Bush visit to Tampa rallies both sides

UCF trustees approve $6.5 million for new Student Health Center

MASSHALL SPENCE 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 40,000 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 Doleo, associate clinical director of the Student Health Center, said that an enrollment

Web site asks students to pay for professor ratings

NICOL JENKINS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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

This is, however, a new tool to help stressed-out undergrads. 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 free Web sites on which students post assessments of their instructors, and reflects a growing trend across campuses nationwide where private entrepreneurs are selling a similar service with the promise of something more.

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

Senior Steven Mandell, 21, who visited the Web site, said he knew there had to be a better alternative to choosing professors than merely asking friends who replied with nothing.

UCF Board of Trustees approved $6.5 million to renovate the existing Student Health Center as well as expand the center into a new four-story facility.

Student activists attend to convey their opposition to war

ERIC STEVENSON STAFF WRITER

As President George W. Bush rallied 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 Godfried, 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 remained firm, assuring soldiers and military families that the war would continue until

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

54: UCF students on active military base

300: Anti-war demonstrators outside military base

A war-ravaged town of Basra, Iraq.

Student activists attend to convey their opposition to war

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Student activists wage war to win public opinion

ALEX BARCOCK  STAFF WRITER

As bullets fly in Iraq and troops close in on Baghdad, the battle on campus is intensifying as well. These days, UCF resembles ground zero in an ideological explosion of pro-war and anti-war demonstrators.

Campus groups long active in conservative and liberal causes have taken sides in a war of opinions. campus war inCludes slogans, signs, but on this normally quiet campus, debate has gotten fierce and nearly violent.

The Progressive Council and Campus Peace Action, two anti-war clubs on campus, regularly face off against war supporters: Student Union rallies. At a recent rally verbal sparring almost got violent — students grabbed over microphones, and at one point, a war supporter unplugged a Campus Peace Action microphone.

"It may have gotten a little out of hand," said freshman Matt de Vlieger, 18, the public relations chair of Campus Peace Action.

He said many war supporters don't understand the anti-war message, perceiving it as anti-American or against overseas forces.

"We're trying to support the troops in the most funda mental way possible," said de Vlieger. "We want them home safe with their families. We don't want to put them in harm's way unnecessarily."

On most days, Campus Peace Action members sit at a table in front of the Student Union, handing out fliers promoting peace, and others clutching American flags. A few people stop to debate the war, or just hear what they believe is the other side.

On one recent occasion, a man passed by the table and shouted, "You should take that flag and give it to someone who cares about this country."

Dissect Line that runs contrary to the belief in freedom of speech that lies at the group's heart, de Vlieger said. Because of such beliefs, the group loves America.

On the opposite side of the battlefield, conservative campus groups such as Rebuilding on a Conservative Future and Rejoice and toil for Peace and who supported the war. These groups such as Conservative on a Conservative Future and Rejoice and toil for Peace are too polite even after a federal immigration jury released UCF professor set free.

"We're hoping for more community involvement in environmental issues, such as the Wetka Silver protection, the Save the Arborcouncil, and the campus human rights protection. The organizers also plan to paint a "Trees A Tree Giveaway." On Tuesday, Susannah Linsborg, of Wildlife Advocacy Project, will host a workshop focusing on campaign organization and grass-roots movements.

On Wednesday, "Alternative Energy Day" Joel Davis of Florida Cancer Action said there will give two presentations on "The Sustainability of Hemp." Recycling will dominate Thursday's events, with the Florida-Oregon on a "Recycling Rally" and two presentations on recycling by Susan El Amrani of the Orange County Solid Waste Management Department.

On Friday, presentations will focus on other environmental issues. Browne said students should participate "because there are giveaways and good, good, good music and interesting works that will help us to learn more about it."

Added Gaffrede: "Students should come out to that because, in those times of war, there are things we can do to at home to make things better for the future. And there are things we can do today in the ways we can do that."

Speech offers lesson in leadership

Darden Restaurants senior executive Rich Walsh will office advice on "How Speech offers lesson in leadership

Darden Restaurants senior executive Rich Walsh will office advice on "How to Become a Leader." Walsh will discuss three key traits that make a good leader: having a "clear vision," "being a team player" and "leading by example.

"Diversity is key," Walsh said. "Studies show that the most successful companies are those that have diverse leadership teams. That's because diverse teams bring different perspectives and experiences to the table, which can lead to better decision-making and increased innovation.

Walsh also said that leaders should be willing to take risks and embrace change. "Leadership is about taking calculated risks and trying new things. That's how we grow and adapt to the ever-changing business landscape.

"Finally, leaders should be willing to listen and learn. No one knows everything, and the best leaders are those who are open to learning from others and growing their skills," Walsh said.

On Wednesday, Campus Peace Action will hold a protest to support Iraqi civilians. The group plans to hand out fliers and speak to passersby about the war in Iraq. "We're trying to make people think about the human cost of this war," said de Vlieger.

