A legacy of big dreams, small results

Mayor Glenda Hood leaves Orlando soon. Is the city better now than before she took over?

Gabrielle Arnold
STAFF WRITER

Vibrant tropical murals hide the concrete columns that support the East-West Expressway overpass at Parramore Avenue. Several benches are installed just off the shoulder of the road. It is here, at Z.L. Riley Park in Parramore, that Terri Scott, 40, often spends her afternoons.

"It’s a joke," Scott said about her community’s park.

Scott said she heard that Mayor Glenda Hood built some beautiful parks for the city of Orlando, and that "it would be nice if there were more places for the young people here in Parramore to go.

February will mark the end of Hood’s 10-year run as Orlando’s mayor. She is moving up — up the state and up the political ladder. After spending nearly her whole life in Orlando, Hood will head north to join Gov. Jeb Bush in Tallahassee and soon as Florida’s newly appointed secretary of state.

Scott said Hood failed Orlando on too many issues for too many years and that she looks forward to the city’s new mayor: Scott is not alone.

As Hood leaves "The City Beautiful," she leaves a mixed legacy in her wake.

When she first took office in 1992, Hood introduced her "vision" for a more prosperous Orlando. Her vision included revitalizing historic neighborhoods teetering on the brink of destruction.

Hood established the Neighborhood Services Office to restore those communities. City Hall replaced asphalt streets with brick ones and added decorative historic street signs to jazz up the depressed areas.

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Finger-scan system fails yet again

Students walk through fitness center gates without scanning or swiping IDs

Kevin O’Grattan
STAFF WRITER

Despite continued efforts by the Recreation and Wellness Center to implement a high-tech security access system for UCF’s $14-million fitness center, the finger-scan system is out of commission again.

Three days when students entered the fitness center, no finger scanning or card swiping was required. A sign posted on the finger scanner simply directs students to pass right through.

The scene is a familiar one. For most of its short existence, the finger scan has been out of commissi

The system, which officials said would be more efficient, was designed to allow students to enter the fitness center by scanning their fingerprints instead of showing their UCF ID card. It also was designed to keep non-UCF students who don’t pay student-activity fees out of the gym.

But for the first eight months after the fitness facility opened last January, the finger-scan-access
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Higher education amid the most

An unusual treatment for two chronic diseases

A professor of internal medicine at the University of Iowa has developed a method for treating inflamed-bowel disease and Crohn’s disease by helping patients fight off the eggs of intestinal worms. The diseases—which result when the bowel’s immune system reacts too vigorously to normal intestinal bacteria—often cause diarrhea, stomach cramps and sore joints.

About 1 million people suffer from inflamed-bowel disease in the United States alone. Patients usually develop these diseases in their late teens or early 20s and live with them throughout the rest of their lives.

Joel W. Weinstock, both an immunologist and a parasitologist, knows that intestinal worms can dump on the response of the intestinal immune system. He was also aware that in a study of 3,500 adults, members of minority groups, or people who had grown up in different regions of the world, water supplies are cleaner and food is more regulated.

But it wasn’t until Weinstock found himself on an airplane one day, writing a book chapter on the causes of Crohn’s disease and editing another chapter for a book on intestinal parasites, that he began wondering if the cause of the diseases was not the presence of something but, rather, an absence: “Could the worms be protecting us from intestinal bowel disease?”

To test the theory, Weinstock and his colleagues fed a single dose of a microscopic parasite egg to six patients. The eggs were from an intestinal whipworm found in pigs; the site eggs to six patients. The eggs were from pigs, and the whipworm and human whipworm are genetically close. All of the patients showed improved symptoms.

Law school toughens requirements after students’ failure rate on bar exam

The City University of New York School of Law must strengthen its grading requirements after 50 percent of its students failed the most recent New York State bar exam, an organization that trains graduates to practice public law.

Under a plan that is expected to be approved by the university’s trustees next week, students who score below 150 out of a possible 210 on the School Admission Test. Out of a full scale of 140 to 210, students would no longer be able to score below that entrap point, instead of the current limit, which is 40.

This year, freshmen who would have to maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.6, up from 1.5. After their first semester, students would be put on probation if their average dipped below 2.3 in any semester.

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The law school’s dean, Kristen Booth, said many of its students are working adults, members of minority groups, or people whose parents are embarrassed by their short school backgrounds. Students graduate to practice public law.

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Police arrest 100 New York protesters

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with the 400,000 people that protest organizers counted, their enthusiasm was just as strong.

Students David Botz, 25, and Rachel Joyce, 21, believe their pacifist message was heard.

"You shouldn't want retribution, like, you should want peace and happiness," said Botz, a senior. "Why can't we move on with our lives, instead of being barbar-..." Joyce, a junior, echoed Botz's pacifist sentiment. She called this protest the "first opportunity to express [her] American freedoms."

Junior Crystal Arellano, 24, said she had numerous reasons for attending the protest, includ-...earthly the information they have dispensed pertaining to the impending war with Iraq.

"I feel our government is not representative of me," Arellano said. "I don't feel like we're gett...g the real information about what's going on with this war."

United for Peace and Justice, an umbrella organization that coordinates the work of 120 anti-war groups, organized the event. In addition to the protest in New York, other large demonstrations took place in cities including San Francisco, Boston and Miami.

Overseas, the demonstrations were much larger, with about 1.5 million people protest-...ing in Europe. In total, several million people from across the globe protested President Bush's international uranium-enrichment attack against Iraq, without the support of the United Nations.

United for Peace and Justice faced several hurdles before they secured a permit to host the demonstration in New York City.

Judge Barbara S. Jones of the Federal District Court in Manhattan did not give them a permit to march through the streets of Manhattan, since she only granted them a permit to assemble on 46th Street stretching north to First Avenue.

United for Peace and Justice decided the march would raise security issues that the police could not handle with a crowd that large. United for Peace and Justice disagreed, calling it a repression of their First Amendment rights.

Nonetheless, the judge's decision stuck, and demonstration groups such as Student Action New York, reflected something differ-...ent than Judge Jones probably had in mind.

At noon, when the protest officially began, demonstrators took to the streets and flooded Manhattan, making it difficult to even walk. The extra police officers on duty attempted to con-...tain the protesters using barri-...cades. The tactic angered the large crowd, which began to col-...lectively chant things such as, "Whose streets? Our streets."

As the day progressed, the crowd grew and police were forced to block off streets near the areas of largest protest activi-...ties, which left people essentially trapped and unable to walk more than a few blocks in any direction.

Police eventually blocked all protesters from walking onto First Avenue as people struggled to get to the sight of the main protest stage, where speakers included Nobel Peace Prize win-...ner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, actress Susan Sarandon, actor Harry Belafonte and Martin Luther King Jr.

"There were people on every street for blocks and blocks," said junior Theresa McGovern, 20. "So person could have gone about their daily business."

At 54th Street and Second Avenue, police officers on horseback retaliated with physical vio-...lence against some protesters who blocked the streets and wouldn't let ears pass. By day's end more than 100 people had been arrested.

While some UCF students were arrested, they agreed that offi-...cers acted cordially towards the protesters and few used exces-...sive force.

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"It's stupid to hate the cops, they are doing what they are paid to do," said senior Jonathan Leto, 21. "But some of them do love their jobs too much."

Like the protest organizers, UCF's Campus Peace Action overcame several hurdles back at UCF in order to attend the New York rally.

Campus Peace Action and the Progressive Council spent more than a week trying to secure a financial subsidy from the Student Government Association to make the trip affordable for the students.

Leto, a spokesperson for Campus Peace Action, said he was stressed out until 7:40 p.m. last Thursday when he finally received confirmation from both SGA and the bus company, solid-...ifying plans for the trip.

The SGA Senate approved the subsidy, but it fell through due to lack of money in the senate's account. After an appeal to Student Body President Mercer Peña, Leto and 44 other UCF stu-...dents secured roughly $4,300 from Peña's discretionary account that they needed to fund their trip.

Even after the finances were secured, other problems arose. The money Peña allocated would not be available in time to pay the charter bus company, which led the students to travel on an IOU basis.

Difficulties would continue to plague the student protesters even as they headed out of New York and back to Florida.

A snowstorm would delay the bus by three hours and force the students to endure a cold trip on the unheated bus, which led the students to travel on an IOU basis.

As they arrived back at Millican Hall two days later, the students breathed a collective sigh of relief, gave themselves a round of applause, gave the two bus drivers a round of applause and whooped off the bus anticip-...ating a return to their normal lives.

Two thoughts consumed them at that moment — a long, hot shower, and the memory of an event that was bigger than themselves.
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Sorting through grad
school prep courses

More seniors prepare for entrance exams with multitude of preparatory courses

DIANE LAZIC  STAFF WRITER

Senior Jesse Jackson wants to go to law school in the fall of 2004, but preparing for the entrance exam worries him.

To gain admission into any of the 200 law schools in the Law School Admission Council, Jackson must take and pass the LSAT, so that tests reasoning skills, lasts half a day and costs $88. Jackson has decided to take his time comparing options to make sure he is prepared for the test in June.

UCF estimates that about one-fourth of the graduating seniors in the class of 2003 plan to further their educations after graduation. Like Jackson, many students who want to go to graduate school, law school or medical school have to take a timed, complex and standardized just to show the knowledge they gained in their undergraduate years.

These tests help graduate schools narrow their applicant pool. Data shows that the test scores help to predict a prospective student's success and performance in a particular area of study.

Many students recognize how crucial it is to prepare for these make-or-break tests in order to get the scores required to secure entry into the school or graduate programs of their choice.

Jackson hopes that the prep courses can help him.

"The games section of the test, that part is driving me nuts," he said. "The reasoning, analogies, conclusions and inferences, I don't have much of a problem with those. But the games get kinda wacky and crazy, so that's the part that I really need the help in."

Jackson has a Princeton book and is considering Blackstone or Kaplan as choices for preparation programs. He will weigh several factors, particularly class sizes, cost and success rate, before he makes his final choice of a prep program.

