**Kirklew faces impeachment investigation**

**Battles cleared on charges of vote tampering, buying votes**

**CARY GRAYSON STAFF WRITER**

Election troubles are over for newly elected student body president and vice president Brian Kirklew and Joe MacCollum, but outgoing vice president Brian Kirklew now faces an impeachment investigation, which could result in his removal from office.

The SGA Senate voted last Thursday to pursue two of the three charges filed against Kirklew by Jeff Streep, who was defeated in last month's presidential election.

Streep alleged that Kirklew had verbally assaulted and threatened Streep and two other students during the campaign.

**NORML requests $2,500 for trip**

**JASON IRSAY STAFF WRITER**

A bill that would send members of NORML at UCF to a national conference in San Francisco received preliminary approval at Thursday’s SGA Senate meeting, setting up a full vote on the measure this week.

NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, requested $2,500 from the Student Government Association. The money would help NORML cover lodging, transportation and food expenses for eight students for the five-day trip.

NORML sent four members to the annual conference last year. The two senators who represent NORML in the Senate may lose this year’s trip if they vote against the proposal.

Sen. Mike Tiner, 23, a senior at 1 p.m.,...
Oil magnate gives Oklahoma State U. $55 million for sports facilities

Carter Page, the Oklahoma state oil tycoon has announced that he will give $55 million to Oklahoma State University. His alma mater. The donations from T. Boone Pickens, coming in several installments, will be used mostly to refurbish the football team's facilities and to support academic scholarships. The gift is the largest the university has ever received from a single donor.

Pickens will establish a $20 million trust to underwrite construction costs at Lewis Field, enabling the university to renovate one set of grandstands before the football season of 2003. The overall $80 million refurbishment plan will add luxury skyboxes and raise the stadium's seating capacity to 53,000.

Pickens also announced that, for his will, he will leave $55 million to support physical and athletic projects at the university.

An Oklahoma State news release said that the 84-year-old Pickens, a billionaire and former student of the university, in the business of oil and oil-related investments, believes the university will “always be special” to him. Pickens said that the university provided him with an excellent education and gave him the skills to succeed. He said his gift was “a small way of saying thank you.”

The university has also announced that it will use the gift to create a new athletic facilities foundation, which will be used to raise funds for athletic facilities and other projects.

The gift will also help the university to improve its facilities and to attract more students. The university plans to use the money to upgrade its football stadium, which is currently in need of repair.

Women's group promotes peace through candlelight ceremony

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance hosted a candlelight vigil at the Redford Pent last Thursday.

To promote Marel's Women's History Month and last Saturday's International Day for Women and Peace, UCF's chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance hosted a candlelight vigil at the Redford Pent last Thursday.

About 50 people attended, including members from Campus Peace Action. "It's not just to promote peace involving the situation in Iraq, but peace among all people," said Koo/Vonne Wilson, co-president of NOW at UCF.

However, the looming war in Iraq proved worthy of the minute's many attendees. Most of the speeches by local citizens and students revolved around the conflict.

Lindsey Franklin Shockey, co-founder of Matrix, a local organization that addresses women's problems and assists with loans to needy women, spoke of the need for action against the war and urged peace activists to write letters and e-mail to government officials.

"It is important for women and men to speak up and have our voices heard," she said. "Often silence is understood as agreement."

"We don't like the individuality of war," she continued. "The violence of war, the long term effects of war, but it would appear that our government is not listening."

She hoped that with the convergence of activities in Washington, D.C., last Saturday to form a "Circle of Peace" around the White


Men join event to oppose war

House, the government would take notice of the dissident voices of Americans — especially women’s voices.

Participants in the vigil brought lighted candles and linked hands during a moment of silence and solidarity. The majority of participants were female, but a few males spokeled the crowd, including Sreeram Ramaswamy, a graduate student at UCF from India.

Ramaswamy sees the unrest of many American citizens and believes that actions such as protesting and vigils go unrecognized by lawmakers, then the idea of a democracy is being ignored.

“If the voices of these people are not being heard, and the government still goes to war, then that is not a democracy,” he said.

NOW co-president Kate Stoker said she hoped the event would highlight women’s rights in the world community including their reproductive rights, access to health care and education, and rights to control their bodies.

Juni Rhea Emery-Morris, 23, came to support the women’s studies program at UCF and Women’s History Month. She believes that by assembling to protest the government, women can overcome the governing power of the patriarchy in general.”

“I think women’s groups are still finding their voices,” Emery-Morris said. “It just kind of builds bigger and bigger.”

NOW enacted its chapter at UCF this semester, and the organization still is finding its footing on campus. With little funding to rely on, Wilson says many events and there are the only way for the group to advertise events such as Thursday’s event.

Hackers steal identities at U. of. Texas

There are approximately 200,000 possible Social Security numbers against those listed in a database the university used to track training classes for its employees.

This program entered Social Security numbers from its list into the Texas database one at a time, returning information whenever it hit upon a valid number.

In addition to names and Social Security numbers, the stolen information included e-mail addresses, office phone numbers and addresses. No academic or health records were exposed.

The University officials have speculated that the attack was launched by students, either working alone or with others. The attacking computers ran a computer program that cross-checked about 750 million possible Social Security numbers against those listed in a database the university used to track training classes for its employees.

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War on marijuana distorts and hides truth, critics say

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marijuana’s history reproduces the claims the federal government makes in its anti-drug campaign, a campaign that counselors and reformers alike say does not work.

For example, Creager learned that before the 20th century, inmense plant production and sale of large quantities of marijuana was legal. Based upon his research, Barberet mentioned that NORML has many members who do not smoke pot, but are concerned about the vast amount of people imprisoned for minor offenses. "It's a mess," he said. "Of the people in jail for marijuana crimes, over 70 percent are black."

Creager said the ad campaign linking marijuana use to terrorism and the Bush administration's stance on drugs, reflect a position out of touch with what the people want. He gave a recent example in California, 70 percent of people support legalizing marijuana.

The crackdown on medicinal marijuana providers in California highlights a paradox in the president’s views, Barberet said. "Bush says he's for state rights," he said. "States should make their own laws. They tried in California and the feds stepped in."

Regarding the war on drugs and the medical marijuana, Barberet said, "It's all publicistic. This issue is a focal point for all of our problems."

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who attended the conference last year, said the experience reinforced his goals and mission. "The biggest thing was the awareness that we're not alone in the struggle, and there's other college students all over the country having the same issues and problems. There was a lot of synergy in that," Tiner said.