Please see War on 10 for more information.
New building will employ more physicians, expand health services

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grows, demands on the center grow as well. A university with a projected enrollment of 40,000 should have a health system that has one or two full-time psychiatrists, 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 those 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 larger 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 selection 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, UCF Counseling and Health and wellness education, Dechen said.

[The Student Health Center meets] many of the criteria that justify a high-quality student health services," Dechen 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 18,000 to 18,000, 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 $6.5 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 $180 to $175 per semester. UCF officials said the increase was necessary to pay for higher wages for maintenance workers who were recently granted a $4-an-hour raise. The increase, which will generate about $1 million in revenue this year, will not go to refinance existing dormitories and on-campus housing units. New rates will start at $1,750 per semester, or $438 a month, for a double room. Single rooms will cost $2,255 per semester, or $563 a month.

Four new majors approved

Trustees also approved four new majors for next year: a master's degree in computer art and design, a bachelor's degree in photography, a bachelor's degree in restaurant and food service management, and a doctorate in chemistry.

The 72-hour program in computer art and design will allow UCF faculty and students to increase partnerships with the Atlantic Center for the Arts, the Orlando Museum of Art and other anchors of the regional entertainment industry, which employs 15,000 people locally and produces more than $1 billion in revenue. Orlando ranks fourth in the nation in the art industry field.

The 127-credit photography program will offer training in photography, digital imaging, professional writing and photojournalism at UCF's Daytona Beach campus. Students can enroll in the new program, which begins this summer only after they've earned an associate of sciences degree in photographic 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. It also aims to retain the 45 percent of graduates who leave the master's chemistry program at UCF to pursue doctoral and professional education elsewhere. UCF is the only university in the state to offer a chemistry doctorate that emphasizes forensics and environmental chemistry.

The 23 hour bachelor's degree program in restaurant and food service management emphasizes training, principles and practical experience. It is estimated that 20 percent of the 1,600 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

JASON IRSAY
STAFF WRITER

Bringing together the mayors of two of Florida's biggest cities along with other experts, UCF hosted a regional forum Thursday to address concerns about conservation and urban growth.

Titled "A Regional Perspective on Central Florida's Natural Lands," the discussion was sponsored by UCF's Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies.

Panelists included recently elected Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, who talked about the similarities between Jacksonville and Orlando. John Delaney's "Better Jacksonville Plan" and the platform of Dyer's own mayoral campaign, which stressed improvements in infrastructure, land conservation, environmental protection and downtown revitalization.

"There is a lot of modeling, and I know that I can take from his tenure as mayor of Jacksonville," Dyer said.

He led two summits focusing on protecting and restoring and enhancing the St. Johns River, and was instrumental in having the St. Johns named as an American Heritage River. And through his preservation project, more than 40,000 acres of land were set aside for conservation and passive recreation in Jacksonville.

Delaney said his inspiration to protect Jacksonville's undeveloped lands came during a fishing trip in the city's largely preserved northeast quadrant. "I had a... sort of an epiphany," he said. "I began to imagine the laundromats, the strip malls and the fast-food restaurants gone from the scene."

Delaney talked about the need for cities to evolve. "Whether we want to or not, we are going to change," he said. "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 left behind and in the economically depressed areas," he continued. "We did not want the growth in this destination.

In order to steer that growth, he said, he 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 do 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 new the whole central country that is actually expanding," Delaney said. In addition, the city has preserved 100 square miles of land.

But the remaining challenges of urban growth are still the same, Dyer said. The infrastructure falls behind, the environment suffers and old neighborhoods get neglected.

"The whole emphasis is to push that growth," he said.

Following Delaney's speech, UCF biology professor Reed Noss spoke about the virtues of regional planning, and the consequences of failing to plan 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.

"We've read, over the years, several very interesting articles that make a chillingly persuasive case of the similarity between urban sprawl and the growth and metastasis of cancer in the human body," Noss said.

He argued that regional planning could help to preserve 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."

While 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."

Linda Chupin, the director of the Metropolitan Center and former Orange County chairman, called the forum "a beginning" and pledged to continue pushing for responsible growth in Central Florida.

"We agreed that the Metropolitan Center will convene the same working group in 90 days," Chupin 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 have said the university has taken a different approach. "It seems to me that we are doing quite well," Helen Doegus, the center's vice president for community relations, said. "We're pleased with the direction we're heading.

Noss neither praised nor condemned UCF's growth.

"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 at Room 202 of the Engineering II Building.

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Not all professors agree with Web site's academic effectiveness

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Inconsistent answers... "Professors are the most important part of the university," said Manuell, 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 instructor who is the best for them.

Manuell 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 classes. 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 record for four professors; each additional professor viewed will cost another $2. Though Manuell expects that his new site will offer discounted fees in its first few weeks to new users. Junior Katie Wisniewski, 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 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 committed," he said.

McLaughlin said that UCPprofessors.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 sophomores Brad McLaughlin, 19, finds it hard to believe that opinions on the site will be helpful. "Although the Web site is in a good idea, I think, it is a little too biased to work effectively," he said. "You cannot always trust strangers to give you a fair out­look."

