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Senators approve $10.5 million budget

Changes include less funding for Greeks, raises for maintenance staff

Despite long lines, turnout makes Universal event a success

Michael Newman
Staff Writer

More than 7,000 students gathered at the gates of Islands of Adventure Thursday night, all hoping to attend the most expensive Student Government Association event of the year.

The first 7,000 walked through the gates free; hundreds more who showed up earlier paid $19.95 to join the event or were turned away, diagnosting, refusing to buy tickets for the after-hours event that was funded by their student activity fees.

Ultimately, 200 students did choose to fork over the money and by the end of the evening, 7,500 students had piled into the theme park, making "Universal Knights" the largest gathering of UCF students this year, according to Student Body President Marco Pedia.

"I didn't expect 7,000 people to show up. I thought only 5,000 students would come," he said.

Despite the large crowds that unassisted outside the ticket booths, where lines moved only inches at a time, students remained well-behaved, said Jim McRystal, an Islands of Adventure security official.

"I was actually, awestruck this [last] week with the exception of a few words, it was pretty orderly," he said.

Students grew somewhat more aggressive after an announcement at 9 p.m. that only 500 more students would be admitted into the park.

Many pushed their way toward the booths, eager to snatch one of the few remaining tickets. Gate officials ordered students back. Others began to cut through lines. Those who were caught were turned back to the back of the line. By 9:15 p.m., the free tickets had officially run out.

Sophomore Andrea Halpern, 19, was left standing outside. She didn't want to pay to get into the event, for which SGA spent $12,000.

"We got there at 7:30 p.m.," Halpern said. "We were close [to the booths] when we found out the free tickets were sold out. So we left."
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Uniform reform

The Student Body Training Corps has become a target at two college campuses as protests of U.S. military action against Iraq intensify.

University of New Mexico officials are investigating threats separate messages of messages being spray-painted on campus buildings after the war started, including the one that honours the Navy and Air Force ROTC. The messages included "Bush is a terrorist" and "War is murder." No one claimed responsibility for the defacements.

Small graffiti and vandalism at the University of Iowa prompted officials to try to come to military presence on the campus by dropping mailings from the ROTC parent unit to the university.

Lt. Col. Carol S. John, a professor of military science who oversaw the University of Iowa's ROTC program, insists that the physical safety of 350 cadets in the program was not at issue.

Nonetheless, she says, "Many cadets walk around campus, and if they are out there, they are a very large profile. There are anti-war protests on campus. These are emotional young people who may not respond appropriately."

Early one morning, campus police officers discovered that two graffiti-filled signs were painted at the entrances to the ROTC building had been slashed. The words "Freedom dies when bombs go off," and "Can't sell it," were found spray-painted on four other buildings on the campus the same morning.

One of the primary goals of the campus group Campaign Against War says the organization does not support the vandalism.

But, she says, some people in the anti-war movement at Iowa "could at least do it responsibly, and be in agreement with the ROTC presence on the campus. "People are crazy about the idea of fellow students being trained to kill people."

Miami U. of Ohio liable to raise tuition

Students at Miami University in Oxford who are not satisfied with the university's efforts to keep the cost of education in line with the rest of the nation will find that they are not alone.

This month, the university's Board of Trustees will consider a plan that would charge residents who reside outside of state the full tuition that non-resident students now pay. If the plan is approved, which Miami's administrators and trustees expect, the university would become the first public institution in the country to charge one rate, according to math major, Michael Whittingham.

This year, Miami's in-state students, who make up 75 percent of the student body, pay $8,700. The university's one-time tuition bill is $14,200. If the new policy is adopted, higher rates would hit the Ohio residents entering the university in the fall of 2004. It would not apply to current students.

Under the plan, Ohio residents would still pay less than their peers from other states, however. That's because they would automatically receive a scholarship award equal to at least the amount that state law mandates automatically provide the university for each resident. In that amount that totals about $4,400 per year.

Some in-state students also would receive larger awards from new Ohio First Scholarship, which was announced to students with financial need or special abilities and who have expressed an interest in major in subjects such as engineering, that the university deems key to the state's economic development.

Funeral for Sen. Small on 7

After his speech, Clinton takes time to sign autographs and shake hands with a line of the 3,000 people attending the event.

Audience commends non-partisan message

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with a standing, jubilant roar of applause.

Clinton attempted to address the crowd, but the cheering overwhelmed him and he was unable to continue.

Over the course of his hour-long address, the former president spoke of Iraq, terrorism, and the challenge of the new millennium — bringing the cultures of the world together.

Before driving into the details of a world in transition, though, Clinton made a non-partisan reference to the current conflict in Iraq.

"As a man who once sent troops into battle himself, he said, "We ought to want those people, their commanders and President Bush to know that we're with you, for they are trying for us, and we're trying for them, and we hope it will be as soon as possible."

Though he occasionally stopped to address current events in Iraq, Afghanistan and North Korea, Clinton kept his broader focus for much of his speech. The world, Clinton said, has converged to the common goal of global interdependence.

Societies and cultures, now forced together, have yet to integrate.

This lack of integration, he said, has caused strained relations, and ultimately, terrorism.

"Whether by trade or travel, by immigration or information technology, by shared cultural experiences or shared scientific endeavor, by shared vulnerabilities to terrorism, we simply cannot escape each other, Clinton said. "Like it or not, our lives are bound up with one another."

The central theme of the speech — increased cooperation — included references to the United Nations and America's recent tendency for unilateralism. Though he said the United States should never give up its right to act unilaterally, he added, "We ought to bend over backwards to build a world where we are sharing responsibility, sharing benefits and sharing values."

He encouraged students to involve themselves in bringing cultures closer together. He said the generation currently in college should lead the world from interdependence and strife to interdependence and integration.

"We all do better when we work together," he said.

Clinton’s greatest man who died during Clinton's lifetime was the president himself, Clinton said. Clinton appreciated every culture, every religion. If the world can learn to understand its neighbors, their cultures and religions, Clinton said, it could end the ignorance that precipitates conflict and, "there will be no more them, there will be only one."

Clinton criticized the Bush administration's decision to fight Iraq without U.N. support, saying it undermines the legitimacy of the administration.

"If you didn't go in on something unless you got your way 100 percent of the time, you would be no marriage," Clinton said.

Ironically he criticized the way the Bush administration is handling North Korea's nuclear program, which Clinton says is the current example where the world expects the United States to handle a problem unilaterally, and the administration refuses to do so.

Clinton said the United States must convince North Korea to halt its weapons programs and allow inspections again, something done during Clinton’s time in office. In exchange, the United States should give North Korea food aid and a non-aggression pact.

Essentially, Clinton said, we shouldn't pay for the same thing twice. The Bush administration cut off aid to North Korea when it openly restarted its nuclear program last year.

In what may have referred to the current debate in Washington, discussing national security and freedom, Clinton praised the university.

"Here, ideas matter more, open, honest discussion is encouraged, not attacked," he said.

Clinton's reception of the few-person student population. He said he had ignored the warm welcome he received in 1992 when he first spoke at the school during his campaign for office.

Eleven years later students were still easier to listen to Clinton. Freshman Matt De Vlence, 19, dropped in on his way from a football game with three other members of Campus Peace Action for Clinton's speech.

De Vlence said Clinton tried to reach out to everyone, Democrats and Republicans alike, and his speech epitomized everyone.

"Clinton is a Republican out in front of the blonkers, at first, the kid was laughing at everything he said, but by the end, he was enthralled," De Vlence said. "He had a hand under his chin, and he was just listening, just taking it in."

UF junior Maria Hill, 20, agreed that Clinton's explanation of the world political climate was easy to understand, and she appreciated his non-partisan sentiment.

Most of the speech, she said, was anti-Bush. It was non-partisan, "The way politics should be," Hill said.

Groups hope to promote patriotism with rally

Brandon Hardin

Rebuilding Our Conservative Cornerstone and the UCF College Republicans hosted a "Support Our Troops" rally from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday in front of the Student Union.

The event will feature speakers, band, voter registration, free t-shirts, a logo campaign to ensure a memorial service for those who have died in Iraq, and a pin with the names of fallen and wounded.

The event also will raise funds for the American Red Cross, which will benefit from donations given to drink students in front of the Student Union.

"Reformer Smith, president of ROCK, explained that the rally is a way to show support for our troops fighting overseas. "Our group loves this country and loves the people that are fighting to protect this great country," Smith said. "This rally is the least we can do as students to help them and support for our troops."

