WHAT WILL WAR ACHIEVE?

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

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An 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

LAURA STEVENS
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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 comforts in these sad times," she said.

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

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FBI arrests UCF professor

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In Beirut, students and faculty members...
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 most 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 said, Krista Ronallo, 29, who joined the Florida Army National Guard, now serves in a medical service corps.

"Like many of my cadets, we become very endeared to each other and remain 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 Reserve 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 drug wars over Columbus," she said.

"Although I miss him terribly, I take much comfort in knowing that he was cognizant of the dangers of his profession and highly committed to its challenges," Martin said.

Knowing many of her cadets have pursued an Army career because of a life calling comforts Martin in times like this. She knows if they become casualties of war their deaths won't go 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 offiice manager, she said she takes pride in working with the military team. With a military 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 do 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 virtues 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.

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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 Iraq's lives, but UCF's economics professor Johnnie Bowd 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 spills over effects, more terrorist attacks in response to the war," Hoon, 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," Hoon said. "If it's a swift war 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 50,000 tourism industry workers could be laid off as a result.

Two members of Visit Florida agree the key to keeping the economy aloft 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," said Hoon. "Without the war, Dolan 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 security, the war on terrorism." Dolan said. "Right now, he'd be 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-coo benefits of his father. Georges HW Bush.

"He has to fix the economy," Cooper said.

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Battles, MacLellan prepare to take over SGA in May

Students at UCF will have a new student government this May. Battles will take over the role of SGA president while MacLellan remains involved but only meets with students to talk about issues of concern. The second floor of the Student Union is where Brian Battles and Joe MacLellan, the current SGA president and vice president, spend most of their time - working to serve UCF's 30,000 students. It's a long road that brought them here, to the end of a victorious campaign for student government president and 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 Mendota. After graduating from Southeast High School he came to UCF in 1998 to major in business. MacLellan, who also works in the Student Advocacy Office, can still remember the day he and Battles met for the first time. "There's just so many opportunities here, on-campus and off," he said.

In his first year, Battles quickly gained attention as an emerging leader on campus, both in his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and in the Student Government Association, as the elections commissioner. Over the next four years, his involvement in UCF's Interfraternity Council, SGA, and university leadership, such as the Greek Task Force and Master Planning committee earned him a reputation as one of the prominent student leaders on campus.

Battles' involvement on campus helped him to garner such awards as the Greek Brother of the Year and the Curtis Lee Service Award, and got him elected as the 2000 Homecoming King. After being defeated in the 2001 presidential election, Battles remained involved in SGA as the comptroller and as a member of the Activity and Service Fee Committee, and was elected as the executive vice president for this school year.

Battles now sits on the Orlando Chamber of Commerce as a trustee member and is still active in UCF Greek life, but has put SGA ahead of everything else this year.

Battles spends 30 to 40 hours a week in the SGA office, supervising the executive net and organizing programs such as the "Who's Who at UCF" scholarship publication. In an office that never sleeps, SGA officials and students alike come in and out asking for advice, direction and support. Battles' main task is to organize the cabinet so that all tasks are delegated to the correct staff members. But he also serves in an advisory role for clubs, organization and students. "This is my job. I've got to make sure other people are doing their jobs," he said.

When he's not balancing a hectic work schedule and nine hours of night classes, Battles finds time to socialize with his girlfriend of one and a half years, Melissa Cupps, and his fraternity brothers, or watches his favorite television shows, "The West Wing" and "Mister Sterling."

Cupps, who also works in SGA as the Judicial Adviser in the Student Advocacy Office, can appreciate the work that keeps him so busy.

"It's important to him; 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 economics and then wants to pursue a career in governmental 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 that he can fulfill the duties of vice president in the next school year, which he plans on doing.

"You want to know that you're going to be able to work with them leaving, and that you're OK with them," Battles said.

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. 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 ascended to the position of presi dent 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 is taking 12 hours of classes, remains active in his fraternity and works as the Red Bull student brand manager at UCF. MacLellan also bartends one night a week 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 and Hussam Y. Abujbara, lied on several applications to the Immigration and Naturalization Service over several years, and also earned more than $20,000 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 U.S. citizen Maali Marlyce Hampton. Because immigration agents questioned the validity of the marriage, Jubara was denied residency; a federal affidavit reported.