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

Key Biedendere, a professor in the Department of Psychology who teaches research methods and developmental learning, said the Web site will affect students' learning and professors' perfor­mance. "Most students will choose the professors with the higher grades, which may or may not include 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."

Finley Taylor and Ali Kenyon both are professors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. They worry the site could become a problem by discouraging grade inflation.

Taylor said students who use the Web site will choose a profes­sor based on popularity rather than for the right reasons.

Ali Kenyon: "Students will go on this Web site looking for an easy A, and then find out when taking their course that they have to work hard to learn the material."

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 subsidized by the student government.

SA's Chief Student Advocate, junior Wesley Hubschtohls, said SA has reviewed professor-rating Web sites in the past, but likely would want to look again at the UCP-approved site as well as similar sites elsewhere before becoming involved in an official capacity.
Sheyla Nieves  Staff Writer

Unlike most American teenagers, the majority of Israeli youths face a much different responsibility—upon graduation from high school. Rather than relishing in newfound independence, Israeli teens must put themselves on the front line as members of the Israeli Defense Forces.

Unlike the voluntary American armed forces, IDF service is mandatory for all 18-year-old Israeli citizens and permanent residents to join. Men serve for three years and women for 25 months. They remain reservists until the age of 51 and 24, respectively.

Four of those former soldiers discussed their experiences in the IDF in a forum Thursday organized by Central Florida Hillel at the Wired Café.

IDF may grant deferments to students studying at higher education institutions or new immigrants depending on age and personal status, according to Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Despite this, the natural course for Israeli youths goes from high school to IDF. In the IDF, the young adults learn to interact with other people and take on new responsibilities, said Doron Avni, a former IDF soldier and adjunct lecturer for UCF's Judaic studies program.

"There's no mommy and daddy to cry on their shoulders," Avni said. "You have to learn to get along by yourself."

"I came out a different person," she added.

Avni served in the early 1990s, when women were not put in combat positions. Avni 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 abound, Avni 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 1960s. In the IDF, he learned antitank 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 being in Israel for a year and served from 1984 to 1985. He explained that IDF connected him with an adoptive family and does not force service for the entire year. Miller is a member of AKP and has been president. She is a member, said that when Walsh was appointed as part of the council's leadershipweek.

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UCF Bergen Mathews, a former IDF soldier, was also invited to speak.

"I've had Mr. Walsh come and speak to our brotherhood, but this event is open to everyone," Omusko said. "It's a good chance for the student body to get some insight into the corporate world from a loyal leader."

Senior Meghan Goddlin, 21, who handles public relations for the Business Administration College Council, of which Alpha Kappa Psi is a member, said that Walsh will speak as part of the council's leadership week.

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Members of AKP hope for a large turnout. "To learn from someone like Rick Walsh is a great opportunity to see what's possibly out there in the corporate world," Walsh said.

The forum is organized by the Student Union and sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi. The guest speaker was invited by the university's Hillel organization.

Four former Israeli Defense Force soldiers gathered in the Wired Café Thursday to discuss their lives and military experiences in a forum organized by Central Florida Hillel.

Featured were Dora Avni, a former IDF soldier, Rick Walsh, a former ALPHA KAPPA PSI SPEAKS TO BUSINESS MAJORS

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Soldiers ‘always know someone that dies’

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Shabat served in IDF from 1997 to 2000. Although he wanted to
serve, he joined the IDF from 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 the five
soldiers with whom he
served, many of whom were
away from their families and
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 50 peo-
ple included other former IDF sol-
diers who briefly introduced them-
seves.

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.

“I was a left handed rifle man”

Shabat was stationed on the
Vanguard and served in the IDF
from 1957 to 1960 as a tank com-
mander. At a later time, he said
violence and the deaths of about 50
percent of the soldiers in his unit
chauvinized his IDF time.

Shabat brought his 14-year-
old son, Johnathan, to the event.
Johnathan 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 softer
winding of serving in the IDF to Johnathan.

Instead, the panelists seemed
to give a realist and adventu-
rous portrayal of their IDF serv-
ices.

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

Other audience members
found the event to be educational
and different 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 Nefziger, 21, who
minors in Arabic studies, orga-
nized the event for the Central
Florida Hillel.
He said he did so
because “there is no Israel-related
programming” on campus and felt
the panel would provide an edu-
cational opportunity.

Miss UCF steps down

DANIELLE DEPARI
STAFF WRITER

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

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

Noland, 21, a senior who
is

majors in Judaic studies, organ-
ized the event this month of Miss
Florida pageant.

“I can’t really 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
boutique contest from the United
States.

Burgess, 21, a senior nursing
major, now will represent the uni-
versity in the Miss Florida pageant
June 20.

“An opportunity to make a
difference,” Burgess said in her
statement.

“I’m fulfilling my job and it is
nothing to do with UCF. I fully sup-
port UCF,” said. "I am working as a
Intern to prepare for the pageant and
taking this in stride.”

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the peace protesters these days have nothing to do with the war and everything to do with who's in the White House," he said.

