Digital Media Program takes leading role at film festival

LAURA STEVENS  STAFF WRITER

The Florida Film Festival has returned to Orlando, and UCF's Digital Media Program is playing an integral part. Through sponsorship and complementary programs, the department continues to make a name for itself in the film world.

UCF is the main sponsor of a division of the festival called "Next Art." That component focuses on dynamic media in the future of entertainment, said Phil Peters, an associate professor in the Digital Media Program. "We decided because we're a sponsor, we want to be highly involved," he said.

Today and tomorrow, the program will host three interactive media forums, a roundtable discussion about digital media curriculum and a digital media showcase. "We are striving to establish an international reputation for UCF as a place where unique, innovative things are constantly happening," said Michael Moshell, director of the program. "The festival has provided us with an opportunity to invite leading media artists and developers from around the country to come and brainstorm with us about the future of digital media curricula and research."

For the forums, UCF will bring in speakers from around the country, including the creators of MTV and an Oscar-winning graphics designer. The forums are free.

The events begin with Bill Tomlinson moderating a forum titled, "Breathing Life into Digital Media: Why Artificial Intelligence Should (or Should Not) Be a Subset of Film Festival." "Next Art," a division of the Florida Film Festival, which focuses on the future of entertainment.

Flashing will earn women more than beads this Spring Break

DIANE LAZIC  STAFF WRITER

Junior Samantha Steffen has danced on pretty much anything that will hold her weight, but when it comes to flashing, she claims she is too modest. Her sister Christine, however, is a different story.

"She flashed for beads, [for] a dare — pretty much whenever Christine gets a whim," Steffen, 27, said.

Steffen's sister is not unlike most young women during Spring Break who feel inclined to peel off their clothes in an atmosphere that is a little more liberated and inebriated than usual.

Sophomore Jeff Gunn, 19, who will spend his Spring Break in South Beach and Key West, is certain he'll see at least a few women pull up their tank tops and bare their breasts. And with a little alcohol and a few strands of beads, it's not particularly difficult to convince them to do it, either, he said.

"Beads make girls do crazy things," he said. "I don't know what it is."

While crowds party, officers look for law-breakers

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Thousands of college students descended on Daytona Beach this week, ready to unwind as the city's Spring Break season kicked off. Many would hit the beach. Others would head straight for the bars and clubs. But wherever the students were, the violation sounds minor, the $100 ticket that can accompany the violation is not.

On Monday, traffic and alcohol violations would dominate the night. At 6 p.m., Officer Vinny Delgadello stopped a young man walking on the street with an open bottle of beer.

There is no alcohol allowed in the streets of Daytona Beach. Although the violation sounds minor, the $100 ticket that can accompany the violation is not.

Officer Delgadello informed the violator that his open container of alcohol was against the law, but let him go.

"I have three options," Delgadello said.

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Being drunk doesn’t shield women from nudity laws, video cameras

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In a culture where Spring Break is synonymous with alcohol and brazen sexuality, the image of young women flashing has become a common form of self-expression. And with the popularity of “Girls Gone Wild,” an S-VHS video series that features young women exposing themselves, public nudity has also become more acceptable.

“It’s harmless overall,” said Susan Baxter, a 21-year-old junior.

“To some, it’s a release of expression from convention,” said John Anderson, a 26-year-old junior.

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Those women who went wild changed their minds and decided to sue the “Girls Gone Wild” distributor, claiming they did not consent to having their images used on the video tapes.

One was UCF student Veronica Lane, who flashed her breasts on a Panama City Beach street in September 1999. She was 17 at the time.

Lane, who lost her case in federal district court in Orlando last November, set the precedent for future lawsuits against the video company. While she claimed that she did not consent to the use of her image, the judge ruled that Lane did give consent by accepting a strand of beads in exchange for lifting her top.

Several students agreed with the judge’s verdict.

If something like that would bother her that much, she should not be doing things like that at all,” Anderson said. “Women know what’s going on when they put themselves in that situation. We all know about beads and partying. (Women) have a choice to go into that situation.

Sophomore Joseph Nowak, 20, who has watched several of the “Girls Gone Wild” videos, said the tapes are relatively tame, and not serious enough to appeal to court.

“It was definitely below what I expected,” he said. “Maybe [girls] do worry about lawsuits [but] they fired out all the raunchy stuff.”

Steven said girls who go wild have no right going to court.

“Things like that should not end up in civil court,” she said. “Regret is your own problem.”

Others, such as freshman Laura Douglas, 19, do not consider public nudity acceptable under any circumstance.

“It’s a pathetic way to get attention,” she said. “You can have fun and still respect yourself.”

Panama City Beach Mayor Lee Sullivan isn’t tolerating public nudity anymore. In fact, he is taking an aggressive stand to prevent women from exposing themselves and men from capturing nude women on video.

According to an announcement that “Girls Gone Wild” would host a live pay-per-view broadcast from an undisclosed Spring Break location, Sullivan announced last week that anyone caught exposing themselves in public or anyone found videotaping women removing their clothes would go to jail.

“The community does not disapprove Spring Break as evil, we just have parameters that visitors need to stay in,” he said.

He wants to send a clear message that his community will not be turned into a venue for a commercial porn show, he said.

Sgt. Al Tolley, the media relations officer for the Daytona Beach Police, said his department has enforced a similar policy.

“Everyone should know that if they choose to doodie or flash, they will be arrested,” he said. “Having an arrest record, and the $106 fine, taught a lot of people a lesson [last year].”

The department’s goal is to ensure an environment of safety for tourists to unwind in, and for parents to feel that their kids are safe when they vacation there, he said.

While officials believe that legal consequences may be the best way to convince women to keep their clothes on and prevent men from capturing women’s images and cameras to take it off, several students do not believe flashes should be punished.

Sophomore Erin Dunn doesn’t believe that flashing is particularly classy, but wouldn’t want to see students arrested for it.

Junior Shannon Shortnacy, 20, doesn’t think flashes should be punished, either.

“If girls want to expose themselves and make fools of themselves, go ahead. But no one should be arrested,” she said.

People may think it’s OK, said Todd Indge, a Tallahassee attorney who formerly worked for the state attorney’s office. But public nudity is a legal offense, and being drunk isn’t a legitimate defense for anyone who bares it all on a public street, whether or not a video crew is filming the display.

“The state of Florida recently passed a law that voluntary intoxication is not a defense to certain types of crimes,” he said. “You should not have an expectation of privacy out in public. You should be careful not to do acts that invite people to look at you.”

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At Texas Tech University, a student who feels diversity programs have gone too far is setting up a scholarship called "The White Persons College Fund."

Matthew Cody, who is white, said his fund would give a $25,000 scholarship to one student each year. The scholarship, he said, is a jab at the United Negro College Fund, which, he argues, discriminates against white students.

Although he acknowledged that the UNCF does not exclude members of any group from its scholarships, he said that in practice the fund is selective, since it supports historically black colleges. (All of the private colleges whose students comprise members of the UNCF are historically black, none bar white students."

Cody plans to model his program on the policies of the UNCF. He said that no student would be excluded based on race, but that his mission was to support members of a certain group — in this case, students who are white. Cody said he had raised more than $1,000 so far, mainly from friends and others who have heard of his efforts in news reports.

The president of the Black Student Association on the campus, Martin Lee Dowey II, said he found the spirit of the scholarship troubling.

Never mind, we don't want you

Hundreds of early-decision applicants who had been rejected or deferred by Cornell University over the summer were shocked when in December they received a new e-mail message containing an erroneous message calling them to Cornell. The e-mail was sent to students who had already received letters of rejection from the university. The snafu resulted from a "computer-coding error," said Henrik N. Dallde, vice president for university relations. The error caused confusion among those who had already received letters of rejection.