Later 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. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents denied the application, but Jubara worked at Maali’s shop while appealing the decision. Maali was later arrested on charges of money laundering and employing illegal aliens at his chain of stores.

When Jubara filed for permanent residency in 1996, he denied applying for permanent resident status in 1984. In his biographical 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 false statements.

Arresting agents also claim that Jubara pocketed $13,250 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.

“He is still a faculty member,” 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 1993 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.

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

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Current laws are costly and dangerous to the citizens of this country, as they put nonviolent 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.

Drugs would continue, legal or not, because the demand for drugs is huge.”

“The demand will be met. If it is not met by the natural substances, it will be met by synthetic drugs, methamphetamine, 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.”

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 unbelievably lucrative market for people who are smarter, better organized and more violent,” he said.
$7 million worth of projects planned for upcoming year — including resort pool

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A $2.1 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 Cafeteria 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 Dennis Sprenkle two years ago and funded by the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, a $2.44 per-credit-hour student fee.

Craig.Ullom, associate vice president of Campus Life, and current Student Body President Marco Peka is designing the space of each project. Designs should be completed by April 11, 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 new tennis courts and two new 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 Cafeteria are the second phase of the project. Designs include a multipurpose room with a retractable wall and an eating facility. Wired Cafeteria will house 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 hallway that lead to the Recreation and Wellness Center also will undergo new landscaping 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."

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**American students abroad urged to ‘blend in’**

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High. Angered at the government’s decision to join the United States’ attack without the backing of the United Nations, thousands of students and professors lodged protests through petitions, rallies and “demonstrations 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 assaults on Iraq. Although universities are on break through 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 boisterous crowd estimated in the thousands massed in the historical old and rallied against the American attack, insisting that 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 shooting demonstrators, they shoved back. Fifteen people were reported arrested.

**Americans abroad**

Most study-abroad programs for American students are as usual, 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 had hired their own coordinators to account for the whereabouts of all their students.

A majority of those procedures were 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.

Flagrant 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 those in Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, remain on alert. Deputy Assistant Secretary William Burns, deputy executive director for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, which oversees the Fulbright-scholars 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 hostility, said David Devoe, president of the Institute for the International Education of Students. He said that some 3,000 college students overseas each year, recently polled its 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 frequency knowing American hangouts 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.

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**Graduate assistants recognize need for union protection**

JOEL ADDINGTON STAFF WRITER

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 UCE 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 doctoral 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 withholding grades, as they did in a 1985 "grade strike," would face disciplinary action.

In Florida, three universities have recognized the need for graduate employee unions. The University of Florida, Florida Atlantic Metropolitan University and the University of South Florida all have chapters of Graduate Assistants United.

While UF offers no union protection for graduate assistants, some argue that an official graduate assistants union on campus is important for graduate assistants who aren’t guaranteed employment, say work hours, competitive pay and health insurance.

Graduate assistants’ hours are often cut, or they’re let go, and in the latter case their tuition is no longer waived, said Roscoe Joes, vice president of the UFC chapter at University of Florida, the faculty union. Heads of households with families to support, this can be detrimental.

Joes said if the graduate assistants were covered under a union contract by paying a small fee to belong to a recognized union, they could bargain for some kind of cushion to help with such a blow if not prevent it.

Mohamed 13-Dakrousy, a graduate teaching assistant in the electrical engineering program, said he would support a graduate union at UF because it would give graduate assistants a way to present to the department to make some changes.

He said summers are an uncertain time for graduate assistants when it comes to employment because with fewer classes offered, graduate assistants face a crunch in hours.

13-Dakrousy struggled financially during his first semester as a graduate teaching assistant when he was only allowed to work 10 hours a week. He said he did not earn enough money to pay the kind of rent he needed to make ends meet.

"It would be nice if [graduate teaching assistants] were guaranteed at least 15 hours per week," he said.

Brendan Pundaram, 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," Joes said. It usually takes a horrible situation before workers will see value in paying for better conditions, Joes said.

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Most people say it's not a good time to be traveling. But the Peace Corps never stopped sending volunteers through Vietnam or the Gulf War.

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Beisel majored 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.

"I could [help people] seven days a week and give it 100 percent," she said.

Beisel was interviewed by a Peace Corps recruiter two weeks ago, and unofficially assigned to Peace Corps volunteer in Asia. She was told she had to decide whether or not to accept the assignment.