Considered said liberal protesters oppose Bush, rather than the war, and use the conflict as an opportunity to condemn America's treatment of its prisoners, while lowering troop morale.

To improve World opinion about the war, the American strategy has focused on using precision-guided bombs and missiles, to avoid unintended deaths and destruction.

Yet no amount of technology can completely eliminate Iraqi suffering, Leto said. Anticipating casualties, American security concerns. The Bush administration decided to do more than protest. They had a garage sale.

The group raised money through the sale of used goods like clothes and furniture. Proceeds will provide relief to Iraqis who were injured or had homes damaged in the fighting.

"We want to help the humanitarian cause," he said.

Senior Nole Guere, 21, knows what a war can do to a country from her research into the impact of war on Central Africa. As the former president of the United Nations Association of UCF, she saw what oppressive military regimes can do to a country, and she says the Bush administration believes it can help the Iraqis escape their current regime.

Though she sees a benefit to replacing Hussein's regime with a democracy, she sees little connection between Iraq and American security concerns.

"I don't think [ Hussein's] regime poses a threat to the United States," she said. "Even the CIA has said the only threat he poses to the U.S. is if we attack him."

Guere says the real threats to America lie with countries closer to building nuclear weapons, like North Korea.

"We're not dealing with the most pressing, imminent threat," she said. "North Korea's troops are fed better than anyone in the country, they have weapons that can reach the west coast of the U.S., and we're not even talking to them."

North Korea admitted in October 2002 that it re-activated its nuclear program, to the dismay of the United States and the United Nations. The Bush administration has pursued a diplomatic solution to ending the program.

If Iraq was allowed more time, Considered said, it would have produced nuclear weapons too, and would be much harder to defeat.

The message America sends by ignoring North Korea, Guere says, is far more dangerous than the Iraqi threat.

She says American policy demonstrates a double standard. "If you're weak, and if you don't have nuclear weapons, then we're going to attack you," Emily Balf, ex-chairman of the Progressive Council, calls this the "I'll-bite-you-to-death-and-that's-who's-crazy" mentality. She says other nations could follow America's lead and start bombing their own enemies.

The diplomatic route was tried, and it failed, Considered, though he agreed that diplomacy should always be the first course. The war to liberate Iraq, he said, was the only option left.

America's motivation to change the Iraqi regime has nothing to do with disarming Hussein or liberating Iraq, Leto said. It's about oil.

Leto said oil interests have driven the conflict, and that Vice President Dick Cheney's former employer, Halliburton Corp., will benefit from war. "Dick Cheney's ex-company Halliburton is already there in Iraq, said with an open-ended contract," Leto said. Halliburton's main business, oil-field service, could profit the most from the war, with some estimates that rebuilding Iraq's oil infrastructure could cost $60 billion.

Senior Jared Pearman, 21, has a moral opposition, to war, as a member of UCF's Falun Gong Cultivation Society, a group that promotes spiritual health and well-being. He agrees with helping the Iraqis, though, and hopes America can peacefully help other societies, like China, in the future.

"The United States has worked hard to forge diplomatic ties with China, and now they're letting us do it," he said. "I love America's greatest all-out effort to help other countries and regimes."

Smith and other ROCK members both have attended and started pro-America and pro-war rallies, including a sign-waving event at the corner of University Boulevard and Alahaya Trail last Wednesday. Hand-made signs with slogans such as "Support our troops" and "I love America's greatest all-out effort to help other countries and regimes".

American values, like freedom of speech, will benefit Iraq, Pearman says. "People will have a chance to think on their own, to express their opinions, and live their lives the way they want to live," he said. "Maybe they'll have the same opportunities we have in America."

That hope resonates with members of ROCK, who see Americans not as invaders, but as liberators, they say.

Sen. Johnen said, a "definable time," and that it will be a "sadder place."
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Monday March 31, 2003

OUR STANCE:

Research professors in person, not online

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 courses.

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 consumers 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 professor to take part in the evaluation process, but also for those who pay to obtain the information.

The accuracy of such evaluations comes into question, as only the most passionate students — the ones who really loved or really hated a professor — are likely to participate in the forums offered on such Web sites.

Students who rely on anonymous evaluations to decide whether to take a course or hire a professor can potentially serve as valuable sources of information for students — and only if they are done right — those Web sites should not counsel nearly as much for the information they provide.

This information is available for free to everyone who wants it. If students want to find out how other students have evaluated their professors, they can obtain such information themselves. Sure, going through the proper channels to obtain that information may require more research, but students can save themselves money by doing it themselves.

In addition, students are more likely to get accurate information about professors by doing some research and actually talking to students in the professors' classes or talking to the professors themselves.

OUR STANCE:

Embrace diversity to end cultural fears

Hate crimes directed against Arabs, Muslims and Sikhs across the United States have increased since the beginning of the war in Iraq. About a dozen such crimes have been reported since the war began, with most of the incidents involving verbal harassment or property damage. These incidents have come from Arizona to Wisconsin, and on both coasts.

