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New radio tower rises above campus skyline

**Alex Barcock, Staff Writer**

Peacefully situated amid pine trees on the edge of a duck-filled pond, a mammoth skeleton peaks through the treetops on the north side of campus. At the end of April, the mammoth will speak, and maybe make the campus some money.

At 477 feet tall, the unmistakable silhouette of WUCF's new $800,000 radio tower will forever change the campus skyline. In solve, the campus jazz station, hopes the tower can improve the quality of the signal on campus.

The tower manages the campus's jazz station, WUCF, and plans to lease space to cell phone companies. They'll be able to boost signal strength in the area.

### UCF engineering prof remains in jail

**Lisa Marie Hottle, Staff Writer**

The UCF electrical engineering professor arrested last week on charges of immigration violations still sits in Seminole County Jail after a local judge freed him on $20,000 bail.

Students arrived to class Tuesday to find that Hassan Jubara would not be teaching their Computer System Design I class this week. Some were uneased that Jubara had been arrested. Others wondered who would teach class in his place and how the arrest would affect their plans.

While Jubara's attorney, Kayonne Riley, said he won't comment on the campus.

### Is American media getting Iraqi war coverage 'right'?

**Michael Newman, Contributing Writer**

When American soldiers were taken captive by Iraqi troops last week, television stations across the world aired a video of the prisoners of war first broadcast on Iraqi television stations. In the United States, the American public would not see those images for days as broadcast stations opted not to show the videos, but simply reported that the video was being aired around the world.

Despite the fact that the media is focusing much less time questioning the reasons and implications of military action than they once did, we should see everything because we, as taxpayers, are paying for the Department of Justice has designated a foreign terrorist group, according to federal officials.

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Officials removed old card scan, while they avoid photo-recognition system.

-Harold Hawkins, Staff Writer

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Medical focus shifts to putting faces on war

Where do you get your war coverage?

a blow regarding censorship, said Fred Fedor, a print journalism professor.

"In Vietnam, journalists were more cun-

did," he said. "They contradicted what the military was reporting. [Journalists] showed how the war was going, how terri-

by the war...in [their] eyes, they just reported the news.

After the United States withdrew from Vietnam, the government came down hard on the media, blaming them for the loss of the war and hurting the American public against the government, he said.

Since then, media access has been firmly

controlled by the White House, despite the fact that most news sources have round-the-

clock access to troops and military leaders. It's interesting to get a journalism perspec-

tive because we've never before had journalists embedded with our troops," said Jennifer Wang, a journalism professor who has worked in print and broadcast journalism.

"It's fascinating to look at the way this war is covered because of instantaneous turnaround and better accountability of the military. We have never seen this live. All Vietnam videos had to be shipped and devel-

oped in America, and we wouldn't see the 'video for three days, at the least.'

While the military has allowed media to travel with the troops, embedding them in many specific operations and divisions, and technology advances have allowed journal-

ists to broadcast everything instantaneously, news organizations have been forced to shift its focus to putting a personal face on war, rather than uncovering confidential military information.

"The coverage has been positive," Wang said. "I haven't seen real digging on the part of news agencies."

But Fedor says there isn't anything nec-

essarily wrong with that approach.

"The media should report on anything that doesn't put the soldiers in harm's way," he said. "I'm in favor of candor; and rather would have the discretion made by the military."

But many believe it's reasonable for the military to restrict certain information.

"It's reasonable that the military limits what [journalists] can say, because some reports can hinder what the military is trying to accomplish," Fedor said.

The result has been positive for both the military, which wants to prevent critic-

ism about the nation's administration from reaching the airwaves, and for media outlets, which want to sustain extended coverage.

This war is big news, and is most im-

portant right now; no matter what stance is taken on it, he said.

"I don't think there is anything to see in free coverage," she said. "You only see the heads of the journalists, and not the background. And the video is grainy. Might as well hear them on a video phone.

"The round-the-clock coverage of the war, especially by network news, desensitized the war. Now you have a cathode [in war coverage], which is backwards," she said.

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Recreation Center dumps finger-scanning system

Krisztina Ziliz Staff Writer

After more than a year of failed efforts to erect the faulty high-tech security system within the Recreation and Wellness Center, officials decided to forgo the finger-scan access system last week and resort to the original card-scan system.

The finger-scan system, which was designed to allow students to enter the fitness center by simply scanning their fingerprint, was originally implemented as a security measure to keep non-UCF students out of the fitness center who otherwise could use any student ID card to get in. But since last January, the finger-scan access system, which cost close to $5,000, malfunctioned for several reasons caused by errors in the Siemens Westinghouse-manufactured software.

Since that time, Recreation Center employees have monitored students entering the center a number of ways — by entering students' information into a computer or conducting random ID checks at the gates. Other times, a sign simply instructed students to pass right through the gates.

"We finally just put our foot down; (the manufacturer) didn't meet the deadline, so we told them if they can't get it fixed, to get it out of here — so it's gone," Rick Falco, coordinator of the Recreation and Wellness Center, said.

While Siemens Westinghouse has not reimbursed the Recreation Center for the cost of the system, it is currently working to install another upgraded system to replace the finger scan. Falco said.

Falco said the new system, which will display students' photos from their ID cards on a computer screen as they scan their cards, will allow Recreation Center employees to monitor whether the student scanning the card is the real cardholder. Falco expects that system will be installed within the next few weeks.

For now, Recreation Center employees are randomly checking student ID cards at the entrance after students scan their cards, will allow Recreation Center employees to monitor whether the student scanning the card is the real cardholder. Falco said.

