New radio tower rises above campus skyline

**ALEX BARCOC** / STAFF-WRITER

Peacefully situated amid pine trees on the edge of a duck-filled pond, a mammoth skeleton perches through the trees on the south 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 its place, the campus jazz station hopes the tower can improve the quality of their signal. But that's not the only goal.

"It's a good thing for the university," said Kayonne Riley, WUCF station manager. "They'll be able to rent to cell phone companies. They'll be able to make some income."

Though the tower's main use is broadcasting jazz music and other WUCF programs, the tower can accommodate 40 microwave units for other uses. The station plans to lease space on the tower to cell phone companies that would use the tower to boost cellular signal strength in the area.

No deals have been struck yet, though, said Lyman Broadnax, director overseeing WUCF, nor does he know how much revenue such deals may bring the university. WUCF and the College of Arts and Sciences share the management.

**SEE NEW ON 6**

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's first broadcast on Iraqi television stations. In the United States, the American public would not see these 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 saturated with coverage of the Iraq conflict, that incident is just one example of how America's media images are constantly filtered and restricted, say communications professors at UCF.

"We've been seeing sanitized news," said George Bagley, who teaches radio and television courses at UCF. "When we see a bomber blown up, we see it from a distance, and all we see is an explosion. We don't see the free Iraqi soldiers dead inside."

He feels it is important to show all images of war, including gruesome images like dead bodies and bombarded buildings, because it conveys the realities of war and helps viewers make an informed decision whether to support military action against Iraq.

We should see everything because we, as taxpayers, are paying for this war and have a right to 'see every bullet,' Bagley said. "Professors say the war coverage is not only filtered by grisly images, but those days the media is focusing much less time questioning the reasons and implications of military action than they once did."

Shane the Vietnam War, the media has taken.

**SEE MEDIA ON 5**

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 even after a local judge freed him on $50,000 bail.

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

While Jubara's attorney, Brian D. Solomon, counseled the U.S. Magistrate Judge David Bailar to release the professor Monday, another hold by an immigration court denied his release because of several false reports, Jubara made on immigration forms in 1996 and 1999.

U.S. Attorney Cynthia Hawkins Collins also argued against his bail, claiming the Palestinian professor's involvement with the Islamic Concern Project, a Tampa group that allegedly served as a front for terrorism, made him a flight risk.

JBP was shut down in 1995 for allegedly funding Palestinian terrorist activities for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an organization the Department of Justice has designated a foreign terrorist group, according to federal officials.

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Medi: focus shifts to putting faces on war

Where do you get your war coverage?

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

"In Vietnam, journalists were more courageous," he said. "They contradicted what the military was reporting. [Journalists] showed that the war was less glorious than was being painted, and 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 turning 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. "This is interesting from a journalism perspective 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 media. We have never seen this before. All Vietnam videos had to be shipped and developed 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 inside certain regions and divisions, and technology advances have allowed journalists to broadcast everything instantaneously, the media too often seems 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 Fedler says there isn't anything necessarily 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 should have the discretion made by the military, he said."

"But Fedler adds a word of caution about the appropriateness of the protest, and an open forum was held to discuss the lecture in greater detail."

Meanwhile, the Tufts Alumni Association decided not to give

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Recreation Center dumps finger-scanning system

KRISTA ZILIZI STAFF WRITER

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

The finger-scanning 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.

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 university for the finger-scanning system for the center 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 so they can verify 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 to gain access to the system.

“Everyone is happy we actually have a working system. Employees are happy that they don’t have to deal with the system shutting down every day,” Falco said.

Iraqi university damaged during bombing in Baghdad Sunday

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Recreation and Wellness Center officials have decided to implement the original card-scanning system after trying the finger-scanning system, which failed.

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Momin a Senior Award was planned. The award, which carries no monetary stipend, is given to a dozen seniors each 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 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 Tuffs Feminist Alliance, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and Amnesty International. She was chosen as an Onondaga 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 Lectures was “distasteful and inappropriate.”

Momin sees the situation as one of censorship.

