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Affirmative action ruling could change universities' policies

Thousands of supporters of affirmative action marched in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on April 15. 

New attack on minority programs, scholarships

DIANE LAZIC
STAFF WRITER

Senior Daril Henry used to view affirmative action as a numbers game and quota system, but after taking a race and minority ethics class last year, his views changed so much he recently marched in Washington, D.C., in support of affirmative action.

"Diversity in itself is a form of education," Henry, 24, said. "Diversity is about having 4.0 students and 2.0 students on a campus. People have different strengths, weaknesses and backgrounds."

The start of U.S. Supreme Court arguments on two affirmative action cases brought against the University of Michigan for its race-conscious admissions policy prompted Henry's trip to the capital.

Meanwhile, two groups that oppose affirmative action threatened last week to file federal complaints against 30 universities.

Supporters and opponents of affirmative action expect the Supreme Court's rulings in the two cases to dramatically affect admissions policies and scholarship programs at universities across the nation, including UCF.

The court has not tackled the issue of race in college admissions since 1978. In that case involving the University of California, the court ruled that universities could consider race in the admissions process, but could not use racial quotas.

The Center for Equal Opportunity and the American Civil Liberties Union contend that the universities' reliance on race to determine eligibility for certain awards and academic enrichment programs violates civil rights law.

The new attack targets scholarships and summer programs intended to ease minority students into college life. Some colleges assert that their programs are not only consistent with federal law but also essential to creating campuses in which minorities are not grossly underrepresented.

Henry does not understand the push to end preferential programs for minorities.

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Dying for peace

Anti-war demonstrators crash pro-troop party

"We all want peace, but the problem is peace doesn't just happen on its own."

—SHANNON BURKE
Radio talk show host

ALEX BARCOCK
STAFF WRITER

A rally to support American troops in Iraq became a spectacular scene of bloody shirts, insults and verbal sparring between pro- and anti-war factions in front of the Student Union on Tuesday.

At noon, students and campus parents marching American flags gathered at the Student Union stage, eager to hear a keynote speech by radio talk-show host Shannon Burke. Just an College Republicans and Rebuilding Our Conservative Kernels — the two conservative campus groups hosting the event — took the stage, a setback for the pro-troop rally.

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Googling through research

LAWA STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

"Research is not, 'Go to Google, type in a search phrase and hit enter,'" Drew Lanier tells his classes when it's time to write their research papers.

The assistant professor of political science is one of many teachers across the nation who is trying to teach his students that there is a vast difference between the World Wide Web and scholarly material found in libraries.

"The context on the Internet is not reliable," he said. But most students, who have grown up using the Internet for everything, wouldn't know better.

So Lanier requires his students to use published sources, in an effort to teach his students that search engines usually provide misinformation and libraries provide misinformation and libraries

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Turnaround act

After weeks of angry protests, Virginia Tech's governing board on Sunday restored an affirmative-action policy and official protection for gay students and faculty members, reversing a move that had "raised a shadow over Virginia Tech in the eyes of many universities around the country," according to its president.

During the special session, the board also struck down a resolution it had passed barring anyone who had "participated in illegal acts of domestic violence and/or criminal" from attending the campus unless they obtained permission from the president. The board had already announced that it was not following that policy.

A vote of about 300 cleared when the decision was announced to reinstate affirmative-action hiring and admissions policies, and official protection for gay and lesbian students and employees. The board voted 8 to 5 to rescind the resolution passed in February of last year. The earlier decision was made at the urging of Jerry Kilgore, Virginia's attorney general, who had advised the board to eliminate affirmative action or risk being held personally liable for damages if lawsuits by disgruntled applicants for admission or staff positions were successful.

News Desk finish; board member, now says that March decision was a mistake. Davenport, along with several other board members, encouraged John Q. Roocroech, the board's rector, or chairman, to call the special session. Roocroech was one of five members who voted against reviewing the decision.

While he stopped short of calling Sunday's reversal a mistake, Roocroech said that eliminating affirmative action at the university was not the answer and denied that the decision had been made hastily.

The admission ban on protesting "in illegal acts of domestic violence" had been unanimously approved at the March 10 meeting, but it had never gone into practice and had already been declared illegal by the state's attorney general's office.

The board officially rescinded the measure on Sunday.

Crime reporting

The University of California system failed to report crimes on its campuses on reports required by federal law, a recently completed U.S. Education Department review of the system's practices found.

The Education Department report, issued on March 31, said that the university system has shown altered its crime-reporting practices so that it now complies with the federal law known as the Clery Act, that requires universities to annually submit crime data.

University officials began investigating the University of California's practices in 2000 after Security on Campus Inc., a nonprofit group, complained that the institution's campuses were not fully and accurately reporting crimes.

Earlier that year the Sacramento Bee ran a series of articles that examined a district attorney's report on the number of sexual assaults that were believed to be

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There is now a stigma associated with affirmative action. Based on my experience, affirmative action means different things to different people.

— A.J. RANGE

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UCF officials: Minority aid programs don't discriminate

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who have been historically disadvantaged. “Everybody will be a minority at some point in their lives,” Henry said. “Why are efforts to diversify under fire, but not in areas where athletic ability or color of skin is a concern?”

Henry referred to the policies in place at many prestigious universities that give preferential treatment in the admissions process to the children of alumni. While some people believe these policies perpetuate the status quo, minority programs at universities, which attempt to diversify college campuses, intend to bring about more equality between the races.

Many universities, including UCF, have minority programs that aim to accelerate that parity by recruiting minorities. UCF has two such programs, the Minority Engineering and Computer Science Program, established in 1980, and the Minority Programs in Education, established in 1984, to recruit and retain minorities in these fields.

The UCF Office of Multicultural Academic and Support Services, since 1980, the office has sponsored several initiatives to create their race-conscious scholarship programs, it has established an endowed scholarship program, the assistant vice president for Special Programs at UCF with a similar mission.

Rand said UCF does not hide its intention to diversify. “Our goal is to be more inclusive, assist and retain underrepresented groups of students,” Rand said. “Our program is driven from the top—this president [John Hitt] has clearly set forth. Of our five goals, [4] is to increase our inclusion and diversity.”

Betie Tuller, a training coordinator for the Office of Diversity Initiatives, agrees with Rand. Tuller points to the likely UCF become more inclusive and diverse, but Florida’s “Talented 20” Program has thus far failed to meet its goals, she said. “We need to work to ensure support of a diverse community.”

The “Talented 20” Program, established by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2000, guarantees admission to any Florida private university to any student who graduated in the top 20 percent of his or her high school class. Bush implemented the program as a replacement for affirmative action. In theory, the Top 20 plan is supposed to be race-neutral with regard to admissions and other who don’t see them benefiting. The question should be how it is practiced and implemented,” he said.

In the weeks since the letters have gone out, at least five universities — the University of Virginia, Iowa State University, the University of Delaware, Princeton University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — have agreed to open their programs to white students or possibly cancel them. MIT was the first to be challenged by the two groups and the only one to review by the Department of Education.

