Digital Media Program takes leading role at film festival

**LAURA STEVENS**

The Florida Film Festival has returned to Orlando, and UCF’s Digital Media Program is playing an integral part. Through sponsor-ship 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 round-table 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 one of 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." The forums are free.

**DIANE LAZIC**

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, [her] 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, 18, 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.”

**JESS SCHRAGE**

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 $106 ticket that can accompany the violation is not.

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

“I have three options,” Delgadillo said.

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The UCF men’s tennis team is relying on two freshmen to carry the team.

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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 SNL 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.

"But three women who removed their clothes and later claimed they were exploited on "Girls Gone Wild" tapes no longer think flashing is no big deal. 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 videos.

One was UCF student Veronica Lane, who flashed her breasts on a Panama City Beach street in September 1998. 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 in court.

"It was definitely below what I expected," he said. "Maybe girls do worry about lawsuits [but] they didn't want 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.

Responding to an announcement that "Girls Gone Wild" would host a live pay-per-view broadcast from an unfinished 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 dismiss 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 peep show, he said.

Sgt. Al Dudley, 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 solicit 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 both tourists and students.

"People may think it's OK, said Todd Budge, a Maitland 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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Majority rule
At Texas Tech University, a student who feels diversity programs have gone too far is setting up a schol­larship called "The White Persons College Fund."

Matthew Cody, who is white, said his fund would give $2,000 schol­larship to one student each year. The scholarship, he said, is in 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 foundation is in­clusive, since it supports historically black colleges. (All of the private colleges that are members of the UNCF are historically black, none bar white students.

Cody plans to mirror his pro­gram on the policies of the UNCF. He said that no student would be exclud­ed based on race, but that his intention 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 Dorsey 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 in December got an e-mail message last month congratulating them on winning acceptance into the Class of 2007. Admissions officials quickly sent out a new round of messages notifying the students that they were not meant to receive them. They were notified by an error and officials worked quickly to contact the people who had been accidentally sent the message.

Unfortunately during spring break, students are accidentally sent the message. In 2001 the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco made almost 1,000 arrests for underage drinking and fake IDs during Spring Break, according to statistics released by Volusia County.

If you drink underage, you're going to jail.

Al Tolley, the public information officer for Daytona Beach Police Department, said,

"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 off­cers patrolling during peak times, officers are commonly seen at busy intersections to ensure that pedestrians are getting across the street safely. Spring Breakers looking to party on the beach also will need to be careful. Although the beach is littered with beer cans and other trash, drinking on the beach is illegal. Another beach, violation commonly seen by police involves music. Noise or music that carries more than 50 feet from the source is illegal.

When driving on the beach, students also should not exceed the strictly enforced 10 mph speed limit. Violators will face penalties starting at $41.

Tolley asks students travel­ing to Daytona this Spring Break to behave as they would at home and respect other peo­ple’s rights and space.

"There is an overlying perspec­tive that if you come to Daytona for Spring Break you will be hassled by the police," Tolley said. "It’s no big deal to come out and act responsibly. You can’t walk around your col­lege campus with a beer or flashing your bounce; what makes you think you could do it here?"

"You know what the rules are," he said. "Just act responsi­bly and have a good time."

ALAN ROBIN/SST

Five residents of Chancellor’s Row were victims of a rash of car burglaries. Stereos and other belongings were pilled from cars.

Car burglaries on the rise

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

JASON ISSAY
STAFF WRITER

Late Sunday night, five resi­dents of Chancellor’s 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 Dódigo Del Sol and Pagona Landings.

Burglars of stereo subsystems and other items from the ears 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 Ginsburg, 28.

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

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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
STAFF WRITER

With Spring Break right around the corner, don’t get caugh 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.

Although hotels rarely lose reservations, it can happen. If it does, simply ask them for guidance on where else you can go or what else you can do, Bush said. Perhaps there’s a nearby hotel or, however, is the case.

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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 overlooked," 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 overlooked 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 be a [classic] Spring Breaker 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 have on your credit card 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 J.T. 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 up to 60 days in jail or pay a $500 fine.

Don't fall victim to preventable punishments and hotel misfortune. "Be prepared," Smith suggested. "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 coaching 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 state of St. Bonaventure, in southwestern New York, forfeited six games after the NCAA determined that a coach player, Jamil Terrell, did not meet the association's academic criteria when he transferred to St. Bonaventure from Coastal Georgia Community College for the 2002-3 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 Coast 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 Perlin, 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 12:30 p.m. tomorrow on UCF's campus at 1309 N. Orlando Ave. Richard Grais, director of operations and public programs, said the UCF Department of Film, will moderate.

