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UCF trustees approve $6.5 million for new Student Health Center

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STAFF WRITER

UCF’s Board of Trustees voted unanimously Thursday to spend $6.5 million to renovate and expand the Student Health Center with a new, four-story facility.

Tom Huddleston, vice president of student development and enrollment services, said the new building, budgeted at $8.7 million, is needed for UCF to meet the demands of a student population that’s projected to reach 46,000 by 2010.

Renovations to the existing center will be complete by next fall. Construction of the new buildings, which will be located next to the current facility, will start in November, with a scheduled completion date of September 2004.

The health center expects to see more than 50,000 students for medical appointments within the next year. Michael Deibert, associate clinical director of the Student Health Center, said that as enrollment increases, so do the demands on the health center.

Web site asks students to pay for professor ratings

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With summer registration under way, students are swarming to pick classes with the right professors — presumably, ones who will help them on their path toward their major without damaging their GPAs.

This year, however, there’s a new tool to help stressed-out undergraduates, instead of randomly choosing a professor for next semester, students can — for a fee — access a Web site that will provide them with comments, evaluations and grading histories of all UCF professors.

In that sense, UCFprofessors.com differs significantly from the many other Web sites on which students post assessments of their instructors, and reflects a growing trend across campus nationwide where private entrepreneurs are selling a similar service with the promise of something new.

While many students are eager to see the offering, UCF professors remain unconvinced of its value.

Mr. Spence's article ends here.

ATTACK ON IRAQ

Bush visit to Tampa rallies both sides

President George W. Bush, above, addresses troops at Central Command during a visit to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa on Wednesday. UCF student Christine Godfred, 19, a member of Campus Peace Action, protests the war, below left, while others rally to support U.S. troops and the president.

Eric Stevenson
STAFF WRITER

UCF activists attend to convey their opposition to war

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As President George W. Bush rallies troops at Tampa’s MacDill Air Force Base last Wednesday, protesters from UCF gathered outside the base to call for an end to war.

“I don’t think it’s justified and necessary,” said junior Christine Godfred, 19. “There’s a lot more things we should focus on domestically. We should fix that before we start killing people.”

But inside the base that serves as the home of the U.S. Central Command directing the war in Iraq, Bush remain ed firm, assuring soldiers and military families that the war would continue until

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New building will employ more physicians, expand health services

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groves, demands on the center grow as well. A university with a projected enrollment of 50,000 should have a health system that has one or two full-time psychologists, a sports medicine doctor, a dentist and some part-time specialists such as orthopedists or dermatologists, he said.

The new building would create room for UCF to hire these specialized health-care providers. Once the new facility is complete, the center plans to hire seven additional providers. Increasing the staff to 21.

The new facility also will offer longer exam rooms, create offices for doctors who don't have any offices now and make space for a more comprehensive pharmacy that will offer students a larger scale of over-the-counter medicine and prescription drugs.

In addition, it will have space to centralize other campus health services near the Student Health Center, such as Victims Advocacy, Employee Health and recreation and counseling.

This expansion will make our health center exemplary.

—MICHAEL DRECHEN
Assistant Director of Health Services

The Student Health Center meets many of the criteria that justify a high-quality Student Health Services, Drechen said. "This expansion will make our health center exemplary.

UCF's Student Health Center is one of only two accredited student health services in Florida. The other is located at the University of Florida.

UCF Trustee Tom Yochum said he's excited about the facility. He said the current health center was adequate for a university with a student population of 10,000 to 15,000, but can no longer keep up with UCF's burgeoning population.

"It's clear that we need a much, much larger facility," Yochum said. "It's a big win." The funding for the new facility will rely on tax-exempt revenue bonds from the State Board of Administration of Florida.

Student health fees will continue to fund the center's operating costs, and about 75 percent of those fees will be used to pay for the new facility in installments. Administrators said they do not expect student health fees to increase for at least the next two years as a result of the new facility.

University officials anticipate the new center will generate about $8.5 million within the first year. About 90 percent of that revenue will pay for operating expenses and new building's mortgages. Last year, the Student Health Center generated roughly $8.4 million.

OTHER ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On-campus housing rates increased

The Board of Trustees voted to increase on-campus housing rental rates starting in August by $100 to $175 per semester. The officials said the increase was necessary to pay for higher wages for maintenance workers who were recently granted a $1-an-hour raise. The increase, which will generate about $1.6 million in new revenue, is expected to pay for refurbishing existing dormitories and on-campus housing units. The new rates will start at $2,750 per semester. For graduate students, a double room will cost $2,925 a semester, or $975 a month.

Four new majors approved

Trustees also approved four new majors for the next year: bachelor's degrees in computer science, advertisement, computer applications and industrial technology.

The new giving will allow UCF faculty and students to increase partnerships with the Orlando Regional Industry, which employs 130,000 people locally and produces more than $1.1 billion in revenue. Orlando ranks fourth in the nation in the art industry field.

The 125-credit program will offer training in photography, digital imaging, professional writing and photor­journal­ism at UCF's Daytona Beach campus. Students can enroll in the new program, which begins in summer, only after they've earned an associate of sciences degree in photography technology at Daytona Beach Community College or completed similar coursework.