Another university put on notice, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, unexpectedly eliminated virtually all its affirmative action policies March 10 under separate pressure from the state attorney general’s office. After a whirlwind of controversy and outcry from students, faculty members and administrators, Virginia Tech’s board of visitors voted Sunday to reinstate those policies.

Although Chavis and Range have not heard any announcements from the Center for Equal Opportunity regarding UCF’s race-conscious policies, neither one holds the center in high regard. “They are a conservative organization who want to dismantle affirmative action,” Chavis said.

Range shares Chavis’s views of the center and finds the argument against affirmative action rather biased. “The issue of prestigious institutions giving preferential favor to alumni relatives, that whole phenomenon is just representative of how things have been done,” Range said. “They always have received preferences.

Not everybody has those types of opportunities — especially those who have not been born in a country with a racial discrimination history,” Range said. “Very few people yell or scream about that. But you get all kinds of questions being raised about why an Asian or African American kid doesn’t get in. Instead of a Caucasian. There is an imbalance.”

The Supreme Court’s ruling in these cases is expected to have a major impact on this issue. Many university, educational and the U.S. Justice Department have filed friends of the court briefs in these cases, wishing to make the court aware of their position on the case.

Gov. Bush and the state of Florida filed such a brief on each of the two cases, siding with the students who filed the lawsuit. UCF has not filed such a brief.

In his 2001 President’s Commission on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities found that UCF’s policies geared toward achieving diversity have worked. The national data show that, compared to the vast majority of colleges and universities throughout the country, UCF is more advanced than most in terms of retention of minority students.

However, UCF, and all universities for that matter, may have to adopt new policies depending on how the Supreme Court rules.

The issues have opened up a legal Pandora’s box,” Range said.
### Proposed Golden Rule Updates

#### Vote on proposed changes in the following sections:

1. Student Conduct Review Process
2. Special Student Hearing Panels
3. Student Academic Behavior
4. Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools Policy Statement
5. Student Activities and Organizations
6. Event Management

#### 3. Student Conduct Review Process
- Change the composition of the Organizational Hearing panels to three students and two faculty/staff.
- Selection of the Conduct Board be done by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and not the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services as that person is the final person in the Appeals Process.

#### 5. Special Student Hearing Panels
- Change the composition of the Organizational Hearing panels to three students and two faculty/staff.

#### 11. Student Academic Behavior
- The 25 students on the Academic Appeals Committee be selected by the Student Government Senators from each College instead of being selected by the Student Body President.

#### 12. Student Grievance Procedure
- Section C, number 8.c, change # of students in the Student Grievance Panel from 5 to 10.

- Add the University's tobacco and smoking policy to the Golden Rule in the Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free Schools Policy section.
- Opening Policy Statement
  - Second Paragraph. Change sentence to read: No employee or student is to report to work or class while under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. No employee or student may attend a University activity under visibly impaired by alcohol or under the influence of illegal drugs.
  - A. Campus Alcoholic Beverages Policy
  - Section 4. a. Add information: form required may be obtained from the Office of Student Activities
  - C. Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol
- Change the word marijuana to cannabis.
- Insert the statement "This information was inserted in order to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act" at beginning of section C

#### 15. Student Activities and Organizations
- Change words "An incident of misconduct occurs on premises" to "A violation occurs on premises."
- Add sentence to end of paragraph "The Office of Student Activities will have copies of the Golden Rule available for student organizations when they submit their registration and officer update reports."
- Add sentence: "Student organizations receiving funds must comply with Office of Finance and Accounting Guidelines."
- Section 8. Delete "Failure to insure that all organization bills are paid."
- Section 9. Delete "Failure to properly register student events."
- Section 13.g. Change "Outdoor events... must cease by 11:00 p.m." to "must cease by the time determined by the governing agency."
- Section 15. Delete "The phrase "UCF" or "University of Central Florida" (or some form thereof) cannot precede the title of the organization."

#### 16. Event Management
- New rules for posting signage.
  - G.2: Change to "all outside areas, not including vehicular or pedestrian traffic areas or exits from buildings deemed free assembly areas for the conduct of political activities and other exercises of free speech."

**New Section:**
- Student Communication Responsibility Policy
  - (additional proposals will be presented at meeting)

Voting will be held on April 16, 2003, at 4:30 in the Recreation and Wellness Center, Room 206
World Wide Web is domain of misinformation, profs say

Sometimes non-scholarly resources can be constructive too, said Deby Mitchell, associate professor of teaching and learning principles.

"Some students simply go anywhere on the Web to obtain information that is highly questionable from an academic's standpoint," he said. "The Internet is a weapon for good and any. This includes those in mainstream and alternative groups, those interested in furthering their own personal political agendas and those who publish disinterested research." Often Dolan, who checks the Internet sources that his students use, finds the information that they include in their term papers is worthless. "Students see the Internet as a quick and easy method of research," Dolan said. "They need to learn how to engage in rigorous research, which is simply not supplied with the click of a mouse." J.D. Applen, an assistant professor of technical writing, also encourages his students to use library sources. "I prefer traditional resources," he said, though he admits he occasionally allows Internet sources. "As the Web has evolved, there are better resources online than that," said Applen. "But just because something's online doesn't mean it's a good source; some of these resources are little more than advertisements." Not all UCF professors are opposed to Internet research. Credible academic resources on the Internet are becoming more readily accessible, said Amanda Borisow, coordinator for the University Writing Center and professor of English. "Just because it's easier doesn't mean it's less credible," she said.

Shelley Park, an associate professor and chairman of the Philosophy Department, also believes Internet resources are acceptable as long as students understand the difference between scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Regardless of whether the Internet provides valuable information, searching the Web for research is a valuable lesson in itself, said Kay Scott, adjunct professor of political science. "Students need experience in discerning the good from the bad," she said. "They learn by investigating the Internet sources, the more discerning they can be."
Middle Eastern studies become marketable major

Minor opens career opportunities for students in international business, government agencies

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Responding to the demand by students eager to learn about the Middle East, UCF implemented a new minor this year that aims to teach students about the Arab culture, religion, myths and languages.

"The students coming into the minor are very enthusiastic," said John Bersia, special assistant for global perspectives at UCF. "People are going to be motivated by the most compelling regions, which happens right now to be the Middle East." Nancy Stockdale, who teaches The Modern Middle East and other history and humanities classes about the region, said she started her job at UCF a couple of months before Sept. 11, 2001, and her classes have been full ever since. She said most students who enroll in Middle Eastern studies classes have no ties to the region and have had no exposure to the true history.

"Many sign up and think it's only going to be about war," she said. "People get into the habit of studying negative things and it takes away from the human experience."

But that's the very opposite of what Stockdale teaches in her classes. Stockdale's lessons aren't about war, but the region's historical roots.

"I got away from the sensationalism of the region," she said. "I teach about the lived experience of people in those countries."

Interest among students seems to remain high even though her classes are much history-oriented and less focused on current affairs.