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The congratulatory e-mail message was intended for the 1,128 students who had been accepted under the early-decision program and were therefore committed to attending the university as a way to get them excited about the fall semester. But holding people in jail is not just the officer's, or any officer's, goal. If people cooperate and do not give the officers any attitude in such encounters, police generally will let them go with a warning, he said.

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With up to 200,000 Spring Breakers clogging the streets of Daytona Beach, controlling traffic is another concern for police. "We need to keep traffic moving and keep pedestrians on the sidewalk to keep them from getting in the street," Tolley said. With 50 to 60 officers patrolling during peak times, officers are commonly seen at busy intersections to ensure that pedestrians are getting across the street safely.

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Alcohol and traffic violations dominate arrival of revelers to Daytona Beach

Last-minute Spring Break preparations

Hotel mix-ups, foolish mistakes can dampen students' fun

Crystal Espinosa

With Spring Break right around the corner, don't get caught up in all the excitement of parties and beaches and forget about the details involved with your trip. So don't end up stranded on a beach or in a jail cell, here are a few tips to help you in dealing with potential problems.

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Talley, the public information officer for Daytona Beach Police Department, said more serious offenses, such as hanging from a balcony, will also lead students to jail. When young people fall off a balcony and die, it's serious," Tolley said.

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Although hotels rarely lose reservations, it can happen. If it does, simply ask them for guidance on where else you can go or what other items you can use, Bush said. Perhaps the more likely problem with a hotel, however, is the

Car burglaries on the rise

Recent incidents reflect trend of more crime at UCF-affiliated housing

Jason Irsay

Late Sunday night, five residents of Chancellors Row, including three UCF students, became the latest victims in a rash of car burglaries and other crimes that have plagued the UCF area, particularly Davenport Plant and Pegasus Landing.

Burglars of stereo speakers and other items from the cars of junior Ashley Ford, 20, her brother, senior Casey Ford, 22, and sophomores Alex Garcia, 19, as well as their neighbors, Kelly Mason, 31, and Mike Grimm, 28.

The car burglaries reflect a dramatic rise in that particular crime. Recently released statistics

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Five residents of Chancellors' Row were victims of a rash of car burglaries. Stereo and other belongings were pillaged from cars.
Police will be out in full force

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inconvenience of them being overlooked.

"What happens over Spring Break are that all the hotels are overbooked," Bush said. "It doesn't matter where you're staying or whether or not you've already paid for it. There is always the possibility the hotel won't be able to accommodate you." In the occurrence that your hotel is overbooked the hotel must automatically place you in a hotel of equal or lesser value.

"Of course, that's to the hotel's discretion," Bush said. "So the person traveling may not get a [classic] Spring Break deal and get transferred to a nice-family hotel. It may be nice; but a family hotel isn't something someone on a Spring Break wants. There's nothing you can do about it. It happens all the time.

When placing a deposit, credit may be easier than cash, but remember that if damage done to the room exceeds the amount you hang as your credit on file, the hotel can charge you more. To make sure you are not blamed for damages already done, check the room as soon as you get there.

"As soon as you get to the hotel [room] and notice any damages, tell the hotel staff immediately," Bush said. "We haven't really had any problems with that though because hotels require deposits.

Once everything with the hotel checks out, it's time to enjoy the freedom of Spring Break. However, don't take the freedom for granted, or it will quickly be taken away.

"We will be out in full force," said A.J. Smith, Chief of Enforcement of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. "There will be no warnings.

With officers ready to enforce the punishment for rampant Spring Break violations, you should be aware of the consequences.

Being caught with a fake ID constitutes a felony, and you will be arrested and taken to jail, Smith said.

Common and popular among Spring Breakers is underage drinking and flashing. Both qualify as second-degree misdemeanors and after a judge's ruling, the individual charged may have to serve either 60 days in jail or a $400 fine. Under the influence, students have been known to jump balconies. Such an act is considered disorderly conduct and is a second-degree misdemeanor as well.

Daytona Beach police made their presence felt during the first official days of Spring Break.

Deploying property qualifies as criminal mischief and as a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable by one year in jail or a $1,000 fine.

Using precaution and keeping the consequences of actions in the back of your mind will help you have a stress-free Spring Break. Don't fall victim to preventable punishments and hotel misdemeanor.

"Lots of things can go wrong when you go somewhere, just don't let it ruin your trip. Most of the problems are completely fixable," Bush said. "If you don't know what to do, contact whoever you made the arrangements through and have them offer advice on what you can do. They've probably already dealt with it. They can worry about it and you can enjoy your trip."

Players did not make the grade

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powerhouses yanked their teams out of national postseason tournaments amid questions about players' academic records. One team, from St. Bonaventure University, consequently refused to play the last two games of its season.

John D. Welty, president of California State University at Fresno, said last week that he would not let his team play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship or the National Invitation Tournament because of a continuing investigation into whether a team statistician had completed class assignments for players.

He already had placed the athletics department on probation for two years and taken away three basketball scholarships in December.

Fresno State clinched the regular-season Western Athletic Conference title over the weekend with a win over the University of Nevada at Reno. Across the country, St. Bonaventure, in southwestern New York, forfeited six games after the NCAA determined that a Big East player, Jamil Terrell, did not meet the association's academic criteria when he transferred to St. Bonaventure from Coastal Georgia Community College for the 2002-03 academic year.

The forfeitures give the Bonnies a conference record of 1-23, effectively removing them from consideration for the NCAA and NIT playoffs. The Atlantic 10 conference voted last week to exclude the team from its postseason tournament.

The next day, to protest that action, St. Bonaventure officials announced that the university's team had decided not to play its final two regular-season games.

Festival allows students and program to market themselves

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Animation Rather Than of Computer Science.

Rebecca Allen, a professor in UCF's Design and Media Arts Department and an internationally recognized designer and artist, will join the discussion, along with Ken Perlman, director of the Media Research Lab at New York University and a winner of a Technical Academy Award for achievement in Computer graphics.

"The forum takes place from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at Winter Park City Hall, 401 S. Park Ave. "-'Media Art Centers: If We Build It, They Will Come...' "

will follow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the University of Central Florida's Richard Scrushy Center for Digital Arts. Admission is free.

The UCF Department of Film, will moderate. This forum brings together film creators from around the nation to discuss the pros and cons of building a media center in Orlando.

At 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Emancipation Gerald Motel, one of the creators of MTV, will discuss the state of special effects in movies. He designed special effects for films such as Star Wars, Troopers. "As Good as It Gets," "Voodooj," "James and the Giant Peach" and "Total Recall."" The discussion will be titled "A Conversation with Visual Effects Wizard George Merkler: They'll Make Psychos of Us All!"

An ongoing Media Tools Showcase tomorrow is another component of UCF's involvement in the festival. This showcase will give students and others an opportunity to see demonstrations of the newest software in the film industry.

Demonstrations of new technology will include Adobe Photoshop 6.5 and AfterEffects 5.5, Apple (Final Cut Pro, Final Cut Express, imovie), Discreet (Lightwave), Adobe (Premiere 6.5 and AfterEffects). Panasonic and others. Filmmakers use this software for making movies.

The free showcase will be set up in the film festival's headquarters at 120 E. Comstock Ave. in Winter Park, and should appeal to many people, according to senior Chad Allsbrooks of the digital media program.

"Those would be good things for anyone who is interested in film or media or special effects to go see," Allsbrooks said.

UCF also is sponsoring a gallery called "Provocations." It is a gallery of new dynamic installations showing the best of digital media from around the world.

"It's a gallery of new digital installations showing the best of digital media from around the world," Peters said.