Like the rise in hate crimes that followed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, these hate crimes have no justification. The American people should never tolerate racism or stereotyping of anyone. However, those who commit hate crimes must continue to increase unless society takes a clear stand against such behavior.

The American people need to demonstrate that racism has no place in our culture. People need to condemn this behavior as unacceptable and reprehensible, and to call for justice to protect all citizens, including those who share a religious heritage or the country we are fighting.

Americans society would benefit the core values it says it fights for.

Now is the time to reach out to the Arab and Muslim communities. It is to begin promoting a few justifiable fears that the United States' actions egde to an attack on their culture. Americans, and the American government, need to quell those fears by embracing Arabs, Muslims and Sikhs. We need to try to bridge the gap and work together to find common ground and understanding.

If Americans cannot overcome the rest of the world's hatred of their actions, it risks alienating even more people and more countries than it has already offended. The mistreatment of America can only get worse. The residents of America act is their own worst enemy.

This concept of treating all people decently may prevent us from using the war to quell our fears, but it will help us to learn how to live with each other. As a nation, we should strive to be better people.

UCF can make a difference by demonstrating to the larger Central Florida community how we can all live together peacefully, respectfully and with understanding. To accomplish this, the university must embrace the same principles.

University should take active role judging faculty’s morals, views

The editorial, "Professor has right to pro-Palestinian views," published March 27, clearly misses the mark regarding intellectual rights, the First Amendment and morality.

While a student has a right to free speech, no rights impose any obligations on others, however educated or ignorant they may be. To force a student to accept a person's views is to infringe on the student's right to free speech. Furthermore, it is the group's responsibility to learn about and respect other views. The university does this on all campuses, including UCF, by not placing students in classes they feel — including moral judgments — about the professor they like — including moral judgments — on professors who will benefit students and those who will not. Should UCF hire professors who support Nazis or favor censorship? The university should not serve itself with such matters.

Faculty members have a responsibility to defend freedom, wealth and other values. It is not against the law for the University of Florida to hire pro-Palestinian professors, but it is to hire pro-Arabic professors. Why?

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JONATHAN TUCKER
President of the Objection Club at UCF

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.

—THOMAS C. GAYE

All we see about the Iraqi refugees... do they have a democratic guard?

Definitely.

We probably... but Maybe they were against going to war.

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Letters to the Editor

Views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Opinion.
Free speech reduced to petty name-calling

MENTAL DOODLES

Christopher Arnold

Now that the United States and its allies have committed themselves to conflict in Iraq, I, like many other 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 is as good a time as any to offer my two cents.

First of all, I am an absolute proponent of 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 shouted in a crowded movie theater and why — believe it or not — some things truly are better left unsaid. This is by no means to discourage opposing viewpoints or dissenting opinions, but lately, it has begun to seem that the "freedom" is lost into more often than the "speech."

Speech implies communication, which, as I understand it, requires intelligent discourse to be of any real merit. Maybe it is a paradox, but I think that if your only argument for your position is "just because," then maybe the issue is less about freedom of speech and more about how 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 superficial catchphrase or disrespectful name-calling, then I fail to see how such an act may be of any benefit to the cause you support. If you do believe a certain way, say it and do it, but do some research — free speech should be about discussion and communication, never about resorting to combative name-calling and shouting matches.

In addition, I applaud 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 their service more than words may ever be able to.

However, support of our solders does not necessarily mean support for the mission they are on. I tend to put fall into that category 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 should be known. 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 greater danger further down the road.

Gratified, I have never been one of my 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 anti-republican mentality, and as such, do not automatically denounce whatever President Bush offers to the nation.

This is a war, unlike any our great nation has ever known. We have struck first. We have gone into battle without traditional allies and sans United Nations approval. We are invading 24 hours a day,氣 facilitated by media embedded within 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, raising our families and being friends. We could remain relatively isolated from the goings-on in other parts of the world. Unfortunately, we live in a world far from perfect.

Cold War conflicts between global 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处在a point in time when action could arguably be of equal or greater detriment than action.

Terrorists' hatred of the United States is deep and longstanding, and would not have waned if we had abstained from war. Could our actions overseas inspire future terrorists? Sure. But could terrorists and rogue states left unchecked just as equally promote and inspire future terrorists? Absolutely.

In his response to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center 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 harbor 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 respect its weapons and military programs. The specifics thereof were delineated in resolution 1441, drafted in 2002. Given ample opportunity to abide by those resolutions, Iraq did so in appearance only, thereby undermining United Nations authority.

Regardless of how sketchy certain details might have been prior to the start of the war, Saddam Hussein's conduct since has only emphasized the need for his removal from power.

And though chemical/biological agents remain elusive, he has used several missiles that violate the terms of the United Nations resolutions. His use of civilians as shields further undermines the impression he has subjected his people to and serves as a stark contrast to the policy of trying to protect non-military Iraqis.

