WHAT WILL WAR ACHIEVE?

UCF professors weigh implications of U.S.-led attack

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As cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs struck their targets Wednesday night, hopes for peaceful disarmament of Iraq died in a hail of fire.

U.S. and British forces launched Operation Iraqi Freedom two days after the United States announced it would not seek a vote in the United Nations authorizing force. The goal of the war, U.S. officials say, is to topple Saddam Hussein's regime and bring freedom to the Iraqi people.

UCF professors say war won't bring world peace, but will risk.

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Prayers for soldiers

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When the war started, Betty Martin immediately turned to prayer.

“Prayer without ceasing, tears for relief, faith in my faithful God, and Jesus' profound words are my only comfort in those sad times,” she said.

An office manager for Army ROTC at UCF over the past 16 years, she fears for the many, who have shipped out to fight a war with Iraq.

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FBI arrests UCF professor

Authorities say the Pakistani immigrant has falsified immigration documents since 1984.

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Conflict sparks protests

Within hours of the United States' first assault on Iraq on Wednesday, university students around the globe staged anti-war protests, while American college officials kept close tabs on their undergraduates studying abroad.

Some of the more violent rallies took place in Egypt. Several hundred students at the American University in Cairo gathered for a protest on the campus on Thursday morning. At first, they marched and denounced the start of the war. By early afternoon, they had joined with university students from around the area and proceeded on foot to the U.S. Embassy three blocks away.

As they arrived, they began to congregate on the embassy's steps and were beaten back by water cannons and baton-wielding police officers accompanied by an embassy spokesman. Officials estimated the student demonstrators to have numbered 5,000. There were no reports of arrests.

Elsewhere in Cairo, students at Al Azhar University, the Arab world's most prominent Islamic university, held demonstrations condemning U.S. hegemony in the region. Protesters burned American and Israeli flags during an anti-war rally. Earlier this month, scholars in the institution's Islamic Research Academy issued a controversial call for jihad in the event of an American attack on Iraq.

Peaceful rallies in Berkeley

At the University of California, about 1,000 students assembled in the campus's main plaza Thursday to show their solidarity with Iraq's President Saddam Hussein. John Meloy, an assistant professor of history at the university who participated, said in the demonstration, said the protest featured several Lebanese and American faculty members, in addition to students. In contrast to the violent clashes in Cairo, the student demonstrations in Berkeley remained relatively uneventful. Students marched from the University of California through downtown to the Lebanese American University about a mile away. There, more students joined in for a march to the regional United Nations office, in the center of Beirut, a common rallying point for political dissenters.

In the West Bank, all Palestinian universities that were not previously closed by Israeli military orders suspended their operations for a few days. At Birzeit University, the oldest Palestinian institution, officials said that because Israel does not provide gas masks to Palestinians, the administration had decided students should remain at home with their families in the event of an Iraqi attack with Scud missiles carrying chemical weapons.

In the universities operated normally despite the possibility of a retaliatory attack by Iraq, as happened during the 1991 Gulf War of 1990-91. On their Web sites, universities outlined the steps to take in case of an attack — many colleges had already prepared around the campuses — but few students seemed alarmed. A small minority of students probably are not of Iraqi extraction, officials said.

Opposing Bush and Blair

In Britain, students marched to the U.S. Embassy, hoping to pressure it into compliance. The Central Florida Future, the oldest university newspaper in the U.S., plus its online partners, was reprinted the protest as the Security Council passed a resolution that Iraq was in the process of implementing.

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Professors: War will revive a strong anti-Western sentiment

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human lives.

The war will remove a tyrant, said Eric Cooper, a U.C.F. political science professor, "but there is no great benefit to world peace. The support network for terrorism will still be there."

Cooper, who teaches courses in Middle Eastern politics, agrees with U.S. members of congress who believe that the connection between Iraq and terrorism has not been proven, and is not justification for war.

In the United Nations over Iraq simulated since December 2002, when the U.S. accused Iraq of violating U.N. resolution 1441. The resolution called for Iraq to destroy its biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

Over the next two months, the U.S. built a case in the United Nations for war, culminating in a presentation by Secretary of State Colin Powell that detailed Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programs from U.N. inspectors, and accused Iraq of shielding members of the al Qaeda terrorist network.

The United States and Britain then summoned an urgent meeting on Iraq, hoping to pressure it into compliance.

Surrounding Iraq with troops pointed the United States into a crisis, said U.C.F. political science professor Roger Handberg, and left Bush with few options.

"The war came because President Bush put us in a situation where we could not withdraw without either Saddam going into exile, or some other dramatic change in the regime," said Handberg, who added, "There was no legitimate way to have a military leader in power in Iraq that you could turn down and don't anything you approve with.

Chris Dolan, a U.C.F. political science professor who teaches defense policy courses, said that United Nations made an effort to involve the United Nations in the decision to use force, but ultimately decided to build an independent coalition when it became evident the United Nations would not support a war.

"There's no way the United States could see the United Nations as a viable forum to introduce military force against Iraq," he said. "There was an attempt to work within the United Nations. It just didn't work."

President Bush and the leaders of Britain and Spain, announced on March 14 that they would not test a vote on the war in the U.S. Security Council.

The decision to avoid a negative vote endangers the legitimacy of the United Nations, Dolan said.

"Our seal in Iraq is a precedent that when the United Nations disapproves with the outcome of a U.N. resolution, the United States will form coalitions on its own," he said.

Cooper agreed that the United States is using the United Nations to pursue its own agenda, rather than as a forum for the U.S. "The question is whether the United Nations will need a real new purpose," he said.

The U.S. will lose its position as a moral leader, if the United Nations continues to be used as a "great court," he said. Before the war began, Bush had already outdated a plan for a post-war Iraq, including a quick return of control to the Iraqi people, and the establishment of a democratic government.

Cooper said bringing democracy to Iraq will be difficult to accomplish, because Iraqis are unprepared for the responsibilities of voting and deciding how to rule themselves.

Also, cultural divisions in the country could lead to civil war.

Copies with war at home

The UCP Counseling Center has a no response to the war with Iraq, as mailing available a Relaxation Room from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone can come to the Student Resource Center Room 221. For a time of thought, prayer or contemplation. Counseling Center staff will be available for anyone who wishes to discuss their feelings and the personal impact that the war is having on them. An appointment is not needed. Directions, 829-2811.

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Army ROTC official calls military service most noble profession

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"I have always played a surrogate mother role to so many of them," she said.

Because of the events in Iraq, Martin has begun to pray more frequently for her "children" and all soldiers in the Middle East, she said.

"Because I am blessed by the power of prayer so routinely and understand its power. It is my constant prayer that God will intervene with his angels of righteousness, justice and mercy to end this thing quickly and to bring our people home to their country and families who love them so much," she said.

"Above all, it is my constant prayer that innocent lives be spared, no matter their ethnicity," she said.

Although many people worry about their loved ones overseas, Martin said she will remain optimistic.

