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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 UCF 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 such as Representative John Mica of Florida that the connection between Iraq and terrorism has not been proven, and that judging for war against the United Nations or against Iraq is a danger.

The war in the United Nations over Iraq simulated since December 2002, when the United Nations’ resolution of 1441. The resolution calls for Iraq to destroy its biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

In the first two months, the banned case in the imposed 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 hiding its weapons of mass destruction.

The United Nations and Britain then announced an around the U.S. hoping to pressure it into compliance.

Surrounding Iraq with troops, President George W. Bush has already outlined a plan for a post-war Iraq, including a quick return of control to Iraqi people, and the establishment of a democratic government.

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

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

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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 bring our people home to their dren,” she said.

“I have already attended the funeral of one of my Army children who was shot down in war and that to understand that there is a real possibility that some of the soldiers will not return.

In addition, Martin’s mother has always prayed that the war be stopped if possible.

Martin’s statement was reflective of the Army’s views on the most noble profession, she said.

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

One former cadet she knows personally is Krista Rosales, 26, who joined the 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 Reserves as well.

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

“Those who die will be missed by their families and friends, but they will also be missed by the Army and the country,”

Martin said.

“Many of the cadets I have encountered 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 go unnoticed and won’t be in vain. They will have died doing something they really believed in.

“Many people, at the end of their lives, can say they did it in the way that they really wanted to do it”

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 valiant 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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Election winners already working for UCF's students

CARY GRAYSON
STAFF WRITER

The second floor of the Student Union is where Brian Battles and Joe MacLellan spend most of their time — working to serve UCF's 50,000 students. It is a home away from home that brought them here, to the end of a victorious campaign for student executive vice president and vice president.

Battles, 22, and MacLellan, 21, were sworn in May 1. But already they're busy preparing to take over.

Battles, now in his fifth year at UCF, started out in Bendelton. After graduating from Southeast High School, he came to UCF in 1998 to major in business and in the government and international politics concentration.

In an office that never sleeps, SGA officeholders 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, organizations and students.

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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 less 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 this semester.

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. He also serves in an advisory role for communications major.

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.

"You want to know that you're going to be able to work with this person next year, 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.

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

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FBI arrests engineering professor

Authorities allege the Palestinian immigrant falsified documents

LISA MARIE HOTTLER
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 Abou Aboo Jubahm and Hussein A. Alshubara, 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 citizen Dory Marlyce. Jubara, also known as Hussam Jubara Dominator. Agents denied the marriage, and first arrived in the United States in 1984 from Palestine.

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 work status. Big Bargain World/Sports Dominator 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 more false statements.

Arresting agents also claimed 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 full 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 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.

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California Superior Court Judge Jim Gray and the director of Florida’s Office of Drug Control, James McDonough, squared off on the nation’s war on drugs during a debate at the Renaissance Hotel earlier this month.

Gray is a former government prosecutor and supports reforming the nation’s drug laws. McDonough is the former strategy director for Fight Drug Abuse.

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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 children has gone down.

Gray 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 1994 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 23 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 Student Council, the activist coalition to which NORML belongs, said if marijuana were legal and people chose to smoke, it would be much simpler to keep it out of children’s hands.

"McDonough seemed rather concerned with keeping the youth of our state away from drugs, Gray said. "He wanted to keep the addiction and abuse and formulate at an early age." Edmundson said. "I was disappointed that he once again endlessly stated that fact that alcohol and tobacco are regulated by the state in order to keep them out of the hands of children."

"If I had to single out one reason for being a citizen 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.

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

"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 control 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." Gray continued.

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, convailing 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.

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.

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A $2.44 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 Cafe 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 $87 million.

The project and budget was approved by former Student Body President Demi Spreckle 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 Peña is designing the specs 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 UCP 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.

Loung chairs and tables, and two or three covered hits, 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.