"It's gone," Falco said.

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Iraqi university damaged during bommbing in Baghdad Sunday

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Momin a Senior Award was planned. The award, which carries no monetary stipend, is given to a senior whose work year who display "academic achievement, wide participation in campus and community activities, outstanding qualities of leadership, and potential for future alumni leadership," according to Nancy A. Sardella, the university's assistant director for alumni relations.

Momin, who is majoring in both in women's studies and peace and justice studies, has made a name for herself on the campus as a political activist. She is a member of such campus organizations as the Turtles Feminist Alliance, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and Amnesty International. She was chosen as an Omidyar Scholar which is a campus program supporting community-service work by students identified as leaders at the institution. She was also a finalist for the Wendell Phillips Award, which brings with it the honor of speaking at graduation.

According to Alan M. MacDougall, president of the alumni association, Momin's behavior at the Fares Lecture was "distasteful and inappropriate."

Momin sees the situation as one of censorship.

"People in power don't have to get out and rally to make their points," she told the Globe. "They can do things like take an award away from a student who is making an argument they don't support."

Bomb hits Iraqi university founded in 13th century

Al-Mustansiriya University, which was founded in the 13th century, was hit by a bomb on Sunday during intensive strikes on Baghdad. According to Reuters, the bomb left a crater 10 yards wide and 10 feet deep at one of the university's entrances.

Classes were not in session at the time of the blast, which injured several bystanders, the news agency reported.

"Academically, it's one of the most important institutions in Iraq," Abdul Majid Khazal, an Iraqi scholar and general secretary of the Al-Khoei Foundation, in London, said of Al-Mustansiriya. "It's part of the University of Baghdad and has been since 1292, when it was incorporated as one of the new university colleges."

Charles Tripp, a specialist in Iraqi history at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, said the Iraqis restored the university in the 1980s.

Al-Mustansiriya University was built in 1223 as an Islamic college designed to promote an ecumenical form of Sunni Islam at a time when Baghdad was the center of a vast Islamic empire.

The university is in the old section of the city along the Tigris River and is situated behind the Ministry of Defense, making it a vulnerable institution.

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Housing rates are on the rise

CARY GRAYSON
SENIOR WRITER

The Board of Trustees will decide today whether to raise on-campus housing rental rates. The rates, which will inflate housing prices by $100 to $175 per semester, is in line with yearly increases over the past 10 years, according to Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life Peter Mitchell.

While on-campus housing used to be a cheap alternative to living in an off-campus apartment, that is no longer the case. Next year’s prices will start at $570 per semester, or about $463 a month, for a double room. Prices for a single room will cost $2,025 a semester, or $676 a month. Those prices are higher than most off-campus housing accommodations in the area that normally range from $400 to $600 a month.

Ten years ago, on-campus housing prices ranged from $800 to $1,100, but have increased by nearly $1,000 since 1993, or about 6 percent each year.

Mitchell claims that the increases are justified and necessary in order for UCF to continue to provide housing to students. The increases are “very comparable” to the other student real estate and housing costs in the area, Mitchell said.

“The cost of housing is typically higher than the rate of inflation,” he said. “The increases are in line with the housing market at other public universities and residential facilities off campus,” he said.

Because the Department of Housing and Residence Life does not receive any government funding, it relies solely on rental rates to pay for utility charges, debt service, employee salaries, repairs and facility renovations and maintenance.

“When the costs of goods and services increase, we have no choice but to pass these increases on to our residents,” he said.

According to Mitchell, numerous renovation and repair projects will occur in Breved Hall and the Lake Claire Apartments, including installing new showers, blinds, doors and lights, and repainting "Acadia Village rooms.

While living on campus may not be the cheapest housing option for students, Christi Harrillet, Director of Housing and Residence Life, said the benefits of living on-campus make up for the higher rental rates.

"Studies show that freshmen who live on-campus during the first year are 12 percent more likely to persist in college," she said.

"Our prices, when compared to the other public universities in Florida, are in the middle of the market," she added.

"The same goes when we compare ourselves to many of the off-campus apartment facilities," she said.

Several students who live on-campus don’t necessarily mind paying extra for the amenities and convenience that campus housing offers.

"Parking is never a problem, there are a million things to stay occupied with, dorms are pretty nice, and you make a lot of friends who have the same living situation and are always there," said sophomore Kasandra Schwartz, 19, who lives in the Lake Claire Apartments on campus.

Senior Steve Gordon, 22, doesn’t mind paying more for his Lake Claire apartment, either.

"Even though I could save money by living elsewhere, I like the convenience of being on campus and not having to find a parking space every day. Personally, it’s worth the difference in cost."
New tower could boost cellular phone reception

As a dean, though, he has a responsibility to both artists and scientists at the university. The scientists don't like the current tower. The problem, Brede said, is the tower's location. Near the center of campus, and sitting above most buildings, the tower sends some of its signal downward, into buildings. In the Chemistry Building and other research areas on campus, sensitive measuring equipment is picking up those signals, throwing off their measurements. The new tower addresses this problem in three ways: by being farther away from the buildings, having a lower power signal and sitting on the ground. Most of the signal is absorbed before it can disrupt equipment. Once the new tower is finished, the tower on top of the library will come down. Riley is happy to see it go. It's an eyesore, technically problematic and even dangerous in its current position, she said. "If a hurricane came through there, it's going somewhere," she said. The tower's new location, on the southwest corner of campus, is "probably where it should have been at the start." The tower stands like a tall, thin, three-sided pyramid. Steel ribs comprise the skeleton of the structure, providing a framework that supports 200,000 pounds of girth. "It's just a lot of steel," Riley said. The ribs cross-over each other in a repeating pattern that gradually narrows as it reaches the crown. A 10-foot pole will crown the tower once completed. As the tower goes up, construction workers hang from it by their tool belts, securing sections as they rise on the crane.