In recent years tutoring companies have recognized these very anxieties. The test-preparation market is flooded with books, websites, software, classes, seminars, power courses, games and flashcards to help undergraduates train themselves for any of the entry exams for graduate school.

There are a vast variety of options for all types of students preparing for the LSAT, GRE, GMAT and MCAT.

Carol Bast, an associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, thinks any of the different preparation courses can get students ready for the all-important exam.

"Any of the commercial outfits out there are fairly competitive within a range. All of the testing services have to be competitive," Bast said. "If one isn't doing the job, the other would.

But Bast believes that most of her students take the prep courses, and she does not blame them. "It's an awful test to go through," Bast said of the LSAT. "I haven't heard anyone say, "Oh, I felt really confident on this.' It's really difficult."

Admission standards vary from school to school, and Bast urges students to know the application procedures before they apply. "All students should make sure to be certain what each school says," Bast said. "Some test scores are different ways. Some just take higher, some average two scores."

Senior Heather Taylor, 24, wants to prepare for her test, but she does not know whether the prep courses are worth their cost. "I'm in the process of applying to master's programs in international education. I have gone to the free practice GRE that Kaplan gives out. It was really helpful. The practice test is helpful cause you get to know what your strengths are, but I just don't have the money for it."

"It's just too expensive," she added. "I have also heard horrendous. I had a friend take the review here two years ago, and he said he did not get much out of it."

Senior Yamil Mirand, 24, has also heard both positive and negative things about preparation courses. "A lot of people say it's good and a lot say it's bad. I have heard doctors and med students say both. But I probably will end up taking one. They teach you how to take the test. It is just a lot of money. Applying is a lot of money and applications, the flat fee, then if they send you a secondary application, that's an extra $100." Mirand will take the MCAT in August, but he has not started preparing yet. "The April MCAT is right when I have finals," Mirand said. "Right now I'm taking Organic II. I don't know if that stuff is going to be on the MCAT. As soon as classes are over in April, I'm going to really start preparing. I have some books and I might end up taking a course. I haven't made up my mind yet."

PLEASE SEE Price on 3
Recreation center official concedes finger-scan system was a bad choice

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did not work. At that time, students were required to flash or swipe their UCF ID cards to get through the gate.

Officials blamed faulty software, but vowed once the system was in place, it would be more convenient for students and employees.

By September, the finger-scan system software had been repaired and Recreation and Wellness Center officials began to collect what amounted to roughly 14,000 student scans. However, by the end of the semester, the database, which is designed to hold 50,000 scans, began to malfunction again.

"The system was too slow," Falco said. "We were forced to dump the scans.

New chips were installed Jan. 2 in an effort to correct the problem again, but Recreation and Wellness Center officials discovered that the new chips were not compatible with the old software.

A compatible software was installed earlier this month while employees began to collect finger scans yet again after dumping the original scans.

But the newly installed software, which is supposed to hold 50,000 scans in each semester, is still too slow, Falco said.

"If this is not resolved within the next few weeks, I want [the company] to send someone out," he said.

He now concedes he would not have opted to install the finger-scan system had he known the software would repeatedly malfunction.

This is the result of having the "latest" technology and companies making empty promises, he said.

Students register the finger-scan system as both unreliable and controversial.

"It gave completely different readings, and if it didn't work, I would just walk through," recalled junior Todd Hauser, 20.

Hauser also said the following system still regularly allows non-students into the gym.

"My buddy's roommate has been coming and playing basketball [in the gym], and he's not a student," he said.

Sophomore Danny Fernandez would like to return to the original card-sweep entry:

"The card-sweep system worked just fine," said Fernandez, 19.

Scott Broadway, a 22-year-old graduate student, termed the $137,000 finger-scan system a waste of money.

Falco countered that the system was an economical investment compared to the card-sweep system, which would have cost only $35,000 less. He also said UCF did not incur additional costs while trying to correct the software and hardware problems.

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Most graduate schools require the GRE, or General Record Examination, while others require both the GRE and a GRE subject test. The GRE has three formats: verbal, quantitative and analytical. William J. Thompson, assistant professor and assistant chairman of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Systems, thinks students need to prepare for the GRE. 

"Go get a study guide, it's like the SAT exam that you take," Thompson tells his students. "Don't go into it cold. If you're a speaker of a second language, really work at understanding it.

Thompson encourages students to study over time. He tells them to "do their best, but it's most important to do it early." He says the hard work pays off. "Work on it maybe an hour a day. You need to be disciplined. Because if they do well on the GRE, they are eligible for some very nice scholarships."

If you're a borderline student and need to score high and you're not very well-disciplined, then maybe pay for a preparation course," Thompson said. "It might be the difference between you getting in. Each student has to make that decision for themselves."

Senior Malinda Williams, who is considering going to graduate school for business, plans to take prep courses. "I have numerous brochures already," Williams said. "Of course, I'm gonna take a prep course. I consider it important to make sure I place properly and know where I stand before the actual test. It gives you a good chance to sharpen your skills up."

Junior Shane Chiltrees says he will definitely take prep classes for the MCAT. "I would go with the Kaplan MCAT preparation course," Chiltrees said. "My ex-girlfriend went to law school and took the Kaplan prep class for the LSAT. She was the valedictorian of her class and says she would not have gotten the score she needed if it wasn't for their preparation course. She thought it was really beneficial."

A student's choice of how to prepare for the LSAT, GRE, MCA, or GMAT should depend on the way that student learns best. For students who function best when cramming, short-term preparations such as a weekend course or a seminar might prepare them better than courses that take months. Packages of this sort cost about $1,000.

Private tutoring is available at most tutoring centers. They offer options based on individual learning styles. A private tutor can be hired for study sessions ranging from 1.5 to 35 hours. The price is based on packages that range from $1,999 to $3,999.

Some facilities have Web sites that students can access at any time of day for additional quizzes and supplemental workshops. Others have hotlines that students can call for answers to any questions.

Universities and community colleges offer test review classes at less expensive rates. Prices for such classes range from $250 to $350.

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Don’t let your W-2s become a taxing task

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STAFF WRITER

Junior Jennifer Devits knows she is supposed to file taxes every year, but doesn’t know how. She usually relies on her family to file her taxes.

“I am IRS illiterate,” she admits.

Like Devits, 20, many students don’t know how to file their own taxes and aren’t aware of the many opportunities they qualify for as students.

But with less than two months left to file taxes before April 15, students should begin organizing their W-2s and researching the ways to earn big tax breaks. Students have many options when filing their taxes that enable them to receive hefty refunds just for being in school.

The first, and most encouraged by the Internal Revenue Service, is through electronic filing, or E-File. Students can elect to purchase a tax program such as TaxCut, or download software from the Internet or through the IRS Web site.

Also, many tax agencies such as H&R Block make filing taxes online easy for students with few tax forms. If students are weary about filing their taxes online, they can file over the phone or with a tax specialist.

Although the E-file service is free through the IRS, others who offer electronic filing may charge a fee for transmission that can be up to $20.

Refunds should arrive within three weeks in the form of a check or direct deposit into the student’s bank account. If a payment is due, the IRS can either directly withdraw the money from the student’s bank or credit card account, or the student can mail a check or money order to the U.S. Treasury.

H&R Block charges $19.95 if students wish to file online, and this price is valid until March 31. One of the benefits of filing online rather than with pen and paper is the time saved.

It can take hours to decide where each monetary figure goes and the actual arithmetic can be confusing. Through H&R Block, the program goes step-by-step with specific questions that are simple to understand.

Also, H&R Block promises the refund within one to two weeks, as opposed to six to eight weeks if students submit written W-2 forms. The IRS also checks electronic return errors for returns before they are accepted.

The quick refund and the guaranteed accuracy are steering junior Amelia Hamilton toward H&R Block. “I need to get my car fixed soon, and I am going this week,” says Hamilton. “It’s the fastest way to get the money.”

After deciding how to file, students should figure out whether they qualify for the HOPE Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Credit in their tax deductions. Thanks to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, these two credits are the best way for students to get most of their tax money back.

The HOPE Scholarship is available to freshmen and sophomores who were enrolled part-time at UCF for any portion of 2002. Students are eligible for a tax credit of up to 100 percent of the first $1,000 of tuition, and 50 percent of the second $1,000.

That yields a credit of $1,500. Because it is a credit, not a scholarship or deduction, it can be subtracted directly from the total federal tax on the tax return. This means if a student paid $1,200 in federal taxes, excluding Medicare and Social Security, then they will receive the full $1,500 back.

Single students cannot earn more than $4,000 a year to qualify, and married joint filers must not make more than $8,000.

This credit applies both to students who file independently from their parents or as dependents on their parent’s tax returns. If the parent is to claim the HOPE Scholarship, they must have supported the student for more than half the year, and the student must be under 24 if enrolled part-time, or under 24 in full-time.

Finally, deductible, or qualified, expenses include tuition and related expenses required for enrollment at UCF. Unqualified expenses such as books, room and board, insurance, transportation, or equipment cannot be deducted. A student who has been convicted of a felony drug offense is not eligible for the Hope credit.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is much more flexible. The Lifetime Learning Credit equals 20 percent of the first $5,000 of qualified expenses, for a maximum $1,000 return.

The income limit is the same as the HOPE Scholarship, but unlike the HOPE Scholarship, students are not required to be enrolled part-time in one of the first two years of post-secondary education.

Nonresident aliens generally are not eligible to claim the Lifetime Learning Credit. A student can be in any grade including junior, senior, or postgraduate level. Fortunately, this credit can be used every year the student is in school.
Economists Lower First-Quarter Forecasts

Economists are reining in their expectations for growth early this year, reflecting that consumers and businesses may pull back amid worries about Iraq and terrorism.

A group of 30 economists who participated in The Wall Street Journal's economic-consensus survey this month nudged their predictions for first-quarter growth downward from what they predicted in a survey conducted before the start of the year. But they raised their forecasts slightly for late 2003 on hopes tensions will ease quickly.