This forum brings together film experts 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 Eramed, George Merkt, one of the creators of MTV, will discuss the state of special effects in movies. He designed special effects for such films as Starlight Troopers. "As Good as It Gets," "Goddess," "James and the Giant Peach" and "Total Recall." The audience is invited to join in the discussion.

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 Andrew Misselhorn, one of the organizers of the digital media program.

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

UCF also is sponsoring a day-long workshop on Digital Technologies and Digital Media at the Orlando Convention Center, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Digital technology will add a powerful and often unpredictable ingredient to the artistic stew; a chance to break out of the producers' and consumer relationship and enlist the audience as active agents in the creation of digital images," Misselhorn said.

"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."

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

Destroying property qualifies as criminal mischief as well as a first-degree misdemeanor. While a person charged may have to pay a $1,000 fine.

"Those events represent 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 5.5 and Adobe After Effects 5.5, Adobe (Final Cut Pro, Final Cut Express, voyeur), Discreet Lightwave (3D Studio Max and Combustion Engine), Panasonic and others. Filmakers use this software for making movies.

"There Art is a component of the Florida Film Festival being screened daily and tomorrow by UCF's Digital Media Program and gallery called "Provocations." It is a gallery of new dynamic installations showing the best of digital media from around the world," Peters said.

Mike Weiss, co-curator 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 producers' er and consumer relationship and enlist the audience as active agents who can add something of their own 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 Roundtable: Workshops on Digital Media and Arts in Academia" will enable panelists representing 20 digital media programs throughout the United States to meet and discuss their curriculums. They will convene all day Thursday and Friday in the council chambers of the Winter Park City Hall, where some gallery seating is available.

As one of the 10 largest 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 events. 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 it has given him experience and the opportunity to network. "I hope to be in the industry and have gotten some phone numbers," he said. "I am interested in film, so it was a good experience."

John Nelson, a senior in the Digital Media Program, 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 graphics, I've learned 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 me to be a part of the film festi- val," Peters said.

"I hope to be a part of a media career," he said. "I have never had anything to say about it. We expect to continue graduating events like this that give our faculty and students a chance to see the best and bright- est at work," he said.
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Statistics in all theft categories have risen

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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.

Sgt. Troy Williamson of the UCF Police Department said that our burglaries have risen significantly. "We've had a lot of problems with those," he said.

Cpt. Roland LaCree 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," LaCree 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, 2002, to 24 during the same period of this year.

Other crimes also have increased. Residential burglaries have risen from one last year, to four 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 patrolling the properties might help this problem. We 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, which is significant," Williamson said. "That's Academic Village, plus approximately 2,700 new residents in the apartment complexes, both Pegasus Landing and Pegasus Pointe.

Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life Jeff Novak insists 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 UCP-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 albeit a negative difference. Despite the presence of more police, sophomore Jamie Blume, 21, 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 Jed Elfer, 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," Elfer said. "I don't think my stuff is safe." "This year I've gotten a lot more stuff stolen than last year," Elfer 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 UCP cops instead of Orange County officers." She added, "They don't think UCP 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 this area, because these rules do apply,'" Williamson said. "These students who are living in these two apartment complexes don't get the message that the UCP 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 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," Garcia 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. Gulick blamed the crimes on "the easy accessibility." He added, "You hop the fence and you go." Gulick said the fence belongs to Pegasus Pointe. "At this point, I think the responsibility is on Pegasus Pointe and Chancellors Row" to put a wall up to deter the crime.

Garcia agreed, "Hopefully we can get a wall put up."

The Chancellors Row victims believe the burglar or burglars came from neighboring Pegasus Point. "I'm almost positive it's someone in [Pegasus Pointe]," Casey Ford said.

Gulick, who works in geological drilling discovered his truck and his girlfriend's car broken into Monday morning. "I ended up going about 6 o'clock, this morning," Gulick said.

Gulick, said Orange County Sheriff's deputies arrived shortly after. "They said they thought [the burglars] came from

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Residents of Chancellors Row say this walled fence between Pegasus Pointe and them was probably the access point for burglars.
Outdated laws remain effective even though they’re out of touch with reality

Mike 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 punishable as a lewd and lascivious behavior. The police will be watching and the negative effect that it has on society will be explained away.

