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**Sunday, March 9th:**
- Tug of War Competitions at Lake Claire at 12:30 PM
- Greeks vs. Faculty All-Stars Softball Game at the Intramural Fields at 4 PM

**Monday, March 10th:**
- Greek Sing at the UCF Arena at 8 PM (Doors open at 7)

**Tuesday, March 11th:**
- Spirit Sign Drop-Off in Front of the Math & Physics Building from 11AM-12PM
- UCF vs. Toledo Baseball Game at the UCF Baseball Fields at 7 PM
- Greek Letters Day

**Wednesday, March 12th:**
- Progressive Dinner (Fraternity & Sorority members only) at 7 PM on Greek Park Drive

**Thursday, March 13th:**
- Greek Week 2003 Awards Ceremony at the Student Resource Center Auditorium at 9 PM

For more information call the Greek Affairs office at (407) 823-2072.
FSU student dies of meningitis

By Duane Tisdale

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Swaikta ad banned from student newspaper

By Michelle Miller

Kelleman, the director of the University Health Service at the University of Miami, said Michael Deichen, associate chairman of FSU's College Health Association, that the vaccine is effective against "pseudomasculine" meningitis, which is the most common type.

Deichen said that the vaccine, which costs $82 at the health service at FSU, is 70 to 95 percent effective against the disease. The vaccine is recommended for all students, he said, because meningitis is a "highly communicable disease."
Faculty Senate begins review of plus-minus grading system

CARY GRAYSON STAFF WRITER

Students who consistently flirt with A-minus grades may find relief soon, as UCF starts to evaluate the plus-minus grading system. The Faculty Senate began to review the system on Thursday, trying to ascertain how the system helps or hurts students, and what to do about it.

Robert Armacost, the interim director of the Office of University Analysis and Planning Support, presented preliminary data to the Faculty Senate about trends in GPAs since 2000, when the plus-minus system was introduced.

The average UCF GPA has risen since 2000, but GPAs for students in classes with teachers who use the system have decreased, according to the report. That data may not indicate whether or not the plus and minus system is hurting students, said junior Wesley Hotchkiss, 20, the chief student advocate for the Student Government Association.

"This study showed that the teachers who are using plus-minus also tend to be harder graders," Hotchkiss said. He believes that the increase in GPA may have resulted from UCF's increasingly competitive admissions process.

Senior Melissa Cupps, 21, the judicial adviser of the Student Advocacy Office, said a student survey shows that nearly 80 percent of UCF students oppose the plus-minus system.

Hotchkiss, however, believes that many students have not been fully informed about how the system has affected students, and stressed that SSIA is not taking any further steps until more data has been collected.

Cupps believes that, while this data is a helpful starting point, comparisons need to be made between UCF and other schools, like the University of Florida, that use plus-only grading.

"We don't want to come out and say, absolutely, that we're going to end [plus-minus] right now," Cupps said. "I don't think any students have had a chance to make an informed decision."

Michael Mullens, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said that he looks forward to working with SGA leaders to find the best system for everybody whether or not it is the current system.

"I am interested in further discussion between the faculty and student government to see what we think is the best overall solution," Mullens said.

Although Mullens currently uses the plus-minus system in his own classes, he said that the presentation made him rethink his grading policies.

Mullens was most enthusiastic about the possibility of incorporating a plus-only system, in which a "plus" grade would be halfway between the grades above and below it in terms of GPA weights. A 3.5-point, for instance, would count for 3.5 GPA points.

During this spring's SGA election, most candidates also expressed support for a plus-only grading system. In a previous interview with The Pictume, Brian Battles, winner of the SGA election, advocated changing to a plus-only system. Battles emphasized, however, that standardization is key to any system.

Cupps and Hotchkiss agree that all instructors should be held to the same system in the interest of fairness to students.

"Some teachers choose to use it and some don't. It's really kind of unfair to students," Cupps said.

Mullens, however, feels that faculty members should be able to decide how to grade students in their classes. "I strongly support the idea that faculty should have the flexibility of grading how they want to grade," Mullens said.

Most of the Senate uses plus-minus grading, according to Mullens, even though it is less common than straight grading in the general faculty.

"It looks like most of the faculty aren't using plus-minuses and they won't use plus-minuses and they don't think it's a good grading system," Mullens said.

Hotchkiss and Cupps expressed concern that plus-minus grading penalizes students more than any other group, because of the absence of an A-plus grade to counteract an A-minus.

Sophomore Cassandra Schwartz, 19, agreed. "I think it is great for the grades below an A, but since you can't get an A-plus, it isn't fair to be given an A-minus, especially if you are trying to maintain a 4.0," Schwartz said. "Once you get an A-minus, it can only hurt your GPA."

Hotchkiss believes that this could penalize UCF students who are most likely to compete for positions in graduate schools. Mullens agreed that these are valid concerns, and emphasized that the Faculty Senate and SGA will work together to find the best solution for students.

"I have an open mind, and I'm always looking for ways to do things better. I think most faculty are," he said.
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The UCF rugby team is currently ranked at the top in Florida, with an undefeated 8-0 record. **Kevin O’Gratton** STAFF WRITER

Without fanfare or publicity, the UCF rugby team moved to the top of the Florida’s rankings with a decisive win over the University of South Florida.

Although UCF’s rugby team is a dominant force in the southeastern region this year, few students know much about them. The UCF rugby team formed in 1999, and since its inception, has contended for the title in the southeastern region.

The sport of rugby, an intense contact sport, combines the speed and agility of soccer and hard-hitting action of American football. However, rugby players do not wear all the padding of American football.

Rugby originated in England during the 1800s and is quite popular throughout the rest of the world. It is also one of the fastest-growing sports at the collegiate level. Many players hope that within a few years there will be enough teams to become an NCAA sanctioned sport.

Unlike most other athletes, the majority of rugby players come to the team with no previous experience playing and generally little knowledge of their sport at all. Many learn about the team through friends and decide to see what rugby is all about. Most players come from soccer and football backgrounds.

The lack of experience creates a greater responsibility for senior players to not only fill the role of teammate, but also that of teacher. The UCF team has accomplished this by evolving the team into a pseudo-extended family. Also, the UCF rugby team is the only rugby team in Florida that does not have a coach, which requires many of the senior players to be in the mix of mentoring newer players.

The UCF rugby team’s regimen of practicing twice a week, seems to have paid off, according to senior Robert “Doug Fresh” White, 22. The team is in excellent condition and functions like a well-oiled machine. Every member knows his position and is integrated seamlessly into a cohesive unit.

“Everyone works together like a family and every position is backed up like a freight train,” White said.

The rugby team is currently 8-0 on the season and is continuing their hot streak in the Florida Cup in the fall. The team feels this is the culmination of three years of Intensive team building. Also, bringing diversity and experience are players like senior co-captain Joseph Martin, Martin, 28, a native of Japan, honed his skills at home. "Rugby is big in Japan because we don’t have American football," Martin said.

Junior co-captain Adam Kelley, 21, finds his most memorable moment the team’s recent victory, 46-0, over the University of South Florida. "We had not beaten them in four years," Kelley said. The team also won the Georgia Southeastern Black Rose Tournament.