The 72-hour doctoral chemistry program will offer students tracks in materials, forensics and environmental chemistry, as well as a chance to work in the chemistry department of UCF's Rosen School of Hospitality Management within the next four years.

The Board of Trustees also approved a new chemistry degree program in restaurant and food service management emphasizing training, principles and practical experience. It is estimated that 20 percent of the 1,800 students who enroll in UCF's Rosen School of Hospitality Management within the next four years will choose the focused program.

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Regional planners come together on conservation

Convened by UCF; mayors and others assess challenges that include "runaway growth"

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"I've made several comments on a project-by-project basis," said Noss, the vice president for environmental planning - have been together. River, Jacksonville, "I've recently elected Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer talked about his tenure as mayor of Jacksonville. "There is a lot of modeling, and I think we can learn from you," he continued. Delaney talked about the need for cities to evolve. "Whether we want to or not, we are going to change," he said. Delaney viewed the buzzword among cities and counties is that they’re either growing or they’re dying. "Where we want the growth is back in the older neighborhoods, near the central core, in the areas that have been abandoned and in the economically depressed areas," he continued. "We did not want the growth in the older neighborhoods," he said.

In order to steer that growth, he said, and his staff had a brainstorming session and concluded, "Well, if we don't want that development there, and if the land-use tools that we have are going to allow at least some development, as much as we'd like to restrict it, what if we set about a plan to buy that land and take it out of development?" Jacksonville did just that, with financial help from various federal and state agencies. "We have the city preserved 100 square miles of land. But the remaining challenges of urban growth are still the same, there is elsewhere. The infrastructure falls behind, the environment suffers and old neighborhoods get neglected. The whole emphasis is to push that growth in," he said.

Following Delaney's speech, UCF biology professor Peter Newman spoke about the virtues of regional planning, and the consequences of failing to push for growth.

Noss, a leading expert in the field of conservation biology who has worked around the country, compared growth for the sake of growth to cancer. "In the years, several very interesting articles that make a chillingly persuasive case of the similarity between urban sprawl and the growth of cancer, he said. Noss argued that regional planning could help to protect indigenous species of plants and animals that are damaged when development is allowed to proceed on a project-by-project basis. "I think regional planning does offer a way to get around this crisis, if done intelligently," he said.

"Unfortunately, for most of the recent past, we have done our regional planning, our urban planning, our transportation planning in one sphere, whereas people working on conservation planning have been working in a completely different world," he continued. Delaney praised regional leaders and expressed optimism about the future of Central Florida's environment. Noss painted a much darker picture of Central Florida's growth. "There's little evidence that elected officials have taken growth management seriously," he said in an interview. "There's very little planning. Central Florida is one of the worst examples of runaway growth."

However, he expressed hope that the situation could improve. "It's a start to bring together counties," he said, "I think it was very beneficial to have a forum like this. It's very inefficient for each county to develop its own conservation policy without considering others' efforts," Noss said.

He added, "Whenever you look at a larger area, you have economy of scale where you can achieve environmental goals more efficiently than if pursued on a county-by-county basis.

"We agreed that the Metropolitan Center will convene the same working group in 90 days," Chapin said. "We will do some good setting. We will look at data sources. We'll make certain that we are all on the same page.

As for UCF's growth, some said the university has taken a position on the topic. "It seems to me that we are doing quite well," Helen Doegner, the center's vice president for community management, said. "We're pleased with the direction we're heading.

Noss neither praised nor condemned UCF's growth, saying "I don't think UCF has really taken a particular policy on conservation," he said. UCF has contributed to growth in east Orange County. He did, however, praise UCF's efforts in hosting a forum to address the topic.

UCF's Master Plan, which attempts to strike a balance between campus needs and the surrounding environment, will be the topic when Peter Newman, director of facilities planning, gives a presentation at 2 p.m. today in Room 202 of the Engineering II Building.
Not all professors agree with Web site's academic effectiveness

Inconsistent answers. 

"Professors are the most important part of the university," said Mandell, who hopes to create a greater unity between students and faculty with his Web site. He said his site is not meant to identify those professors who give all A's, but rather to help students pick the instructors who are the best for them.

Mandell said students will benefit from this Web site through open forums where they can communicate with one another. The site provides current information about each of UCF's professors and also offers anonymous student evaluations and comments. But the most controversial and significant feature of the site is the grading histories of each professor. Never before have students had access to the grade averages for each professor's class. Also included will be the number of students who have dropped a course under each professor. The Web site carries a minimum registration fee of $7, which allows access for someone to view the records for four professors; each additional professor viewed will cost another $2.20, though Mandell expects that his new site will offer discounted fees in its first few weeks to new users.

Junior Katie McLaughlin, 20, said the fee is a small price to pay compared to withdrawing or retaking a class. "I wish this Web site was in service when I needed to choose from a list of random names for my statistics class," she said.

Senior Michael McLaughlin, 22, agrees that the site will be beneficial. "I am for anything that gets more people at UCF communicating," he said.