The lower sections of this skeleton weigh 12,000 pounds, and putting them in place requires the help of a 225,000-pound crane, said Bruce Doerle, WUCF's engineering director. The three tubular-steel feet of the tower form the points of an equilateral triangle at the base, each side 65 feet wide. It looks like the tower stands on its base, but the full weight of the structure rests on three points, each less than two feet wide. Concrete anchors beneath these points hold the tower to the earth. The anchors rest 55 feet into the ground. It took about a week just to make this three-piece foundation, Doerle said. Though workers routinely scale the structure, working on the same altitude as cranking hands, Doerle says it's too dangerous to take a look himself. He'll wait until it's done, he says, then he might climb it. Doerle says the project is on schedule, and should be complete by April 30.
University presidents recommend tougher standards for state scholarships

Jason Erssy
Staff Writer

The presidents of the state's 11 public universities met with Gov. Jeb Bush Monday to discuss tuition rates and reforming the Bright Futures scholarship program, among other issues.

Meeting at the University of South Florida, the State University Presidents Association, headed by UCF President John Hitt, suggested tougher standards to qualify for the five-year-old state scholarship because it takes away a valuable source of revenue, said Daniel Holsenbeck, vice president of university relations.

"No one wants to get rid of it," he said. "But the criteria for awards should be higher. It should be balanced by true financial need. If we can't continue to have an academic program that rewards [meritocracy]."

Holsenbeck argued that the large percentage of students receiving Bright Futures scholarships deprives universities of much-needed revenue, especially at a time when the Legislature wants to cut higher education funding by $81 million.

The Florida Lottery provides universities with much of their funding, some of which universities use to fund the scholarship.

"Each year as Bright Futures goes up, it eats up all the lottery money," Holsenbeck said. "Bright Futures is going to grow ... four times as fast as lottery money." In response to what he called "a crisis," Holsenbeck said SUPA has proposed certain modifications to the state scholarship. The presidents want to raise the criteria for Bright Futures, put caps on cool and add a need-based element.

However, other interested parties in the state do not endorse the presidents' plan, including the governor.

Student Body President Marco Pefia, who attended Monday's meeting, said Gov. Bush wants to keep Bright Futures intact in its present form.

"The governor seemed to be on the same page with the students on Bright Futures," Pefia said. Pefia, a member of the Florida Student Association, said FSA does not like SUPA's plan either.

"We looked at the proposal that they had, and essentially it waters down the program, so that it's only for the elite students," Pefia said. "The problem with the program is that in a few years, only 10 to 15 percent of students can get it." Pefia said the presidents included the intention of students receiving Bright Futures scholarships.

Although about 40 percent of UCF freshmen receive the scholarship when they enrolled at UCF last fall, he said it far smaller percentage of the student body as a whole still qualifies. "Only 40 percent of the entire student body has Bright Futures," Pefia said.

Pefia suggested that SUPA's plan would require students to attend universities out of state.

"Their stance is high," he said. "It's uphill, but probably from a student's perspective, but from a citizen of the state's perspective.

Holsenbeck said Florida needs to do more to help fund its public universities. He said the state needs to find 'a reasonable and appropriate source of revenue' and cut budgets.

"The truth of the matter is, you have to do all those things," Holsenbeck said. "Fix Bright Futures, don't cut our budgets, maintain our general revenue, find money to fund enrollment growth."

The money for enrollment growth could come from higher tuition rates. Holsenbeck said universities, and SUPA in particular, could accommodate more students if they had the ability to raise tuition. "Give us some flexibility with tuition," he said.

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mericans across the country have
tuned in to the latest form of reality
television, the 24-hour-a-day coverage
of the war in Iraq available on cable
news channels such as CNN, MSNBC and Fox
News.

Yet as Americans stay glued to their tele-
visions, they get a very limited perspective of
the war unfolding half a world away. American
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Certainly, networks should respect the
privacy and emotions of the families, but they
do a disservice to the American public by only
showing positive footage. The American peo-
ple have a right to know how this war is pro-
ceeding, for better or worse.

Americans should know if American sol-
diers have died or fallen into enemy hands.
They should be informed about the progress of
the war, and whether this war, which military
and government officials predicted would go
smoothly, is doing just that. By the same
token, if this war somehow takes a turn for the
worse, or if American forces suffer numerous
casualties, the American people need to know.

Public opinion nearly turned against the
Vietnam War when television began broad-
casting images of American soldiers dying and
killing in a distant country, in a war that many
people neither understood nor supported.

War coverage should strive for accuracy
and completeness at all times. American net-
works that broadcast images only of victorious
U.S. actions distort the realities of what could
be a lengthy and costly, in terms of human
life, military conflict.

Hopefully, the war in Iraq will progress
with limited casualties. But whether or not that
happens, war coverage should present the
facts unfalsifying. American television net-
works owe it to the American people to broad-
cast the truth about the war, and not propa-
ganda to keep support for war high.

OUR STANCE:
War images filtered for
your viewing pleasure

Writing engineering professor Hussam
Jubara, a Palestinian arrested during
Spring Break for allegedly falsifying
immigration documents and participating
in terrorist groups, deserves the benefit of
the doubt and the right to a fair trial.