Many of the players on the team look up to Kelley and Martin. Several players praised Kelley’s contribution to the team over the past three years in developing the team as a whole. Junior Shaun Gyger, 20, was

The UCF rugby team currently ranked best in the state

**Lisa Marie Bottles** STAFF WRITER

By the time she came to UCF two years ago, senior Lauren Moss, 21, was looking for a hand at marketing, advertising and English at the University of Florida. Moss, who was looking to use her various credits toward a single major but found that she could not transfer those credits into a specific degree program. "If all the requirements were different, so in order to graduate on time, I chose liberal studies," she said. "It’s great for transfer students.

In light of studies showing that most people change their careers four or five times. And while most majors prepare students for a particular type of work, the liberal studies program prepares graduates to enter the workforce with the option of going in a number of directions.

Students majoring in liberal studies do not settle upon a particular area of study because they want to learn something of everything. Many times they fight stigma about the value of a liberal studies degree, but as the economic and social structure changes, liberal studies majors may find their degrees invaluable.

Some students fall into liberal studies because they have tried different majors without success, and liberal studies allows them to combine their diverse credits. Moss, who will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in May with a major in advertising and a minor in political science, does not believe her degree will set her back in the workforce. "It’s a well-rounded education," she said. "It gives me a good foundation and the freedom to pursue any field related to any of her three degrees.

Supporters of liberal studies say students can blend the techniques that are well-known in one field and apply it to another field, which yields innovation and progress. Like the rugby team, liberal studies can be taught in one field. A person who knows these ideas has an advantage over a narrowly educated person.

Elliott Vittes, the director of liberal and interdisciplinary studies, says that liberal studies majors have prepared themselves to enter the turbulent job market. "Employers want people who can conceptualize in a big sense," Vittes said.

This means applying what they have learned in all the areas and broadening their abilities. He believes that taking different parts of programs and putting them together allows students to better market themselves.

Many critics thought that with a declining economy, college students would bypass liberal studies and chase degrees in finance, management or business, but this notion does not hold true for UCF. Vittes says that enrollment in liberal studies is up 5 percent since last spring.

The department restructured when Vittes took over as director in 2001, and he hired six advisors, one part-time and one full-time.

"Because it’s a complicated program, we like to keep students together," Vittes said. The liberal studies department maintains a database that tracks how many students are graduate visitors, who they are, and any pending paperwork that has to be processed and their progress in their classes.

Vittes recognizes that the stigma attached to liberal studies graduates. "Some people have the misconception that you will only get a second-rate education," he said. "Critics also allege that if students are not working, they must be easier to hire."

Vittes answers such criticism with a simple question. "How can it be easier if it’s a 54-credit major?" he asked.

Many students are choosing the liberal studies degree because it allowed them to study a broad range of areas. "Students have already selected a minor or financial major, but returned to school as a "personal goal and accumulation of credits," Vittes said.

However, Lesser has already experienced some preju-
dice because a promising football player was his major. "I had a professor make a sarcastic comment about how a person who major in liberal studies is a graduate without having a traditional major," Lesser said.

A common misconception does accept many at-risk students who are looking for a quick degree. "I made a decision to come into it when they find out about it," he said.

After graduation, applicants for a job do not just involve liberal studies majors. There must be other skills present to be considered. Liberal studies majors are considered liberal thinkers, who can apply any major and their cross-discipline-

"You have the flexibility to do almost anything," the concept, Vittes said. "But most people have the idea that you have to get your degree offer here."

"I think that you have to be able to fly a little bit in today’s society," Vittes said. "And work around and with a lot of different kinds of people and situations."
Senate decides tonight whether to pursue impeachment charges

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Kirlew denies Bell's allegations, claiming they are her way of exacting revenge on him for not dating her.

He conceded he called the UCF police after Bell continually baited him during his campaign.

"She was following me around the [Student Union], causing a scene, trying to disrupt my campaign efforts, so I called the police," he said. "When they came, she left."

Streep, who was a presidential candidate in the primary election, said Kirlew made inappropriate comments to him during an SGA meeting, saying, "If you want a war, Streep, you will get a war." "Kirlew then informed me, 'The only thing that came out last night was my 200 people to whoop your ass for me,' " Streep stated in his affidavit.

That incident occurred after Kirlew called a group of student supporters to demonstrate at an SGA Senate meeting after he was informed about the first set of impeachment charges against him.

Kirlew refuted Streep's comments.

"We exchanged a few words; they weren't pleasant," he said. "I told him that their treatment of those 200 students who came to the floor [of the SGA Senate meeting] was inherently racist," he said.

Kirlew also said Streep's charges should not be taken into consideration because he too acted inappropriately.

"If Streep went up on the floor of the student senate and lied," Kirlew said, referring to an incident where Streep accused him of removing another candidate's campaign banner from the Student Union.

Streep later apologized to Kirlew and said he did not know the campaign banner could not hang in the Student Union.

Raglio's charge claims that he witnessed Kirlew say, "I can't stand you, Pikes, and your 'red rage.'"

Kirlew denies that accusation, too.

He maintains that the student's allegations are unrelated to his performance in student government and said these charges are nothing more than personal attacks from students who supported Battles and Joe MacLellan, the slate that defeated Kirlew and his running mate, Kevin Ortiz, in last week's runoff election for SGA president and vice president.

"One week after the primary election, an individual filed an affidavit against me, then another after the senate meeting, now three more; five different individuals who are all connected to the Battles-MacLellan ticket," Kirlew said.

The three students' charges were discussed Monday at a meeting of the SGA Legislative Judicial Review Committee, which voted unanimously to forward the charges to the SGA Senate. The senate will decide tonight whether to proceed with the impeachment charges.

"Disruptive conduct, instigation and incitement and personal abuse are all [Golden Rule] violations that the committee unanimously agreed should be brought before the senate," said Tyler Van Voorhees, chairman of the Legislative Judicial Review Committee.

If Kirlew is found guilty, he would immediately be removed from office. Ortiz, the current senate pro-temoore, would take over as legislative vice president until MacLellan, the newly elected vice president, takes office in May.

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— BRIAN KIRLEW
Student body vice president
Black students connect with fewer mentors

Study: Minorities receive less guidance in high school and college

Jesse Schrag
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Zetroy Hendricks did not attend a high school that encouraged students to pursue higher education. He says his mother and father motivated him to attend college.

"They wanted me to be educated, something they didn't have the opportunity to do," the 22-year-old student said.

The environment Hendricks grew up in also kept him motivated. "I just didn't like living in [Miami] my entire life. I wanted to make a better life for myself, and watching people falling behind motivated me to keep my head on straight and get me where I needed to go," Hendricks said.

Hendricks, however, is an exception to the rule. Recent studies indicate that black students receive less guidance in high school, leading to lower enrollment rates and also in college, thus lowering graduation rates.

A recent American College Testing (ACT) study of 1,985 black high school students revealed that these students lacked strong mentor relationships that could help motivate them to attend college.

Another study by the American Council on Education, shows that, while minority enrollment in college has increased, minority graduation rates remain low. The study revealed that 38 percent of black and Native American students graduate, while 49 percent of Hispanic students graduate college.

The ACT study said 68 percent of the students planned on attending college, but only 56 percent actually attended. Looking to change this, ACT has focused on helping African-American students develop interpersonal relationships with teachers, principals, counselors and other staff members.

By playing a mentoring role, these adults can help students see the importance of postsecondary education, identify the talents these students have and help develop them and guide them as they make educational and career decisions.