NORML's other senator, sophomore Josh Edmundson, 20, did not attend last year's conference. "Even as a student who didn't get to go, I benefited from those who did get to go," Edmundson said.

Last Thursday, senators debated whether to reduce the allocation by $500. Student Body Vice President Brian Kierke broke a tie vote, keeping the allocation at $2,500.

Sen. John Bryan, 22, a senior, voted to lower the allocation, citing financial concerns. "I fully support their activities and NORML, but I don't see how it increases the academic value of the students' degrees to send NORML out there," Bryan said.

Tiner, who will speak at the conference about chapter chapter fundraising, and Edmundson said the trip would keep the drug reform movement alive at UCF. "They're going to pursue its goals," Tiner said. "The rest of us who are going see undergraduates who will be the future leadership of the group."

Edmundson said the conference would allow the group to pursue its goals. "NORML UCF is geared toward changing the laws," he said. "Going to this conference will allow us to do that here in Florida."

Both senators said events such as the San Francisco conference provide valuable opportunities for networking.

Such networking, they say, will make NORML an asset to both California Superior Court Judge James Gray for a debate this week against James McDonough, director of the Florida Office of Drug Control. The "Community Forum on Substance Abuse," featuring Gray and McDonough, begins at 1 p.m. Friday at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel, 5455 Forbes Place. It is open to the public.

Edmundson pointed out that NORML will foot most of the bill for the trip. "The club is contributing $3,200," he said. "The senator contribution is less than that. That's something that's very rare in senate funding."

The senate will vote Thursday on the bill to fund NORML's trip.

The protest continues

Patrick Restock, 19, holds up a sign that conveys his thoughts on the threatened war. Restock joined with fellow members of UCF's Campus Peace Action in a protest in front of the Student Union on March 3.

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Poppin’ pills instead of getting therapy?

More students prescribed psychiatric drugs to deal with stress and depression

JOEL ADDINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Between job stress, school stress, family or financial problems and an unstable global community, it is no wonder that psychologists report the number of depressed college students across the nation has risen in the last decade.

A recent study conducted by Karen Hofmann, a staff psychologist for the UCF Counseling and Testing Center is aware of the trend and its implications for students. He has seen an increased number of student depressions since 1986. According to an annual survey of colleges counseling centers, counselors were treating 50 percent of students for severe psychological problems in 1988. By 2001, this proportion had reached 81 percent.

Michael Deichen, associate clinical director of UCF Student Health Services, verified the increase in numbers.

"More antidepressant medications have been prescribed both within the college population and within our whole population," Deichen said. "I believe this is a result of increased recognition of the diagnosis by both patients and providers."

Depression is caused by many factors, both biological and environmental, Deichen said. According to the American Medical Association, common symptoms of depression include persistent feelings of sadness, anxiety or emptiness, loss of energy, too much or too little sleep, over-eating or under-eating, and thoughts of suicide.

People develop depression due to a lack of a neurotransmitter in the brain called serotonin, a genetic factor of brain chemistry. Depression patients are often prescribed selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI), which inhibit the levels of serotonin passed between the synapses in the brain, as a way to trick the brain into increasing its amounts of the neurotransmitter.

Medication in conjunction with therapy is the most effective treatment for depression, said Karen Hofmann, a staff psychologist with the Counseling and Testing Center. "Patients who begin treatment before even considering any medications, are more likely to experience a significant remission," Hofmann said.

Hofmann acknowledged how easy it has become for people to obtain these prescriptions for antidepressants from general practitioners in the community. "You just tell them [that] you’re depressed, and they’ll prescribe something," she said.

Hofmann said the increase in the number of students taking these medications is attributed to a variety of factors. Students are suffering from depression or stress, medications are easier to get.

Said Hofmann: "Today there are more pressures on students. Students are not just students. They’re students who work full or part-time jobs. There is pressure to succeed. It takes longer to finish your degree now."

Not only is stress, combined with personal problems or a genetic disposition to depression, can lead many students to try medications.

Prescriptions for Prozac, Zoloft and other SSRIs have grown in popularity. According to Hofmann, these medications will relieve symptoms of depression, there is a negative side to these use. Side effects of the drugs include sleeping difficulties, loss of sexual drive, dry mouth, tremors, swelling and impotence in men.

These side effects alone cause some students not to take psychiatric drugs.

"The side effects of some prescription drugs are worse than illegal drugs," sophomore Josh Tidwell, 19, said. "It’s like you’re replacing one problem with another."

April Trutty, a 24-year-old sophomore at Daytona Beach Community College, said she was prescribed Zoloft after being diagnosed with manic depression.

"I wouldn’t feel bad all the time, but when I did, I wanted to die," Trutty said. "The medication stopped the depressing feelings, but also the happy feelings. I wasn’t passionate about anything anymore."

According to the U.S. News and World Report, 85 percent of patients taking SSRIs report negative symptons when they come taking the medication. Including balance problems, nausea, skin-like symptoms, dizziness and electric shock sensations, vivid dreams, nervousness and melancholy.

Medication is necessary if students are suffering from serious depression caused bio-chemically, Hofmann said. He said there is a propensity for children from depressed families to develop the same illness. This leads many doctors to believe that depression is a combination of heredity and learned behaviors.

Hofmann says however that "event-triggered depression" can be treated through counseling alone; without any medication.

Sophomore Chaz Pounce, 18, agreed. "When my younger brother died of sepsis, [our] whole family got really depressed," he said. "I think because we all felt the same way we were more to be each other’s therapists."

Deichen said that counseling is sometimes the most effective treatment for depression.

"It’s always beneficial to include one-on-one strategies such as stress management, counseling and prayer," he said. "Many times we are able to address depression without medication by fully utilizing [those] tools."
Job seekers on Internet newest target for thieves

Danielle Depari, Staff Writer

The use of the Internet makes everyday tasks simpler. One can shop online, do research, communicate and job hunt from the comforts of home.

However, the Internet also creates vulnerability because people can never be sure of whom they are really dealing with.

According to an e-mail issued to users of Monster.com—a widely used job-search engine—identity thieves have begun using the Internet's anonymity to steal job seekers' personal information.

The email warned its users that predators are using venues such as Monster.com to post false job listings in order to collect personal information.

When unsuspecting job seekers respond to job postings with personal data such as Social Security numbers, predators use the information to steal their identities.

Company spokesman Kevin Mullins said CNN.com that the e-mail warning was sent to millions of Monster.com users. The e-mail stated: "Regrettably, from time to time, false job postings are listed online and used to illegally collect personal information from unsuspecting job seekers."

