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

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 R.L. Ilsey Park in Parramore, that Terri Scott, 40, often spends her afternoons.

"It's a joke," Scott said about her community's parks.

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 planning a trip — 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 serve 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 these communities. City Hall replaced asphalt streets with brick ones and added decorative historic street signs to jazz up the depressed areas.

Please See Hood's on 3

Shelley Marmor

At 9 a.m. last Friday, 44 UCF students converged in the parking lot in front of Millikan Hall, ready for the 22-hour bus ride that lay ahead of them — or so they thought.

The charter bus that would serve as their temporary home for the next three days promised to be an improvement over their last long bus ride, on which they had no heat, air conditioning or even standard "bus" seats while traveling to the national anti-war protest in Washington, D.C. last month.

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Hood's stance on anti-discrimination and homeless ordinances draws fire

Gordon said homeless people were not required to pay every penny they earn to the city.

"It's a never-ending cycle that they can't get out of," she said.

Gordon said Hood supported this law to make the city more hospitable for tourists, and that Gordon said, "Downtown Orlando is not a time charity.

Kelly Caruso, president of The Ripple Effect, an organization that helps homeless and drug addicts, said views exist.

Ripple Effect has successfully supported the idea of drop-in centers, where homeless people could clean up and spend part of their day, Caruso said.

Caruso also said people are being harassed and that the law seems like "a converted effort to systematically banish the homeless."

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In December, the City Council added gays and lesbians to Orlando's anti-discrimination protection law. Hood voted against the measure, saying it was not necessary because the city was already, it vote, but Hood failed in the eyes of Orlando's gay community.

Debbie Simmons, a member of the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee that brought forth the change, called the mayor's decision "screwy.

"It's ridiculous to me," Simmons said. "She talks about how all gay people."

In 2000 Hood supported a policy that protected city employees from discrimination on account of sexual orientation. Yet Simmons said Hood opposed last year's law that covers the rest of the community.

"She recognized a problem in 2000," Simmons said. "She realized the hate in the community then."

"But many people said Hood's vote was motivated by her political aspirations. Simmons said it was egregiously political and that the mayor supported Gov. Bush on the issue."

"It's an apparent change of heart left some time ago," Simmons said. "It's a lot different than what she, it, and her administration."

According to law, Simmons said Hood is not elected to, and he is not required to, the Orlando municipal government.

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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 Rachael Joyce, 21, believe their pacifist message was heard.

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

Junior Crystal Arellano, 21, said she had numerous reasons for attending the protest, including her feelings that UCF in general needs more community involvement, and that the trip to New York was beneficial because it brings people from campus together.

She said she wanted to attend the protest because she was weary of the government, especially 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 like how we're getting 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 protesting in Europe. In total, several million people from across the globe protested President Bush's intention to use preemptive 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; she only granted them a permit to assemble on 46th Street stretching north to First Avenue.

United for Peace and Justice claimed 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 repressition of their First Amendment rights.

Nonetheless, the judge's decision stuck, and demonstrators took to the streets and flooded Manhattan, making it difficult to even walk. The extra police officers on duty attempted to contain the protesters using billy clubs. The tactic angered the large crowd, which began to collectively 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 activities, 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 site of the main protest stage, where speakers included Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, across Susan Sarandon, actor Harry Belafonte and Martin Luther King III.

"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 violence against some protesters who blocked the streets and wouldn't let cars pass. By day's end more than 100 people had been arrested.

While no UCF students were arrested, they agreed that officers acted cordially towards the protesters and few used excessive force.

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

Like the protest organizers, UCF's Campus Peace Action overcome 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.

Loto, 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,solidifying 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 Marcon Pena, Loto and 44 other UCF students secured roughly $4,300 from Pena's discretionary account that they needed to fund their trip.

Even after the finances were secured, other problems arose. The money Pena allocated would not be available in time to pay the charter bus company, which let the students 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. Three people decided to fly home because they could not handle riding through a snowstorm without a working heater.

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 swarmed off the bus anticipating 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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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 $95. Jackson has decided to take his time preparing 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 2004 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 test 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 program 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 Blakeslee or Kaplan as choices for preparation programs. He will weigh several factors, particularly class size, 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.

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 treat scores in 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 and weaknesses are, but I just don't have the money for it."

"It's just too expensive," she added. "I have also heard mixed reviews. I had a friend take the review here two years ago, and he said she 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, and I feel 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 8
Recreation center official concedes finger-scan system was a bad choice

FROM PAGE 1: 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 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 correct the software and hardware problems.

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 registered the finger-scan system as both unreliable and controversial.

"I 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," he said. "He's not a student."

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 $5,000 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.

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. 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 and bring skills up."

Junior Shane Chiltres says he will definitely take prep classes for the MCAT. "I would go with the Kaplan MCAT preparation course," Chiltres 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, MCAT, 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 3 to 35 hours. The price is based on package choices ranging from $1,999 to $3,999.

Some facilities have Web sites that students can use to prepare for the LSAT, GRE, MCAT, or GMAT. 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.
Don't let your W-2s become a taxing task

Lisa Marie Hottle

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 rerouting 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 Tax Cut, 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 $18.95 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 Bermahati towards H&R Block. "I need to get my car fixed soon, so I am going this week," says Bermahati. "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 Education 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 $1,500 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 that if a student paid $1,500 in federal taxes, excluding Medicare and Social Security, then they will receive the full $1,500 back.

Single students cannot earn more than $40,000 a year to qualify, and married joint filers must not make more than $80,000.

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 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 $2,000 of qualified expenses, for a maximum $400 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.

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Economists Lower First-Quarter Forecasts

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

A group of 36 economists, who participated in The Wall Street Journal’s economic-consensus survey this month nudged their predictions for first-quarter economic 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 6—nearly half—towered their forecasts 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% annualized growth forecast in a survey conducted in December. The average for the second quarter fell to 3% from 3.2%.

Growth for all of 2002 was 2.6%. The U.S. Commerce Department reported last month in releasing its first estimate of fourth-quarter GDP. Growth in the quarter ended at a 3.6% rate.

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Lest the 18-month period after the World Trade Center was destroyed become a dark, brooding period, antiwar groups are planning to have more to say than ever before. They have put together an antiwar project called "We'll Broadcast Advertising Opposing the Impending War with Iraq," which will use the same advertising spots and time slotted during the war, but as a form of protest against the war.

The New York-based group is coordinating with antiwar groups in other cities to broadcast advertising opposing the war, but as a form of protest against the war. The group has already targeted CNN and MSNBC, two networks that have refused to broadcast advertising opposing the war.

The group is also planning to broadcast advertising opposing the war on other networks, including Fox News and NBC.

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Our STANCE:

Hood's shortcomings won't be missed

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s Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood leaves office next week to take a Florida law school position, the disappointments of her 10-year run stand out more clearly now than ever.

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 throughout her 10 years in office, Hood turned her back on that same community by stating that it does not need protection against discrimination in housing and employment.

Alternating the very people who helped her remain in office for 10 years, Hood voted against the ordinance — a move that endangered to her own to-be boss, Gov. Jeb Bush, Hood shielded 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 lying 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 glorify the city and make it more appealing to tourists.