When religiously motivated laws aren’t nearly backfiring on society, the laws aren’t on the books.

Take, for instance, Chapter 780.02 of the Florida penal code that outlaws "unnatural acts." The law states, in part, that "any man and 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.

"I had no idea there was a law" that outlaws "unnatural acts," said junior Andy Boyd, 22. "Maybe I’ll make it one of my ‘COPS’ after all."

Equally controversial is the infamous "bedroom legislation" from Chapter 800.02, 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 released its stance 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 Floridian 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, then 10, 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-water, 17-year-old girl in the back of a Jeep Cherokee.

The police were intrigued, 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 those laws, for mostly unidentified reasons, have been able to endure. One such example 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 Anderson, has reservations with such a law. "How are handicapped 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

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

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

While those fringe restrictions prohibit unlimited access to abortion, many pro-choice activists believe that women's reproductive rights now face the biggest threat as President Bush has promised 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 FMF has launched a "Never Go Back" campaign that alerts...

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abortion rights supporters about the threatened Roe vs. Wade decision and develop a network that will mobilize to keep the decision in place.

NFP has found the most effective strategy of ensuring that abortion rights advocates take seats in the highest court is through a "Save Roe" filibuster. Only 41 senators are needed to sustain a filibuster to block any nominee of the President that is not in favor of upholding Roe vs. Wade. During a filibuster, senators prolong debate and refuse to vote, effectively defeating the nominee. Smeal says there are currently 41 senators who have agreed to filibuster.

"Some people think it is obstructionist to filibuster," she said. "I think we're fighting for women's lives." Tammy Sobieski, President of WomanCare Centers of Florida, that performs first and second trimester abortions locally said that by the time women reach the age of 45, almost 50 percent have had abortions.

"No woman walks into my clinic saying I want to exercise my constitutional right to an abortion," Sobieski said. "[Women] almost always assume this was a contraceptive." Sobieski said that without her services, any talk on abortion rights would be useless. "When my doctor and staff show up and we do an abortion, it's the reality of choice," she said.

But prohibiting abortion is just a small faction of a larger issue.

Smeal said if the Roe vs. Wade decision is overturned, the rate of back-alley abortions will increase for the 1.4 million women in the United States who decide to have abortions.

Thirty years ago, 1.2 million women resorted to illegal abortions annually. Bichot reported that illegal abortions caused almost as many as 6,000 deaths a year, according to NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Overturning Roe vs. Wade will also inhibit sex education in the classroom, including the "Morning After Pill," and ultimately will hinder the process of gaining reproductive rights for women in Muslim countries, Smeal said.

"People need to understand the interlinking issues," she said.

Burglar(s) targeted unlocked vehicles

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[News Sentinel]"Gulick said.

Car burglars have regularly struck Chancellors Row. Gulick said. "This is the second time this has happened since I lived here. He's lived in the neighborhood since mid-November.

Mason, who has lived in Chancellors Row for a while, said the problems began only recently. "I've lived here for five years," she said. "The problems have started the past few months...since November.

The crimes have proven costly to the residents. "They've stolen a good $1,000 from my car," Mason said.

Ashley Ford suffered serious damage to her car. The car burglar(s) stole her car stereo and destroyed her dashboard in the process. An initial estimate indicated that she would need a completely new dashboard.

Her victimization hurt her wallet and her sense of security. "I always assumed this was a safe neighborhood," she said. However, she added, "My car will not be here as much as possible, my doors will always be locked."

Three of the victims, including the Ford and Mason, a bartender, did not lock their doors. "This time they went for unlocked cars," Mason said.

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."
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OUR STANCE:

Good-neighbor policy requires policing

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 car burglaries 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.

The fence separating Pegasus Point from Chancellors Row has not been 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.

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 great a revenue stream as citations for traffic violations may provide, citations do little to serve and protect.

The UCF Police Department needs to beef up its crime prevention tactics to make all its properties, both on- and off-campus, as safe as possible.

Pegasus Point. The property manager should immediately fix the fence to keep unwanted people out of Chancellors Row.

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.

If you drink, do so in moderation, and about every college student dies 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 you to compromising situations. If you find yourself in a situation where you feel unsafe, remember to treat the police officers you encounter with respect and civility. Do not attack, harass or provoke them.

If you are young and heading off to have fun somewhere, keep in mind that law enforcement officials will crack down on drinking this year. In light of the ubiquitous camcorders at Spring Break locales, if you flash, you will likely end up on tape somewhere. You certainly do not want your bare breasts and visage to be remembered.