Monster.com says that no recent incident prompted the company to send the e-mail, but that the company wanted to protect its users by making them aware of the risk.

Though Monster.com and its competitors post warnings on their sites regularly, this is the first time a job-search engine has specifically contacted users to inform them about identity theft.

Because of the threat, students such as junior Dominique Overton, 20, worry that job-search engines may make them vulnerable to identity theft.

"I use Internet job-search engines only to receive contact information for an employer. Then I follow up on the phone or in person," she added.

Melanie Parker, director of the UCF Career Resource Center, said students can follow simple guidelines to avoid becoming victims of identity theft.

Parker suggests that job seekers should research job listings before responding by searching for a company Web site. She also urges students to look up companies in Hoover's Business Directory. According to Parker, one of the easiest ways to decide if an advertisement is legitimate is to look for the type of information it requests.

"A Social Security number is not typically part of the application process," Parker said. "Usually, it is provided upon employment."

Some students already adhere to such guidelines. Junior Mike Goldblatt, 20, uses online tools to search for jobs, but said he would never provide his Social Security number on the Internet.

"Before giving out information, I research the background of a company. I would not jump into a job knowing nothing," he said.

Parker also advises students to use search engines targeted to their specific field or entry-level positions.

"Students, uncomfortable with the notion of publishing their resumes online can turn to other sources to search for jobs. The UCF Career Resource Center's GOLD Connection—an online job-search engine where students can post resumes—is a secure job-search option because it screens employers before posting their listings," she said.

"Students can choose whether to publish their resume for all companies to view and search, or only submit [resumes] for positions in which they're interested," Parker said. "Companies cannot search personal applicant data and can only access the published resumes."

For those leery of using online job-search engines, there are several other options:

Over 70 percent of positions are found through networking with family, friends, referrals or directly contacting those employers, Parker said.

Putting a face to a resume often makes a candidate stand out from a pool of qualified resumes, she said. Another job-search option is newspaper advertisements.

Senior Jill Mundt, 22, said he has tried searching for jobs online and in person, and he prefers personal contact. "It is really helpful for a candidate to interview in person," he said. "I think it is much more likely a person will get the job."

Parker said there is no evidence that suggests searching online is more or less effective.
Auto Sales Weaken, Production to Slow

U.S. auto makers will respond to sagging sales of new vehicles by producing fewer cars and light trucks, the first time the industry has acknowledged genuine nervousness about a possible war with Iraq and high energy prices was hurting demand. The implications for the economy could be widespread. The auto industry has been a key driver of the U.S. economy since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Auto sales account for a fifth of total U.S. retail sales. By keeping factories running and offering no-interest financing and other discounts to entice and offering no-interest financing and other discounts to entice

Winners and Losers

Sales of some pickups and large SUVs still aren’t-sale, while sales have gained. Chevrolet Silverado $29,250 Large SUV Ford Escapes, Chevrolet Escalade $30,900

Ford Escape, Chrysler Crossfire $28,400

Toyota Prius, Gas-electric $28,995

Auto makers want to preserve their brand images and keep drivers buying hits showrooms this month, is the first of a mainstream soccer moms thinks more agile crossovers have been new crossover vehicle, the "crossover" now Chrysler has the front end of a car and the back end of a minivan. The Stealth SUV has the front end of a car and the back end of a minivan.

Crossover Vehicles: The Stealth SUV

The auto industry has a plan to keep drivers buying SUVs: disguising them. The Chrysler Pacifica, which hits showrooms this month, is the first of a new generation of family-based "crossover" models— vehicles that cut and paste various car, SUV and minivan features. The Pacifica has the front end of a car and the back end of a minivan.

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Uncle Sam Doesn't Want All of You

By Karen J. Deenihan

over the past 18 months, the FBI, the Central Intel¬
ligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the State Department have been out in force at job fairs and college campuses. But despite the record number of applications, most agencies haven't been hiring in record num¬
bers—creating a bottleneck of candi¬
dates and many disappointed app¬
plicants. Of the record 32,338 peo¬
ples who took the State Depart¬
m ent's Foreign-Service exam or applied there last fiscal year, only 4% were hired.

"We're getting the most spe¬
tacularly motivated people that we've ever had in our history," says Niels Marquardt, director of the department's diplomatic readi¬
tness task force. "We've enlarged

the pool of people who are inter¬
ested, so our standards are going up."

Some people who have applied for a federal law-enforcement or in¬
telligence job say they had to run a gauntlet of tests and security clear¬
ances that dragged on for months—
only to end up without a job offer. Some agencies respond to applica¬
tions with an automated e-mail confirmation of receipt—and nothing
afterward.

Even colleges where the agen¬
ties actively recruit have a hard time figuring out what kinds of candi¬
dates are getting hired. Ben Kjelleren, associate director for re¬
cruiting at Middlebury College, in

Vermont, says the FBI, the CIA, the NSA and the Naval Criminal Investi¬
 native Service have hired gradu¬
ates of the school—but they won't say which students.

The agencies insist they have improved recruiting procedures. The FBI, CIA and NSA say they are using computer technology to sort through stacks of resumes to iden¬
tify the most qualified applicants
quickly. Jobs at all levels must be granted by computer scientists, engineers, paralegals, financial analysts, biologists, nurses and technical support staffs. But the qualification bar is high. The CIA's recruiting chief says successful candidates have "the highest level of integrity, conduct and judg¬
ment."

Among candidates who meet the rigorous requirements, the odds of getting hired are pretty good, some agencies say. For in¬
stance, the vast majority of the
80,000 people who applied to the NSA last year weren't hired, but of those with the requisite back¬
ground roughly one in three re¬
ceived a job offer, the NSA says.

Best Goof Goes to Studios

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rated DVD form shortly after their release in U.S. theaters. Some are still low-quality reproductions that are made by having someone sneak into a theater with a digital camcorder and film the show on the screen, then copying that onto DVDs.

But the screeners have provided pirates with a simple, ready-made source for copies that are more or less the equivalent of what will later be released legitimately on DVD.

The Motion Picture Association of America says its investigators have confirmed that pirates are distributing DVDs of more than 30 movie titles that were derived from awards consideration scraper copies. Most of them are believed to be coming out of China, Malaysia or Thailand, where fac¬
tories are likely pressing hundreds of thousands of copies of each film.

The DVD screeners "are a ma¬
ner of developing resume dupes," Ken Jackson, the MPAA's director of world-wide antipiracy. "Some¬
body loans (the suspect) to a friend, and the friend un¬
wittingly loans it to another friend, and eventually it gets to somebody who may be involved in piracy."