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Men's streak extends to 16

Tennis team improves to 16-2 on year

Sadie Sham Staff Writer

The No. 62 UCF men's tennis team is on a roll. The Knights won their 10th and 11th matches in a row last week. They defeated Division II powerhouse Barry, 4-3, Friday and The Citadel, 4-3, Tuesday. The Knights improved to 16-2 on the season.

Friday's match was delayed for over three hours due to rain. Once resumed, the singles portion was played first. The Bucs, ranked No. 5 in Division II, won three of six matches. Thomas Hopp defeated Gabriel Strangberg, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4 at the No. 2, while Gerald Wirting brought down Augusto Sanabria, 6-2, 6-4 at the No. 3. Sebastian Losavio also picked up a win for the Bucs at the No. 4, beating Antonio Sierra, 7-6, 6-1.

UCF saw outstanding power at the top spot from Catalin Brada. Brada held off Sumit MTBhak, 7-6, 6-2. Enter Gururaj got past Filip Norman, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 5. The only UCF victim was Simon Jaeger at No. 6. Jaeger defeated Dirk Losavio, 5-7, 6-4.

Tied at three points each, the match came down to the doubles play. Sanabria and Jaeger beat past Berndtshaus and Alex Pepe, 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2. The Bucs got a win at No. 3. Where Wirting and Losavio beat Gabriel Strangberg and Rhett Rasen, 5-7, 6-4. The doubles, where Brada and

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Softball team sweeps Georgia State University

Matt Bethun 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 5-8 in A-Sun play.

In the first game both teams were scoreless until the sixth inning when Ann 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 2-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 USF's Emily Priesthen booted Kaycee Clark's hit, allowing Best to score and giving the Knights a 2-0 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 7-1 victory. Taylor Sneyer pitched the complete game and improved to 12-5 on the year. 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 their last six.

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Jon Scroggins Staff Writer

"It would have been easy to be an athlete without being a student," said Peyton Manning, former standout quarterback at the University of Tennessee. "Similarly, it would have been much easier to just be a student, and leave athletics for another day. But it wouldn't have been as joyful."

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 she

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. Her

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Astrid Sanabria teamed with Simon Jaeger to beat Barry's No. 2 doubles team.

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CLAESSENS TAKES athletics & academics SERIOUSLY

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Men’s tennis takes on FAU today

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Antonio Sierra squared off against MBIoko and Hipp, would decide the match. Bruhl and Sierra won 7-3 in the tiebreak to come away with a 6-8 win over the Knights' 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, 4-5 at the UCF Tennis Complex. UCF won all three doubles matches to clinch the first point of the day against The Citadel.

Sierra and Bruhl continued their steady play, bolting Matt Stobbie and John Williams at No. 1, 8-4. Woolfolk/Mansur defeated No. 3, Jerry and Santarria. The duo paired to breeze past David Lara and Warren Woolfolk, 6-2. At No. 2, Strangberg and Mann held off Nicholas Medina and Lawrence Teye, 6-4.

On the singles side, the Golden Knights won three out of six matches, despite playing without the services of their top singles performers. Bruhl and Strangberg. At No. 1, Sierra got past Stobbie, 6-2, 6-3. Eren Guzay was a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Medina at No. 3 and Jaeger took down Teye, 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.

Eren Guzay was one of three UCF players to earn a singles victory against Division II powerhouse Barry.

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UCF blows 7-4 lead
Baseball team loses series to JSU

Chris Bernhardt Staff writer

To evaluate the performance of the UCF baseball team (28-30-2) in the decisive third game of their home series with Jacksonville State (17-13, 5-6), look no further than Dee Brown. The sophomore right fielder served as a microcosm of how the Golden Knights played in that game and thus far in a season where they’ve struggled to find consistency.

With the game tied in the top of the sixth of seven innings, Brown came to the plate with two runners on base with one out. He off the bat of Clint Carrell that allowed the Gamecocks to go ahead 7-6 in a thrilling game that left UCF with a loss of two consecutive home conference series.

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

The loss erased any positive vibes felt after the Knights won the first game of the doubleheader 5-1. UCF got on top quickly, with Clay Timpiner knocking in David Mann with a sacrifice fly after Mann and Kragt led off the bottom of the first with singles. Timpiner also knocked in Brent Johnson’s other two runs in the bottom of the fifth with a two-run double.

The other 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 7-1 against Jacksonville State and 2-1 against the Knights.

The win lifted the Knights’ ???-1 record to 17-13, 5-6.

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Women’s tennis team upsets No. 35 Ohio State

Sadie Shiam Staff writer

The UCF women’s tennis team claimed its biggest win of the season Wednesday evening defeating No. 35 Ohio State, 4-6, at the UCF Tennis Complex. The win was the Golden Knights’ fourth consecutive while Ohio State fell to 6-4 for the second time in as many matches.

The battle came down to the No. 3 singles spot, where UCF’s Kristina Lohmos recorded a win over Ohio State’s kidnaps, 6-4, which gave the match to the Knights.

In addition to Lohmos, three other Knights won their solo matches. Julie Perez, Kristina Lohmos, and Lisa Scarlett all notched up automatic matches.