McLaughlin said that UCFstudents.com would help students narrow their class choices, as well as provide them with a better understanding of what to expect from each professor. Yet seniors and freshmen, like Wallace, 19, tend to be cautious about whether or not such opinions on the Web site will be helpful. Although the Web site is in a good idea, it is a little too biased to work effectively," he said. "You cannot always trust the opinions of strangers to give you a fair look.

Professors also have conflicting views about the site, and whether their evaluations and comments should be kept private or made available to students.

Key Beldorfer, a professor in the Department of Psychology who teaches research methods and developmental learning, said the Web site will affect students' learning and professors' performances.

"Most students will choose the professors with the higher grades, which may or may not indicate how much students will learn from a course," she said. "And this Web site will place more pressure on the professors to raise the grades in their classes." Finlay Taylor and Ali Konrey both are professors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. They worry the site could become a problem by causing grade inflation.

Taylor said students who use the Web site will choose a professor based on popularity, rather than for the right reasons. Added Konrey: "Students will go on this Web site looking for an easy A, and then find out when taking the course that they have to work hard to learn the material."

However, Sam Lawrence, a professor of interpersonal communication, said the Web site should be allowed to find its audience. "Students should be able to air their opinions, as long as they are not slanderous, under the First Amendment rights," he said. While Mandell has not contacted the Student Government Association about his Web site, he plans to do so. At other universities, student access to such paid Web sites is mandated by the student government.

SAVA's Chief Student Advocate, junior Wesley Hendiuk, said SAVA has reviewed professor-rating Web sites in the past, but likely would want to look again at the UCF-sponsored site as well as similar sites elsewhere before becoming involved in an official capacity.

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Unlike most American teenagers, the majority of Israeli youths face a much different responsibility upon graduation from high school. Rather than relieving in newfound independence, Israeli teens—military, university or business—must put themselves on a list line as members of the Israeli Defense Force.

Unlike the voluntary American armed forces, IDF service is mandatory for all 18-year-old Israeli citizens and permanent residents. Men serve for three years and women for 21 months. They remain reservists until the age of 51 and 24, respectively.

Four of these former soldiers discussed their experiences in the IDF in a forum Thursday organized by UCF’s Psi, the public relations chairman said.

Aval said experience in the IDF forces Israeli youths to grow up quickly and changes them.

“When there’s no money and daddy to rely on their shoulders,” Aval said.

“You have to learn to get along by yourself.”

“I came out a different person,” she added.

Aval served in the early 1970s, when women were not part of combat units. Aval was upset when she learned IDF would not assign her to a fighting unit.

“I ate a gallon of ice cream,” she told the audience.

But unlike other soldiers who slept in tents in the desert where insects and sand abounded, Aval was stationed on “a beautiful island sitting in the Tel Aviv Strait” and had air conditioning.

The other panelists spent their service time in Lebanon, Galilee and elsewhere.

Kohn traveled to Israel and became a citizen there in the early 1980s. In the IDF he learned anti-tank tactics and fought in Operation Peace for Galilee, a preemptive strike by Israel in 1982 to end attacks by the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which operated in Lebanon.

“It was a very interesting time to be there, scary but exciting,” Kohn said. “You look across the border and see Israel and feel like you have to protect her.”

Miller also served in Lebanon during Operation Peace for Galilee as an infantryman for 10 months, but was transferred after he fell off a truck and suffered a back injury.

Miller became a naturalized citizen after living in Israel for a year and served from 1984 to 1985.

He explained that IDF connected him with an adoptive family and does

Please See Soldiers On 9
Soldiers ‘always know someone that dies’

FROM PAGE 8

this with other immigrants to ease their loneliness. Israeli immi-
grants make up special units in the IDF.

Shabat served in IDF from 1997 to 2000. Although he wanted to
be a pilot, IDF placed him in the infantry and served in the Gaza
Strip, the West Bank and Lebanon.

“The sad side to the story is
that you always know someone
that dies,” Shabat said.

He told the audience five sol-
diers with whom he went to high
school died while serving their
country.

The panelists talked about
life in Israel, where soldiers carry
their weapons at all times.

“It’s no natural to see sol-
diers,” Avni said.

Avni and Shabat also dis-
pelled the belief that Israelis live in
constant fear of a terrorist attack.

“What you call murder, we
call awareness,” Avni said.

“We’re around with our eyes and
ears open.”

The audience of about 40 peo-
ple included other former IDF sol-
diers who briefly introduced them-
theselves.

One of those audience mem-
bers, Moshe Shabat of Longwood,
recalled his experience in the IDF.

“I didn’t have the experience
you had,” Shabat said to the panel.

“It was a bit Nocturnal”

Shabat stationed on the
Suez Canal and served in the IDF
from 1972 to 1975 as a tank com-
mander. At a later time, he said
violence and the death of about 50
percent of the soldiers in his unit
championed his IDF time.

Shabat brought his 14-year-
old son, Johnathon, to the event.

Johnathon wants to join the IDF in
the future but his father opposes the
idea. Shabat said he had hoped that
Thursday’s event would show a sobering version of
serving in the IDF to Johnathon.

Instead, the panelists seemed to
give a romanticized and adven-
turous portrayal of their IDF serv-
er.

“That may have been their
case,” Shabat said. “I wish I had
fun.”