"To worry is to indicate a lack of faith," she said.

One former cadet she knows personally, Krista Rosales, 26, who joined the Florida Army National Guard, now serves in a medical service capacity.

"Like many of my cadets, we become very endeared to each other and remember that way," Martin said.

Although Martin knows many UCF cadets in the military, she's had a connection to the military all of her life. Her father, two uncles and husband all fought in wars, and she joined the Army Reserves as well.

Martin knows very well that a real possibility exists that some of the soldiers will not return.

"I have already attended the funeral of one of my Army children who was shot down in Iraq." She said. "Although I miss him terribly, I take much comfort in knowing that he was a cog in the gears of his profession and highly committed to its challenges."

Knowing many of her cadets have pursued an Army career because of a life calling comforts Martin in times like these. She knows if they become casualties of war their deaths won't be unnoticed and won't be in vain. They will have died doing something they really believed in.

"How many people, at the end of their lives, can say they did in life what they really wanted to do?" As a civilian office manager, she said she takes pride in working with the military team.

With a motherly delight, she spoke about UCF Army ROTC's first place ranking in the Southeast region. The battalion ranks 17th out of 270 battalions nationally.

"I am especially proud to be on a winning Army team," she said. "It pumps me up as an American citizen, a proud UCF employee and a patriot. Nowhere else can I find such job rewards and personal spiritual satisfaction."

"The greatest joy of my job is that I get to see America in action on a daily basis," she said. "I have the opportunity and am privileged to observe valued values of human character such as self-respect, discipline, accountability, responsibility, loyalty and commitment to moral excellence."

The military remains one of the most noble professions, she said.

"I understand it, respect it and am so proud of the many military people I personally know and love," she said. "I am confident in my heart of hearts that every soldier knows and understands 'Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for another.'"

"That is the premise of our God, our nation and our soldiers," she said.

Martin's statements are not reflective of the Army's views and opinions.

Short war will boost economy

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"The U.S. thinks Iraq will turn out like a post-World War II Germany," Cooper said. "It's more likely to be a Middle Eastern version of Yugoslavia," filled with deep-seated animosity.

"Removing Hussein from power may improve Iraqi lives, but UCF economics professor Deborah Booze says the idea that war will bring peace to the region ignores a strong anti-western undercurrent.

"We don't know what the reaction to war will be," she said. "There can be negative spillover effects -- more terrorist attacks in response to the war."

Hooni, who teaches economic development courses, said lingering feelings of resentment about the West might destabilize the region, and lead to an increase in terrorism, rather than reduce it.

The war's effect on the economy is more certain.

"If it's not a swift war if there are complications, there will be a negative economic impact," Hooni said. "If it is indeed swift and is taken care of in a week or two, then the effect would not be as bad."

"Visit Florida, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, predicts the war could reduce tourism in Florida by 30 percent for at least the first three weeks after the war began. Nearly 500,000 tourism industry workers could be laid off as a result."

"Tom Flanigan of Visit Florida agrees to the key to keeping the economy afloat is a short war," Flanigan says if the war wraps up quickly like the Gulf War did, the loss of tourism would be closer to 15 percent.

"The national economy could be the difference between Bush winning and losing the 2004 election," Hooni said. Critics would hound the president about the current recession.

"If the election were held tomorrow, he'd win, but the only leg he has left to stand on is economy. The war was terrorism," Dolan said "Right now, he's being a very unpopular president without the war on terrorism."

Cooper said once the war with Iraq is over, and the country is rebuilt, there should be only one thing on Bush's mind if he wants to avoid the coo-koo-fate of his father, George H.W. Bush. "He has to fix the economy," Cooper said.
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The second floor of the Student Union is where Brian Battles and MacLellan spend most of their time — working to serve UCF's 40,000 students. It was here that an elevator accident brought them here, to the end of a victorious campaign for student-vice president.

Battles, 21, and MacLellan, 21, won't be sworn in until May. But already they're busy preparing to take over.

Battles, now in his fifth year at UCF, started out in Bradenton. He attended the high school in Bradenton, where he came to UCF's 39,000 students.

In his first year, Battles worked with the Student Government Association, as the Judicial Adviser in the Judicial Advocacy Office, where they top SGA's director in the Student Advocacy Office, can appreciate the work that keeps him so busy.

“It's important that he does it. If he isn't doing it, somebody else qualified would be,” she said.

He is so committed, said Cupps, who attended high school with Battles, but only met him in SGA, that student government responsibilities often interrupt what little free time he has. The only time his cell phone gets turned off is during the movies.

“Even if he's not in the office, he's still working,” Cupps said.

Battles, who plans on graduating this year, will stay at UCF to earn a master's degree in economic policy development. His running mate, MacLellan, will stay at UCF for another year although he is near graduation. MacLellan has decided to stay at UCF despite the fact that he is so close to graduation, so he can fulfill the duties of vice president in the next school year.

This year, Battles and MacLellan, the current director of Campus Life, have worked in close proximity in the SGA office, leading to their decision to run together in this year's election, which they won by 281 votes.

MacLellan followed his older brother Jerry to UCF all the way from Brooklyn, New York. Like Battles, MacLellan quickly gained prominence as a campus leader, joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the orientation team, where they together in this year's election,

MacLellan is taking 12 hours of classes, remains active in his fraternity, and works as the Red Bull student brand manager at UCF. He also sits in on the SGA's director of Public Relations, who was appointed SGA's director of Public Relations.

MacLellan became involved in SGA by helping to campaign for Marco Peta's successful presidential election. In the 2001-2002 school year, he was appointed SGA's director of Public Relations. Meanwhile, he attended the position of president in his fraternity.

As the director of Campus Life, MacLellan oversees the operations of specific SGA programs such as Safe Ride, Giveaway Days and other promotions. He also sits in on university meetings and serves as an advisor to students and organizations, which he estimated takes at least 20 hours a week.

Besides the time he spends with SGA, MacLellan also attends appointments at Devaney's Sports Pub and plays intramural sports.
FBI arrests engineering professor

Authorities allege the Palestinian immigrant falsified documents

Lisa Marie Hottle
Staff Writer

FBI and immigration agents along with Orange County deputy sheriffs arrested UCF visiting professor Hussam Jubara last Wednesday for immigration violations.

Officials charge that Jubara, also known as Hussam Yousef Abou Jbara, lied on several applications to the Immigration and Naturalization Service over several years, and also earned more than $25,000 in cash “under the table” while working in the Orlando area.

Jubara, 42, came to the United States in 1984 from Palestine and first arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio. He filed an application there to become a permanent resident after marrying a citizen in 1995. Because immigration agents questioned the validity of the marriage, Jubara was denied residency, a federal affidavit reported.

Latter that year, Jubara left the United States and less than two years later, returned as a student to study at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

In 1993, Jesse Maali, an Orlando gift shop owner, filed an application to INS to grant Jubara skilled-worker status so he could work at one of his retail stores. Big Bargain World/Sports Dominator, the store chain Maali owns, employed illegal immigrants at his chain of stores.