“For 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 Khelal, an Iraqi scholar and general secretary of the Al-Khoei Foundation, in London, said of Al-Mustansiriya. “It’s a part of the University of Baghdad and has been since 1392, 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 1233 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.
Housing rates are on the rise

CARY GRAYSON
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Trustees will decide today whether to raise on-campus housing rental rates. The raise, 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 $1,570 per semester, or about $463 a month, for a double room. Prices for a single room will cost $2,125 a semester, or about $656 a month. Those prices are higher than most off-campus housing accommodations in the area that normally range from $460 to $600 a month.

Ten years ago, on-campus housing prices ranged from $980 to $1,180, but have increased by nearly $4,000 since 1993, or about 41 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 Academic Village rooms.

While living on campus may not be the cheapest housing option for students, Chad Hartzler, 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 off-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. 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 around," said sophomore Kasandra Schwartz, 19, who lives in the Lake Claire Apartments on campus.

Senior Jake 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 parking space every day. Personally, it's worth the difference in cost."

Kate Rolle / UF

The cost of living in on-campus housing may go up following a scheduled vote by the Board of Trustees today.

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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.

This problem, Brodcie 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 southeast 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 earth. 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 sky. A 30-foot pole will crown the tower once completed, and the tower goes up, construction workers hang from it by their tool belts, securing sections as they ride 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 those points hold the tower to the earth, the anchors root 55 feet into the ground. It took about a week just to make this three-point foundation, Doerle said.

Though workers routinely scale the tower, working on the same altitude as craning hands, Doerle says it’s too dangerous to take a look himself. He’s well 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.
Judge will hear charges of immigration violations before prof can be freed

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Solomon maintains Jubara, who was listed as a director of ICP, was not directly involved with the organization started by University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian. Al-Arian was arrested last month on a 50-count indictment for racketeering and terrorism charges. "Jubara didn't even know he was listed as a director of this organization," Solomon said. "On one or two occasions, he arranged two professors to teach here because.

Solomon says the FBI is still using immigration violations charges to question Jubara about Al-Arian. "They used records as a way to put pressure on him," Solomon said. "The only thing they wanted to know was his relationship to Al-Arian."

According to researcher Jubara submitted to UCF he lists Al-Arian as a reference. "The resume also mentions six articles they wrote to know was his relationship to Al-Arian."

Jubara also linked to Jesse Mauu, an Orlando retail shop mogul who was arrested on charges of money laundering and employing illegal aliens at his shops. He worked at Mauu's Big Bargain World store on International Drive in the mid 1990s.

Solomon said despite the immigration agency's assertions and Colman's denial, Jubara, who has not traveled out of the country in 17 years and has a wife and five children in Orlando, is not a flight risk.

In the meantime, many students who listed him not been named, expressed reservations about being students of Jubara's because they think it may negatively affect employment opportunities with government agencies such as the CIA or National Security Agency. "I heard from someone they were switching teachers," said Sean Franks Richmond, 21. "I didn't know until now it's kind of freaky. He was one of my favorite teachers."

Solomon said Jubara hoped he wouldn't be reissued in time to teach class Tuesday. "He didn't want this to adversely affect the education process of the students," Solomon said.

Linda Greg, UCF's media relations specialist, said the department is adding class on a day-by-day basis.

Brian Petraske and Ronald Demurn, both in the electoral engineering department, will teach Jubara's class until he returns. "There is no way to predict how his circumstances will be," said Greg. "The department has made arrangements for the next couple of weeks."

University presidents recommend tougher standards for state scholarships

JASON IRSAY 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 H. Holsenbeck, suggested tougher standards to qualify for the five-year old state scholarship because it takes away a valuable source of revenue, said Daniel Holsoenbeck, vice president of university relations. "No one wants to get rid of it," he said. "We think the criteria for awards should be higher. It should be balanced by true financial need.

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 $118 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 been discussing modifications to the state scholarship. The presidents want to raise the criteria for Bright Futures, put caps on out 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 Petia, 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," Petia said.

Petia, a member of the Florida Student Association, said it does not like SUPA's plan either: "We looked at the proposal that they had, and essentially that waters down the program, so that it's only for the elite students," Petia said. "The problem with the program is that in a few years, only 10 to 15 percent of students can get it."

Petia said the presidents favored grandiose plans conditions for students receiving Bright Futures scholarships.

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

Petia suggested that SUPA's plan allows for students to attend universities out of state. "Their stance is high," he said. "I'm sure people, particularly from a student's perspective, but also 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 in tuition enrollment growth."