Hood had another idea that would have appealed to tourists, her grand 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 sell the Parramore neighborhood. 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 cracked down on Orlando's nightclubs by supporting the anti-dance ordinance, which forced downtown clubs to close no later than 3 a.m.

Hood leaves a legacy of shortcomings that has gotten out of the recent revolution that the city now faces a $12-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.

The 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 Lavern Singleton, is a fellow of murder, and for doing so deserves harsh punishment, it is simply barbaric to give him medication for the purpose of killing him.

The Eighth Amendment, which protects cruel and unusual punishment, which the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1972, and applied to the execution of the juvenile, Thop, it, if a fellow cannot comprehend the consequences of his actions, he does not deserve to pay the ultimate price for them.

Not that he deserves to go free, either. If prison officials want to give Singleton medication to put him in a vegetative state, the action would be justified. To treat him so that the state can execute him borders on disregard.

The medication does not make Singleton sane, 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 not get wrongly convicted in our imperfect judicial system. In the last 30 years, 350 innocent people have been released from death row in the U.S., according to www.stats.com. Ashcroft has cracked down on the abolition of capital punishment.

Ashcroft and the appeals court's decision seem like a reaction to the growing sentiment against capital punishment. After former Illinois Governor George Ryan commuted the death sentences of all of that state's death-row inmates last month, people see that the government does not need to execute prisoners to carry out justice.

As one of the few nations that still practice capital punishment, the United States often deserves criticism from international human-rights groups. The federal and state governments have executed innocent people, and may execute more. The exonerations of 105 individuals should be reason enough for the government to impose a moratorium on the death penalty.

And if a man is insane, executing him while he's on medication, is still cruel and unusual.

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." —CONIOUS

Letters to the Editor

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This letter is in reference to John Allen-Coffman's column, "U.S. treats Iraq wrong, but pay your empty claims," published Feb. 19.

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Celebrities shouldn't dabble in world politics

**Kevin O'Grady**

Who knew Hollywood was so informed about military intelligence? At last report, Hollywood giant Martin Sheen, who has founded the anti-war activist group Artists United to Work in Iraq, had denounced war, claiming there was no justifiable reason to attack Iraq.

More than 100 celebrities, including Matt Damon, David Duchovny, Samuel L. Jackson and Angelina Jolie, sent a letter to Bush urging him to work for the world's peace.

Comedian Janeane Garofalo has regularly appeared on Fox News, MSNBC and CNN to voice her disapproval.

Sheryl Crow and Matt Damon, David Duchovny, Samuel L. Jackson and Angelina Jolie, sent a letter to Bush urging him to work for the world's peace.

Since when do these Hollywood celebrities know more than the American intelligence community, and when did they decide to switch roles from actor to political analyst?

Last time I checked, Sheen and the rest of Hollywood do not have access to the classified security briefings that Bush receives everyday.

If anyone is uninformed about the matter, it is Hollywood celebrities who are notorious for spouting off undisputed sentiments simply because people will listen.

In this case, they have chosen to ignore the fact that Saddam Hussein has failed to conform to countless U.N. resolutions and refuses to provide a single shred of evidence that Iraq has destroyed any of the chemical/uranium weapons it is said to have possessed.

These Hollywood celebrities continue to underestimate Hussein and his lack of regard for human life.

They refuse to admit that this tyrant will or may have already passed his biological and chemical weapons on to those last calms that will use them — without hesitation — to attack American civilians. They refuse to acknowledge that Iraq has demonstrated it will not disarm of its own accord.

This anti-Americanism stems fromscripts and the political leaders to elected officials.

These celebrities need to realize that the pending war with Iraq isn't a superficial case of special effects; their simplistic views on peace won't protect America from Iraq or any terrorists. Publicly denouncing conservative political figures doesn't accomplish anything, either.

These anti-American stars all deserve Oscars, though. It takes genuine acting ability to look so stupid.

I don't think anyone but Saddam's mother at this point believes he is anything but a wicked, power-mad dictator. The world is undoubtedly propaganda, if even a percentage of them are true, he is one sick puppy.

And as troop buildups in Iraq and the neighboring Turkey continue, it's pretty clear that no matter what else happens, war is imminent. It's also likely that a new government will replace Hussein's regime.

But why is Bush determined to form a regime change in Iraq?

I don't think anyone but Saddam's mother at this point believes he is anything but a wicked, power-mad dictator. Hussein rules Iraq with an iron fist, ruthlessly crushing any who oppose him.
Cap & Gown Pre-Orders!

February 24 - March 1, 2003

Graduation is just around the corner and you need a cap and gown to participate on graduation day.

Order announcements now so they arrive on time!

Diploma frames are on sale during cap and gown pre-orders!

Join the Alumni Association when you order your cap and gown to save 15% off merchandise at the UCF Bookstore.

Don't delay, pre-orders are only February 24 - March 1, 2003!
Restaurants & Entertainment

Restaurants

The UCF vicinity offers a variety of food to please almost any palate. Some hours of operation are seasonal—those times were recorded for this week, and should carry you through to the end of the semester; so 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 rabbit-eaters. Make sure you bring your appetite and your thirst, because all of these places can satisfy both. It's the American way.

5 & 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 time. You have got to try the turkey club with cheese fries and an apple pie. It's the most popular item there. Every Thursday has live local bands, and there are free drink specials. It's one of the cleanest restaurants in town.

Applebees
With Happy Hour every day from 4-7 pm, and again from 7-9 pm 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 (grilled to perfection or a fried potato seasoned just right), this is the place for you. Try the Hawaiian chicken sandwich or tenderloin strips.

Night Clubs

5 Seconds
Looking for something new? How about 5 Seconds—a fun-throwing track-driving good time. This club is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. On Fridays, there are drink, free wine and free beer until 11 p.m. and only $4 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.

Amigos
Amigos is located in the heart of Orlando at Church Street Station. This club offers top all dance music, hip-hop and techno. Saturday's "Florida Breaks" nights are the most popular for this club. From 6 p.m.-midnight there is a $5 cover. Wednesdays are Ladies' Nights—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.

BAR Orlando
Come join your college classmates at the "BAR." This is one of Orlando's hottest scenes for the college crowd. The club plays dance, hip-hop, funk, house, techno, rock and pop. It's got something for everyone. Doors open at 10 p.m. every day for Fridays. On Fridays, BAR opens at 9 p.m.

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 back of the Irish in 24-11 happy hour specials, 11600 University Blvd. (407) 247-2471.

Devaney's
Like singing and having everyone in the place laughing at you for it? Then this is the place for you. Featuring karaoke. 7600 University Blvd. (407) 676-6760.

Devaney's Too
Monday and Wednesday there is a $3 cover, but you get all-you-can-drink brunches. Friday is Ladies Night, free drinks until 11 p.m. Sunday offers $4.50-l. 11676 S. Colonial Drive (407) 973-9199.

Donnelly's (formerly Knight's Out Pub)
Ladies night Monday and Wednesday. Thursday has live local bands, and Sunday features live reggae music. 3010 Alafaya Trail (407) 275-3021.