When Jubara filed for permanent residency in 1996, he denied applying for permanent resident status in 1984. In his biographic information he submitted with residency papers, he also claimed he had no previous wives.

In 1996, INS agents arrested Jubara for unauthorized employment for working at Big Bargain World and Orlando Tourist Services. A judge gave Jubara relief from deportation.

Two years later Jubara filed for residency but submitted more false statements.

Arresting agents also claim that Jubara pocketed $15,250 in cash from Big Bargain World in 1995 and another $13,000 in 1996 that he did not report on either tax return.

UCF hired Jubara in fall 2000 as a visiting professor in the electrical engineering department. He teaches one class this semester, Computer System Design I.

Linda Gray, UCF’s media relations specialist, says the university will continue to employ Jubara.

“Until the law says he is guilty,” says Gray, “there is due process until someone is proven guilty.”

Jubara’s contract with UCF ends in May and it is up to the engineering department to decide if they wish to renew it for the fall 2003 semester.

Jubara is being held without bail because he is considered a flight risk and will appear in court today for a bail hearing in downtown Orlando.

Lisa Marie Hottle
Lock them up or give them help?

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California Superior Court Judge Jim McDonough and the director of Florida's Office of Drug Control, James McDonough, separated on how lawmakers and law enforcement officials should manage drug abuse at state and national levels during a debate at the Renaissance Hotel earlier this month.

McDonough is a former government prosecutor and supports reforming the nation's drug laws. McDonough is the former strategy director for the National Office of Drug Control and a proponent of the nation's current drug laws.

Although most of the discussion centered on marijuana use, other drugs they discussed included alcohol, amphetamines and heroin.

Opponents of the war on drugs, said the Gray, say incarcerating non-violent drug offenders is a waste of resources, and not an effective means of combating abuse and addiction.

"What we are doing simply isn't working," he said. "Young people tell me it's easier for them to find marijuana or cocaine than it is alcohol."

Rebutting accusations that drug laws largely support incarceration of minor marijuana violations, McDonough said that a very small percentage of criminals are serving time on marijuana charges — 104 of the 12,000 inmates in Florida's prison system.

Gray contradicted the claim. "Right this minute you have a minimum of 5,000 people in jail in the state of Florida that did nothing else but smoke marijuana," he said.

McDonough said his office is using a three-tiered approach to fight drug abuse. Those efforts include "cutting off the supply of drugs, treatment for those addicted to drugs and the prevention of drug use, particularly among children."

He stressed that getting the anti-drug message to children at an early age effectively prevents drug abuse and addiction.

"What we find from the science is that if we can keep the kids away from drugs until age 20, they are virtually home-free in terms of addiction," McDonough said. "We are pleased to say drug use among our kids has gone down."

NORML President Michael Three whose campus organization's objective is to legalize marijuana use, said he received statistics last year that refute McDonough's claim that drug use among students has dropped. McDonough said he would like to see the nation's drug laws treat non-violent offenders as patients, not criminals. He advocates placing them in treatment facilities rather than jail.

"We get seven times more value for our tax dollars by drug treatment than we do with incarceration," said Gray citing a June 2004 study by the Rand Corp.

While McDonough agrees that treatment programs are valuable and said the state has increased funding for education, treatment and prevention by almost 70 percent, he said it was also crucial to send a message that drug use is not acceptable. Legalizing any drug in any way would tell children that drugs are OK, he said.

Gray said he was not advocating legalizing any drugs for those under 21.

Josh Edmundson, a member of UCF's Progressive Coalition, said, "There is no way we can continue to try to keep people from selling small amounts of drugs for large amounts of money by the threat of incarceration. It just flat-out isn't working."

Violent drug offenders continue to go free because authorities have exhausted their resources trying to nab small-time drug offenders, Gray claimed.

"The criminal justice system is extremely successful in arresting, convicting and incarcerating the dumb ones — the ones who are not well organized, not particularly smart, not particularly violent, leaving this unbearably lucrative market for people who are smarter, better organized and more violent," he said.

Joel Addington

Current laws are costly and dangerous to the citizens of this country, as they put non-violent drug offenders in the midst of real criminals, instead of treating them for their addiction," he said. "They do this with money that comes from taxes, while the state could actually be profiting enough to pay for healthcare or education by simply taxing and regulating marijuana.

Gray warned that drug use would continue, legal or not, because the demand for drugs exists.

"The demand will be met. If it's not met by the natural substances, it will be met by synthetic drugs, methamphetamines and designer drugs," he said. "There is no way we can continue to try to keep people from selling small amounts of drugs for large amounts of money by the threat of incarceration. It just flat-out isn't working."

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Former prosecutor, Florida's drug czar disagree on debate over legalizing drugs

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$7 million worth of projects planned for upcoming year — including resort pool

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A $7 million "resort-style" pool with deck space for lounging is one of several new building projects expected to break ground by the end of the year.

Other improvements include new tennis courts, volleyball courts and improvements to the Student Union, Wired Café and Student Recreation Center Auditorium. Every project is still in its conceptual design phase, with a pool design locked in, but if all plans go forth as expected, the projects carry a combined price tag of nearly $7 million.

The project and budget was approved by former Student Body President Dominick Spence two years ago and funded by the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, a $2.44 per-credit-hour student fee. A committee appointed by Craig Ullom, associate vice president of Campus Life, and current Student Body President Marco Pefia is designing the spaces of each project. Designs should be completed by April 1, with construction beginning in December.

According to Bobby Woodard, assistant director of Facilities and Operations, the pool has been the biggest cause of construction delays.

"The pool" needed planning. We wanted to make sure everyone could use it if we are going to spend this much money," he said.

Other than general disagreements about design and placement, the other major problem was UCF Athletics. The athletics department was to build a competition pool close to the recreational pool, but later decided to build the competition pool closer to the other intercollegiate venues on the north side of campus.

The recreational pool will be built next to the Recreational and Wellness Center on the backside of the existing multi-purpose field near Academic Village. It will have an amoeba shape, but amenities such as diving boards and lap lanes are still under consideration.

Two houses will accompany the pool. One will hold the necessary pumps and chemicals, and the other will accommodate men's and women's facilities and a concession stand.

Lounges, chairs and tables, and two or three covered huts, will surround the pool deck. Two tennis courts and two volleyball courts will be built adjacent to the pool and the six existing tennis courts. One of the new tennis courts will include stadium-style seating to enhance intercollegiate and intramural events. The volleyball courts will be built behind Academic Village buildings 101 and 104 to complement the four existing sand volleyball courts behind the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Renovations to the Student Recreation Center Auditorium and Wired Café are the second phase of the project. Designs include a multipurpose room with a retractable wall and an eatery located to the Wired Café will have space available for lease to an independent eatery, and it will be enclosed of some offices to open up the space.