Other audience members
found the event to be educational
and differed with Shabat’s opinion.

Freshman Amy Schwartz, 18, said
the panel changed her opinion about
those who serve in the IDF.

“I was surprised that they
were describing it as an enjoyable
experience,” Schwartz said. “I didn’t
realize it (was) such a positive
experience for everyone.”

Because IDF service is
mandatory, Schwartz said she
thought the service would not be
something that Israelis looked for-
ward to.

Senior Jay Feldman, 21, who
minors in Judaic studies, orga-
nized the event for the Central
Florida Hillel. He said he did so
due to “there is no Israel-related
programming on campus and felt
the panel would provide an edu-
cational opportunity.”

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With the resignation this month of Miss UCF Katie Noland, left, the first runner-up, Kristy Burgess, will assume the title and compete in the Miss Florida pageant.

Miss UCF steps down

DANIELLE DEPAR
STAFF WRITER

Last month’s newly-crowned
Miss UCF, Katie Noland, has
resigned, passing the crown to first
runner-up Kristy Burgess.

Emily Field, assistant director of Student Activities, said
Noland resigned for personal rea-
sons.

Noland, 21, a senior who
is majoring in management informa-
tion systems, said that her reason
for resigning were health-related
and related to her pageant platform,
which is epilepsy education.

Noland also has qualified for
an international bull-fighting
competition in France that will take
place during the time she would oth-
erwise be preparing to compete in
the Miss Florida pageant.

“I may not represent UCF in the
pageant and represent them in
France at the same time,” she said.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime
opportunity for me,” said Noland, who
was one of three qualifiers for the
bueno contest from the United
States. Burgess, 21, a senior nursing
major, now will represent the uni-
versity in the Miss Florida pageant
June 29.

“I am very happy to take on the
title of Miss UCF if it becom-es
available throughout the year,” she
said.

“I’m fulfilling my job and it is
doing nothing to do with Katie. I fully sup-
port Katie. We are working as a team to prepare for the pageant and taking this in
stride.”
I spent years growing up in church, but that was less of what I wanted and more of a gloriified production event.

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With the launch of UCFprofessors.com, students who are willing to pay will have the opportunity to learn more about the many professors, associate professors and instructors UCF employs before they actually enroll in their classes. The Web site follows a trend of Web sites which evaluate professors based on a wide range of criteria. The idea of Web sites evaluating professors has merit. It is based on the idea of informed consent, and because consumers are paying. They pay a significant amount of money to get an education. If they want to learn more about the product they are purchasing, more power to them.

However, these Web sites contain many flaws, not only for those students, but also for the students who might actually get an accurate perception of the course and the professor. They also may get flaws, not only for those students who participate, but also for the students who might actually get an accurate perception of the course and the professor. These evaluations can irreparably damage a professor's reputation. If students trash a professor who grades harshly, and prospective students decide not to take the professor's course based on such evaluations, the professor will invariably suffer. Without a balanced view, the evaluations can destroy the professor's career.

While more difficult to evaluate, Web sites can potentially serve as valuable sources of information for students — and only if they are done right — these Web sites should not change, as only the most passionate students and the most knowledgeable and dispassionate teachers should ever contribute.

This information is available for free to anyone who wants it. It is based on what students actually have found. It is based on what students have taken.
Free speech reduced to petty name-calling

MENTAL DOODLES

Now that the United States and its allies have committed themselves to conflict in Iraq, I, like many people out there, have been glued to the news channels watching history unfold. And though there has been quite a bit written thus far, I feel now as is good a time as any to offer my two cents.

First of all, I am an absolute proponent of the freedom of speech. It is, after all, what makes our country great, and it is a freedom we should always exercise and never take for granted.

That being said, there are reasons "free" cannot be sloganized in a crowded movie theater and why — believe it or not — some things truly are better left unsaid. This is in no means to discourage opposing viewpoints or dissenting opinions, but lately, it has begun to seem that the "freedom" is latched onto more often than the "speech." Speech implies communica­tion, which, as I understand it, requires intelligible discourse to be of any real merit. Maybe it is a word that is too abstract, but if your only argument for your position is "just because," then maybe a deeper thought on what that is freedom of speech is not being fully appreciated or understood.

Also, if the strategy of your personal demonstration is to decide the opposition with nothing more than a pejorative catchphrase or disrespectful name-calling, then I fail to see how you are contributing any benefit to the cause you support. If you do believe a certain way, why do yourselves a favor and do some research — free speech should be about discussion and communication, never incoherent or combative name-calling and shouting matches.

In addition, I applaud your method of current events education. I applied the current wave of support people are directing toward the troops. They are real-life heroes who deserve every bit of our respect and admiration. They certainly have mine.

For as much as we may profess love for our country, and as passionately as we feel about our great nation, those brave men and women actively demonstrate their national pride. This is not to knock a person who says they love their country, as do I, but our soldiers' unflagging desire to put their lives on the line for their nation when summoned to serve their love more than words may ever be able to.