Kyle Considder, president of the UCF College Republicans, said that his group worked to put on an event that would show what "they feel is the message of the campus."

Smith said: "Anti-war people have done their protesting and have been hostiled to the pro-American and troops messages, but now is the time the anti-war people should start doing more productive things with their support. If the anti-war people are with Saddam and his oppressive, tyrannical regime, then Saddam and Consider stressed that the rally is not pro-war. Some people in campus want a war," Considder said.

"We're not unification," the rally is about being pro-troops and pro-American. "We're fighting for the world in this war on terrorism," Considder said.

"They're trying to make it right in showing support for our troops that we also support," Considder said. "It's showing support for the mission, is like supporting the fireman, but instead of putting them out that fire."

Our soldiers need our support in their mission more than any other time," added Considder: "We hope that speaking from the [rally] feeling patriotic and proud of our country."

The student body training corps is a collection corps comprised of 350 cadets at the University of Cincinnati, the University of Iowa, the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan.

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Long lines spoiled fun for some

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Hundreds of other students felt the same way and went home instead.

"You might as well come when you can have the whole day and pay the full price," sophomore Jennifer Mansfield, 20, said.

Petra, too, wanted the event to be longer, but budget constraints prevented that from happening.

"The senate was not behind it," Petra said. "If they supported it, we could have found more money to pay for it."

Senior Anthony Drum, 21, came to the park prepared for anything. "I came ready to pay $60."

Freshman Billy Wells, 19, didn't mind paying a discounted rate to get into the park. "I'm not too mad about paying the $20. It's better than $60."

Wells, however, complained the event was chaotic and rushed, particularly in front of the gates.

"There was a [massive amount] of people getting into the park, pushing and shoving and cutting into the line," Wells said. "They should have had more ropes or something before organized."

Yet students were left with no other choice than to endure the lines if they wanted to enter the park. SGA did not make tickets available to students in advance.

Petra said handing out advance tickets last year for a similar night at Wet N Wild was ineffective because several students who claimed tickets days before never showed up.

Some students, such as senior Michael Resta, 22, complained the lines inside the park were too long.

"I only went on three rides, which lasted 10 minutes, but waited in line four hours," he said.

Petra said that Universal led him to believe the lines would be shorter as opposed to what students might have experienced during regular park hours.

Many students were disappointed to find that the park's most popular coasters, Dueling Dragons, The Hulk and Dr. Doom, closed at 11 p.m. because of an Orange County noise ordinance.

Petra said he had to negotiate with park officials to keep the rides open until 11 p.m. The event lasted until midnight.

"I know that two or three rides closed at 11 p.m.," he said. "Universal originally wanted to close them at 10 p.m., and I said we wouldn't do it if that happened. So they pushed it back."

Despite some complaints, senior Billy Russell, 21, called the event a good time. "The lines were long, but we got over that."

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Preparing for the worst

Since U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge warned Americans in February of possible terror attacks on soft targets, including college campuses, the UCF administration has implemented updated policies in order to ensure students' safety in the event of an attack.

According to James Uhle Jr., director of UCF homeland security within the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, one way the campus has prepared for possible terrorist attacks is by adding security to the campus utility infrastructures and key buildings around campus.

Uhl said that he could not release specifics due to security reasons. However, extra measures include additional patrols, fences, locks, motion detectors, card access systems and cameras.

Additionally, UCF Police have tightened up on policy to combat a possible attack. This tightening includes the addition of two canine units to the department. Uhle said UCF Police coordinate with the regional homeland security office on a regular basis.

Regular drills conducted by the fire department on campus also have helped prepare for a terror attack. The response to a recent fire and spill in the Biological Sciences Building demonstrated the department's team work, he said.

We have the most experience with medical, weather and fire emergencies. However the framework used for those responses helps our campus security effort, said Uhle.

The UCF administration has prepared for situations such as terrorism attacks with "The UCF Emergency Management Plan." The plan advises members of the community of UCF's procedures for dealing with emergencies. Additionally the Web site for the Department of Environmental Health and Safety offers information for students on the homeland security warnings system.

In addition to bolstering security on campus, UCF has prepared to deal with the psychological toll that terrorism and war can take on the UCF community. In the case of an attack, or the threat thereof, the Counseling and Testing Center is prepared to meet with members of the UCF community.

When war with Iraq broke, the center offered a reflecting room for mediation, prayer or even just a place to collect thoughts, said Robert Harman, director center.

While students took time off from school during Spring Break, counselors attended weekday statewide workshops on crisis intervention. The workshops focused specifically on deaths in residence halls and terrorism.

Harman said that attending workshops to update counselors on dealing with issues is a regular part of staff development.

We can never be fully prepared for an event of this nature, Harman said of a terror attack.

During times of possible attacks on campuses, it seems inevitable that parents would worry more about the safety of their college-age children, and would worry about communicating with them.

David Yitzhak, father of a UCF sophomore, said he is concerned about the safety of his daughter. Living two hours away, Yitzhak relies on UCF administration to implement policies to keep his daughter safe. Yitzhak added that he is confident in the means of communication UCF provides through e-mails and phone calls.

Yitzhak added that students should not only have an emergency plan with family members, but also with co-workers and classmates.

This should include where to meet and how to get in touch with each other.

UCF's safety precautions extend to students studying abroad. Lauren Johnson, director of the UCF Study abroad program, said she has added information to student orientations about the importance of communication in case of an emergency. Johnson added that she is advising students to keep a low profile and avoid large gatherings of Americans or Western "hangouts."
Small colleges ditch football programs

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James C. Greifeld, the university's president, said the new tuition structures would help the university become more self-reliant as state support for higher education wanes.

The single-rate tuition system, he said, would give the university more money and flexibility to compete with private universities for top Ohio students and entice them to stay in the state by offering aid packages that are more competitive with the generous grants and scholarships that other colleges provide.

More aid also could be directed to middle-class families who earn too much money to benefit from Pell Grants and other federal aid programs but who still struggle to pay college bills.

Some higher-education analysts have posted Miami's tuition proposal, which includes an annual $15,000 increase and a $12,000 increase in 2006-07, on the Internet and to other students.

Miami officials have promised to continue playing football.

Institutions put more money into students' pockets.

The Recording Industry Association of America filed lawsuits on Thursday against four college students who allegedly were offering access to copyrighted music files within their institutions' networks.

Joseph Nievelt, a student at Michigan Technological University, David Peng, a student at Princeton University, and Aaron Sherman and Jesse Jordan, both students at Pennsylvania Polytechnic Institute, were named in separate suits filed in federal district courts in Michigan, New Jersey and New York. The institutions were not named.

According to the complaints, the students have "taken a network created for higher learning and academic pursuits and converted it into an emporium of music piracy."

In a news release, the recording industry said that the students were engaging in copyright infringement, each offering from 27,000 to more than a million songs to other students.

The lawsuits seek $500,000 for each of the dozens of recordings, listed by title in the complaint that the students allegedly used illegally.

The students could not be reached for comment.

Bob Gilleo, the telecommunications engineer at Michigan Tech, was shocked and angered by the lawsuits. His university has a long record of cooperating with the recording industry, he said. The institution runs copyright education programs and routinely shuts down the Internet access of students who share copyrighted material.

Nievelt and Sherman's suits were filed March 19 in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, and Jordan and Peng's suits were filed April 1 in U.S. District Court in Michigan.

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48 UCF teams donate evening to overnight walkathon

Brandon Hardin

At the sound of a resounding blast from the ROTC cannon, more than 100 cancer survivors proudly marched onto the track next to the UCF Arena Friday evening.

It was the beginning of the Relay for Life, an 18-hour overnight walkathon that is the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raising event. It was the sixth time UCF hosted the fund-raiser that raised more than $206,000 this year. $132,000 short of the $275,000 organizers anticipated. Forty-eight of the 111 teams that year made up UCF students and faculty.

The turnout pleased Jackie Harpigel, event co-chair.

"It's a good result considering the economy and world situation," she said.

About 100 booths filled the insides of the track, selling drinks, snacks and raffle tickets for everything from chairs to power tools in hopes of raising more for the American Cancer Society. A large stage occupied the center of the track and held games, skills and performances that kept participants entertained throughout the night and into the morning.

The Luminaria Ceremony created a somber atmosphere in the middle of an otherwise loud and cheerful event. The ceremony drew participants' attention to the hundreds of candlelit images of flowers and rainbows served as a reminder of cancer victims and survivors.

Dr. Erin Lonergan, 21, hit a home run in honor of her mother, who had undergone surgery last month after she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is expected to make a full recovery.