The courtyard and the walkway that lead to the Recreation and Wellness Center also will undergo new landscaping additions and renovations.

The last phase of the project is the addition to the Student Union. The plan calls for two new rooms to make the entrance next to the Pegasus Ballroom flush with the front of the Student Union. A shell for a new room will be built for future use on top of the new first-floor rooms. New student offices and a new computer lab are just two possibilities for the second-floor room. That project is still in an early design phase.

"Nothing is definite yet," Ullom said, and plans will be forwarded to the Master Plan committee for final approval. If they disapprove of something, the committee will need to go back to the design phase and start all over. But he is confident that everything will go through.

"I am very excited about this project... and I think the outcome will be really great."
American students abroad urged to ‘blend in’

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high. Angered at the government’s decision to join the United States’ war without the backing of the United Nations, thousands of students and professors lobbied officials through protests, letters, and “dice-in,” in which people lay down in the street and pretended to be the victims of war.

In Tokyo, spontaneous anti-war demonstrations sprang up outside train stations in several parts of the city within hours of the first American attack. Although universities are on break until April, students mobilized quickly. Near Waseda University, a group of students sang freedom songs and waved anti-war placards.

The biggest demonstration was held near the American Embassy, where a hostile crowd estimated in the thousands massed in the historic old and rallied against the American attack, urging the government’s support for it. At one point, the crowd threatened to get out of control when the police closed in. As officers started shoving demonstrators, they shoved back. Fifteen people were reported arrested.

Americans abroad

Most study-abroad programs for American students are routine, but with heightened security precautions. College officials said they were checking in regularly with students through e-mail, reviewing emergency evacuation procedures, posting security guidelines on their Web sites, and answering calls from worried parents. Some have even brought their overseas coordinators to account for the whereabouts of all their students.

A number of those procedures were put in place after the Sept. 11 attacks. Few American colleges now offer study-abroad programs in the Middle East. Programs in Israel, which traditionally has been the region’s most popular destination for students, began shutting down in 2000 because of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Most American students who want to study in Israel now must enroll directly in Israeli universities.

As of late last week, officials at those universities were not reporting any significant departures of American students.

Fulbright programs in Israel, Jordan, Kuwait and Syria have closed during the last couple of months because of State Department advisories. Scholars and students in those countries were either sent home or to other countries.

The State Department has also recommended that Americans, especially leave Belguim, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Ellen Burdick, deputy executive director for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, which oversees the Fulbright-scholar program, said that all of the Fulbright grantees in those countries were staying put so far.

Despite widespread opposition throughout Europe to the war, few American students there have experienced direct hostilities. Said Mark Fryder, president of the Institute for the International Education of Students. Her organization, which sends about 3,000 college students overseas each year, recently polled participants to find out whether they were feeling the fallout of anti-American sentiment.

As a precaution, however, many colleges are asking their students abroad to play down their American citizenship by dressing to blend into local crowds, not featuring American flags, and not speaking loudly in English in public.

Study-abroad directors have long encouraged such behavior for cultural reasons, but now there is a security dimension to the suggestions.

—BY KRISTA HANCOCK WILSON

Graduate assistants need recognition for union protection

JOEL ADDINGTON

Earlier this month Yale graduate assistants went on strike, demanding better wages, better hours and union recognition. The union has been requesting recognition for the last 10 years.

Graduate assistants and teaching assistants typically receive between $10,000 and $15,000 per year at UCF, in addition to the university waiving tuition costs.

Graduate assistants help professors with grading, teaching and research, while working on their graduate degrees. The issue at Yale is whether they should be classified as students or university employees with the same labor rights as the rest of the faculty and staff.

The precedent was always that graduate workers were students first, and should not have the right to unionize.

That precedent changed in 2000, when the National Labor Relations Board ruled that graduate teaching assistants and certain research assistants at New York University were indeed employees protected by the rights afforded in the National Labor Relations Act.

A February letter from two Yale donors addressed to graduate students said striking graduate assistants would not be subject to reprisals from the university. However, it also said graduate teaching assistants would be held accountable for the rights afforded in the National Labor Relations Act.

While UCF offers no union protection for graduate assistants, some agree that an official union is necessary. "It would be nice if graduate teaching assistants were guaranteed at least 15 hours per week," he said.

Brenda Ponsard, 24, another graduate assistant in the engineering department, said graduate assistants, who generally earn $10 per hour, are not sufficiently compensated for the amount of work they do.

He also said pay scales vary from department to department and a union contract could be one way to equalize wages across the board.

"Union membership is like having an insurance policy," Joels said. It usually takes a horrible situation before workers will see value in paying for better conditions, Joels said.

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Senior Sam Beisel realized during her freshman year at UCF that she wanted to join the Peace Corps after graduation.

"I have a vivid memory of sitting in Economics class and hearing the idea," Beisel, 21, said. "I decided that this is 80% of exactly what I want to do."

Started in 1961 under President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps is gaining in popularity among recent college graduates. The benefits entice them to delay.backends into a career and instead spend the next two years working as volunteers around the world.

The number of applications to join the Peace Corps has increased about 15 percent in the past year, with the Bush administration hoping to double the roster of 7,000 volunteers in 70 countries over the next five years. Current federal funding for the program is $186 million, up $20 million from last year.

Those who sign up won't get rich doing so. Transportation is provided to and from all assigned areas. Housing and basic needs are provided to and from all assigned areas. Comprehensive health and dental care also is provided during and 18 months after service.

But the economic incentives appeal to student nonetheless. In particular, volunteers with student loans can defer their payments on those loans for up to three years. If the loan is unsubsidized, the Department of Education pays the interest during the two years of service, while the student must arrange their own payments for the interest on unsubsidized loans.

Students who want to join the Peace Corps must meet with a recruiter and complete an interview and application process.

Adrienne Fagier, a recruiter in Atlanta and former Peace Corps volunteer, says a motivation to commitment is key to getting accepted.

"You have to be able to stick it out for 27 months," Fagier said.

In the hour-long interview with applicants, Fagier asks about planning, organizing and leadership skills. She says volunteers must be culturally-sensitive and have experience traveling.

She also suggests that candidates be flexible and open-minded.

It is better to not have preferences for specific countries or living arrangements, she said.

To volunteer in some countries, Peace Corps volunteers must meet foreign language requirements.

Working in Latin America requires at least four semesters of Spanish in college or high school within the past five years. Many African countries speak French, so Fagier says students assigned to those countries must have taken at least one year of college-level French.

Regions that require no foreign language training include Asia and Eastern Europe.

Beisel majors in liberal studies, which is valuable for Peace Corps volunteers because of its broad range of study, and already volunteers her time at Hands On Orlando and a local nursing home.

"If I could [help people] seven days a week and live off it, I'd love it," she said.