Marc Weiss, co-founder of "Provocations," talked about the interactive aspect of digital media.

"Digital technologies add a powerful and often unpredictable ingredient to the artistic stew; a chance to break out of the produced er and consumer relationship and enlist the audience as active agents who can add something of themselves to the mix and sometimes even affect the outcome," he said.

Though some events were created for the public, there is another discussion that will focus on education of digital media students throughout the United States.

"University Roundtables: Workshops on Digital Media and Arts in Academia" will enable panelists representing 20 digital media programs throughout the United States to meet and discuss curriculum. They will convene all day Thursday and Friday in various campus chambers of the Winter Park City Hall, where all gallery seating is available.

As one of the 10 largest festival film festivals in the United States, the Florida Film Festival allows UCF to show off its department, Peters said.

"All of the events represent the best UCF has to offer," he said.

Students from UCF had the opportunity to participate in some of the organization of the event.

"It was very good real-world work experience," said Misselhorn, 26, "Everyone had their own individual responsibilities we had to take care of." He said he had given him experience and the opportunity to network. "It's just extremely interesting work. I learned a lot, and that's something we hadn't learned in class before."

John Welty, president of the Florida Film Festival, agreed.

"You learn a lot of the etiquette and rules of the business world," said Nelson, 27, "I've learned stuff outside of just creating the graphics. I've learned where your talents are going to be needed." He said it was great to learn how to manage a big project, how to manage tasks, and to experience the politics of working with creative individuals.

UCF's involvement in the festival has helped the Digital Media Program distinguish itself, Nelson said.

"It's been a great honor for UCF to be a part of the film festival," said Peters. "The honor may become common for the future, if we're good at what we're doing and if we're good at what we're doing, we'll continue to provide the skills the industry needs."
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for the UCF Police Department reveal that reported crimes have increased in nearly all categories for which the department tracks data.

Spt. Troy Williamson of the UCF Police Department said that our burglaries have risen significantly. “We’ve had a lot of problems with these,” he said.

Cpl. Roland LaCroix of the Orange County Sheriff’s Office agreed that our burglaries persist in the UCF area. “I know that we have experienced problems with our burglaries in east Orange County,” LaCroix said. “We tried to attack it from a crime prevention standpoint.” He reasoned that our burglaries target the UCF area. “There’s a ton of cars in those apartments.”

Statistics show that our burglaries have increased from five reported in the period of Jan. 1-Feb. 27 of 2002, to 24 during the same period of this year. Other crimes also have increased. Residential burglaries have risen from one last year to seven this year. Auto theft is up from two in the first two months of last year to four in the first two months of this year.

Christi Hartler, director of housing and residence life, acknowledged that our burglaries remain a serious concern. “The one problem that has been frustrating to solve is our break-ins,” Hartler said. “It has gotten better, but there is still a problem. I think having more UCF police patrols on the property might help.” This will have to look at the statistics over a longer period of time to see how things are going.

Williamson attributed the rise in crime, to the growing number of students on campus. He said the police department has struggled to keep pace. “We have 1,600 new residents on campus, for the last year and a half or so,” Williamson said.

“That’s Academic Village, plus approximately 3,700 new residents in the apartment complexes, both Pegasus Landing and Pegasus Point,” Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life Jeff Novak insisted the College Park neighborhoods are safe. Novak called the statistics “very inaccurate.”

“I think it’s a really safe environment,” Novak said of the communities.

Novak said the presence of UCP cops has improved safety at the UCF-affiliated complexes. “I think UCF’s presence has reduced some things that otherwise would have been done,” Novak said. “I have noticed a large difference in the environment.”

Residents of the communities also have noticed a difference since UCF police took over security at the beginning of this year amidst a negative difference. Despite the presence of more police, sophomore Jamie Blume, 20, living in Pegasus Point for the second year, feels uncomfortable there. “There’s more cops, so I should feel safer,” Blume said. “But I still feel unsafe.”

Likewise, Pegasus Landing resident Jodi Eller, 20, a sophomore who has lived in the community for two years, says crime has risen. “Actually, I don’t know if I feel unsafe, but a lot of stuff has gotten stolen,” Eller said. “I don’t think my stuff is safe.”

“My year I’ve gotten a lot more stuff stolen than last year,” Eller added.

Blume said that residents do not regard the UCF police officers like they did Orange County deputies. She said crime has increased “because people think it’s UCF cops instead of Orange County.” She added, “They don’t think UCF cops are as powerful. They don’t take them as seriously.”

Williamson said the UCF Police Department continues to fight that perception. “[Some students] run around saying, ‘You’re not cops, you’re just security guards,’” Williamson said. “You have to explain to them, ‘Yes, I am a policeman, you are in our jurisdiction, because these rules do apply.’

“Those students who are living in these two apartment complexes don’t get the message that the UCF Police Department is here,” Williamson added.

Hartler said people should not judge the “impact of the switch to UCF Police Department just yet. UCF police have been at the properties for just two months,” she said. “More time is needed to determine their impact.”

Chancellors Row residents think the police should do more now to prevent these crimes.

The residents want additional security at Pegasus Point and a stronger divide between the two neighborhoods. “There are obviously more cops over there,” Gavril said. “They should do a better job of patrolling, and possibly park areas that are adjacent to their complexes.”

“Especially now that it’s school property, there needs to be more security,” Ashley Ford said. “The university is pretty negligent.”

Her brother agreed. “I definitely think they need to boost security. I mean, five cars in one night [is ridiculous],” Casey Ford said.

The poor state of the fence separating Pegasus Point and Chancellors Row possibly contributed to the crimes, say the victims. Gulk said the crimes “are easy accessibility.” He added, “You hop the fence and you go.” Gulk said the fence belongs to Pegasus Point.

“At this point, I think the responsibility is on Pegasus Point and Chancellors Row to put a wall up to deter the crime.”

Gavril agreed. “Hopefully we can get a wall put up.”

The Chancellors Row victims believe the burglars or burglars come from neighboring Pegasus Point. “I’m almost positive it’s someone in [Pegasus Point],” Casey Ford said.

Gulk, who works in costume design, discovered his truck and his girlfriend’s car broken into Monday morning. “I went around about 6 o’clock this morning,” Gulk said.

Gulk, said Orange County Sheriff’s deputies arrived shortly after. “They said they thought [the burglars] come from Pegasus Point.”

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Statistics in all theft categories have risen

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Outdated laws remain effective even though they're out of touch with reality

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Do not sing in a public place if you're wearing a swimsuit. There will be no farting in public places after 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Showering naked is regarded as a punishable offense. And under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to engage in sexual congress with anyone but their spouse, and only in the missionary position.

Who would make these kinds of bizarre rules? Is it the latest cult of comet watchers desperately trying to close a dead science fiction writer? No, these, or once were, enforceable laws in Florida.

University culture has always made allowances for certain types of lewd behavior, given that many students are newly emancipated from their parents. What most don't know is that the laws in Florida attempt to do more than just curb the youthful transgressions that characterize the college experience; they aim to outlaw them completely. And these laws are still on the books.

Take, for instance, Chapter 798.02 of the Florida penal code that outlines "troubling and lascivious behavior." The law states, in part, that "any man and woman, not being married to each other, lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together, or if any man or woman, married or unmarried, engages in open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior; they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...."

In effect, this law prohibits people from having any premarital sexual contact, regardless of whether or not they live together.

"I think Florida would have more college students in prison than in college if they enforced that one," said 20-year-old sophomore Jessica Thomas. "I know I'd be a repeat offender," she added.

And no idea bedroom legislation like this still exists," said junior Andy Boyd, 22. "Maybe I'll make it onto "COPS" after all.