Frogger's Bar and Grill
Great wings, watch "the game," or any game. Monday's are the days to check this place out.

17333 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 (407) 384-1174.

Liquid Cellar
Home of 9226 plebeers Tuesday, live music weekly. Orlando, FL 32819 (407) 384-1174.

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.

Disney

Let's face it, we live in Orlando. 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.

Benjamin's
Find the back of the Irish in 24-11 happy hour specials, 11600 University Blvd. (407) 247-2471.

Devaney's
Like singing and having everyone in the place laughing at you for it? Then this is the place for you. Featuring karaoke. 7600 University Blvd. (407) 676-6760.

Devaney's Too
Monday and Wednesday there is a $3 cover, but you get all-you-can-drink brunches. Friday is Ladies Night, free drinks until 11 p.m. Sunday offers $4.50-l. 11676 S. Colonial Drive (407) 973-9199.

Donnelly's (formerly Knight's Out Pub)
Ladies night Monday and Wednesday. Thursday has live local bands, and Sunday features live reggae music. 3010 Alafaya Trail (407) 275-3021.

Frogger's Bar and Grill
Great wings, watch "the game," or any game. Monday's are the days to check this place out.

17333 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 (407) 384-1174.

Liquid Cellar
Home of 9226 plebeers Tuesday, live music weekly. Orlando, FL 32819 (407) 384-1174.

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.

Orlando Ale House - Winter Park
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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 Mickey to Minnie. 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: 9:00 a.m. daily.

Magik 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. Piece of Bill Call has the best tasting food and usually fast service.

Epcot
This is the park of culture grand. Prepared (and open to) trying delicious food and drinks 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 a lot of shopping from world markets and the prices are pretty reasonable. Don't miss Test Track — but not 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 singing along for this show, complete with pyrotechnics, lasers, lights and other cool effects.

Animal Kingdom
Their commercials are right — Animal Kingdom is not a zoo. There is a safari ride that's fun but that is pretty much the only animal encounters you'll get. It's not as good as the rest ride here; it's worth a Fast Pass, too. Don't ignore the animal trail walks, and the giraffes can be entertaining. Get there early, though. The park closes in the early evening.
Barney’s Steak & Seafood & Lounge
Claiming the “Best salad bar in Orlando,” Barney’s is a small place on Colonial Drive. Featuring live piano music in one section of the restaurant and live singing in another, entertainment is provided seven nights a week. A Prime price for every-night dining, but how many restaurants have you been to where you can play live music! Best dish is the surf and turf, a filet and lobster tail.

(407) 996-0884
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Crispers
Key West 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.

555 S. Pershing Trail
(407) 492-4727
Under $10
Mon.-Thu. 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Denny’s
If you are those late-night, go-the-munchies-but-not-much-money kind of person, 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: 1101 Colonial Drive (407) 381-0769
Under $10
Open 24 hours

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

Waterford Lakes (407) 738-9132
Under $10
Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-midnight, seven days

Dunkaroo Steakhouse
Here you’ll find good down-home specials, great steaks and a nice atmosphere. Be sure to try the $8.99 Top Sirloin Steak.

Doral Westway
(407) 381-2575
Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. noon-9 p.m.

Hops Restaurant, Bar and Brewery
The reason for going here is in the name, “Hops.” The beer is brewed on-site. You can’t get much fresher than that. The best dish in the house is Hops’ signature dish, Jamaican-style Marinated, in-house, pineapple, ginger and soy sauce; this dish has a little kick to it. 1149 University Blvd. (407) 381-0100
Sun-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri-Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight

Johnny Rockets
Decades-ago dining for the younger crowd. Johnny Rockets has waitresses in dresses. And they sing, complete with ketchup-bottle microphones.

Under $15
Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

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

Waterford Lakes (407) 482-2100
$16-$20
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri. 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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 (407) 296-0333
$6-$20
Mon.-Sun. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Ruby Tuesday’s Restaurant
Featuring an all-you-can-eat salad bar that includes fruit and juice. Ruby’s is the place to go for all you picky vegetable eaters. Ruby’s most popular dish is a 14 oz. sirloin steak served with a baked potato, onion strings and steamed broccoli, all for under $15.

Parkston Square Mall
(407) 273-3981
Under $15
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Steak and Ale
The best name for a restaurant if you’re a must-and-potato kind of person. Steak and Ale is renowned for the atmosphere. Steak and Ale boasts a down-priced prime rib as its most popular item, which comes in three cuts, 8 oz., 12 oz. and 16 oz. Prices are $12.95, $14.95 and $17.95, respectively.

59 S. Winter Springs Blvd.
(407) 334-2595
Under $15
Open 24 hours

T.G.I. Friday’s
If you have eaten here, you know all about the Jack Daniel’s glaze. If you haven’t, get out there and try it. It’s good. It doesn’t matter what. Friday’s also has a Happy Hour from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. Appetizers and wines are half off. Weekdays are $1 and Long John’s are $2.

Waterford Lakes (407) 658-2750
$10-$20
Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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

Waterford Lakes (407) 494-1197
Under $10
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Pizzeria Uno
Chicago Bar & Grill
This restaurant can be tough to categorize — with American, Italian and Mediterranean and a shrimp and crab entree. The feature is an appetizer for $10, half price for the dinner happy hours. The house specialty is the lobster Newburg for $20.00.

4120 E. Colonial Drive (407) 744-7686
Under $10
Mon.-Thurs. 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.


Quintos
There’s nothing quite like a Quintos’ sub, made fresh to order and hot. Do yourself a favor and spend a couple extra bucks on a truly fantastic sub.

Waterford Lakes (407) 389-8887 and
12070 College Way
(407) 429-4880
Under $15
Sun-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

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BARBECUE
While the smell of barbecuing meat is one of the top three smells women hate, it is one of the best things known to man. There's nothing like firing up the grill, unless someone else fires it up for you. For that homemade-R-I-E-Q taste without the hassle of wire-breaking the grill, check out these restaurants.

BubbaQ's Bar-B-Q
This award-winning barbecue restaurant makes its food with family recipes. Drive-in, carry-out and bring your friends or family for a great meal. Catering is available.
21980 Challenger Pkwy.
(407) 285-1272
Under $10
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Smoky Bones BBQ & Sports Bar
Smoked meat is still pink, but be reassured and give it a go. You'll be glad you did. Some of the best ribs in town. And a hot apple pie a la mode to kill the hunger.
Waterford Lakes
(407) 973-6681
Under $15
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
You have got 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.
210 S. Alafaya Trail (South of Waterford)
(407) 920-9888
Under $15
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

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 hour until they are tender, full-off-the-bone morsels of pleasure. And they are sweet.
1280 S. Alafaya Trail
(407) 382-2865
$15 or below
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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

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 Hua also has an assortment of seafood, from scallops to shrimp.
Goldenrod Groves Shopping Center, Abuna Ave., East of Goldenrod

Drone Court
This place serves the freshest meats, seafood and vegetables with great lunch and dinner specials.
4500 Alafaya Trail, #250
University Palms Plaza
(407) 359-2988
Sun.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 12 p.m.-9 p.m.