To its credit, UCF has not freed Jubara, and
will not rush to judgment about his alleged
crimes. Unlike the University of South Florida
and its handling of the situation there with
professor Sunal Al-Arian, whom federal officials
have accused of funding terrorist groups, UCF
has decided to take its time and wait until his
case plays out in court before making a decision about his fate here.

UCF freed Al-Arian after the FBI arrested
him last year. Although Al-Arian has not been
criminally convicted of any crime; he lost his job at UCF
and was widely condemned in the national media as a pro-Palestinian activist. Federal officials
accused Al-Arian to Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which the U.S. government has labeled a
terrorist organization.

Jubara has ties to Al-Arian, having worked
under him. Still, until proven guilty, the UCF
community should presume Jubara innocent.
Like Al-Arian, Jubara has every right to make
pro-Palestinian statements. The freedom to
espouse unpopular views is a freedom explicitly granted by the First Amendment to the U.S.
Constitution.

In the wake of Al-Arian’s arrest, and in the
midst of the war on terror, Jubara’s arrest could
be a significant amount of negative publicity
for UCF if it handled the situation improperly.
However, by acting with restraint, UCF has done
the right thing.

Without the full facts in this case, no one in
the UCF community should condemn Jubara. As
Linda Grey, UCF’s media relations specialist,
correctly stated, “There is due process until
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INSPIRED THOUGHTS

Adam Shiver Staff Writer

The protest held in front of UCF’s Student Union on Monday was a great example of the use of the freedom of speech our Constitution allows us as Americans.

But now is not the time to protest a war with Iraq. That time has passed.

Now is a time in which Americans must rally behind their troops. We must show them our support in what they have been asked to do regardless of whether we agree with the Bush administration’s reasoning for going to war against Saddam Hussein’s regime.

Before war erupted on March 20, I was a staunch advocate against war with Iraq, and still am.

I feel it has set a dangerous precedent in our foreign policy and opened the doors for such actions by and against other nations worldwide.

I also feel this war is not only about finding weapons of mass destruction and freeing the Iraqi people, as the Bush administration has told us repeatedly, but it is also very much about oil and power.

I have written heartfeltly in the past against such a conflict as the one going on right now. But at the same time I understand that troops, such as my best friend who is currently stationed in Iraq, have a job to do and have no choice in the matter.

They have signed up voluntarily to support our nation in both peace and war-time, and we as Americans citizens and those they are protecting must support them.

A war based on defense, rather than aggression, would have been much more warranted, but the time for that debate is gone. We are fully involved in a major conflict with Iraq and there is no turning back. No amount of protesting will change that now.

I am in no way against protest, but I feel that such protests should shift focus. Protest the treatment of our troops by the Iraqi government. Carry signs and form chants in support of our troops, not do bring them down with protests about what they have been sent to do. Is it their duty and their job, no matter their views.

There are many soldiers stationed in the Middle East this very moment who do not agree with the reasons they are there, but understand that it is their job to protect your freedom, including the freedom of speech which you are protesting by protesting.

Please, try and hold two viewpoints in your mind at once. It is OK to feel negatively against the war and the Bush administration’s reasoning for war, but at the same time support the young men and women who have been sent off to fight against Hussein’s regime.

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Media role in war is supporting patriotism

Kevin O’Gratta

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America’s armed forces are entrenched in battle.

Like most Americans, I watched my Spring Break watching America move onto war. I was proud to see the coalition forces begin the liberation of an oppressed nation of people and brace myself for the tremendous and inevitable sacrifice accompanying this conflict.

Apparently, the media had not braced itself for the same possibility, as it reported the news of casualties in a manner almost stunning and disillusioned that something like that could occur.

Somehow, they never concluded that they would see deaths even though they had embraced their place on the front lines of war.

It is a fact that people will die in wars. There has never existed a war in history where there have been no casualties.

The brave men and women of the coalition forces know this.

All loss of life is tragic, but those who have made the ultimate sacrifice have done so to project countless others.

These men and women know what is possible in a war and also that they are fighting for a higher purpose—to save lives and provide freedom to a people who have not known such liberty.

Their deaths weren’t in vain or unnoticed and certainly no more brutal than the instances of violence and death media reports every day in the United States. Many of those deaths are pointless and in vain, yet those occurrences seem to affect reporters much less.

Yet the news coverage of the war has accomplished nothing.

They’ve also proven that they are not afraid to take a conservative stance—something that has never been acceptable in the media industry—and step forward to support a greater good—supporting our troops and our nation’s freedom.

Supporting patriotism

The media also deserves commendation for its refusal to show images of American prisoners of war while the whole world watched, and respect the military in withholding information that would jeopardize the military’s actions.

By showing the images of the prisoners of war, one thing is for certain—that single despicable act by Iraq just furthers the case against this terrible regime and most Americans believe in this war more now than before.

Finally, radio stations that have taken a pro-American stance also deserve praise. Their refusal to play songs by the female country band Dixie Chicks and others who insult our soldiers and leaders and refuse to support the United States in a time of crisis shows that media owners aren’t completely absorbed with commercial profits and appeasing the entertainment industry.

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Saddam Hussein’s photos to prove to them that the war is in fact achieving many noble things, including freeing a nation of people who are hungry for democracy and liberty—something that war opponents all too often ignore.