Hendricks said such advice could have motivated some of his high school classmates to pursue a college education.

Hendricks said his predominantly black high school did not have enough students for college. Hendricks attended Miami Central Senior High School, an under-funded and D-graded school, where only a handful of teachers pushed students to attend college.

"Throughout all my high school years, I had a total of one or two teachers who put forth an effort to teach us something," Hendricks said. "One still checks up with me in college."

During Hendricks' junior year, his English teacher made sure her students were prepared for the SAT and ACT tests. During his senior year, another English teacher brought in some of her former students to talk about what to expect in college. Hendricks said, "One counselor made sure you signed up for the Bright Futures scholarship if you qualified," Hendricks said.

Hendricks believes that many students in his high school made their college decision before getting to high school. "A majority of kids that went to my high school were never planning on going to college," Hendricks said.

"If they had a strong presence talking to them, a few may have changed their mind, but by their junior or senior year they decide, 'Reject this' or decide to get ready for college."

Sophomore Rose Simon, 20, had a different experience at Atlantic Community High School in Delray Beach. Atlantic offered students dedicated counselors and a career counselor. "The career counselor was so helpful, that you just wanted to get to know her," Simon said.

Hendricks and others say the dearth of guidance and support for minority students exists at the college level as well.

"No one reaches out to me at UCF," Hendricks said. "The multicultural office will help if you if you come to them and they'll encourage you to come back." Hendricks feels the same way about his professors. "All professors really do give you your office hours and it's up to you to contact them," Hendricks said.

Although Hendricks does not think UCF mentors should reach out to him, he would not mind if they did.

"I want to drive a Mercedes and own a home."

Hendricks, however, wants to defy the statistics. Like in high school, he will not allow a lack of mentors to hold him back. "I want to have a better life than where I grew up," Hendricks said.

The disproportion number of mentors, compared to students, exists in schools, Dietz said. There are people who believe that students find role models similar to themselves. Female college students find female role models and black college students find black role models, said the disproportion number of available black mentors to black students.

"It all trickles down into college," Dietz said. The proportion of minority students enrolled in college that actually graduate is few, Dietz said.

Hendricks said he wants to change the statistics. "I'm going to UCF and I will not allow a lack of mentors to hold me back," Hendricks said.
New paper sues student government

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The Central Florida Future

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majoring in political science 

and public policy at Albany and 

the editor of The College 

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Baron originally asked for 

$11,000 but eventually whittled 

down the request to $350, which 

the Central Council denied.

Jamie McNamara strongly 

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build-up. They argue that 

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families.

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Police nab drunk driver from party

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on the lights and sirens on their vehicles, Robert Frucci, 20, finally came out and identified himself to officers as the fraternity president, according to the arrest report.

Police arrested Frucci on a charge of hosting an open house party where underage students had access to alcoholic beverages.

Frucci could not be reached for comment by deadline. Last semester, UCF Police arrested Student Body President Marco Peiia outside the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Peiia, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother who was at Sunday’s party, said a UCF officer entered the fraternity house without permission or a warrant.

“The test ended in our courtyard, went into our hallway ... and that’s a violation of our Constitution — illegal search and seizure," he said. "He could’ve been looking for anything — we don’t know.

Another man also was arrested outside the party on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Robert Florio, 44, was arrested before he even placed his keys in the ignition after an officer noticed the man stumbling toward the parking lot, the police report stated.

He failed several sobriety tests. Officers finally ended the tests in fear that Florio would lose his balance and injure himself, the report stated.

When officers asked Florio if he was too impaired to drive, he replied, “You got me.”

The finer things

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UCF students learn the proper way to hold a fork, among other skills, at the etiquette dinner held on March 1 at the Marriott World Center. The guests were served manners as well as a free four-course meal.

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American students yearn to learn new cultures

DOUGLAS COUSMINER

After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, with international travel becoming increasingly cumbersome, students might assume that the study abroad program has declined in popularity. However, according to Mark McMeley, UCF's study abroad program remains as popular as ever. McMeley, former assistant director of the study abroad program, said that the terrorist attacks heighten interest in the program. "After Sept. 11, the number of students interested in participating in a study abroad actually increased, because more people realize the importance of being exposed to other cultures," McMeley said. Students began to see that their careers would inevitably have an international element. The United States is very connected to the rest of the world, and students need to be proficient not only in another language, but in another culture," McMeley said.

The study abroad program, run by the Office of International Studies, offers students semester- and year-long programs at 11 different destinations. This summer: UCF students can study at nine different universities in eight countries. Lauren Johnson, the current program director for study abroad, agrees that study abroad programs remain popular. "I think September 11 has made Americans interested in what's going on outside this country," Johnson said. "It's also made it more difficult for students from other countries to come here, because of increased security restrictions, which means that Americans who want to meet people from other cultures have to go abroad themselves to do that.

Many students choose to study in Spain because more students tend to take Spanish than French or other foreign languages, Johnson said. However, some students choose destinations based on their majors. "There's a music program in France that's quite popular for advanced music students," Johnson said. "There's a nursing program that is almost filled to capacity right now that is going on in Sweden."

McMeley said language and economic issues have made Australia one of the most popular study abroad destinations. "In the last year, Australia has become increasingly interesting to people," McMeley said. Since Australians speak English, Australia feels more inviting to students who do not wish to travel to a foreign language site, he said. Additionally, Australia has become less expensive because "the Australian dollar has declined, so that makes it a good buy."

Such financial considerations can become a hurdle for students interested in studying abroad. "Bright Futures is not paying for summer tuition hours, last year and again this year," Johnson said. However, McMeley said, "The office of international studies offers need-based scholarships."

Johnson said parents remain the biggest hurdle for students considering study abroad. "I think students are consulting more with their parents, and they're parents are saying, 'I don't think it's a good idea that you go abroad,'" Johnson said. The safety concerns raised by September 11 also caused the office of international studies to cancel a program. "We had one program in Jordan," Johnson said. "There was interest in it, but we had to cancel it for now, because the travel advisory set by the Department of State said they're evacuating all non-essential Americans from Jordan, and they're not encouraging people to go there if they don't have to."

Johnson could not give data on the exact changes in popularity of study abroad programs, because many students continue to apply. "Right now we're at a peak reason for taking in applications, and the deadline's not until the middle of April, so we'll have to say right now how we're doing.

The interest in study abroad programs is still there. I don't think the popularity of these programs has decreased at all," Johnson added. "In general, students are always interested in traveling, broadening their horizons, and earning credits at the same time."

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4. Warsaw, University of Warsaw (summer programs). Application deadline: July 1.

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In light of recent cases of meningitis in north-central Florida, including one at Florida State University, more attention has rightfully fallen upon a new Florida law that requires students who live on campus to either get vaccinated against meningitis or sign a waiver releasing the university from responsibility.

While the law was the very least students to the existence of meningitis, it does not require universities to fully explain the severity of the disease. Many UF students unwittingly signed the waiver, not knowing how deadly or damaging meningitis can be, or that the bacteria can thrive in crowded living conditions such as dormitories, fraternity houses and sorority houses.

UF and all state universities should do a much better job of informing residents of the dangers of meningitis. Too many students blow off the vaccinations as unnecessary precautions because they do not understand what the disease can do. Universities should explain to all students who live on campus what the vaccine does, what it prevents and what it does not prevent. Students should have as much information as possible so that they can make an informed decision about whether to get vaccinated.