The problem is the direct result of an old dilemma for the studios: getting Academy voters to honor

their films when many of them have not seen them in theaters. To generate heat for Oscar consid¬
eration, most of the studios send screeners not just to the 5,000 mem¬
bers of the academy, but also to the press and at least some members of guilds representing writers, actors and directors. Some studios are now sending more than 10,000 copies of each film, the vast major¬
ity in DVD format.

Warren Lieberfarb, the re¬
cently departed head of Warner Home Video, says the issue is em¬
blematic of how digitalization is go¬
ing to force Hollywood "to rethink its customs and practices, as well as its business models."

The DVD screeners are not likely to stop, and the studios are readying a legal challenge.

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means that an Internet user read¬
ing a Web page on astronomy might see a related, Google-delivered ad¬
vertisement for telescopes on that
page. The program makes Google, which has focused primarily on pro¬
viding search technology, look more like an advertising company, similar to DoubleClick Inc., which sells and delivers ads on third-party customers' Web sites.

"They're not here focused on search," said Danny Sullivan, editor of Search Engine Watch, a newsletter.

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 ingly available as online travel com¬
panies step up efforts to encourage bookings online, and as the cruise industry—due to the threat of war¬
ties to fill its berths. The cruise industry has tradi¬
 tionally maintained that booking a cruise is too complicated for travel¬
 ers to handle without professional help. As a result, only 2.5% of cruises will be booked online this year, up from 1.8% two years ago.

Now, however, companies like Priceline.com, Travelocity.com and Ixu.com are moving aggres¬
sively to offer online bookings. Skyauciton.com, which lets people bid for cruises in an auction format, is offering three-night Bahamas ex¬
cursions for less than $100. A com¬
pany official says Skyauciton bought these berths from Carnival for about $10 apiece. In recent

months, one lucky traveler got a 17-day cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Italy for $10 plus taxes and fees, when there were few bidders.

For those willing to do their own research on ships, ports and cabin types, there's every reason to shop for deals online. But people uncer¬
tain about what type of ship or cabin types they want, or who want guid¬
ance on itineraries, might want to stick with a travel agent.

Odds & Ends

Martha Stewart Living Omni¬
media Inc., battling sliding sales and investigations into alleged in¬
sider stock trading by its founder, reported a $12 million loss in its fiscal fourth quarter as it restructured its direct-sales business.... Billionaire investor Warren Buffett, in an an¬
other letter to shareholders in his holding company Berkshire Hath¬
away Inc., discloses that he isn't en¬
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quires inactivity."

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• Part 3 of our senior job-search special report.
The SGA Senate will vote Thursday whether to fund a trip to San Francisco for eight members of NORML to attend a national conference. The senate should allocate the money that NORML has requested. Some senators may have reservations about funding a group that many perceive as potheads, but they must remember that NORML is one of the largest student organizations on campus. As students who pay activity and service fees, NORML members have as much right to funding as the members of any other group. NORML wants to attend this conference to combat the very perception that the group's members simply want to smoke pot. The conference will serve as a training ground for activists and will allow the group to strengthen its connections with other activists around the country.

The students who attend this conference will have the knowledge, connections and motivation to keep the progressive movement alive at UCF for at least a few years. Through the networking that these students will do, they will meet and learn from many leading activists.

With 83 dues-paying members, and more than 500 students on its mailing list, NORML represents a respectable portion of the student population. Few, if any, groups have been able to attract so many members so fast.

Since it formed on campus in the fall of 2001, NORML has made its presence felt, sponsoring a progressive movement that has opened many students' eyes. The group's delegation will consist of students from every school at UCF.

Also worth noting, only one senior will represent NORML in San Francisco. The rest of the group's delegation will consist of undergraduates. Thus, NORML shows that it is planning for the future.

By attending the San Francisco conference, NORML will be able to continue the activism and progressive spirit that has opened many students' eyes.

UCF students in general will benefit from NORML's activism because at this conference in San Francisco, NORML will continue to be a strong activist presence on campus, and will continue to present informative meetings and speakers.

The idea that one's legacy can be tarnished by actions, real or feared, from a questionable source is disgusting. These impeachment changes brought against me are the opposite end of a racially charged, anti-black death cult. I believe in the right to bear arms and protect our families. I am proud to own firearms, and I chose to bear arms.

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DANGEROUSLY CHEESY ITEMS FOUND ON EBAY

MENTAL DOODLES

CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD

STAFF WRITER

A what a week. I'm behind in my classes, my car's in the shop, and I just journaled I have to have my wisdom teeth yanked out of my head. Believe it or not, they put you to sleep during the procedure, and well, it may very well be the only sleep I get any time soon.

Anyway, this was a week that made me wonder where other people find the kind of time they have—time to say, just a Cheeto on eBay:

That's right—a Cheeto. Read it again if you'd like. I'll wait...

Those crummy orange bits of trash corn aren't just that Chester Cheetah so often hawked on Saturday morning between "Dickinson," and "Thunderbirds." You know the ones.

A Cheeto. Whatever could be so special about a Cheeto? Well, it happens to be the largest Cheeto ever thought to exist. It appears to be about the size of a lemon.

So there's a lemon-sized Cheeto.

Now, maybe this is just my lack of a true entrepreneurial foresight revealing itself, but if I'm rethinking a bag of Cheetos while I'm sitting down and I stumble upon a lemon-sized Cheeto, I think that to myself—"Mmm, cheesy" and smile down just like the rest. I certainly never would have thought to put it on eBay—and I have actually used eBay pretty frequently.

My loss, I suppose, because not only did Navy Petty Officer Mike Evans find the Cheeto as the ruse of finds on "The World's Online Marketplace," but he actually told it. Now, anyone familiar with the online auction site might be saying at this point, "Sure, but for how much—a quarter?" After all, you can list and sell genetically any item at any price, even $180.

Now, there were a number of people who briefed the bidding up to the millions of dollars, but when the dust settled, and all was said and done, $180 was what someone was willing to spend for the super-sized Cheeto. Yes, I'll say it again. A Cheeto.

Actually, that someone was not some "one† at all. What's even more amusing about this whole thing is to be the individual who was willing to pay that much for it. It was a town.

The good citizens of Algona, Iowa, are now the proud owners of a lemon-sized Cheeto. But even a snack this massively diminutive cannot feed that town's nearly 1,960 inhabitants. So when food is no longer food, what does it become?

Well, this sleepy little town hopes it will entire tourists to visit its little slice of heaven. One member of the community was even quoted by CNN as saying, "This giant Cheeto could be a boom to our local economy... Anything we can do to attract visitors to our town would be good."

