candy and flowers and instead watched his girlfriend, freshman Julie Brennan, to Daytona Sunday for her first NASCAR race.

"I've wanted to go (to Daytona) since I was a little girl. I've never been able to see the big race (until now)," Brennan, 18, said.

For the past 15 years, sophomore Heather Hruby, 19, also has been a NASCAR-enthusiast. Hruby, who spent all last week checking NASCAR Web sites and watching the SPEED channel to prepare for the race Sunday, has attended every Daytona 500 race since 1997.

"I have gone to Daytona for the races since I was four years old," Hruby said. "I grew up in a family where our Sunday activities were watching the races and relaxing."

Like Brennan and Hruby, about 250,000 race fans traveled to Daytona International Speedway to watch the pinnacle event in motor sports, while millions more watched on television. NASCAR fans on eBay bid as high as $700 for a single ticket to the event.

UCF sociology professor Jim Wright is so passionate about NASCAR that the race enthusiast wrote a book about the nation's obsession with NASCAR racing.

"I could talk about NASCAR for hours," he said.

For many college apartment complexes, the majority of pizza delivery chain locations in the UCF area, such as Papa John's, Pizza Hut and Donatos, do accept orders given over cell phones.

Chris Bailey, shift manager at Dominos, explained the pizza chain's policy. "Cell phones don't work all the time. They aren't reliable," Bailey said.

"We send drivers out with pizza and they can't get a hold of people. This results in a food cost loss."

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Todd Van Graff, manager of Papa John's UCF, said cell-phone orders reflect the current times.

"Nowadays, you have to accept orders when customers call from cell phones," Van Graff said. "It's all people have in a lot of circumstances."

Gerald Colazzo, manager of Pizza Hut, said that his store normally accepts cell-phone orders during the day.

"At night we usually do now as long as there is a feasible address," Colazzo said. "It is holding out for the safety of the drivers. If someone orders from a pay phone that is at a plaza, we usually deliver. But not if it is just at a pay phone in an unlit location."

Colazzo said drivers actually like cell-phone orders, because they contact delivery customers more efficiently.

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Junior Alicia Farinella, 21, thinks the pizza policy makes no sense. "All I have in my cell phone," Farinella said. "I think it is stupid that some places wouldn't accept my order. They are just losing business this way."

Jim Bulfin, manager of Donato's UCF, said that his store only accepts cell-phone orders if it is a local number.

"If people don't have a local number, it makes it look very suspicious," Bulfin said. "We need a local number to verify orders in case the driver gets lost."

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NASCAR gives fans high-octane fix

By CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD

STAFF WRITER

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Thrift-store clothing sparks latest fashion trend

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Thrift stores sprouting up around Orlando cater to students such as junior Emi Kaneko, 21, who loves the trendy vintage look at affordable prices.

"For Kaneko, used jeans are her favorite thrift-store items. Faded boot-cut jeans that sell for about $8 at a chain store can be bought at a local thrift store for about $3 — and the jeans are in the front row, not machine-made. "I look for denim that looks washed and has some holes," Kaneko said.

The lure of wearing an old shirt that is black in style not only has proven to be economical and invincible for many students, but also entices students to jump on the "already-been-worn" hand-wagon. Large corporations like Urban Outfitters and Old Navy are even taking a ride.

Heather Sanderson, 24, owner of Echo Exchange, noticed the thrift-store trend about four years ago when she frequented a vintage store in Phoenix. The store was known as a warehouse of old clothes but the crowds still poured in, she said.

"I knew there was a huge market to take advantage of." After relocating to Orlando, Sanderson found an absence of used-clothing stores. After becoming the chance to tap into a neglected market, she decided to invest her creativity, fashion sense and entrepreneurial spirit into owning her own business.

Heather Sanderson's brother Matt, 17, who is taking over Echo Exchange, knew it would not be easy due to the competition between the larger chain stores and the smaller single businesses. "You can sell clothes that people like in a month, he said. "A lot of the stuff is just a season old, especially with new, worn jeans — you can't sell them here.

Heather Sanderson also acknowledged the retail challenge. "I've been getting into the thrift-store trend,' I had to face the statistic that the majority of small businesses close within the first year," she said.

But customers enter the stores for more than just clothes. Senior Mandy DeBoer, 22, said she shops at the Goodwill and Thrift Stores for kitchen items and pottery from the 1970's.

When it comes to clothing, it's hard to find something good, DeBoer said. "You have to look through everything, and a lot of the shirts are too big and old-lady stuff."

However, there are certain styles that attract more customers than others, Matt Sanderson said. "Soft, fluent peasant shirts are big right now. Anything that Carrie Bradshaw from 'Sex and the City' would wear sells."

The hard-core punk look from the 80's has also emerged in the last year, Matt Sanderson said. But the very latest to style he has noticed is one that emulates the 90's.

"Clashed-waist dresses that are floppy and end at the knee sell quickly."

Although not many people wear these styles in Orlando, there is a high demand in New York for these styles, he said. "While it's not quite mainstream, college students come in a lot more than high-schoolers."