Universities should strongly recommend meningitis vaccinations for students who live on campus, and it should notify all students, both on- and off-campus, of the risks of the disease. Whether students decide to get the vaccinations or not, they should have the facts.

Of course, the cost of meningitis vaccinations will factor into students’ decisions about whether to go through with it. Many students would rather not spend $75 on a vaccination.

On this point, the responsibility again falls upon UF and other state universities. The universities want their students to remain healthy; they do not want the negative exposure that accompanies meningitis outbreaks.

Universities can prevent meningitis outbreaks by making vaccinations affordable enough that students will want to get vaccinated. UF and the state’s other public universities should subsidize the cost of meningitis vaccinations for students who live on campus. In fact, any student who wants to get vaccinated deserves a subsidy on a meningitis vaccination.

If the state’s universities bring the cost of meningitis vaccinations down, to say $40, and inform students of the grave risks of the disease, many more students would be inclined to get the vaccinations, for peace of mind.

In turn, universities would get the peace of mind of knowing that a meningitis outbreak would not occur on their campuses.

**Letters to the Editor**

We reserve the right to edit letters to the editor for space, clarity, content and style.

**Let winning ticket claim victory**

I think enough is enough when it comes to the SGA presidential election regarding the article “Kirlew charges more with vote tampering in SGA election,” by Ben Brand, published March 5.

Kirlew should be in the last sentence saying Legal activity. He should be more concerned with his own repayment charges.

More student voices for the Battleground ticket. Regardless of how the votes were obtained, they were. If students such as Danny Underwood and Jenna Cavendar would for Kirby because they were approached by attractive women or given free shots, then does this mean personal facts of actions for the future of their school.

For those students claiming that they were found into voting for the Battleground ticket, you were given a vote to speak up for yourselves.

If the outcome bothers you, then maybe you should take the voting a little more seriously next year.

**Melinda Silva**

**SGA out of tune with students’ needs**

I feel a little, I believe that it’s the way students really want their money spent. Did they ask any students if they wanted a trip to Florida? I don’t remember them asking me.

**Sara Brown**

**Corrections**

In the article “Students, fun and flu,” published Feb. 26, an indirect quote was incorrectly attributed to Chris Florence as a result of an editing error. He did not say that MV broadcasts only “what it wants viewers to see. He’s right, quotes: “The camera affects a lot of things, there are a lot of secrets and other things that are very serious that can’t be revealed.”
Protesters' messages falling on deaf ears

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

By Adam Shiver, staff writer

By the people, for the people, right? Isn't that what democracy is all about?

Our elected officials carrying out what the majority of the country's population wants is the founding principle behind our nation's government.

So why is President Bush so adamantly ignoring what millions of Americans and peace activists around the world are saying? They want our troops to leave Iraq. They want women and men to be free from the fear and anguish of war.

A preemptive war is a precedent that the United States should never set. We have played the role of defender for many years and that's the role we should always play in global politics.

The role of aggressor is one that is expected from our current government, as it is expected of global superpowers such as Iraq or North Korea. It's not the American way — did you hear that, Mr. President?

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PETA's comparison of animals.

Holocaust victims leaves bad taste

KEVIN O'GRATTAN

"To animals, all people are Nazis.

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One photograph shows an emaciated man next to a photo of a starving cow. Another shows a pile of dead human bodies next to a shot of a heap of pigs carcasses.

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I really don't think you could have gotten a single hamburger out of him. It would be bad business for cattle ranchers to underfeed their cattle. Did PETA starve their cows to call for the greater good of animals rights? Hardly. Seems like the means justifies the end.

On a similar note, while PETA activists and promotions people are spending hours thinking of ways to offend the general public with outlandish displays, I find it interesting that none have considered taking an active role in reforming the corrupt cattle industry.

Has anyone at PETA thought about securing jobs in the cattle industry? Ever consider changing things from the inside? They could buy up cattle ranches and chicken farms and move these creatures into their homes. This way, poor downtrodden animals would never live in fear.

While they're releasing the chickens and cows from the ranches and farms, they could fly over to Africa and explain to the kyenas hunting the Serengeti that eating meat is inhumane.

On a grander scale, they might send letters to the Middle East and request that all the animals there be spared from war and terrorist attacks that continue to ravage the West Bank.

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May Prescott, creator of the controversial campaign, who claims he is an alum, Jewish, has praised the ingenuity of the campaign. His role in this campaign is disturbing because he somehow believes he is Jewish, he is entitled to some sort of ethnic immunity to dishonor Holocaust victims simply because he receives a paycheck for it.

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This year's men's basketball team has performed well all season, despite naysayers' predictions.

The UCF men's basketball team will get its chance today to quiet all remaining doubts when it faces off against Jacksonville State in the first round of the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. The fifth-seeded Knights play the fourth-seeded Gamecocks at noon at GSU Sports Arena in Atlanta, Ga.

The Knights were predicted to finish second-to-last in the A-Sun's South Division, but instead the team has won more regular-season games (19) than any team in UCF's Division I history.

Jacksonville State is 20-9 on the year and 10-6 in the A-Sun. The Gamecocks have won seven consecutive games, including an overtime win over Georgia State and a win over North Division champs Belmont.

The Knights won the lone regular season matchup between the two teams Jan. 23. Senior guard Ray Abellard hit a pair of free throws in the waning seconds of the game to give UCF a 68-66 win. The game went back and forth throughout and neither team held a lead of more than four points.

Forward Omar Barlett averages 15.6 points and 7.3 rebounds for the Gamecocks. The Knights held him to 10 points earlier in the season, but he grabbed 10 rebounds. When he gets the ball in position to score, he usually does. Barlett is second in the conference at shooting from the floor (61.4 percent). Guard Poonie Richardson lit up UCF's defense for 21 points, nine of them in the first round.

PLEASE SEE Defense ON 16

Illustration by Christopher Arnold / UCF

Kristy Shonka
STAFF WRITER

It all began when the UCF men's basketball team lost to Georgia State in the second round of last year's Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. The Knights knew that game would be the last for seniors Paul Reed, Jason Thornton and Evandro Moretti, but the loss of sophomore twins Joey and Stephen Graham came as a shock.

"The Grahas decided shortly after the season to transfer to Oklahoma State. Combined with the loss of Reed, UCF lost three of its top four scorers from last year. Throw in transfer Mark Koncorg's dismissal from the team and the departure of freshmen Jamon Harmon and Tim Klicaden, and the Knights were left with only five players who would return for the 2002-03 season.

When this season began, UCF welcomed 10 transfers to the team and none had Division I basketball experience. Three transferred from junior colleges, four came from high school and the other three had no collegiate basketball experience.

PLEASE SEE Defense ON 16
ESPN home game against Marshall highlights 2003 football

The UCF football team will host defending Mid-American Conference champion Marshall on Nov. 10, for a Wednesday night game on ESPN or ESPN2. The MAC announced Tuesday, UCF's schedule features five home games and seven road dates. The Knights will play four non-conference games.

UCF kicks off its season on the road at Virginia Tech on Aug. 30. The Knights will have a week off before getting an early start on the home schedule Sept. 13 against Florida Atlantic. A trip to New York to face Syracuse follows. The Knights remain on the road the following week when they begin conference play at Kent State. Buffalo comes to Orlando the next week before UCF ties the road again for games against Ohio and Akron.