A giant lemon-shaped Cheeto is hoped to put Algona, Iowa, on the map. It might even rank in the top 100 vacation destinations, edging out the biggest clippings collection of an elephant impaled in a hug of Wallis, Wash. If it can do all that, then it was definitely a steal at a mere $180.

Now, an open-minded as I try to be with regard to the wide spectrums of Mike's whims and dislikes, I might have to wonder about a person who would knowingly and nobly pick up his or her family for a summer vacation only to take them to see a shellacked giant Cheeto that lay upon plush velvet protected by plexiglass.

Now that's a family probably headed for therapy in their not-too-distant future. So what have we learned thus far? That there is, quite literally, a market for anything. Whatever you want to sell, someone will buy it. This being the case, I say more power to the sellers. If someone—or some group, as is the case here—is crazy enough to want to spend close to $200 for a Cheeto, then give me a bottle of that oh-so-tasty Frito-Lay snack food, and I'll have one the size of a pomegranate, or maybe even a cantaloupe, before too long. Just imagine how much money that would fetch. Ahhh, capitalism. It should be noted that despite the town's bid, the Cheeto was actually donated to Algona. The $180 was subsequently donated to a local food bank, with another thousand being added by Frito-Lay. While this is admirable, it came after the fact and does not seem to have been a pre-conceived outcome.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I seem to have discovered a Cheese Ball in the shape of Lay Leno's head. Mmm ... cheesy.

Unilever Consumer Foods should be on the search for Cheetos.


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layup and again at 10 with a free throw by Verenique McMillian. McDonald was particularly tough to guard early, scoring all eight of her first half points in that span.

"We came out slow," senior forward Erin Paige said. "Everyone in the conference knows we like to run. I guess a team always thinks if they have the ball they can slow it down and keep us from running. That's what they did. We didn't really shoot very well in the first half either, and we didn't play coach's favorite part of the game, which is defense."

Shortly after McMillian tied the game, UCF guard Cori Hudson pulled up and nailed a three that gave the Knights back the lead. They got out to an eight-point margin twice in the final three minutes but Jacksonville scored four straight to end the half down only 28-24.

Takita Allen hit a layup to open the second half and put UCF up 30-24, but McDonald answered with a three-pointer to cut the lead in half. She then tied the game on her team's ensuing possession with a desperation heave beyond the arc with one second left on the shot clock.

Allen hit another layup less than a minute later to put the Knights back on top. UCF got up by as much as nine at the 15:22 mark when Shayla Smith hit a three in front of the UCF bench, but Jacksonville scored eight straight to make it 41-40 with 10:25 remaining.

From there UCF took over, outscoring the Dolphins 19-9 down the stretch behind a flurry of offensive rebounds. For the game the Knights grabbed 22 on offense, and 52 total, compared to just three and 20 by Jacksonville. They needed it, because they shot just 30 percent from the field, 17 percent beyond the arc and 21 percent (6-20) from the free throw line.

"Coach always tells us that basically rebounding is all about hustle," said Paige, who had a game-high 12 rebounds. "When we rebound and play defense, coach says that we'll win. So that's what I basically try to go out and do." 

Paige, one of the seniors playing in her final regular season game, also had 11 points for a double-double. In addition, the Knights got 11 points from Allen and eight points and nine rebounds from senior Kristy Collins. McDonald paced the Dolphins with 14 points and Kat Stungy chipped in with 10 points and nine boards.

Thursday night UCF played host to bitter rival Stetson, the team that had bested the Knights from the conference tournament each of the past two seasons. But the Hatters (10-19, 5-10) are far from the caliber of their predecessors, and the Knights completed a season sweep by winning 86-56.

For most of the first half it appeared that UCF was sleepwalking, as Stetson led for nearly the entire period. The Hatters got out to double-digit advantages six times, the highest being 12 when Renee Barnes hit a three-pointer to put her team up 25-17 with just under five minutes left before intermission.

"We were being a little bit tentative," Striegler said. "Our defense was not very good, we came out to a very slow start and they did a great job of jumping on top of us."

But from that point the Golden Knights seemed to turn on a switch, going on a 19-3 run that put them up 38-20 at halftime. Reserve forward Adrienne Billings, in large part, ignited the rally, scoring seven points and getting a steal, a block and two rebounds.

"(Billings) has been great," Striegler said. "She's great coming off the bench, she's a big spark for us. She had great hands tonight, seems like she was grabbing everything that was coming her direction. She was big during that time."

After that the game belonged to UCF. They scored seven straight to begin the second half, and led by as much as 20 points with 8:46 left after Yvette Ash rolled a short jumper around the rim and in off a Shelby Weber steal.

Paige also had a double-double in that game, getting a team-high in points (13) and rebounds (11). Collins also had 13 points. Joslyn Giles was the only Stetson player to score in double figures with a game-high 17.

Having taken care of business in those two games, the Knights could happily draw their regular season championship T-shirts and enjoy the fruits of an incredibly successful swing through their conference schedule. This marks the first time since 1990 that the team has won the regular season title, a year before Striegler or any of the current seniors came aboard.

"It just puts a big smile on our faces," Striegler said. "Erin (Paige) and those other kids that are seniors deserve all the credit in the world. They're the ones that have turned this program around."

The Knights incorporated five freshmen into their lineup and finished with their most successful regular season under Coach Gall Striegler. The conference tournament begins Thursday.

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Knights finish most successful season since '94

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ball out of his hands and was quick to get to the hole. Since every time he did get the ball, "Whatever side I was on, they didn't hit the ball well." "I had to get the ball 30 feet from the basket. I had my look. I took my shot but not that many."

Douston was not perfect from the floor (eight-for-nine), but had trouble making the free throws. He scored 12 of his 18 points in 12 minutes in the first half. In the second half, it was Ben Fletcher's first-half shooting that doomed the Knights. Fletcher made for 2-7 in the first half; 1-5 in the second half.

Center Bob Lewis killed the Knights at the free-throw line. Less than 24 hours after going five-for-12 from the charity stripe against Georgia State, Lewis scored 10 of 12 against the Knights. He made just three field goals on route to 17 points. Though it didn't seem like it, UCF shot Troy State 47.9 percent to 44.5 percent for the game. In the first half, the Knights secured second place in the tournament in the last, but 12 turnovers made those days and far between.