For the young women heading off to have fun, but use your head on holiday.
If votes don't tally your way, call a redo

INSIPID THOUGHTS

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

"Tire," I used to yell in fifth grade as the kickball went flying out of bounds. It was the magic phrase that could override the decision and essentially give you your way. You could sit things straight and make them the way you had intended from the beginning.

Our governor, Jeb Bush, is familiar with this magic word as well. I can see it now, Little, Jeb and his brother, George out playing hopscotch on the playground. Jeb throws out his stone and notices it heading toward the most difficult square and says at the top of his lungs: "TIRE." I can see it so clearly because that is almost exactly what he has been shooting in the face of Florida voters. He didn't like the class size amendment when he was running against Bill McCrife for governor, and he still opposes the amendment.

With a tight budget ahead of him, Jeb feels it will make his time in office this term very difficult, and on top of that he doesn’t want to pass off Florida voters by increasing taxes because these are the people he will count on to vote for him when he runs for president.

So the governor told the voters of Florida that he wants a vote on the class size amendment, Jeb let us all know that he feels we were not educated enough to vote on the amendment and that he should re-educate us, to his line of reasoning, and then we should vote all over again.

Jeb is like the child who just can’t live with the fact that not everything can always go the way he wishes.

So, now little Jeb is throwing a tantrum trying to put things his way but I say if the governor gets a redo on the class size amendment, many other state policies and decisions deserve reversals as well.

First and foremost, I am sure Bill McCrife would like a redo on the gubernatorial election. If he thinks that the public didn’t understand the crucial plans that Jeb had in store for them and the class size amendment? I think that deserves a redo.

But about Pete Barry? I am sure he’d like a redo tit the recent mayoral race. He would probably like to go back and prove to the public that he isn’t a racist, even though he routinely ley to racial slurs slip. I disagree with this redo myself, but then again, every one of us have equal opportunities, right?

And about how former Vice President Al Gore? You know he should be in favor of a redo of the 2000 presidential election in which he lost to Governor George Bush, won, he, I am sure, would like to inform the South Florida voters on how to correctly mark a ballot.

It is an idiotic thing to tell the voters that they were indeed too stupid to choose what they thought best for the children of Florida. They voted as they saw fit, and that is all there is to it.

Leave it be, Jeb, and stop insisting on how to vote in your state. Instead, if you want to be known as the education governor, put your efforts into trying to reshape and improve our educational system.

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Devil lives down in Hollywood

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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 popunous Hollywood types talking to the streets in protest, the fact is most Americans support the liberation of the Iraqi people from its tyrannical dictator ship.

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 freedoms of most of us take for granted.

It’s people like Charlie Daniels, the not 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 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 any one 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 this Iraq war and will stop going to the movies altogether if need be. And this is not a lofty cause that all Americans can take up and perhaps take a bit further.

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 pretends, 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 get into the real world. You’d be surprised at the horror, tillity you would find out here."

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

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STAFF WRITER

Win the regular season title, win the conference tournament.

All season long Gill Striepfer, head coach of the UCF women's basketball team, has laid out these two goals for her team to reach. Saturday they achieved the first, winning the Atlantic Sun regular season championship with a 38-3 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: home-court 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.

"Playing in front of all of our people and playing at home, I think it gives us a good advantage," senior forward Erin Paige said. "If we come in focused I think we have a very good shot at winning."

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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 12-5 with the three wins.

UCF jumped out to a 4-0 lead against Toledo behind freshman Milla Billek, who made his first career start. The right-hander threw three 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 Billek. 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 E.J. Lehmann hit a two-run single to center field. But after an 11-minute delay, the umpires ruled the Knighthi's 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 groundball, but Bono got the next batter to fly out to center to end the threat.

Billek earned his first win after giving up two runs on seven hits, while striking out five. Bono's 1-2-3 perfect innings guaranteed 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 .77.

"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 defense."

Sophomore Clay Timpner 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 1997 UCF has recorded back-to-back shutouts.

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Senior Von David Stertzbach threw five innings of no-hit ball to get the win over Pace.

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 five of nearly every event, Kelly Roloff 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. Roloff, fellow seniors Duaneika Tallman, junior Emily Pugh and freshman Astrid Claessens finished in 3:54.19 — six hundredths of a second behind the winning team from Florida Atlantic.

Coach Martin Massar-Wentworth said she expected this to be a good outdoor for the Knights.