Remodels to the Student Recreation Center Auditorium and Wired Cafe are the second phase of the project. Designs include a multipurpose room with a retractable wall and an eatery leader. The Wired Cafe will have space available for lease to an independent eatery, and it will be insured 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 plans call 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’

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 UCF in addition to the university waiting 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 reprints from the university. However, it also said graduate teaching assistants with holdings grades, as they did in a 1995 “grade strike,” could 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 have chapters of Graduate Assistants United. While UCF offers no union protection for graduate assistants, some agree that an official graduate assistants union on campus is important for graduate assistants who aren’t guaranteed employment, pay work hours, competitive pay rates and health insurance.

Guest assistant hours are often cut, or they’re let go, and in the latter case their tuition is no longer waived, said Rachel Joels, vice president of the UCF chapter of United Faculty of Florida, the faculty union. Heads of households with families to support, this can be detrimental.

Joels 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 blows if they don’t prevent it.

Mohamed El-Dakoury, a graduate teaching assistant in the electrical engineering program, said he would support a graduate union at UCF 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 cutback in hours. El-Dakoury struggled financially during his first semester as a graduate teaching assistant when he was only allowed to work 10 hours a week — not enough hours to earn the kind of money he needed to make ends meet.

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

Aiyad Suleimani, 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.

Graduate assistants recognize need for union protection

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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 having the idea," Beisel, 21, said. "I decided [that this is] something I want to do." She studies Economics class and having the idea, Beisel, 21, said. "I decided [that this is] something I want to do."

Beisel decided that the Peace Corps was an appealing option among recent college graduates. The benefits enticing them to delay buckling 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 to 14,000 over the next five years. Current federal funding for the program is $235 million, up $25 million from last year.

Those who sign up won't get rich doing so. Transportation is provided to and from all assigned locations, but volunteers must wear their own housing and basic needs. After a year.

"What's going to do for you in a Third World country?" Beisel asks, "Is that going to do anything for you?"

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.

"I would [help people] seven days a week and live off it," she said.

Beisel was interviewed by a Peace Corps recruiter two weeks ago, and unofficially assigned to Peace Corps volunteers for Vietnam, she said. "I don't think they are looking for honor students who want to do something in the Peace Corps is like entering a different world, but it is a job that 168,000 volunteers have done before Beisel and Cook.

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.

"She says there are a few sections that are difficult to grasp are the most difficult to convince."

"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."

Beisel 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 American so she can perfect her Spanish and speak it fluently when she returns to the U.S.

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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 teaches middle and high school students about health education. She hopes for a Peace Corps assignment working with urban youth and AIDS health education.

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No nations have noble war stance

W ar with Iraq was inevitable from the beginning. The United States had staked its stance to tumble Iraq's close-regime months ago and swore it would not waiver. America claimed Iraq was a threat to our nation, though realistically there were 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 manacled 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 mythic and what's the best excuses the Middle-Eastern nations. They were either with us or against us.

We are able to ensure that other nations is a result of propaganda that these dictatorship governments have lied to 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.

But America declared the world had two choices — they were either 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 casualties 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. So, 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, who 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 sentiment 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 dictatorship governments have lied to their citizens about American ideals and values.

Condemning violence in entertainment and condoning war bares contradictions

In reference to Kevin O'Grady's "They have done it in Hollywood," published March 13, I agree. America's lack of unity in a tale of a fictional story where the portrayal of events is not real to call on names in spite of the variety of odds that are set up for the final confrontation. Yet, let's take a look at the history of America in the Middle East. As a nation, how can the President support a movie that portrays the actions of the United States as a war-torn world and its strong will to protect our nation.

The United States' decision to invade Iraq has unified terrorists throughout the Middle East and reaffirmed their suspicions that Americans are 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. So, there might not be right or wrong answers, but there should exist right and wrong reasons.

Monica Davis
How will this war change us as a nation?

JAMES P. UPNKERTON
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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 21st-century destruction and dystopia will have to get in line; turn on your TV set.