Senior Tommy Pudgett, 38, who is currently researching militant Islamic groups and has taken several courses offered in the minor, says people often misunderstand Arab countries.

"People tend to oversimplify about Arabs or Muslims," she said. "The Middle East is portrayed as one big homogeneous region and it's not." That was evident to scholars who studied the region before Sept. 11, 2001, before the Taliban in Afghanistan was disbanded and before the Palestinian-Israeli conflict began.

But the government and businesses had discounted the influence the Middle East had on the world, until now. Employers, both domestic and international, have realized that those students who take courses in Middle Eastern studies, and learn languages such as Hebrew and Arabic, are a valuable asset to their industry.

Currently, many international businesses actively seek U.S. citizens who are versed in languages of the Middle East, including Farsi — the official language of Saudi Arabia.

"Many right-minded advocates of development agencies and translators are in high demand as well, and those are viable careers for students who have background in Middle Eastern studies.

"It's one more skill you'd be adding to your basket of skills," Bersia said.

Not only will the minor be an advantage in international occupations, but it is also a valuable skill for students seeking careers with governmental agencies in the United States.

"There is quite a bit of governmental funding for those who want to go into intensive language studies," Stockdale said.

Knowing Middle Eastern languages, Stockdale said, may become as beneficial as speaking Spanish as a second language.

"Any kind of business you go into, you're going to interact with people from the Middle East. I feel very confident in saying that for the rest of our lives there will be a strong presence of the Middle East."

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Pro-choice advocates push emergency contraception

**LISA MARIE HOTTEL**

Maryland became the fourth provider of emergency contraceptives for distribution over the counter last week after a narrow vote by that state's House of Delegates.

Allies such as the Center for Reproductive Rights say this is the beginning of a push through states that will offer the so-called “morning-after pill” without a prescription. On behalf of 70 organizations, the center has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to switch the status of the pill from prescription to over-the-counter.

In the Web site for the Center for Reproductive Rights, it states the case for increased availability of emergency contraception.

Almost 6 million women, including rape and incest survivors, have experienced unintended pregnancies since the pill was first introduced to the FDA, wrote Bonnie Scott Jones, the center’s staff attorney.

“Seventeen thousand four hundred unintended pregnancies occur every day, and up to half of these could be prevented if women had ready access to emergency contraception,” Jones added.

The pill comes in two brands, Plan B and Plan B. The latter was introduced in 1999 to reduce side effects like nausea, vomiting and stomach discomfort in women after taking the pill.

Keri Nola, assistant health educator at UCF’s REACH peer education center, said that Plan B is more often prescribed because of the low chances of side effects.

“Plan B is more common here,” she said. “Estrogen causes the side effects in many cases. They have just taken Plan B instead.”

The FDA approved the allocation of emergency contraception by prescription in January 1997. Increased access to emergency contraceptives is supported around the world where women in Albania, Belgium, Denmark, France, Israel, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom and other countries can get emergency contraceptives without a doctor’s prescription.

Nola says a few women a week come into the campus center inquiring about emergency contraception. REACH gives many different options to those inquiring.

“I think the more options available, the more, says Nola. It’s individualized for each woman.”

She adds that many women don’t know that emergency contraception is available at all.

“Many don’t have appropriate education of where to get it,” she said. “I don’t know what resources to use in the community so they may come to us for help.”

To get access to emergency contraceptives, women need to consult a doctor within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

Patti Stuart, an advanced registered nurse practitioner with UCF’s Women Health Clinic, said on her Web site that emergency contraception is not for regular use. It should only be used when no other form of birth control is used, in instances of foreseen sex and cases where condoms were ripped.

Emergency contraception prevents pregnancy by delaying or inhibiting ovulation, inhibiting fertilization and inhibiting implantation of the fertilized egg.

While many opponents say it is a form of abortion, Nola says that is a misconception.

“It is sometimes mistaken for an abortion pill,” she said. Three states — California, Alaska and Washington — already distribute emergency contraception over the counter.

The Congressional “Pro-Choice Caucus” is pushing a plan that would allocate $10 million in taxpayer funds each year for the next five years for promoting the use of “emergency contraception.”

Both the American Medical Association in late 2000 and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in early 2001 approved resolutions supporting over-the-counter status for the method.

Opponents of the legislation say that young people would be more likely to engage in sexual practices if a drug is offered without a prescription.

“I am not in favor of having this prescribed without a doctor,” said Kyle Considine, chairman of the College of Republican Physicians.

“It allows for too much initiative for young people to use an excuse to start sexual experience too early. I would suggest age limit restrictions.”

As of yet, no legislation has been initiated in Florida for this service. For students who cannot get to the UCF Health Center in time, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando and the Orange County Health Department offer the pill with a doctor’s prescription.

Protestors leave good-red-faced

**FIGURE PAGE 3**

Luisa Leto for writing the flag. He said the actions of the peace activists helped his cause, though.

“Everyone agrees we’re fighting to protect the Constitution,” he said, noting the group of activists sitting on the ground nearby.

De Vlieger countered that suffering to in the sun for two hours exemplifies the peace activists’ commitment to America and its troops.

“Everyone agrees we’re fighting to protect the Constitution,” he said, noting the group of activists sitting on the ground nearby.

In a crowd of policed opinion, Steven Hawkins, a UCF graduate student who dressed as Ben Laden for the rally offered a voice of compromise. As a member of Rebuilding: On a Conservative Horizons, Hawkins supports the war and the troops, but said he sees truth in some peace activist’s words.

“They have some very valid points,” he said. “They remind me that I should think of the Iraqi people too. I’m praying that the Iraqis will have good leadership after the war.”

Hawkins said he has fasted to protest with a message to show support for the lives of those in jeopardy during the war, both American and Iraqi.

Once the speeches ended at 12:54 p.m., the crowd thinned. The dunk tank, activity tables and anti-war protesters hung around until 2 p.m., when the rally officially ended.

On the hour, the die-in protesters rose to their feet, away from two hours of balking on hot bricks. Three of the red corn syrup-coated students nearly fainted from the ordeal, Rzts said. The group splintered themselves a moment, then marched away.

After considering the conflict and opposing voices of the groups at the rally, Burke said he decided everyone wanted the same thing.

“Even though I looked at the crowd today, and I looked stage right and saw the die-in, and I looked to the left, and saw the pro-war people, I realized something. We all want peace, but the problem is that peace doesn’t just happen on its own. It’s not an anomaly that just occurs; you have to go and make peace.”

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occurring on University of California campuses and the comparatively small number of sex offenses that the university was reporting to the federal government.

In 1999, the newspaper reported, the university's nine campuses reported a total of 60 rapes and other forcible sex offenses when at least 190 of those cases had been documented by campus officials who were not police officers.

Security on Campus and another group, Marine.

Escaping a Violent Environment, also filed a similar complaint against California State University. In 2000, in a separate report dated March 31, Education Department officials said that the system had satisfactorily responded to all of the allegations that it had not properly reported crimes.