However, support of our sol­diers does not necessarily mean support for the mission they are on. I tend to put out into that cul­tivy as I find it difficult to separ­ate the troops from the overall duty. Unlike a number of my peers, I support the war effort. Obviously, peace would have been preferable to war, that is obvious. But there comes a time, upon exhausting other options, when it becomes necessary. The popular alterna­tive, it seems, would have been to adopt a policy of ignoring the problem and hoping it goes away — arguably an option much more comfortable to us now, but possibly exposing us to equal or greater danger further down the road.

Gratified, I have never been one of our president's staunchest supporters, having often disagreed with his adminis­tration's stance on particular issues. However, I do consider my status as an independent voter to be synonymous with an anti­Republican, anti­Bush brand, and as such, do not automatically denounce whoever President Bush offers to the nation.

This is a war, unlike any other great nation has ever known. We have struck first. We have gone into battle without traditional allies and sans United Nations approval. We are launching 24 hours a day, isolated by media emboldened within different military units. In a perfect world, none of this would have happened, nor would it be needed. In a perfect world, we could continue to go about our days, waking up and working, eating home to family and friends. We could remain rela­tively isolated from the gnashing on in other parts of the world. Unfortunately, we live in a world far from perfect.

Cold War conflicts between superpowers have been replaced by the growing threat posed by international terrorism. While it may never be possible to completely eradicate terrorism, we find ourselves faced at a point in time when reaction could arguably be of equal or greater detriment than action. Terrorists' hatred of the United States is deep and longstanding, and would not have melted if we had abstained from war. Could our actions overseas inspire future terrorists? Sure. But could terrorists and rogue states left unchecked just as easily promote and inspire future terrorists? Absolutely.

In his response to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and Washington, D.C., the president made it clear that in the war on terrorism, we would make no distinction between terrorists and the nations that either har­bour or sponsor them. In this regard, it seems Bush has remained true to form, further displaying his commitment and his belief that this is a just course of action to ensure both American and global security.

The legal recourse for this military action lay within the United Nations resolutions established after the Persian Gulf War. They dictated the terms by which Iraq must restrict its weapons and military programs. The specifics therein were recalled in resolution 1441, drafted in 2002. Given ample opportunity to abide by those resolutions, Iraq did not in appearance only, thereby under­mining United Nations authority and the strategy of our nation when sum­moned to serve. Therefore, our soldiers' unflagging desire to put their lives on the line for their nation when summoned to serve their love more than words may ever be able to.

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MATT BETHON STAFF WRITER

The UCF softball team swept Atlantic Sun Conference foe Georgia State on Saturday, winning both games of a doubleheader. The Golden Knights improved to 25-20 on the season and 5-3 in A-Sun play.

In the first game both teams were scoreless until the sixth inning when Jan Whitley connected on her first home run as a Knight, giving UCF a 2-0 lead. UCF added another run in the seventh inning when Stephanie Best drove in Nikki Green with an infield single to cap the scoring at 3-0. Dottie Cupp picked up her 11th win of the season for the Knights, pitching the complete game while allowing only one hit. Whitley finished the game 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Best was 2-for-4.

In the rubber match, UCF scored two runs in the first inning. Georgia State pitcher Lindsey French walked the first four batters to give UCF its first run. The Knights scored the second when LSU’s Emily Prichett booted Kaycree Clark’s hit, allowing Best to score and giving the Knights a 1-0 lead.

Georgia State scored a run in the third inning, but UCF responded with two runs in the fourth inning. The Knights torched Georgia State’s pitching staff for five more in the fifth, capped by Best’s two-run home run, her 11th of the year.

The Knights held the Panthers scoreless in the bottom of the fifth and the game ended due to the eight-run mercy rule, giving UCF a 9-1 victory. Taylor Garrison pitched the complete game and improved to 12-8 on the season. The Junior gave up only two hits and no earned runs.

Before Saturday’s sweep of Georgia State the Knights had a rough week, losing three of six. But it wouldn’t have been as joyous.”

Freshman runner Astrid Claessens knows well the many difficulties facing a student-athlete. It wasn’t long ago that she spoke only Dutch and no English, and she tested competition.

But she also knows the joy as she has excelled in both arenas, scholastic and athletic.

Claessens, the oldest of four children, grew up in Belgium, where her physical therapist father had his own practice. Few were surprised when, in sixth grade, she followed in her father’s athletic footsteps and began running track.

A naturally gifted runner, she had no problems with the physical aspect of the sport. The mental part, however, did not come so naturally. The anticipation of competition would make her physically ill.

“Running was the thing that made my transition easier. Running became a way of expressing myself.”

—ASTRID CLAESSENS

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Men's tennis takes on FAU today

FROM PAGE 14

Antonio Sierra squared off against Miami's Ertie and Hipp, would decide the match. Brudaroli and Sierra was 7-3 in the final round to come away with a 4-2 win over the Owls' top team.

The match was Barry's first loss of the year. UCF has not dropped a match since Jan. 25.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Knights defeated The Citadel, 4-3 at the UCF Tennis Complex. UCF won all three doubles matches to clinch the first point of the day against The Citadel.