"We were shooting ourselves in the foot as well," Spewar said. UCF finished the season 21-11, recording the most wins since Spencer's first season in 1990-91. Troy State improved to 20-5 and earned the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Troy State's Greg Davis and Georgia State's Nate Williams joined Fletcher, Abeltard and Douston on the all-tournament team.

The Knights got to the champions game by way of an upset over top-seeded Mercer. UCF won in extra innings, 7-6, over the early team to beat it twice during the regular season. After the tours were tied at half,senior forward Luis Bazile gave UCF an unexpected lead with 1830 left in the game and the Knights never trailed again. The lead extended the lead to double-digits for good with about 10 minutes to go.

The Knights led all players with 18 points and was one of five Knights in double figures. Marvin McGee and Lewis had 13 and 12 points, respectively. Ronnie Morvelon and Josh Bodell each scored 10 points.

The big story for UCF was the Joe Team. UCF scored 20 in the Knights' 80-51 win over Jacksonville State to open the tournament. The Knights shot 52 percent for the game, while holding the Gamecocks to 30 percent for the game. Troy State beat Georgia State, 71-61, in its semifinal game. Georgia State managed to pull ahead of the Trojans by five with 58.4 in the game, but failed to score the rest of the way.

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Puck Off on the road to another IM Championship

JULIE REEVES CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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Refuting tanning myths

ROSEMARY R. DAY
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Junior Melanie Wilson always feels a little uneasy when she visits the tanning salon, but it's not a sunburn or skin cancer that worries her. She's afraid of contracting herpes from a tanning bed.

"I heard this rumor from a couple of friends that you can get herpes from a tanning bed if the person that uses the bed before you has herpes," Wilson said.

Although she does not know anyone personally who has contracted herpes from a tanning bed, Wilson, 21, is still cautious when visiting the tanning salons.

"I always wear underwear when I tan in the bed," Wilson said. "I never go naked because I don't know how clean the beds are."

Sophomore Andrea Friedman, 19, is also concerned that the tanning beds at salons aren't as clean as they should be.

"I've heard that the cleaner they use on the beds isn't strong enough to kill the virus," Friedman said.

But Paul Weber, co-owner of Becky's Ultra Tan on Edgewater Drive, claims that contracting herpes from a tanning bed is simply a rumor.

"The myth simply isn't true," Weber said. "In

PSE. SEE NO CASES on 19

Brush on the bronze

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER
Students don't have to sweat their skin anymore for a good summer.
As spring break approaches, and students become eager to show off a bronzed body, many local salons are offering a safe tanning alternative—one that removes the risk of skin cancer or aging wrinkles.

Airbrush tanning provides a quick and easy tanning technique that achieves the same sun-kissed color that sunless self-tanning products do, but the results are more effective and permanent.

Airbrush tanning is even spread all over the body in a spray mist that leaves a bronze coat on a person's skin.

The active ingredient, DHA—a chemical that naturally causes the skin to produce melanin—brings out a tan on the top layers of the skin with no harmful effects. The entire process takes about 20 minutes.

At Boulevarders Aesthetic Medical Day Spa in Winter Park, several UCF students have tried the new tanning alternative, which lasts about 10 days and costs $30 a treatment, said Tiffany Young, a UCF student who works there.

Young is so thrilled with the new technique she has purchased three treatments for herself since the spa began offering airbrush tanning two months ago.

"My mom has had six skin cancers taken off, so I'm terrified of the sun," she said. "I used to be pale all year. It's so nice to finally have a tan."

For the best tanning results, Young recommends that students exfoliate before they receive the airbrush treatment and wait a day before showering after receiving the treatment.

Students thus do not protect the skin from the sun or tanning beds.

Standing ovation

World-renowned violinist among UCF's Music Department faculty

LAURA STEVENS
STAFF WRITER
A graduate of Juilliard and violinist for the Saito-Simitioka Tokyo ensemble, Akiko Yonezato has traveled the world performing and teaching music. For the past 10 years she has made UCF her home, as the associate professor of violin and viola in the Music Department.

On Tuesday Yonezato will perform World's Duet, Sonatina with the Orlando Philharmonic. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Maryvone Theater in the John and Rita Lowden Mabee Shakespeare Center, 512 E. Rollins St.

Colleagues and students of Yonezato recognize her talent as a teacher and performer.

Lee Enkamp, chairman of the Music Department, boasts that UCF is grateful to have such an artist among its faculty, providing inspiration for its students.

Although Yonezato is a master of the violin, she began her music career with piano at age 3 in Kobe, Japan.

Like many young children, she said, she learned and imitated her older brother, "My brother was doing Suzuki violin."

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Kristen Davis
STAFF WRITER
Tattoos and piercings are no longer taboo in America, becoming particularly prominent on college campuses.
But businesses remain divided on whether their employees should be allowed to express themselves freely through body art.

Sophomore Michelle Bunker, 20, said that she would not want to work at a business which did not permit her to wear her piercings on the job and let her tattoo shine.

"I don't think your job should make you change or hide who you are," she said.

Bunker has her tongue and eyebrow pierced and boasts a tattoo of a butterfly on her arm.

"The only thing that would keep me from hiring someone with a tattoo is if they had something that was really offensive," Davis said. "We couldn't have someone with tattoos of melted bodies all over their arms.

"While Disney World, however, does not share Circuit City's liberal views," Davis said, "it has strict grooming policies.

Male employees are not permitted any visible piercings whatsoever, even ear piercings.

For female employees, only one earring is allowed in each ear at a time.

More also said that even failures designed to keep the piercing from showing are not acceptable while at work, and tattoos may not be visible to the guests.

"Having a tattoo won't keep someone from being hired as long as it is

PSS. SEE Disney on 23

A decade ago these markings would have prevented someone from finding a job. However today they are commonly found in both employers and employees.

Circuit City Customer Service Lead Melanie Danks, 21, is in charge of hiring new employees and does not take tattoos or piercings into consideration when making her decision.

"There are a number of places that have a problem with hiring people with tattoos or piercings, but Circuit City is not one of them," she said.

Davis has a religious tattoo, which is usually hidden underneath her clothing while at work. Yet, she said that many other employees at Circuit City have tattoos and piercings in plain view of customers.

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No cases of skin infections from sun beds in county

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the 11 years I've been operating a tanning salon, not once have inspectors found anything in the beds that wasn't supposed to be there.

Glen Woods, owner of Tan USA on East Altamonte Drive, said the cleaning procedure salons use to sanitize tanning beds eliminates the risk of viruses surviving in them.

"We use a hospital-grade antiviral and antibacterial disinfectant spray," he said. "As soon as a person exits the tanning room, we thoroughly spray the beds with the disinfectant. We make sure the beds are clean before anyone else goes in there."