In the federal review of the University of California, Education Department officials found that the system had used incorrect standards for determining which crimes it had to include in its federally mandated reports. It said, for instance, that university officials had wrongly decided not to inform the federal government about some crimes that were reported to people, such as campus counselors, who are authorities on campus security even though they are not law-enforcement officials.

Charles McFadden, a spokesperson for the university, said in the wake of the allegations against the university's practices, system officials developed a handbook on complying with the federal crime-reporting law that could serve as a national model.

Civil rights issue

A former women's basketball player at Sacred Heart University has sued the Connecticut Institute, charging that she was dismissed from the team and had her athletics scholarship rescinded because she became pregnant.

Tara Brady, 21, was a starting center for Sacred Heart's Division I women's basketball team and a redshirt freshman in 2001. She contends in her lawsuit that in June of that year, she discovered that she was pregnant and notified her coach, Edward Swanson. A few days later, he told her that she and the university's officials had determined that she would be a "distraction" and "insurance risk," and told her that she was losing her scholarship and would have to sit out the 2001-2 academic year, Brady said in the Hartford Courant.

She could not be reached for comment.

In the lawsuit, filed in federal court, Brady is seeking to prove that Sacred Heart violated civil rights guarantees under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits any educational institution that receives federal funds from discriminating on the basis of gender.

Pregnant athletes are often granted a medical "redshirt" to allow them to practice but not compete in games and retain eligibility to play in the future.

According to the Courant, university officials later reinstated Brady's scholarship and allowed her to return for the 2002 spring semester.

Her baby was born in February 2002.

Sacred Heart officials said her lawsuit was "unfounded" and that the university would contest all of the claims. The statement also pointed out that Brady had a full-athletics scholarship for the 2002-3 academic year at the time she decided to withdraw from the university on July 17, 2002.

The university's statement also rebuts Brandy's insinuation that the Roman Catholic Institution was complicit in convincing her to come back on the team despite repeated attempts.

Brady's lawsuit alleges that she was not given the opportunity to use a redshirt year, and that Swanson refused to let her back on the team despite repeated attempts.

Brady withdrew from Sacred Heart and transferred to West Chester University of Pennsylvania, which plays in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II.
Slump in Travel Takes Global Toll

A steep decline in international tourism has dealt a severe blow to countless small businesses, entire industries and an already weak global economy.

The slowdown, caused first by terrorism fears, then diplomatic tensions over the war in Iraq and now SARS, is news everywhere. It began in China and is now showing up in Toronto, has hit travel businesses everywhere. Hotels from Hong Kong to S.A. to Hamburg are reeling, and airlines are cutting flights. The U.S.-based Air Transport Association and industry trade groups say traffic fell 10% for the week ended March 23—the week the conflict began—though it was invaded. Since then, some U.S. carriers have reported that overseas bookings have plunged 30% to 40% from year-ago levels.

The slowdown is spotlighting just how important tourism has become to the global economy. The World Tourism Organization, a U.N. affiliate, counted 715 million tourists last year, up more than 10% from 1999 and up more than 60% from 1980. Foreign visitors spent $85 billion in 1999 on travel, hotels, meals and attractions in other countries. That amounts to about 5% of global economic output, the World Tourism Organization says.

"Since September 11, we have been experiencing the most serious crisis in the history of world tourism," Francesco Frattaroli, secretary-general of the World Tourism Organization, said in a letter he wrote his members last month before SARS surfaced.

Some in OPEC

Now Fear a Glut

World oil producers appear to have succeeded at keeping markets well-supplied despite the war in Iraq and disruptions elsewhere. Now, as oil production from strife-torn Venezuela returns to normal, some OPEC members are even beginning to worry that a glut could emerge and cause prices to crash.

Crude oil is now around $35 a barrel before the war. But prices have since dropped sharply, as traders bet the war might be over relatively quickly with little damage to Iraq's vast oil fields. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries worry that prices could continue their recent slide, destabilizing oil markets, and are considering reducing output to stem further price declines.

B-School Contests

Attract Recruiters

In the rough job market for those with M.B.A.'s, many recruiters say the edge increasingly belongs to schools that take part in case competitions.

"These are typically contests sponsored by a business school or an organization involving teams of candidates for a master's in business administration who have to solve some sort of business problem. There is usually a cash prize—and a chance for students to schmooze and network with company executives," a recruiter said.

The competition gives students the chance to solve "real-world" problems. That is why more recruiters are also using them as a way of identifying top candidates, business schools say. Companies want hires who can hit the ground running at a time when employers don't want to spend money on training.

Yahoo Updates

Aims at Google

Yahoo Inc., in an effort to challenge Google Inc., is enhancing its technology to insert directly information such as maps, yellow-page listings and weather forecasts into search results. The company is trying to offer more relevant, precise and comprehensive data in response to Web users' increasing demand for such information, Please Turn to Next Page

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Many Do Their Part by Eating

By RAY McDERMOTT

The way we cook, eat and think about food is changing. The upsurge in popularity of foreign food delivery services such as Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats is one of the many trends driving this change. The two companies have been under pressure from consumers protesting the war in Iraq, which has led to a boycott of U.S.-based restaurants like McDonald's, Starbucks and others. The companies have responded by adding more vegetarian and vegan options to their menus.

The trend to eat more at home is supported by a recent survey from the American Council on Science and Health. The survey found that 60% of adults now cook at home more often than they did five years ago. This is a significant increase from the 40% who cooked at home more than a year ago, according to the survey.

The rise in at-home cooking is also driven by the popularity of cooking shows and blogs. According to the National Restaurant Association, 40% of U.S. households have a monthly food budget of $1,500 or more. This has led to an increase in the number of meal kits and delivery services available to consumers.

Restaurants and chefs around the country are responding to this trend by offering high-quality, high-calorie foods, such as hamburgers, and increasing their output of prepared foods that are easier to take home and eat in front of the news. As the demand for these foods increases, more restaurants are offering delivery services. This trend is likely to continue as more consumers look for ways to save time and money.
Banning web research not in line with times

Many students do not know the experience of spending countless hours in a library, scouring through numerous books for the elusive pieces of information they need for a research paper. Thanks to the Internet, and the convenience it has afforded to students, research has changed. Students now find the information that they need much faster and easier than ever before.

Unfortunately, some professors do not see the situation the same way. They perceive the Internet as a large student’s cop-out. They consider information found on the Internet less credible than that found in physical textbooks. And they take their bias against Internet sources to extremes by banning Internet sources from research papers.

Professors should not prohibit Internet sources altogether for students writing research papers. The Internet, with its nearly limitless amount of information, is a valuable research tool. Students should not rely upon Internet searches to find information. As with books, professors should sift through the vast amounts of information available to find and use only the most credible sources.

When used correctly, the Internet is the most powerful research tool invented to date. Professors should acknowledge this and progress with the times.

Letters to the Editor

Religion keeps our president in check

I am writing in response to Geno Makhoul’s article, "Combination of religion and politics dangerous or desire," published April 3.

I take issue with what is but a few of those interviewed for the story. Specifically, I highlight two notions brought up in the story.