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UCF plays 8 games in 7 days this week

Timpner went four-for-six with three runs scored, three RBIs and six stolen bases in the two wins. His performance Monday moved him into first on the team with a .381 batting average. "I've been seeing the ball well and feeling pretty good," Timpner said.

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Stertzbach to throw four innings, completely in control," Bergman said. "I did it last week. They like me out of the pen because I think that this outing could have been a special one," Stertzbach said. The coach only expected Stertzbach to throw four innings, but he was efficient, needing just 58 pitches to retire the minimum 15 batters in five,

Stertzbach was outstanding. Completely in control," Bergman said.

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"The Knights registered only four hits of their own, but their three runs were all the pitching staff needed.

"The pitchers held us together and that's what they're supposed to do," Bergman said. "That's their job.

Timpner had two of UCF's four hits, driving in an RBI-single in the fifth inning. "The Knights took an early lead and in the first inning.

Mann scored UCF's first run after getting hit by a pitch. Nathan Kruehler advanced him to second with a sacrifice bunt. Timpner also got hit by a pitch and he and Mann executed a double steal to move into scoring position for Wallace. Wallace grounded out to second, scoring Mann and Timpner scored when Bear singled to left. Timpner's third-inning single scored Cooper, who walked.

"The start will be Clark's first action on the mound this season. He's thrown in 1.05 innings, giving up two hits and one earned run for a 6.75 ERA.

"UCF was supposed to start Atlantic Sun Conference play last weekend with a series at Mercer, but it was cancelled because of rain. The Knights play Georgia State at 7 p.m. Friday and the teams will play a double-header Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. UCF will save its regular starters for Georgia State with Michael, Cobb and Mincks getting the nod Friday and Saturday. Stertzbach will be in the bullpen for the weekend.

"They like me out of the pen because I did it last year and I was pretty effective doing it," Stertzbach said. "Going into our first conference series, we figured that we would try to put our best guns forward."

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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 campus, Golden Knights defeated the Lady Camels 85-77 in their only meeting of the season.

"They played as a good team last time," Striegler said. "They're a good team. We don't have an outside of the bracket."

Despite the loss, it represented Campbell's second highest scoring game of the year. Junior forward Krista Trey, who leads 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 seldom-used reserves.

Kendra Dammann, a sophomore guard, scored a career-high 21 points to go along with five rebounds and three steals in 21 minutes. She averaged just 2.7 points and 7.5 minutes per game on the year. They also got a big game out of fellow sophomore guards Kendra Vickers, who had a career-high 19 points, and Tawanda George, 17 points, well above averages of 5.4.

"It's a point to do everything we usually do," Paige said. "Play hard defense, try to keep them under 60 points, run the floor get up and down, rebound."

UCF will have to do a better job of guarding the three-point line in the second matchup, as they allowed Campbell to shoot 50 percent from beyond the arc last year.

The Knights shot 54 percent from that area themselves, a big reason why they pulled out a victory. Guards Jessica Scala and Celeste Hudson had three 3-pointers apiece.

The UCF-Campbell game will be the third of the day, as the tournament opener is expected to be between Florida Atlantic (second seed in North, 14-13, 8-8) and Troy (first seed in North, 17-10, 12-4). The winner of that game will face UCF on Sunday.

"I expect it to be a great basketball tournament," Striegler said. "I want to see some good basketball. You should 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 (18-4, 9-7) against the South's third seed, Troy State (19-16, 11-5), in the second round.

"The winner of that game will take on the winner of the UCF-Campbell game in a semi-final Sunday," Striegler mentioned. "I think the Knights have the edge because of business against an inferior Campbell team, conventional wisdom would indicate they're better off facing Belmont. They defeated the Bruins 71-65 in January at Troy State."

The winner will face a semi-final Saturday night.

Track team competes at Disney this weekend

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

"That was her sixth event of the day," Mannus-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."

Mannus-Wentworth also said she's looking for Roloff to compete at a NCAA-qualifying mark in the heptathlon in two weeks. As a junior last season, Roloff scored 7,780 points in the 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 hurdles until last year, and now she's starting to look like a hurdler. She's worked really hard and made remarkable progress," Mannus-Wentworth said.

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"The winner of that game will take on the winner of the UCF-Campbell game in a semi-final Sunday," Striegler mentioned. "I think the Knights have the edge because of business against an inferior Campbell team, conventional wisdom would indicate they're better off facing Belmont. They defeated the Bruins 71-65 in January at Belmont's Aquatic Center. Conversely they lost both games they played against Troy State this season, including ou two losses at Troy State two weeks ago. Still, Striegler said it doesn't matter.