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Out for revenge

UCF travels to Atlanta looking to avenge last season's tournament losses to Georgia State

KRISTY SHONKA
SPORTS WRITER

The UCF softball team will be looking for revenge Saturday when it travels to Atlanta to play Georgia State. Sure UCF won three of the five games against the Panthers last season, but the Panthers won when it mattered.

Georgia State beat the Knights twice in the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. The first loss dropped UCF into the loser's bracket. But the Knights rebounded and beat Troy State 4-3 to advance to the semifinals, where they met the Panthers again. And this time the loss sent the Knights home, ending their remarkable inaugural season with a 46-19 record.

But Georgia State will also be in the UCF record books as the program's first-ever A-Sun win. The Knights first beat the Panthers 5-2 at GSU's tournament on Feb. 13. That game didn't count in the conference standings, though. The Knights' first A-Sun win came at home March 5, both by one-run margins at 2-1 and 1-0.

But this season the Knights have struggled with consistency and a sweep against Georgia State could help get them on the right track, and just in time. UCF is 22-17 overall and 3-1 in the A-Sun as of Monday and 16 of its next 22 games are against conference opponents. Georgia State has struggled this season with a 12-15 record, but the Panthers are also 9-1 in the A-Sun.

Georgia State is coming off a near upset of No. 14 ranked Florida State last weekend. The Panthers were down 3-0 heading into the seventh inning when Lindsay Hrynski homered a three-run home run to tie the score and send the game into extra innings. But, Florida State won 4-3 in the eight.

The key for UCF will be to come out...
Knights in need of aggression

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"We were aggressive," UCF Coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said. "We were aggressive in both games, which the Knights haven't done very often this season. We're going to go out there and play with some aggressiveness." In their first A-Sun double-header of the season, the Knights beat Gardner-Webb 8-0 in six innings, taking a 4-0 lead in the second inning and lost 5-4 in the second game.

The Knights played against Southeast Missouri State three times in the three days earlier in the season. They lost the first game 5-0, then won 6-0, only to lose the third game 4-2. Out in California the Knights beat then 15th-ranked Fresno State 3-2, only to lose to Loyola Marymount, Sun Belt champion and Southern California in their next three games.

The Knights did play well in their second conference double-header March 15 at Campbell, winning 4-2 and 15-1. Luers-Gillispie said the Campbell games were one of the few times this season the Knights played aggressively throughout. "We're not going to go out there and play with some aggressiveness." Maybe revenge for last year's tournament losses will provide the Knights with the purpose they need to go after Georgia State.

Double-header could be a slugfest

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has the makings of a pitchers duel, Saturday's double-header could turn into a slugfest with UCF doing most of the slugfests. Senior Mark Michael and Lincoln Mincks will probably get the noles for UCF while Allen Buckley and C.R. Palmer could start for the Gamecocks. Senior Von David Steinhack could be a possible starter for the Knights, but will most likely be the first reliever out of the bullpen.

Michael and Mincks have slightly elevated ERAs, but both are 4-1 on the year. Michael, who's ERA is 4.57, is coming off UCF's first complete game, a 6-1 win over Samford in game two of Saturday's double-header. But Mincks, who has a 3.56 ERA, got rocked in the Knights' extra-inning 11-10 win in the first game of the double-header. Mincks did not last long enough in the second inning to record an out after giving up six runs on seven hits. That was an uncharacteristic performance for Mincks, who finished second on the team last year for innings pitched.

But the Gamecocks' Buckley has a 4.98 ERA on the year and has yet to record a decision in five

starts. Palmer has a 7.29 ERA in five starts. Like Mincks, Palmer failed to record an out before exiting in the second inning of his last start, which Jacksonville State led 14-4 to EMU. Palmer officially threw one inning, giving seven runs (five earned) on six hits.

Chad Danks is another starter for UCF who has seen time in the weekend rotation. He's 0-1 in four starts with a 9.35 ERA.

UCF comes into the series 16-6 overall and 4-5 in the A-Sun, while Jacksonville State is 13-11 and 7-5. The Knights swept Samford, but lost two of three to Georgia State in A-Sun play. The Gamecocks swept Campbell, took two of three from Belmont and picked up one win each against Florida Atlantic and Stetson.

The Knights are coming off their best offensive performance of the season for a three-game series. They scored 28 runs against Samford, including two 11-run games. The Knights will need to continue with the hot bats if they hope to pull off back-to-back series sweeps for the first time this season.

Fridley's game starts at 6 p.m., while the first game of Saturday's double-header will begin at 4 p.m.
The No. 62 UCF men's tennis team increased its winning streak to 14 matches on Saturday, rolling over Nebraska 6-1 at the UCF Tennis Complex. With the victory, UCF improved to 13-2 while the Huskers fell to 8-6.

After dropping the doubles point, the Golden Knights recovered to win all six singles matches. Catalini Brudu got by Florian Plossler at No. 1, 7-4, 6-3. Another two set winner was Gabriel Stranberg at No. 2. Stranberg defeated Jarek Wolicki, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

At No. 3, Augusto Sanzola beat Jero Barthel, 6-2, 6-3. Despite losing the first set, Antonio Sierra rallied at No. 4 to pick up a 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 win over D.J. Geatz. Ener Gursoy ousted past Joel Roekwos, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 5. Also victorious was Simon Jaeger at No. 6. The sophomore held off Patrick Kennedy, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Nebraska won two of three doubles matches to secure the first point of the day. The only UCF pair to come away with a victory was Brudu and Sierra at No. 1.

Since dropping two tilts to start the season, the Knights have not lost. Their last defeat occurred on Jan. 25 to Alabama-Birmingham.