The Knights will welcome the West Division's Central Michigan to town for Homecoming Oct. 25. Their final non-conference game will be on the road against West Virginia Nov. 2. UCF's other cross-over game with the West comes Nov. 9 against Eastern Michigan. The Knights get a late-season open date Nov. 15 in preparation for their Wednesday game against Marshall. Their final game of the season comes at home the Friday after Thanksgiving against Miami of Ohio.

Abellard garners All-Conference honors

The Atlantic Sun Conference announced Tuesday that UCF senior guard Ray Abellard earned second-team All-Conference honors for his performance this season. It is the second consecutive season Abellard has garnered this award.

Abellard finished the regular season leading the Knights in scoring averaging 16.1 points per game. His average ranks sixth in the conference. He was among the leaders in three-point shooting and free-throw percentage. In just two years with the Knights, Abellard has hit 187 three-pointers, which puts him in fourth place all-time at UCF.

This season Abellard has reached double-digit point totals in 22 of the 28 games he played in. He led UCF in scoring 17 times.

Women's tennis ranked out

The UCF women's tennis team scheduled for Tuesday against Richmond was canceled because of bad weather. The match has not been rescheduled. UCF will try again at the UCF Tennis Complex on Friday, when the Knights host Houston at 11 a.m.

LeCorme finishes second

Junior Matt LeCorme finished in second and led the Knights to an eighth-place showing Sunday at the University Club in Baton Rouge, La. UCF shot its best round of the tournament on the final day with a team score of 291. Host LSU won the tournament.

LeCorme was just two shots shy of first place in a field of over 90 participants. His second-place finish was the best for a Golden Knight this season.

Men's tennis team wins eighth consecutive

The Knights improved to 4-0 in the Atlantic Sun Conference with a 5-4 win over Campbell on Saturday for their eighth win in a row. The No. 66 Knights improved to 8-2 overall.

UCF won five singles matches with the Camels' lone win coming at No. 3. Caitlin Franks (No. 1), Gabrielle McInerney (No. 2), Simon Jaeckel (No. 4), Ener Gursoy (No. 5) and Rhett Bowen (No. 6) all picked up singles wins for the Knights. The doubles matches were suspended because of the threat of rain.

The Knights next match is 9 a.m. today against Boston College at the UCF Tennis Complex.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Every Gursoy picked up a singles win at No. 5 for the Knights against Campbell on Saturday.

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Defense gives fans reason to cheer

FROM PAGE 14

Expectations were low. The As-
sin press were not asking UCF to
finish second-to-last in its newly
created South Division, above only
Stetson. It looked to fulfill the
Knight's remarkable improvement
from an S-25 record in 2001 to a
1-12 record last year would be an
aberration.

But only those people outside
of the UCF basketball team for-
towed low expectations. Coach Kirk
Speraw and his team knew the Knights
would be everybody's underdogs
they set out to prove the naysayers
wrong. And much to the surprise of
many, they did.

"At the beginning of the sea-
son, we just wanted something
to do," junior co-
elKirk Speraw said. "I know
I, and many others, didn't want
that to happen. If you can take
time away from the suffering, it's

What began some 50 days ago
with that loss to Georgia State
was the birth of this year's UCF
men's basketball team. A team that
is 10-10 on the year and the fifth
seed heading into this week's
A-Sun Tournament. The Knights sur-
passed last year's win total with
three games left in the season and
while the hunt for the regular
season conference title goes into
the final two weeks of the season.

They did all of that after start-
ing point guard Al Miller, one of the
five returning players, under-
went indefinitely from the team
before conference play began.

Speraw said this team de-
termines better than last year's team. Senior
Martin Boyd says this group is
more team-oriented than last
year's. Senior Ed Dotson says it's
this team's work ethic and desire to
win that has been the difference.
Senior Ray Abellard says it's the
players' belief in one another and the
team's desire to play hard. No one
won't score, too. They have a good
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has increased from last year by
more than 200 fans per home

"We don't have a flashy team,
but we have a team that's going
to get the job done," Boyd said,
earlier in the season. "We're going
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patient stopped smoking, or whether
that patient has a better handle on her
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Seniors have left their mark

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because we had a lot of scorers on the squad," Abellard said, "but this year we knew that we weren't as deep offensively, so therefore we were going to have to play defense. Defense was going to win us games.

The Knights held eight teams to 60 or fewer points this season, and they won six of those games by holding one point in one game and two points in one other. The other eight games were won by Mercer, who posted more than 100 points.

Jacksonville game 6 p.m. Friday.

Jacksonville 82-75 in their final regular-season game. This year's Sun champion, Abellard said, "That's where we see ourselves. We try to take care of the little details in order to succeed." Swatting the small stuff has paid off for the Knights. They are one win shy of the school's first 20-win season since 1979-80 and have the most wins since the 1986-87 squad won 13 on the road. This year 19 wins are the most in the regular season for Mercer since it joined Division I.

Despite what happens in this weekend's tournament, the Knights' three seniors — Boyd, Abellard and Dotson — have already left their mark on this program. All made necessary adjustments to their game in order to help the Knights succeed.

For the just two years. Despite their chances at the A-Sun regular-season championship, the Panthers refused their defensive efforts. The Knights beat Florida Atlantic 82-75 in their final regular-season game. While they gave up nearly 10 more points than they've averaged, "Speraw said, "It was tight, hard fought, with critical possessions throughout the game." UCF got an added boost from Orlando native Marcus McGee in Lyons' absence. McGee only averages about eight minutes a game, but scored 14 points in 23 minutes Saturday night.

Marcus also played well defensively, which I was really happy to see," Speraw said. "His foul troubles didn't cost us any points.

The semifinal game for the winners of these games will be at 6 p.m. Friday. Speraw said that you have to give credit to Troy State and Mercer for what they've accomplished this season, but that you also have to look at which teams are hot right now. Mercer and Troy State are certainly hot right now, but so is Jacksonville State.

The Knights have lost two of their last three games, but they are the only A-Sun team to win three games in three days this season, which is what the A-Sun champion will have to do to win tournament.

The Knights beat Tulane, Maine and Indiana State in consecutive days over Thanksgiving weekend to win the University Hoops Classic. Speraw thinks this experience should help the Knights in the A-Sun Tournament.

It will be a little bit more pressure in this situation and certainly we're going to have to handle the pressure and deal with the pressure, as all the teams up there will, but we've been already here," he said. "I think we can draw on that.

Speraw said for a team to be successful in this tournament it must focus on the fundamentals.

"At the end of the floor, we can do so many things with him because of his agility and quickness," Speraw said. "He's not a great defender, but he's a good defensive player. That's really been a big part of our success."

Just like this year's team, next year's team will have some question marks. Without Boyd, Abellard and Dotson, Bedell will be the only player with more than one year of Division I basketball experience. But junior college transfer Morris and Lydum have already proven they can compete at this level. Freshmen Landbeck and Bakakowsky have improved throughout the season and should make big strides in the offseason, as should McGee and Ross, who have shown flashes of their talent in limited minutes this season.

But next year's team will belong to Lyons, Boddie and Morentin.

"It's going to be their turn to take over those responsibilities," Speraw said. "And for all those doubters out there, don't count out next year's Knights too early. They too, may appear to lack some of the talent of teams from the past, but that hasn't stopped this year's Knights. They have talents," Speraw said. "They've figured out a way to themselves be successful."