Equally controversial "bedroom legislation" is from Chapter 798.02; the infamous law which prohibits "unnatural acts" with other people. The phrase "unnatural acts" may sound quite ambiguous, but when it was enacted in post World War I, it had a very definite purpose.

Historically, this law has only been applied to homosexual individuals as a means to prevent them from engaging in sexual relations with same-sex partners. The Florida Supreme Court even went so far as to say that "death would not be too extreme a penalty to pay for sodomy."

According to that ancient court, the only "natural" act was achieved by a man and a woman in the "missionary" positions. Even oral sex between married couples is punishable under this law.

While the court has since reduced its stances on capital punishment for gays, the law remains on the books, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. While no Florida has been charged with this misdemeanor since the 1960 passage of Florida's Privacy Amendment, there was almost a notable exception for a notable Floridian.

Only a month before the 2000 presidential election, Jeb Bush's son John, 16, was caught in a situation of possible "sexual misconduct." The younger Bush was caught by Tallahassee mall security having sex with a bare-to-the-waist, 17-year-old girl in the back of a Jeep Cherokee.

The police examined and investigated, and despite the fact the couple was seen from the parking lot by the security guards, the officer in charge determined they had not been in public view while having sex. The news about the indiscretion, therefore, didn't surface until much later.

The mistake Bush made was engaging in such behavior in a public parking lot, outside the protection of the Privacy Amendment.

When religiously motivated laws aren't nearly backfiring on future generations of conservatives, Florida has some laws that even historical context cannot explain away.

Florida's law books are filled with archaic and peculiar references of public filthiness and the negative effect that showering naked has on society. Most of these laws, however, have since been changed or are no longer applied.

Some of these laws, for mostly unidentified reasons, have been able to endure. One such eyebrow raising law details the exhibition of deformed animals. It states that no one can charge people to see "any crippled or physically distorted, malformed, or deformed beast, bird or animal...."

At least one student, 19-year-old sophomore Brian Heagle, has reservations with such a law. "How are handicap-equipped dogs and cats supposed to make a living?" he asked. "This is blatant discrimination."

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**Outdated laws remain effective even though they're out of touch with reality**

**MKE RIEGEL**

**STAFF WRITER**

Do not sing in a public place if you're wearing a swimsuit. There will be no farting in public places after 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Showering naked is regarded as a punishable offense. And under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to engage in sexual congress with anyone but their spouse, and only in the missionary position.

Who would make these kinds of bizarre rules? Is it the latest cult of comet watchers desperately trying to close a dead science fiction writer? No, these, or once were, enforceable laws in Florida.

University culture has always made allowances for certain types of lewd behavior, given that many students are newly emancipated from their parents. What most don't know is that the laws in Florida attempt to do more than just curb the youthful transgressions that characterize the college experience; they aim to outlaw them completely. And these laws are still on the books.

Take, for instance, Chapter 798.02 of the Florida penal code that outlines "troubling and lascivious behavior." The law states, in part, that "any man and woman, not being married to each other, lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together, or if any man or woman, married or unmarried, engages in open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior; they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor...."

In effect, this law prohibits people from having any premarital sexual contact, regardless of whether or not they live together.

"I think Florida would have more college students in prison than in college if they enforced that one," said 20-year-old sophomore Jessica Thomas. "I know I'd be a repeat offender," she added.

And no idea bedroom legislation like this still exists," said junior Andy Boyd, 22. "Maybe I'll make it onto "COPS" after all.

Equally controversial "bedroom legislation" is from Chapter 798.02; the infamous law which prohibits "unnatural acts" with other people. The phrase "unnatural acts" may sound quite ambiguous, but when it was enacted in post World War I, it had a very definite purpose.

Historically, this law has only been applied to homosexual individuals as a means to prevent them from engaging in sexual relations with same-sex partners. The Florida Supreme Court even went so far as to say that "death would not be too extreme a penalty to pay for sodomy."

According to that ancient court, the only "natural" act was achieved by a man and a woman in the "missionary" positions. Even oral sex between married couples is punishable under this law.

While the court has since reduced its stances on capital punishment for gays, the law remains on the books, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. While no Florida has been charged with this misdemeanor since the 1960 passage of Florida's Privacy Amendment, there was almost a notable exception for a notable Floridian.

Only a month before the 2000 presidential election, Jeb Bush's son John, 16, was caught in a situation of possible "sexual misconduct." The younger Bush was caught by Tallahassee mall security having sex with a bare-to-the-waist, 17-year-old girl in the back of a Jeep Cherokee.

The police examined and investigated, and despite the fact the couple was seen from the parking lot by the security guards, the officer in charge determined they had not been in public view while having sex. The news about the indiscretion, therefore, didn't surface until much later.

The mistake Bush made was engaging in such behavior in a public parking lot, outside the protection of the Privacy Amendment.

When religiously motivated laws aren't nearly backfiring on future generations of conservatives, Florida has some laws that even historical context cannot explain away.

Florida's law books are filled with archaic and peculiar references of public filthiness and the negative effect that showering naked has on society. Most of these laws, however, have since been changed or are no longer applied.

Some of these laws, for mostly unidentified reasons, have been able to endure. One such eyebrow raising law details the exhibition of deformed animals. It states that no one can charge people to see "any crippled or physically distorted, malformed, or deformed beast, bird or animal...."

At least one student, 19-year-old sophomore Brian Heagle, has reservations with such a law. "How are handicap-equipped dogs and cats supposed to make a living?" he asked. "This is blatant discrimination."

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Pro-choice activists address plight of abortion rights

As President Bush vows to put pro-life justices in Supreme Court seats, women's rights activists scramble to filibuster opponents in Senate

Lisa Marie Hottle
STAFF WRITER

For the past 30 years since the landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case that legalized abortion in the United States, the decision has set its share of modifications based on individual state's rulings.

From placing a 24-hour waiting period on abortion procedures, to requiring parental consent, and the latest decision, to ban partial-birth abortions, the abortion issue continues to stir unrest among lawmakers, citizens and activists.

While these fringe restrictions prohibit unlimited access to abortion, many pro-abortion activists believe that women's reproductive rights now face the biggest threat as President Bush has pledged to place anti-abortion justices into Supreme Court seats as they open up.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, spoke with UCF students Wednesday about the plight of abortion rights and what students can do to help women retain their reproductive rights.

"Young women especially must stand up and take action to ensure that they have the right to make decisions about their own bodies," said the women's rights activist who began lobbying for pro-choice policies in 1970. "The lawmakers in Washington need to hear from those whose lives will be forever changed by the decisions they make."

The former president of the National Organization for Women said that while there is no way to guess which Supreme Court Justices could relinquish their positions, their main goal is to ensure that the government appoints a justice who supports a woman's rights to choose.

"Senators must put the rights and the lives of women over other issues in confirming justices, and a nominee should be confirmed for the U.S. Supreme Court only if he or she is committed to supporting basic constitutional principles," she said.

President Bush's anti-abortion justice appointment would tip the existing 5 to 4 margin that favors abortion rights and could ultimately appoint justices that could overturn existing abortion rights for women.

"We cannot afford to wait until a resignation is made and a nomination is announced," she said. "We must start now."

Responding to this threat, the F MF has launched a "Never Go Back" campaign that alerts

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Wild make-out session

Katie Fassio / CPP

Karem Scott, who plays Lara Mairand, and Joe Searswood, who plays Jonas Newton, are both actors in the upcoming UCF Theatre performance of "The Balcony Scene."
Game face and determination

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In January, the Smeal family had discovered their locked vehicle was stolen. "If this happened to me, I would not be here," said Ashley Ford. She had parked her car in her driveway, and it was stolen.