Professor Warren Goldstein speaks of the combination of religion and politics always being dangerous. He also states that “we say justly all sorts of human threats, through religion.”

I think it’s quite true that combining religion and politics has the potential to be dangerous. I believe it is not an inherent thing.

Our president is not justifying our nation’s ongoing conflict in Iraq, instead, he has made the argument that religion is behind the situation. This is not an argument I would agree with. We are attempting to preserve a nation that has not been seen since Stalin’s Russia. Moreover, to criticize a person for his philosophy in believing that there is a higher power at the center of events is nonsensical — for our nation states the highest calling international country is its religious values. It is refreshing to know that the occupant of the White House does not believe he is the sole decision-maker in the world, but is a part of a greater plan.

Lastly, President Bush’s delay on an illegal conclusion that our religious convictions can lead to "something as foolish as ignoring the United Nations, breaking alliances and putting our soldiers... into a war they might not be able to win.” Again, an interviewee is trying to make a connection that does not exist.

Our president has, in fact, attempted to make the limited United States more legitimate by keeping its own religious. More importantly, our nation has never used self-defense power to another nation, for we are a war-peace nation that has the right to defend our citizens.

Our country wondered, "Could Sept. 11 be prevented?" We’re still wondering. That we do know is that Iraq, as a nation, is currently being reduced to a conflict with our forces. We can still assured that a man in need of help in Ms. Makhoul's God is guided by legal authorities to protect us.

— E. FITZ LAUNDERHEAD

Church-state law designed to keep government out of religion

I would like to respond to something that Ben Done said in his letter to the editor, "Conservative views use example of the name game," published April 2.

I would just like to take a moment to educate you on what "separation of church and state" really means. I am tired of all these people propagating the fad that "separation of church and state" means the church is to be kept out of government when, in reality, it is the reverse.

Contrary to what you believe, this country was founded on Christian principles and beliefs.

— RICHIE WATKINS

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Thursday April 10, 2003

Our Stance:

Affirmative action not perfect, but working

As the Supreme Court delivers the fate of affirmative action in university admissions policies and groups, as opposed to affirmative action target universities that try to ease minorities into college with race-conscious programs, UCP and other universities are watching the cases closely.

If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the white students who filed lawsuits against the University of Michigan, then race would basically become a non-factor in universities’ admissions policies nationwide.

For years, universities have used race as a criterion for admissions in an attempt to increase diversity on their campuses and in their classrooms. Universities have correctly rationalized that diversity enhances students’ educations, and their college experiences in general.

Sadly, the notion of diversity as a boon to education has come under fire. While deserving white students should not be left out in the admissions process for the sake of diversity, higher education institutions should strive to make themselves more diverse possible.

A diverse student body encourages several positive goals. For one, students benefit when they learn in an environment in which more than one perspective is represented. Diversity also enhances education by creating a more accurate representation of the demographics of the real world. If students do not learn to interact with people of different races, cultures, nationalities, etc., their life education is incomplete.

Additionally, race-conscious admissions policies help bridge the gap between the races that has existed for so long. Blacks and other minorities have historically not had the same opportunities that white people have enjoyed and taken for granted. Affirmative action in admissions policies helps to ensure that minorities get each opportunity. Without affirmative action, society may never achieve the equality that it needs.

The attacks against minority outreach programs and scholarships certainly will not help bring about that partly. These threatened programs, which actively recruit minorities to various fields, or help minorities make the transition to college, have worked to encourage minority participation. More minorities now enroll in fields in which they have long been underrepresented, and they succeed more in college, because these programs work.

Eliminating race as a factor in college admissions, or scholarship programs, may seem fair to the students who have filed the lawsuits before the Supreme Court. But the court should realize the far-reaching effects its decisions will have. If the court rules against the University of Michigan, it will hinder the progress that society has made toward racial equality.

— W D R YNNE"
Diversity best for military, colleges

E.R. SHIFF
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (1987)

It seems strange to me. One of the institutions that has made integration work — the military — is the one where the showmanship has gone out of the process. The military is the only place where diversity is treated as a strength, not a weakness.

Three whites — one rejected by Michigan's elite law school and two turned down for its undergraduate program — brought the legal challenge, insisting that they had been denied admission because minority students with lesser grades and test scores were given preferential treatment. But the moderate and liberal justices on the court disagreed.

A school has to be selective, O'Connor said, asking one of the lawyers: "So how do you single this out, and how are we certain that there's an injury to your client that she wouldn't have experienced for other reasons?"

That some people object to considering race as one of many factors in admissions has always bothered me, especially since some critics — including Bush and O'Connor — accept that at least some of those whose families have ties to a university are somewhere entitled to acceptance on the basis of those factors no matter how mediocre their education has been. And in that sense, O'Connor says, it is possible to imagine a diverse student body.

Justice Antonin Scalia, virulently opposed to the arguments of Michigan lawyers, suggesting that if the law school didn't have such high standards, perhaps it could more easily even get the same number of minority students. But he was deserted by his colleagues.

Scalia, like so many others, seems to have faith that SATs and LSATs truly measure work and intellectual abilities, and the test designers know white kids do.

The underlying assumption is that everyone has an equal shot at a fair test, but not everyone has an equal shot and It's not a fair test," said film director John Sayles, executive director of the Princeton Review Foundation. The parties try to prepare kids of all types for standardized tests, but their portfolios and judgments are different. Studies have shown that essential elements are included on the tests that the designers know white kids do better on than that amounts to giving them a leg up — a preference.

"The tests are limited and flawed," he said, "skepted in favor of the wealthy and whites and males."

Similarly skewed is the notion that a terrorist threat to American universities has been created by creating a single terrorist cell in the United States of being able to opt out of military service, or at least, use connections to remain out or to hide behind a veil of harm's way. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., says, He's calling for the reestablishment of the military draft because "disproportionately high representation of the white minority in the enlisted ranks."

"Of course, he is an idealist who wants to bring a level of patriotism such as a bill as the fictitious Brooklyn congresswoman on "West Wing" last week, whose dreams for the draft are depicted as "a sham." The very liberal fictitious President Carter.

But Rangel wants to level the field — just as universities like Michigan and the military must — and they have to. But at nearly every turn, defenders of the status quo see red when the problems are made known and the solutions involve race — or class.

Nighttime bulldozing of airport is terrorist act

KEVIN O'GRATAN
STAFF WRITER

Last week Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley ordered bulldozers to tear through the runways at Chicago's Meigs Field and load them onto a barge. Daley ordered the runway at Meigs destroyed at night under the guise of darkness and had not notified anyone this would be taking place. A surprise bombing plan was not even noted, the military academy leaders sided against the FTA.

The Federal Aviation Administration wasn't aware and couldn't issue a notice that the airport was going to be shut down until after the fact. Closing the airport also left the area without access to the major runway. Daley, acting under the guise of darkness, had his way, he went behind an airport's back and secretly went forth with his plans in the middle of the night. Ironically, the Illinois congress delegation had been working with Mayor Daley to build a new and expanded O'Hare International Airport just days before.