"It's good to see support from the community, and it's reassuring to get support from people who are going through the same battles," she said.

Senior Dave Ehrlich, 21, walked a few laps in honor of his aunt, who currently is battling breast cancer.

"The fact that people can still come together for a noble cause is very encouraging," he said. His fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, raised almost $5,000 in a joint effort with Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Junior Adam Miller, 20, participated in the relay in honor of several of his relatives who have battled cancer.

UCF Business Services raised the most money for the event as a team, raising almost $15,000.

Dan O'Leary, a 29-year-old cancer survivor, raised more than $5,000 - the highest sum raised by an individual. He sold buttons that read "Cancer Sucks" for $1 to raise money. Diagnosed with cancer at 25, he has attended the relay every year since 2000.

While hundreds of people donated time and money to the relay, others such as seniors Alex Waddell, 22, and his fiancé Jodi, lost theirs.

Waddell lopped off 12 inches of her hair to donate to patients who have lost their hair.

"I had to wear a wig," she said. "All you could see was fuzz on her head when she was growing it back.

Teacher says he's victim of anti-Arab bias at FAU

Jennifer Peltz

I'm still hoping that with the new administration of [FAU President Frank] Brogan, that the hardships will come to an end.

-MOHAMMED KHALED HAMZA, FAU ethnic studies teacher

American freedom of speech," said Hamza, a naturalized American citizen who was born in Bahrain and raised in Kuwait. He has lived in the United States for more than 20 years.

An adviser to the FAU Muslim Student Organization and the Islamic Center of Boca Raton, Hamza also has written about anti-Arab sentiment and Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Still, according to the commission's findings, Hamza had five years of superior evaluations, enjoy­ing an "excellent" rating in every category each year as he approached the tenure process last year.

The College of Education had recognized his research on educational technology, and students had nominated him for a teaching honor. With a computer-science colleague, he had applied for a patent for a design setting for conducting laboratory experiments online. In 2000, he was named the United Stateswide President's Leadership Award.

Three months ago, a committee of his fellow education-technology faculty members agreed Hamza was on track to apply for tenure last fall, according to the commission finding. "Two months later the education faculty's tenure committee concluded he was not. He was told soon after that his contract would not be renewed, the commission found.

Meanwhile, four white male faculty members were recommended for tenure with far less scrutiny, according to the commission report.

But the university says it developed special qualities around Hamza because he had exaggerated his academic accomplishments in applying for university awards, and several students had complained that his contract was not renewed and he was unhappy, according to commission and FAU documents. It did not determine whether Hamza had offered students extra credit if they would nomin­ate him.

Hamza says the university's claims are not true.
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Wireless Internet service to be expanded to entire campus

FROM PAGE 1

want to see happening," Pea said. "From the few comments I've heard so far most people are happy with it and overall I don't see any major problems."

In the most noticeable change to the budget from last year, the senate significantly cut funding to the UCF Greek Council. The umbrella organi-

2003 The Homecoming committee made up of representatives from nearly every facet of campus life. These representatives will include SGA leaders, Greek members, residence halls, and many more to ensure a campus-wide, all-inclusive Homecoming.

Currently, the Campus Activities Board organizes and runs all Homecoming events. The Homecoming committee will take responsibility for all Homecoming activities, and will pay for all events with the allocation.

Other major innovations to the budget include the creation of an umbrella organization to oversee and fund club sports such as crew and rugby. SGA has allocated $150,000 for this organization.

Further additions to the budget include increased funding to the Creative School for Children. The Creative School will receive $80,000 from SGA, $45,000 of which is allocated only for the operation of the school.

This year we wanted to ensure the school remained student-centered, so we increased the amount a bit to cover a deficit imposed on the school," Gould said. Last year the school received $10,000 from SGA.

Raisies have been allocated for the maintenance staff of SGA facilities. The raises will affect only those staff members who are full-time employees and work in activity and service fee-funded facilities such as the Student Union, the Recreation and Wellness Center, and the Student Resource Center. The raises will pay those employees about $1.00 per hour, or $100 each week.

Next year’s budget includes another large allocation for the completion of the UCF Wireless Project. The senate allocated $136,000 to the project, which will extend wireless service on campus to facilities including Greek Park, making UCF a completely wireless campus. Both SGA and UCF will fund the project. Gould said the project should be completed before the fall semester begins.

Pending the availability of land on campus, SGA has allocated $50,000 for a ROLES project, which would be a leadership training-building course on campus for groups ranging from clubs and organizations to other schools. The cost of the facility is being partially funded by SGA and partially by the university.

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OUR STANCE: SGA funding fair, equitable

With nearly $10.5 million at their discretion, Student Government Association leaders have made responsible allocations in the budget for next school year. The SGA senate could have spent more time deliberating the budget, but the preliminary decisions show improvements over previous SGA spending decisions.

By giving less funding to the Greek community, student government leaders demonstrated that they finally are starting to listen to the student body. The overwhelming majority of students, who do not belong to Greek organizations, want their activity and service fees to go to inclusive groups rather than those such as fraternities and sororities that exclude some students.

Individual Greek organizations can still request funding for particular projects. When Greek organizations host charitable events, they can and should receive funding from SGA.

Additionally, all active organizations on campus were recommended to receive funding next year. That's a change from last year, when many groups received nothing while others received too much. While some organizations received far less than they requested this time, every organization received at least some money.

The $300,000 proposed for a new Homecoming Committee seems like an awfully lot for a week of poorly attended events. Last year, the budget allocated nearly $100,000 to the Office of Student Activities for Homecoming events. With more than three times that amount, the Homecoming Committee should have no excuse to improve their Homecoming Week.

That new committee, which will include members from a number of different campus organizations, should work hard to find out which performers students want to see, and then book those performers. As one of the largest universities in the state, UCF deserves a top-notch Homecoming Week that caters to students' interests.

Student government deserves credit for taking the steps to help the janitorial staff of the university, something the administration has hesitated to do. The SGA budget includes raises of $1 per hour for janitors who work in UCF-run buildings, a noticeable step that recognizes the hard work these employees perform to keep UCF clean and beautiful.

Thank you, SGA, for looking out for the most under-appreciated members of the UCF community. Thank you, also, for funding campus organizations in a more responsible and equitable manner.

OUR STANCE: Preventing problems for next year’s park party

A far more than 7,000 students showed up at Islands of Adventure Thursday night, we have to call "Universal Knights" a great success. The turnout exceeded most expectations, including that of Student Body President Marco Feina.

The great turnout indicates that students approved of the event, for which the Student Government Association spent $125,000. It also demonstrates that SGA did its job promoting the event. By most accounts, the 7,000 students who were admitted for free had a great time. Many others wanted to attend, but circumstances did not allow that to happen.

For example, because "Universal Knights" took place on a Thursday, hundreds, and perhaps thousands, could not attend because of conflicts with scheduled classes. SGA should schedule future events such as this for a Friday or Saturday, so that classes will not interfere.

Additionally, SGA should provide at least one month’s notice for the event, so that those who work but want to attend have time to rearrange their work schedules.

Indeed, even with those two groups missing, hundreds of students who showed up at the event still did not get in before the cutoff of 7,000 free admissions. After watching their fellow students stream through the gates without paying, many students — including those who arrived in plenty of time, but encountered large crowds at the gate — did not want to pay $19.95 to get in, and walked away.

SGA could resolve this problem fairly easily. Rather than forcing students with the promise of free admission and only allowing 7,000 to take advantage of the deal, SGA should hold a ticketing system for all. Every student could pay a discounted admission, say $10, to enjoy the park, and the student could then claim something about getting cheated. (With a regular all-day ticket, $125,000.

To avoid the long lines that awaited students when they arrived at the park entrance, SGA should make tickets available prior to the event. That way, only those students who have tickets would make the 22-mile drive. No one would waste time traveling, only to be discouraged upon their arrival. Students who already held and had paid for their tickets wouldn’t feel the need to cut lines and take unnecessary waiting time at the gate would be reduced, thus allowing students more time in the park.

"Universal Knights," at Islands of Adventure was hugely successful, but better planning for future events could make them even more successful for more students and could prevent some of the complaints students had Thursday night.

"Money is the barometer of a society’s virtue.”

— ANON.
Simple ways to unite the community

MENTAL DOODLES

CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD
STAFF WRITER

With all that is happening in the news right now, it is too easy to see all that is bad in the world. But then along comes an event that helps us to remember the good.

Thank goodness for the American Cancer Society and its Relay for Life.