Smeal said the police did not do enough to prevent crime. "They've stolen a good amount of money," she said. Ashley Ford stated that crime is a problem in this neighborhood, but "I live in a nice neighborhood, and my doors will always be locked." Three of the victims, including the Fords and Mason, a bartender, did not lock their doors. "This time they went for unlocked cars," Mason said.

Williamson and LaRoe's stressed that the public should always keep their car doors and not leave valuable items in plain sight.

Gulick said the police need to do more to prevent crimes such as these from happening. "All the police are doing is walking one step behind the criminals."
REPORTED CRIMES TO THE UCF POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE DEPARTMENT TOOK OVER THE COLLEGE PARK PROPERTIES. SO FAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CURB THE RISE OF CRIMES SUCH AS CAR BURGLARIES AND RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, AND THE CRIME HAS SPREAD BEYOND PEGASUS POINT AND PEGASUS LANDING.

The police in Chancellors Row show that UCF crimes have spread to affect non-student neighborhoods. While such burglaries may be difficult to prevent, and determined car burglars often succeed, burglaries in Chancellors Row could continue to occur unless Pegasus Point and the UCF Police Department take immediate action.

As the fence separating Pegasus Point from Chancellors Row badly needs to be repaired, it is not completely replaced with a more permanent wall. The chain-link fence, originally put in place when Pegasus Point was built, droops very low in some parts and provides easy access to anyone who wants to jump it.

As the fence belongs to Pegasus Point, responsibility for fixing or replacing it falls upon the complex. The property manager needs to act as a good neighbor and do its part to promote safety and security. If that means more police patrolling the College Park communities, then UCF needs to expand the police department. The UCF Police Department should do all it can to make all its properties, both on- and off-campus, as safe as possible.

OUR STANCE:

Good-neighbor policy requires policing

The UCP Police Department, for its part, has drawn criticism from residents in Pegasus Point and Pegasus Landing for enforcing perhaps too aggressively, traffic laws such as speeding and failure to make complete stops. Perhaps the police should focus more on patrolling the communities, particularly late at night and on weekends, instead of worrying about minor traffic infractions. As a revenue stream as citations for traffic violations may provide, citations do little to serve and protect.

The UCP Police Department needs to beef up its crime prevention tactics to ease the minds of residents in neighboring communities. By adding these communities, UCP took on a great responsibility. It needs to keep these communities safe, not only for the students who live there and do not like worrying about rising burglary rates, but also for the residents of non-student neighborhoods such as Chancellors Row.

If you have not reached the magical age of 21, you probably will not. If you drink, be wary. Law enforcement officers will seek out underage drinkers. An arrest would certainly put a damper on your Spring Break plans. Also keep in mind that the police officers you encounter with respect and civility. Do not taunt, harass or provoke them. They do not want to ruin your good time, but they do not have a reason to.

Have fun, but use head on holiday

As students go off to exotic locales, or stay in Orlando, for Spring Break, they should remember the lessons of so many foolish Spring Breakers of years past.

Yes, drinking alcohol can provide you with much fun and good times, but remember if you drink, to do so in moderation, and about every year, college students die during Spring Break, and usually alcohol plays a factor in the deaths.

Do not let yourself fall prey to the alcohol trap. No one wants to spend Spring Break in a hospital recovering from alcohol poisoning or an injury sustained while jumping off a balcony or doing something else stupid.

Alcohol consumption may lead some of you into compromising situations. If you find yourself in such a situation, protect yourself. You want the memories to last, but a lingering sexually transmitted disease you do not want. Do not go out by yourself, especially if you have been drinking. You may find yourself in a place you do not want to be. If you have not reached the magical age of 21, you probably should not drink, but you

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DEVIL LIVES IN HOLLYWOOD

KEVIN O’GRATAN STAFF WRITER

Charlie Daniels issued an open letter to Hollywood last week to let them know how a vast majority of Americans really feel regarding a war with Iraq.

While the media has decided to cover popmuss Hollywood types talking to the streets in protest, the fact is most Americans support the liberation of the Iraqi people from its tyrannical dictatorship.

I, for one, am glad to see a member of the entertainment industry expressing his personal disgust for the people in Hollywood and acknowledging the need to go to war with Iraq.

I am sure the left’s response to this will just be to call Charlie Daniels a brain-dead redneck. Name-calling seems always to be their fallback defense. But, when America was attacked on her own soil, guess what kind of people went out to defend this great land? And will stand up and fight for the freedom of most of us take for granted?

It’s people like Charlie Daniels, not the many Hollywood celebrities who have decided to openly denounce our country.

While I agree with these celebrities that war is a terrible thing and should only be used as a last resort, war is part of human history and there come times when force is the only option to ensure peace.

Hollywood-types who oppose this war should take some time to read a history book and learn something.

Dictators like Saddam Hussein and Hitler cannot be appeased. Their “hunger” for conquest will never be satisfied.

Furthermore, I think anyone who is a human shield for nations like Iraq should also be tried for treason. They are directly aiding and abetting an oppressive dictator.

In his letter to Hollywood, Charlie Daniels says he will boycott the movies of actors who oppose the war and will stop going to the movies altogether if need be.

This is a lofty cause that all Americans can take up and perhaps take a bit more seriously.

Americans should stand up and be heard. I think writing letters to these actors and actresses would be in order.

The American public should remind those in the entertainment industry that their life of luxury is dependent on the average American going to see their movies and buying their albums. Perhaps they have forgotten this fact.

I don’t know about everyone else, but I decided long ago never to align my moral compass with anyone from the entertainment industry—an industry notorious for employing convicts and drug abusers, and portraying violence and sexual promiscuity as social norms.

Hollywood can stick to playing pretend, while the rest of us live in the real world where real problems need real solutions, not arrogant rants from ignorant people.

Daniels summed it up most appropriately in his letter: “you people need to get out of Hollywood once in a while and think about the real world. You’d be surprised at the horror, filth you would find out there.”

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Kristy Shonka  
Staff Writer

The UCF pitching staff's 28- inning scoreless streak came to an end Tuesday night against Toledo, but the Knights held on for a 4-3 win in front of 1,007 at Jay Bergman Field. The Knights recorded back-to-back shutouts against Pace on Sunday and Monday UCF improved to 25-5 with the three wins.

UCF jumped out to a 4-0 lead against Toledo behind freshman Miva Bilk, who made his first career start. The right­hander threw five scoreless innings before the Rockets loaded the bases on three singles to start the sixth. A fourth single scored one run and Toledo cut the lead in half on a wild pitch by Bilk. The freshman got out of the jam though, retiring the next three batters.

The Knights appeared to take a 6-2 lead in the bottom of the seventh when EJ Lehmann hit a two-run single to center field. But after an 11-minute delay, the umpires ruled the Knights batted out of order and the runs were taken off the board and Lehmann was ruled out.

The Knights threatened again in the eighth as freshman reliever Ryan Ramsey got himself into a jam. With runners at second and third and only one out, UCF coach Jay Bergman brought in freshman closer Kyle Bono. Bono added a run on a groundout, but Bono got the next batter to fly out to center to end the threat.

Bilk earned his first win after giving up two runs on seven hits, while striking out five. Bono's 1-2-3 perfect innings preserved the freshman his first save. David Mann and Ryan Bear each had two hits for the Knights and Jon Cooper, who is filling in for an injured Matt Fox at shortstop, had two RBIs.

Sophomore Dee Brown extended his hitting streak to eight games. But Toledo out hit the Knights 17-10.

"[Our offense was] good enough to win," Bergman said. "All you've got to do is get one more run than them. We've got to do a little better tonight."