Most things are easy to get used to, like cold running water or an absence of television, but the hardest things to grasp are emotions, she said.

"Things like loneliness, self-doubt and bureaucracy are the real hardships," she said.

Junior Kristina Cook, 21, plans to enlist as soon as she graduates with her master's degree in social work. As an employee of Planned Parenthood, Cook lectures to middle and high school students about health education. She hopes for a Peace Corps assignment working with urban youth and AIDS health education.

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 after that."

Cook has also 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.

Academic standing doesn't have to be outstanding. Beisel maintains a 3.4 GPA but isn't worried that it will work against her.

"What's your GPA going to do for you in a Third World country?" she said. "I don't think they are looking for honor students."

She is scheduled to depart Feb. 12, 2004.

Beisel admits that getting people to understand her passion for volunteering is difficult, especially with the hostilities between Iraq and the U.S.

"Most people say it's not a good time to be traveling," she said.

"But the Peace Corps never stopped sending volunteers through Vietnam or the Gulf War," Beisel's father has been the most difficult to convince, "My dad is a bit overprotected," she said. "He would ask, "Can't they send you to Kentucky or Canada?"

The Peace Corps recognizes that families of volunteers may have fears, which they address in a book titled, "On the Homefront: A Handbook for Families of Volunteers." Beisel says it explains how both the volunteer and his or her family will feel prior to the departure, and dispels many myths about Third World countries while explaining different customs and beliefs of other cultures.

After leaving through it, Beisel says there are a few sections that she might have to censor as a Peace Corps volunteer. She says her parents were a bit overprotective, "I could [help people] seven days a week and give it 100 percent," she said.

Beisel was interviewed by a Peace Corps recruiter two weeks ago, and unofficially assigned to Peace Corps volunteer in Asia. She was told she had to decide whether or not to accept the assignment.

"A lot of people think it sounds glamorous," she said. "Luckily the application process weeds out jet setters."
No nations have noble war stance

War with Iraq was inevitable from the beginning. The United States had staked its stance to tumble Iraq’s keeping of weapons of mass destruction months ago and swore it would not waiver. America claimed Iraq was a threat to our nation’s security, though realistically, it is too removed from any physical threat. It claimed that Iraq’s regime and al-Qaeda terrorists were somehow connected to the terrorist attacks that destroyed the confidence of our nation, though none of that evidence exists either.

It pledged to liberate an entire nation of people from a maniacal dictator who routinely tortured and oppressed his people; yet we were hardly concerned with doing the same in other dictatorships in the world.

In truth, those concerns are myths and what’s worse, the best excuse the United States could come up with to wage war against Iraq. The reality is that liberating Iraq from Saddam Hussein is not in the United States’ main concern; rather it is removing a dictator who has too much wealth and power in a region that enemies of the United States view as a potential threat. The United States has staked itself with several surrounding Middle Eastern nations over the years.

Hassan’s control of a significant portion of the world’s oil resources threatens the stability of our nation’s oil supply, something the United States is not willing to risk.

Weeks and months of negotiations with United States and countries could not convince key nations like France, Germany and Russia that our concerns were justified or that our claims were noble.

Dissenting opinions arose urging the United States not to invade Iraq. Those who were ignored were dismissed. Not enough power to stifle, since America would go to war with or without anyones support.

America declared the world had two choices — they either were with us or against us. The purpose of the United Nations was undermined and the United States recklessly slashed alliances with countries that would not support a bloody war and civilian deaths to keep economic investments intact.

America seemed alone and isolated as it arrogantly ignored noble stances from nations such as France who wouldn’t justify a war.

But France’s opposition wasn’t exactly ideological either. France’s opposition to war is an effort to stop America from becoming too powerful and threatening the balance of power globally. And like the United States, France has its own business deals at stake, including oil investments to protect within Iraq and other Middle Eastern nations.

Forty-four other nations, many of whom are not members of the United Nations but decided to jump on America’s side, had no righteous interest vested in the war either — they simply want to be on the winning side.

These nations don’t believe Iraq poses a threat to the United States; they believe in our nation’s cause because of the money, power and aid our nation has pledged them and the strings the United States can pull for them by helping them become members of the United Nations and NATO.

Without America’s support, their chances are slim. The only nations that have offered America any real support are Australia and Britain, both of which have pledged military support.