Held on the grounds of the UCF Venkat Track and Field, this annual event is meant to raise much-needed money to help eradicating and advancing the fight against cancer — a disease that, as was noted during the opening ceremonies, affects virtually everyone, either directly or indirectly.

As a newcomer to this event, I was little aware of what it would entail. All I knew at the onset was that I had volunteered to work a shift at our tent, which was located around the track and then be off.

Once I arrived, however, I found it difficult to believe.

Participants’ booths reflected a carnival-esque atmosphere. A dunk booth, a miniature baseball field, a make-shift jail in which you could imprison anyone of your choosing. There was even a tent where Karmo attempted — if you dared. Of course there was food.

From dirt cups to vegetable soup, your taste buds were sure to be appeased. Music and entertainment kept the crowd in festive spirits.

And the funds all go to a good cause.

This was by no means an all-night party, however. There was greater purpose here. At its core, the event brought together a community of people with similar ailments and experiences. It celebrated not just the lives of survivors, but the memory of those we have lost.

There were moments of great introspection and reflection throughout the evening, highlighted by the Luminaria Ceremony. Individuals who wished to honor loved ones could place candles along the track, which were lit during the ceremony and burned throughout the night.

The beauty of the festival might have been lost on me a year ago. My grandfather passed away suddenly in early December due to colon cancer, which had been discovered only about a month earlier. Before that, I had no direct experience with the disease. The subsequent barrage of emotions, even though shared within my immediate family, nevertheless left me feeling suddenly isolated and alone.

But having attended the Relay for Life this past weekend, hearing others share their stories and personal experiences with cancer, I feel as though my heart has finally accepted what my brain has been trying to tell it: I am not alone.

PLEASE SEE JOY ON 14

Letters to the Editor

FROM PAGE 12

SGA funding fair and justified

This is in response to Malcolm’s letter to the editor on April 3, “We are a nation of selfish people.”

I am asking for your right voice, first off, your opinions on our SGA. I ask for the right voice, I also make that humans don’t act the only reason was I.

Our nation will benefit from our involvement, and I am that is means enough to the direct action against bare feet, proper has no place in our schools and bare has no right to quote Scripture in his speeches. The statute was challenged with the idea of separation of church and state, and it should remain this way.

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Anti-war side needs better marketing

JANE EISNER
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Say what you will about the war with Iraq, but this is hero, prob-ably for some time. All the demonstrations, candlelight vig-ils and campus war protests seemed to make no difference to the leaders deciding the course of events, or to the American public that still backs them. So protests are left shak-ing their heads, wondering how to get their message across and countering the mounting images of burning and blood-drowning the national screen.

I have a suggestion for this struggling community. 

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So here’s how the Philadelphia Inquirer described the protesters who demonstrated on the first day of the war: “Some were scarcely adultly, blinding bright. They were all they want about diplomacy and the horrors of battle and the need for international alliances, but talk cannot compete with the ever-popular G.I. Joe. (Never mind the public that still backs them.)

They were veterans of the peace movement since Vietnam, gray-haired and hadd-ing, faces worn, punches sometimes straining their jeans.”

Can this hope to compete with a Christian Dior collection of camouflage underwear and evening gowns? I think not.

So military has gone mainstream, embedding itself, isn’t. We say, in America, it is being joined by a highly creativejualan to mark an “action figure” that uses words rather than quick-loading assault weapons. War will never be driven to the sidelines unless peace becomes sexy and desirable.

Joy comes with offering a helping hand

FROM PAGE 13

For me, the football— with its varying degrees of loss and emotion— seemed to reflect, and perhaps even complete, a personal catharsis.

Furthermore, the celebratory mood of this group was truly refreshing. Everyone in attendance, everyone who worked behind the scenes, everyone who helped make the events a success, contributed something to the cause of combatting cancer. It was inspiring to see so many people as willing to help.

But the weekend’s events also revealed some of the complexities of a global scale. Borders may seem to dissolve as nations become more readily accessible to each other. Communities, however, will remain the foundation upon which all else is built.

We must learn to interact within them, every day as we were during the rally—with humility and benevolence and the belief that we all share a common goal that is greater than ourselves. We must cultivate ourselves with material gains and focus on the intrinsic joy that accompanies helping others.

And what better place to start than with our generation? Opportunities are all around us. It could be as simple as practicing random acts of kindness. It could mean volunteering at a homeless shelter or participating in a park clean-up. It could mean teaching a child to read. Whatever the course we see fit, we all could have a positive impact.

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Gloria Christmas

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Butera CAPS KNIGHTS’ improbable rally

CHRIS BERNHARDT STAFF WRITER

Entering its three-game series with Atlantic Sun foe Campbell last weekend, the UCF baseball team’s season seemed like it was hanging on the edge of a cliff. The Knights went into the weekend 35-11 overall, but just 5-4 in the conference and losers of three of their last four.

Then in Friday's series opener, the Knights tagged staff ace Taylor Cobb for three runs in the first inning and five more in the third. Meanwhile UCF kept hitting Campbell starter Josh Blades but couldn’t find a way to get anyone across home plate.

Down 14-0 going into the bottom of the eighth inning, the Knights seemed ready to fall off that cliff. Then something amazing happened — a comeback never before seen in 21 years under Coach Jay Bergman.

Four runs in the bottom of the eighth.

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And finally a game-winning home run in the bottom of the 12th inning off the bat of freshman Drew Butera.

"Assistant head coach Greg Frady told me 'you’re probably going to see a first pitch fastball,'" Butera said. "I saw it, swung it, got a lucky break. Sometimes it happens."

"It was a team game tonight. We came through, pulled together and we won it together.

Please see Michael on 19

Cupp throws first no-hitter, UCF sweeps Belmont

MATT BETHON STAFF WRITER

Dottie Cupp pitched a no-hitter as the Knights softball team took three of four games last weekend from Belmont University and Lipscomb. On Saturday UCF won its first game over Belmont 6-2 and run-rules the Bruins in the second game to the tune of an 11-0 victory. UCF improved to 28-21 on the season and 2-3 in the Atlantic Sun Conference after the Belmont sweep.

In the first game UCF scored two runs in the first inning before Belmont responded with two of its own in the bottom half of the inning. The Knights tacked on another run in the third and maintained a one-run lead into the seventh inning, when Lindy Oakley doubled off the left field wall, scoring two. Starting pitcher Taylor Simmons got the first out of the seventh inning before Dottie Cupp came in and retired the final two batters, earning her first save of the season.

Simmons picked up her third win of the season, pitching 6.59 innings and allowing only two unearned runs.

In the second game UCF jumped all over Belmont starter Tara Allen, tagging her for 11 earned runs and stunning Allen her 14th loss of the season. Cupp started the scoring in the first inning for the Knights with a solo home run. UCF added four runs in the fourth inning and added six in the sixth, three off a home run by Stephanie Best.

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Streakin’

Men’s tennis team rides 17-match winning streak into Saturday’s final match

SADIE SHAM STAFF WRITER

Jan. 25, 2000

That was the last time the UCF men’s tennis team felt the perils of defeat. It was the Knights’ second consecutive loss of the season after falling 7-0 to the No. 6 Florida Gators earlier in the campaign.

"It was an eye-opener for us," said Fernando Martinez, assistant coach and former UCF tennis player. "We were so confident coming in because we have such a great team."

Since then the Knights have been on a 17-match winning streak and have one match left before regular season play comes to a close. However, the focus is on winning the Atlantic Sun Championship for the first time in program history.

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Michael leads Knights to series win

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The unhittable rally ensued a terrific outing by Cobb, who entered the game with a staff leading 1.84 ERA. He allowed seven earned runs in 5 2/3 innings. And it also made a footnote of David Mann’s adventurous day in left field. His misplay of Jake Besaw’s double in the top of the third allowed the Knights to break the game open. He did, however, go 5-for-3 with three walks and an RBI.

On the Campbell side, Blakes lost a chance at a great outing allowing only two hits in four earned runs in 7 2/3 innings, but those numbers are somewhat misleading because he was left out on the mound for 147 pitches. It was a clear indication of the Camels’ weaknesses in the ninth inning before recording an out.

Tom Rispoli took the loss, his first decision of the season. Kyle Bono pitched a scoreless 2 2/3 in the extra frames to get the win, improving to 1-0.

“I told the players in every season there’s always a definite moment when you feel in the right direction in the right direction,” Bergman said. “That’s [Friday night] game probably the last night and the next season to that happening. I was really pleased. It was a great team effort.”