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

Petia thinks SUPA is taking the wrong approach to solving the universities' financial problems. "We don't think the state needs to cut the budget on the backs of students," he said.

Petia supports the governor's stand on tuition rates.

In [Bush's] recommendations, he had said the schools need to fund Bright Futures," Petia said. "If schools raise tuition, they have to cover the difference."

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Amerindians 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 televisions, they get a very limited perspective of the war unfolding half a world away. American television networks have thus far shown the couch-bound, skewed and incomplete picture of the war.

Those networks do not hesitate to show from a distance, the highly orchestrated bombings of Baghdad, in which coalition forces target Iraqi military targets but occasionally miss, hitting civilians. The images of bombs and missiles blowing up buildings demonstrate American military might. Yet the networks have been careful not to show the harrassment of the civilians. The images of bombs and missiles blowing up buildings demonstrate American military might.

American networks hesitated to show the footage of Iraqis holding American soldiers hostage, and some dead. Other networks around the world swiftly broadcast these same images. The American networks explained their reluctance to show the video of American POWs, which was shot by a Iraqi journalist, out of sensitivity to the soldiers' families.

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 people have a right to know how this war is proceeding, for better or worse. Americans should know if American soldiers 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 really turned against the Vietnam War when television began broadcasting 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 television networks that broadcast images only of victorious U.S. actions distort the realities of what could become a lengthy and costly, in terms of human life, military conflict.

Hopefully, the war in Iraq will progress with limited loss and with fighting restricted to the battlefield. But, whether or not that happens, war coverage should present the facts unflinchingly. American television networks owe it to the American people to broadcast the truth about the war, and not propaganda to keep support for war high.

**Our Stance:**

War images filtered for your viewing pleasure

Unlike pro-Palestinian view

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 this alleged crime. Unlike the University of South Florida and its handling of the situation there with professor Susan 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 convicted of any crime, he lost his job at UCF and was widely condemned in the national media as a pro-Palestinian view. 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 this war on terror, Jubara's arrest could bring 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 Gray UCF's media relations specialist correctly stated, "There is due process until someone is proven guilty."

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict rages on, and has once again gained attention with the United States' decision to wage war in Iraq. What Jubara and Al-Arian advocate — an independent Palestinian state — should be seen as a focus of the U.S. government as soon as possible.

To secure real, lasting peace in the Middle East, the U.S. needs to work toward resolving the differences between Israelis and Palestinians and giving Palestinians their own state.

The current political climate likely will not be friendly to Jubara, but, for now, he deserves the support of the UCF community.

**Letters to the Editor**

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INSIPID THOUGHTS

Adam Shiver

The protest held in front of UCP'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 in 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 reasons for the confrontation with Saddam Hussein's regime.

Before war erupted on March 19, I was a staunch advocate against war with Iraq, and still am.

I feel it is a dangerous precedent in our foreign policy and opens the door 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 is also very much about oil and power.

I have written wholeheartedly 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 warrantable, but the time for that debate is gone. We are fully involved in a major conflict with Iraq and there is no turning back. 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 what they have been sent to do. Is it their duty, and their job, no matter their view.

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 freedoms, including the freedom of speech which you are professing 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.

I am proud to see the coalition forces begin the liberation of Iraq, and still am.

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Media role in war is supporting patriotism

Kevin O'Grattan

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America's armed forces are entrenched in battle. Like most Americans, I spent my Spring Break watching America move into war. I was proud to see the coalition forces begin the liberation of an oppressed nation of people and brace myself for the loss we would inevitably accompany this conflict.

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

Somewhere, they never con­cluded that they would see death even though they had placed themselves 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 protect countless others.

These men and women know what is possible in a war and also why 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 some things, including freeing a nation of people who are hun­gry for democracy and liberty — something that war oppo­ponents 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
STAFF WRITER

The UCF softball team will be looking for some 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 beat the Panthers, won at GSU's tournament on Feb. 18. 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 of 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 3-1 in the A-Sun.

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Knights in need of aggression

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aggressive in both games, which the Knights haven't done very often this season.

"We're excited," UCF Coach Renee Luezas-Gillispie said. "We're going in there without an aggressive attitude and we're not taking it to the other team.