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 Ga Pan.
Altafaye Commons Shopping Center
(407) 290-6099
$15 or below
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 4:30-10 p.m.

Pine Garden
Offering 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.
Waterford Lakes
(407) 282-8888
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. noon-10 p.m.

Kobe Japanese Steak House
The best meal is by far the chicken, steak and shrimp dinner. It will only set you back about $15, and they cook it right on your table for you.
2150 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 855-8898
$16-$20
5 p.m.-10 p.m., seven days

Shin Jung
If you don't know your Korean foods, better ask the servers for help, or you could end up with some tongue to kill. It will take the word "exotic" to a whole new level.
E. Colonial Drive
(407) 855-2745
Under $15
Mon.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 4 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thai Singha
Bite back. Thai offers alligator, 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, so bring a hearty appetite.
Waterford Lakes
(407) 382-8081
$10-$20
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sat. noon-10 p.m.
Sun. noon-10 p.m.

Littta Saison Restaurant Inc.
This is both a Chinese and Vietnamese restaurant, but Little Saigon is better known for its Vietnamese menu. You have to try the egg noodle soup.

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1211 S. Colonial Drive (near Mills Ave.)
(407) 823-6359
Under $10
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days.

Viet Garden
Affordable Vietnamese and Thai food in a tuned-down atmosphere. Try the “pineapple fried rice,” served with chicken, eggs, shrimp and scallops in a hollowed-out pineapple shell.
1297 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 494-1714
Under $10
Sun.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

FONDUE
Colorado Fondue Company
A return to the traditional fondue experience.
Colorado’s has hot rock grill stones. The dinner for two is the way to go, with a cheese fondue and choice of salad as an appetizer. The main course includes filet, chicken breast, tender loin and mahi-mahi. All this only sets you back $54.90.
1916 E. Semoran Blvd.
(407) 767-8392
$39.95 Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Fri. 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 5 p.m.-10 p.m.
Sun. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ITALIAN
The Chinese invented pasta, but the Italians made it great. And continuo to make it great.

Broadway Ristorante & Pizzeria
Very heavy pasta sauces specifically the Sicilian Alfredo. But, being the latest joint open that delivers on the weekend. Broadway’s is well worth it when you know you should be driving.
12379 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 282-4000
Under $10
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 a.m.

Giovanni’s Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria
Family owned and operated. Giovanni’s has an unbelievably friendly staff. The signature dish is the chicken soppresata, served with a slice of eggplant, mozzarella and a creamy cherry wine sauce. This meal will only set you back $7.95 for lunch and $11.95 for dinner. Both courses come with pasta and a salad.
6200 Aldridge Trail, Orlando
(407) 292-3900
Under $15
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 a.m.

Jalapeño’s
You can’t even reach more convenient than this one. It’s located right inside the Student Union.
1721 University Blvd.
(407) 354-2082
Under $15
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight

Baja Burrito Kitchen
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Pizza Hut
Pizza Hut has one of the greatest pizzas of all time, a Bar-B-Q hand-tossed. Some Pizza Hut’s offer dine-in restaurants, with a surprisingly adequate salad bar. Their pizza features a spider sauce, but the toppings, like mushrooms and tomatoes, help fade it out.
2000 University Blvd.
(407) 670-7575
Under $15
Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Don Pablo’s Mexican Kitchen
Nothing fancy, just simple dining with simple dishes. No surprises, good or bad, just real good Mexican food.
11400 University Blvd.
(407) 295-1959
$10-$20
Sun.-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 a different recommendation about what to try. Go with the classics, a chili-eduised chicken. Served with rice, lettuce, guacamole and refried beans, this concoction will set you back less than $10. So good, and so thrifty.
10615 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 289-1411
$15 or below
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. noon-9 p.m.
Sun. noon-8 p.m.

RED LUMBER
Restaurant Bar & Grill
Red Lumber has the “Fist Feast,” Sounds impressive. It is. You can choose between three dishes, the Ultimate — crab legs, lobster tail and shrimp, for $19.99; the Admiral — Calamari, fish and shrimp scampi, all fried for $16.25; and the Shrimp — cocktail, scallops and Rockefeller, for $18.99.

The Black Hammock
Featuring catfish and “gator, this is the place to check out. They also have airboat rides, a live gator exhibit (you eat the slow mover) and live music on the weekends. This is a place for the whole family to enjoy.
2456 Black Hammock Fish Camp Road, Orlando
(407) 295-2200
Under $15
Sun. and Thurs.-Tues. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Closed Mon.

Seafood
Also claiming “the best seafood in town,” Straw’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.

Shack’s Seafish
Alleging “the best seafood in Orlando,” Shack’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.

CHARLES CHARLES

T.G. Friday’s, famous for its Jack Daniel’s Glaze and economical happy hour, is located in Waterford Lakes.

The Melting Pot
You have to try it once, at least. Bring a date. The date will be impressed when you have to drop $800 bucks on a meal for two.

Olympia Restaurant
The three elements of Greek culture can be tasted here: sun, earth and sea. You must try the calamari. For you real Calamari Diehards, you have the Hercules platter. Get a taste of it all. They also have a belly dancing show on Fridays and Saturdays.
5000 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 872-7299
$10-$35
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 weekend music, Kate’s is the place to be for corned beef and cabbage. Kate’s also has Irish stew served up as the piper, for those in the mood.
42 W. Central Blvd.
(407) 499-7996
$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 scallop. Made with flame butter, artichokes, sauteed chicken, mushrooms, and oregano, this zesty dish will only set you back $11.90.
Waterford Lakes
(407) 653-0100
Under $15
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Mexico/Mex
Run for the border! Head out to these restaurants as fast as you can. You’ll be glad you did.

Chili’s
Their motto is “Happy hour all day every day.” And Chili’s pulls through with 2-for-1 all day every day menu. Make sure to order extra pizza sauce with the extra and extra ranch with the wings.
12214 University Blvd.
(407) 384-9999
Under $16

Hungry Howies
They not only sell good pizza but they also have special deals going on all the time.
11774 E. Colonial Drive
(407) 614-3992
Sun. Thurs. 11 a.m.-midnight
Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Papa Joe’s Pizza and Pasta
Old family recipes, hand-tossed dough and fresh-made daily sauce and dough make this place a great family restaurant. The menu item of choice is definitely the chicken cutlet Parmesan sub. This foot-long meal will set you back less than $6.
Winderer Lakes
(407) 377-4744
Under $10
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

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Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

John’s Fish
P.J.’s has a sweet sauce. Now that P.J.’s has also added chicken strips (no bones, but they are not wings) and the clams, it has expanded its menu. Only having pizza and soda made it easy but people want more.
Corner of Altavista and 50
(407) 273-7772
Under $15
10 a.m.-2 a.m., seven days.