"When you get to the tournament, you have to beat everybody that's in your way," Striegler said. "I think if we were to meet up with Troy at some point in time. Would I prefer for it to be in the championship game? Yes. I would. It doesn't matter when we play them because to win the championship you have to beat those teams."

Regardless of whom they face, great pressure will follow the Knights. With so many things going for them, anything short of winning this weekend and making the NCAA Tournament would be considered a disappointment.

Fortunately they have a strong veteran core with the likes of Scala and Paige that can handle this time of year and help impact freshmen on key freshmen such as Hudson and starting point guard Shayla Smith.

"The freshman class is so really to stay focused," Paige said. "It's serious, you can't even describe it right now."

Last Saturday the Knights stood at half court wearing T-shirts to celebrate all conference honors. A week later they hope they'll stand there again, celebrating the completion of season.

"This is what the season is all about," Striegler said. "You play all year long to get that invitation to an NCAA tournament. I think that's absolutely the hardest thing to get. As long as you go on and play, we can play with anybody in the conference. And win it."
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 while Saint Louis dropped to 4-5.

UCF's Kristina Lotmoss and Anna Westin snagged the first doubles win as they beat Kristin Doyle and Melissa Cutler, 8-4, at No. 3. The Billikens fought back when Melissa Lemus and Vekl Zielinski dropped Julia Pensatangi and Amira Samara, 8-2, at No. 2.

With the score all tied up, the Knights' Pamela Fernandez and Ana Lucania rallied to win the win over Amy O'Hanly and Erin Kerssen, 8-4, giving UCF the doubles point. Still hot, the Knights clinched another win but lost one match in singles play. Pensatangi dropped Zielinski in two at the No. 2 spot, 6-2, 6-2, while Lemus followed suit, taking O'Hanly, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1. At No. 4, Fernandez dudled Cutler, 6-1, 6-2, and Lucania defeated SLU's Sergio, 7-6, 8-7 (10-8). Samara was also victorious with her win over Rebecca Steer, 6-4, 6-0. The only SLU singles win was Lemus as she beat Westin, 6-1, 6-4.

The win was the first since Feb. 10 for UCF in between the Knights lost two matches but had two others canceled due to inclement weather.

One of those losses came Friday when the Knights fell to the University of Houston, 4-3, at the UCF Tennis Complex.

UCF looked hopeful as the Knights picked up two wins in the doubles category to take a 1-0 lead. Lucania and Fernandez doubled up to defeat the Cougars' Karina Urbin and Kamille Miller, 6-4, at No. 2. In an extensive match, Lemus and Westin were successful at No. 3, beating Sarah Flood and Ananda Longo, 6-7, 7-6. However, Pensatangi and Samara lost to Houston's Miralida Foley and Yolandi Terblanche, 8-2 at the No. 1 spot.

Singles play was not strong for the Knights as they lost the courts with only two W's. Although Pensatangi overpowered Foley, 6-7, 6-2 (11-9) at No. 2 and Lemus picked up the No. 3 win over Urbin, 6-3, 6-2, it was not enough. Longo walked away with No. 1 as Westin was forced to forfeit. At the No. 4 spot, Terblanche defeated Lucania in a swift, 6-2, 6-4 match. Miller dropped Fernandez 6-2, 6-4 at No. 5 while Flood crowned Samara at No. 6, 6-2, 6-2.

UCF will now hit the road, traveling to California for a pair of matches. The Knights will play at UC-Irvine today and at CSU Long Beach State on Friday.

UCF wins two, falls in championship

Matt Bethon
Sports Writer

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

UCF defeated Indians, 4-1, behind Dottie Cupp's stellar all-around performance. Cupp hit a two-run home run in the second inning and also pitched the complete game, allowing only four hits while striking out three, Dana Shinhostor homered, and Stephanie Best went two-for-three at the plate. Shinhostor scored on a fourth-inning hit by Nikki Green. Once again the Knights

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Shinhoster's power earns her weekly honor

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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 Bell’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

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Highlights of the cultural calendar

LINNEA BROWN STAFF WRITER

Thursday, March 13

Song and shadow dancing

G what is known as dharmic music, the "Pandita" tradition, explains how the ancient Chinese art of shadow puppetry and shadow play can help people learn the true nature of their inner selves. Offered is the unique 7:30 p.m. program at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando. Info: 407-428-6235.