Sophomore Clay Tipliner provided all the offense the Knights would need against Pace. UCF's center fielder provided an offensive surge to lead the Knights over Pace, 5-0. Sunday and again Monday night, 7-0. It was the first time since the 1987 season the Knights have recorded back-to-back shutouts.

PLEASE SEE UCF ON 13

Track and field team shines at its first outdoor meet

Jon Scroggins  
Staff Writer

On a day when the UCF women's track team placed someone in the top six of nearly every event, Kelly Roleff was everywhere. The senior competed in six events in Saturday's UCF Invitational. She finished second place in the high jump, second in the long jump and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles. Then for good measure, she ran the final leg of one of the fastest 4x400 meter relays in school history. Roleff, fellow seniors Dushka Raffin, junior Emily Pugh and freshmen Astrid Claessens finished in 3:41.90 — second-hundredths of a second behind the winning team from Florida Atlantic.

Coach Marvin Mauzer-Wentworth said she expected the

PLEASE SEE Track on 14

The top-seeded women's basketball team looks for its first tournament championship since 1999

Chris Bernhardt  
Staff Writer

Win the regular season title, win the conference tournament.

All season long Gail Striplinger, head coach of the UCF women's basketball team, has laid out those two goals for her team to reach. Saturday they achieved the first, winning the Atlantic Sun regular season championship with a 13-3 conference record.

Tonight at 7 p.m. the Golden Knights, 17-10 overall, will begin the pursuit of that second goal. Over the next three days the UCF Arena will play host to the 2003 A-Sun Women's Basketball Championship, and the home team goes in with every conceivable edge: homecourt advantage, the top seed, the best record in the conference, the momentum of winning seven of their last eight games and all the confidence that goes with these factors.

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Knights are TOP-SEED

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Pitching staff comes through for three wins

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Timpner said the six and threw one in the third inning. Stertzbach was outstanding. He said "going into our first conference series, they figured that we would try to put our best game forward." Stertzbach was 7-0 in relief last season, finishing fifth in the nation with a 2.03 ERA. The Knights are going to use Michael (4-6), Mincks (1-1), Cobb (2-0) and Stertzbach (1-3) as rotating weekend starters, with one coming out of the bullpen each week.
Women play Campbell in first round

The tournament field consists of the top four teams from the conference’s two divisions: North and South. The top seed from each division plays the fourth seed from the other division, and likewise the two second seeds play the corresponding third seed from the opposite division.

As the number one seed from the South, UCF draws Campbell (8-18, 5-14), the North’s fourth seed, in tonight’s first round. A month ago at the UCF Arena, Golden Knights defeated the Lady Camels 85-77 in their only meeting of the season.

“They played us a good game last time,” Striegier said. “They’re a good team. We don’t have an inside of the bracket.”

Despite the loss, it represented Campbell’s second-highest scoring game of the year. Junior forward Kristin Vuckovich, who led the Lady Camels in both scoring (11.8 per game) and rebounding (7.3 per game), got 13 and seven in that game, but what really hurt UCF was some surprising help from fellow sophomore Paulis and senior guard Marita Hadad, who had a career-high 19 points, 19 points, both well above her average of 5.4.

“We’re going to do everything they did last time,” Paulis said. “You want to see some good basketball, you should be able to see it here because all the games are going to be close games.”

But the game with the most potential to immediately impact the Knights will be the one that takes place a half-hour after their own. That game pits the North’s second seed, Belmont (18-13, 9-8) at 1:30 p.m. Georgia State (first seed in North, 17-10, 12-1) and the South’s third seed, Troy State (16-13, 1-8) follows thirty minutes after.

“I expect it to be a great basketball tournament,” Striegier said. “You want to see some good basketball.”

Aside from the game, UCF will have the opportunity to play with anybody in the A-Sun field.

Track team competes at Disney this weekend

relay team would run well, and now expects them to establish a new school record soon. She also passed Roloff.

“That was her sixth event of the day,” Mansur-Wentworth said. “She was in fourth place when she got it, and she passed two girls to take second. And she was right there with the girl from Florida Atlantic in the end.”

Mansur-Wentworth also said she’s looking for Roloff to register a NCAA-qualifying mark in the heptathlon in two weeks. As a junior last season, Roloff scored 4,728 points in that event. According to her coach, she has definitely improved enough to make up the 200 additional points she’ll need to qualify.

“She’s so much better this season in the 100 [meter] hurdles and the two throwing events. She had never hurled until last year, and now she’s starting to look like a hurler. She’s worked really hard and made remarkable progress,” Mansur-Wentworth said.

“It was a great run,” Striegier said. “Morrow, a 5-11 outside, was named second-team all-conference. She was the second post-season all-conference award as she earned all-district honors during her rookie campaign in 1999-2000. This season, she was the Knights’ top rebounder with 6.3 per game and was also the No. 2 scorer averaging 8.1 points per contest. She put up four double-doubles during the year and capped off the venture with back-to-back doubles against Stetson and Jacksonville universities in the last series.

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UCF also placed well in the throws, led by sophomore Liz Dao. Dao, a native of Lake Buena Vista, Florida, set a new school record in the hammer throw with a mark of 46.75. Senior Emily Peugh, who won the shot put with a career high of 12.16 meters, barely besting teammate Ann Thomas’ mark of 11.89 meters. Freshman Rachael Grierson tied Olandese for third in the discus throw with a mark of 43.75, and was followed closely in the standings by Olandese, Thomas and Cartwright, who took fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively.

The team’s next competition comes Friday and Saturday in Lake Elsinore Vista, where they will take part in the Disney Relays.

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Women's tennis earns weekend split

Sadie Sham  
Staff Writer

The UCF women's tennis team broke a two-match skid Saturday, defeating Saint Louis University 6-1 at the UCF Tennis Complex. With the victory, the Golden Knights evened out to 5-5. Although Saint Louis dropped to 4-5, UCF's Kristina Lohmus and Anna Westin snagged the first doubles win as they beat Kristin Doyle and Melissa Cutler, 6-4, at No. 3. The Billikens fought back when Melissa Lesniak and Vicki Zielinski dropped Julie Pecenasky and Amira Samara, 8-6, at No. 2. With the score all tied up, the Knights' Pamela Fernandez and Olga Lacasta fought to grab the win over Amy O'Hanlind and Erin Kerns, 6-4, giving UCF the doubles point. Still hot, the Knights clinched both but lost one match in singles play. Pecenasky dropped Zielinski in two at the No. 2 spot, 6-2, 6-2, while Lohmus followed suit, taking O'Hanlind, 6-1, 6-4, at No. 3. At No. 4, Fernandez dilled Cutler, 6-3, 6-2, while Lesniak defeated SLU's Kerns, 7-6, 6-7 (10-8). Samara was also victorious with her win over Rebecca Steer, 6-4, 6-4. The only SLU singles win was Lemas as she beat Westin, 6-1, 6-4.

Amira Samara earned a win Saturday against Saint Louis University's Rebecca Steer, 6-6, 6-4.

Razvan Cuesta, Nick Slattery, Colahan and Damon岨a were all six matches. Sanabria evened things up at No. 2, beating Slattery, 6-3, 7-6. At the No. 1 spot, Bradu started off to lead the Knights extend their win streak to 11 matches.

UCF wins two, falls in championship

Matt Bethen  
Sports Writer

The UCF softball team took two of three games Sunday in the Charleston Southern Softball Invitational. The Knights defeated Indiana and Stony Brook before falling to UNC-Greensboro in the tournament championship. The loss snapped UCF's six-game win streak. The Knights are 16-12 on the year.