Beisel was interviewed by a Peace Corps recruiter two weeks ago, and unofficially assigned to Peace Corps during her freshman year. She has already interviewed with the Atlanta recruiting office, but will not submit her formal application until December because she doesn't plan to go into service for another two years. She would like to be assigned to Haiti or Latin America so she can perfect her Spanish and speak it fluently when she returns to the U.S.

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Like Beisel, Cook decided she wanted to volunteer with the Peace Corps during her freshman year.

"I think that's when you figure out what you want to do with your life," she said. "I wanted to go right away."

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No nations have noble war stance

The United States has been criticized for its involvement in the war on Iraq, with many questioning the motives behind the conflict. Some argue that the war was fought to secure oil resources and reduce instability in the region, while others believe it was fought to spread democracy and promote freedom.

The war has also been criticized for its impact on the global economy, with some suggesting that it has led to increased violence and political instability. Many have called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and understanding between nations.

Despite the controversy surrounding the war, it remains a complex and multifaceted issue that continues to be debated and analyzed by scholars and policymakers around the world.
Through the bloody blender of war, radical and often unexpect- ed works emerge. World War I, for example, begot trench warfare, poison gas, "shell shock," and wireless communi- cation. The artistic reaction was a cultural revolution — the "blok" words of TS. Eliot, the newly popular images of abstract art, the jangly jump of jazz, the radio spools of plot- ten and propagandists.

James Whalen, director of "Framed" and other mold- breaking horror movies from the early 1900s, could not have put his horrific images on the screen if he had not seen them firsthand on the bloody barbed wire in Flanders Field. And the recent movie "Max," starring John Cusack, argues that World War I was the aesthetic crucible for Adolf Hitler: once a strug- gling artist turned spectacle-maker turned mass-murderer.

World War II brought new technological marvels and new horrors. In one eye, the vision of America as the "Arsenal of Democracy." In the other eye, the vision of the Holocaust. And after the war came not only the mass-produced optimism of sub- urbania, but also the black humor of novels such as "Catch 22." In that book, bomber crews are crewed with scoundrels — if they keep flying dangerous mis- sions, if they ask to stop fly- ing, they are deemed to be sane — so they're ordered to keep flying. That's the catch.

And Vietnam. That was a show, right in everyone's living room — Buddhist monks setting themselves on fire. GI's wound- ed and dying, napalmed little girls running down the road, naked and screaming. On the homefront, the pro-war "Ballad of the Green Berets" was the No. 1 song of 1969, but the next year brought the full flowering of the counter-culture. To this day, Woodstock's images of pop protest fill the minds of nostal- gic Baby Boomers.

How long this war lasts, it's right here, right now — right in our face. It's live on any number of news chan- nels, worldwide, plus the Internet, and there's a new twist. The Americans going into combat are most likely filled with images of the World Trade Center tumbling down, but oth- ers, on the other side, or on the sidelines, have their own images and inspiration, from, say, al-Jazeera TV.

What else will look different afterwards? Will Americans ever feel the same way again about French fries? Will urban- ity-ho's headed for Asia as popular as it once were? Will homeland security continue to lighten the mood? Will Americans get used to seeing dead charred-look-like cops in their downtowns? And what's going to change in American culture, as hundreds of thou- sands of Americans cycle through Iraq? "War brides" were once German or Japanese; will the new war be Arab?

In "Blade Runner," the dying android had to describe what he had seen, before he could turn out. Likewise, he said, all his memories would be last, like tears in rain. In this all-too-real world, we're going to see this war large and whole, and it'll go to be recorded forever — albeit in a crash of different ways, by a rash of different peoples.

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Rumford was Dresden in 1945. But cameras from American stations gave the oppo- site impression, of bombs hitting in Iraq government ministries, mushroom clouds that rose straight up and disappeared. The extent of damage will take time to sort out. So will the impact of this expanded broadcast technol- ogy. Will it desensitize viewers to the horrors of war or give a new appreciation of those horrors? In the meantime it's worth recalling that this new live coverage gives an amazing picture but for from a complete one — gives such intimate visual knowledge that we may be deflected into thinking we actually know and feel what's going on.

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Heartbreak at home
UCF loses to Georgia State in the championship game of the Atlantic Sun Conference

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SPORTS WRITER

As the buzzer sounded at the UCF Arena to end the final game of the Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Championship tournament two weeks ago, Georgia State celebrated its third straight A-Sun title on top of the UCF logo at midcourt, probably unwittingly but none the less appropriately. The Lady Panthers had spent most of the game stomping on the Golden Knights in the paint, as well as on their collective hearts, in an 80-63 triumph.

"Just really proud for our team, real excited for them," Georgia State Coach Lee Henry said. "Everything really came together for us at the right time. It's just been real rewarding to be part of that group that came together so well and committed so much to a system and really stepped up and played so well down the stretch."

PLEASE SEE Knights on 16

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Sophomore Stephanie Best tied two NCAA records

With one out and bases loaded in the second inning of Wednesday's game against Army, UCF shortstop Stephanie Best calmly stepped into the batter's box. In the stands, fans looked on wondering if it could happen. If Best could hit a grand slam.

They weren't wondering because they'd never seen Best hit a home run. They had — twice, in that game alone.

And they weren't wondering because they'd never seen Best hit a grand slam. They had — earlier in that inning.

No, they were wondering if it was possible for Best to hit her.

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Knights say goodbye to five players

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While Georgia State (20-10) performed the traditional cutting down of the net after the game, tears flowed from the UCF (10-11) side as the Knights dealt with the pain of losing just short after coming so far.

"All game long the Lady Panthers were tremendous tandem of Ettova Rogers and Holly Cooes proved far too hard to handle for the Golden Knights, who got out-rebounded 49-32 and could never muster much of an inside attack. Both Rogers, the tournament MVP for a second consecutive year, and Coates finished with double-doubles. Rogers had 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Coates scored 16 points and grabbed 12 boards.

"Their post players did a great job of double-stepping to the basket and finishing," UCF Coach Gall Striegler said. "[Rogers] stepped up today, hit the big-time shots down at the end." UCF relied mostly on the surprising performance of reserve Celeste Hudson. The freshman finished with a career-high 20 points, 10 rebounds, five assists from beyond the arc, to go along with some solid defensive play.

"Hudson was just fullcourt, we were still able to maintain," Striegler said. "Celeste is a fantastic basketball player and she has been tremendous that whole year. She's going to be one of the best players to ever play here if she continues to work and get better." Georgia State used a 10-2 run midway through the first half to open the game up, 28-14 to its favor. While the Lady Panthers couldn't stop Hudson from the perimeter, UCF had no answer for Rogers, who had 15 points and eight rebounds by halftime.

The Lady Panthers scored 10 straight late in the period to push their lead to 17 before Hudson hit a three at the buzzer to make the score 43-29 at the intermission. She had 11 first-half points.

"I just tried to step up my game," Hudson said. "We were down and the team got me the ball and I had to step up." Much as they did all season, Georgia State starred in the second half, mostly thanks to Marvelous Washington. She scored 12 of a game-high 21 points after intermission, helping UCF maintain a 20-point lead throughout and even putting it up by 30 with a short jumper at the 10:23 mark.