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Baseball out-slugs Monmouth 17-10

Kristy Shonka
Staff Writer

The UCF baseball team used the final game of its four-game series with Monmouth to get some inexperienced players some experience. Only five of UCF's starters Sunday have seen regular playing time, but that did not hurt the Knights as they beat Monmouth 17-10 for their fifth consecutive win.

UCF set new season highs with 20 hits and 17 runs and four RBIs. Knights had career days to give the team its first four-game series sweep since 1997 against St. John's. UCF (10-4) jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and would score at least one run in each of the first six innings, including six runs in the fourth.

Sophomore Taylor Cobb earned the win for the Knights, giving up two earned runs in six innings, while striking out four and walking three. He improved to 2-0 on the year.

In his first career start at UCF, Brian Stancovich went 4-4 with career highs in runs (5) and RBIs (3). Stancovich started for David Mann, who is still recover ing from an injured hamstring. Elaine Schulte started in center field for Clay Temper, who jammed a finger sliding into second base. Schulte recorded a career-best four RBIs and tied his personal best with three hits.

Jon Cooper got the nod at shortstop in place of Matt Fox, who relieved Cobb in the sixth, and got four hits and three RBIs, both career highs.

"It's nice to have them at the plate," UCF Coach Jay Bergman said. "He's doing the things we asked him to do and he's getting some pitches to hit."

Junior Burt Clark, who relieved Ryan Bear at first base, got his first career hit Sunday against a giant home run over the left-field fence. Clark pitched his first two years at UCF, but this year has seen time at first base and as the designated hitter. Bergman was able to work 20 players into the game.

"Everybody got a chance to play this weekend," he said. "I was very proud of the players. Nothing but positives."

The Knights were up 17-3 after six, but Monmouth scored a run in the seventh and six runs in the eighth. UCF reliever Nick Whidden faced six batters in the eighth without giving up an out. He gave up five runs on three hits and three walks.

But the most important thing for the Knights was that they got their offense going. Thirteen players are now hitting over .300 and eight of those players have seen time in at least nine games.

"It was a good weekend," Bergman said. "Just what the doctor ordered."

The Knights kick off their Atlantic Sun Conference schedule this weekend with a three-game series at Mercer.

Softball team splits first A-Sun double-header

Matt Betton
Staff Writer

Junior Shinhoseter went twofor-three with two home runs, leading the UCF softball team to an 8-0 win over visiting Gardner-Webb on Monday at the UCF Softball Complex. The Knights (10-1, 1-4 Sun) dropped the second game of the doubleheader 5-4, giving the Bulldogs (7-11, 1-5 Sun) their first conference win of the season.

In the first game, the Knights had a 1-0 lead when Shinhoseter led off the third inning with a home run down the left field line. The Knights added three more runs in the inning on RBIs by Presha Simmons, Taylor Sawyer and Jenna Wansa. UCF would add a run in the fourth and fifth innings, and Shinhoseter capped the scoring in the sixth with her second home run of the day.

Sawyer was brilliant for the Knights in earning her fourth win of the season. The southpaw pitched the complete game, allowing only four hits while striking out three.

In the rubber match, the Knights came out sluggish, finding themselves in an early hole they couldn't dig out of. The Bulldogs jumped all over UCF starter Presha Simmons, tagging her for five runs.

Simmons would depart in the third inning, bringing back Sawyer. The Knights mustered rallies in the third and fourth innings, but were unable to cut the lead any closer than two runs. Sawyer was once again effective against the Bulldog batters, pitching five innings and allowing two runs on seven hits.

The downfall for the Knights, as it has proved to be many times this season, was their lack of run support. UCF would muster only four hits, a complete reversal of the first game in which they had put up 12 hits and eight runs on the board. It is this inconsistent play that has bothered Coach Renee Laure-Gilippe.

"We're still trying to figure out what it's gonna take to get more runs in the inning on. We're still trying to figure out what it's gonna take to get more runs in the inning on," she said. "And we don't quite know what that is yet."

On Sunday, the Knights lost to Southwest Missouri State 6-2 in the finals of the UCF Softball Tournament. Just a day earlier, UCF had blanked the Bears 6-0.

"They're learning that they've got to be able to step up and play hard every day," said Laure-Gilippe, who went 4-6 in 2002 for her first year on the job.

The Knights traveled yesterday to Osceola County for the Rebel Games, where they took on Valparaiso and Detroit. Details of the action will be available Monday's edition of The Fauteur.
PULLING PRANKS ON PRIME-TIME TELEVISION

Cable's newest battle of the sexes pairs up Oxygen and Comedy Central

KATRINA HAMMER

Pairs of underwear are falling from the sky to fantastic, black things and skimpy lace lingerie flutter to the ground below. Confused, a young man waling by stops and picks up a pair. A girl calls out from a balcony above and asks the man to watch the underwear as she comes down to collect them. Suspecting he is unseeing, the man brings the underwear to his nose and sniffs. The girl immediately demands that he not smell her underwear, as she turns to her friend and laughs.

This girl is not an unfortunate college student who has accidentally lost her laundry, but the co-host of a new television show. Melissa Howard continues to throw underwear from the balcony to get a laugh. She tosses them on passersby and times them to see how long they will wait for her to come down. She never does.

Howard, along with Chelsea Handler, best friends and for many Oxygen's new comedy show "Girls Behaving Badly," was described by the network as "Sex in the City" meets "Candice Cameron," Sophomore Mike Shore, 20, remembers seeing one of the show's first episodes. He said the girls were walking around in loving pants that did not cover even their butts. Their thing underwear hung out as they strolled through the streets. The stunt was aimed at making fun of the love-rite jumps that have become popular among women.

Shore liked the idea of a witty, female-hosted show that pulled panties and stunts on innocent male bystanders.

"It's a good concept to have a show where not girls like guys," he said. "But when they show a lot of skin, it's what guys want to see anyway. It kind of defies the purpose."

"Girls Behaving Badly" has enjoyed some success on the network and gives women a cable counterpart to Comedy Central.

8 Days a Week

Highlights of the cultural calendar

LINNEA BROWN

STAFF WRITER

Thursday, March 6

Blue Week in Europe
The Student Government Association, Black Student Union, Irish Students, Greek Students, women's organizations, students, student organizations, and students of other races present "Eire an t Oilean," a spring-time celebration of Ireland's culture, with music, dance, and food. The event will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Student Union. Tickets are $5 for non-students and $3 for students. 407-823-6000.

Thursday, March 13

The Eire an t Oilean
Dinner, at 6 p.m. at the Student Union. Tickets are $35 each.

Pulling Pranks

 Going to class in pajamas

Students taking online courses roll out of bed and over to their computers

LISA MARIE HOTTLE

STAFF WRITER

Taking open-book quizzes and reading lecture notes in pajamas while dressed in jeans isn't how one would imagine the future of education. But the sudden rise in online learning options at UCF brings with it an entirely new approach to the classroom experience, and UCF students enrolled in Web-based courses believe the WebCT program offers great incentives but is not without its downsides.

Senior Christy Biggs, 27, has taken up to three WebCT courses every semester at UCF. The program perfectly fits her needs as a commuter from Ocala. She says that without WebCT, she would not be graduating this May. She continues to struggle, however, with the theory-based classes offered in her psychology major.