In their first A-Sun double-header of the season, the Knights beat Gardner-Webb 8-4 in six innings by way of the mercy rule, but turned around and lost 5-4 in the second game.

The Knights, who are 4-1 on the year, did well in their second-conference double-header March 15 at Campbell, winning 4-2 and 15-1 as Luezas-Gillispie said the Campbell games were one of the few times this season the Knights played aggressive offense.

"We know we were in conference, on their turf, and we were excited about going after them," she said. "But unless we've got some purpose behind it, we're not going out aggressively.

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. Seniors Mark Michael and Lincoln Mincks will probably get the nod for UCF, while Allen Buckley and C.R. Palmer could start for the Gamecocks.

Senior Von David Steedtach 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 4-0 on the year. Michael, who's ERA is 4.57, is coming off UCF's first complete game, a 6-4 win over Samford in game two of Saturday's double-header. But Mincks, who has a 3.95 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 but against pitching.

But the Gamecocks' Bailey has a 4.63 ERA on the year and has yet to record a decision in five starts. Palmer has a 7.20 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 14-3 to ETX. Palmer officially threw one inning, giving seven runs (five earned) on six hits. Clark says a starter for AU who has won four in the weekend rotation. He's 0-1 in four starts with a 9.33 ERA.

UCF comes into the series 19-8 overall and 4-3 in the A-Sun, while Jacksonville State is 10-13 and 2-5. The Knights swept Samford, 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.

Friday's game starts at 6 p.m., while the first game of Saturday's double-header will begin at 1 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 14-2 while the Huskers fell to 8-6.

After dropping the doubles point, the Golden Knights recovered to win all six singles matches. Catalin Bratu got by Florian Prusseider at No. 1, 7-4 (4), 6-3. Another two set winner was Gabriel Straub at No. 2. Straub topped Jarek Wolecki, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

At No. 3, Augusto Sañaloba beat Jero Barret, 6-2, 6-3. Despite losing the first set, Antonio Sierra rallied at No. 4 to pick up a 6-3, 6-1 win over D.J. Geatz. Ener Gurney earned past Joel Reedke, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 5. Also victorious was Simon Jaeger at No. 6. The sophomore held off Patrick Kennedy, 6-3, 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 Bruud 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

The UCF women's novice lightweight rowers earned two first place finishes against the University of Wisconsin at the Canal 54 Invitational on Saturday.

The freshman novice lightweight 8+ boat, which featured Tiffany Richmond, Katherine Motes, Tiffany Beck, Laura Brud, Amy Zink, Kristen Kesser, Sabrina Gilman, Julia His and coxswain Chantal Petrikas basted the Badgers with a time of 7:14.3.

Kesser, Brud, Beck and coxse Heath Brookes also combined for a first place showing in the freshman/novice lightweight 4+ event. They finished at 8:04.1, over 20 seconds faster than Wisconsin, which crossed the finish line at 8:24.36.

Although it took second place, the Knights' varsity lightweight 8+ entry of Richmond, Brud, Beck, Kesser, Motes, Lauren Gombur, Heather Seward, Kylee Roberts and coxswain Summer Taylor had a time of 7:53.08 – just three seconds behind the Wisconsin boat. The Badgers won runner-up at the national championship section of the 2003 Invitational.

Next up for the UCF rowers is the Peteukis Cup in Jacksonville.

Women's track & field golden at FSU Relays

The UCF women's track and field team earned top finishes during the final two days of the FSU Relays at Mike Long Track Friday and Saturday.

The Knights put up some of their most impressive showings on the track in the seeded championship or field sectionals — especially in the distance races. In the 5,000m, junior Sara Dimmenda excelled ninth place with a time of 16:03.59.

Meanwhile, sophomore Ashley Overbye was fourth in the 10,000m with a personal best of 30:32.50, followed by freshman Megan Crum in 11th, also with a career-best 30:15.30.

Freshman Astrid Classens finished fourth in the champions section of the 800-meter event with a personal best of 2:14.04 — an effort that also ranks her second all-time at UCF.

In other non-seeded or "gar­net" events, senior Erinn Garcia finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.16, while she was third in the 200-meter dash at 24.70.

Junior Emily Pugh led the way for UCF in second place in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.46.