"It's just any way of stepping up for the team, they had already put it away early," Washington said after the championship game.

UCF scoring the most points it had all season, also got 11 points from Paige and Smith and 10 points from Takira Allen. Campbell, 9-19, got 12 points from Jennifer Lodge and 10 points from Kelli Manning and Sarah Fox.

Those victories didn't little to console the Knights after losing to Georgia State. For seniors Paige, Jessen Seals, Kristy Callinan and Yvette Ash that final home game proved to be their last. Washington, technically a junior after redshirfting her two years of injury as a freshman, has decided she won't return next season and thus also saw her last action at UCF. Striegler held back tears while reflecting on the work of those five.

"I really appreciated the kids that stuck with it, like Erin and Mary and Yvette," Striegler said. "Through four years they went through the bad times and the good times. And they made this team, they made this program what it is."

The good news for the Knights was the strong play out of their freshman guards, Smith and Hudson. Smith already has enthroned herself as the starting point guard and Hudson will likely take Seals's shooting guard spot in the starting lineup next season. Allen, the team's leading scorer and best low-post player, still has two more years left and should gain the consistency she has lacked in her first two seasons. Those three will form the core of a young but talented squad that has a good chance of returning to the championship game in 2003.

"Finishing up second in the conference or not winning in the conference tournament next year will not be good enough because we will expect every year to do that," Striegler said. "These kids worked hard to do it and the kids that are coming up next year, they should be ashamed of themselves if they do not continue to build on it."
Best hit back-to-back grand slams in the second inning

third base run in three at-bats and her second grand slam of the second inning. Now it’s not every day a player gets two at-bats in one inning, much less two at-bats with bases loaded, but Best got that opportunity Wednesday.

And the sophomore did not disappoint, launching the third grand slam of her career over the 24-foot fence in straightaway center field.

The fans in attendance for that game saw a performance they had never seen. Best’s back-to-back grand slams in one inning and 11 RBIs tied NCAA records and established UCF records. Best is the only player in the program’s brief history to hit a grand slam.

If Best had batted in the cleanup spot of the lineup instead of third, her first-swinging home run could have been a grand slam as well. Instead she had to settle for a three-run shot that easily cleared the scoreboard in her first-inning home run that could have been her tirst-homer was gone without a doubt,” she said.

After Best got up to bat for the first time in the second inning she said all she was thinking was “We’ve got to score runs. We’ve got to score runs.” Well score runs she did, sending her second home run over the fence in right center. By the time Best got up again in the second inning, the Knights led 13-1. Her second grand slam made it 17-1 and capped off the scoring in UCF’s 14-run second inning. The Knights ended up winning 19-2 in five innings.

Best got a chance in the third inning to make it four home runs in four at-bats, but this time there were no runners on. Army fans joked that at least Best couldn’t get another grand slam, causing the usually serious Best to crack a smile. UCF fans didn’t get to see another homer as Best lined out to second base in what turned out to be her final plate appearance, but it didn’t matter.

“Wish this was probably my most fun at bat,” Best said. “I was disappointed because I didn’t get a hit, of course, but at the same time that was just a fun experience.”

Best finished the game three-for-four with three home runs and 11 RBIs, topping her team-leading totals to nine home runs and 43 RBIs. Her RBIs are the school record for a season, and she’s three home runs shy of the school record.

Best’s performance Wednesday was one for the record books and one for the memories.

She’ll certainly never forget it, and neither will anyone else who was fortunate enough to witness it.

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Knights fail to capitalize

Kristy Shomka
Staff Writer

The UCF softball team continued its inconsistent play Saturday as the Knights picked up an extra-liming win over the British National team in an exhibition game before falling to Maine 5-2. The Maine loss dropped UCF’s record to 22-17 on the year.

The Knights are just two losses shy of last year’s total of 19 and they still have at least 20 games left. UCF finished its first season of play 46-10-1.

Coach Renee Luss-Gillispie said her team needs to find a way to leave everything out on the field.

“We’re not going out there and taking it to those teams,” she said. “We’re sitting back, hoping that we don’t lose. We’re playing defense even on collisions. We’ve got to start playing aggressively.”

The Knights showed this lack of intensity in the loss to Maine. They fell behind 5-0 early but had plenty of chances to come back. An RBIs single by Cindy Oakley and an over by Maine’s right fielder cut the lead to three in the bottom of the fourth, but UCF failed to push any more runs across.

The Knights’ best opportunity came in the fifth inning when Lindsey Bush, Kaycee Clark and Janis Shinhoster loaded the bases with no outs. UCF had its two, three and four batters coming up and all they had to do was get the ball out of the infield. But Nikki Green and Stephanie Best both hit into fielder’s choices that resulted in outs at home and Rachele Schmidt flied out to center field to end the inning and the scoring threat.

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a run in the bottom of the inning and two more in the fourth to push the lead to 10-4. The Knights scored seven unanswered runs, including one on a sacrifice fly by Bear in the top of the eighth that proved to be the difference.

FRESHMAN closer Kyle Bono earned the win for the Knights after giving up just two hits in three innings. Bear finished on a solo home run by Richard Bishop.

Sophomore Taylor Cobb pitched a career-high seven strikeouts in Friday’s 11-0 drubbing of Samford. Cobb gave up three runs (two earned) in the first inning, but held the Knights scoreless the rest of the way for his third win of the season.

Mark Michael threw all seven innings of the second game Saturday for the Knights’ first complete game of the season. The senior gave up four runs on five hits and recorded six strikeouts in the 6-4 win.

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FRESHMAN Drew Butera put UCF on the board in the second inning with an RBI-single in the 6-4 win. UCF jumped out early with three runs in the first inning. Timpner had an RBI-groundout, while Dee Brown and Blaine Schulte each had RBI-singles. The Bulldogs pulled to within one in the eighth and three more in the bottom of the inning, but Michael managed to retire 11 consecutive batters to end the threat.

The Knights come home this week for a three-game A-Sun series against Jacksonville State. The teams square off at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday’s doubleheader will start at 1 p.m.

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Students share their greatest and not-so-great Spring Break moments from last week. It wasn’t a day at the beach for everyone.