The fact that many things pose security risks but we do not go about banning everything just because it is a risk. This country was founded on the principles of liberty. The American people understand that risks cannot be eliminated, but only minimized.

Our country takes action to minimize the risk of terrorist threats, but as a country dedicated to personal freedoms, we must not change our way of life. In essence, Mayor Daley is pandering to the enemy. This is exactly the kind of actions that terrorists want our country to take. They want our government to limit our freedoms and for us to live in fear.

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UCF honors athletes for succeeding as students

Winners also honored their mentors

Kristy Shonka
STAFF WRITER

Before the UCF football team made the long flight out to Arizona last fall, senior Jimmy Fryzel checked out a laptop so he could work on a computer project that was due the following week. Fryzel was assured the battery was charged, but once he was on the plane he realized the computer’s battery was missing.

On that same flight, Karl Mooney had a new IPD he wanted to watch on his laptop to pass the time. Mooney’s plans changed, however, when he learned of Fryzel’s problem. He let the accounting major borrow his laptop for the trip and Fryzel finished his project in his hotel room that night.

Fryzel told that story Monday night at the first Golden Knight Scholar-Athlete of the year award Monday night.

Senior Ryan beer was recognized as the basketball player who best exemplified scholar and service.

Mooney was also there to honor someone at UCF who inspired them.

Fryzel chose Mooney, director of Academics Services for Student Athletes at UCF for the Golden Apple Inspiration Award because that plane trip to Arizona was just one of many times Mooney dropped everything to help him. Mooney was also the mastermind of the event which honored more than 300 student-athletes for their achievements off the athletic field.

Mooney led much of the program, and was wiping away tears after Fryzel’s speech.

That’s what you work for,” Mooney said after the ceremony.

VanLooven, an advertising/public relations major, chose to honor Tom Morgan of the Nicholson School of Communications with the other Golden Apple Inspiration Award.

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Women’s tennis ends season winning 7 matches in a row

Sadie Shaim
STAFF WRITER

The newly nationally ranked No. 20 UCF women’s tennis team won its seventh consecutive match on Saturday afternoon, earning yet another win over Tennessee Tech, 9-1, in Cookeville. UCF improved to 12-6 with the victory while the Golden Knights have not had a loss since March 18.

UCF started the match strong, winning two out of three doubles matches. The pair of Anna Westin and Ola Luczak won at No. 1, defeating Marta Tashova and Anisa Obando, 8-4. Marieke Gunawan and Kristina Lehmos swept victories at the No. 3 spot as they best Alija Katiya and Maja Blasiusova, 8-4. Pamela Fernandez and Julio Peanusting took the only doubles loss for UCF as they fell to Ana Mauro Cublis and Alex Bommansdier at the No. 2 spot, 8-4.

The Knights also dominated solo action, taking five of six singles matches. Gunawan outlasted Ciblis at the No. 1 spot, 6-4, 6-7 (10-8). Peanusting, who was recently selected as the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week, defeated Tashova at the No. 2 spot, 6-3, 6-1. At the No. 3 spot, Westin was victorious over Obando, 6-3, 6-0.

Senior captain Marieke Gunawan has helped the Knights to a 12-6 record this season.
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said Morgan, who teaches several public relations classes, gave her direction in academics and career parleys and the confidence to excel in both. Morgan reassigned his schedule so he could attend the ceremony.

But Monday night wasn’t about the adults, it was about the student-athletes, Mooney said the academic advisors for ASSA chose to honor Fryzel and VanLooven because of dedication and commitment to character, good citizenship and leadership on the field.

Fryzel was the offensive captain of the football team and finished the season with more than 400 receiving yards, landing him on the Mid-American Conference’s All-Conference second team. His performance in the classroom earned him a spot on the Verizon Academic All-District III team.

Fryzel earned an academic scholarship coming out of high school as well as an athletic scholarship. He said he knew in high school that going professional in a sport is a long shot, which is why he made academics a priority in college. But Fryzel might get the chance to continue his football career before he needs the accounting degree he receives in May. Fryzel said he’s hearing that he could get drafted as early as the fourth round of this month’s NFL draft, which he may be a free-agent signee.

“After putting as much time as I did into football, I’d hate to give it up right away,” Fryzel said. "Getting a degree at least allows me to be fall back on something if it doesn’t work out.”

VanLooven was a four-year starter on defense for the women’s soccer team. She was a three-year first-team All-Atlantic Sun Conference performer and this season she earned several regional awards. She was named to the NSCAA All-America Third Team, the NSCAA All-South Region Team and to SoccerBible.com’s Southeast All-region second team.

Along with balancing schoolwork and soccer, VanLooven has worked as a server, completed internships and helped coach a soccer team during her four years at UCF. The former three-sport standout at Lake Mary High School said the busy schedule prevented disruptions from interfering with her success.

“All I ever known is having a full schedule,” VanLooven said. “I don’t really know what to do with myself unless I have something going on every hour of the day.”

She’ll find out once she graduates in May. VanLooven said she’s going to take some time off before starting the serious job hunting.

“I’ve got the rest of my life to work,” she said.

She’s not sure how much time off she’ll take, but she eventually wants to find a job related to relations. She would like to continue to work in sports, but she’s keeping her options open.

Mooney and Saul Katz, the director of the National Consortium for Academics and Sport at UCF, presented several other awards Monday night. They recognized one athlete from each team who best exemplified scholar and serviceman. Katz also honored the spirit team, comprising the cheerleaders, dancers and mascots, with the team community service award.

Fryzel and VanLooven earned their team’s awards while RyanBear won for baseball, Robert Morensten for men’s basketball, Yvette Ash for women’s basketball, Sarah Bell for cheerleading, Ben Mena for men’s cross country and Jackie Magee for women’s cross country. Other awards went to Ben Osbrach (men’s track), Kim Tudor (women’s golf), Heather Cox (rowing), Brian Macek (men’s soccer), Stephanie Best (softball), Ruth Brown (men’s tennis), Julie Berardi (women’s tennis), Kelly Robok (track and field) and Erin Debo (volleyball).

The spirit team won the team community service award after making more than 75 appearances at community service events set up by the NCAS. Cheerleading Coach Linda Gooch was pleased with the team’s award. She said the first job for the cheerleaders, mascots and athletes is to support UCF teams, but the second job is community service.

“It’s something that I have always felt was one of the most important things that we do,” Gooch said.

She said her group has participated in everything from visiting nursing homes to children’s hospitals to serving the homeless on Thanksgiving and they always go in full uniform. While she said this isn’t always fun for the students, it’s what people expect when they hear cheerleaders are coming to visit.

“People expect you to be standing there in a uniform with pom poms in your hands,” Gooch said.

Overall, Mooney was happy with the ceremony, which was attended by UCF President John Hitt, Athletic Director Steve Orsini, and most of the coaches and other members of the athletic department. Both Mooney and Orsini said the ceremony will inspire the athletes to continue to excel in the classroom. All athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher received a plaque, which Orsini and Mooney hope will motivate those athletes who haven’t yet hit that plateau.