Mark Michael made sure that the good feeling carried over, at least for a game. Starting the first game of a doubleheader with both games being seven-inning contests, he pitched his first shutout in the ninth year and get his team-his 16th win as the Knights triumphed.

“It was a must-win. We needed to get things rolling,” Michael said. “We had a lot of momentum from the night before. For me to come out and hold them early was huge to keep their confidence away from them.”

UCF got on the board quickly when Dee Brown knuckled in Nathan Kragt with a single in the bottom of the first inning. That lead held as Michael cruised, but the Knights couldn’t add to the advantage until the fifth inning.

Again, they beat up on Campbell’s bullpen, getting four of their runs of a wild Vlatko Tumpa.

After allowing two runs to score in the fifth, he loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth by hitting three batters, then walked Mann to allow a run to score. UCF got two more runs on a single by Brown and a sac fly by Toby Timper.

Meanwhile, Michael continued to pitch superbly, notch his third straight complete game, though all came in seven-inning games. Still, he allowed just four hits and one walk, striking out six and improving to 6-1.

“I've just been working anld hitting my spots and good things happen when you do that,” Michael said. Starter Mark Kleweno (2-4) got tagged with the loss for Campbell. In Happening to Campbell, throwing the final game of the doubleheader and series 5-2.

Starter Lincoln Mincea gave up two runs in the first inning and three in the third, thanks in part to his own overthrowing error. He also allowed a bases on John Brown in the fifth inning, the last batter he would face.

The Knights again tried to rally for a fifth hit, but this time couldn't get to the Camels' weak relief corp. Jeff Shouldly went all seven innings for Campbell, surviving another late comeback attempt by UCF. He allowed eight hits and five runs, one earned. He went 1-1 in the fifth inning. After Mincea (4-5), his second straight loss, he allowed seven hits and six runs in 4 2/3, though just three runs were earned. Still, he had a 1.94 ERA over his past three starts and hasn't gotten out of the fifth inning. It could very high his sports on the weekend as rotation as UCF attempts to improve upon a 2-4 record in the final game of three games.

“We got a lot of considerations now,” Bergman said. “We've got to figure something out to win the third game, that's for sure. Moving Mincea from the rotation is something we'll have to think about.”

Bunton, the hero of the first game, kept up a recent hot streak in going 4-for-10 with two RBIs and three runs scored in the series. Mann (4-for-8, six walks, two RBIs) Kragt (5-for-11), four runs scored, two RBIs; Besaw (5-for-11, two RBIs) and Brown (4-for-11, four runs scored) all also had a strong series.

Though the team didn't fully capitalize on the momentum of Friday, it's a win is a win is a win. UCF is now 22-12, 7-5 in the A-Sun. Once again the Knights travel to Tampa for a Tuesday contest against South Florida, then have a weekend series at Belmont.

"It was great to win the series. We had to win the series," Michael said. "Hopefully we'll keep things rolling, come out and win on Tuesday."
Men's golf finishes in sixth

Jon Kutilek
Staff Writer

The UCF men's golf team earned an 18th-place finish at the Amoco Ultimate Young Oil Intercollegiate at the Silver Lakes Country Club on Tuesday in Jacksonville, Ala.

Coach Nick Climbard was disappointed with the team's sixth at the tournament, saying, "We didn't do anything right over the weekend, and we weren't good," he said.

Climbard said another reason for the team's lackluster performance was poor field conditions. Play had to be halted after the first round due to darkness. The final three holes were finished before the final round on Tuesday.

Women's soccer signs local standout, volleyball announces 2003 schedule

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Next up for UCF is the Kacaçti Cup in Cherry Hill, N.J. Saturday and Sunday.

Larsen leads track and field in final day of USF Invite

Sophomore Ann Larsen bet­tered her NCAA Regional qualifi­cation mark in the shot put, the second record in the high jump as the UCF women's track and field team successfully concluded its competition at the USF Invitational on Saturday.

Larsen shattered her previ­ous record with a mark of 2.65 to win the high jump. She origi­nally qualified for the NCAA Regionals with a record-setting jump of 5.7 for March 8 that still stands as a UCF stadium record. Senior Kelly Bollhof also qualified for the NCAA in the event during a previous meet, with a jump of 5.57.

On the track, senior Erica Guercia paced the Knights with a second-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles in 14.82. She moved into the regional-qualifying heat and established a season-best time of 12.02. She also took third in the 200-meter dash at 24.78.

In the same meet, sophomore Astrid Claisen was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.20, while classmate Kim Wappn took fifth in the 100-meter hurdles at 14.82.

Senior Dashauna Ruffin placed eighth in the 400-meter event at 56.54 and junior Emily Pugh placed ninth in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:56.87.

Elsewhere, freshman Michelle Olanik highlighted the track portion of the weekend with an eighth-place finish in the discus with a season-best mark of 126 feet.

Distance runners highlighted the list of UCF performers on the first day of competition at the USF Invitational on Friday.

Senior Sonia Shaddoon ran a season-best 11:58.17 to be taken third in the 4,000-meter run, while freshman Megan Crum shattered her season-best by more than 30 seconds with a time of 18:03.10 to finish seventh.

In the same event, sopho­mores Jackie Mague and Jaylyn Bacon placed 12th and 13th, and Ashley Donnelly was 18th.

Also on the track, senior Erica Guercia ran a 12.12 to qualify for the 100-meter dash finals, and freshman Kim Wappn advanced to the 100-meter hur­dles with a season-best time of 14.80.

The hammer throw and javelin were also contested on Friday. Senior Elena Wilson was eighth in the hammer with a throw of 44.54. Freshman Thomas finished 10th with a mark of 47.00, and sophomore Lisa Jojosdof finished 19th, at 109-0.

In the javelin, freshman Michelle Olanik ranked ninth with a throw of 96-11, while sophomore Sara Sheeren was 14th with a mark of 58-10.

UCF returns to action when it hosts the 2003 Atlantic Sun Track and Field Championships at the UCF Track and Field Complex April 17-18.

Women's soccer signs

Monique Aviles

UCF women's soccer coach Amanda Cruze called Thursday afternoon's signing of Monique Aviles to a national let­ter-of-intent to play for the Knights, a local standout from Gateway High School in Kissimmee, finished the prep ranks as one of the top five all-time scorers in the nation.

Aviles set a Florida state record with 274 career goals, falling just 12 short of the national high school career mark of 286 goals.

Aviles was named by the Orlando Sentinel as the Oncoloty County Player of the Year four times over her career. As a senior, Aviles collected 22 goals while also dishing out 14 assists.

Volleyball announces 2003 schedule

UCF head volleyball coach Marg Colone announced Thursday the Knights' 2003 volleyball schedule.

The slate features matches versus four teams that participated in the 2002 NCAA Championships, and the Atlantic Sun Championships return to the UCF Arena for the second consecutive season.

The Knights open the sea­son Sept. 5-6 at the University of Denver. UCF will play four games in two days in the tourna­ment, including matches versus the host Broncos, Colorado, Illinois State and Miami of Ohio.

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Women's volleyball upcoming schedule

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UFC Fall Invitational - Orlando, Fla.

vs. Buffalo
Fri., Sept. 12th, 2003 12:30 p.m.

vs. Central Michigan
Sat., Sept. 13th, 2003 2:00 p.m.

vs. Tennessee
Sat., Sept. 13th, 2003 11:00 a.m.

vs. Georgia Southern
Sat., Sept. 13th, 2003 7:00 p.m.

The Knights return to the course Friday as they travel to Spartanburg, S.C., to play in the Wolford Invitational.

The Knights have 13 home dates on their 2003 schedule. The Slate features four dates versus four teams that participated in the 2002 NCAA Championships, and the Atlantic Sun Championships return to the UCF Arena for the second consecutive season.

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End of an Era wins first annual IM Sports Day championship

The first annual International Sports Day was a success. Nine teams competed in seven sports events on March 29. Each team competed in free-on-free basketball, outdoor soccer, indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and floor hockey. Free-on-free basketball winners were Old School, End of an Era, and Kappas Sigma. In outdoor soccer, End of an Era got warmed up for the championship round by beating Braveheart. Futballin and MASA were also outdoor soccer winners.

Taking soccer indoors for the first time in Intramural Sports history, Ciggaweed, Sigma Chi and Braveheart all won their pools. The winners of volleyball were End of an Era, Sigma Chi and Futballin. Ciggaweed and Sigma Chi also took first place points in the badminton event.