“spent one night drinking with an off-duty detective. He even told some girls he’d have them arrested if they didn’t dance with me and my friends. He was joking, but I got a dance out of it anyway.” – DON FORD, SOROR

“We discovered the power of free alcohol in casinos which resulted in a really mature fight among my friends. Lots of water was thrown. I lost money at roulette and felt really poor while walking through Caesar’s Place.” – ROY O. U. ROY

“got to go on shags and sing with [an] Elvis impersonator.” – ROY R. O. ROY

“My boyfriend came to visit me from the University of Florida. We went together to Tampa to see the Broadway show ‘Aida’. It was so good. We sang the songs all the way home.” – MATT FORD, RESHAW

“I had the greatest Spring Break of my life in Panama City Beach until I got in a fight with a boomer at a club and was put in jail for two hours. I have a long finger.” – MATT FORD, RESHAW

“I had a great Spring Break week in Arizona. California and Mexico until I had to ‘babysit’ my drunken stepsister on my last night.” – ED JOSIF, SOMEBONE

“One night some people were handing out flyers for a Tommy Hilfiger fashion show wearing odd on David Street in Key West. We took the flyer and realized that it advertised a live performance by the rap group Nipsey the next day so we decided to go. When we got to this big hotel where the show was being held, we walked in and somehow ended up backstage. At the end of the show we got backstage and the members of Nipsey were just chilling back there. Mallo signed for me.” – JEFF R. O. ROY

“After we left on Daytona, we walked into the Desert Inn on the beach. They were wearing a wet t-shirt contest which turned into a wet-mitt contest. There was to be 20,000 pictures taken.” – JEFF R. O. ROY

“Yummy” – JEFF R. O. ROY

“Life would be cool if we had beer.” – JEFF R. O. ROY

PLAE SEE Days On 23

Raise a glass

UCF community tries its hand at home-brewed beer

BECKA KULCHAK

Assistant Professor Tracy Dote has long roots down to the local Quickie-Mart to supply her social gatherings with alcoholic beverages. Instead, she makes her own.

“We recently had friends over to enjoy a misting of pale ale that was tapped before eveyone arrived — I guess that speaks for itself,” she said. Dote has been making her own beer for the past 10 years and says it’s more fun than drinking store-bought brews. She is one of the unique members of the UCF community who keeps an amateur microbrewery as a hobby and passes it on to friends.

“When you become more confident in your skills you can experiment with your beer by altering the taste or alcohol content,” Dote said. “I would never sacrifice quality of taste for higher alcohol content.”

The brewing process begins with four primary ingredients: water, a grain, hops and yeast. Dote said that the sugar and starch from the grain are the most necessary.

First, the water is mixed with the starch and sugar combination, which is boiled for a given period of time. Hops and aroma flavor to the mixture, while yeast produces the beer’s alcoholic content. “It’s almost like potting a tea bag in boiling water,” Dote said.

Each type of beer uses a different type of yeast, which varies in the amount of time needed to produce and age the beer, she said. Dote dislikes many store-bought beers because of their brewing ingredients. “I never buy the typical micro-brews because of the alcohol content.”

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PLAE SEE Beer On 23

PLAE SEE Night On 24

Just another night on the police beat

Ride with a cop reveals underside to campus life

ALEX BARCOCK

On Greek Park Drive, Mario Jenkins, an officer of the UCF Police Department, stays out his windshield at glowing amber lights on a drifting quiet. He usually positions his police car at the entrance to the recreation area, and a half a mile away at the far end of the campus, his vehicle will be the only one available for police work.

Jenkins saw his last test. With wet roads and students looking for fun, he hopes they stay home.

UCF’s police force is divided into two works, day and night. Each 12-hour shift patrolled a different kind of campus. Daytime cops oversee campus traffic, whereas night shift officers are concerned with loud parties and underage drinking.

When most people are getting home from work, Jenkins is just getting started.

“I think it’s one of the greatest jobs there is,” Jenkins said. He transferred to UCF from the Clermont Police Department, where he says work was far more stressful.

This night for Jenkins has been quiet despite it being a Friday — prime time for parties. He edicts the reason, “The rain and the cold always keeps people in.” Jenkins said.

The first few hours of his shift are peppered with minor events.

A cup riding on the top of a car is cause for one stop. Jenkins warns a visiitor not to get on the sidewalk. He writes a warning for a driver going 20 in a 30 mph zone near Millikan Hall.

This is the fourth Jenkins has written a warning since joining the force.

A recent change in department policy has forbid verbal warnings — a stop for traffic violation means paperwork of some kind.

Jenkins crawls around campus in hisعتiated car, occasionally pausing, deciding where to go next. Students turn their heads eagerly as his car passes them on the sidewalks.

Near the BOTC building Jenkins notices something unusual — a low­ ered Ford pickup is hopping its way into a service vehicle parking lot.

“Look at that guy, he’s got hydraulic going on his truck,” Jenkins said. The hydraulics are legal, but using them while driving is not.

Jenkins follows the truck into the lotti and notices a newer green Honda Accord already parked, as a young man walks away from the area, he disappears.

The officer pulls in behind the stop­light and the driver of the truck hits his center console, blaming the lot in red and blue light. He turns on his high beams and a white undecorated spotlight, which he points at the driver’s head, blinding him.

He calls to the young man walking away from the lot. “Hey buddy, is that

PLAE SEE Night On 24
Finding a home away from home

Don’t want to study abroad? Try a semester at another school stateside

Lisa Marie Hottle
Staff Writer

Melinda King critiques another creative writing student’s work in her dorm room at UCF. She is majoring in English and plans to graduate in May. However, she will not be attending her school’s graduation ceremony because it is too far away to travel.

The University of Wyoming senior tacks five classes at UCF and two online courses at UW. As a participant in the National Student Exchange, King is one of 11 students studying at UCF through the program as non-degree seeking students.

While theNSE program proves popular for students coming from other colleges, UCF sends very few students out each year nationally. During the Spring 2003 semester only one student left UCF to study at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

While some students choose to study abroad and pay costly international fees, much of theNSE program’s appeal is that it allows students to travel to universities around the country and continue to pay their home school’s in-state tuition.

King chose UCF because of the close proximity to her boyfriend who lives in Tampa.

“My dad thought it was closer that I found a way to be with him,” King, 21, said. “Things have skyrocketed since I’ve been here with him.”

Through the NSE program students elect to spend either a year or a semester studying at one of the 175 participating colleges. Students pick the university of their choice and must meet the college’s academic program requirements. Outgoing UCF students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be a degree-seeking junior.

King arrived at UCF in the fall as a junior and earned enough credits to graduate in May. She managed to enroll in every class required for graduation even as a non-degree seeking student at UCF who remains low on the priority list.

“Students looking to exchange must remember that highly competitive classes probably will not be available to them, as they are normally filled by degree-seeking students of the university.”

Being close with significant others seems to be a popular reason for choosing the NSE program.

Kristin Zieck, 19, a sophomore at UCF awaits her acceptance to exchange with the University of Tennessee in Memphis for a semester. She says she chose UT because that is where her boyfriend lives.

“I am not making a life-altering decision or commitment,” Zieck said.

“[The National Student Exchange program] also gives a different perspective on life in the U.S.” Waked said.

“I may be looking for a potential graduate school, looking to live in another place or to live with family,” Waked said. She says students may even leave their home school because they want to take classes their university doesn’t offer.

“[It] also gives a different perspective on life in the U.S.,” Waked said.

King has noticed a change in culture from her home in Colorado. She says in Florida people are much more open-minded.