“I can almost guarantee you will see more student athletes here next year than we had this year,” Mooney said.

South Florida shuts out Knights

KRISTY SHIONKA
STAFF WRITER

For the second week in a row the UCF baseball

team lost its mid-week game to South Florida.

Freshman Jon Kao threw three shutout innings for his first career win as Tuesday’s loss on the Knights 4-3 in Tampa. It was the second week in a row a USF pitcher earned his first career win against the Knights.

UCF starter Matt Fox, who fell to 1-2 on the year with the loss, held the Bulls scoreless through two innings, but failed to get out of the third inning. Jeff Bailey started things off for USF in the third with a double to right center. He advanced to third on a fielding error by center fielder Clay Timpero. After Myron Leslie walked, Devin Brown hit a sacrifice fly that scored Bailey for a 1-0 Bulls lead.

USF added on another run later in the inning on a loop single by Ronnie Handerly that scored Leslie. Andrew Dolly relieved Fox and struck out Travis Brown to end the inning. Dolly got into trouble of his own in the fourth inning before giving up two-run double to Leslie. Dolly gave up a single to Huang before being pulled in favor of senior Von David Sheetschek.

Sheetchek got the loss in last week’s game after giving up five runs in four innings, but was effective Tuesday. He threw 2 2/3 innings and gave up just one hit while striking out four of the eight batters he faced. Ryan Ramsey pitched the final two innings for the Knights and gave up three hits and had two strikeouts.

Timpero, David Mann, Dee Brown and Drew Bittker were the only UCF pitchers to register hits as five USF pitchers held the Knights to just four hits. The Knights did have their chances to score though, spanning 10 batters on base, including twice leaving bases loaded. The six innings was UCF’s best chance to score as the Knights had the bases full with no outs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

“Unbelievable. We got out there and put up a serious fight against a team that we gave a lot of respect to,” Timpero said.
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Tennis teams’ final match rained out

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While Fernandez took down Kuty-la, 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5, Luczak beat Russinova, 6-1, 7-5 at the No. 6 spot. The only UCF loss came from Lohmos at No. 4 as she was overpowered by Boonzaaier, 6-3, 0-6 (10-7).

The UCF women's tennis match with Middle Tennessee State scheduled for Sunday was cancelled due to inclement weather. The match was the final regular season tilt on the Knights' schedule. UCF will now have 10 days to prepare for the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship, which runs April 16-19 in DeLand. The Knights are the defending champions and are going for their sixth A-Sun title in seven years. Campbell knocked UCF out in the semifinal round in 2001, ending a streak of four consecutive championships for the Knights.

Coach is looking to Tudor for leadership

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much talent,” Fjelstul said, “but Kim has been very consistent throughout the season and her eyes are on the championship. But no one player is going to win the tournament. It will take the whole team if we want to bring home a championship to UCF.”

The Knights are coming off a performance at the state tournament in which they finished seventh.

Home football times

The Knights released start times for their home football game schedule on Sunday. The times for the Marshall and Miami (Ohio) games are subject to change. The Marshall game will air on ESPN or ESPN2.

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Berman is one of the
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Christine Dellett
Staff Writer

Being young has its advantages, especially in the music business. But while teenage ages are most likely to turn up on MTV’s pop or hip-hop charts, the band Berman hopes to achieve stardom as rock-and-rollers.

"We started jamming together in middle school," said Brad Shapiro, 19, a UCF freshman and lead guitarist for the Orlando-based band.

Named for a high school Spanish teacher, Berman formed in 2001 in Hollywood, Fla. Last fall, Shapiro and freshman Greg Hejja, 19, the band’s bass guitarist, moved to Orlando to attend UCF. Voiced by Guy Jettman, 19, and Brad Shapiro’s younger brother, drummer Steve Shapiro, 17, Saxon performs to rehearsals and shows from South Florida.

Last seen here March 29 at “Late Night,” Berman performs at 8 p.m. Saturday on the Wall Street Stage in downtown Orlando as one of the youngest bands in the Florida Music Festival. The band’s goal is a record deal and nationwide fame.

Berman has come a long way during its short existence, band members said.

"The first shows we played weren’t even supposed to be real gigs," Brad Shapiro said. "They were at church.”

After writing songs and recording a demo in the back of the Shapiro’s house in Hollywood, the band played its first gig in January 2002 at a popular South Florida venue, the Culture Room. Berman’s first album, “For the Better,” emerged in January 2003.

"We’ve definitely matured over the past year," Jettman said. "And our music reflects that."
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Musicians educate students about suicide prevention

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Rock musicians gathered at a downtown Orlando bar last Sunday to screen their melodies, flex their tattoos and present suicide in young adults.

The event, a concert benefit orchestrated by Deep Ellum records and Hot Topic stores, is touring the nation in an effort to educate young people about suicide prevention and raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention through the sale of tickets and CDs.

Sunday's Orlando show at Back Booth was the 21st stop on the "Too Young to Die" tour, which began March 14 in Dallas and ends April 30 in Oklahoma City.

While David Singer, a touring band member of The Sweet Science, said he doesn't think people know how common suicide is in young adults, the AFSP lists it as the third leading cause of death for people 15 to 24 and a concerning issue for college campuses nationwide.

"Junior Marquescu Eddy, 21, is not surprised by these statistics. "These are the four years where people h ave the most stress in their lives," she said."

Robert Harman, the director of the UCF Counseling and Testing Center, says that many young adults face a great amount of stress upon entering college. While these extra pressures could manifest from financial troubles to relationship problems, it is important for students to have realistic expectations of themselves, he said.

"The first week is always the hardest for freshmen," he said. "They have to adjust to life away from home, balance their course load and, in most cases, deal with new roommates."

While most students face similar college stressors, not all know how to deal with someone who is suicidal.

"I've never been in that situation, so I really have no idea how I would handle it," Eddy said.

Harman suggests that students stay sympathetic and direct their friend to a professional counselor.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention estimates that about 75 percent of all suicide victims give some warning of their intentions to a friend or family member.

Harman said it is very important for students to listen for these warning signs.

"If someone has been depressed and then is suddenly really happy, that is a sign," he said. "It may indicate resignation."

He also lists alcohol or drug abuse and giving away treasured possessions for no apparent reason as another sign of suicidal intentions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises students to note any changes in a person's behavior as a means to address a friend about their depression. If they are uncomfortable talking about an issue, encourage them to discuss it with someone else.

"Sometimes it's hard for someone who feels suicidal to get through this area," Harman said.

Harman and the UCF Counseling and Testing Center work with the Orlando area chapter of the Lifeline suicide hot line for UCF students. Harman proudly said that a student in counseling at UCF has never committed suicide in his 20-year tenure.

"The most important information for someone who feels suicidal is the knowledge and assurance that they can get through it," Harman said.

Brandon Hudson, 21, a rock musician and audience member at the "Too Young to Die" concert, said that people are often comforted by song lyrics.