In the Middle East, many leaders of neighboring Iraqi nations have quietly acknowledged that Hussein should be removed from power to ensure economic stability in the region, but will not officially endorse this war either.

By endorsing a war, these nations risk alienating their own people and driving anti-Western sentiments to the surface in a region where many despise and reject American values, cultures and democracy.

Yet the only reason those anti-American sentiments exist in Iraq and other neighboring nations is a result of propaganda that these dictatorships governments have fed their citizens about American ideals and values.

Many people in these nations have been led to believe that America wants to steal their country and resources and eliminate their Islamic religion. For these people, it’s impossible to hear any other point of view when the only information they receive about America is restricted and manipulated.

But even America, with all its power, wealth, and knowledge, has been recklessly ignored.

Our nation could have had a better understanding of the world, but we choose to ignore it, despite the fact that we have all the opportunities and viewpoints available at our finger-tips. If we decided what happened in the Middle East was an issue and not the fault of us, perhaps America, in the Middle East, might not only fail, but could stifle more tension in an already unstable region.

If our nation’s leaders had not rejected the incredible risks and implications that a war with Iraq could create, then they would have realized that our nation faces a bigger threat of terrorism retaliation now more than ever before.

The United States’ decision to invade Iraq united terrorists throughout the Middle East and reaffirmed their suspicions that America is out to destroy their religion and way of life.

Had America realized that a war is far from over just because bombs stop dropping, it might have reconsidered before so hastily severing ties with U.N. nations such as France and Germany, who the United States will have to depend on to send peace-keeping troops to Iraq after the crossfire ceases.

In war, there might not be right or wrong answers, but there should exist right and wrong reasons.

Letters to the Editor

Condemning violence in entertainment and condoning war harms contradictions

In reference to A. Grattan’s “Violence in entertainment” (March 23, 2003), Hollywood’s profusion of violence has become an accepted part of society. The question of violence in popular cultural mediums has been examined, criticized, and defended. It is a multifaceted issue that cannot be simply classified as positive or negative.

In contrast, the strict pacifism that characterizes an oppositional stance to war is sentiment that is shared by billions of people worldwide. Wars have never hurt anybody except the people who die.

The solution to violence in entertainment should be to promote more positive, constructive messages that encourage and support peace and understanding, rather than glorifying violence as a means to achieve one’s goals.

—KENDRA LEONARD

NO AMERICA CAN’T FIX THE WORLD BEFORE IT FIXES ITS OWN MISTAKES

I recently read about the case of a man who was sentenced to time in prison for the murder of his wife. The man was a black man, and the victim was a white woman.

The case has sparked a national debate about race and justice in the United States. It has brought to light the issue of bias in the criminal justice system.

This case is not unique. There are many similar cases throughout the country where individuals have been wrongfully convicted or have served long sentences due to racial discrimination.

We need to work together to address these issues and ensure that our justice system is fair and just for all people. We must continue to push for reform and hold the responsible parties accountable.

—MARC ROSS
How will this war change us as a nation?

James P. Pinkerton
LA TIMES OPINIONS

Remember that scene in the 1982 sci-fi movie “Blade Runner,” where the dying android tells Harrison Ford, “I’ve seen things you people wouldn’t believe”? Well, Hollywood’s vision of a 21st-century dystopia is going to be right here in your own living room in Fort Stewart, Ga., this weekend when in the battle of “Producer’s Vision,” it’s as if war is so terrible: we grow too fond of it.

A mutant kind of military-industrial art fills eye and ear — green-tinted images of night flyers over combat carriers, browns of photos of soldiers in sandstorms, clear-as-a-bell voices of World War II, anti-aircraft guns on the boom of anti-aircraft guns on the ground in Iraq.

By definition, war breaks us up into all forms of media — the news, entertainment, even extended broadcast technologies, wherever they are deemed to be sane and compelling: For many relatives of soldiers, this will be their first chance; she told viewers who heard the 101st Airborne get constant coverage from Baghdad — we are watching a war.

Our view is the media, those eyes and ears of the fighting on the scene if he had not seen them firsthand on the bloody bloodied wire in Flanders Field. And the recent movie “Max,” starring John Cusack, argues that World War I was the emotional crucible for Adolf Hitler: once a struggling artist turned spectacle-maker turned mass-murderer.