“Down here people are a lot less conservative,” King said. “And there is more to do [in Orlando].”

While Laramie, Wyo. had five bars for those over 21, King now enjoys the dozens of clubs on Orange Avenue and Church Street.

“I was used to driving two to three hours to get to a metropolitan area,” she said. “But, I do miss the mountains and peace and quiet.”

Debra Gibbs, 36, is using the NSE program to be closer to her family in Miami. As a student at California State University-Northridge, she moved her immediate family, including her husband, daughter and two sons, to Orlando.

This is her second semester at UCF and Gibbs has applied to be a degree-seeking student at this university but her request has been declined because of heavy academic competition.

“They turned me down because they said the pool of students is so good that I can’t be admitted,” Gibbs said. “I have a 3.5 GPA, so what do they want; students with 3.6 GPA’s?”

While Gibbs says she pays much less in tuition at California State due to grants and scholarships through the California higher education system, she would like to remain in Orlando and finish school at UCF.

Because she qualified for a tuition waiver, Gibbs paid just $140 per semester to attend classes in California.

Waked says that there are seven students registered to travel through the NSE program in the fall, and 43 students are requesting to come to UCF.

The deadline has passed for students to participate in the 2003-2004 NSE program, but under-graduates interested in participating the following year must register by Feb. 15, 2004.

Waked advises students to consult with the UCF International Studies Office and to visit the nse.org for any updates on admissions deadlines or additional school listings.

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Beer brewing kits can be purchased for around $30

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brewed American beers unless I sin picking up a sherlock for a friend," she said. "I don't like [them] very much because these beer companies in the U.S. are not as nice in their brewing process instead of brewing.

Bremer says that rice produces a malty taste and is much cheaper than barley malt. In an effort to decrease cost, beer companies such as Coors, Budweiser and Miller use this grain.

In addition, beer palates become accustomed to this taste and [those commercial beers are] Ordered by many," she said. She uses a store-bought home brewing kit she acquired at a home brewery store to make her beer. She purchased a more sophisticated apparatus than the typical Mr. Beer kit, generally found in kitchen and home stores.

The type of set-up that I have is larger and allows the home brewer more control over the brewing process," she said. "After doing some research on the kits, I decided that the efficiency of a more expensive system was a better buy." Brewing itself was not difficult, she said; the first time she did it, the challenge was figuring out how to keep the pot from boiling over. "So you cook the wort [the liquid sugar left over] it bubbles up the pots or pulses; they are all releasing starch into the boiling water," she said. "You have to keep a close eye on the pot," she said. "The other tricky part was bottling. My first time was an awful mess. We are much cleaner bottlers these days. Practice makes perfect." Bremer has even won a first place in her brewing process, expanding her refrigeration system and her sorrows. "Today, I can brew 35 gallons of beer at a time," she said.

Senior Jason Shilling, 22, uses the Mr. Beer brewing kit he purchased at Bed, Bath and Beyond for about $30. He began brewing when he was 18 with his roommate and, "The beer got better after he brought a Delta water filter. Malley said, "I like to make a more Illinoin-style beer which is red ale," he said. "My beer has between a six and seven percent alcohol content compared to store-bought, which is between four and five percent." Malley said it wasn't easy brewing for the first time. He didn't understand how to add sugar and the beer ended up tasting like elder. Now, he newly adds different ingredients to experiment and change the flavor of his beer.

"My best beer is my coffee beer," he said. "It is made from espresso, Amber ale, honey and brown sugar."

Typically a favorite among his friends, this beer usually takes two to three weeks to make.

Senior Erik Bremer, 22, says that she loves tasting home-brewed beer and would like to learn how to make her own. Bremer first encountered home brews her junior year at a party she attended off campus.

"I remember it distinctly because I had a spiky yet mild flavoring that I believe was cinnamon and pumpkin," she said. "I groaned me out at first, but eventually I warmed up to it and am now into sampling all different kinds of flavored beers."

Bremer said she considered keeping her beer home-brewing kit but then recalled because it was too much effort.

Bremer added, "Oh, I like the home-brewed beer — don't get me wrong. It's just [that] there's too much involved in the process. I'd rather just leave it to the pseudo experts."
Night-shift officers patrol for campus parties and underage drinking

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your car? You're going to have to move it.

The cabin of the patrol car hums and hums from electron­
ics and the running engine. A police radio occasionally squawks, as officers relay informa­
tion to each other or to the dis­patcher.

"Until 14 university," Jenkins says, calling in dispatch after checking the ID's of the two

Dispatching tonight in Zephyrhills, 22, a recent UCF grad­uate. Casebolt takes radio calls from officers and fills in phone calls on campus, sometimes simulta­neously.

"Fourteen," dispatch replies. Like any potentially danger­
ous action, such as approaching an unknown driver in an unsta­
tioned area, Jenkins calls in his position. Dispatch can then tell other officers where to find him if something goes wrong.

While Jenkins does not write any tickets, he does ask the two car owners to leave the lot.

Jenkins decides to get some water at the BP, across from the campus. They never charge him for water at the BP.

After a few minutes later, standing in a three-bedroom apartment, Jenkins reader as two 19-year-old students apologize for their loud stereo and admit to hiding marijuana in the apartment.

Jenkins and another officer search the apartment, with the students sitting in silence. Jenkins listens as two then

The cabin buzzes from electronic devices, with the prisoner head to the bathroom, along with the evidence. The student flushes the drugs, and then lugs up his homemade bong. As the two offi­
cers leave, Jenkins warns the stu­dents: "Don't do that. We're going to go back.

Within an hour, it's a big story. The number of officers helps distribute the workload and provide an additional protection for each other.

They lie into the house and head for the party. A few officers look for underage drinkers. In a blue­

Jenkins finds a bedroom packed with 18 students. "Who here's under 21?" Jenkins asks, and 15 hands raise.

What will make the differ­ence in the nights of these students isn't who is drinking under age and who isn't, it's who tells the truth and who lies. Jenkins recalls IDs - students without them are told to write their names and birth dates on a notepad.

Jenkins relaxing the names to dispatch and discovers one stu­
dent lied about his name. It's a young man with blue eyes, spiky blond hair and a past DUI conviction.

Sending the other students on their way, Jenkins arrest the young man for obstruction dis­

guise. He handcuffs and searches him.

He finds the student's ID in the front pocket of his shorts. The two then hand it to the patrol car to bring a long night of pro­

An hour after paperwork at the UCP Police Station, Jenkins and the prisoner head to the Orange County Jail. Jenkins begins in his prisoner to join the dozen or more criminals walking beds to crowded holding cells. Just barely a set of metal and blue steel doors.

Jenkins won't see this stu­
dent again, but he'll be writing about him until his shift ends.

Back at the UCF station, Jenkins does another hour's worth of paperwork, and then the day shifts starts to fill in, just

Jenkins' night is over He has passed his final test to become a full-fledged officer of the UCF Police Department.
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