Friday, March 14

More on the Social

Jazz musician and author Paul Motian recently released his new CD, "Utopia." Tour hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the museum's lobby. Info: 641-4188.

Saturday, March 15

Millennium Woman March

The Millennium Woman Foundation holds a 5K and 10K beach walk to raise funds and awareness for a "Millennium Woman" (same parallels and will benefit the educational pursuits of women in the city of Kandy. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and march begins at 9 a.m., Orange Beach Yacht Club, 10202 Lake Road; 305-487-2441.

Sunday, March 16

 Fistful Photos at the Social

showroom in West Coast Disney Park, where new album "Phonetics" will be signed at 7:30 p.m. Info: 323-2000.

Monday, March 17

'Notgrooving the Buddhist Way'

Judith and meditation teacher Mike Sernett gives an introduction to Buddhism based on the sublime qualities and a brief meditation. Ages 35-75 entry for adults and 85% for kids; 407-628-4478.

Tuesday, March 18

'The Awakening of the Buddha Within'

Linneas Thornton holds a 50-year-old book to Buddhism based on the sublime qualities and a brief meditation. Ages 35-75 entry for adults and 85% for kids; 407-628-4478.

Wednesday, March 19

'You Worry Too Much'

Free enlightenment talk offered by a Zen master who inspires his listeners to let go of their worries. At 7:30 p.m., the J. Steven Berg Wellness Institute, 828 E. Colonial Drive; 407-847-5222.

Thursday, March 20

Up in smoke

Popular cigars carry added smoking dangers

KATRINA HAMMER

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

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

Cigar smoking among college students is rapidly increasing. The 1998 College Alcohol Survey conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health revealed that of the about 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 unsure of the risks.

While cigars are perceived as less threatening or not as addictive as cigarettes, these myths are false. Smoking cigars regularly can cause cancer of the lung, oral cavity, larynx and esophagus.

The amount of tobacco in a single cigar contains the same proportion of nicotine found in an entire pack of cigarettes.
**Hell's Angels descend on Daytona Beach**

**THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

LINNEA BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

"It's just baby oil and beach" bag. A bunch of big "realtor chicks," drenched 22-year-old Cabbage Patch bartender Christian Anderson. "Usually the only girls who wrestle are the ones who get drunk enough to take off all their clothes instead of just half of 'em."

Standing in the middle of a Circle K gas station across from the Daytona Speedway last Wednesday, my friend and I listened to Anderson describe the yearly Bike Week tradition of Cabbage Patch tradition of "Turkey Wrestling," the event that had come to see — and completely missed, due to bumper-to-bumper motorcycle traffic — that morning.

Dozens of tough-looking bikers stood bunched up outside the doors of the convenience store, dressed in black leather chaps, long beards and shaved heads. Some glared on the Harley-Davidson motorcycles that impressively invaded the parking lot. A few black-leathered bikers hovered around while someone vented, checking out the latest Confederate biker merchandise.

At least we hadn't missed the 4 p.m. "Lady Spaghetti Wrestling," held on the Speedweeks. We crossed the street, past the STOP cover charge, and eagerly prepared to witness some moody, crafty pasta action.

The contest, unfortunately full of our expectations. Hosted by aging, long-haired biker entertainer Jimmy Trotta, the "Ice Cream Man from Hell," the ladies screwed started with a black-leather wet T-shirt contest, in which seven out-of-shape women battled in vain to Excite the audience of old, ugly bikers. I've gotta get a picture of my old lady," the man next to me proclaimed proudly aiming his camera into the moron-analyzed, bespectacled participant known as "Jersey.

"My friend Veronique looked horrified. "I'm not married a woman who considers a wet T-shirt contest at age forty-five an "accomplishment," she muttered. "For me it's just about biker chicks," shrieked the youngest, perkily.

"It's very biker-chick, big-haired biker chick, pulling down her pants, exposing her body in an attempt to compete with the skinny 23-year-old."

"It's really boring this year, isn't it?" asked "Rabia," a man selling T-shirts. He handed me a free, oblong T-shirt emblazoned with "Bass because you let me RIDE with you today doesn't mean I'll let you SLEEP with me tonight!"

"Thank you," I replied. "I'll wear this every day."

Still curious about the Cabbage Patch, I returned to Bike Week two days later, accompanied by the youngest, prettiest, prettiest biker chick. We walked into the他知道 sight of a woman riding a tattooed woman among the throngs of polished Harleys.