Please see Women's on 16
UCF baseball tops Columbia, falls to FAMU

Florida A&M third baseman Aledis Segal scored two hits, one a 3-run double in the third inning, to give the Knights 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 Knights. The sophomore right-hander pitched a career-high 3.2 innings allowing five runs on six hits with five walks and three strikeouts.

Dyan Roeser finished one-for-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 Jesus Grant pitched 7.0 innings allowing two runs with a hit and a walk in a 7-2 victory.

Men's tennis cuts down Big Green

The No. 62 UCF men's tennis team picked up a 5-2 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 Strassenberg, Antonio Serrani, Augusto Sanabria and Einar Garsay earned wins for the Knights.

Softball sweeps Campbell

UCF took down the Camels 4-1 to sweep the three-game series at the same time improving to 18-5 on the season.

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Women's tennis blows past Cyclones.

The UCF women's tennis team swept doubles play to defeat Iowa State on Thursday, 4-3 at the UCF Tennis Complex. The Knights got things going early, winning all three doubles matches. At No. 1, Anna Westin and Ola Luczak teamed to get past Sabrina Evers and Suzanne Rutter, 6-2. Pamela Fernandez and Julie Peacasting paired at No. 2 to crush the Cyclones' Tara Goedjen and Elizabeth Chermel, 8-2. Also picking up a UCF win was Marieke Gunawan and Kristina Lohmos at No. 3 where the duo defeated Evangelina Soriano and Courtney Loomis. Peacasting was impressive at No. 2 singles, easing past Goedjen, 6-4, 6-2. At No. 3, Lohmos blanked Leese, 6-4, 6-0. The other UCF singles victor was Luczak, as the sophomore held off Charlotte Ljungkrantz at No. 5, 6-3, 6-1.

For the Cyclones, Evers (No. 1), Soriano (No. 4), and Rutten (No. 6) all gained singles wins.

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Inside the Military Mindset

Children of military parents react to the attack on Iraq

LAURA STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

On the evening of March 18, Sophomore Greg Stevens lay sprawled on the leather couch in his living room, forced to watch "Star Search" by his two sisters.

"He sucks!" Stevens, 18, yelled, while laughing at the second dancer's performance.

Suddenly the television scene changed, and Dan Rather's voice cut through with an image of the Baghdad skyline. Harris Beach and strobes of light from cruise missiles flew across the screen as Rather 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 encounter. 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' force loyalties to the military who 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 drop-

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Life lessons under the influence

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Ah, Spring Break. A world where all is remembered, but nothing counts.

After all, in the profound words of junior DeAnna DelBelly, 22, "Hey...it's Spring Break."

Despite wholeness dreams of backpacking, I finally broke down and decided to do something completely different. Another girl's liquor, disguised with food coloring in a Listerine bottle. I felt like I was underneath again, trying to sneak drinks, senior Kelly Gilley, 21, said. "They even snuffled my bottle of hair spray!"

One 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 Prisoner."

Craps...witnesses.

We soon realized, much to our chagrin, that half of the cruise ship was filled with fellow Knights. In fact, a prominent group of recognizable

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Spring Break debreaker, typical, but no less appealing

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UCF fraternity boys had already assumed their positions by the pool, “like a school of fish, waiting for bait,” masked Jason Rosier, 24, a junior.

So much for meeting guys from other schools. However, that night we wound up solidifying a friendship with Rosier and three other wickedly funny UCF girls who made the whole vacation worthwhile.

The most supreme lesson in beer flows was learned onboard the boat, with the guys, as the scheming-to-avoid-drink-prices continued. Jason French, a junior came up with a brilliant plan ... or so he thought.

He had someone else’s onboard credit card and started using it one night when he was trying to stroll with this hot Romanian waitress,” Rosier explained. “He started tipping big-time and racked up $117 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 underscorescore endeavor: He shaved off his goatee, donned a baseball hat and hid out in a different cabin in an effort to avoid the authorities. He was “very successful,” according to the two security guards and the waitress French was就没有 spoken for him, he got off easy when he just blamed it all on being drunk.

“Strangely, of course, meant that we learned: the college Spring Breaker should always surround himself with likable people, because he or she will invariably be stuck with them for the rest of their vacation.”

Chris Gustafson, a junior, learned this lesson the hard way. He was accidentally convincing a 16-year-old’s overprotective mother to let her son “have a little drink.”