Seafood
For the best of fish and shellfish, here are a couple of decent places to check out if you get the chance.
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Kathy Garver
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Lani Tupu
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"Buck Rogers"
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**THEME PARKS**

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**March 20—26**
Every night from February 26 to March 29, Universal celebrates Mardi Gras. For a regular day park admission you can be part of a nightly parade and enjoy concerts from some big names. Here's a schedule of this year's performers:

- Feb. 26 - Steely Dan
- March 1—Allman Brothers Band
- March 8 - Lenny Kravitz
- March 14 - Hootie and the Blowfish

**March 22—Live**

**April 25 — Village People**

**April 5 — K.C. and the Sunshine Band**

**April 12 — Willie Nelson**

**April 19 — Smash Mouth**

**April 26 — Chris Isaak**

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**Islands of Adventure**

**$31.95**

By far the best of the Universal Parks, IOA has top-of-the-line coasters and thrill rides. The Hulk made my dad scream — you literally get shot out of the loading area like a bullet. They also have great food that's relatively cheap. Try the Enchanted Oak Tavern. You sit inside a hollowed-out giant tree and feast on medieval-like turkey legs. Don't skip the Jurassic Park playground — be a kid and climb all over it.

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**Wet 'n Wild**

**$11.95**

This water park, located right on International Drive, is packed with lots of slides on lower acres. These water slides are fast-paced, including the new Storm, a "body counter" that throws you down a chute, then spins you around and into a splash landing. March 22-29, Wet 'n Wild hosts College Appreciation Days, where students can purchase admission for only $17.00 with a student ID.

**Sea World**

**$31.95**

For a park that started out with no rides, Sea World's gone a long way. Kracken, the wild roller coaster with no floor is neighbor to Journey in Atlantis, a water flume/pyrotechnic boat ride. Of course you should go to see the animals, too. Who could ever get tired of Shamu's splashing? They also have a new Key West-style area with a town tunk and dolphin exhibit.

**Busch Gardens**

**$31.95**

This park has a great mix of half animals, half thrill rides. The Montu was the first coaster of its kind in the area and is still one of the best. Shamu Daily (Busch Garden's newest ride, is a semi-safari) through Savannah with some birds. Go planning to get wet. There are three great water rides at the park that shouldn't be missed.

**Adventure Island**

**$29.95**

This water park sits beside Busch Gardens in Tampa. With a new raft ride, Wahoo Run, Adventure Island is home to 30 acres of waterslides and attractions. This is a huge park, so plan to spend an whole day. "Another of the best deals in town. Sea World and Busch Gardens just brought back the Fun Card. Purchase a one-day ticket to either $59 or $79 and you automatically get an annual pass for that park with no black-out dates!"

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**Holy Land Experience**

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Robinson brings successful record to special teams

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

Last week UCF's football team made a significant addition to its coaching staff, officially hiring former Houston special teams coordinator Mike 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 thing he's a man who believes special teams are, well, special.

"I just love the weirdy 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 wits 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 net punting with a 35.9-yard average after finishing 10th in that category the year before. They also finished first in field-goal percentage, with 12-of-14 attempts, and kicking 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 their return percentages.

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 seven years at Southern Miss, coaching defensive linemen and linebacker for the first half of his tenure before becoming special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator the final four years.

In 1997 his unit led the nation in kickoff returns, as Eric Becht 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 yardage.

"He came highly recommended by a number of head coaches in the NCAA," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "I've seen his special teams on film, they do things with a high degree of proficiency. He has a way of motivating his special teams to execute their play which is critical."

When Southern Miss moved his special teams coordinator, it was his first such experience in that area. After playing along the offensive line in high school, his coaching career began in 1989 at the prep level in Louisiana. In 1990 he took a graduate assistant job at Louisiana Tech, then became defensive line coach the following season. He spent three years total at Louisiana Tech before moving on to Southern Miss.

As his background indicates, he has put a lot in work on the defensive side of the ball. That's the type of experience to assist defensive coordinator Bill D'Antoni in coaching the linebackers, Lorenzo Cottinardi, who coached defensive tackles the past three seasons, will also take on Huff's old defensive end coaching duties.
Paige represents growing program

Chris Bernardt / Staff Writer

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 in one 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 dished her best Michael Jordan impersonation, swatting hands for a layup as she fell toward the basket. “I think I can score when I need to, I’m not all really about the flash,” Paige said. “I want to do the small things.”

In a role so new and unfamiliar for Paige, instead the 5-foot-11 forward has had an easier season of remarkable consistence. As a freshman in the 1999-2000 season she averaged 9.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. Last year as a senior she averaged 9.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. And as a senior this season she’s averaging 8.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

Paige has never really cared in any one particular statistical category but at the same time has never slipped in overall play enshirishing an injury-plagued sophomore season. She always manages to put up solid numbers, play great defense, and all the while do the little things to pick her team up. For that reason Head Coach Cail Striegler refers to her as a “quiet assassin.”

“Sarah is not somebody that’s going out and going to get 20 points a night,” Striegler said. “Sarah is not somebody that’s going to get 20 rebounds or do the 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 14th player in school history to reach 500 rebounds and her current tally of 255 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 the coaches hear her moaning with three freshmen, Claudia Johnson, LaShay King and Octavia Padmon, in order to help them get accustomed 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 to have some of those freshmen have somebody to talk to, to talk at. And [Paige] is somebody that can sit there and say, ‘You know what, 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 work this year, Paige would rather her play inspire her teammates than her words.

“I just try to lead by example,” 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 entwined one. Paige is one of just three players, along with Marvicious Washington and Yvette Ash, left from the 2000-01 team. Paige says her biggest changes lie in the starting lineup. It was at that point the competition ends friendlies: “We realized that look, we’re both playing in 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. Offensively Boyd looks to pass first, shallow while Lyons is counted on to score and he usually looks good doing it.

“I want to do it, I want to be the one that game before you,” Lyons said. “There’s no reason we’re going to go out and play 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 step onto the court only one thing is going through their minds. “Winning,” That’s it,” Boyd said. “That’s the reason for Lyons, basketball is in 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 he’s played at least 25 minutes in each of those games, including 90 consecutive minutes over two games. The “High Flyers”, a four-man lineup call, is averaging 12 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.6 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, 5.4 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 2.1 assists. He’s third in the A-Sun in steals per game, and his assist average jumped to 3.9 per game since Miller’s suspension left him fulfilling point guard duties.

Back at practice on Valentine’s Day Boyd and Lyons come back from watching film bickering about who is the better player. Each claims he is in and Boyd slings a little good-natured mud.

“I’m a team player,” he said. “Coach’s call.”

“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 Bethoven
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 wanna 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, it made me think Orlando is going to be a good fit for me." 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 punting, 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 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 Pryzgod and coverage team ace Sean Gandles.

"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 the kicking game. And if we do that we'll make life easy for our offense and our defense."

Robinson has three young daughters, and has recently moved his family to Orlando. Already on his fourth job in the past four years, he wouldn't mind sticking around UCF for a while.

"I'd love to have stability in my life, I really would," Robinson said. "I think Orlando is going to be a wonderful place. So if I have my daughters, well be here for a long time."
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Knights struggle with offense against WKU

By Chris Bernhardt

With its first four weekend series coming on its home turf at 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 our experienced players got to carry them," UCF coach Jay Bergman said. "But five games, we only have five 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 starting off the top of the sixth by giving up a leadoff single to designated hitter Matt Wilkinson, first baseman Matt Gunning hit a blast over the right-field wall for a 2-1 Hilltopper's lead. That proved to be Cobb's last inning of work. He finished giving up seven hits, two earned runs, a walk and a hit batter; while striking out three.