Sierra and Brudaroli continued their steady play, besting Matt Stobbe and John Williams at No. 1, 8-4. Also winning at No. 3, was Jaeger and Samsel. The duo paired to breeze past David Lara and Warren Woolfolk, 8-2. At No. 5, Strangberg and Rosen held off Nicholas Medina and Lawrence Teer, 6-4.

On this singles side, the Golden Knights won three out of six matches, despite playing without the services of their top singles performer. Brudaroli and Strangberg. At No. 1, Sierra got past Stobbe, 6-2, 6-3. Ener Gursoy was a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Medina at No. 3 and Jaeger took down Teer, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4.

Lara, Woolfolk, and Williams all picked up wins for the Bulldogs.

The Knights will continue their two-match southern road swing today at Florida Atlantic. Atlantic First serve in the Atlantic Sun match is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Ener Gursoy was one of three UCF players to earn a singles victory against Division I powerhouse Barry.
UCF blows 7-4 lead in baseball series with Jacksonville

Chris Bernhardt Staff Writer

To evaluate the performance of the UCF baseball team (22-12, 6-7) in the decisive third game of their home series with Jacksonville State (17-13, 5-6), look no further than Dee Brown.

His performance was the only positive thing that came out today that Clay Timpner's first three RBI's, Bergman said.

In the series opener Friday night UCF couldn't find a way to beat the A-Sun's top pitcher, Jessie Corn.

The conference leader and veteran run average placed a complete game shutout as his team won 6-0.

"We came out and were a little flat," Bear said. "And didn't really make plays defensively. And didn't hit the ball like we needed to. But now we're up and running, we think we can win as a team.

The battle came out to be a must win for UCF. The game was a must win for UCF and Pecastaing. Marieke Gunawan and Lohmos recovered to beat the top ranked team the Golden Knights (9-4) lost for the second time in as many matches.

July 17, 2003

The Golden Knights take the field again Friday when they travel to Nashville to take on Lipscomb in a double-header. They return to A-Sun action Saturday with a double-header against Belmont.

The loss erased any positive vibes felt after the Knights won the first game of the doubleheader 5-3.

UCF got on top quickly, with Clay Timpner knocking in David Mann with a sacrifice fly after Mann and Kratz led off the bottom of the first with singles. Timpner also knocked in Kratz in Belton's other two runs in the bottom of the fifth with a two-run double.

These runs were plenty for Knights' starter Mark Michael, who recorded his second straight complete game, though both came in seven-inning contests. In going to 5-1, Michael went seven innings, scattered seven hits, walked one, and struck out two, giving up just one run on a homer by Civello. Allen Buckley got the job in relief for the second out of the fifth but was unable to work out of trouble, giving up a game-tying single to Evan Conley.

UCF then turned to bullpen ace Clay Broon to pitch to the pinch hitter, Carroll. Broon seemed to get the job done as he induced Gartside to hit a fourth person ball to Brown that led to an out.

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Senior Mark Michael pitched his second consecutive complete game in UCF's only win over JSU.

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Senior Ryan Bear played both first base and right field against Jacksonville State.
Jacksonville State's Corn shuts out Knights

From PAGE 16 that had switched positions with Brown for the game. Bear, an experienced and normally reliable outfielder dropped the ball. The ball was followed by a ground ball hit by Cooper at shortstop, who stopped it but slipped trying to make what would have been a difficult throw. The next batter, Hicks, hit a ball just over Brown's glove to load the bases, with no outs for clean-up hitter Brian Flannigan.

Hicks hit a ball to center field that Timpner dove for but couldn't come up with. The ball rolled past him and two runs came around to score. Hicks scored on an error by Krage, who was playing second base, to complete the scoring in the inning. Jacksonville State chased Cobb with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh, which the usually solid fielding Cooper contributed to in an error on a ball that went right under his glove. In all, Cobb went 6 2/3 innings, striking out five while giving up four hits, three walks and five runs, though only one was earned. Still, he got the loss, dropping to 3-2.

Sophomore Clay Timpner was responsible for all three of UCF's runs in the Knights' 3-1 win over JSU. The center fielder finished with a sacrifice fly and a two-run double.

Bergman said, "He's in control of the ball game, throws his curveball for a strike and when we got a couple runners in scoring position all night, each time with less than two outs, but they could never get the needed clutch hit. "Corn pitched a great game, you got to give him credit for that." He's in control of the ball game, throws his curveball for a strike and when we got a couple runners in scoring position all night, each time with less than two outs, but they could never get the needed clutch hit. "Corn pitched a great game, you got to give him credit for that."

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Sante, Dell leave volleyball team

Kristy Shonka/Staff Writer

UCF volleyball coach Meg Colado announced Wednesday that Leyre Santaella Sante and Kristen Dell left the team and will not return in the fall. Both would have been senior outside hitters for the Knights this fall.

Sante was the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year and A-Sun Tournament MVP. She led the team with 4.69 kills a game, while Dell averaged 2.98 kills a game in limited action.

Without Sante and Dell, the Knights still return five of six starters from last year’s A-Sun Championship team and Colado said she’s happy with what she’s seen so far in their team’s spring season.

“It’s been so positive and so productive,” she said.

She said the Knights have been able to play a lot of six-on-six in practice and the team time has been good.