Overall, 23 of the economists reduced their forecasts for first-quarter gross domestic product, while 5 nearly halved their estimates for the second quarter. The average estimate for first-quarter GDP, the total value of all goods and services produced in the economy, slipped to 2.4% from the 2.7% anticipated growth forecast in a survey conducted in December. The average for the second quarter fell to 1% from 3.2%.

Growth for all of 2002 was 2.2%, the U.S. Commerce Department reported last month in releasing its first estimate of fourth-quarter GDP. Growth in the quarter ran at a feeble 0.3% rate.

Most experts with a potential conflict in Iraq growing closer and tensions mounting over the nuclear standoff in North Korea, economists surveyed expect businesses to hold a bit on spending for new equipment and to delay efforts to replenish their inventories.

Cellphone Carriers
Cut Bargain Plans

The wireless gravy train is slowing down. Several mobile-phone carriers have pared some of their most generous calling plans, with some cutting back on minutes by as much as 50% and others getting rid of free evening calling.

AT&T Wireless Services Inc. stopped offering a national plan with 1,000 "unlimited" minutes for $39.99. Now, AT&T Wireless subscribers paying that much per month get as few as 300 "anytime" national minutes. T-Mobile USA Inc. has dropped offered unlimited nighttime calling in one plan. The carrier has also pared back a national $35.99 plan from 1,000 minutes to 600. Cincinnati Wireless also recently reduced the number of minutes in its $39.99 total calling plan from 1,100 minutes to as little as 600 minutes in some markets.

The carriers, worried about the continued slowdown in the wireless-industry growth, rolled out generous plans last year to attract more subscribers. Now the industry wants to report strong cash positions at the expense of growth. Experts think it is likely that price cutting will eventually return, given how competitive the industry remains. So unless you're desperate for a plan now, just wait a while for another round of promotions.

Intral to Unveil Cellphone Chip

Intel Corp. is planning a huge bet on a new microchip that it hopes will help bring a new generation of cellphones to a much wider audience. The chip, known by its code name Manitoba, is part of the company's multibillion-dollar campaign to acquire communications expertise and turn manufacturing technology into a competitive weapon. By squeezing multiple functions on to individual chips, Intel is betting that it can make big inroads into the wireless world. The company predicts that Manitoba and its successors will inspire smaller, cheaper handsets that can do tricks like playing MP3 music files and game software at the same time.

Intel faces an uphill struggle. Rival Texas Instruments Inc. supplies some of cellphone chips, and it already has products that combine two major cellphone functions. It plans to have even more integrated chips next year. Another competitor, Qualcomm Inc., has also been on a growth tear lately.

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**Cellphone Carriers**

- Various carriers have pared some of their most generous calling plans, with some cutting back on minutes by as much as 50% and others getting rid of free evening calling.
- AT&T Wireless Services Inc. stopped offering a national plan with 1,000 "unlimited" minutes for $39.99.
- T-Mobile USA Inc. has dropped offered unlimited nighttime calling in one plan.
- Cincinnati Wireless also recently reduced the number of minutes in its $39.99 total calling plan from 1,100 minutes to as little as 600 minutes in some markets.

**Intel to Unveil Cellphone Chip**

- Intel Corp. is planning a huge bet on a new microchip that it hopes will help bring a new generation of cellphones to a much wider audience.
- The chip, known by its code name Manitoba, is part of the company's multibillion-dollar campaign to acquire communications expertise and turn manufacturing technology into a competitive weapon.

**Here They Come to Save the Day**

- Hollywood is banking on comic-book heroes' power to pack movie houses, and so far, so good.

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Skyscrapers Race Again for the Top

Less than 18 months after the World Trade Center site was desta-
ducted, urban planners around the globe are racing again to build the world’s tallest building.

City officials in Shanghai and a Japanese developer are shouting off plans from the mid-1960s to con-
struct the world’s tallest building — and even adding seven stories. Meanwhile, every week in Taiwan
construction workers build a new floor on top of the floor on top of the floor.

Other plans include a 110-story, 1,772-foot-tall international business center in Seoul, South Korea. And in
New York, the two finalists in the competition to redesign the World

Trade Center site each feature their own version of what would be the tallest building on earth. Currently, the
life belongs to the pencil-shaped Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, at 1,483 feet.

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Fox also is developing Marvel’s
"Elektra," a spin-off from the comic book series "Daredevil," according to a source within the studio.

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Opinions
Thursday February 20, 2003

Our stance:

Hood’s shortcomings won’t be missed

A s Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood leaves office next week in order to take an out-of-state position, the disappointment of her 10-year run stand out much more than her successes.

Hood had some good ideas, but she showed where her loyalties truly lay when she declined to support the anti-discrimination ordinance. After soliciting the support of Orlando’s gay community, she voted against the ordinance — a move that ended her tenure in office. Hood showed that she cares more about her own political ambition than she does about her political support.

While Hood displayed questionable loyalty regarding the anti-discrimination ordinance, she demonstrated little compassion for the concerns of the citizens who need the most help. Hood supported the sidewalk ordinance that subjected homeless people to jail time and fines for sitting or laying on downtown sidewalks.

She did call for two community conferences on the homeless issue, but she failed to develop any real solutions or even temporary remedies to the problem of Orlando’s growing homeless population. Rather, Hood tried to keep Orlando’s homeless citizens out of public view.

Hood wanted to keep that population off of downtown streets to generally the city and make it more appealing to tourists.

Hood had another idea that would have appealed to tourists, her vision of making Orlando a thriving arts center. However, Hood failed to carry her plan through to fruition.

Instead, she passed the plan for a performing arts center on to UCF.

Hood also tried to save the Parramore neighborhood. However, Hood partnered with some local businesses to develop the neighborhood, rather than working with the residents of the neighborhood to build a safer, more attractive community. Ten years and millions of dollars later, the neighborhood still needs much more work.

Hood also crusaded down on Orlando’s nightlife scene by supporting the pedestrian ordinance, which forced downtown clubs to close no later than 3 a.m.

Hood leaves a legacy of shortcomings that has only grown with the recent revelation that the city now faces a $101-million budget. Hopefully, she can manage Florida’s next presidential election better than she handled the city’s finances.

Our stance:

Capital punishment out of hand in U.S.

T he federal appeals court in St. Louis ruled last week that Arkansas officials can force a death-row prisoner to take anti-psychotic drugs to make him sane enough to be executed.

This ruling provides the latest proof that capital punishment in the U.S. has gotten out of hand. Although the prisoner, Charles Lawrence Singleton, does not present a real threat of murder, and forcing him to take the medication does not prevent him from doing so deserves harsh punishment, it is simply barbaric to give him medication for the purpose of killing him rather than treating him.

The Eighth Amendment’s prohibition cruel and unusual punishment, which the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1986, said applied to the execution of the insane. Thus, if a person cannot comprehend the consequences of his actions, he does not deserve to pay the ultimate price for them.

Yet Hood showed that he is quite free, either. If prison officials want to give Singleton medication to get him to take his medication, the action would be justified. To treat him so that he can execute his borders on disgusting.

The medication does not make Singleton insane; it only hides his psychosis.

The latest ruling follows a general trend in the federal government of vengeance. Earlier this month, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft told federal prosecutors in the New York region to seek the death penalty in more cases. In fact, he rejected prosecutors’ recommendations in 19 cases and ordered them to seek the death penalty.

What does the United States have to gain by executing more people? Innocent people do get wrongfully convicted in our imperfect judicial system. In the last 30 years, 103 innocent people have been executed from death row, in the U.S., according to www死亡penalty.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment.

Ashcroft told the appeals court’s judges that a reaction to the growing sentiment against capital punishment.

If a man is insane, executing him while he’s on medication is still cruel and unusual.

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Our stance:

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Celebrities shouldn't dabble in world politics

Kevin O'GrattaN

Who knew Hollywood was so informed about military intelligence? Tackling the anti-war movement is an increasingly popular pastime for Hollywood celebrities. Is the reason Bush's plan to wage war against Iraq is because Hollywood is throwing its support behind it?

There is no question that Bush's plan to wage war against Iraq is a result of Hollywood's support for it. Hollywood celebrities have been a vocal force in backing Bush's war against Iraq. They have been outspoken in their support of Bush's policies, and have been active in raising money for his campaign. The fact that Hollywood celebrities are supporting Bush's war against Iraq is a clear indication that Hollywood has a vested interest in this war.

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Order announcements now so they arrive on time!

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RESTAURANTS

The UCF vicinity offers a variety of food to please almost any palate. Some hours of operation are seasonal — these times were recorded for this week, and should carry you through to the end of the semester; keep this guide handy.

AMERICAN

Where meat is the main course and the beer flows freely, these restaurants are not for the faint of heart rubbish eaters. Make sure you bring your appetite and your thirst, because all of these places can satisfy both. It's the American way.

50 & Diner

Sporting a 50's theme and jukeboxes on every table, Two songs for a quarter, the 5 & Diner is the place to go for good old-fashioned American dining at any hour. You have got to try the turkey club with cheese fries and an Oreo shake. The 5 & Diner is one of the cleanest restaurants in town.

Applebees

With Happy Hour every day from 4-7 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. until it closes, Applebees is a great place to get your drink on. The most popular item is the chicken fajita rollup; a flour tortilla with Monterey jack and cheddar cheese, chicken, lettuce and Pico de Gallo.

Back Yard Burgers

If you're looking for a burger equipped to perfection or a baked potato seasoned just right, this is the place for you. Try the Hawaiian chicken sandwich or ten-dorito strips.

Restaurants & Entertainment

NIGHT CLUBS

Age restrictions can vary depending on the night. Most are 18 and up for females, but some are 21 and up for guys. Be sure to call ahead and check if you are unsure.

8 Seconds

Looking for something new? How about 8 Seconds — a two-hour two-riding good time. This club is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. On Fridays, you can drink free wine and beer until 11 p.m. and only $2 for every drink all night. On Saturdays, watch live professional bull riding, or participate in the event and win cash awards. On Saturdays, bull riders get free parking and admission, a free drink ticket and a free BBQ sandwich ticket. The club is equipped with two dance rooms, pool tables and live dancing lessons.