World War II brought new technological marvels and new horror. 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 optimum of suburbia, but also the black humor of novels such as “Catch 22.” In that book, bomber crews are crew — until the moment when they keep flying dangerous missions.

So let them ask to stop flying, 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 wounded 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 peace protost the minds of nostalgi Baby Boomers.

What else will look different afterwards? Will Americans ever feel the same way again about French fries? Will urban crowds reuse the same kind of sports fans, 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 others, on the other side, or on the sidelines, have their own 24/7 feeds thanks to reporters embed from all three local stations. (“I love this guy, I love, Theresa.”) At the same time the mother of one of the U.S. Marines killed in a helicopter crash told NBC’s Tom Brokaw that the live coverage was torture.

At times the you-are-there reporting has provided a glimpse of the courage and competence of American fighters at times, of the techs they face. The devastation of the bombing could not but be horrifying, even as it sparked hopes for the quick victory that everyone would like to see. Early shots of “shock and awe” were borrowed from all Al Jazeeras Arabic television — grim close-ups of burning buildings, a river on fire. Reporters immediately began asking Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld if this was Dresden 1945. But cameras from American stations gave the opposite impression, of deaths hits on 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 technology. 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 deluded into thinking we actually know and feel what’s going on.

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Shortstop Stephanie Best had 11 RBIs, a 3-run home run and two grand slams in Wednesday's game against Army.

SIMPLY THE BEST

Sophomore Stephanie Best tied two NCAA records

Kristy Shonka
Staff Writer

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 two.

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

Chris Bernhardt
Staff 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 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 group that came together so well and committed so much to a system and really stepped up and played so well down the stretch."

Senior Ryan Bear hit a three-run home run and knocked in the game-winning run in the first game of Saturday's double-header against Samford. The Knights won 11-10.

Bear, Wallace power Knights to sweep

Kristy Shonka
Staff Writer

The UCF baseball team used an offensive surge to complete a three-game sweep of Samford on the road this weekend. The Knights won 11-3 Friday night before staging an 11-10 comeback extra innings win in the first game of Saturday's double-header. UCF swept the Bulldogs with a 6-4 win in the third game. The Knights improved to 19-8 on the season and 4-2 in the Atlantic Sun.

Ryan Bear and Rich Wallace both had home runs in the series for the Knights and Bear extended his hitting streak to 17 games. Most of the season the UCF pitching staff has had to compensate for a lack of offensive production, but in the first game of Saturday's double-header it was the offense that had to bail out the pitching staff. Starter Lincoln Mincks didn't make it out of the second inning after giving up six runs on seven hits and the Knights found themselves in a 7-1 hole after two innings.

Bear's three-run homer in the top of the third inning tied the score at three, but the Bulldogs took the lead back in the bottom of the inning. Bear hit a three-run home run in the top of the sixth inning that proved to be the winning run as the Knights swept the Bulldogs.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS
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 (19-11) side as the Knights dealt with the pain of losing just short after coming so far.

All game long the Lady Panthers fought from behind to stem the flow of Ettta 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 Cooes finished with double-doubles: Rogers had 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Cooes scored 16 points and grabbed 12 boards.

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

"I just tried to step up my game," Hudson said. "We were down and the team gave me the ball and I just tried to step up my game." Much as they did all season, the Panthers needed a second-half push. Using a press defense and Hudson's continued hot streak, they got Georgia State's offense under 10 to give themselves a chance. Adrienne Billings got a fast break back at the 5:44 mark to pull UCF within three, 58-55, but Georgia State answered with a Cooes layup on the next possession.

It would go that way for the rest of the game, with the UCF never coming up with the big stop or getting the big play to stop it. The Lady Panthers held 14-15 in the second half and 10-20 in the first half.

"I just tried to step up my game," Hudson said. "We were down and the team gave me the ball and I just tried to step up my game."

"The onus continued 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 20 with a short jumper at the 10:20 mark.

"It's just my way of stepping up for the team, they had already lost it away early," Washington said after the Campbell game. UCF scoring the most points it had all season, also got 11 points from Paige and Smith and 10 points from Tanika Allen. Campbell, 6-10, got 12 points from Jennifer Lodge and 10 points from Kelli Manning and Sarah Fox. Those victories did little to console the Knights after losing to Georgia State. For seniors Paige, Jessen Seals, Kristy Collman and Yvette Aish that final home game proved to be their last. Washington, technically a junior after redshir­ting her first year 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, this program the way it is."