"Subjective classes are harder to get through because sometimes it seems your opinion has to match the professor's," Biggs said. "If your opinion doesn't match others in the class, you constantly have to defend yourself."

Biggs often spends her lunch breaks at work following up on discussions or taking tests.

She said that students with families have to cut for perfect WebCT candidates.

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Stepping Up

CRYSTAL ESPINOZA

STAFF WRITER

As the curtail rises and a forest thick with fog appears above the skyline, the inhabitants of the woodland emerge. These mysterious creatures dressed in long, white gowns are dancers of the classical ballet. Their movements are graceful, their gestures beautiful as they glide past the audience. The dancers are graceful and effortless, and their presence is awe-inspiring. They gracefully move across the stage, captivating the audience with their incredible synchronization.

In the midst of the action, the dancers of Orlando's prestigious ballet company, The Florida Dance Theatre, present "1001." The ballet is a blend of classical and modern elements, and the music is provided by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. The performance is directed by the company's artistic director, William Stabile.

"1001" is a telling of the ancient Arabian Nights tale. The story follows a young woman named Scheherazade who uses her intelligence and wit to save her life. She tells the story of 1,001 Nights, including tales of love, adventure, and danger. As the story unfolds, the audience is drawn into a world of imagination and wonder.

The performance is set to music by the famous composer, Richard Strauss, and the dancers move gracefully and elegantly to the music. The costumes are designed to highlight the beauty and artistry of the dancers, and the sets are designed to transport the audience to a world of fantasy.

"1001" is a truly magical experience, and it is not to be missed. The Florida Dance Theatre is one of the finest ballet companies in the world, and their performance of "1001" is a testament to their skill and artistry. The audience is left breathless as they watch the dancers perform with grace and precision. This is a performance that will be remembered for years to come, and it is not to be missed.

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Many trainees try to find jobs as professional dancers

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because I've improved and have been working [hard]. It's almost impossible to have a job unless you have experience.

Although Williams acknowledges the intensive work and time involved with the ballet company, she said the opportunity is invaluable.

"Because ballet is visual, the best way to learn is to watch people who are good at it," she said. "You can try, and try and try, but you have to actually see what you are trying to accomplish and learn from their work ethic."

Being a trainee allows students to work with professional dancers and slowly integrate into their future career environment. The trainee program gives students a chance to expand their resume, said Peter Stark, the school director of Orlando Ballet. "They are our core in all professional productions and get to dance with all the professional dancers."

With nearly two years of experience as a trainee, Williams' most recently performed in "Giselle" and "Nutcracker." She hopes to continue her career with Orlando Ballet as a professional dancer.

"They don't have a cap on how long you can be a trainee here. But I've decided that two years is about right," she said. "I really enjoy the Orlando Ballet and would love to get into the company here. I feel ready to move on."

Stark said that Williams has grown as a dancer and has learned the important lesson of how to transform from a student to a performer.

"She has improved tremendously over the past three years," Stark said. "Ballet can be very cerebral when in class because you are dancing with bars and teachers are looking over you, but ultimately you have to be able to perform on stage. And she's a wonderful stage performer."

Williams said that she has gained many friendships from time spent at the ballet company, and has developed a strong sense of what it takes to succeed in the world of dance.

[Ballet] is competitive in that it's hard to find a job. It's not that you feel like you are competing against those around you," she said. "Everybody tries to do their best and after a certain level you can't compare dancers. Some are better than others, but some are just different."

Although a highly selective profession, ballet provides many opportunities for students outside of the competitive arena. Studying ballet may result in a scholarship to college or a job as a ballet instructor.

"Ballet is incredibly competitive," Stark said. "We have a school of 350 students. Of those, maybe five to 10 will be fortunate to find employment in this field as a professional dancer. There are more people training than there are available jobs. But the keys to ballet, like discipline, are transferable to other professions."

Stark said that Williams has the potential to be one of the few who make it professionally.

"She's someone who is going to be successful. She has the capacity to be a professional," he said. "And even if she decides not to be a dancer professionally, her work ethic and attitude will lead her to success."

While Williams is unsure of where her training and performing will lead her, she said she would always make it an important part of her life.

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WebCT courses often require more work than traditional classes

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"If you have to have dinner on the table by six, it's hard to take those mini-classes," she said. "I find that many older students take Web-based courses because of the freedom from attending traditional classes."

Jenna Roth, 19, says that she also finds many students with their own families in her online developmental psychology class. "Many are going to branch campuses and taking classes that would help them in their current job," the freshman said. "Some are home all day with kids and often take three [WebCT] classes at once."

While Biggs says WebCT allows for more time to spend with her boyfriend and her full-time job, she does regret graduating alone. "I don't know anybody I'm graduating with," she said. "I don't get to hang out on campus, and I miss the camaraderie."

Students sacrifice meeting peers in their major when they take WebCT courses, because most never communicate outside the online student forums.

Roth hasn't met anyone in her WebCT class face-to-face. "Even though I like doing my own thing, I like the idea of going to class and meeting people," she said.

Roth and Biggs credit self-motivation for their success in WebCT courses. "I am pretty motivated and I can structure things," Roth said. "I wouldn't recommend a person who isn't organized to take an online course."

"You have to be very disciplined and it's definitely not for everyone," Biggs said.

"For the WebCT students, the program has its quirks, just as any software does. Biggs habitually backs up all her quizzes, cut-and-pasting them into a personal Word document or into her e-mail account, so if the program freezes she can still complete the required coursework to e-mail to her professor."

Complaints of disappearing WebCT quizzes are battled by Technicians, a group of tech support employees for professors and students. Technicians suggest that students should be aware that WebCT is not Adobe-friendly and recommend that students take quizzes and tests in the campus computer labs to combat Internet connection problems.

Junior Mehdi Lahrech, 20, wishes the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering would offer a wider variety of Web-based courses, so he could participate in more online learning. "But I understand how difficult it is to post complicated theorems on a Web bulletin board. "My major is technical," he said. "It has to be physically done as a group."

Lahrech is taking Introduction to Digital Circuits through WebCT and has found that students who are not interested in their studies must use caution when taking Web courses. "It's all up to you to do the work, and while it saves you the pain of going to class you have to be able to do the work yourself," he said.

In WebCT courses, professors assemble Web pages of class lectures and post discussion questions, grades, monthly calendars and weekly assignments.

In Biggs' Introduction to Women Studies course, she is required to post her thoughts and research on each weekly question posed by her professor. Every week she must complete a short quiz, read excerpts from her textbook and follow up on discussions from other students. "It's very labor-intensive," Biggs said. "It's more work than a regular class."

While Biggs confesses that online discussions do not replace lectures, the online courses have served her education well.

Professors who teach online courses must be able to not only group the WebCT software, but also to provide an effective learning environment for their students. Professor Carole E. Adams teaches history and women's studies courses at UCF and struggles to find ways to reach people who live far from the main campus. She finds that WebCT solves the problem. "Even with satellite learning, Adams concedes that students viewing from the branch campuses do not get enough personal attention."

"I really like that I am reaching students no matter where they live," Adams said. "WebCT is best for students who have difficulty getting to class, have heavy work loads or shifting work hours."

Adams says that the material covered in online courses is in many ways equal to what students learn in a classroom.

"You can get people [involved with] a lot of visual projects," she said. "It gets students to do a different type of studying."