OSU’s Sadia Perve, 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 1 spot and UCF’s Ana Lima Marques, 5-2 at the No. 4 spot.

Ohio State is the second nationally ranked team UCF has beaten this season.

UCF travels to Tennessee

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four games. On Tuesday at the Rebel Games in Kissimmee the Rebels defeated Wright State, 14-3, and lost to Towson, 5-4. The following day the Rebels dropped two important conference games at home to Samoa and

Senior Ryan Bear played both first base and right field against Jacksonville State.

The game ended early because of darkness.

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

UCF led 1-0 going into the seventh inning of the first game, but couldn’t hold on and eventually lost 3-2 in 10 innings. Best hit her 100th homer of the season to give the Golden Knights an early 1-0 lead in the second game, but the Bulldogs scored four runs in the fifth inning and won 5-1 in six innings. The game ended early because of darkness.

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Jacksonville State's Corn shuts out Knights

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that had switched positions with Brown for the game. Bear, an experienced and normally reliable outfielder, dropped the ball. Bear was replaced following a ground ball to 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 Flaxman.

Hawkins hit a ball to center field that Timpner dove for but couldn't come up with. Hicks scored on an error by Kenagy, 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 with an error on a ball that went right under his glove. In all, Cobb went 4 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. 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."

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."

Having already lost two out of three to Georgia State two weeks earlier, UCF has now dropped its first two home conference series. They'll travel to Tampa this Tuesday to face South Florida before returning home for a weekend set against yet another conference weakling in Campbell, which is fresh off a sweep of A-Sun power Stetson.

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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, 8-4. At No. 2, Kate Street and Jana Mitchell fell to Lyndsey Molony and Julie Klauck, 8-2. At the No.1 spot, Luczak and Westin were victorious for the weekend of April 12, when the Knights continue their spring season. Colado said Watts is one of the most versatile athletes she has coached at UCF since she's seen so far in her team's North Carolina-Chapel Hill for a tournament. In North Carolina, UCF will face USC, North Carolina, Duke, UNO-Charlotte and Maryland. UNO, USC and Duke were all NCAA Tournament participants last season.

In the fall the Knights will welcome three new faces — two freshmen and a sophomore transfer. Setter Katie Kohnen is transferring from the University of Wisconsin. Colado said Kolkmann will immediately challenge all-conference member Jenny Frank at setter and could also see some time at libero. Kate Street and Jana Mitchell will both begin their freshmen seasons with the Knights this August. Street is an outside hitter/blocker from Texas, while Mitchell is a middle blocker from Minnesota.

With all the talent she's returning and with the new players she has coming in, Colado said she is looking forward to this fall when the Knights will set out to win their third consecutive A-Sun Championship.
Rebukes target the red carpet

Celebrities' stands often risk a public backlash

GENO MEHALIK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Uli Srodek 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 civil courage," said the film director and UCI 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' demonstration of the formidable power of Texas, 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 75th 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 Bondes felt that the demonstrations at the Oscars were obtrusions. "Michael Moore is known for it. You should have expected it," she said.

But many are perceiving celebrities with general in a takeover 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 felt," Srodek, however, said that the side-war comments were cheaper and not at 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 RIEGEL
STAFF WRITER

Since he moved out of his parental house and started living on his own at UCI, 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 a 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.

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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. "The most common rationale is just plain laziness."

Redmond wants to show students that 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

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Many students are unaware of the dangers of Ephedra

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The easiest way to describe it is a legal form of speed," said Loit Shodran, a UCI dietician.

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

Students who stop taking ephedrine after pre-engaged use typically put the weight back on, become more tired than usual and experience symptoms of depression.

Because of this people will return to the pills and often take more than the recommended dosage in order to maintain the results, Shodran said.

"Once you start taking it your body becomes addicted to it," she said. "It is never-ending and that's where I think a lot of people get into trouble."

One commonly found ephedrine-based diet pill is Xenasdride. Most vitamin stores and supermarkets carry the dietary supplement for about $40 a bottle. Though many stores only allow those 18 and over to purchase

Please see Diet on 20
Diet pills containing ephedrine have similar reactions as speed

Order salads if short on time, says dietician

Each food group has a range of servings to choose from for individual calorie needs. These are the minimum guidelines as some individuals with higher calorie needs may need more than what is listed below.

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COLLEGE EATING HABITS
46 percent of freshmen don’t consume the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
50 percent of all students don’t get enough fiber (25 grams a day).
30 percent of all students eat too much sugar-sweetened saturated fat.
30 percent of women don’t get enough calcium.
30 percent say they know their diet has gone downhill since they moved to college.
42 percent of all students report a decline in their body image during their freshman year.
30 percent of normal weight college women perceive that they are overweight.
11 percent report a decline in their overall feeling of happiness during their freshman year.
OSA Calendar
This Week and Next

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

Wed Apr 2
7:30 pm EKCEL Workshop: Community, SU 220
8 pm CAB Comedy Knight with Dave Attell, UCF Arena. Free to all.