In table tennis, Futballin had two victories, the first against Ciggaweed and the second against CAMSS, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi both won the floor hockey event. Teams were then seeded for the final event of the day, an outdoor soccer, single-elimination tournament. In the first game, Braveheart beat Ciggaweed and advanced to play End of an Era. Sigma Chi beat Futballin to take on End of an Era in the championship game.

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Underage drinking starts early, and ban encourages it

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

I t's early Friday evening and Gray Rohrer has a long night ahead of him. He plans on party hopping from one friend's house to the next with one ultimate goal: getting drunk.

"Drinking is a social thing for me," the freshman said. "Sometimes my friends and I will encourage each other to drink. If your friends are getting drunk, you want to be on the same level."

While binge drinking is a major problem on college campuses, bad drinking habits typically develop in the everyday lives of students much younger than 21.

A recent study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found that 38 percent of high school graduates began using alcohol in eighth grade or earlier. The study also reported that underage drinkers consumed $27 billion worth of alcohol in 1998 — about one-fourth of all alcohol sold in the United States that year.

"It doesn't seem to be in the best interest of alcohol companies to stop underage people from drinking," junior Adam Drury, 22, said. "Maybe it's because I'm here [at a college campus], but there seems to be a lot of underage drinking and not a whole lot of objection."

Ironically, while most undergraduates are underage during the majority of their years at UCF, the alcohol industry's advertisements target the college-aged crowd. Clubs and bars constantly post flyers around campus and billboards promoting dollar drinks specials.

Don't be caught unaware

Most students don't know how to deal with the law

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Pulled over in traffic by a police officer? Suspected of underage drinking? What now?

According to attorney Mike Murphy, students need to become more informed about their rights in order to avoid getting themselves into trouble with the law.

He said that people often make a situation worse by providing unnecessary information when being questioned by the police.

While students should not demand their Miranda rights in front of a police officer, it's always good to know that the restrictions placed upon law enforcement under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution when dealing with suspected criminal behavior:

- The police are asking you to do something, then it means they probably can't do it without your permission.

Murphy said. "Most students assume they will get into trouble if they tell the police 'no,' but that is not always the case."

Often students do not even know when their rights are being violated, particularly in the case of illegal searches and seizures. Few people are aware that police cannot enter a home or living quarters without a warrant, unless invited to do so.

However, there are exceptions. If the property owner has signed an agreement waiving the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, police may enter whenever they wish without asking for permission.

UCF Police may not search on-campus dorms and apartments without student consent unless they have reason to believe that a student is harboring drugs or participating in other illegal behavior.

Police also may enter a living quarters without permission to assist someone who is injured or hurt.

"If someone needs medical help, if there is a fire or confirmed domestic violence, officers can enter any residence [without consent from the owner]." UCF Police Officer Michael Zelanes said.

While many students have been pulled over for a traffic violation at least once, they may not know that police cannot stop a vehicle unless they have a legitimate reason to do so, such as speeding or a suspected DUI.

One of the biggest myths involves people who are merely under the influence of alcohol or drug intoxication.

Nobody can be arrested for that — unless they are driving. Zelanes said.

Murphy said UCF Police both said there is no law prohibiting someone who has consumed alcohol from walking home, as long as they are not creating a disturbance.

"If a police officer thinks that you are drunk while walking home, it is probably because you are acting disorderly," Murphy said.

Zelanes also said that house parties are only illegal when they become out of control with too much noise, fight-

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There are three types of condoms: latex, polyurethane, for those with latex allergies, and sheepskin, which do not effectively protect against an STD.

Condoms come in different sizes: snug-fitting, larger-sized with more headroom and others that are roomy from top to bottom. Condoms come in different shapes: straight, tapered, smooth, ribbed, balloon or reservoir-tipped and rounded.

Incidentally, only 6 percent of men need larger-sized condoms. Condoms can be lubricated with water-soluble lubricants or spermicides (sperm killers). Experts now say spermicides do not increase the overall effectiveness of condoms. Spermicides can also be irritating to both men and women and may cause vaginal infections in women and increase the risk for HIV.

If you fail to use a condom or it breaks or falls off, your partner can use the emergency contraceptive pill. This pill has high doses of progesterone and prevents only birth control pills have and must be used within 72 hours of unprotected sex. It is considered to be as high as 85 percent effective in preventing pregnancy.

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Alcohol Web sites skirt drinking law

CHRISTINE DELLERT
Staff Writer

Freshman Lorena Gay knows the crazy stunts students pull to get alcohol underage.

For those with the desire to buy alcohol over the Internet, it is impossible to discern the true age of the buyer, as it is impossible to verify the person's ID or credit card number. This is one of the risks associated with buying alcohol from Internet sites.

On the Internet, it is possible to find anyone who is willing to sell or ship alcohol to underage buyers, regardless of whether they are in their hometown or somewhere else. In some cases, these sites even provide information on how to avoid getting caught drinking alcohol bought illegally.

The challenge of keeping underage drinkers away from Internet alcohol sales is a continuing national concern. The Internet is such a powerful tool today, and with so many people now using it, it's no wonder that the sale of alcohol to未成年人 is becoming more and more common.

The Internet allows underage drinkers to have alcohol delivered directly to their door, thereby raising concerns about the potential impact on public health and safety. In recent years, there has been an increase in reports of drinking and driving accidents involving underage drivers.

In addition to the risks associated with buying alcohol online, there is also the issue of the legality of these transactions. Some states have laws that make it illegal to sell alcohol to未成年人. However, in other states, these laws are not enforced, allowing underage drinkers to purchase alcohol online with ease.

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Illegality adds appeal to drinking

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"It’s not that I always plan to drink. Alcohol just usually seems to find me," Rohrer said.

Underage students agree that drinking alcohol would not be as enticing if the law did not prohibit it.

"Some younger students drink just because it’s Illegal," Rohrer said. "I think once many students turn 21, they won’t ever worry about drinking as much as they used to."

Brooks Williams, coordinator of Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health, or REACH, disagrees.

"Many students become addicted to drugs and alcohol in college," she said. "They say that they will end it after college and when they get a job, but then they get caught up in the lifestyle."

It’s difficult to find effective ways of communicating the dangers of binge drinking to college students, she said. The "just say no" tactic might be effective for younger children, but it just doesn’t seem to be working for high school and college students.

"We give students both sides of the story instead of just telling them to stay away from drugs," Williams said. "We let them make a responsible decision after they have all the facts."

Williams has observed that freshman and sophomores get into trouble with alcohol more often than upperclassmen. She says this is due to the fact that juniors and seniors have more academic and work responsibilities.

"Senior Priscilla Casados, 22, is among those who began drinking more after she turned 21. "I drink more now than I did when I was under 21," she said. "Generally more people get into trouble with alcohol more often than upperclassmen."

Williams said one thing that increases the underage drinking situation is the lack of alternatives of social activities for college students on the weekends.

Rohrer is among the students who have admitted to drinking illegally.

"Many clubs have ‘Ladies Night,’ where girls not only get free drinks, but they also come to a party," Zelanes (last name not available) said. "If a club owner wants to get rid of someone, he gets rid of them by saying they are underage.

"If the law was set up to keep everyone who is under 21 from drinking alcohol, it’s obviously not working," Rohrer said.

Casados said the drinking laws were created with good intentions, but that they haven’t really prevented anything.

"It’s a nice idea in theory, but it’s not really practical," she said. "Alcohol is still accessible to people under 21, especially at parties."

Added Drury: "Prohibition proved that people are going to drink no matter what, and the numbers [from the Columbia study] prove people will drink no matter what age they are. It’s been that way for a long time now."

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Misbehavior always subject to Golden Rule

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Misbehavior is always subject to Golden Rule. The university requires that on-campus house parties be registered through GAMA (Governing & Advising Mature Alcohol) and the UCF Police. Those not registered are considered illegal and subject to sanctions.

Patrick Mackon, director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, said that student misbehavior is subject to the university’s Golden Rule regardless of where they live.

Any interaction with police officers, however, can be stressful for students.

"One should use caution when dealing with the police," Murphy said. "On the street, police may be able to do whatever they want. They might arrest you without a lawful reason. The question I deal with is whether or not the accusations will stick in court." Murphy says that a police officer’s impression of a certain situation may deviate from what had actually occurred.

Some police officers will always try to justify their actions somehow," he said. "There have been a number of situations on campus where judges have found police officers acting unlawfully.

Students have the right to resist unlawful arrests as long as they do it without resorting to violence.

If an officer stops a student while waiting and begins to harass him, Murphy says the student has the right to ask if they are the subject of a criminal investigation; if not, they may politely walk away from the situation.