The good news for the Knights was the strong play put out by their freshman guards, Smith and Hudson. Smith already has enter­teined herself as the starting point guard and Hudson will likely steal Seals 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 home 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 few have ever seen. Best’s back-to-back grand slams in one inning and 14 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-inning 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 easily cleared the scoreboard in her first-inning home run could have been a RBIs tied the school record in one inning.

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 fouled out to second base in what turned out to be her final plate appearance, but it didn’t matter.

“That was probably my most fun at bat,” Best said. “I was discouraged 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 14 RBIs, topping her team-leading totals to nine home runs and 43 RBIs. Her three home runs in one inning tied 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, neither will anyone else who was fortunate enough to witness it.

UCF loaded the bases again in the sixth inning, but this time there were two outs. Maine switched pitchers and Jenna Merchant struck out Charles to end the threat. Merchant retired the side in the seventh to seal the win for Maine.

Dottie Cupp picked up the loss for the Knights after throwing 5 2/3 innings, giving up five runs (two earned) on seven hits. Nevada reliever Rachelle Schmidt recorded Cupp and threw 3 1/3 innings without allowing a hit.

In their exhibition game against the British National team, the Knights jumped out to an early 1-0 lead. They fell behind after a two-run fifth inning, but answered in the bottom of the inning to tie it up at two. Neither team could score in the eighth inning and after UCF pitcher Taylor Sawyer held off the British National team in the top of the ninth Schmidt logged an inning single that scored Shinhoster for the 3-2 win.

Former UCLA standout Kaci Clark pitched for the British National team and struck out 11. UCF did manage seven hits against her thought. Sawyer pitched the complete game for the Knights, but the game does not count toward the season standings.

The Knights will look to find some consistency Tuesday as they head to Idaho to play Texas and Wright State in the Rebel Games.

Their first game is at 5:30 p.m. and the second will start about 5:30 p.m. The Knights host Samford on Wednesday in Atlantic Sun Conference action. The double-header begins at 2 p.m.

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a run in the bottom of the inning and two more in the fourth to push the lead to 16-4. But 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 the game three-for-five with five RBIs. Clay Timpner also had a productive game, going three-for-five with four RBIs.

Mark Michael threw all seven innings of the second game Saturday for the Knights’ first complete game of the season. The senior pitched six innings, but struck out the next two batters to end the threat. The Bulldogs final run came in the bottom of the sixth on a solo homer by Richard Bishop.

Sophomore Taylor Cobb pitched a career-high seven runs, including one on a sacrifice fly by Bear in the top of the inning, but Michael managed to settle down to retire 11 of the next 13 batters for the ninth to wrap up 11 strikeouts in 11 innings over the next three games.

The Knights’ UCF seniors scored seven runs in the first inning. Timpner had an RBI-groundout, while Mark Michael threw a three-for-five with five RBIs and recorded seven strikeouts. The Knights loaded to score two runs in the fifth off a sacrifice fly by Bear.

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GREETINGS FROM...

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

“I 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.”

— MARY EMARAS, SOPHOMORE

“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.”

— BOBBIE LEE, SOPHOMORE

“I got to go on stage and sing with [an] Elton [impersonator].”

— ROBERT LUDT, SOPHOMORE

“My boyfriend came to visit me from the University of Florida. We went together to Tampa to see the Broadway show Aladdin. It was so good. We sang the songs all the way home.”

— RACHEL GINZBERG, FRESHMAN

“I had the greatest Spring Break of my life in Panama City Beach until I got in a fight with a bouncer at a club and was put in jail for two hours. I have a big head.”

— MATT GRANIER, FRESHMAN

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

— JENNIFER ROARK, SOPHOMORE

“One night some people were handing out flyers for a Tommy Hilfiger fashion show Casting call on David Street in Key West. We took the flyer and realized that it advertised a live performance by the rap group Clipse 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 went backstage and the members of Clipse were just chilling back there. Malice signed a picture for me.”

— BRAD DEWEEL, FRESHMAN

Raise a glass

UCF community tries its hand at home-brewed beer

Becky Kulchak

Assistant Professor Tracy Note to no longer run down to the local QuickStart to supply her social gatherings with alcoholic beverages. Instead, she makes her own.