"(The loss) shouldn't overshadow what he did, he did a good job," Bergman said. "Cobb pitching gave us a chance to win. But when you don't score any runs you aren't going to win.

UCF's Rich Wallace knocked things up in the bottom of the inning with a solo shot to left off reliever Adam Prida. The senior third baseman/outfielder, who came into the game with just one hit in his first 11 at-bats, broke out with a 3-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, a preseason Atlantic Sun selection, is hitting just .100 thus far.

"I think the players go through that. Sometimes you take things for granted that it's going to happen really easy and this is not that type of game," Bergman said. "You got to keep working at it, keep working at it. Obviously we just needed to work on one area and that's just get some key hits at the right time."

While came on to pitch the last 2 2/3 innings and took the win. Fox took the loss, his first. The Hilltoppers, playing their first series of the year, improved to 2-1. UCF lost its third game in four at home. They only lost six games at Jay Bergman Field all of last year.

"It's disappointing," Bergman said. "We played five games, we've had four one-run games and the two-run game 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."

P.J. Lehman went 1-for-3 with an RBI against Bethune-Cookman on Tuesday.

Sawyer wants to live in Italy

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on to IMG-AI schools and all other 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 solid years at Sierra, it was time to move on to a bigger program. She always wanted to go back home to Florida, and UCF turned out to be the perfect fit.

"My dad told me about the program, and I sort of broke up to conclude," Sawyer said. "I 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.

"Everyone automatically assumes that cause I'm from California I know how to start," she jokes. "It's 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 back in California as "quicky."

"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 heads a staff that includes senior Dotte Upp. Sawyer has pitched well despite coming off of shoulder surgery in the offseason, and Pynah Simmons, who became the first pitcher in school history to pitch a perfect game.

Despite her success, Sawyer has remained humble.

"Everybody has their good and bad days, and I've been fortunate to have more good ones than bad," she said. "If you bring yourself get hit in the butt."

Paige leads by example

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Stringer's first at UCF

"We communicate pretty well," Paige said. "When I'm on the floor I guess I'm their leader, but I think the girls are in the gym doing their thing. I don't do or ask me. I guess I'm like a second coach on the floor."

That severely undermined 9,400 squad went 9-3. Over the next three years the team has improved by leaps and bounds to 13-5 this season, and two years later emerged as one of the best--sophomore Dawn Staley with a 9.2 rebounding record. It's an evolution Paige says she always expected, but one Stringer thought she might have been able to do much sooner with a stronger team.

"We have to have people that are going to stick with it," Stringer said. "If you don't have people who want to stick with it through the program for that long of a time period and put their heart and soul into, which is what she's done to help build this program, you're never going to get anything."
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. 13 in Georgia with a 25-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 marketing the push to get students to come out to the games. There is a huge theme and every student who swipes a valid UCF ID will be entered in a drawing. Six students will be randomly selected. For every UCF student that will populate a home arena, UCF officials are expecting a big crowd, as the first 1,500 people receive a T-shirt.

"If there's ever a time to get people out to the ballgame, this is the time," Simpson said. "This is not being done down the home stretch. Every UCF student that's within 15 minutes of that campus ought to be in that arena on Thursday.

Both games start at 7:00 p.m.

Freshmen lead improved men's golf team

JON KUTILEK

SPORTS WRITER

The UCF men's golf team is very optimistic about its upcoming season this spring, following a fall season that showed the Knights their first taste of success. Coach Nick Clinard has high hopes for his team as it continues its season Friday in Tampa.

"The season went very well," Clinard said. "We had a lot of progress compared to the year before."

The Knights are currently ranked 77th in the nation, but Coach Clinard sees no reason for the team not to be ranked in the top 20. One of his goals for the team this year is to compete against some of the top 25 teams in the nation and compete. He is looking at good times. Clinard said, "We are the second best team in Florida right now, behind only UF but this team is the best we've had in the past six or seven years."

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"Our highest priority of the season is making nationals," Clinard said. "We are just waiting to only the top 20 teams in the nation. And with almost 200 schools competing in Division I, the Knights will have their work cut out for them.

"An obstacle that Clinard believes the team will have to overcome this season is a lack of confidence. It will be a game-changer," Clinard said. "We have a great chance of succeeding this year. We have great weather here and a great practice facility. I am very pleased with the direction our athletic department is going. One of the biggest challenges I face as coach is the challenge of recruiting the best players in the nation."

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Men's tennis team upsets Colorado

The No. 70 UCF men's tennis team won its fourth consecutive match Sunday afternoon, rallying to defeat No. 64 Colorado, 5-2, at the UCF Tennis Complex. The win over Colorado (9-5) marked the first time this season that UCF (4-2) has beaten a ranked opponent.

"We really struggled in doubles play winning only one of three matches. Catalin Bradu and Antonio Sierra were winners at the No. 1 spot, 8-4, over Justin Hunter and Patrick Sandoval. Despite dropping the doubles point, the Knights would lose only one match this weekend. The team really dominated singles play. Junior Auggusto Sanardis clinched the match at No. 4, defeating Marko Burzido 7-4, 6-4. Gabriel Moreno was also a straight set winner at the No. 3 spot, cruising past Rocky Reish 6-4, 6-4. Bradu won his fifth straight singles match, topping Justin Hunter 6-1, 7-6 (5) at the No. 1 spot. At No. 6, Simon Wagner held off Jon Magnusdottir 6-4, 4-6 (4). Junior Antonio Sierra, playing for the first time this season at No. 2, got by Maciej Dijak 6-4, 7-6 (5).

The Golden Knights have not lost a match since dropping their first two of the season to Florida and Alabama-Birmingham.

UCF will return to play today, traveling to Georgia to take on Mercer. The Knights remain on the road at Georgia State (Friday) and UTC-Chattanooga (Saturday).

Knights finish 1-2 in California

The UCF softball team dropped 6-8 Sunday losing to UC-Santa Barbara 5-1 on the final day of the Campbell/Carter Tournament. With the loss the Golden Knights finished the tournament 1-2.

Dottie Copp was the hard luck loser for the Knights, pitching the complete game, surrendering only two runs, one of which was unearned. The Gauchos scored the game's first run on an error in the bottom of the second inning. UC-Santa Barbaras took the lead off Copp, scoring two runs in the sixth on a double to left field. The Gauchos scored six runs off the Cougars in the bottom half of the inning.

UCF scored its only run in the sixth, when Patti Simmons singled down a two out squeeze bunt, bringing Stephanie Best across the plate.

The Golden Knights return to action Feb. 28, when they host Charleston Southern and Southwest Missouri State in the first round of the UCF Softball Tournament.

UCF Blasts BC

UCF third baseman Rich Wallace continued to break out of his early slump Tuesday night, hitting two doubles and driving in three runs as the Knights beat Bethune-Cookman 9-3.