Some officers do use empty threats against students, but it is stressed through yearly update training on constitution- al law that this type of behavior is not allowed, Murphy said.

Mackon has heard allegations that students feel they had been harassed or threatened by police. However, he cannot confirm whether these allegations were factual.

A student is mistreated by a police officer, Mackon recommends that students fill out an online complaint form to the police or seek legal advice.

"If a student has been harassed or unlawfully punished by a cop, they need to talk with the officer’s supervisor. If they still feel nothing has been done, then they need to file a complaint with the chief of police."
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Real war inspires video-game war

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KNIGHT RIDDER (KRT)

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Avoiding roommate woes

DIANE LAZIC
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Jessica Gurney has lived with roommates since her first semester at UCF last summer. Last year she lived on-campus and was paired with a roommate she got along with.

"This year it's not working out as well," Gurney, 20, said. She has agreed to let Housing and Residence Life match her with roommates for next year. "They usually do a good job," she said.

Many students, however, wish to choose their own roommates — either friends or strangers — because they do not trust random matching.

Advertising for a roommate

If you can't find a friend and don't want an assigned roommate by filling out a form, you can opt for the pre-technological route of putting up fliers around campus. Bulletin boards in the Student Union and the Communications Building are set aside for student advertisements.

The best lease for you

ALEX BARCOCK
STAFF WRITER

Picking out an apartment begins before you buy a newspaper or get on the Internet.

It starts with your friends. If you have enough friends, or enough prospective roommates, you can make a deal for yourself and everyone else by renting in bulk.

Apartments generally increase in value as the number of bedrooms increases. However, a four-bedroom apartment will cost less per person than financing your own two-bedroom apartment solo.

Make sure you will get along with your roommates because kicking someone out after you've signed a lease could be costly, as much as several hundred dollars.

If you think you might want to have a boyfriend or girlfriend live with you eventually,
A home for your fun furry friends

Brandon Hardin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You’re prepared to sign a lease for a new apartment. You sit down at the table, put pen to paper, and then you realize — what about Cuddles, your adorable pet Rottweiler?

There are many factors to consider when leasing an apartment, such as furnishings, utilities and cost. However, if you want to keep a pet in your apartment, check out the lease agreement to see if animals are permitted in the complex.

And if you are allowed a pet, find out if the apartment complex requires any deposits and fees for housing your furry (or scaly, as the case may be) friend.

Also, be sure to check if the complex will allow your specific type of pet. Some apartments do not permit exotic pets, such as snakes, or more aggressive breeds of dog, like Doberman Pinschers or Rottweilers.

No pets allowed

Here is a brief list of some local complexes that DO NOT allow any animals besides fish: Boardwalk Apartments, College Station Apartments, Collegetowne Inn, The Gatherings, Jefferson Commons, Jefferson Lofts, Northgate Lakes Apartments, Pegasus Pointe, Pegasus Landing, Riverwind Apartments, University House on Alafaya, Village of Alafaya Club and Village at Science Drive.

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- Chatham Landing Apartments — Require a $200 deposit and a $200 pet fee.
- Heather Glen Apartments — For any deposits and fees for housing your pets 25 pounds or less, $100 deposit and a $200 pet fee. For pets more than 25 pounds, $200 deposit and a $350 pet fee.
- University Villas — Require pets to be 40 pounds or less, and a $100 deposit and a $200 pet fee.

If you plan to keep a pet regardless of your lease agreement, remember that complexes that do not permit animals generally have a system of punishment for those breaking the lease. Sanctions range from a warning or fine to eviction.

Tivoli Apartments Manager Cindy Wills said pets that are not supposed to be in apartments are typically found through reports from other residents or spotted by maintenance employees.

“We deal with [pet problems] on an individual basis,” she said.

Sophomore Emily Mink, 19, knows that these are not merely idle threats. She was involved in a large ordeal with the maintenance department at Pegasus Landing after accidentally being fined over $100 for her neighbor’s dog.

Don’t let a contract come between your pet and apartment.
Complexes perform a credit check on your finances

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Make sure to emphasize the specific criteria that you want in a person who's going to share your living space. Provide the location of the house or apartment and a local phone number at which you can be reached.

What to look for

In the search to find a roommate, a thoroughly knowledge-able person may say as much about incompatibility as a reference or a credit check. A thorough investigation of prospective roommates is only half the equation that may lead to a happy roommate relationship. Model your own criteria after those found in apartment complex roommate pairing.

Pegus Landings asks each of its potential residents their age, academic level and gender. Their questionnaires also deal with neatness, quietness, study habits, smoking habits and pet peevles.

Theology might also be a good thing to find out about. That says a lot about a person's personality," Gurney said.

While searching for your own roommate, also assess yourself of these habits. Living with roommates involves sacrifices of privacy and personal freedoms. You must be ready for the challenges of living with others.

"It's definitely a mental shift you have to make," sophomore Tina Wiggins, 20, said. "You have to realize it's not your space alone."

Wiggins rooms with a high school friend and suggests that you room with someone you know or a person who has a lifestyle very similar to your own to avoid confrontation and a tense environment.

**Conducting the interview**

Many agencies suggest that you should not just talk to a potential roommate over the phone, but interview them in person. Ask the more in-depth questions over hand to make sure you find that person suitable for the living situation you want to create.

Experts also advise talking about what you also will be visiting and for what length of time. Come to know if the person you both feel is appropriate. Make sure to discuss specific details such as the social personality of that person and their interests and dislikes.

Get it in writing

Situations work out best when both roommates feel they are guiding from the arrangement and both understand the ground rules for making it work. Getting ground rules and being honest are key to the successful roommate relationship," junior Beth Wrenholm, 21, said. She attributes her successful roommate relationships to knowing exactly what she seeks in a roommate and then conveying those needs explicitly to prospective candidates.

"Laying down specific rules before a roommate moves in is a way to avoid future conflicts," she said. For example, Wrenholm does not mind if a roommate borrows her food, but the agreement is that it should be replaced by the next day.

"It's important that the rules be the same for both of us and we both agree that they are fair," Owner of Illinois-based Reliable Roommates, Bill Alberts, says that a written roommate agreement is as crucial as an apartment lease.

He advises that all roommates write down their ground rules before moving in and sign the agreement as if it were a binding contract.
Getting a stylish décor for your dollar

CHRISTINE DELLERT
STAFF WRITER

While cardboard-and-crane
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lege-student-style, not everyone
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markets, thrift stores and room-
mates, you can easily furnish
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The essentials

Unless you are moving into a
house or condo, many college-
affiliated apartment complexes
come with basic furnishings.

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Apartments in Oviedo provides
residents full-size beds, dressers
dressing rooms and kitchens in each bedroom, while
the kitchen is equipped with a
microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher
and garbage disposal.

The living room has a four-piece
dining set, coffee table, table
lamps and a loveseat.

On-campus housing also supplies students with beds,
dressers and desks. Apartment-
style residences have refrigerators
and stoves with ovens.

To cut down on the costs
of other kitchen appliances and
additional furniture for the living
room, communicate with room-
mates before moving in. Have
each person bring or purchase
other necessary items, and com-
promise on a price limit for their
expense.

If you need to buy your own
kitchenware and bedding, check
out local thrift stores such as
Goodwill and Salvation Army.

The Community Thrift Store
in Edgewood carries couches,
coffee tables and recliners for
reasonable prices. Many items
are older and cleaning or minor
refinishing may be in order.

Garage sales are another
good place to find used furniture,
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Breaking down the costs of living

A look at the monthly payment options for a house, apartment or dorm

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Between weighing the pros and cons of living in an apartment or dorm, the costs of living can often seem overwhelming to students. Some may even consider the option of enjoying the luxury of living in a house, without the downside of still residing with parents.

To make the process a little easier, here's a look at the estimated monthly living costs for a house, apartment or campus dorm.

Campus dorms for the Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 semester are currently running around $2,000 per semester. A double room in the Apollo community dorms located in the Lake, Osceola, Paul and Washa halls, are $1,850, which averages out to about $600 a month. Libra Community double rooms, those located in Citrus, Flagler, Sumter Halls, cost $2,100 for a semester or about $600 a month.

It is important to remember that basic flat housing rates include all utilities: water, electricity, cable, phone lines and Internet. Dorm rooms are also fully furnished and are cleaned once a week by UCF's custodial staff.

The freedom found in an apartment soon may not be its only Alluring factor. With the costs of on-campus housing on the rise, apartments in close proximity to UCF are targeted towards college students and have proved to be nearly equally priced.