There's a terrible beauty to all this, made more terrible by the reality that people are getting killed. Of course, that's also what makes it so compelling and, to some, thrilling. Gen. Robert J. Lee spoke for legions of Vietnam War-era television watchers - when he said in 1982 at the battle of Fredericksburg: "It is well that war is so terrible; we grow too fond of it."

The familiar kind of military-industrial art fills eye and ear - green-tinted images of night flyers, helicopters carrying Vietnamese photos of soldiers in sandstorms; clean-as-a-bell aircraft of American bombing missions and, of course, the commotion of warlike suits, fireworks in Baghdad, even satellite pictures of the smoke and sound of the shelling. It sounds, too, the whosowhew of jets taking off from carriers, the wall of air-radar stoves in Kuwait and the boom of anti-aircraft guns on the ground in Iraq.

By definition, war breaks down old relationships and connections. It's the job of artists to take what they see and reconnect the dots of reality and fantasy in new ways - on the page, on the canvas, on a musical instrument, on the screen. And so, when old forms go through the bloody blender of war, radical and often unexpe- cted works emerge. World War I, for example, bequeathed trench warfare, poison gas, "shell shock" and wireless communi- cation. The artistic reaction was a cultural revolution - the bleak words of TS. Eliot. The newly popular images of abstract art, the jumpy jump of jazz, the radio, the roundels of Abbe- nesse and propaganda.

James Whalen, director of "Frontline" and other mold-breaking horror movies from the early 1960s, could not have put his horrific images on the screen if he had not seen them firsthand on the bloody banners in Flinders 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 optimization of sub- urbania, but also the black humor of novels such as "Catch-22." In that book, bomber crews are empty shell romances - if they keep flying dangerous mis- sions, let it be the dead who take off. But if they ask to stop fly- ing, they are deemed to be sane - so they're ordered to keep flying. That's the catch.

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War, live and in real time

Much of the nation spent Friday riveted by broadcast images of war: tanks rumbling across the sand, explosions lighting the night sky over Baghdad, smoke and dust. Watching so much of a war "in real time," especially the military's advance, was a new experience, uncom- fortable and compelling. For many relatives of soldiers, this was especially true, the intimacy of the broadcast, blood and gore as terrifying. From her living room in Fort Stewart, Ga., Stephanie G. Lutz watched her hus- band, a tank commander with the U.S. 7th Cavalry, charge through desert sands. She told of it all, if course, she told the Associated Press. In Fort Campbell, Ky., the families of the 101st Airborne get constant feeds thanks to reporters embed- ded from all three local stations. ("I'm so lonesome, I love you, Theresa."). At the same time the mother of one of the U.S. Marines killed in a helicopter crash told NBC's Tom Brokow 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 technics they face. The devas- tation of the bombing could not but be horrifying, even as it sparked hopes for the quick vic- tory that everyone would like to see. Early shots of "shock and awe" were borrowed from al-Jazeera Arabic television - grim close-ups of burning build- ings, a river of fire. Reporters immediately began asking Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld if this was Dresden 1945. But cameras from American stations gave the oppo- site impression, of death and destruction. In that context, 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 far 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**

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 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 fourth home run of the season and her third grand slam in the same game.

**Heartbreak at home**

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

**Chris Bernhardt**

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 swept 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."

**Bear, Wallace power Knights to sweep**

The UCF baseball team used an offensive surge to complete a three-game sweep of Samford 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 doubleheader against Samford. The Knights won 11-10.

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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 (16-14) side as the Knights dealt with the pain of losing just short after coming so far.

All game long the Lady Panthers fought hard against Etta Rogers and Holly Cootes proved far too 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 Cootes finished with double-doubles. Rogers had 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Cootes 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 shots down at the end." UCF relied mostly on the surprise performance of reserve Celeste Hudson. The freshman finished with a career-high 20 points, which was five from the arc, to go along with some solid defensive play.