Junior Michael pencils picked up his second consecutive win against the Wildcats, giving up six hits in 3 1/3 innings. His six strikeout/get 10 against BC in 11 1/3 innings. UCF gave Mines a room to work early, jumping on Bethune-Cookman starter Michael Turech in the first inning. Wallace cleared the bases with his first double down the left-field line, after Turech walked him loaded.

The Knights added to their 3-0 lead in the second inning when David Maun scored on a passed ball. As he's done all season, Maun created the opportunity to score by laying out a two-out single up the middle. He advanced to third on a wild pitch before reaching home on a passed ball before Nathan Krug singles

out to end the inning.

Sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Taylor Cobb led off the fourth inning with his first career home run, a shot over the fences in left-center field. Matt Fox scored Ryan Dear on a double to right, and Mann hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Fox. The Knights led 7-0 after four innings.

UCF tacked on two more runs in the seventh and one more in the ninth, with Kyle Bono and David Torres combined with Minea for the shutout.

The Knights totaled season highs in runs (10), hits (15) and doubles (7) in a game, while using 22 players. Center fielder Clay Timpner was the only Knight to play the whole game. Timpner finished 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored. Mann had an all-star game going 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs, and a walk. Along with Wallace's two doubles and Timpner's one, Dee Brown, Ryan Bess, Dave Lambert and Matt Fox all registered doubles in the game.

UCF returns to Jay Bergmann Field this weekend for a three-game series with East Carolina. Friday's game starts at 6 p.m., while Saturday's and Sunday's games start at 1 p.m.
A picture of three hopeless women feeding comics to a giant doll's head on display in UCF Library is a tame comparison 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 '70s are featured, all with adult content. UCF librarian Julia Webb created the exhibit from her personal collection. Titles ranging from "Corporate Crisis" to "Shorten Line" can be seen in the special collections room on the library's fifth floor, room 501.A, 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 counter culture of the late '60s and early '70s and some of them are very anti-establishment."

"There's worked at the library since 1981 and six years ago, Ellen Anderson, the acting head of the special collections department, asked Webb if she would create 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," she said. "While this particular collection may not be pleasing to me or be 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 to get the community to talk about these topics.

Webb sugar-coated 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 comics era.

"There's comic books dealing with drugs, dealing with gay and lesbian lifestyles, political, sexual, social issues," he said. "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 shelved for three weeks, but the exhibit is more of a history of underground culture today, Justin Ashby, Staff, 39, said. It has attracted visitors as often serious and violent just like comics in the exhibit, the added.

The exhibit adequately reflects society's changing values, Sufi said. But her appreciation has its limits.

"I've got to give some credit to UCF for putting it on. "It's an exhibit," she said. "Everything seems to have a message, except for the drugs stuff. Have no tolerance for that. --I don't know what sort of message that would make."

Dennis Holm, Anderson's assistant, said store working closely with the exhibit and Webb, the comic book enthusiast, has rubbed off on her.

"It kind of rattles nice to the collections we have up here. We have a lot of students that are going up to help publishing and design graphic art, so this gives them a nice correlation to look at, he 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 information you can and let it be a part of you."

Display cases house most of these raw, unpolished comic stories safely behind glass, but about a dozen well-worn comics are available to read. Contents of the books are dominated by sexual images, from frontal nudity to explicit sex and women, to masturbation and use of sex toys and violence, though often very sublimated.

In the cases, full color covers advertise nude women with drugs, demon-like creatures, drag queens and even women in a naked photon rocket. Though some of these books are easily read by the covers, others are less graphic. "Weedz" and "A girl's guide to heaven," a guidebook-like comic written in the early '70s for American women worried about abortion, even though at the time the procedure was illegal.

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, produced by Marvel Comics, did little to address social issues. "Rarely Marvel will touch on, say one character will have something to do with.

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"Stop Licking and Start Clicking" by Mike Rieger, Staff Writer.

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

Markhaul, 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.

"I was the worst," Markhaul said. "I had bills everywhere. In my car, in my room, in my desk, opened and unopened. It seemed like I was paying so much in overhead fees so it was whatever bill I was paying online.

Markhaul came across this solution to his financial problems two years ago when he went online and started using one of his superiors at his proclamations 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 27 million e-bills every year to over 400,000 of its subscribers.

"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 paying everything off the post office," Markhaul said.

According to its Web site, CheckFree's service is offered free because the billing companies pay the fees that allow CheckFree to operate. However, some of these companies don't pick up the tab out of the goodness of their corporate heart. Billing companies then spend

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"The 91st collection," by Linnea Brown, Staff Writer.

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In his stand-up comedy routine for fans at the Back Booth nightclub 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, lonely individuals," emphasized Gill Hernandez, a 25-year-old sophomore. "He gives us inspiration."

"He made it cool for fat, 'ugly' men," added Freshman Thomas. "Ron, Ron, Ron!"


Gil, a 22-year-old Orlando resident, realized he was suddenly developing a sex drive. Hitting it off with Ron Jeremy wannabes.

Last Friday night, I found myself in the middle of a "Zoo World of Porn" party at the Back Booth nightclub, 54 W. Pine St., jammed in with hundreds of other people who had all shown up for the same collective cause — to see fat, ugly porn star Ron "The Hedgehog" Jeremy perform his stand-up comedy routine.

But it was not to be. After the crowd had been treated to Ron's less than inspiring performance, the Back Booth CO-Owner John Youngman informed the audience that Ron, Ron, Ron had his乌鲁m o'clock interview and would be meeting them in a half-hour for questions from his audience.

It was a disappointment, but then again, I was not the only one.

The majority of the guests in Jeremy's audience appeared to be of the barfly, college-student variety — those who find themselves jostling regulars in their regular hangouts.

However, a small group of gray-haired, nomad-sounding individuals stood out from the crowd. I tapped one of the wrinkly, greasy regulars on his shoulder and casually inquired about his interest in Jeremy.

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

As his wife pushed back her long, wavy grey hair and smiled, introducing herself as an Orlando contract printer named Linda Gayle, I realized why I was there. It was nothing very sexual," she said about her work with Jeremy. "Ronnie worked with us on the first swingers convention in Orlando."

"I didn't know people their age still had sex, let alone switched partners."

"Yeah, that's why you're into orgies, right?" I asked carefully.

"He prefers the term 'recreational sex,'" Linda corrected. "It's totally crossover into the too-much-information territory.

My friend Thomas was visibly horrified. "I never having seeing sex again," he muttered, dragging me away from the scene-swallowing crowd.

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 a abrupt halt when someone poor guy tripped over a curb, 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 tech guys frantically tried to remedy the situation.

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

His beer gut protruded as he brushed back a head of fuzzy, shoulder-length hair.

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

Finally, when I thought I could take no more, Jeremy sneezed off stage, announcing that he'd return soon to host a banana-eating contest for the Pinto Brothers.

"Miss, I wanted to see her banana-eating skills on his famous nine-inch and-quarter-inch banana."

Exhibiting typical "Girls Gone Wild!" behavior,enameled contestants felt compelled to mock and scream their heads off. When Jeremy had sufficiently showered everyone's noses of the girls' dignity and declared two winners, he retreated to the break room.

The contest was also mysteriously discontinued — losing their whereabouts a topic of much audience speculation.