“We recently had friends over to enjoy a taste of pale ale that was tapped before everyone even arrived — I guess that speaks for itself,” she said.

Note has been making her own beer for the past 10 years and says it’s more fun than drinking store-bought brew. She is one of the unique members of the UCF community who keep an amateur microbrewery as a hobby and passion with friends.

“I would never sacrifice quality of taste for higher alcohol content,” Note said.

The brewing process begins with four primary ingredients: water, a grain, hops and yeast. Note 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 putting a tea bag in boiling water,” Note 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. Note dislikes many store-bought beers because of their brewing ingredients. “I never buy the tiny micro-

Alex Barcock

On Greek Park Drive, Mario Jenkins, an officer of the Clermont Police Department, stars out wide his windshield at glowing ember lights on a glittering quire. For the past year, his biggest mistake tonight could get him fired.

Tomorrow is his first-year anniversary on the UCP police force and the end of his training probation. All UCP officers go through it.

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

UCP’s police force is divided into two worlds. Each 12-hour shift patroled a different kind of campus. Daytime officers enforce campus tracl, whereas night shift officers are concerned with loud parties and under-age 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 UCP from the Clermont Police Department, where he says work was far more stressful.

This night for Jenkins has been slow despite it being a Friday — prime time for parties. He credits the weather.

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“Look at that guy, he’s got a nice new green Honda in a 20 mph zone near Millikan Hall. That’s the fourth time Jenkins has written a warning since joining the force.

A cup riding on the top of a car is cause for stop. Jenkins pulls a violator not to go through the car on the sidewalk. He writes a warning for a driver going 31 in a 20 mph zone near Millikan Hall.

Jenkins crawls around campuses in his patrol car, occasionally pausing to go through it. Students turn their heads casually as his car passes them on the sidewalks.

Near the ROTC building Jenkins notices something unusual — a lowered Ford pickup is hopping its way into a service vehicle parking lot. “Look at that guy, he’s got the headlights off,” Jenkins said. The headlights are legal, but using them while driving is not.

Jenkins follows the truck into the lot and notices a newer green Honda Accord already parked, as a young man walks away from it through the grass.

The officer pulls in behind the stopped truck, and Jenkins jumps from his center console, lashing the lid in red and blue light. He turns on his high beams and a white outlined 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

Please see Beer on 23
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 just too far away to travel.

The University of Wyoming senior tackles 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 the NSE program proves popular for students coming from other colleges, UCF sends very few students out each year nationally. During the Spring 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 the NSE 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.

"They 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, 30, 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 denied 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 $40 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 undergraduates interested in participating the following year must register by Feb. 15, 2004.

Waked advises students to consult with the UCP International Studies Office and to visit ucp.ucf.edu for any updates on admissions deadlines or additional school listings.
Tue Mar 25
11 am - 2 pm VUCF Get Carded Fair, SU South Patio
7:30 pm EKCEL Workshop: Play With a Purpose, SU 316A. Have fun and teach usefull skills by playing games in your organization. EKCEL will present several team building activities for you to use when you want to strengthen the cohesiveness of your group and play with a purpose.

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Wed Mar 26
7 pm CAB "Complete HANDemonium," SRC Aud.
7:30 pm EKCEL Workshop: Play With a Purpose, SU 224.

Fri Mar 28
7:30 am - 11:30 pm VUCF Get Carded Info Table, SU South Patio

Sat Mar 29
8:45 am - 12:30 pm VUCF Best Buddies. 5K Walk. Volunteers will help with registration tasks. Meet at Millican Hall at 8:15 am to carpool.
2 pm - 3:30 pm VUCF Sunbelt Health Care Community. Meet at Millican Hall at 1:30 pm to carpool.
9 am - 2 pm Late Knights, Student Union

Tue Apr 1
1:30 pm Knights of the Round Table Meeting for Clubs, SU 218D
7:30 pm EKCEL Workshop: Community, SU 316. If you are interested in building a community in your organization, this session is for you! EKCEL will offer community building ideas and answer any questions you may have about the cohesiveness of your organization.
9 pm CAB Cinema presents "The Ring," Cape Florida Ballroom
9:30 pm VUCF Bowlathon for Boys and Girls Club, Boardwalk Bowling

Wed Apr 2
7:30 pm EKCEL Workshop: Community, SU 220
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Beer brewing kits can be purchased for around $30

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brewed American beers unless I sit picking up a check for a friend," she said. "I don't like [them] very much [because] these large breweries in the U.S. can lie in [their] brewhouse instead of being.