"I knew we had to do something," Striegler said. "Celeste is a fantastic basketball player and she has been a role player for the 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, 26-14, to its favor. While the Lady Panthers couldn't stop Hudson from the perimeter, UCF had to answer 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 7 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 do it." Much as they did all season, the Knights never gave a second-half push. Using a press defense and Hudson's continued hot streak, they got Georgia State's edge running. Striegler said that UCF under 10 to give themselves a chance. Adrienne Billings got a fast break back at the 5:44 mark to pull UCF within three, 53-50, but Georgia State answered with a Cootes layup on the next possession.

"It would go that way for the rest of the game," Striegler said. "We never came up with the big stop getting the big play to stop it. The Lady Panthers had 16-of-18 free throws to seal the victory.

"I thought our kids showed a lot of heart in the second half, came out and played hard," Striegler said. "The lead was just a little too much, we couldn't get over the top of it. Georgia State did a nice job of finding some big shots when they had to. We had to foul and they hit their free throws and knocked them down and we couldn't get it closer.

Hudson's 25 points were a game-high, but only fellow freshman Shayla Smith (11 points) got into double figures for UCF. Georgia State also got a big game from Patricia Hartman (16 points, seven rebounds) and Angelina Miller (10 points). The loss erased the happiness of winning the regular season title a week ago and two solid wins over the previous two days that got the Knights to the championship game.

The Knights uncharacteristically jumped out to an early lead in a 90-53 semi-final win over Belmont and a 87-53 opening round thrashing of Campbell. Hudson, who earned a spot on the all-tournament team, also got a big game from Takira Allen. Campbell, 9-19, had 12 points from Jennifer Lodge and 10 points from Kelli Manning and Sarah Fox.

Those victories did little to console the team as they had already lost it away early," Washington said after the championship game.

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Freshman Celeste Hudson earned a spot in the 4th Annual Tournament team, finishing with 26 points in the championship game.
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 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.

When Best got up to bat for the second time in the inning, much less two at-bats with bases loaded, it was not every day a player gets two at-bats and 11 RBIs without allowing a hit. Seven hits. Legged nine runs across.

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Knights fail to capitalize

KRYSTI SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

The UCF softball team continued its inconsistent play Saturday as the Knights picked up an extra-inning 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 4-6-1,

Coach Renee Luers-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 these teams,” she said. “We’re sitting back, hoping that we don’t lose. We’re playing defense even on offense. 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 RBI-single by Linda Oakley and an error 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 Lindsay Bush, Kaycee Clark and Jania 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 Rachel Schmidt flied out to center field to end the inning and the scoring threat.

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Jacksonville State comes to town this weekend

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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. 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 gave up four runs on five hits and recorded six strikeouts in the 6-4 win. UCF jumped out early with three runs in the first inning, but held the upper hand the rest of the way for the third win of the season.

Timpner added an RBI-single in the second and Schulte scored in the third when P.J. Wallace singled with the bases loaded to score two runs and give the Knights their first lead of the game at 4-3. Wallace padded that lead with a three-run shot to straightaway center field. The Knights added a run in the eighth and three more in the ninth to wrap up their 11-run outing. Brown and Wallace each had three RBIs for the Knights.

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.
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.”

— MICHAEL SATA

“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.”

— ROBERT DITZ

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

— ROBERT DITZ, SOPHOMORE

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

— MIRANDA GREEN, 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 Reputation.”

— MARK GREEN, FRESHMAN

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

— EMILY SOUZA, SOPHOMORE

“One night some people were hand outing flyers for a Tommy Hilfiger fashion show on David Street in Key West. We took the flyer and realized that it advertised a live performance by the rap group 311. The next day we decided to go. When we got to this big building 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 311 were just chilling back there. Malone signed please/say Days on 23

Raise a glass

UCF community tries its hand at home-brewed beer

Becca Kulchak

Assistant Professor Tracy Dote has no reason to 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 everyone even 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 brew. She is one of the unique members of the UCF community who keeps an amateur microbrewery as a hobby and pastime with friends.