“This is by far the best spring since I’ve been here, hands down,” Colado said. “The chemistry is amazing.”

Emily Watts, one of the most versatile athletes on the team, has moved into the starting right side position this spring. She’s a lefty, hitter for the Knights. Also see some time at libero.

Klinkenborg is still having some trouble with her knee, but Colado said she’s coming along nicely.

Klinkenborg and Watts will get more match experience this weekend as Her Knights continue their spring season.

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Memphis is today’s target

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es. At No. 2, Fernandez and Pecastaing held off Jen Capuzzi and Cristina Reyes, 5-4. Also

winning for UCF was the No. 5 team of Gunawan and Lohmos.

The tag team breezed past Jill and Julie Trainor, 6-2. At the No.1 spot, Lurzack and Westin fell to Lyndsey Molony and Khandebehri Italia, 6-4. 6-1.

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Getting a Ph.D. in F-A-T

Mike Rieggl
Contributing Writer

Many college students find that their eating habits become worse after they leave home — and a study confirms it — but diet alternatives can remedy that fact.

"The most common rationale is just plain laziness," said Redmond. "Students who take advantage of eating alternatives do exist, and with an extra bit of effort they can keep the weight off and feel better about their lifestyle.

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Playing Russian Roulette with a Lethal Diet

Samantha Fredricks
Staff Writer

Many students are unaware of the dangers of Ephedra

Investigating the severe health risks these pills pose.

These risks include heat attack, stroke, respiratory interruption, depression and even death in rare cases.

The most popular and dangerous forms of diet pills are those containing Ephedra.

Ephedra is a 5,000-year-old Chinese herb known for increasing the metabolic rate and calorie consumption of the body. Ephedra contains ephedrine, a naturally occurring alkaloid salt, used as a sympathomimetic in nasal decongestants.

The properties of this herb function as both a natural caffeine energy source and an appetite suppressant.

"The easiest way to describe it is a legal form of speed," said Lori Shodran, a UCF dietitian.

Like speed, ephedrine is not only dangerous but can also be addictive.

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Lifestyles

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Rebukes target the red carpet

Celebrities' stands often risk a public backlash

Geno Mehalk
Contributing Writer

Ulia Stocek knows that familiar figures from pop culture face certain risks when they raise their voices to oppose policies coming out of Washington, as evidenced by the discussions that followed last week's Academy Awards show:

"To speak out is a sign of real courage," said the film director and UCF professor. "It is important to have an open forum without fear of consequences to let people know not everyone feels the same way.

Given Michael Moore's notorious Oscar acceptance speech, Madonna's controversial new single and the Dixie Chicks' denunciation of the war in Iraq, it's hard to ignore the number of celebrities who are speaking out against the war in Iraq and being met with mixed reactions.

With an audience of more than 20 million viewers, the 76th annual Academy Awards gave many stars the chance to broadcast their political opinions directly into homes across the nation.

"I thought Adrien Brody's speech was well-spoken, compassionate and genuinely heartfelt," said junior Danielle Daniel.

Not all students agree with Daniel's support for celebrity protest.

Junior Jill Bowles felt that the demonstrations at the Oscars were obnoxious.

"Michael Moore is known for it. You should have expected it," she said.

Bowles' dearth of celebrity with celebrities in general taking a stand on world events.

"Everyone should express their opinion, but not all the time," she said.

Senior Pam Nobles said the Academy Awards was an inappropriate place for political expression. "It wasn't a speech panel of how they feel," Stocek, however, said that the anti-war comments were fewer and not out of place. Indeed, the work being honored by the Oscars represents the only form of expression available to actors and artists who make a living in the film industry. That work is precisely how they express themselves, she said. "It is our only consolation."

Though some are merely perturbed by celebrities who have taken an anti-war stand, others are taking their anger to extremes.

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Putting on pounds at college? You're not alone

Mike Rieggl
Contributing Writer

Since he moved out of his parents' house and started living on his own at UCF, Gerald Terrance considers a good home-cooked meal to be a bag of Doritos and a bowl of Chef Boyardee.

"I'd be fair to say my eating habits have been in steady decline and my weight has been on a steady incline," the 18-year-old freshman said.

It's also fair to say that Terrance is not alone on this campus or at universities across the country.

While recent studies have chronicled the persistent weight gain of Americans, one study also targeted the increasingly overweight college student demographic. Conducted by Tufts University in Medford, Mass., the study's results revealed that college students are expanding — horizontally — and it's usually caused by a diet rich in junk food and fast food.

"Apple Jacks aren't fruit, potato chips aren't vegetables, and beer isn't a suitable replacement for water," said Mary Jo Redmond, an Orlando dietitian.

Redmond has given her speech about developing eating habits to many college students. "I've seen some kids in some pretty dire situations over the years," she said.

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Playing Russian Roulette with a lethal diet

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Staff Writer

In a society where the pressures of adhering to specific ideals of beauty and perfection dominate everyday life, diet pills have become a routine drug.

Among college students the need to cling to these physical standards is even more evident and diet drugs appear to be the easiest and most efficient means to uphold today's body image as well as provide the additional energy to deal with the stress and exhaustion of university life.