Jim Collins, environmental health specialist for the Seminole County branch of the Florida Department of Health, asserts that operators of tanning salons sanitize beds between each use, and that there have never been cases of skin infections from tanning beds in Seminole County's tanning salons, but there have been cases of overexposure causing severe sunburns.

"Salons are required to sanitize beds between each use with an Environmental Protection Agency-registered disinfectant which kills bacteria and viruses," Collins said. "Any gogglers or eyewear the salons provide to customers must also be disinfected. They should be washed down with a clean cloth or paper towel.

Even the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states on its Web site the odds of a person contracting herpes from the surface of a tanning bed are remote.

Herpes — a disease that causes outbreaks of tender sores on infected areas — is spread through sexual contact in which viruses from the infected site come in contact with broken skin or a mucous membrane, such as the mouth.

Collins warned that although clients of tanning salons don't need to worry about contracting herpes from tanning beds, they should be aware of the other risks involved with tanning in sun beds.

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The Florida Department of Health advises clients of tanning salons to avoid frequent and lengthy exposures to ultraviolet light since overexposure has been shown to increase the incidence of skin cancer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also reminds clients that eays wear protective eye gogglers to prevent severe burns and long-term injury to the eyes.

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Central Florida band with determined new sound

3 UCF students try to make it big in Orlando's music world

JEFF JOHNSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

North Origin is an Orlando-based rock quartet boasting a youthful sound and sporting firm roots in both classical and modern rock music. With a mix of hardcore guitar and head-banging rhythms, members of the band deliver pensive lyrics in a shouted-singing style over dissonant, yet melodic, music.

Listen closely audience, because those musicians have something to say.

North Origin was created in South Florida in August 2001, with Dave Foster on vocals, Jon Miller on guitar and Amanda Mills on bass guitar. In January 2002, Mills recruited Andy Hollingsworth to play drums.

Miller and Mills began composing music and settling lyrics in the summer of 2001. Foster, who first met Miller at a community college in Fort Pierce, was asked to sing for the band after the members' relocation to Orlando.

Hollingsworth said that the most important factor in choosing band members was "North Origin's theme, which runs through their riff-laden tunes. "To keep the crowd's enthusiasm and energy, and to make no bones about it. On stage, they hold themselves with the confidence of those who are exactly where they want to be."

To keep the crowd's enthusiasm and attention, the band's costumes: mannequins and dress attempt to imitate modern day rock stars. "We just get together before the show and remind each other to play like we're performing for thousands," Foster said.

With future plans to write and record new material, the band says that quite often songs originate as jam sessions between musicians. "We are all heavily involved with composing our songs," Mills said.

While they may be new to the intense arena of hard rock in Orlando, they all share an inner drive for music that could make them a wicked force to reckon with in a few years. "I just want to make music," Hollingsworth said. "To be able to play your music for people and for them to like it is a great thing."

North Origin anticipates another upcoming show at the Underground Blues within the next month, and for more information about the band visit www.NorthOrigin.com to check out its home-recorded demos and contact information.

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"We have several people who are more open-minded about new fashion trends, especially if their staff consists mainly of college students.

Despite this observation, Quintana always takes out his piercings for interviews and meetings to promote a more professional image of himself. He currently works for AT&T Wireless whom he said has been accepting of his piercings.

Scott Wentworth, 24, a managing partner of Mancari Grill at Waterford Lakes, said employers should come to a compromise over body art with their employees.

"We have some employees who have tongue rings, but they are well hidden and it doesn't interfere with the quality of their work." Wentworth does not see a problem with employees having tattoos either because their work attire consists of a long-sleeved shirt and pants, which normally covers the artwork.

Dr. Francis Karsh
UP Health South Services

"I recently visited my doctor and he did not prescribe antibiotics for my cough. When are antibiotics appropriate?"

A recent article in the Orlando Sentinel suggested that antibiotics would not be ordered to carry warnings advising doctors to avoid unnecessary prescriptions, a major contributor to the problem of drug-resistant infections. In fact, the antibiotic Clav, which until recently has been used to fight certain bacterial infections, has now become less effective and resistant to certain strains of bacteria.

Antibiotics kill only bacteria, but patients also request them for treating a variety of ailments, such as our infections, sinus problems, bronchitis and sore throats, which are often caused by viruses that do not respond to antibiotics. Statistically up to 40 percent - 70 percent of students, and even a higher percentage during "flu season" - will have a virus as the cause for their symptoms and will not require an antibiotic.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that doctors and patients need to forget the long-held notion that if their mam or poult has turned yellow or green, then they must have a bacterial infection and need an antibiotic. The changing color of secretions is just the viral illness taking its normal course.

The center suggested the following guidelines for otherwise healthy adults:

- Antibiotics should not be prescribed for the common cold, regardless of the color of the discharge.
- Antibiotics should not be prescribed for bronchitis, regardless of the duration of the cough, though doctors must be careful to rule out pneumonia.
- For sinus infections (sinusitis), antibiotics should be limited to patients with symptoms of facial tenderness or pain and nasal discharge who are not getting better after seven days.
- Antibiotics should not be prescribed for a sore throat (pharyngitis) unless a throat culture taken in the doctor's office confirms a bacterial strep throat or if the patient exhibits specific symptoms including a history of fever, white patches on the tonsils, soreness of the lymph nodes in the neck, and an absence of cough. Ten percent of adults with sore throats will turn out to have a strep throat.

Using antibiotics when you don't need them can make you vulnerable to the drug-resistant bacteria that don't really respond to treatment. When in doubt, the providers at the Student Health Center are available to make that determination.

E-mail your questions to: Askadoc@ufl.edu
Yonetani has performed from Chicago to the Czech Republic

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Yonetani switched to the violin when she was 5 years old and began learning through the Suzuki method, which teaches students to play without reading music.

After winning a national Japanese music competition at age 9, Yonetani’s performing career began. “I was on TV on radios, everything,” she said.

Her newly acquired fame soon overwhelmed her. With her life revolving around musical performances and rehearsals, she said she had no time for her friends. “I was getting lonely, so I quit [the violin],” she said.

After three years without music, Yonetani changed her mind. “I missed it,” she said.

In 1983, Yonetani traveled to Colorado to take part in the nine-week Aspen Music Festival. Aspen is regarded as one of the world’s premier musical training grounds for aspiring performers.

She was accepted into Juilliard’s school of music in New York City in 1983, where she completed her doctorate. Juilliard only accepts about two graduate students for the violin department a year, so it was an honor to attend the school, she said.