Following a two-day break, the Knights will be in action Tuesday when they host the Citadel at 2 p.m. at the UCF Tennis Complex.

Novice rowers tops at Canal 54

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Meanwhile, sophomore Ashley Overby was fourth in the 10,000m with a personal best of 40:12.56, followed by freshman Megan Crum in eighth, also with a career best 40:15.86.

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SPRING BREAK RECAP

UCF baseball tops Columbia, falls to FAMU

Florida A&M third baseman Adonis Segal scored a RIS-double in the fifth inning to give the Rattlers a 12-11 victory over UCF March 19 at Moore-Kittles Field in Tallahassee.

Matt Fox earned his first career-start on the mound for the Golden Knights. The sophomore right-hander pitched a career-high 3.2 innings allowing five runs on six hits with five walks and three strikeouts.

Ryan Bear finished one-two with a two-run home run to lead UCF past Columbia 7-4 March 19 at Jay Bregman Field. UCF reliever Andrew Daly pitched the game's final three innings for his second save of the season. Columbia starter Jessie Grant pitched 7.0 innings in defeat, allowing all seven runs on eight hits with four strikeouts.

Men's tennis cuts down Big Green

The No. 92 UCF men's tennis team picked up a 9-2 victory over Dartmouth at the UCF Tennis Complex March 18.

The Knights convincingly took the doubles point, sweeping the Big Green. On the singles side, Gabriel Strangberg, Antonio March, Gabriel Schmidt and Shinhoster were able to win most of their matches.

Softball sweeps Campbell

Campbell swept UCF in a single game Sunday, winning 6-4 and 12-5 at the UCF Softball Complex.

In the first game, Campbell scored three runs in the fifth and added a run in the sixth before giving up two runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. UCF's Dottie Capp pitched the complete game and improved to 6-5.

In the second game, Shihhooter started off with a triple to right center, advanced a home run over left center and took on a double up the middle. An erver by Campbell's Lue Purvis prevented the cycle for Shihhooter but UCF was able to score plenty of runs for the game.

Taylor Sawyer picked up her 10th win of the season in the second game, striking out five.

The Knights dropped a 5-4 decision to St. Peter's College in their first game March 19 before Stephanie Jobst's record-tying performance in their 18-2 win over Army.

The day before her 11 RBIs performance, Jobst knocked an RBI single to left field in the bottom of the ninth inning to give UCF a 5-4 win over visiting Columbia University. The Knights fell to Colgate 5-1 in the first game March 18.

Women's golf finishes 12th at Waterford/USF Invitational

The UCF women's golf team competed at the Waterford/USF Invitational with an 898 (34) finish, which tied for 12th.

Senior Kim Tudor had a strong showing as she finished tied for eighth. Tudor ended the three-round event with a score of 214.

UCF novice rowers top Rollins Tri-Meet

The UCF women's novice rowing team beat Temple University and paced the Knights at the Rollins Tri-Meet in their third consecutive trip to Lake Myalland on March 15.

The freshman/novice 8+ boat that featured Tiffany Behrman, Katherine Motes, Tiffany Beck, Laura Reid, Amy Zick, Kristen Kesser, Sabrina Gilmore, Julia Hix and coxing was a 7.122. The freshman/novice 4+ crew of Kesser, Beck, Reid, Motes and Ohio also earned top honors in their event at 7.431.

The Varsity 8+, which was made up of lightweight rowers Behrman, Beck, Reid, Kisser, Motes, Lauren Coulman, Heather Soward, Meredith Thomas and cox Sam Summer, Taylor took second to the Owls heavyweight crew at 7.446.

UCF track & field dominates at Disney Relays

Senior Kelli Roloff headlined a list of outstanding performances by the UCF women's track and field at the Disney Relays on March 14 and Saturday at Disney Wide World of Sports.

Roloff became the second Knight to qualify for the NCAA Regional Championship when she earned first place with a mark of 5-7 in the high jump on Friday. Heptathletes sophomore Jami Larenson accomplished the same feat at the UCF Invitational meet on March 8.

An all-time personal best in the first day of competition was freshman Michelle Claudese, who had a personal best of 14.16 meters to take first in the discus.

On March 15, the Knights continued to dominate, earning five more first-place finishes. Leading the way was sophomore Lea Soumaya. She took top honors in the hammer throw with a personal best of 1498, a mark that also places her second all-time at UCF.

In only her second time competing in the long jump, senior Erica Garcia placed first with a leap of just over 18 feet. Three of UCF's relay teams -- 4x100, 4x400 and the distance medley relay -- also earned first place showings, bringing the grand total to seven top honors on the weekend.

"I am ecstatic with the team's performance," said Coach Marcus Mannix-Wentworth. "We are rolling in the right direction."
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Women’s tennis picks up two wins

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of 1:03.30 and sophomore Melody Parry was ninth at 1:06.46. Sophomore Valery Martinez took fifth in the 800m garnet event crossing the finish at 2:19.97. In the garnet field events, senior Elese Wilcox topped all Knights with a fifth place finish in the shot put. She had a mark of 40-feet, five inches while freshman Rian Thomas took eighth at 28-7.25.

Sophomore Ann Larsen matched her season-best, NCAA Regional qualifying mark in the high jump with a mark of 5.7. Earlier in the competition, senior Kelly Roloff took second in the heptathlon with 4,952 points - 48 shy of the NCAA provisional qualifying mark. During the multi-event competition, she earned first place in the long jump with a leap of 18-4.5 and second place in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:22.42.