“When you become more confident in your skills you can experiment with your beer by altering the taste or alcoholic 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 flavor are then added to the mixture, while yeast produces the brew’s alcoholic content.

“It’s almost like putting 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 their alcoholic content.”

Becca Kulchak Staff Writer

On Greek Park Drive, Mario Jenkins, an officer of the UCF Police Department, stays out his windshield at glowing amber lights on a drizzling quiet. Jenkins, an officer of the UCF police force, said that the end of his training probation. All UCF officers go through it.

Tonight, Jenkins sees 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 patroils 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 slow, despite it being a Friday — prime time for parties. He credits the weather.

“The rain and the cold always keep people in,” Jenkins said.

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

A cop riding on the top of a car is cause for a cop to jump out to check his car on the sidewalks. He writes a warning for a driver going 31 in a 20 mph zone near Millikan Hall.

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

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

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

Near the BLOC building Jenkins notices something unusual — a lowered fleet pickup is hopping its way into a service vehicle parking lot.

“Look at that guy, he’s got hydraulics going on his truck,” Jenkins said.

The hydraulic 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 the young man holds his console, bashing the lot in red and blue light. He turns on his high beams and a windshield-mounted 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

Alex Barcock Staff Writer

Please 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 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 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 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 Brad,” 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. Kristen Zack, 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,” Zack said.

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

—Maureen Waked
Program Assistant for Study Abroad at UCF

Through NSE she compromises with her family who wants her to stay in school and in Florida, and her boyfriend, who wants her near him. Maureen Waked, a program assistant for Study Abroad at UCF says there are many reasons why students choose to remain in the United States.

“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. has 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 GPAs?”

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 $10 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 UCF International Studies Office and to visit www.nse.org 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 useful 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.
9 pm CAB Cinema Movie Double Feature: "Amelie" and "Jackass," Cape Florida Ballroom

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
8 pm CAB Comedy Knight with Dave Attell, UCF Arena. Free to all.

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Beer brewing kits can be purchased for around $30

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brewed American beers unless I am picking up a check for a friend,” she said. “I don’t like them very much (because) these large breweries in the U.S. use rice in [their] brewing process instead of barley.”

Dietz says that rice produces a milder taste and is much cheaper than barley malt. In an effort to decrease malt, beer companies such as Coors, Budweiser and Miller use this grain. “In addition, beers become acclimated to this taste and [those commercial beers are] preferred 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 slightly more-expensive system was a better buy.”

Brewing Barf was not difficult, the first time said Dietz, the challenge was figuring out how to keep the pot from boiling over.

“As you cook the wort (the liquid sugar left over), it bubbles up to the points or potenti, they are all releasing starch into the boiling water, so you have to keep a close eye on the pot,” she said. “The other tricky part was bottling. My first time was an dreadful mess. We are much cleaner bottles these days. Practice makes perfect.”

Brewing Barf was a long way in her brewing process, expanding her refrigeration system and her tubing. “Today, I can brew 35 gallons of beer at a time,” she said.

Senior Jason Malley, 22, uses the Mr. Beer brewing kit he purchased at Bed, Bath and Beyond. He loves his beer, he said. “I like to make a more full-flavored style beer, which is easier,” he said. “My beer has been between six and seven percent alcohol content compared to store-bought, which is between four and five percent.”

Malley said the beer was easy to make, but he learned how to add sugar and the beer ended up tasting like cider. Now, he makes ads 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 malt, honey and brown sugar.”

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

Senior Erik Bremer, 22, says that she keeps 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 it had a spiky yet mild flavoring that I believe was cinnamon and pumpkin,” she said. “It grossed 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 herself a home brewing novice but then realized because it was too much effort.

Bremer said: “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 buy it up to the pseudo experts.”