Antigua

Antigua is located in the heart of Orlando at Church Street Station. This club offers top dance music, hip-hop and techno. Saturday’s "Florida Breaks" nights are the most popular for this club. From 8 p.m.-midnight there is a $5 cover. Wednesdays are "Ladies' Night" — ladies get in free and drink free.

Backstage at the Clarion

"Backstage" is located in the Clarion hotel on I-Drive, so if you’re in the area, go and check out this club. The club plays top 40 music and is open every night. Happy hour specials are offered from 4-8 p.m. Thursday is Ladies Night. There is no cover any night.

BARS

Let’s face it, we live in college town. And college kids drink. So where can you go to get a serious drink on? Where are the best drink deals in town? Here’s the places to down some liquid courage and put on the beer goggles.

Bennigan’s

Find the luck of the Irish in 2-for-1 happy hour specials.

Devaney’s

Like singing and having everyone in the place laughing at you for it? Then this is the place for you. Featuring karaoke.

Devaney's Too

Monday and Wednesday there is a $8 cover, but you get all-you-can-drink drinks. Friday is Ladies night, free drinks until 11 p.m. Sunday offers $2-for-1.

Denny's (formerly Knight's Out Pub)

Ladies night Monday and Wednesday. Thursday has live local bands, and Sunday features live reggae music.

Frogger's Bar and Grill

Great wings, watch "the game," or any game. Monday’s are the days to check this place out.

Liquid Cellar

Home of 50 plater Tuesdays, live music weekly.

Orlando Ale House - Waterford Lakes

Tuesday features free drinks for ladies all night. Also considered a sports bar; the Ale House serves great food late night.

THEME PARKS

UCF is nestled in the heart of theme park country. Want to know how to get the most for your buck this year? How about the best in entertainment coming up at the local parks? Here’s a helpful list of parks, prices and events from mice to whales. Don’t forget to take advantage of the pass system that most parks have implemented. Put in your ticket and a machine will give you a ticket to ride at a certain time — this way you skip the long lines and get a chance to do more.

DISNEY

All four Theme Parks: $80.00 a day

Magic Kingdom

The first and most popular park with three mountains — that’s Thunder, Splash, and Space. Go on a weekday to avoid the mobs. This park is always the most crowded. Please Bill Cal is has the best tasting food and usually fast service.

Epcot

This is the park of culture world. Go prepared (and open to) trying delicious food and drink from the world over. You can watch your wallet by eating at outdoor restaurants that are cheaper but just as tasty as the sit-down places. There’s lot of shopping from world markets and the prices are pretty reasonable. Don’t miss Test Track — but get a Fast Pass early in the day. Ice Station Cool is also a fun area where you can try Coca-Cola products from around the world.

Disney/MGM Studios

The Studios is a fun park with more rides for thrill seekers. Both the Rock n’ Roller Coaster and the Tower of Terror will make you scream. They also have the best show on the property — Fantasmic. It’s worth splashing lite for this show, complete with pyrotechnics, laser lights and other cool effects.

Animal Kingdom

Their commercials are right. Animal Kingdom is not a zoo. There is a safer ride that’s fun but that is pretty much the only animal encounters you’ll get.j. Minnie is the best ride here; it's worth a Fast Pass, too. Don’t ignore the animal trail walks, and the parrots can be entertaining. Get there early though. The park closes in the early evening.
RESTAURANTS

much fresher than that. The best dish in the house is Hops' signature dish, Jamaican shrimp. Marinated in-house in pineapple, ginger, and soy sauce, this dish has a little kick to it.

Ruby Tuesday’s Restaurant
Featuring an all-you-can-eat salad bar that includes fruit and just, Ruby is the place to go for all you picky vegetable eaters. Ruby’s most popular dish is smothered peppercorn sirloin, served with a baked potato, onion strings and steamed broccoli, all under $15.

Friendly Confines Restaurant
With open windows, karaoke, live trivia and music seven days a week, Confines is a family-friendly atmosphere restaurant. Try the buffalo chicken sandwich, but Confines has a sandwich of the day every day for only $8.

Denny’s
For those late-night, go-the-munchie-but-not-much-money moments, Denny’s is the place to be. Everyone has ended up here after a late night partying. And the food is free on your birthday!

Dinner Lakes
11201 E Colonial Drive
(407) 371-0379
Under $15
Open 24 hours

Crispers
Key West style alternative to fast food, Crispers offers tasty soups, salads and desserts. Everything is made fresh every day. Try the steak or tuna sandwich. You’ll be back for more.

Man Fuel
355 S. Hyatt Trail
(407) 492-4727
Under $10
Mon-Sat. 11:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Sun. 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Orlando Ale House
With daily specials, Orlando Ale House is a 7 or 8 oz. steak you can eat with a fork. Longhorn’s Tito’s recommendation when you’re at this restaurant.

Casa Rey
Orlando people are lucky to have this as an alternative to Denny’s. Where the drinking’s done and you want to go somewhere just as good, this is the place. A sparse late-night menu, but the prices are reasonable.

Panera Bread
Don’t let the name fool you. These places are always open, and have quite a little selection on their menus, including soup, sandwiches and, of course, bread (to take home; not to eat there). Try the chicken and wild rice. Waterford Lakes

11120 University Blvd.
(407) 247-4411
Under $15
Mon-Sat. 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Sun. 7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Perkins
Another great place to eat late, especially since open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday. Lunch of good breakfast, lunch and dinner choices at an affordable price.

Downtown Orlando
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Mon-Sat.
8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Quino’s
The food is quite a bit different. This is where you’ll find some good deals, great steaks and a nice atmosphere. Be sure to try the 80/20 Top Sirloin Steak.

Hops Restaurant, Bar and Brewery
The reason for going here is in the name, “Hops.” This beer is brewed on-site. You can’t get

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Shamrock Steakhouse
Come for the atmosphere, stay for the steaks. Touting a 7 or 8 oz. steak you can eat with a fork, Longhorn’s Tito’s recommendation when you’re here.

Lunch
Waterford Lakes

(407) 267-5981
Under $10
Mon-Sat. 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Tooyo’s Gourmet Deli
 Huge deli sandwiches, especially the corned beef and pastrami, reminiscent of days in a New York deli. Now if only there was a New York-style place this good around here.

Pizzeria Uno
Chicago Bar & Grill
This restaurant can be tough to categorize— with Kiehl’s dermatologists and a shrimp and crab buffet. The foodie is an appetizer for 80.00, half prices on the happy hours. The house specialty is the lobster ravioli for $12.00.

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**Restaurant Reviews**

### Barbecue

Barbecue is one of the best things known to man. There’s nothing like firing up the old grill, but be reassured and give it a go. You’ll be glad you did. Some of the best ribs in town are fall-off-the-bone tender, with Sonny’s own pulled pork. Sonny’s is close to the movie theater. When ordering, try the baby back ribs for about an hour until they are tender, and serve up a hearty appetite.

### Smokey Bones

Smokey Bones BBQ & Sports Bar

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### Sonny’s Real Pit Bar-B-Q

You have to try the pulled pork with Sonny’s own sweet barbecue sauce. This is quite a delectable treat. Sonny’s also has quite a spread on the salad bar, so there is something for everyone.

### Woody’s Bar-B-Q

Woody’s claims to have the “Best baby back ribs in town, and they could just be right. The ribs are baked in a sweet sauce for about an hour until they are tender, fall-off-the-bone morsels of pleasure. And they are sweet. Nintendo

### Asian

Asian Chinese food has the distinct negative stereotype of making you hungry again after only a couple of hours of having eaten it. This place will fill you up, and fill you up right.

### Chin Hua

Chin Hua With a clean, friendly atmosphere, Chin Hua is the place for Chinese. When dining here, you must try the General Tso, all white meat in a sweet sauce. You can get it mild or for the brave of taste buds, hot. Chin’s also has an assortment of seafood, from scallops to shrimp.

### Thai Singha

Thai Singha Thai style, it’s seasoned with chili, pepper and basil. That’s has some of the best appetizers in town. Try the beef salad. There’s something in it for herbivores and carnivores, alike. The portions are huge, but bring a hearty appetite.

### Dragon Court

This place serves the freshest meats, seafood and vegetables with great lunch and dinner specials. 250 Alafaya Trail, #250 Winter Springs Plaza

### Jade Garden

Chinese Restaurant

The chefs own the restaurant, which guarantees great food all the time, no matter who is in the kitchen. They want to keep you happy and coming back for more. Try the General Tso, pepper steak or the Moo Goo Gai Pan.

### Pine Garden

This restaurant serves the classic Chinese takeout menu, this place is close and quick. It’s right across from the movie theater. When ordering, try the lo mein.

### Kobe Japanese Steak House

The best meal is by far the chicken, steak and shrimp dinner. You will only set you back about $15, and they cook it right in front of you. 2110 E. Colonial Drive

### Shin Jung

If you don’t know your Korean food, better ask the servers for help, or you could end up with some tongue (to eat, that is). Takes the word “exotic” to a whole new level.

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### Little Saigon Restaurant Inc

Little Saigon is better known for its Vietnamese menu. You have to try the egg noodle soup.
Nothing fancy; just a place to be for corned beef and cabbage: Kate's. The prices are small. Make sure to check includes The Melting Pot. You have to try the chicken shell. Made with lite butter: artichokes, sauteed chicken, mushrooms and mozzarella, this zesty dinner will cost you only $11.40. Waterfront Lakes (407) 655-0565 Under $15 Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

MEXICAN/TEX MEX

Run for the border? Need us to translate to you as fast as you can, You'll be glad you did.