Echo Exchange features many varieties of women's clothing from the disco era to the mid '80s known as "Sex and the City" style. The store operates by buying clothes from customers or other thrift outlets, then selling them for a little more. A seller must make an appointment to sell clothes and expect to receive 30 percent of the original purchase price.

It is obvious the new look of worn clothes has replaced the pristine style, Matt Sanderson said. "I think it's because the clothes are softer to the touch and harder to find."

DeBoer appreciates that thrift stores are usually run independently, "I shop there partially because it's cheaper and partially because it's not corporate."

Junior Erik Sain, 20, said the thrift-store trend has become so popular in her native country, Japan, that it is more expensive to shop there than in retail stores.

"We have a lot of bakers that go to Hawaii or New York and buy clothes for $30 and then sell them in Japan for up to $100. It's a rip-off."

Although most people are turned off by the thought of used clothing and the less organized atmosphere, it is still no reason to avoid at least going in to look around, Sanderson said. "I can get them in the door and they buy something, they'll most likely come back again and again."
Music retailers target downloadable demographic

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Last month, six retail record stores banded together to form a new digital music venture called Echo, which will allow customers to download music either online or in stores.


Once each company obtains a license, which enables them to compete with digital music rivals, the Echo partners will be able to provide individual or Echo-branded music products and services.

"We think the timing is right," said John D. Sullivan, chief financial officer for Trans World Entertainment. "What we have to do now is secure the licenses for each company and develop an economic model. It's in its infancy stage."

Although each store may use the technology supplied by Echo at its own discretion, stores could allow customers to access some music tracks for free and listen to the rest for a fee, or have portable players customized with music, also for a fee.

Customers also may be able to download songs both over the Internet and through in-store kiosks.

With so much music offered today, the key is to satisfy the consumer knowing where they want to get it and that they want it at a good price, said Sullivan.

But even offering music at reasonable prices may not be enough to satisfy buyers.

"Every other day I download about 400 megabytes, the equivalent to four albums, from anywhere I can find music easily," Greg Elderidge, 19, said. "I enjoy listening to music that I couldn't otherwise afford. I couldn't afford four albums every other day."

Similar endeavors to Echo, such as MusicNet and PressPlay, have not shared the same success and popularity with consumers as illegal file-swapping programs such as Napster and Kazaa.

Short answer, [Echo's model] isn't acceptable," Elderidge said. "I can get music with no restrictions. I don't want to have right-restricted music."

The music chains feel, however, the Echo model will provide greater value and, therefore, prove more successful.

"Digital distribution is widespread through file sharing," Sullivan said. "It's a terrible opportunity to expand the market and satisfy the consumers need. I wouldn't be involved in something I didn't think it would be successful."

Sullivan said the date that Echo will launch has not yet been determined.

New program will allow customers to download songs in-store

Prof's book details NASCAR culture

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said.

Called "Fixin' to Git: One Fan's Love Affair with NASCAR's Winston Cup," his book released last year, details what the professor saw and heard after attending several races and speaking with hundreds of fans at tracks all over the nation.

"There isn't one particular reason [that NASCAR is so popular], but NASCAR has always had a substantial following and they've got a great and unique product," he said. "Watching those guys drive 180 miles per hour bump-to-bumper and side-by-side can certainly change the 'reletics turning left' perception that some have."

The accessibility of the stars is one of NASCAR's greatest assets and is another reason many find the sport so engaging, Wright said.

Most important, Wright said the sport has found a place in many people's hearts because it is a family-oriented event.

"NASCAR projects a family-friendly atmosphere and many people respond to that," Wright said.

Hubby, who grew up watching NASCAR surrounded by her family, says that's why she enjoys the motorsports culture so much.

While at the track, if she feels as though you are part of a family. Everyone is very nice to one another, players do not charge for autographs and go out of their way to meet fans."

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Schedule of Activities

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7:30 pm EKCEL workshop "Say It Right"
Communication, SU 216
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 your buddy. 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

**Sat Feb 22**
12:30 pm VUCF City Wide Citrus Gleaning. Come pick and box fruit for the homeless of Central Florida. Carpool from the front of Millican Hall at 12:30 pm
10 am - Sun 10 am The University of Central Florida Dance Marathon. Recreation and Wellness Center.

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**Mon Feb 24**
1 - 2 pm EKCEL workshop "Where Do You Stand,"
Egmont Key 224
8:30 pm "Creative Dating" with Dr. David Coleman.
Pegasus Ballroom.