"I think it's great they're telling people [suicide is] a problem that needs to be dealt with," he said. "I like to express my feelings through my music."
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Music execs: Festival good as any other

bands and attracted more labels this year. "This year, due to word of mouth, and national marketing, we have more than triple the amount of A&R reps from labels," Perry said.

Cliff Hendricks, 27, drummer for Beaucoup, said the band wants to make an impression with so many industry representatives planning to attend. He called the band's appearance "huge, because we are looking to come out of the gates quick and show the record labels what we have right off the bat."

Mark Mercado, Promotion, said a band's performance at the FMF can have a huge impact on a band, and it has really helped labels this year.

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"It was a great decision for us, because of this can - take the priceless," Perry said. "It was worthwhile because I think this can - take the priceless, because we are looking to come out of the gates quick and show the record labels what we have right off the bat."

Marshall called the opportunity "priceless," and asked, "Where else does a local band get to play for major record labels, managers, lawyers and music fans all in the same weekend?"

Indeed, the FMF has drawn the attention of many managers and record industry executives. Mark Mercado, who works with Creed's management at Jeff Hanson Management & Promotion, said a band's performance at the FMF can have a huge impact on a band's career.

"The festival allows bands, in front of industry reps that are looking and ready to sign the right new and fresh talent," Mercado said. "However, the networking and relationships that can be built from bands being a part of the FMF or even just attending, can really help a band's career by giving the bands an outlet to get feedback on their music, positive or negative, and get some direction on steps to take to further their careers."

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Alvers said Villages' performance last year helped the band make a name for itself around Orlando. "At least 2,000 people were there to see the band, and it has really helped us to keep a strong credibility in town because of it," Alvers said.

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Taylor turned out to be very nice. "And thirsty ... and probably drunk. But who cares!" I told him. "I loved him for letting me invade."

For the next hour, I chatted with Taylor about everything I could think of.

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"She deals with it," he said darkly. "Hardly the topic. "We make it work."

Before I could ask what "it" was, Kowalczyk distractedly interrupted. "We're all getting on the tour bus to have a beer before leaving," he dictated. "Come chill for a while."

Much to my inner delight, the two doormat girls on his lap decided to leave. So I piled on the charter bus with the four band members, Gracey and the other blonde-haired groupie girl — feeling extremely cool.

I was greeted by a gray-haired, hippie-ish bus driver named Bobo, who was wearing pajama pants and looked like he was going to India.

I watched carefully as three giggling groupies followed them into the trailer, shutting the door behind them. Determined to gain access to the trailer myself, I started chatting with the only person Levin had introduced me to before leaving — Matt Gracey, Live's boyishly charming, ruggedly tattooed tour manager.

Twenty minutes later, Gracey was announcing my presence in the Promised Land. "This is Linnea," he stated, swinging open the trailer door. "Who's a friend of David's."

Lead singer Kowalczyk, sporting his trademark shaved head, a worn T-shirt and Lenny Kravitz-ish, rock-star sunglasses, waved distractedly from his position on a couch. Two of the groupie girls, both in trendy low-cut peasant shirts and jeans, were sprawled lazily across Kowalczyk's lap, shooting me blank glances of annoyance, the girls attempted to reign Kowalczyk's full attention as I entered the room.

"Let's go party," one whined, twisting a temporary blonde dreadlock around her finger. "I want to go dancing at CityWalk."

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Behind the music with a Live rock band

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had probably been in a band himself in the Sixties.
"The whole thing was very 'Almost Famous.'"

The back half of the tour bus contained the guys' foldout beds and a kitchenette. However, the front half was set up like a posh living room, with couch-like lounge seats, tables and a big-screen TV.

We all sank comfortably into the lounge seats as the band guys laughed at each other's tipsy attempts to get my name right.

"Lana-bean," bassist Patrick Dahlheimer slurred, as the blonde girl nestled her head onto his lap.

"It's Linnea," drummer Chad Gracey - Matt Gracey's cousin - corrected him, smiling at me.

"Lerona," Kowalczyk stated.

"Leeona."

"Lin-nay-yah," Chad Gracey repeated, annoyed. "Her name is Linnea."

I suddenly recalled the wise advice that Mrs. Levin had conspiratorially given me that evening.

"Talk to the drummer," she said. "He's the most down-to-earth ... and he's the single one."

So I took Levin's advice, and spent the next hour bonding with both Chad and Matt. Relaxed being good-looking, the Gracey boys also seemed to be the most respectful, the least drunk ... and the most interested in anything I had to say.

For some reason, flirting seemed a lot cooler when it came from guys without wives. I think we need to go to the drug store," Kowalczyk suddenly yelped. "And Linonee, we'll stop and get whatever you need for a few days on our bus."

I actually considered it. Live, after all, was my favorite band ... and I do have a thing for musicians. But I also have a life. And being a "band-aid" just didn't fit into it right now.

When it was time to leave, the bus dropped the blonde woman and I off at the Hard Rock Hotel. Remembering that my car was in the CityWalk parking garage, Matt slipped me $10 for a cab, and I exchanged numbers with both of the Gracey guys.

Each band member hugged me, and Kowalczyk made a big display out of giving me a huge, sloppy kiss on the cheek.

Dazed, I waited for the blonde woman to finish making out with Dahlheimer, and we trekked up to the lobby together in silence.

"So, where'd they pick you up?" I finally asked.

"I'm his wife," she replied irritably.

"Ohh. I guess I'm the groupie, after all."

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one style.

Berman also has had its first brush with celebrity. A huge number of Internet fans across the country have been able to download the songs and order the album, expanding the band’s audience base beyond its members’ college and church communities. Girls have even shown up at shows wearing homemade Berman T-shirts, and dozens of fans crowd around after each performance for posters and autographs.

“I know that they’ll be a famous rock band one day,” sophomore Devon Kenton, 19, said. “There are always so friendly and considerate to their fans.”

A positive message and enthusiastic lyrics keep people coming back. “We take great pride in our lyrics,” Holga said. “That’s one of the things that sets us apart. We write what we believe in, and we write to impact people for the better.”

Although young and still inexperienced, band members said they are ready to tackle the music industry head-on. “We feel that our age is totally to our benefit,” Holga said. “We can relate to our audience, and we have a lot of time to mature and work on our sound.”

A future with 149. underwent a redesign and broadened its coverage. “We feel that we will be competing Saturday with 149 other music artists from around the country for record labels’ attention, the band is not intimidated by older or returning contenders. “Yeah, we are relatively young,” Jettman said. “That’s why we’ve been blessed with a lot of talent and we are going to use our ability to perform the best that we can live.”

Kenton, a friend of the band, says Berman will succeed. “Even though they’re just a group of kids in a local band, they play like serious musicians,” he said. “I’ve never seen a group of people more concentrated and focused on stage before.”

The next step, said Jettman, is to take the stage Saturday and see what happens.

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BERMAN members, from left, Steve Shapiro, Greg Holga, Brandi Shapiro and Gay Jettman.

Professor Carol Henderson uses Chalk in a Whole New Way

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