Chili's: Their motto is "Happy Hour all Day Every Day." And Chilli's through 2-6 p.m. all day every day. Make your choice with the chicken fajitas, sauteed mushrooms, or the shrimp fajitas with peppers, sauteed mushrooms, Montereavy and butter. The cost? A measly $10.49. 1219 E. Colonial (407) 282-4000 Under $15 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight

Pizza Hut: Pizza Hut, one of the greatest pizzas of all time, has a Blue-Gold hand-tossed, hand-pulled pizza. Some Pizza Hut's offer dine-in restaurants, with a surprising adaptation. The pizzas feature a spider sauce, the right toppings, like mushrooms and tomatoes, that aside from the Red Lobster, you can get any flavor you want. (407) 365-2201 Under $15 Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-12 midnight

Baja Burrito Kitchen: With no menus, you can choose more convenient than this one. It's located right inside the Student Union. FCS Student Union (407) 282-2255 Under $15 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-12 midnight Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen: Nothing fancy, just simple dish with simple spices. No surprises, good or bad, just real good Mexican food. 11160 University Blvd. (407) 205-1958 $10-$20 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Maria Bonita Authentic Mexican Restaurant: You know a place has fantastic food if every employee gives you a different recommendation about what to try. Go with the class, a skilled-chef cooked. Served with rice, beans, guacamole and refried beans, this concoction will set you back less than $10. So good, and so thirsty. 10161 E. Colonial (407) 585-1411 $15 or below Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat. noon-10 p.m. Sun. noon-8 p.m.

ITALIAN

The Chinese Invasion pasta, but the Italian meals are great. And consider to make it great.

Broadway Ristorante & Pizzeria: Very heavy pasta sauces, served with a side of eggplant, mozzarella and a creamy cherry wine sauce, this meal will only set you back $8.95 for lunch and $11.95 for dinner. Both come served with pasta and a salad. 6209 Altadena Trail, Orlando (407) 353-3000 Under $15 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun. noon-10 p.m.

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria: Family owned and operated. Giovanni's has an unbelievably friendly staff. The signature dish is the chicken sorrentino, served with a slice of eggplant, mozzarella and a creamy cherry wine sauce, this meal will only set you back $8.95 for lunch and $11.95 for dinner. Both come served with pasta and a salad. (407) 896-2573 $25-$50 Mon.-Thurs. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Fri. 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Sun. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

GREEN

Olympia Restaurant: The three elements of Greek culture can be tasted here: sun, earth and sea. You must try the calamari. If you eat real calamari, you'll remember. The Hercules platter: Get a taste of it all. They also have a belly dancing show on Fridays and Saturdays. 5060 E. Colonial Drive (407) 323-7898 $10-$15 Mon.-Thurs. 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

IRISH

Kate O'Brien's: Featuring a beer garden and live entertainment, Kate's is the place to be for corned beef and cabbage. Kate's also has Irish stew, shepherds pie, for those in the mood. 42 W. Central Blvd. (407) 448-7048 $10-$20 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Sat. noon-2 a.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Romano's Macaroni Grill: These home-style Italian meals are cooked in the middle of the restaurant for all the diners to see and served by singing wait staff. The open dining area, fresh-cut flowers and house wine make for an exciting dining experience. You have to try the chicken shell. Made with lite butter: artichokes, sauteed chicken, mushrooms and mozzarella, this zesty dinner will cost you only $11.40. Waterfront Lakes (407) 655-0565 Under $15 Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-12 midnight

L.S. Fripp's, famous for its Jack Daniels Gate and economical happy hour, is located in Waterford Lakes.

The Black Hammock: Featuring catfish and "gator, this is the place to check out. They also have surf and turf, a live gator exhibit (you eat the slow burner) and live music on the weekends. This is a place for the whole family to enjoy.

The Melting Pot: The latest joint open that includes The Melting Pot. A lot of people want more. 2456 Black Hammock Fish Camp Blvd, Orlando (407) 355-2220 Under $15 Sun. and Thurs.-Tues. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Closed Mon.

Red Lobster: "Red Lobster has "The Feast," Sounds impressive. It is. You can choose between three dishes, the Ultimate — crab legs, lobster tail, shrimp and fried shrimp, for $19.95; the Admiral — calamari, fish, shrimp and scallops, all fried for $16.50; and the Shrimp — cocktail, scallop and Rockefeller, for $18.95. Waterford Lakes (407) 245-1411 Under $15 Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Straub's Seafood: Also claiming "the best seafood in Orlando," Straub's is a great, quiet location to sit and relax while you enjoy your seafood dinner (no lunch is served here). The recommendation is the sautéed grouper, lightly breaded and cooked in garlic butter. Simple, yet delicious. 1615 E. Colonial Drive (407) 673-3329 $7-$20 Sun.-Thurs. 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Shell's Seafood: Also claiming "the best seafood in town," Shell's New England clam chowder is the perfect bowl of chowder. Get it with the shrimp pasta. The lunch portion will cost you $6.99, and the dinner will cost you $10.99. For the true shrimp lover, you can get a full pound of fried shrimp for just $12.99. 221 S. Semoran Blvd. (407) 657-7060 Under $15 Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-12 midnight.
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55 W Church St.
Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 641-6188

Independent Bar

The Independent Bar formerly known as "Barbecue", is a club for those that enjoy live music and VIP's. It's a retro, modern indie, industrial and live music. The club opens at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday. No cover on Fridays before 11. This club is equipped with a few different rooms and a different type of music can be listened to in each one. Fifty cent draft beers and wells drinks on Sundays and $2.00 well drinks on Fridays and Saturdays.

70 S. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 640-4270

Icon

Icon is perfect for all the technophiles out there. This club is open Thursday through Saturday and offers $1.00 drinks (anything at the bar) until midnight on Saturdays. There is a $10 cover charge for ages 18-20, and a $5 cover for 21 and up.

20 N. Central Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 649-4396

Pleasure Island

Pleasure Island might be the place to go if you're into techno-music is your nature. At Pleasure Island, you pay a one-time entrance fee and get the choice of eight different clubs to try. The BBT Soundstage has an expanded dance floor and outdoor terrace and plays a variety of R&B and hip-hop. The Comedy Warehouse is the place for improv comedy and the Pleasure Island Jazz Company is where jazz lovers

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54 N. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 246-1419

Southern Nights

Southern Nights is Orlando's No. 1 gay nightclub. It is open every night and has different themes, shows and drink specials for your enjoyment. On Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, come and get $7 beer and $1.75 domestic beers until 11 p.m. On Tuesdays, enter the amateur "Strip Your Stuff" contest and win a $100 cash prize. On Wednesdays drinks are free until midnight. There is an $8 cover charge for ages 18 - 20, and a $10 cover for people 21 and up.

475 S. Brandon Ave.
Orlando, FL 32839
(407) 586-0194

Tabu Nightclub

This exotic nightclub attracts stars from Wesley Snipes to Tara Reid. Tabu is open from Tuesday to Saturday and offers different themes for each night. The club plays top-40 music, along with hip-hop, techno and dance. Tuesday is "Bash" for college students - $10 all you can drink. On Thursdays, there is a "beach bash" hosted by 95.3 Party. Friday is "remix" night, and Saturdays you can come to "Haute" night where you will see a variety of different clothing in a fashion show.

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BARS

Howl at the Moon

Howl at the Moon - 1 hour - 9pm - 1am. Drink specials daily from 9 p.m. - 1 am. Drink specials daily from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. 50 W. Church St.
(407) 554-4665

Kate O'Brien's

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Wall Street Plaza
(407) 430-1515

Wall's Pub

Will's features live bands and original music.
1600 N. Mills Ave.
(407) 886-6070

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want to be. Minnoglass Dance Palace was voted the No. 1 dance club in the Southeast and has a revolving dance floor and plays the Top 40 music. Rock 'n' Roll Beach Club has a beach theme and offers classic hits as well as new ones. 8 Trees is a 70's and 80's dance club with its dance floors and disco balls. The Adventures Club plays music from the 80's and is comprised of four different rooms. This club also has live stage shows. The last club at Pleasure Island is Motion, which plays every type of music from the Top 40 to alternative.

Walt Disney World Resort
Orlando, FL
(407) 934-7751

The Rox

"Rox" is open every day of the week and每 night takes on a different theme. If you're up for partying, come to the Rox's "Night on Mondays or "college night" on Tuesdays, where drink specials are $10 all you can drink on all premium liquors and beer on days. The music is a mixture of hip-hop, alternative and dance and the club is also comprised of a VIP room and level.
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Orlando Ale House - University

The original Ale House, this location is still quite popular with the Full Sail and UCF crowd. Thursday night features free drinks for ladies all night.
101 University Blvd.
(407) 671-1011

A little farther off but still well worth the drive:

Cowboy's

For the best boot-stomping good time, check this place out. These are the best line dancing club in Orlando. Thursday is Ladies night, boys in- theory or west. Trivia contests.
110 S. Orange Blossom Tr.
(407) 422-7110

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February 20, 2003 • The Central Florida Future
Disney waterparks are larger than most, and opening with late hours just in time for spring break.

Blizzard Beach
$31.00
- This park is themed like a winter wonderland — with water. The most thrilling ride is an almost vertical plummet down Mount Summit. You even ride a ski-resort style chair lift to get to the upper level slides.

Typhoon Lagoon
$31.00
- By far the best wave pool in the world is at this park. Once the waves get created, they knock you backwards. There's also a snorkeling pool where you can swim with all kinds of sea creatures, including sharks.

Disney Quest
$31.00
- A five-story giant play land of virtual reality and arcade games, Disney Quest is a unique place to bring out the inner child. You can create your own roller coaster and ride it in a 360-degree chamber. In Pirates of the Caribbean, players are surrounded by a three-sailed screen and stand on a bouncy pirate ship complete with cannons to defeat rebel ships. There's also a mini Cheesecake Factory inside. Yum.

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Pleasure Island
$19.95
Disney’s answer to shabb
- ing in Pleasure Island. There:
- are eight clubs in this step
- - where bad boys and girls go
- (according to Pinocchio of
- course). Every night is New
- Year’s Eve, complete with fire
- works at midnight. If you go on
- a Thursday or Sunday night it’s
- packed with cast members, who
- get in free those two nights. If
- you plan on going more than
- once, a good idea is to buy a FL
- annual pass for $54.95 — rela-
- tively cheap for Disney.