By the time Jeremy finally sunk back onstage 40 minutes later, I had downs some of the drunks 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 raced. 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 contestants-facing Jeremy, fumbling with a microphone. I contemplated not to scream at the fact that his disgusting porn star head was resting cauli on the back of my chair.

"Oh, 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 Finland, the oldest was a 60-year-old."

"I can't believe you've been with so many women,Jeremy," I interrupted."No, Jeremy proceeded to ramble on about his porn career and answer questions from his audi-

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E-bills gaining in popularity when it comes time to pay

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about $16 billion a year printing and mailing bills to customers, and about 80 percent of that cost disappears when customers switch to online billing.

Personal banks, which all have their own version of online billing, are also advocates of customers paying online. Research has shown that customers who pay their bills online save money and are less likely to change banks. Shifting banks would entail adjusting the fees customers are used to paying the bills, as well as a little extra work for the customer to make sure the bills are still getting paid through the new bank.

Some companies offer incentives once a customer signs up for online billing. If you sign up for online billing before February 20, 2003, AT&T, Citigroup and even sends e-mail reminders to customers as soon as their bill is available.

Online billing can save time because you can check your billing activity for the past 12 months, talk to our online customer service department, instantly update your billing information and download all of your billing information onto your personal computer," she said.

The online trend has not gone unnoticed by the post office. Hoping to continue to lighten mailbags, the U.S. Postal Service has even designed its own service, eBill Pay. While the online marketing and mail pruning action reduces the volume of postal services' demise any time soon, it is a signal that consumers have found a more efficient way to pay bills.

Nevertheless, while CheckFree and most of the similar Web sites deliver and pay a majority of e-bills without any problems, there are still a number of potential difficulties that should be taken into consideration.

Account numbers can be entered incorrectly during a payment, but this problem can be lost in the vastness of cyber-space, and placing a decimal point in the wrong place can result in paying $9,007 for a bill that is only $65.47. Safeguards, such as verification e-mails, are used to prevent these types of mistakes, but do not mean mistakes don't happen.

CheckFree protects its customers against unauthorized access to their accounts and even has a team of people processing delays by limiting liability to a maximum of $30 and promising to pay any late fees that are sent e-mail reminders to customer service department, who 1-800-393-0051 · 1-800-827-1097

"The main reason I pay online is that I have a Web site that all my bills come to and it's a lot easier to organize my payments," he said. "If the people you're paying get the money right away over the Internet, then why would they charge you for paying them quicker?"

"I want to make the trip in good time," he said, "It may sound crazy, but we'll be driving along about three days straight roundtripping just to get going for four days."

Peters booked reservations at a Quality Inn in Silverthorn for four nights, which will only cost the 12-person group $670 each, but as a result, they sacrifice their luxury and comfort with six people sleeping in two rooms.

"We will definitely let the girls have the beds," Peters said. "All the guys are going to take turns sleeping on the other two beds left in the second room each night."

Froshman Jenna Miller, 19, will be joining Peters on the road trip to Colorado. The trip will be less expensive due to the connections the group has in Colorado, Miller added.

"Our friend Trent knows someone who gets us an unbelievable lift prices," she said. "Hopefully I will learn how to ski without breaking any bones."

The lift ticket package will only cost the group $100 for four days of skiing on six different hills.

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

"I try to make friends with the people 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 ski 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 skis, but for those renting them, it will cost them $50 extra.

"What made me want to go to Colorado was the chance to see snow again," Peters said. "I am from Wisconsin and I really miss it. There are a few people on the trip who have never seen snow or been skiing so this trip is a great opportunity for them.

As far as food is concerned, the group plans to buy snacks to keep in the van or RV, and ordering college-style cuisine, such as pizzas, Peters said.

Nevertheless, there are still students such as Junior T.J. Kirby, 19, who want nothing more than several days of rest and relaxation during his Spring Break. Kirby is planning a peaceful camping trip at a place called St. Joseph's Peninsula, located near Panama City Beach.

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

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

Although there aren't many other young people planning, the cumulative appears to be far away from society and city life. Kirby said this was his Ideal Spring Break. It may not be the most exciting place, but that's not what I am looking for," he said. "It's a place for me 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."

Sophomore Casey Fields, 20, plans on taking a road trip this Spring Break as well, only she will be making the trip to Key West with 10 of her friends.

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

"I was difficult finding a place for us to stay in Key West because a lot of the places there don't allow Spring Breakers. We are going to stay there," Fields said. "I guess they have had a lot of experiences with Spring Breakers and they don't want to deal with the trash, but we're just girls, not a big group of rowdy guys."

The four girls will be traveling the first three hours and stay overnight at their friends' houses in Cape Coral and then finish the five hour drive the next day.

Last year, Fields, vacationed in the Bahamas with her friends and was able to experience the culture with the natives, but this year she is looking forward to going somewhere laid back. We only have one week to get away from responsibilities such as work and school, so I want to have as much fun as possible during my Spring Break.

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somebody who's gay or Peter Parker might have little personality problems, but that's as far as it went," Webb said. "It didn't really explore the human side of life."

"Women's dignity shredded."

Webb said, "They are men in Spandex fighting evil throughout the universe."

But underground comics are nothing like that all, he added. "There are ones dealing with corporate crime," Webb said. "That's very in with the new kids now; with Evan and the rest of them. They dealt with political topics, they dealt with feminist topics but they didn't deal with men in spandex suits fighting evil."

"Big-name, super-hero comics would appeal to more people to create their comics, including writers, pencilers and inkers. The big-names needed to print 250,000 to 500,000 copies to break even with their mainstream competitors," Webb said. In contrast, underground comics were often written, drawn, and published by the same people.

"It is a personal statement by the artist," Webb said. The provocative themes of underground comics found few retailers willing to distribute them.

"Back in the '80s, and even into the '70s, drugs stores and grocery stores were the only places you could find comic books and they would never touch these," Webb said. "The subject matter would have been found too offensive and they just wouldn't have it."

The refuge of underground comics were "head shops," which are the modern equivalent of tobacco shops. "And they would never have this," Webb said. "But I'm a very liberal thinker in my own mind," Webb said. "Crumb himself said 'Fols, don't get upset, it's just lines on paper' and I believe that, too. I know there are many people who look at this stuff and say 'oh no, this is terrible.'"

Yet, Webb believes sometimes society still needs to loosen up as he signals to one comic book called "Big Ass Zombie." "It's a joke, it's funny you know? Get over yourself. Every now and then American society needs a good kick in the butt."

Women's dignity shredded in banana-eating contest

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ence of Ashton fans. At the end of the interview, he gave me a creppy once-over. "You could be in porn, you know," he said over the microphone, eying my body. What a dirt bag. He reminded me of a perverted Santa Clause.

Before leaving the event, I reluctantly dashed in line with Thomas to pose for a quick, Malevolent with Jeremy: "Dirty or clean?" Jeremy asked.

"They're unappetizing," Jeremy answered. "They're unappetizing, they're unappetizing."

"Hey, I entrada bananan Eating contest," I thought. Not my idea of fun, I really didn't care to see.

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