Days of debauchery at Spring Break destinations

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these footballs they were throwing out. He said to me, ‘Hey, I saw you dancing out there,’ and signaled the ball, ‘To Katie, keep grinding baby.’”

— KELLY HURLBUT

“We needed a group of 12 girls staying at this cabin in Key West and each room was only supposed to have four people. The first night we got there our cabin had seven people in one room and five people in another. We made a ‘do not disturb’ sign to keep the roommates out. The next morning we woke up to two ladies making this huge racket at 10 a.m. We were really confused and disorders because we hadn’t gone to bed until 4 a.m. We eventually figured out the cleaning lady had come and found the seven girls and told the manager. The woman was really rude and she kept yelling about how she deserved a big tip. After a huge crowd broadened a threat that we wouldn’t get our $500 deposit back, we apologized and it turned out fine. It was a scare though.”

— KRIS KERNS, SHOREMOORE

“I went to Stetson for a 24-hour car race, I got wasted and saw tons of chicks, bonfires and fights. This dude got a bottle broken over his face and was stabbed in the shoulder. It was unbelievable.”

— MEGHAN DUEY, JUNIOR

“We went to this club in Daytona and this girl got trashed. She broke my thumb, and I had to carry her for three blocks because she couldn’t walk.”

— KIM ORLANDI, SOPHOMORE

“The Grand Canyon went straight down. You slip or mistake or fall, and you’re gone. The second I got there, I wished I’d never have to let me. I thought it was breathtaking.”

— KRYSTAL DUEY, JUNIOR

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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
tics and the running engine. A police radio occasionally squawks, as officers relay informa­
tion to each other or to the dis­
patcher.

“Until 14 university,” Jenkins says, ending in dispatch after checking the IDs of the two

Dispatching tonight in Joan Casebolt, 22, a recent UCF graduate. Casebolt takes radio calls from officers and fi1 phone calls on campus, sometimes simulta­

eously.

“Fourteen,” dispatch replies. Like any potentially danger­
ous action, such as approaching an unknown driver in an unau­

thorized area, Jen­

necalls him in 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 AP serves from cam­

pus. 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 situa­
tion at a nearby restaurant for an 88 meal.

With a full stomach, Jenkins heads for Tyguna Landing as a noise complaint call comes in on the radio. A few minutes later, standing in a three-bedroom apartment, Jenkins listens as two 13-year-old students apologize for their loud stereo and admit to having mari­jana in the apart­

ment.

Jenkins and another officer search the apartment, with the students’ consent. Their investiga­
tion is hampered by the condi­
tion of the apartment — trash and dirt cover all horizontal sur­faces.

A few minutes later, the officers finish their search. They fill four quarter-sized mari­jana packets on a coffee table, along with a bong made from a Zephrbells bottle and a straw. The officers then stop on 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 lures out his homemade bong. As the two offi­
ers leave, Jenkins warns the stu­
dents, “Don’t make me come back.”

No written report is neces­

sary 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’re here for a big bust. The number of officers helps distribute the workload and provide additional protection for each other.

They lie into the house and head for the second floor, looking for underage drinkers. In a blue­

eporful hallway illuminated by alternating white and purple flo­

tless lights, they start knock­
ing 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 differ­
cence 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 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 arrests the young man for obstruction of dis­

Suces. He handcuffs and search­

es him.

He finds the student’s ID in the front pocket of his shorts. The two then hand down to the patrol car to begin a long night of pro­
cessing the arrest.

After an hour of paperwork at the UCF Police Station, Jenkins and the prisoner head to the Orange County Jail. Jenkins begins in his prisoner to join the dozen or more criminals awaiting beds in crowded holding cells. Just inside a set of metal doors, he opens the cell and unveils the 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 shift starts to fill in, just before the sun.

Jenkins’ night is over He has­

already had his final test to become a full-fledged officer of the UCF Police Department.

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