Cirque du Soleil
Category 1 seats $82
Category 2 seats $72
In this pricey but exhilarating
show, humans perform feats of acrobatic artistry seen nowhere else. Save up for a spe-
- cial occasion or suggest taking
- your parents — on their wallet of
- course.

Universal Studios
$51.95
If you’re in the mood for
- some nostalgia, head to this
- park where you can relive your
- favorite old movies through
- rides and shows. Also, each
- year from February through
- April, Universal celebrates
- Mardi Gras. For a regular day
- park admission you can be part
- of a nightly parade and enjoy
- concerts from some of the
- biggest names.

March 15 - 26:
- Mardi Gras
- CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS
- SINGLE NIGHT PASS
- $18.95
- 3 NIGHT PASS
- $49.95
- ANNUAL PASS
- $39.95

Sea World
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For a park that started out
- with no rides, Sea World’s come
- a long way. Krucken, the wild
- roller coaster with no floor is
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Busch Gardens
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Adventure Island
$29.95
This water park sits beside
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CityWalk
$8.95 all day access
After 6 p.m. every night, Universal opens its garages for free parking. There are five
- clubs at CityWalk including the
- unique Bob Marley, A Tribute to
- Freedom, featuring live reggae
- music and The Groove, with
- music ranging from alternative
- rock to dance hits depending on
- the night. There’s also
- Universal’s Chili, a huge
- movie theater with comfortable
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Wet n’ Wild
$34.95
This water park, located
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When Southern Miss anointed their basketball team's last-ditch fans, this week's games mean more than and wins its season finale at Florida into the A-Sun Tournament as the No. 1 this year's make the conference tournament. But as due to impress their season. The Knights won the tourna-

Lyons

If Marius Boyd and Dexter Lyons have proven to be a dangerous combination for opponents this season

Knights aim for No. 1 seed

"It should be an exciting week of basketball at the UCF Arena," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said.

The Knights (8-5, 10-2) have lost any of their three remaining games, chances are good they'll be the fifth seed because of the way the conference seeding is set up.

Robinson brings successful record to special teams

Last week UCF's football team made a significant addition to its coaching staff, offici-

ally hiring former Houston special teams coordinator, Bill Robinson. He'll fill the same role at UCF, replacing Charles Huff, who was reassigned within the athletic department.

But who is Joe Robinson? Well for one he's a man who believes special teams are, well, special.

"I just love the weekly challenge, there's so many different things," Robinson said. "You coach six different teams. Every play is huge; it makes a difference in the game. And I just get to work with so many different people. And just the strategy aspect of it, I just fall in love with trying to match wins with our opponents." Robinson, 42, comes to the Golden Knights with a strong resume of special teams accomplishments. In his one-year stint at Houston, the Cougars led Conference USA in not punting with a 39.3 yard average after finishing 10th in that category the year before. They also finished first in field-goal percentage, with Houston's kicking connecting on 12-of-14 attempts and finishing as a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, given annually to the nation's top place-kicker. In addition, the Cougars increased their kickoff and punt return averages while decreasing the number of touchbacks.

After Houston decided to make a head coaching change, Robinson became available. Prior to last season he spent one year as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator for Louisiana Tech. Before that he spent five seasons at Southern Miss, coaching defensive linemen and linebackers for the first half of his tenure then becoming special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator the final four years.

In 1999 his unit led the nation in kickoff returns, as Eric Beath set a school-record with a 34-yard return average. In both 1999 and 2000, he had players set the top two school-records in punt return yards.

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Paige represents growing program

Chris Bernardt

Two weeks ago against Georgia State, UCF's Erin Paige grabbed her 500th rebound. To commemorate the milestone, the senior received an award before the following game against Jacksonville State. She responded by putting one in of the best games in her four years with the Golden Knights, scoring a season-high 10 points and collecting 12 rebounds.

At one point during the game she did her best Michael Jordan impersonation, swatting hands for a layup as she fell toward the basket, and a layup as she fell toward the basket, and another as she fell toward the basket.

Coach Gail Striegler said that Paige may not be flashy, but she gets the job done.

"She's not somebody that's going to go out and get 20 points a night," Striegler said. "Usually she's not somebody that's going to go out and get 20 rebounds, so I do things that just really stand out. She just gets the job done.

Still she has left her statistical mark on UCF. She's just the 15th player in school history to reach 500 rebounds and her current tally of 355 ranks eighth on UCF's all-time list.

"I think it's a great accomplishment, I think I've done pretty well," Paige said. "I just came to UCF to play and go to school. I didn't have my mind set on any records, anything like that.

But just as big as her on-court contributions is what Paige does off the court. Not only does she serve as team captain, but she coaches her younger teammates with three freshmen: Claudine Johnson, LaShay Lang and Dominique Johnson, in order to help them get acclimated to both college basketball and college life. It seems to have worked, as all three continue to make great strides, over the course of the season.

"They look up to her in every way," Striegler said. "I think one of the main things is she has some of those freshmen have somebody to talk to at night. And [Paige] is somebody that can sit there and say, 'You know, I've been through this exact same thing. So she's been a good influence on those kids.'

Though Striegler claims Paige has gotten more vocal this year, Paige would rather her play inspire her teammates than her words.

"I just try to lead by example, by actions," Paige said. "Just playing hard, being respectful. I know that we're a good team so I kind of carry a swagger.

Her relationship with Striegler is a long and cultured one. Paige is one of just three players, along with Marvicia Washington and Yvette Ash, left from the 2000-01 team.

Please see Paige on 30.

Differing styles complement Lyons and Boyd

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and rightfully so, you can't help but notice the bond those two players have. Lyons said the two are like Smallt Wesson and Remy Boyd.

"There's no reason behind the nickname. It's just a good combo," Boyd said. "We figure that Denzel's the gun and I'm the bullet."

"You need both of them," Lyons added.

The Knights learned that the hard way when they played Belmont on Jan. 20. A conference forced Boyd to sit out against the Bruins and the Knights lost on a buzzer-beater. UCF didn't lose Boyd's defensive intensity and it looked like I yogis missed his partner. The junior scored 17 points, but turned the ball over a season-worst seven times.

With both Lyons and Boyd in the starting lineup, the Knights are 11-4 this year, 102 in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The dynamic duo also has a big reason to play. Lyons has more games this season than I do last year, and the Knights still have three games left.

Boyd said he felt a connection the minute he met Lyons at the freshmen, and Wellness Center when the transfer came on a visit.

"Dex, cute to me and said 'Yeah, we're going to get a lot of stuff done this season,'" Boyd said.

Lyons said he saw Boyd play against Florida Atlantic last year and from that point on he looked forward to playing with him.

"He's a defensive stopper and I'm a defensive stopper and you just put two together, that's a deadly combination," Lyons said.

But it took some time before the two actually got to play together because Lyons said out of all of practice with a back injury. And when he came back it was Boyd who he had to compete with for playing time. Both played small forward, and after Boyd spent a year and a half of his career proving he deserved a spot in the starting lineup, he wasn't about to give it up to a new guy.

"So Dex really had to come in and work hard, but every time he worked hard, I worked twice as hard," Boyd said.

"That's called, 'The deal was, coach was trying to get me to move the sixth man of the year.'

But that promotion wasn't necessary for long. Starpoint guard Al Miller was suspended indefinitely from the team before the Jan. 19 game against Florida Atlantic and Coach Kirk Speraw promptly bumped his sixth man into the starting lineup. It was at that point the competition ends get friendlier.

"We realized that look, we're both playing at the same position. We're both guards. Let's go ahead and get this thing done together," Boyd said. "She still competes, but we're on the same team now in practice and game time.

In games, Boyd and Lyons feed off each other on the court, their differing styles complementing one another. On offense Boyd looks to pass first, shoot second, while Lyons is counted on to score and he usually looks good doing it.

"On offense I just look to pitch it up around the rim," Boyd said. "He'll go get it. He'll make a show, no matter what end of the floor it's on. He's going to give the crowd the ways they want it.

Both go all out on defense, but it's on that side of the ball that Boyd has made a name for himself.

"He's a great player," Lyons said. "That's why I love playing beside him, I just love the way he plays defense. He stops his man in all aspects... He just does the little things to get the game going and in the right tempo.

When Lyons and Boyd stop onto the court only one thing is going through their minds.

"Winning, That's it," Boyd said. "For Lyons, basketball is his job. I don't want nobody to beat me at my own job," he said.

So for Lyons has done pretty good at his job. He's started the last 14 games, and has played at least 25 minutes in each of those games, including 90 consecutive minutes over two games. The "High Fiber," as the freshmen call him, is averaging 12 points, 6.9 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game during that stretch. He's also recorded a triple-double and a double-double this year.

Over the course of the season, Boyd has been one of the most consistent players for the Knights. He's averaging 6.1 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game during the A-Sun in regular season and his assist average jumped to 3.9 per game since Miller's suspension left him fulfilling point guard duties.

Boyd has a tough decision to make on Valentine's Day. Boyd and Lyons come back from watching film clicking about who is the better player. Each claims he is, and Boyd singles a little good-natured feud.

"I'm a team player," he said.

"That's not true," Lyons said back.

Boyd agreed, taking his jab back.

The competition never ends between these two. 
A long way home

Matt Beshon
Staff Writer

UCF's Taylor Sawyer has made her cross-country trek in style. With an easy going personality and a nasty left arm, she has quickly established herself as one of the Knights' most consistent pitchers.

Sawyer, the newest edition to the Golden Knights' pitching staff, made the move this year from Sierra College in California. While there, she was the Bay Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year and was named to the all-state team last year as a sophomore. She admits she was originally reluctant to attend a junior college.

"I didn't want to go to a junior college," she said. "Honestly, I didn't look forward to it. A bunch of the other girls I played with went there, so I was like, 'I don't want to go.'"