Women’s tennis blows past Cyclones

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Women’s tennis

Julie Pecastaing, Pamela Fernandez and Ola Luczak were all singles victors as the UCF women’s tennis team rolled to a speedy victory over Florida A&M on Saturday morning, winning 4-0 at the UCF Tennis Complex. With the win, the Knights improve their record to 8-6. Behind two doubles triumphs, UCF quickly secured the tandem point. At No. 1, Luczak and Anna Westin hummed Charlana Brown and Charlene Kambarami, 8-2. At No. 2, Fernandez and Luczak clinched the point at No. 2, defeating Sahirah Williams and Monet Duncan, 8-0.

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Inside the Military Mindset

Children of military parents react to the attack on Iraq

Laurie Stevens  
Staff Writer

On the evening of March 19, Sophomore Greg Stevens lay sprawled on the leather couch in his living room, intent on watching "Star Search" by his two sisters.

"He sucks!" Stevens, 18, yelled, while laughing at the second dancer's performance. Suddenly the television image changed, and Daniel Panagiotou's voice cut through with an image of the Baghdad skyline. Harsh flashes and streaks of light from cruise missiles flew across the screen as Father informed the nation the war had finally begun.

The Stevens household fell silent.

"My first thoughts were, "It's about time," Stevens said. "President Bush has given Saddam plenty of time, and I'm glad [Bush] came through on his threat to attack if Saddam didn't surrender."

While his father served in the Navy for 16 years, Stevens lived on military bases for most of his life and has been exposed to things most people never experience. From a young age, he learned about the specifics of military airplanes, visited the hangar to see his father's plane, and was even able to fly Navy simulation.

College students who have a parent in the military share an insider's view on the conflict with Iraq. The students say their life experiences and their parents' fierce loyalty to the military have influenced them and their beliefs, and most support President Bush's decision to attack.

"I just know more than civilians do," Stevens said. "I know what the military is doing..."

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Life lessons under the influence

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Linnea Brown  
Staff Writer

Ah, Spring Break. A world where all is remembered, but nothing counts. After all, in the profound words of junior Deanna DeFeynbo, "Hey...it's Spring Break."

Despite wholesome dreams of backpacking, I finally broke down and decided to do something completely typical. As my senior Spring Break present to myself, I plunked down $400 for a four-night cruise on the Norwegian Majesty to Cozumel and Key West, accompanied by two friends, Kristien and Yasmin.

Little did I know I was about to learn some of life's most important lessons—in the craziest ways possible.

While waiting at customs to board the boat in Miami, we learned the first of our lessons: some people just get lucky. I was one of them. I managed to sneak through customs with two water bottles full of rum in my backpack.

Not everyone had such good fortune, however. We watched as the suspicious customs officers swiftly confiscated another girl's liquor, disguised with food coloring in a Listerine bottle. "I felt like I was underaged again, trying to sneak drinks," senior Kelly Gallela, 22, said. "They even sniffed my bottle of hair spray!"

Once onboard, we flung our suitcases into our tiny, shoebox-sized cabin, mixed ourselves some cocktails and headed up to the top deck.

"Hey, I know you," a girl yelled. "You were for The Future!"

Crap...we witnessed.

We soon realized, much to our chagrin, that half of the cruise ship was filled with fellow freshmen. In fact, a prominent group of recognizable...
Spring Break deabreach typical, but no less appealing

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UCF Fraternity boys had already assumed their positions by the pool. "Like a school of flish, waiting for food," mused Jason Roeler, 24, a junior.

So much for meeting guys from other schools. However, that night we wound up solidifying a friendship with a group of older girls who made the whole vaca- tion worthwhile.

The most supreme lesson in beer flows occurred on this night when we were trying to flirt with this hot Romaniian waitress," Roger explained. "I started tipping big-time and tucked up $171 in drinks, but he got busted when he tried to use it again the next night."

For French, the rest of Spring Break was an underscored endeavor. He shaved off his goat- es, donated a baseball hat and had out in a different cabin in an effort to avoid the authorities.

"I was talking over the phone and all of a sudden we got into port," said Roger, laughing. "However, since the crew was out of deals, a group of girls who made friends with the two securi- ty guards and the waitress when he was working for them, he got off easy when he just blamed it all on being drunk."

"So we wound up learning: the college Spring Breaker should always surround himself with likable people, because he or she will inevitably be stuck with them for the rest of his vacation." Chris Gustafson, a junior, learned this lesson the hard way. He unknowingly convincing a 16-year-old's overprotective mother to let her son "have a little sex.""

This, of course, meant that Chris was the newly appointed babysitter for Trevor, 16, and all of his much-younger friends.

"She just looked behind me and had a train of lit- tle people following me like a little herd," Gustafson said. "No matter where I went, there they were."

Things went from bad to worse as little Trevor got his hands on some alcohol and startedフルを切らしていた。Eventually, we completely inebriated, started obnoxiously grabbing all the much-older girls, started a fight in the ship's nightclub and stole a newly purchased Cuban cigar from the ship's most powerful Beaver.

Strategy enough, Trevor bore a striking resemblance to the psycho doll from the "Chucky" horror movies. We avoided him at all costs. The lesson about how drink- ing too much in the afternoon, was learned in the desperate little- tilt Mexican tourist village of Cozumel, where the beer-flowers like water and bartering store- owners make it virtually impos- sible not to get drunk.

"All of the jewelry stores offered free tequila shots, so we literally went jewelry-store hop- ping for an hour," Gustafson said.