Fri Apr 4
Relay For Life, Fri - Sat, UCF Arena

Mon Apr 7
6 pm VUCF Green Ribbon Gala (Get Carded Banquet), Pegasus Ballroom RSVP Required

Wed Apr 9
6 pm VUCF Volunteer Award Ceremony, Key West 218 CD
8 pm CAB Spring Concert with Nappy Roots, Smilez & Southstar, and One Drop. Free to all. UCF Arena

Thu Apr 10
7:30 pm Symphony Under the Stars with UCF Orchestra & UCF Jazz Ensemble, Reflecting Pond

Sat Apr 12
9:15 am VUCF “Keep Orlando Beautiful” Park Bench Project. Meet at Millican Hall at 9:15 am to carpool

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Graduate student Larry Walker Jr. protests Hollywood's view of war video was released to television.

"As an artist, I hope that [the video and album provide] thought and dialogue," Madonna has said. "I don't expect everyone to agree with my point of view," she said. "I am just hoping to have the freedom to express these feelings, and that's how I honor my country."

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

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

"American Life" is already in rotation on radio stations across the country and was ranked No. 80 on Billboard's Hot 100 two days after its release.

While Madonna's occasionally controversial lyrics have served to underline 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 "some state of Texas."

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

DJ Kid Cruz, from Orlando's XL, 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.

"It is a surprise by the reaction. "We've never seen people being so rude to protesters 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 deploy the idea that those in the public eye should suffer professionally for having the courage to give voice to their views," a SAG spokesman said. "Even a hint of the blacklist must again be tolerated in this nation."

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

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

WHAT CELEBRITIES ARE SAYING:

"I don't like the way the news is portraying it. They are portraying it like the ultimate reality show."
- ORI, on war coverage

"We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for ridiculous reasons, whether it's the [fictitious] dead dodo or the [fictitious] orange alerts. We are against this war. Mr. Bush! Shame on you, Mr. Bush, shame on you!"
- MICHAIL MOORE, during his Oscar acceptance speech

"Protest music and different bits of culture that express political and social rebellion are very important, in not necessarily changing people's minds but often reconfirming to them that they are 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 or they just don't care enough."
- SERA TANDON, System 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."
- AHMAD BASHIR, 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 KABIRU, on the new Billboard Hot single, "Peacekeeper"

"You probably noticed there was no fancy red carpet out front; that's not my style!"
- STEVE MARTIN, hosting the Oscars

"I think war is based on greed and there are huge narcotic stimulants that will blow up; I think war is never the answer to solving any problems. The best way to solve problems is to not have enemies."
- SHERI CHOVK, backstage at the American Music Awards

"You won't show us your weapons, well show you ours."
- DINT BACHI, lyrics to his new single "Fag and Roll"

"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 STEPH, 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."
- HAJI BACHIR, in a Navy Chief Warrant Officer message

"This song for me is about more than Iraq. It is about our role as people in the world and that we all should cherish freedom and peace."
- UNNY KABIRU, on his new duet with Irish pop star KADIM AS HABBI

Madonna's new album, American Life, is predicted to cause controversy.
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Dr. William Oakley
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Smallpox vaccine protects people who work with smallpox or related viruses in laboratories. During an outbreak or emergency, smallpox vaccine can protect people exposed to smallpox virus. Smallpox vaccine is made from a virus called vaccinia. Vaccinia virus is similar to smallpox virus, but less harmful. Vaccinia vaccine can protect people from smallpox. Getting the vaccine "before" exposure will protect most people from smallpox. Getting the vaccine "within" three days after exposure can prevent the disease or at least make it less severe.

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. Laboratory workers who handle cultures or animals contaminated or infected with vaccinia or other related viruses and public health, hospital, and other personal generally 18-45 years of age, who may have to respond to a smallpox case or outbreak, should be vaccinated. Additionally, anyone directly exposed to smallpox virus should get one dose or vaccine as soon as possible after exposure. Vaccinated persons may need to be reimmunized after three to 10 years, depending on risks.

After the vaccination, a blister should form at the vaccination site. Later it will form a scab, and finally the scab will fall off, leaving a scar. You may also experience swelling and tenderness of the lymph nodes lasting two to four weeks after the blister has healed. Itching at the vaccination site, fatigue, mild fever, headache or muscle aches.

Some people should not get smallpox vaccine or should wait. Anyone who has eczema or atopic dermatitis or with any skin condition that causes breaks in the skin should not get smallpox vaccine or should wait until the condition clears up before getting smallpox vaccine.

Anyone whose immune system is weakened should not get the vaccine. HIV/AIDS, severe autoimmune diseases, lupus, certain bone marrow transplant recipients, leukemia, lymphoma, undergoing cancer treatments, or women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Smallpox vaccine is not recommended for anyone under 18 years of age. Do not get smallpox vaccine if you ever had a life-threatening allergy reaction to polysorbate 80, streptomycin, chloramphenicol or neomycin.

For more information about the smallpox vaccine you can contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/epi/guides/smallpox/vaccine.html.

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