Student apartments, depending on the number of bedrooms, can range anywhere from as low as $350, found at The Gatherings, to $800 a month. Many apartments close to UCF, including Boardwalk Apartments, Jefferson Commons and Pegasus Landing, all have starting rates at about $400 per month.

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Students often buy a futon, as their first bed, instead of paying for a pricey mattress and frame. Futon Etc. Factory Outlet has two locations in close proximity to UCF, located in the Waterford Lakes Shopping Area and on East Colonial Drive.

Beware of rent-to-own furniture stores that boast delayed payments until next year. These companies typically charge high-interest in the months before payments, and furniture bought this way often ends up costing two to three times more than the original price.

Most luxury apartments do not include utilities in rent

Andy Contrived to this report

Most luxury apartments do not include utilities in rent. Waterford East Apartments have one-bedroom apartments for $554 a month and three-bedroom apartments at $757 a month, without utilities.

If students decide to forego both the dorm and apartment, there is the option of living in a house.

The mortgage for a home, which generally includes the principal, interest, property taxes and homeowner’s insurance, can cost anywhere from $1000 to $1800, depending upon the size and location of the home.

Utilities for a four-bedroom house cost around $50 to $100 a month for electricity; $20 to $80 a month for water; $30 to $50 for phone and possibly $40 a month for gas. Depending upon the number of people living in the house, rent and utility payments can be split to lower the costs.

Examining the various monthly costs of living demonstrates that the best price may not be the cheapest price but the one that allows you to live most comfortably.

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Food for thought
Where you live will affect how you eat

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During Sonide Simon's first year at UCF she frequented the Marketplace in the Student Resource Center at least three times a week. She opted to forgo buying the meal plan because she wanted the freedom to learn how to cook without feeling guilty about not using pre-paid meals every day. In her second semester Simon, 19, says she has learned, more or less, to cook — with the help and combined effort of her roommates.

"One time we made a big lasagna dinner with rice and everything," the freshman said. When deciding where to live, students need to take into consideration their access to a kitchen. While dorm residents must use the campus-provided meal plans, those living in on-campus apartments and off-campus student living complexes have the option of learning how to cook.

With a semester of learning experience, Simon only goes to the Marketplace a couple times a month. In the meantime, she prepares everything from chicken and spaghetti to boxed microwave pizza and macaroni and cheese. Living with three other students, Simon has learned to try new foods unique to each person's upbringing.

She recommends that incoming freshmen with little cooking experience choose a meal plan system.

"The food is really good," she said. "But if you don't go shopping it's a good deal." For those with little culinary expertise besides scrambling eggs and preparing high-rise sub, UCF offers an excellent alternative. At the Marketplace in the Student Resource Center, meals are served buffet-style, which means all-you-can-eat!

The standard fare includes hamburgers, French fries and pizza, but also caters to students looking to add spice to their plate. From steak and shrimp for the carnivores to pasta and vegetable soup for the vegetarians, the Marketplace stays open all day for students jetting from one class to another.

Students with no transportation make great candidates for on-campus meal plans, especially if you are one for 16:30 p.m. cravings on a Tuesday night. Also, for students wanting more than a one-course meal, the meal plans offer a large variety to choose from.

Compared to grocery buying, fast-food eating and restaurant frequenting, the prices of on-campus meal plans beat all of the above. UCF dining services offers a plan with 23 meals per week for about $1,300 per semester. This means three meals a day, breakfast, lunch and dinner, guaranteed. However, if you are a light eater like Eunice Lightburn, 19, the meal plan may not be your best option. She used the meal plan her freshman year at UCF and discovered that she preferred to cook her own food.

"It's a lot cheaper to buy your own food," said the sophomore. "I didn't use all the meals I paid for and they won't roll over so whatever I didn't eat, I lost." Lightburn admits that food in the Marketplace was enjoyable and often offered fare with an international flair.

When cooking for herself, she also tries to prepare typical Hispanic meals with beans and rice. "I cook stuff that I would usually eat at home," she said. Lightburn recommends that those who do just want to leave the comforts of home should opt for the university's meal plan.

"It's easier at first when you're getting accustomed to everything," she said. Lynn Knights works at the new Neighborhood Market Wal-Mart on Aloma Trail and notices that college students typically buy food that can be prepared in less than 10 minutes.

"We always run out of frozen foods," Knights said. She adds that, surprisingly, students tend to buy a lot of health food.

"Fruits and vegetables go pretty quickly," she said. The most unanimous choice for filling the belly but not draining the wallet remains Ramen noodles.

"We sell anywhere between 100-200 bags per person," Knights said. "And this is generally every third person [that checks out]."

She adds that college students buy few uncooked chickens, but the store cannot keep enough cooked rotisserie chicken on the shelves. Once students leave their parents' house, there is a number of choices for eating. Whether it's the on-campus meal plan, the closest Darden restaurant or the local grocery, it is evident that students won't go hungry.

At 10 cents per bag, Ramen noodles usually fit anybody's budget.
There are many issues for college students to consider when deciding which apartment complex to live in. Obvious issues such as location, size and price all come to mind, but students also must consider an apartment complex's social reputation.

Complexes around UCF have differing restrictions on partying and late night socializing. Most have become lenient because of the college atmosphere, but they still have night-time security enforced in case of any major problems.

Student-style apartments around UCF are more likely to be lax in their party policies while apartment complexes not geared toward students often have much stricter guidelines, expectations and rules.

"It's a happy medium," freshman Amy Makia, 18, said of UCF-affiliated Pegasus Pointe. "There are times when there's loud music, but it's not a big deal. But if you want a party you can always find it.

Sophomore Tiffany Dunant, 19, has lived in UCF-affiliated Pegasus Landing for two years. "This apartment complex is not too party-oriented in most sections because there are so many police patrolling the areas," she said. "We also have [resident assistant]s who check on us and reduce the problem of noise." Senior Kyle Jacobs has lived at the Village at Science Drive for three years. "There are parties, but most of the time the other residents are considerate of your neighbors," she said. Jacobs, 22, and her roommate said that residents will usually check with other tenants in the building before throwing loud gatherings.

Some complexes have become known for their party atmosphere. Senior Annette Warnke, 21, who lives in the Village of Alula, said that it is always active. "There is always a party and the weekends are like block parties," she said.

Junior Jason Valentine said that living in Jefferson Commons was not quite what he expected. "Almost every night of the week there is a party." There are also several luxury-style apartment complexes that surround UCF. While these are not aimed at college students, many still choose to live in them. These apartments often come unfurnished, higher-priced and are a bit more upscale than traditional student living.

Luxury-style apartment complexes are not exempt from their share of problems, but differ from those of student-style apartments.

Junior Susun Montenegro, 20, who lives in Chatham Landings for a year. "It was completely boring," she said. "Too many families and old people live there. They would even complain about our dog in the middle of the afternoon." Junior James Nunez lives in Elmhurst Village Luxury Apartments. Nunez, 20, said that his apartment is a pretty mild, easygoing living facility aside from the old people that fail to clean up and attend to their dogs. "Instead of wild parties keeping me up all night it is my upstairs neighbor's dog running around the house like a gayhound," he said. "My roommate and I actually put nets on him." While luxury-style apartments are typically more expensive, students can often find a peaceful environment to come home to.

Montenegro now lives in Arden Villas. "It's quiet enough to study when you want to," she said, "but you can also have parties with no worries about complaints. It's a good balance."

Junior Jamie Phipps has lived in Brittany at Waterford Lakes for a year. Phipps, 20, described the complex as quiet, family-oriented with nice-sized rooms, walk-in closets and beautiful kitchens. "Better than any college apartment complex," she said.

On-campus apartment living is also another option that students may consider.

Sophomore Alexis Graham, 20, will be renewing her lease for UCF's Academic Village next year. Graham says that she enjoys the quietness that Academic Village provides. "I'm not really into the party scene," she said. Also, there is always someone to call when there is a problem. Graham said, "When there was a problem with loud music it was resolved quickly which is not happen at an off-campus apartment," she said. Graham also likes not having to worry about traffic or a lack of parking on campus.
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- Private Bedrooms and Bathrooms
- Large Walk-in Closets
- Less Than One Mile from UCF

Community Amenities
- Computer Center
- State-of-the-Art Fitness Center
- Basketball & Sand Volleyball Courts
- Swimming Pool with Sun Deck
- Community Center
- Gated Community
- On-site Management and Maintenance
- 24-hour Community Assistant Staff
- Ethernet Service
- Private Bedrooms and Bathrooms
- Large Walk-in Closets

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