Kristen, Yasmin and I spent the early afternoon wandering along the dusty, charm- ing marketplace streets of Cozumel, and then joined the rest of our Spring Break friends inside Senor Frog's — a wild, American-bred tourist bar. We each started down yard-long Playa Coladas and joined in a drunken conga line that somehow made the breast- grabbing, grabbing, behavior of the rowdy waiters and waitress- es seem completely normal. "I loveoovee Mexico," Yasmin shouted, as two Mexican waiters kissed each cheek.

As we stumbled happily out to board the boat, we caught sight of Gustafson and a group of pancho Girlfriends doing a drunken, rowdy rendition of the UCF Fight Song. Right on.

Even more hilarious was the sight of our friend, junior Elena Sabo, 21, abruptly say- ing goodbye to a guy she had met in Mexico. She kissed the guy turned to walk up the boat ramp... and fell flat on her face. "I got a really big bump on my head," Sabo said. "But it was worth it."

Back onboard, we pipped out at a big buffet on the pool deck, attended a cheesy, Broadway-style dance revue and worried drunk Karmato- tones such as "The Pina Colada Song" and "Fool's Piano Man."

We then headed up to Studio 54, the nightclubs, where we party-ed and drank the rest of the night away."

Our last Spring Break les- son was that the universal excuse — "Who cares? It's Spring Break!" — applied to just about every decision that any- one made on the trip. Everyone spent too much money, drank more than they meant to, did things they normally wouldn't have... and still stopped off the boat feeling like it was the best vacation they'd ever had.

In the telling post-cruise words conveyed by Dolly's Instant messenger service: "Spring Break Cruise: SS13, "Two handles of Puerto Rican Rum: $40. "Having your friends feast in on you in the bikini, a girl throw two buckets of ice on you and get it all on videotape! Priceless." We won't ask.

[Some lines from the story are not included due to the nature of the content.]

These two women told their server on the cruise they wanted "margarita" and "tacos" for dinner, and that is exactly what the server brought them, in chocolate syrup.
Successful 'Late Knights' event needs money to keep going for the future

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The balloons may be gone, but the memories live on for freshman Jessica Maykrantz. She attended one of UCF's "Late Knights" in November and had a souvenir to show for it - at least for a while.

"There was a guy there who made me a big balloon hat," Maykrantz, 19, said. "I looked like a dork, but I wore it all night. It eventually decomposed itself at a tender age of a few hours."

"Late Knights" is a monthly event created by the Office of Student Affairs to provide weekend entertainment for UCF students on-campus. Held in either the Student Union or the Recreation and Wellness Center, the event invites students to participate in games, listen to concerts, watch stand-up comedians, ride mechanical bulls and eat - all for free.

The April and final "Late Knights" event of the school year takes place Saturday in the Student Union, with more live music, dances and competitions on tap.

OSA graduate assistant Stephanie McSoffriedlik said "Late Knights" gives on-campus residents something to do on Friday and Saturday nights, a time when the campus is normally quiet and deserted.

However, a lack of funding could jeopardize future events. The majority of the event's finances come from the office of UCF President John Hitt. "We requested $200,000, and received $100,000, out of which we can't buy food," said Hope Wahrle, the director of "Late Knights."

Due to regulations, state money such as that provided by Hitt's office cannot be used to purchase food. The Student Government Association gave OSA $30,000 to cover food for this year's six "Late Knights."

Wahrle said OSA is waiting to see if they will receive enough money to cover the event's expenses again next year.

While SGA has agreed to fund the food, the funds from Hitt's office are not guaranteed. "It's not looking good at this point," Wahrle said.

Although the funding may be lacking, OSA continues to plan by soliciting student input. They hope to create a "Late Knights" student board in the fall.

Evaluations from the Jan. 11 event showed most students were pleased with it. Wahrle said OSA received the most suggestions about food choices.

About 1,500 students attended the most recent event, and OSA expects about 2,000 students this weekend.

Modelled after similar programs at the University of Florida and Penn State, "Late Knights" encourages student involvement and activity on-campus.

Junior Macy Con, 21, attended the first "Late Knights" held last September: "I think the goal of "Late Knights" is to promote school spirit and provide a safe substitute to other weekend events," she said.

"It's a nice alternative to going out, partying and getting drunk. I think that I could hang out with friends in a nice atmosphere," said freshman Shalynn Udell, 18.

Freshman Brian Bermudez, 18, hopes that "Late Knights" will continue next year as it provides an outlet for greater campus involvement.

Some students are upset with SGA's choice of funding, and feel that "Late Knights" should remain a priority.

Said junior Kelly Eisten, 20: "SGA should fund "Late Knights" because it's on-campus - why put money into something else when you can put it into things here on campus so that students don't have to drive?"

Eisten is a resident assistant in Orange Hall and said "Late Knights are convenient for dorm residents. "It's a great resource, because residents don't have to leave campus late at night, and they can still have a good time," she said.

The price tag is what keeps many students coming back. "It's free and it's on-campus. Why wouldn't I go?" Udell said.

Said Bermudez: "Activities were fun and they gave away T-shirts and the food was good. I'd go back if they had another "Late Knights."

The final event, which runs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, will include performances by two bands; free pool at Wackadoo; an opportunity to watch the "Elite Eight" NCAA basketball games on television; face painting; Latin, swing and disco dancing lessons in the Key West Ballroom; and a "Late Knights Idol" competition, UCF's equivalent to American Idol."

The evening also will honor the return of Lester, the balloon guy, because he was a huge success last time, Wahrle said.
Military brats disagree with anti-war protests

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