UCF defeated Indiana, 4-1, behind Dottie Capp's stellar all-around performance. Capp hit a two-run home run in the second inning and also pitched the complete game, allowing only four hits while striking out three, Dania Shihhoster also homered, and Stephanie Best went two-for-three at the plate.

In the second game, against Stony Brook, the Knights jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first, but would fall behind two innings later on a two-run homer by Kristen Britt. UCF tied the game in the fifth when Shihhoster scored on a wild pitch by Nikki Green. Once again the Knights

Catalin Bradu was voted all three of his singles matches last weekend, helping the Knights extend their win streak to 11 matches.

Colahan and Damon Vertahardion, 9-4.

The Knights came on strong in singles play, winning all six matches. Sanabria evened things up with a quick, 6-4, 6-1 win at No. 4 over Colahan. Also with a speedy victory was Sierra at No. 3, as she defeated McCoy, 6-4, 6-4. Garroy was a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Ross Pyda at No. 5. Strangberg clinched the match for UCF on court two as he defeated Anderson, 6-2, 6-4. Rosen won his second straight match at No. 6, handling Klement Laughlin, 6-3, 6-4. At the No. 1 spot, Bradu rallied in the second set to get past Slattery, 6-7, 7-4.
Shinhoster's power earns her weekly honor

Shinhoster registered 11 hits, five home runs and seven RBIs last week.

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would fall behind, this time on a solo home run by Marissa Servello in the bottom of the sixth. Down to their final at bats, the Knights fought back. After Lindy Oakley walked, Shinhoster hit her second home run of the day to put the Knights up 4-3. UCF would add four more runs in the inning, highlighted by Beat's two-RBI single. With six hits and six runs in the inning, UCF would hold on for an 8-3 victory.

Taylor Sawyer picked up the win for the Knights, pitching the complete game and allowing only three runs. The left-hander improved her record to 8-5 on the season.

In the championship game against UNC-Greensboro, Cupp retired the first 10 batters she faced before Penny Thompson followed up a Jennifer Hubbard single with a home run to give the Spartans a 2-0 lead. UCF scored a run in the fourth when Dottie Cupp doubled home Rachelle Schmidt, who had reached on a single. UNCG added two more unearned runs in the sixth and held on to defeat the Knights 4-1.

Despite the loss in the championship game the Knights had a good weekend in South Carolina, going 4-1 in the tournament. UCF now sits four games above .500 heading into the UCF Spring Fling tournament this week.

Shinhoster named Player of the Week

The Atlantic Sun Conf-

erence announced on Monday that center fielder Jania Shinhoster was named the league's player of the week after leading the Knights to a 4-1 record last week.

For the week, Shinhoster had five home runs, seven RBIs, 11 hits, and was four-for-four in stolen base attempts.

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On a recent trip to Universal CityWalk, to celebrate her 21st birthday, junior Katrina Pullen and several of her friends were turned away from the Bob Marley reggae club by bouncers. Concerned about safety in crowded nightclubs, security officers said there was no room for additional patrons.

After a Rhode Island nightclub fire on Feb. 20 killed almost 100 people and wounded 200 others and a rash to the exit in a Chicago nightclub killed 21 people three days prior, many security questions and safety concerns have been raised throughout Orlando’s nightlife circuit.

Pullen took the rejection from the club better than most of her friends.

"I understand the club was taking precautions," she said. "It’s good to know they’re not concerned just with making money."

But despite the lessons of these recent tragedies, many UCF students who regularly venture to Orlando’s nightclubs don’t seem too concerned about the potential dangers.

Junior Megan Crandall, 21, said it’s hard for her to tell where the exits are at many of the nightclubs in downtown Orlando.

"You can’t see because of the crowds," she said.

Senior Alexa Hollowell, 22, agreed that she has a hard time finding the exits in downtown clubs because none appear clearly marked.

Senior Shelby Wilson, 21, doesn’t know if any of the nightclubs she visits even have sprinklers.

"I’ve never seen any sprinklers."

**Recent nightclub deaths renew safety concerns for patrons and owners**

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**Up in smoke**

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While cigarette use among college students rises, an equally dangerous trend continues to gain popularity around UCF and other college campuses nationwide: cigar smoking.

Cigar use among college students is rapidly increasing. The 1999 College Alcohol Survey conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health revealed that of the 14,000 randomly selected students, 37 percent smoked cigars. The College Alcohol Survey is the first to consider both cigarette and non-cigarette tobacco use by college students.

According to the study, about 56 percent of male college students have smoked cigars, compared to 25 percent of female college students. About 10 percent light up regularly.

Cigar smoking is yet another trend in which students may be unaware of the risks.

The dangerous trend of cigar smoking continues to gain popularity among college students.
Obviously, it's just baby oil and baby oil, and the man next to me protested, "It's not just baby oil. It's also baby butter."

"My sister made me put baby oil on a wet noodle in her toilet," she muttered.

"It smelled so bad last year," a high-handed drunk woman grunted. "It was, like, 80 degrees, and the mayonnaise went bad."

"My sister made it on the wall here too," another man offered reverently as if revealing that his sibling had been an Oscar nominee.

Obviously, coleslaw-wrestling was a highly-respected status symbol in this neck of the woods.

We walked out the back door of the Cabbage Patch to a huge open field of souvenir and food vendors. A country-flavored rock n roll band played on a small stage, and girls in skimpie leather bikinis, cheap shortys and riding crop sold beer.

I watched as my friends' eyes buggered out at some of the patrons' T-shirt designs, the clever ones including "I don't smoke crack, I look it," on a big, bony man. "If you like crack, you should see my patch," on a thirty-something Barbie look-alike, and "If it has tires or wheels, sooner or later it'll give you trouble," on a secretary guy with a long mustache.

At the vendor booths, I jokingly tried on a marijuana-leaf biker bandana wrap as we gawked at the assortment of smoking accessories and pipes for sale. My friend Ana purchased arobotic-looking, nearly lighter and we piled back in the car to get to the "real" Bike Week, a biker tradition on Main Street in Daytona Beach since 1937.

Even though it was starting to rain, Main Street was obviously the trendiest shopper party spot. In fact, the streets were so jam-packed with black-leather-clad Harley riders that I felt like we had landed in some twisted, crazy costume party.

High-rollin' bikers paraded their gleaming machines down the street, packing in front of bars and strutting slowly past envious onlookers. Drumline people-watching surged on either side of baloney and yellow trousers and laughing at the merchandise of choice in the souvenir shops.

As we hurried back to the car, we passed a random religious man handing out fliers in the street.

"Jesus is coming," the man prophesied.

"Oh, really? He's coming to Bike Week?" I thought aloud sarcastically.

"In three days," the missionary stated.

Back on Main Street, Bike Week would probably wait until they were gone.

Maybe next year he'll make it for the coleslaw wrestling.
Students encouraged to locate all exits of nightclubs they visit

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don't pay attention to that," she said.

For some students, however, the recent fires have been a wake-up call.

Junior Khalil福利, 20, and junior Angel Slaughter, 20, both said that after the fires in Chicago and Rhode Island, they pay more attention to where nightclub exits are.

Despite the hazards of a fire breaking out in a busy nightclub, overcrowding can be a more imminent danger.

The deaths in the Chicago nightclub occurred after bouncers sprayed water to break up a fight on the dance floor and overcome smoke, which killed the worker.

"It's so crowded [sometimes] you can't even dance. I get the feeling that if something happened [in these nightclubs], it would be bad," Slaughter said.

Junior Eddie Friend, 21, is a former bouncer for Knight Lights bar and disco club located across the street from the UCF campus.

Friend said that while he never experienced any major safety problems when working at the club, the most pressing security issue was patron and business safety in club fights.