**Tue Feb 25** - Student Leader Recognition day
(come by OSA to be part of our photo collage)
10:30 am workshop - "How Valuable Are You?" with Dr. David Coleman. Key West Ballroom
1 - 2 pm EKCEL workshop "Study Smarter, Not Harder," Egmont Key 224
8:30 pm "A Black Belt in Leadership" with Dr. Micheal Dunphy. Pegasus Ballroom

**Wed Feb 26**
9 pm CAB Cinema presents "The Rules of Attraction," Cape Florida Ballroom
1 - 2 pm EKCEL workshop "Breaking the Ice, Becoming a Team," Egmont Key 224

**Thu Feb 27**
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Bacterial vaginosis is caused by a variety of bacteria. Unless the male partner has visible irritation from the head of his penis, only the patient is treated. This particular vaginitis classically causes a bad odor. Other infections that include STDs (gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, venereal warts, etc.) can also cause vaginal discharge and odor. Therefore, my best advice for your friend is to see one of our health providers.

In response to your second question, I would suggest that you follow through with a gynecology appointment even if you are menstruating. If this is the case, various other health issues can be raised and a partial exam be conducted.

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Energy-drink makers targeting hard-partying night-clubbers

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Red Bull is a popular drink mixer at downtown clubs such as Maker's on Church Street.

Energy-drink makers are targeting the nation's most active demographic: young adults, and one of the most popular places they meet their targets is late-night dance clubs and bars. Sometimes the drinks are mixed with liquor — Red Bull and vodka have been wedded for about two years now — but more often revelers not wanting to miss a beat are resorting to them straight up. Perhaps it's the current generation's version of having a cup of coffee between martinis. It's a national phenomenon, said Robert Flodin, president of the National Bar & Restaurant Management Association. About 50 energy-drink-based brands were trying for bartenders' attention at the annual national trade show in Las Vegas. "It's viewed as an after-hours potion, if you will, a way for nonalcohol to even out with alcohol.

The energy drinks, on one level, feed into the nation's move away from alcohol, he says. Five out of every seven people who enter a restaurant are predisposed not to drink alcohol, Flodin cites. Similarly, dance clubs are adding energy drinks and country-western bars are serving longneck nonalcoholic beers. But there's also the twist of taking a product originally created for sports and late-night studying and using it as a mixer. Whether the effect of energy drinks and alcohol is physical or mental really doesn't matter: The companies are pushing to get into the bars because that's where the money is. The inference to drinkers is the notion that they can counteract the depressant effect of alcohol by taking in some caffeine or other energizing elements.

"The bar industry isn't dominated by consumers who think about what they're drinking or are careful spenders," Flodin says. "He's not quite sure when adding alcohol to an energy drink became hip, but it made the bars happier: Instead of selling a cup of Red Bull for $1, a half-farm of Red Bull and a shot of vodka eventually go for $3 or more.

"It just became a natural inclination to drop it onto vodka and rum and use it in drink-making," Flodin said. "Not only vodka and light rum, but a Long Island tea or a cosmopolitan.

For example, take the cranberry-jam type of Long Beach on Reyka Vodka, and put the energy drink in. The taste profiles are very similar. It's just a good combination.

Gerry Edley, co-owner of Level Nightclub on Miami's South Beach, said the "innovated" drink is "trending in the drink world," with Red Bull's promotion causing this to carry their product. And it seems every week there's a new one on the market," he said. At his club, people are mostly buying the energy drinks by themselves.

But at Murphy's Law in Fort Lauderdale, bartender Tim Perry says there's more mixing going on. "There's been a steady growth, mostly from the younger people," he said. The energy-drink companies see opportunities in bars, hoping to get just 1 percent or 2 percent of a diverse market. They want just a little piece on the counter and if they're not martini-based Red Bull, they want to delineate it. Red Bull has 70 percent of the pie, and approaches $200 million in sales.

"They've done a tremendous, tremendous job. They've laid the groundwork for us," said Sonny Hruby, CEO of Drik Dog based in Barcelona, Spain, but with a U.S. distribution base in Hollywood, Deer Dog's niche is taste-based, he says, it is less dependent on being mixed with alcohol.

"They're a little bit different, but basically the same," said Richard Weisman, a University of Miami toxicologist who is a consultant at Jackson Memorial Hospital's emergency room. "But just to make sure the central nervous system gets the message to rev it up, the drinks also usually have caffeine, too — about the same amount in a cup of coffee.

Meanwhile, true sports drinks, such as Gatorade, are designed to help replace electrolytes and lost body fluids and don't contain caffeine. That's because caffeine is a diuretic, which would work counter to fluid replacements.

Energy-drink consumers may not realize just how hydrated they are getting or understand they're drinking despite being 21, Weisman warns. Caffeinated-but-still-drunk drivers crash cars just as easily as other drinkers.

"It's another one of those traps that people need to know about," he said. If you don't feel you can drive, no energy drink is going to improve your coordination or alertness. Just don't drink.

But Weisman agrees with the energy drinks' disclaimer when it comes to young people. "They are not just replacing caffeine. The energy drinks are no more guilty than orange juice, cola or any other mixed drink.

"It is a matter of fact that people mix all kinds of drinks with alcohol and that mainstream outlets sell these mixed drinks," according to Red Bull's Web site. Obviously alcohol can be dangerous for your health if consumed in excess. However, we have to recognize the fact that only the alcoholic part of the mixed drink can have a negative impact on health."
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