This year, Sawyer has already named A-Sun Pitcher of the Week honors this season.

New coordinator has work cut out for him

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Robinson inherits a special teams unit that led the Mid-American Conference in puntng, but lost punter Ryan Flinn and has no experienced replacement on the roster. It also finished in the bottom three in kickoff coverage and middle of the pack in most all other special teams categories. In addition to Flinn, kickoff returner Doug Gabriel and punt returner Asante Samuel must be replaced, as well as long snapper Bobby Brewin, holder Jimmy Frazel and coverage team ace Sean Gaudion.

"We're going to try to be multiple for our opponents and we're going try to have our kids have the same passion for playing special teams I have and realize how important it is," Robinson said. "And go out on Saturday and win the battle of vertical field position and win the battle of the kicking game. And if we do that we'll make life easy for our offense and our defense.""
Knights struggle with offense against WKU

Chris Bernhardt
STAFF WRITER

With its first four weekend series coming on its home turf of Jay Bergman Field, UCF’s baseball team hoped to avoid the early season slump that plagued it last year. So far, things haven’t worked out as planned, as the Golden Knights (2-3) dropped Sunday's rubber game of their three-game set against Western Kentucky, 4-3.

“I think we’re playing some younger kids at different positions, but still, you experienced players got to carry them,” UCF Coach Jay Bergman said. “But five games, we only have 12 more games left. We’re not going to panic by any stretch of the imagination.”

The Hilltoppers won the game in extra innings thanks to third baseman Tim Dragon’s leadoff homer in the top of the 10th inning off UCF closer Matt Fox. That capped a contest with two very different halves.

The game’s first five innings flew by within an hour, thanks to strong pitching from both sides. UCF right-hander Taylor Cobb, making his first start of the season, dueled with Hilltopper lefty Kenny Hughes.

The Golden Knights got the first advantage in the bottom of the third inning. Catcher Drew Butera singled up the middle and advanced all the way to third when Hughes botched the throw shortstop Jon Cooper’s bunt. Leftfielder David Mann followed with a perfectly placed sacrifice bunt down the first base line that scored Butera.

Meanwhile, Cobb was cruising, despite giving up four hits. But after striking out the top of the sixth by giving up a leadoff single to designated hitter Matt Wise, first baseman Matt Grogan’s error allowed a two-out walk and a hit batter, forcing Cobb to strike out three in the seventh.

“(The loss) shouldn’t overshadow what he did, he did a good job,” Bergman said. “Our pitching gave us a chance to win, but when you don’t score any runs you are going to struggle.”

UCF’s Rich Wallace knotted things up in the bottom of the inning with a solo shot to left off reliever Adam Prada. The senior third baseman/first baseman, who came into the game with just one hit in his first 11 at-bats, broke out with a 5-for-4 day at the plate. His homer was one of the few balls UCF got out of the infield all day.

The two teams continued to heat up on each other’s bullpens, with each squad scoring a run in the eighth inning, setting up Grogan’s game-winner.

The Golden Knights might have fared better if they could have cashed in on a few more scoring chances. They left five runners in scoring position, four by right-fielder Dee Brown alone. His biggest opportunity came in the seventh inning, when he came to the plate with men on first and second and one out. He grounded out to Western Kentucky second baseman Matt Johnston, who stopped on second and threw to first for the inning-ending double play.

Brown’s at-bat in the eighth ended with a three-run shot and the two-run grounder and you’d think we’d start to get the idea of winning at the end, but losing three games at home, we’ve never done that. That’s embarrassing.”

Paige leads by example

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Strieger’s first at UCF

“We communicate pretty well,” Paige said. “When I’m on the floor I guess I’m her leader, but that’s not to say she doesn’t do or ask me. I guess I’m a second cooch on the floor.”

That severely undersized 90-40 squad went 9-3-1. Over the next three teams the team has improved by leaps and bounds; to 15-0 this season, and ten games later continue to set records for the same team with a 9-2 conference record. It’s an evolution Paige says she always expected, but one Strieger thinks she could have accomplished without her.

“Everybody has their good and bad days, and I’ve been fortunate to have more good ones than bad,” she said. “If you bring us your game, you’re going to get hit in the butt.”

Sawyer wants to live in Italy

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on to 1993-94 schools and all other those places. But it turned out to be the best thing I could have ever done. The girls there are my family. We had a great time and it was so organized.”

After two sold out years at Sierra, it was time to move on to a bigger program. She always wanted to be in school in Florida, and UCF turned out to be the perfect fit.

“My dad told me about the program, and I soon broke off to come closer (Rosedale Lakes-Gillette),” she said. “She came out and actually saw me play one weekend, and that’s how I ended up here.”

And boy have the Knights been grateful. Through the first 11 games, Sawyer has led the Golden Knights in wins and ERA. After the Knights won four consecutive games in the UCF Invitational two weeks ago she was named the Atlantic Sun Pitcher of the Week.

“I think the players go 'I've had the chance to do this (Rosedale Lakes-Gillette),’” said. “I made friends easily, and the girls have been great.”

Through it all, Sawyer has remained true to her California roots. She remains an avid Los Angeles Dodgers fan, and jokes that she would one day like to work in their front office to “prevent them from making any more of my game home.”

She knows the Midwest food California has to offer, and is still trying to find anything that comes close to matching the "Oriole walls.”

“Everyone automatically assumes that "cause I'm from California I know how to surf,” she jokes. “Also back home you can't smoke in any public building and they actually have toilet seat covers.”

She enjoys eating, sleeping, and just hanging out. She once described herself to a newspaper in California as “quirky.”

“I’m really easy going and relaxed,” she said. “Just like any normal girl.”

An Advertising/PR major, Sawyer wants to live and work in Italy for a while after graduation. Because of her softball commitments, she never got the chance to study abroad. So far in this young season, Sawyer has been the Knights’ top pitcher. She leads a staff that includes senior Stacie (Opp, who has pitched well despite coming off shoulder surgery in the offseason, and Pyshah Simmons, who became the first pitcher in school history to pitch a perfect game. Despite her success, Sawyer has remained humble.

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Students get chance to win airline tickets

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Orlando on Saturday. The Bears handed UCF its worst defeat of the season, Jan. 18 in Georgia with a 12-point win. Mercer has won five straight since losing to Belmont on Jan. 27.

The Knights are 5-1 in the conference at the UCF Arena and have lost just two games there all season. UCF sports marketing is making the push to get students out to the games. The team has a busy schedule and every student who swipes a valid UCF ID will be entered in a drawing. Six students will be randomly selected to enter and they will compete in a limbo contest at halftime. The winner receives two airline tickets courtesy of AirTran Airways. UCF officials are expecting a big crowd, as the first 1,500 people receive free.

"If there's ever a time to get people out to the ballgame, this is the time," Smith said. "This is our last home game of the season. Every student that comes out will have a chance at winning the prize."

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UCF hopes to win at least two or three of its upcoming games to help its standing in the conference. "We have a great chance of succeeding this year," Smith said. "We have a great team and are ready to face the challenge of the upcoming season."
**UNDERGROUND COMIC COLLECTING not the normal read**

ALEX BARCROST  
STAFF WRITER

A picture of three tipless women feeding comics to a giant doll's head on display in the "UCF Library is a tame up compared to the images of other comic books on display.

The library's "Underground Comics" exhibit has attracted visitors since it opened Feb. 3. Comics published from the '60s to the late '90s are featured, with all adult themes. UCF Librarian Jodi Webb created the exhibit from his personal collection.

Titles ranging from "Corporate Crime" to "Shorten Life" can be seen in the special collections room on the library's fifth floor, room 510A, through April 25.

"If you look at these titles, these comics were underground for a reason," Webb said. "They were sort of a product of the counterculture of the late '60s and early '70s and some of them are very anti-establishment."

The exhibit has worked at the library since 1991, and six different curators have worked on it.Ellen Anderson, the acting head of the special collections department, said Webb's idea would make a comic exhibit. UCF is the right place for provocative subjects, Anderson said.

"I think that's part of our mission as an academic environment, a university environment, to provide things that encourage discussion," said Anderson. "While this particular collection may not be pleasing to me or the kind of thing I'd personally collect, I am interested in the issues that these articles were depicting and I think it's good for us as a culture to talk about these topics.

"Webb eagerly accepted the invitation. "If you think UCF is ready for it, I'll be happy to do it," he said.

From his collection of over 950 comic books, Webb selected comics reflecting the breadth of themes in the underground comic movement.

"There's comic books dealing with drugs, dealing with gay and lesbian lifestyles, political, social, sexual, etc., there's a lot of sex in these," he said. "Of course, some of the covers I didn't use at all because they might be too offensive to people. If you look around, they're not exactly the sort of thing you expect to see in a university library like this.

The comics are shelving for their time, but the exhibit is more of a history of underground culture today. Junior Ashley Staff, 20, said, "I have enjoyed visiting the exhibit.

"I think it's a good idea and beautiful, but there's no security. I don't have to worry about paper bills anymore and I can control my due dates and payment dates if I want to get rid of the post office," Markland said.

According to its Web site, CheckFree's service is offered for free because the billing companies pay the fees that allow CheckFree to operate. However, the billing companies don't pick up the tab for the goodwill of their corporations.

**Stop licking and start clicking**

MIKE RIEGEL  
STAFF WRITER

With less than 48 hours left before his cell phone bill is due, junior Josh Markland has yet to write a check, fill an envelope or buy a traditional stamp. He's not going to send a payment to them either; at least not through the postal service.

Markland, 22, has given up his traditional ways of paying bills for a new, more effective way: he uses the Internet to pay all of his bills. He no longer has to live in fear of getting charged for late payments or having his cell phone service cut off.

"I was the worst," Markland said. "I had bills everywhere. When I moved out, I cut in my room, in my desk, opened and unopened. It seemed like I was paying as much in coins from it as it was for whatever bill I was paying.

Markland came across this solution to his financial problems two years ago when he went online after arguing with one of his supervisors about his procrastination problems.