"It was chaos," he said, "Everyone was rushing out of the club. Somebody could have been hurt [with] people pushing and shoving [each other]."

Friend remains concerned about overcrowding in clubs. He said he fears a similar nightclub accident occurring in downtown Orlando because many venues allow numerous patrons on the roof to hear live music.

"The clubs get packed so quickly," Friend said. "If a fire breaks out and you've had a few drinks, how are you going to find the exit with everyone running around you?"

For additional safety, many clubs in Orlando often hire off-duty police officers to patrol during busy weekend nights.

"Officers are there to supplement security," Sgt. Orlando Rolon of the Orlando Police Department said.

"The police officers at nightclubs work four-hour shifts. Most clubs pay the officers directly, but sometimes they pay the police department. Nightclubs who wish to acquire these additional safety officers must be certified by local safety inspection agencies."

Rolon said fights at clubs do not pose a large threat considering the thousands of people who visit downtown Orlando on the weekends.

"The need for law enforcement is limited," he said.

Rolon said that while many club owners are under the influence of alcohol, they must take extra safety measures.

"Everyone should be familiar with the structure of the club. That should be the No. 1 concern," he said.

Along with hiring additional security, club owners are taking other precautions to ensure a safe and fun night out for patrons.

Mark Pyor, acting manager at the Devaney's Top bar at Colonial Drive and Aloma Trail, said the fire department has been coming several on a regular basis and the bar's owner recently began enforcing restrictions on the number of people allowed inside.

"The fire department didn't use to come by before," Pyor said. "Now we make sure to keep everything up to date."

The front doors of the bar are always kept unlocked during business hours and exit signs are clearly marked around the bar. A sprinkler system runs throughout the building, something Pyor said is rare for a bar and all the fire extinguishers are new. The bar is housed in a fairly large shopping center and police drive through to patrol on a regular basis.

Even UCF professors have addressed the issue of club safety with their students.

William Fisher, a professor in the Rosen School of Hospitality Management, has advised his students to always be aware of where the exits are.

Fisher acknowledged that restaurants and nightclubs have to maintain certain safety standards. If establishments do not uphold these safety and security codes, they will be shut down, he said.
Pulling the plug on the PC

Computer, video game addictions plague students

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Sophomore Mark Sinn, 21, looked out the window of his apartment to watch the sun rise. He had been playing "Diablo II," a fantasy role-playing computer game, all night long without realising it.

Sinn is one of the thousands of college students who find themselves addicted to these strategy multiplayer videogames. Games such as "The Dark Ages of Camelot," "Everquest," and "Final Fantasy" cause students to lose sleep, friends and even lower grades in their classes.

Maressa Orzack, a licensed clinical psychologist and Harvard University Medical School faculty member, believes that students can become addicted to their computer and videogames.

"Computer addiction, like other addictions, is the use of computers in order to change an individual's mood," she said. "Computer use becomes abuse when it interferes with one's work or school, or disrupts personal and family relationships and becomes increasingly necessary in order to feel good."

Sinn didn't realise he was spending less time on school and friends while he was addicted to videogames, playing two to four hours a day since middle school.

"When all you can think about is the game, you put off important tasks such as homework and social interaction with other people," he said.

While videogames may take up homework time, Sinn said that a gaming addict wouldn't necessarily be more productive without the multimedia entertainment.

The free time Sinn gained back by not playing videogames has not gone to homework or studying. Instead, he spends more time with his friends, watching television, eating and sleeping.

"The hole that games filled will inevitably be filled by something else [non-productive]," he said.

Junior Jimmy Bailey, 21, another former videogame addict, agreed with Sinn. Although he believes his grades suffered slightly from playing videogames, Bailey doubts that the situation would have been different without the games.

"If I wasn't playing videogames [I] slack off, I probably would have just been doing something else [non-school related]," he said.

Bailey fell obligated to continuously play videogames while addicted, putting off more productive study habits.

"It's like reading a good book. It just happens that some of these games are a hell of a lot longer than books, so it can be a problem," Sinn said.

Sinn and Bailey agree on several reasons for their addictions.

"[Videogames] are a good way to get away from yourself and everything [else]. Some people go get wasted. Some people play videogames. Some do both," Bailey said.

Sinn also felt that he used videogames as a diversion from real life. "Games give me a sense of control that isn't readily found in reality," he said.

The constant lure of imaginative discovery and suspenseful plots contributes to videogames' distraction from daily life. "Games with an enticing storyline get you hooked because you can't wait to reveal the areas of mystery," Sinn said.

"It's too constant to play to reach the next level, [and the] games hold your attention so well [while] times flies," Sinn said.

Bailey said that the aesthetic design of the games themselves is sometimes enough to hook someone into playing.

Sinn currently plays videogames less than he used to. He no longer owns any console systems, and his computer is no longer capable of running the newest games.

However, he still spends time taking part in friends' games. "I prefer to watch others play now instead of being in the cockpit myself. I can still enjoy the storyline from the passenger seat," he said.

Bailey realized he had a problem last semester and allowed a friend to confiscate his most frequently played computer games to keep him on task.

He currently averages less than an hour of game-playing daily.

Sinn said there is the constant threat of getting hooked a second time because of the popular draw towards multimedia entertainment. "I wouldn't rule it out," he said.

Brandon Hardin
Cigar has same nicotine as full pack of cigarettes

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School, said college students are playing with fire by putting themselves at risk of a lifetime nicotine addiction.

"Young people who are smoking cigars may not think that they are at risk of getting hooked, but they are," she said. "Repeated exposure to any tobacco product puts students at increased danger of becoming addicted to nicotine."

Prior to the 1990s, cigar use was a behavior associated mostly with older, white men. Between 1995 and 1999, cigar consumption saw a 50 percent increase and began to include a younger crowd, according to the College Alcohol Survey.

Now, the pattern shows a sharp increase in the number of young adults smoking cigars. According to the study, cigar smoking has become common on college campuses.

Freshman Evan Schroeder, 18, prefers cigars over cigarettes. "I don't smoke cigars all the time," he said. "But I do like to sit around my apartment and smoke with friends when we are hanging out or watching TV."

Schroeder began smoking cigars when he moved away from home and started at UCF.

"I saw some of my friends smoking them, so I tried them too," he said.

Schroeder said that a majority of his male friends smoke cigars. "Almost all of my friends like smoking them, and those that don't have tried them at least once."

Cigar smoking accounts for the largest percentage of non-cigarette tobacco use. The College Alcohol Survey showed that cigar smoking is most popular among freshmen and sophomores, and among white males that show an interest in fraternities, attending sporting events and attending parties.

Sophomore Tony Kins, 19, said there is something different about smoking cigars than smoking cigarettes. "You can relax with a cigar," he said. "They have a completely different smell and taste. And when you're done smoking it, you don't crave another one five minutes later."

Eastside Cigars of Orlando carries a variety of cigars. Store clerk John Travers III said a lot of college students come in to purchase them.

"Students have been coming in since the mid-1990s," he said. "And most will continue to smoke after they graduate."

Sophomore Jack Sterba, 20, who works at Publix, said that cigars are quite popular among students who shop there.

Sterba sells many packages of the cheaper miniature cigars, such as Black and Milly. "They sell for about $1.00 for a pack of five," he said. "Students will occasionally purchase the single cigars, but they run a little more."

Single cigar prices range from under a dollar to several dollars, while cheaper cigars usually come in packages for about $1 to $5. The inexpensive price may be just one of the reasons that students are attracted to them.

Not all students find cigars attractive, though. Freshman Danielle Casale, 19, said she thinks cigars are disgusting. "My father used to smoke them," she said. "Although I got used to the smell, I still think they are gross."
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