"The Cabbage Patch turned out to be a classically greasy, tattooed biker saloon. Hundreds of pictures adorned its walls, chronicling the many years of topless, shameless women who had gotten down and dirty in vast vats of coleslaw.

"It smelled so bad last year," a young, denim-wearing drummer commented. "It was, like, 90 degrees, and the mayonnaise went bad!"

"My sister made it on the wall here once," another man offered reverently as if to reveal that her sibling had been an "Oscar nominee.

"It's really boring this year," I replied. "It's just about biker chicks," shrieked the youngest, perkily.

"It's pretty boring this year, isn't it?"

"Thank you," I replied. "I'll wear this every day.

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 skimpy leather vests, short shirts and riding chaps sold beer.

"I watched as my friend's eyes bugged out at some of the patron's "Turkey Wrestling," the cleaner ones including "I don't smoke crack, I look it," on a big bony man. "If I like the color, you should see my patch," on a thirty-something B-Free look-alike, and "If it has tires or wheels, sooner or later it'll give you trouble," on a serious guy with a long mustache.

At the vendor booths, I jokingly tried on a marijuana-leaf biker band wrap as we gawked at the assortment of smoking accessories and pipes for sale. My friend Ana purchased a black, shaped, nose-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 jammed 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, parking in front of bars and strutting slowly past envious onlookers. Dramatic people-watchers hung over the edge of balconies and yelled excitedly at people passing by and bikers staring in the merchandise of choice in the souvenir shops.

As we hurried back to the car, we passed a random religious bumper sticker, preaching. "Jesus is coming," the man proclaimed.

"Oh, really? He's coming to Bike Week?" a tough-looking tattooed biker shouted sarcastically. "I hope you're ready."

"In three days," the missionary stated.

"Really?" Bike Week would be over by then. Smart decision. Jesus, I'd probably wait until they were pets, too.

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

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

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

Junior Khallie Fisher, 20, and junior Angela Slaughter, 21, both said that after the fires in Chicago and Rhode Island monuments, 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.

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

Braxl said that while he has never experienced any major safety problems when working at the club, the most pressing security issue are patrons and bouncers in club fights.

Fisher, who worked for a nightclub in Washington, D.C., said he saw someone get stabbed with a broken bottle at Knight Lights.

"It was chaos," he said.

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

Braxl remains concerned about overcrowding in clubs. He said he fears a similar accident occurring in downtown Orlando because many venues allow numerous patrons on the roof to hear live music. He wonders what those people will do in case of an emergency.

"The club get packed so quickly," Braxl 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 have off-duty police officers to patrol during busy weekends.

"Officers are there to supplement security," Sgt. Orlando "Bull" Ronson 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.

Slaughter 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.

Slaughter said that while many club-goers are under the influence of alcohol, they must take extra safety measures.

"Everyone should be familiar or aware of the structures [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 Pryor, acting manager at the Devaney's Tin bar at Colonial Drive and Alafia 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," Pryor 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 Pryor 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 drove 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

Brandon Hardin
Contributing Writer

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 realizing it.

"I'm one of the thousands of college students who find themselves addicted to these strategic, 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," said Maaressa Orzech, a licensed clinical psychologist and Harvard University Medical School faculty member.

"Computer addiction, like other addictions, is the use of computers in order to change an individual's mood," she said. "Computer use becomes abusive 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 realize he was spending too much 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 [to slack off, I probably would have just been doing something else [non-school related]," he said.

Bailey felt 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 just 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 are an endless storytelling game you hooked because you can't wait to reveal the areas of mystery," Sinn said.

"You constantly play to reach the next level, [and the] games hold your attention so well [while] time flies," Bailey 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 storylines 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 gaming 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.

Source: www.computeraddiction.com

Frequent signs of computer and video game addictions

- Fixation on needing or desiring the computer
- Difficulty to stop computer use
- Experiencing more time at the computer
- Neglecting family and friends
- Feeling irritable, depressed or empty when not at the computer
- Failing to keep promises (saying "I'll finish this later")
- Experiencing bored or sleepless.

Some computer gaming.

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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 1998 cigar consumption saw a 50 percent increase and began to include a younger crowd, according to 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 Schecter, 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."

Schecter 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.

Schecter 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 Kinus, 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 Oviedo carries a variety of cigars. Store clerk John Travess 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 Mill. "They sell for about $1.69 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 $3 to $5. The expensive 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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