"I have taken [diet pills] off and on for the past year," senior Amanda Caudy, 20, said. "I take them mostly to lessen my eating cravings and add energy to my daily routine."

As image-conscious students regularly pop these pills without thinking, they are unaware of the many dangers of diet pill ingredients. Many are dissuaded by the pill's over-the-counter accessibility without...
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**Madonna's new EP single likely to bring controversy**

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Graduate student Larry Walker Jr. decried at Malaya Trail and University Boulevard last Wednesday with a sign that read, "Boyott Hollywood." He said it was a reactionary protest in support of the troops in Iraq.

Walker warned that while celebrities have little knowledge of politics, they have a great deal of power over mainstream society.

"With power comes responsibility. Celebrities are using their power irresponsibly," said Walker Jr.

"It's amazing what these people have to say," she said. "They have such influence. Their words might make people pay attention to politics instead of just following along with blind patriotism."

For example, look for Madonna to curtail listeners with her new album "American Life," due out April 22.

Spokesman Liz Rosenburg said that the single, "American Life," is in no way a political or social statement. Not according to The New York Post, the video for the song depicts crying Iraqi women, bloodstained bodies and intense war images. The newspaper reported that minor alterations were expected before the video was released to television.

"As an artist, I hope that [the video and album provide] thought and dialog," Madonna has said. "I don't expect everyone to agree with my point of view." She said it's her goal to have freedom to express these feelings, and that's how she honors her country.

Xavier believes celebrities who make political statements, and is confident Madonna's video will not disappoint her fans.

"I'm sure she'll add some artistic twist to her video," Xavier said. "She always does.

"American Life" is already in rotation on mid-audience stations across the country and was ranked No. 50 on Billboard's Hot 100 two days after its release.

While Madonna's occasionally controversial lyrics and images have served to spark recordings throughout her career, the Dixie Chicks experienced a backlash of disapproval from fans after singer Natalie Maines told fans in London that she was ashamed the president of the United States came from her home state of Texas.

The rapid response included boycotts in Texas and threats to burn their CD, "The Dixie Chicks' airplay declined 20 percent over the seven-day period following Maines' remarks, according to the airplay monitoring firm Mediaruns.

"I've asked Cruz, from Orlando's XL 105.7, said people have called and requested that he not play the Dixie Chicks' new single, a cover of an earlier Fleetwood Mac hit, "Landslide."

"Unfortunately there are a lot of people with too much time on their hands," he said. "It's ridiculous. If you don't like the song, change the dial."

Xavier is surprised by the reaction. "We've never seen people being so rude to protectors and artists, and it's sad to see."

Indeed, according to an Associated Press report, the Screen Actors Guild released a statement saying that the threat of McCarthyism is again at hand.

"We observe the idea that those in the public eye should suffer professionally for having the courage to give voice to their viewers," a SAG spokesman said. "Even a hint of the blacklist must be avoided."

Xavier said that while she is comforted the world is protecting this war, this behavior may be dangerous.

"People are being wacked," she said. "We're flushing our civil liberties down the drain."

**WHAT CELEBRITIES ARE SAYING**

I don't like the way the news is portraying it. They portray it like the ultimate reality show and I just think it's cheap.

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"We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for ridiculous reasons, whether it's the [fictitious] dead god or the [fictitious] orange alerts. We are against this war. Mr. Bush! Shame on you, Mr. Bush! Shame on you!"

- MICHAEL MOORE, during his Oscar acceptance speech

"Protest music and different bits of culture that express political revolution are very important, not necessarily changing people's minds, but often reconfirming to them that they're not alone."

- TOM MORELLO, Audioslave

"I actually appreciate Madonna or anyone else making a statement of our times right now, because a lot of people are too scared to or they just don't care enough."

- SERI TANDAH, Owner of a Down

"Whenever you believe in, if it's God or Allah, may he watch over you and let's pray for a peaceful and swift resolution."

- ABHIN BIRJW, during his Oscar acceptance speech

"It's about how we are becoming increasingly more desensitized to things around the world that are brutal and not standing up for human values. And how the actions of the larger bodies affect the family or individual and how that ultimately turns back on the larger body."

- UNNY BALVIS, on his new Foolwood Max single, "Peacekeeper"

"You probably noticed there was no fancy red carpet out front; that's me."

- SHIRL MORTON, hosting the Oscars

"Think war is based in greed and there are huge economic motivations that will follow. I think war is never the answer to solving any problems. The best way to solve problems is to not have enemies."

- SHERI CHOW, backstage at the American Music Awards

"You won't show us your weapons, we'll show you ours."

- CLINT BEACH, lyrics to his new single "I Say Red Null"

"We are praying and hoping for the lives of all people involved, the troops, the Iraqi civilians, refugees, POWs, families of troops, the innocents - that they are safe and OK.

- MICHAEL STEFF, REM

"Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. Know that our hearts are with you. You have our love and encouragement, and we pray that you all come home to us and your families safe and sound."

- HILLARY BUSH, in a New Chief Warrant Officer overseas

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**Getting the vaccine "within a week after exposure" can still make the disease less severe.** Protection from infection lasts three to five years, and protection from severe illness and death can last 10 years or more.

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