Adams added that the pedagogical influence of WebCT classes on students is greatly beneficial because they are able to access and explore Internet sources that they might never find printed on a traditional syllabus.

From her previous teaching experience, Adams has found that quieter students do not participate in standard classroom discussion. Adams feels that students are able to comfortably share their opinions on online bulletin boards.

With heated discussions in her history and women's studies courses, Adams says that the use of online message boards is advantageous, allowing students to wait a period of time before responding. "It allows time for reflection for everybody," she said.

While online learning may seem like a break from those 8 a.m. classes, both says the professors often expect a lot more work from students because the courses are interdisciplinary. On the Internet there is no such thing as the back of a classroom.
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"Let's give it up for Satan's Candy Wheel," second band to perform tonight," Scott Meteke, emcee, shouted into the microphone. The impromptu crowd whined and applauded approval as the band members sauntered onstage and hopped into the center circle of the dance area. Satan's Candy Wheel was almost to pull off a performance that most of us only have enough nerve to do while blurring the mirror and bumping into a hairbrush in the bathroom mirror.

My friend Wolf and I were standing in the audience at the Social's first-ever "Air Band Competition" held last Saturday. The concept was based upon the overwhelming response to their "Air Guitar Competition" six months ago (think Keenan Reeves' excellent guitar riffs from the "Bill and Ted" movies ... only better). This was no minor contest, either. A panel of four intimidating judges sat behind a table on the left side of the stage, judging each group's performance on rock style, accuracy and charisma.

Each band then had to spontaneously perform 60 seconds of a surprise song, chosen by the judges who rated them on their improvisational skills. The only props allowed on stage were a bucket and a microphone stand — without a microphone, of course.

Wearing a pinstripe suit, the drummer of Satan's Candy Wheel recently sat down on the stage, eyed a side-down bucket. Arms raised and fingers clamped around imaginary drumsticks, he appeared ready to beat the heck out of his imaginary drum set. A hatred tattooed, blond dreadlocked guitarist chased his hands around a male-beloved guitar, and a dark-haired John Lennon look-alike grabbed the mike stand.

A thrash-metal rock song blared loudly out of the speakers and the band members began to bounce and hop erratically around the tiny stage like damped kangaroos. The dark-haired guy spontaneously yanked his pants down and exposed himself, while the blond guy spit obnoxious mouthfuls of beer at the crowd. Perhaps it was a creative metaphor ... although the judges didn't seem to think so.

"How do you say, 'I love your tits in German?'" Green inquired teasingly, eying Michaela's chest. A group of bitter ex-members of The Spitvalves scored a personable improvement on their infamous rendition of alterna-band At the Drive In's "One Armed Scholar." After their act, female judge Marsh Green of Marsh Green Marketing jokingly harshed two of the adorable, beanpole-ish band members into hiding their shirts off, making Green's own preference an amusing running joke for the rest of the night.

The next group, Michaels and the Beer Garden Boys, was refreshingly unique. Their performance featured four German exchange students wearing traditional German national costumes of lederhosen. They rocked out to an apparently popular German anthem called "I Will Rup Hurrah," and came complete with an enthusiastic army of young German supporters.

Their costumes were not strictly traditional, however. One of the guys had squeezed himself into the traditional woman's costume — a red peasant dress and white apron — and completed the outfit with a blonde Afro wig. Michaela's bosom also bulged prominently over the seams of her face-up correct top.

"How do you say, 'I love your tits in German?'" Green inquired teasingly, eying Michaela's chest.

The dark-haired guy spontaneously performed a vengeful song called "Who Sold Out Now," dedicated to the band members who kicked them out. In a humorous moment, rockers Distart Haven performed a heartfelt, "What It, By Creed.

Unfortunately, none of the judges took them seriously. "I hate cock rock," Emcke Meteke boomed. "I know you did that song as a joke, right?" Patton asked.

The members of Distart Haven laughed weakly and agreed that you, the Creed song had been a joke.

The most offensive of all the groups was a foursome whose name was too maddeningly offensive to repeat, let alone print. Consisting of a man, a woman and two prominent community actors (whom I last saw in a forgettable production of "The Pot Show"), the group performed a rendition of "My Generation" that would have made the remaining members of The Who croak in horror. They were obviously going for shock value. The "Pot Show" guys drunkenly stumbled around the stage and stimulated the process of snorting cocaine and shooting heroin, while actor Christian Kelty unzipped his pants and yanked out his genitals.

Sarcastic, My friend Wolf, along with the rest of the audience and the judges, looked completely horrified.

"It would have been OK if he hadn't whipped out his sack," Wolf muttered.

The judges quickly lectured Keley's band on their dirty display and attempted to draw the audience's attention to the final band of the evening — Turbo. Turbo, comprised of four average-looking guys in their late twenties, simply and effortlessly blew everyone away. Lip-synching and air-playing is a flawless imitation of a hardware ACOG song. Their energy and confidence earned the undivided attention of every amazed set of eyes in the venue.

The judges jumped to their feet, applauding. "That's an automatic ticket to finals," Meteke exclaimed. "You're in.

The Turbo guys confirmed their victory by making even harder in the finals improve competition, after which Turbo's lead singer ripped off his shirt, revealing an extremely hairy chest and back.

He then grabbed a microphone and yelled uprashious words of encouragement to his fellow hairballs, provoking waves of laughter from the amused crowd of supporters.

Club crowns the biggest band that never was
Air bands rock
Milli Vanilli-style

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The judges anonymously awarded Turbo first place, giving
them a hefty cash prize and gift certificates to Sam Ash
music and Paris Ave CD, O-
Book prize packs and an all­
you-can-drink ticket to the Social.
"Those guys were so great," Kimmel said.
I decided that I hired Turbo for
the same reason that I adore drag shows and Elvis impersonators — it takes a lot
of effort to make people think you're really singing.
"I want to be the next Milli Vanilli," I announced to
Wolf on our ride home.
"Wow!"
Sigh. Some people will never understand.

Both sexes enjoy 'The Man Show's' humor

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Central's "The Man Show," Hosted by Adam Cornilla and Jimmie Kimmel, "The Man Show" is a variety-style pro-
gram driven by testosterone. The network describes the show as a half hour of joyous chauvinism that
broadens the market for viewing. Sophomore Erin Joseph,19, thinks the show is humorous — sometimes. "It's entertain-
ing," she said, "but it's directed toward horny men who sit around and drink beer."
While "The Man Show" does have its share of stunts and pranks, it focuses more on odd, manly topics. Future episodes have the hosts investigating a swamp in Florida, solving the first bachelor party and visiting the Museum of Annoying Women.
Leave it to Cornilla and Kimmel to find such a piece.
While their sense of humor seems tasteless to some, many people really do enjoy the comedi-
ardness — even women. Freshman
Kristy Thomas, 18, thinks "The Man Show" is hysterical.
She does, however, have a slight problem with the show. "I could really do without the girls jumping on trampolines," she said.
Thomas is referring to the Juggy Girls. The two young women true to their nickname, prance around the show in sexy outfits and accessories. They perform practical jokes and provide the audience and viewers with certain aesthetics.
The creation of these shows brings light to a battle that has been around for ages.
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ing," he said.
Until then, men and women will try to outdo one another, and shows created for enjoy-
ment by a particular sex will fight for viewers.
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