"I'm good with computers and bad with bills, so I decided to look for a way to combine them," he said.

His strategy led him to CheckFree, one of the largest online billing and payment services on the net. CheckFree delivers more than 37 million e-bills every year to customers in 28 states.

"I don't have to worry about paper bills anymore and I can control my due dates and payment dates to fit my schedule instead of relying on the post office," Markland said.

"I've got to give a lot of credit to UCF for putting this exhibit on, and it has attracted visitors since it opened Feb. 3. Everything has to have a message, except for the drugs stuff. I have no tolerance for that — I don't know what sort of message that would make."

Danny Holt, Anderson's assistant, said they were looking closely with the exhibit and Webb. If the comic book enthusiasm has rubbed off on her.

"I think it's fantastic," Holt said. "It relates really nice to the collections we have up here. We have a lot of students that are going to be interested in designing graphic art, so this gives them a nice correlation to look at, at the project.

However, Webb has his own reasons for wanting students to see this exhibit. "I'd like to encourage all of the students on this campus to come over and see these things," Webb said.

"Maybe they'll enjoy them, maybe they won't. They should think for themselves, that's why you're at a university. Expand your mind, learn and take in all the experience you can and let it be a part of you.

Display cases house most of these comic mini-comics safely behind glass, but about two dozen well-worn comics are available to read. Contents of the books are dominated by sexual imagery, ridicule of the frailty of men and women, to massacre and use of sex toys and violence. "But these are the only comics I have this exhibit."

In the cases, full color covers advertise nude women with guns, demon-like creatures, drug use and even a comic about a space robot in a black rock cylinder. Though some of these books are easily read by their covers, others are too offensive to be read. However, the comic written in the early '70s for Americans worried about abortion even though at the time the procedure was legal at 18.

Dealing with social issues like women's rights and drug use made underground comics unique in stories dominated by superheroes. But mainstream comics like Spiderman, created by Marvel Comics, didn't have to address social issues. Webb said, "Marvel will touch on, say one character will have something to do with sex but they would never show it."

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In famous porn star Ron Jeremy's stand-up comedy routine for fans at the Back Booth night club last Friday.

**Party with a (gross) porn star**

**THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

**LINnea BROWN**

**STAFF WRITER**

"Ron Jeremy's my idol," declared UCF senior Bobby Howell, 22, "He gets all the hot chicks."

"He gives hope to us ugly, homely individuals," exclaimed Gill Henderson, a 20-year-old sophomore. "He gives us inspiration.""

"He made it cool for fat, hirsle dudes to [have sex]," gestured Geoffrey, a disheveled Orlando resident. I realized I was suddenly drowning in a sea of pathetic lion Jeremy wannabes.

Last Friday night, I found myself in the middle of Back Booth night club, 27 W. Pine St., jammed in with hundreds of other people who had all shown up for the same collective cause — to see ugly, porn star Ron "The Hedgehog" Jeremy perform his stand-up comedy routine.

"Admit it. Anyone who's ever even looked at the repro-of "adults only" section on the local video rental joint knows who Jeremy is. He's the 44-year-old, fat white guy with the greasy mustache who has been in almost every porno film ever made. You know the ugly one — the one who looks more like he belongs in a pizza parlor than erotic movies.

The majority of the guests in Jeremy's audience appeared to be of the barley, college-student variety — those who find themselves making regular visits to Barella's Margarita.

However, a small group of gray-haired, mom-and-poppepe individuals stood out from the crowd. I spied one of the wizened, bald men on his shoulder and casually inquired about his interest in Jeremy.

"Oh, we've worked together," the man said evasively nodding an older woman toward me. "Here, talk to my wife about it."

His wife pushed back her long, wavy grey hair and smiled, introducing herself as an Orlando contract printer named Linda Gayle.

"It was something very sexual," she said about her work with Jeremy. "Ronnie worked with us on the first swingers convention in Orlando."

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"So, that must you've gotten orgies, right?" I asked carefully. "We prefer the term 'recreational' sex," Gayle corrected, crossing into the too-much-information territory.

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The lights dimmed and a documentary about Jeremy's porn career was projected onto the screen behind the Back Booth stage.

However, the video came to an abrupt halt when a nude guy tripped over a cord, sending the whole VCR and speaker system crashing to the ground in pieces.

"Ron, Ron, Ron," the crowd started to chant, as a group of fat guys frantically tried to remedy the situation.

Out of nowhere, Jeremy suddenly materialized on stage, looking every bit as creasy and disheveled as he does in his movies.

His beer gut protruded as he climbed atop a wrinkled black "Bunny Ranch" T-shirt and his fuzzy, shoulder-length hair was brushed back in a bad comb-over attempt.

Jeremy dove straight into an allegedly 10 minutes of self-promoting stand-up comedy. All of his jokes were about the porn industry, many of which he'd already revealed word-for-word in published interviews.

When I thought I could take no more, Jeremy scurried off stage, announcing that he'd return soon to host a banana-eating contest.

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"Ron, Ron, Ron," the crowd started to chant, as a group of fat guys frantically tried to remedy the situation.

Out of nowhere, Jeremy suddenly materialized on stage, looking every bit as creasy and disheveled as he does in his movies.

His beer gut protruded as he climbed atop a wrinkled black "Bunny Ranch" T-shirt and his fuzzy, shoulder-length hair was brushed back in a bad comb-over attempt.

Jeremy dove straight into an allegedly 10 minutes of self-promoting stand-up comedy. All of his jokes were about the porn industry, many of which he'd already revealed word-for-word in published interviews.

Finally, when I thought I could take no more, Jeremy scurried off stage, announcing that he'd return soon to host a banana-eating contest for 10 lucky females. "True is the word," Jeremy returned to the stage after the Back Booth DJs had recruited nine giggling, intoxicated college girls and one overweight, menstruating, swinger woman.

I think she reminded everyone of a little too much of their mothers. In fact, I was absolutely horrified to see her chase Jeremy around the stage on her knees, begging to be allowed to demonstrate her banana-eating skills on his famous nine-and-a-quarter-inch banana.

Exhibiting typical "Girls Gone Wild" behavior, the girls turned the contest into an unoffensive competition of who could behave the nastiest. They made out with each other, showed the audience their breasts and demonstrated their best oral techniques on a juicy banana.

The banana fiasco was followed by an even more bizarre display — a fake- orgasm contest, where contestants felt compelled to moan and scream their heads off.

When Jeremy had sufficiently stripped away every ounce of the girls' dignity and declared two winners, he retreated to the break room. The contestants also mysteriously disappeared — leaving their whereabouts a topic of much audience speculation.

By the time Jeremy finally drank back onstage 40 minutes later, I had dozed a couple of drinks and was chatting with Back Booth co-owner John Youngman.

"Hey, would you want to interview him in front of the audience?" Youngman suddenly asked me.

My mind was blank. I was completely unprepared for an interview — as well as slightly intoxicated.

"Of course she would," my friend Thomas answered for me, grinning.

The next thing I knew, I was sitting in a chair onstage facing Jeremy, babbling into a microphone. I attempted not to scream at the fact that this disgusting porn-star hand was resting cau­lus on the back of my chair.

"So, uh, how many women have you been with?" I asked awkwardly.

About 4,000 or 5,000," he boasted. "The youngest was a 15-year-old in Helsinki, and she was my favorite to be a banana-eating contest."

"Great," I thought. "Do you ever get bored with..." I started to ask when he interrupted me.

"Sex?" he asked. "Never." Jeremy proceeded to ramble on about his porn career and answer questions from his audi­ence.

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The trick to saving money on a spring break trip is careful planning and a little bit of networking up to the people you are purchasing things from, Peters agreed.

"I try to make friends with the people you want to get the best deal," he said. "I will make an effort to be really friendly in order to get a better price. I've also bargained with people about prices to get them to lower it and it's worked out pretty well so far."

The group of four girls and eight guys taking the road trip first started planning what their trip would cost during the fall of 2002. Peters originally came up with the idea of taking a trip, but had the help of his friends with planning it. The estimated cost of the whole trip is about $300 per person with their own cars, but for those renting forms, it will cost them $200 extra.

"What made me want to go to Colorado was I wasn't sure if the chance was going to snow again," Peters said. "I am from Wisconsin and I really miss it. Finding a few people on the trip who have never seen snow or being snow is really this a great opportunity for us and a place to relax and unwind from every- thing. At night on the beach, the sky is pitch black with the exception of the bright stars. I can't even begin to describe how incredible it is. It is the perfect place to spend time during spring break with your girlfriend, isolated from the rest of the world."

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Fields began her research two months ago on what a trip to Key West and the costs to stay there would be. Two canvases with five girls each in a room will cost each per person around $225 for five days and four nights.

"It was a difficult finding a place for us to stay in Key West because a lot of the places there don't allow smoking. Spending four days away from all college-stye culture, such as pizza, Peters said."

Nevertheless, there are still students such as Jonrill, Kirwan, 19, who want nothing more than several days to escape from their busy college lifestyle. Kirwan is planning a peaceful camping trip at a place called St. James's Peninsula, located near Panama City Beach.

"I went camping there for Spring Break last year and it is the most beautiful beach I have ever seen," Kirwan said. "The water is clear, the sand is white and the beach is very clean."

Kirwan and his girlfriend will be spending four days at the campground in a van or RV, which Kirwan plans on borrowing from his father, who is a car dealer. The renting the space on the campground will only cost $100 and they plan on cooking food on the grill the campsite provides, as well as on the George Foreman Grill they will be bringing along. The only other expense would be for gas.

Although there aren't many other young people planning and the campground appears to be far away from society and city life, Kirwan said this was his ideal Spring Break. "It may not be the most exciting place, but that's what I am looking for," he said. "It is a place for me to relax and unwind from every-thing. At night at the beach, the sky is pitch black with the exception of the bright stars. I can't even begin to describe how incredible it is. It is the perfect place to spend time during spring break with your girlfriend, isolated from the rest of the world."

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