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

"Some people become accustomed to this taste and [those commercial beers are] preferred by many," she said.

She uses a store-bought home brewhall 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 slightly more expensive system was a better buy.

Brewing beer isn't as difficult as I thought it was at first, but the challenges were figuring out how to keep the pot from boiling over.

"You cook the wort [the liquid sugar left over]... it bubbles up on the pies or pot lids; they are all releiving sturcho into the boiling water, so you have to keep a close eye on the pot," she said. "The other tricky part was boiling. My first time was an awful mess. We are much cleverer brewers these days. Practice makes perfect.

Dorit has even been in her brewing process, expanding her refrigeration system and her toolkit.

"Today, I can brew 20 gallons of beer at a time," she said.

Senior Jason Malley, 22, uses the Mr. Beer brewing kit he purchased at Bob, Bath and Beyond for about $30. He began brewing when he was 15 with his roommates.

"The beer got better after he bought a Delta water filter, Malley said. "I like to make a more classic-style beer, which is real ale," he said. "My beer has between a six and seven percent alcohol content compared to store-bought, [which] has 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 cider. Now, he mostly 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, almond milk, honey and brown sugar.

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

Senior Erin Bremer, 22, says that she knows 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. I was sick and I tried to make a beer and it was pretty bad. I think it was more of a spirit than a beer," she said.

Bremer said she considered buying a Mr. Beer brewing kit but then resisted because it was too much effort.

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

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

"Until 14 university," Jenkins says, exiting in dispatch after checking the IDs of two men.

Dispatching tonight is John Casebolt, 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 dangerous action, such as approaching an unknown driver in an unmarked area, Jenkins野外s 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 cars to leave the lot.

Jenkins decides to get some water at the SPG across from campus. They never change him for drinks. He's uncomfortable with this, but has learned to accept it.

"If I walked up there and I tried to pay for this, they would refuse the money," he said. "I feel bad about it, but they absolutely refuse. Almost all places are like that."

Later, on his meal break, Jenkins encounters a similar situation at a nearby restaurant for an 88 meal.

With a full stomach, Jenkins heads for Tygum Landing as a noise complaint call comes in on the radio. A few minutes later, standing in a three-bedroom apartment, Jenkins listens to two 18-year-old students apologize for their loud stereo and admit to having marijuana in the apartment.

Jenkins and another officer search the apartment, where the students' consent to their investigation is hampered by the condition of the apartment — trash and dirt cover all horizontal surfaces.

A few minutes past, and the officers finish their search. They fill four quarter-sized marijuana joints into a coffee table, along with a bong made from a Zephyrhills bottle and a straw. The officers then step onto a balcony to discuss the punishment, as the students sit in silence.

The officers return to state their demands. First, they want the apartment cleaned.

"I've been in plenty of houses in the ghetto, and they looked like this," Jenkins said. "You guys really need to clean this up, for your own health."

Jenkins escorts the smoker to his bathroom, along with the evidence. The student flushes the drugs, and then hears up his homemade bong. As the two officers leave, Jenkins warns the student: "Don't make anyone back.

No written report is necessary for this warning, but before the night is through Jenkins will deal with plenty of paperwork.

A student with a past and a penchant for lying will consume much of Jenkins's shift.

At a fraternity house, Jenkins meets up with four other officers. They've here for a big party. The number of officers helps distribute the workload and provides an additional protection for each other.

They file into the house and head for the second floor. The officers warn for underage drinkers. In a blue-curtained hallway illuminated by alternating white and purple fluorescent lights, they start knocking on doors.

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 collects IDs. Students without them are told to write their names and birth dates on a notepad.

Jenkins relays the names to dispatch and discovers one student 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 arrests the young man for obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

He handcuffs and searches him.

He finds the student's ID in the front pocket of his shorts. The two then pass down to the patrol car to begin a long night of processing the arrest.

After an hour of paperwork at the UCF Police Station, Jenkins and the prisoner head to the Orange County Jail. Jenkins brings in his prisoner to join the dozen or more criminals awaiting beds to crowded holding cells. Just like a set of master-crafted blue steel doors.

Jenkins won't see this student 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 shift starts to fill in, just before the sun.

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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