While at Juilliard, Yonetani studied with Dorothy DeLay, one of the most revered violin professors of the 20th century.

“She was an incredible human being,” Yonetani said.

One of the biggest privileges of her career was having met DeLay and working with her for 17 summers at the Aspen Music Festival, she said.

Because of her friendship with DeLay, Yonetani translated “Teaching Genius: Dorothy DeLay and the Making of a ‘Violinist’” from English to Japanese. While the translation took her two and a half years to complete, the book published in 2001 is already in its fourth publishing.

Yonetani arrived at UCF in 1993. Once a college musician, she hoped to interest students to follow musical performances as a career.

“When students finally get excited about making music, it is a good moment,” she said. “Sometimes students ask questions, which are right on the spot, or they observe so much of what is going on. Intellectually when they challenge me, teaching can be fun.”

Senior Andrew Weintraub, 22, who has studied violin and viola with Yonetani for three years, said he respects her talent and experience.

“She understands what a good technique is, and her ability to demonstrate is invaluable. UCF is fortunate to have her,” he said.

Weintraub said Yonetani teaches through her performances. “I’ve learned how to play [from watching her],” he said. “I don’t hold back how to release yourself into what you’re doing,” he said.

Natalie Wright, 22, agreed. “It is so very inspiring to watch such a master perform,” said Wright, a senior and violin performer.

Both students said Yonetani’s presence helps the prestige of the Music Department.

“She brings a great name to UCF because of her phenomenal skills on the violin and her wonderful teaching style,” Wright said. “She still performs concerts all over the world each year and maintains relationships with some of the greatest musicians in the world.”

Yonetani appreciates that the department has allowed her to pursue some of her personal interests, such as her many performances and book translation.

“Since I came to UCF, I teach the Music Department supported so much of my research and personal growth,” she said. “At other schools, I do not think I could maintain my concert career as I do now.”

Yonetani remains very active as a member of international classical concert tours. She has given recitals at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Center and the Donnell Library Center. She continues to introduce contemporary Japanese composers to Western audiences, and has performed with other famous artists, including Sarah Chang and Paul Katz.

Performing as a soloist, she made her Czech Republic debut playing with the Zlina Chamber Symphony in the Jnanak Music Festival during the 2001-02 season. She has also given many recitals, playing in Chicago’s Dame Myra Hess Concert Series last year.

“I like the certain sensation of being nervous before you go on a stage,” she said. “I like the kind of thrill of it. As I was never talented in speed, I sometimes [believed] I could express myself easier [through music].”
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ATLANTA — It wasn’t supposed to happen this way.
Not with seniors Ed Dotson, Marius Boyd and Ray Abellard on the bench to end the game.
Not with the Knights losing to Troy State 8-6 Saturday in the Atlantic Sun Championship game to end their season.
But then again, most thought the UCF men’s basketball team wouldn’t get to the tournament, much less the championship game. But the Knights’ seniors did believe, and winning the championship would have been their ultimate satisfaction. Instead, they’re left with the rest of their teammates, thinking about what could’ve been.

“To have that opportunity right out of college is what we play for,” UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said. “But when you come up this short, it’s disappointing.”

In time the Knights will hopefully look back at this season and see for what it was — A truly remarkable story of a team doomed to fail, but at the same time, destined to succeed. The fifth-seed Knights never gave up during the season, and that韧性 showed up in the championship game.
UCF cut a 12-point Trojan lead to two in the first half. A 17-point second half lead was cut to six with 1:18 left in the game. But the bigger, quicker Trojans wouldn’t let the Knights any closer. UCF’s defense held Troy State to just two field goals over the final 6:18, but the Trojans made nine of 11 free throws in that same stretch. The Knights tried to close the gap with a barrage of three-point attempts, but they missed all eight.

The seniors went out one by one in the closing minutes of the game, but it’s how they wanted. Abellard fouled out with 51 seconds left. Boyd fouled out with 37 left and Dotson with five on the clock.

“It hurts,” Abellard said of the loss. Abellard, an all-tournament team selection with Dotson, did his best to keep UCF in the game. He hit a couple of threes from NBA range and finished fourth-of-six from behind the arc with 16 points. He shot whenever he could, which wasn’t often. The Trojans’ defense kept the

UCF wins REGULAR SEASON CROWN

Women’s basketball team enters tournament as No. 1 seed

Chris Bernhardt
Staff Writer

Before the UCF women’s basketball team played Jacksonville at the UCF Arena on Saturday, they gathered on the court to have their picture taken and to celebrate Senior Day.
After disposing of the Dolphins 60-46, the Golden Knights returned to that spot to again have pictures taken and celebrate something else: the Atlantic Sun regular season title.

Going into last week’s final two regular season games, UCF (17-10, 13-3) knew it controlled its own destiny with both home contests against two mediocre squads from Stetson and Jacksonville, and it would become regular season champs and the top seed in the conference tournament it will host this week.

“I’ve probably been more nervous about these last two games than the kids have been,” Coach Gail Speraw said. “I think, as a kid, you don’t realize how you can let things slip away, but I’ve been in that situation so many times.”

They didn’t let things slip away but it didn’t come easy. In Saturday’s game, Jacksonville (6-21, 4-12) got out-rebounded and pushed around by the Golden Knights and never so much as took a lead, yet managed to keep things close for most of the game.

UCF starting four seniors in honor of their final regular season game, got up by small margins early but allowed the Dolphins to tie twice in the first 11 minutes, once at seven on a Katie McDonald

Softball team riding four-game winning streak

Matt Bethon
Staff Writer

The UCF softball team won back-to-back games in thrilling fashion Saturday, defending both Tennessee Tech and Furman in extra innings at the Chackson Southern Softball Invitational.

The Golden Knights, now 14-11, are riding a four-game winning streak. Against Tennessee Tech,Dotie Cupp tied the game into extra innings in the seventh inning with a home run to center field, putting the International Tiebreaker Rule into effect. In the bottom of the eighth, Janis Shinhuster advanced Lindsay Bush to third with a base hit, and with one out Nikki Green hit a game-winning sacrifice fly to center. Scoring Bush and giving UCF a 3-2 victory. Taylor Sawyer, who replaced Cupp after seven innings, picked up the win for the Knights.

In the second game against Furman, the Knights went ahead 2-0 on RBI hits by Stephanie Best and Cupp. Furman responded in the bottom of the fourth with a two-out single, tying the contest and sending the Knights into their second extra inning game of the day. This time around, Stephanie Best

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