“Chris was the newly appointed babysitter for Trevor, 16, and all of his much-younger friends. At 4:30 p.m., Chris arrived behind me and had a train of little people following me like ducklings, “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 acting like Crazy,” Rosier said. “He completely inebriated, started obscenely grabbing all the much-older girls, started a fight in the ship’s nightclub and stole a newly purchased Cuban cigar from Gustafson’s own pocket.

Strangely enough, Trevor bore a striking resemblance to the psycho doll from the ‘Chuckie’ horror movies. We avoided him at all costs.

The lesson about not drinking too much in the afternoon, was learned in the desperate little Mexican tourist village of Cozumel, where the beer flows like water and bartering store-owners make it virtually impossible not to get drunk.

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

Kristen, Yasmin and I spent the early afternoon wandering along the dusty, charming marketplace streets of Cozumel, and then joined the rest of our Spring Break friends inside Sober Frog—a wild, American-laid tourist bar.

We each slurped down a yard-long Pils Coladas and joined in a drunken conga line that somehow made the brand-grasping, grabbing behavior of the rowdy waiters and waitresses seem completely normal.

I looooveee 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 gurgle-tongued Knights doing a drunken, rowdy rendition of the UCF Fight Song Right on.

Even more hilarious was the sight of our friend, junior Elena Salo, 21, adeptly saying 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,” Salo said. “But I was worth it.”

Back onboard, we plugged ourselves out at a big buffet on the pool deck, attended a creepy, Broadway-style dance revue and worked drinks karaoke tunes such as “The Pils Colada Song” and “Piña Man.”

We then headed up to Studio 54, the nightclubs, where we partied and drank the rest of the night away.

Our last Spring Break lesson was that the universal excuse — “Who cares? It’s Spring Break” — applied to just about every decision that anyone made on the trip. Everyone spent too much money drunk more than they meant to, did things they normally wouldn’t have ... and still stepped off the boat feeling like it was the best vacation they’d ever had.

In the telling post-crew'e worlds conveyed by Dinkley’s instant messenger service:

“Spring Break Cruise: S513,”

“Two handles of Pisco Rama: $40,”

“Having your friends bust their butts on you is like getting your girlfriend, throw two baskets of ice on you and get it all on videotape: Priceless.”

We won’t ask.

These two women told their server on the cruise they wanted ‘mimosa’s and the clerk for dessert, and that is exactly what the server brought them, in chocolate syrup.
Food, fun and a lack of funding?

Successful 'Late Knights' event needs money to keep going for the future

DOUGLAS COUSMINER
& LAURA STEVENS

The balloon may be gone, but the memories live on for freshman Jessenia 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 deformed while I was under my bed for a long time."

"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.

This month's 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 Melisoldrick 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 Wehrle, 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 $90,000 to cover food for this year's six "Late Knights."

Wehrle 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," Wehrle 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. Wehrle 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.

"Late Knights" last held Sept. 6 and said the goal of "Late Knights" is to provide school spirit and provide a safe (substitute) to other weekend events," she said.

"It's a nice alternative to going out, it's partying and getting drunk. It's a nice atmosphere," said freshman Shanyah Uddell, 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.

"Late Knights" will continue next year as it provides an outlet for greater campus involvement.

Student Body President Marco Pena's decision to rent the Islands of Adventure theme park for a night April 3 at the cost of $125,000, she said.

"I would have put money into something else when you can put it into things here on campus so that students don't have to drive," said freshman Kelly Esten, 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?"

Esten 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 or go 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?" Uddell said.

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

The final event this month, which runs from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, will include performances by two bands; free pool at Backyard; 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 will also be a benefit of last year, the balloon guy, because he was a huge success last time, Wehrle said.
Military brats disagree with anti-war protests

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"I've been seeing demonstrations around the city and campus," said Chris Micklewright, 18, a freshman at Eastern University outside of Philadelphia. "I think a majority of them are reacting from emotion. Very few of them have an educated opinion on what they say they believe."

Students with parents in the military do not see the protests as a means to end the war quickly or keep military morale high.

"How would you like to be a soldier over there and know your country only half supports you?" Martin said.

The tendency of civilians to overestimate the ability of other countries' militaries and underestimate the abilities of our own is a serious problem that needs to be fixed.

—GREG STEVENS
Sophomore and "Navy brat"

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