Affirmative action ruling could change universities' policies

Thousands of supporters of affirmative action march in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on April 1999.

Diane Lazic Staff Writer

Senior Daniel 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 40 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 cases against about 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.

Googling through research

Laura 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 reliable information.

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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 "cast a shadow over Virginia Tech in the eyes of many universities across 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 domestic terrorism from working on 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 500 cleared when the decision was announced to reinstate affirmative action in hiring and admissions policies, and official protection for gay and lesbian students and employees.

The board voted 8 to 5 to restore the resolution, which had caused a stir that month. 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 in lawsuits filed by disgruntled applicants for admission or staff positions.

The board's decision, accompanied by a vote of 8 to 1 to reverse a decision to eliminate affirmative action at the University of Virginia, came as a relief to many students and faculty members.

"It's a great day," said David Roocroft, the board's chairman, to a crowd of about 2,000 students and faculty members who had gathered in front of the university administration building.

"We've been fighting a long time," he said. "Now we can move forward."
There is now a stigma associated with affirmative action. Based on my experience, affirmative action means different things to different people.

A. L. RANGE
UCF assistant vice president for Special Programs
Vote on proposed changes in the following sections:

3. Student Conduct Review Process
5. Special Student Hearing Panels
11. Student Academic Behavior
12. Student Grievance Procedure
15. Student Activities and Organizations
16. 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.d, 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.

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 exists 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)

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Middle Eastern studies become marketable major

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

Lisa Marie Bottle, Staff Writer

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 Berris, special assistant for global perspectives at UCF. "People are going to be motivated by the most compelling regions, which happens to be the Middle East," he added.

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 put away the sensationalism of the region," she said. "I teach about the lived experiences of people in those countries."

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

Senior Tammy Padgett, 22, who is currently researching militant Islamic groups and has taken several courses offered in the minor, says people often misinterpret Arab countries.

"People tend to oversimplify about Arabs or Muslims," she said. "The Middle East is portrayed as one big homogenous region and it's not."

That was evident to students who studied the region before Sept. 11, 2001, before the Taliban in Afghanistan was disbanded and before the Palestine-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, especially in international business fields.

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.

Human-rights advocates, developmental agencies and trainers 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," Berris 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." She's 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 Hottle
Staff Writer

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 76 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 8 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.

“Seven 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, Preven and Plan B. The latter was introduced in 1990 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 so many opt to take Plan B instead.”

The FDA approved the alteration of emergency contraception by prescription in January 1997. Increased access to emergency contraception 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,” 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 whom to get it,” she said. “They 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.

Hall Stuart, an advanced registered nurse practitioner with UCF’s Women’s 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 foreplay 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.


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.

“They are not in favor of having this prescribed without a doctor,” said Kyle Consider, chairman of the College of Republican States. “It allows for too much initiative for young people to use an excuse to engage in 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.

Protesters leave good-faith comments

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demned Leko for writing on the flag. He said the actions of the peace activists helped his cause, though. “It’s always good when your opposition makes themselves look foolish,” he said, noting the group of activists littering the ground nearby.

De Vlieger countered that suffering foolishly 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, but nobody wants to fight at home for it.

In a crowd of poleaxed opinions, Steven Hankins, a UCF graduate student who dressed as an U.S. Marine for the rally offered a voice of compromise. As a member of Rebuilding Our Conservative Horizons, Hankins supports the war and the troops, but said he sees truth in some peace activists’ words.

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

Hankins said he has tasted as a personal move to show support for the lives of those in jeopardy during the war, both American and Iraqi.

Once the speeches ended at 12:55 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 bailing on hot bricks. Three of the red corn soup-coated students newly hinted from the ceremial, but the group stranded themselves a moment, then marched away.

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

“When I looked at that 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 1998, the newspaper reported, the university's nine campuses reported a total of 66 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, Mosquito, 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 institution, chargeing that she was dismissed from the team as a sophomore in 2001-2 after she became pregnant.

The suit, filed in state court, in which they are able to compete in the the 2002-3 academic year at the time she decided to withdraw from the university on July 17, 2002.

The university's statement also rebutts Brady's insinuation that the Roman Catholic institution was punishing her for completing her pregnancy, saying Brady had made that claim for the "sole of publicity."

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.

Give and take

The decision by Philip Morris USA to move its headquarters from New York City to Virginia not only will save money for the company, it also will help out the University of Richmond, its new landlord.

The building that the cigarette manufacturer plans to occupy, west of the campus, is owned by the university, which acquired it from Alesco Corporation in 2001. The terms were not made public, but Richmond said it paid for part of the building, and the rest was donated.

The university had been trying to get one tenant to lease the 250,000-square-foot building, but after nearly a year of looking, it announced that two tenants would occupy parts of the building. One had already signed a lease, but when Philip Morris showed interest, Richmond negotiated to break it.

Neither the company nor the university would say how much the company will pay or how long the lease runs. University officials said they would use the income to help pay for a $35-million expansion of a science building, scholar­ ships and hiring additional faculty members.

Philip Morris has said it would be advantageous to be closer to its largest manufacturing plant, also in Richmond. But many observers have noted that the political climate toward smoking is a lot friendlier in Virginia than in New York.

That will be obvious to the 450 or so employees who are expected to move.

With the enactment of an anti-smoking law in New York City, it is now illegal for workers to smoke at their desks. The university itself has smoking in most of its own administrative buildings. But surrounding universities, including VCU, has no such policy so Philip Morris employees will be able to smoke on the job.

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The World Tourism Organization, a U.N. affiliate, counted 75 million tourists last year, up more than 50% from 1990 and up more than 80% from 1980. Foreign visitors spent $470 billion in 2001 on services.

Tourism has dealt a severe blow to the global economy, which has been experiencing the most unexpected happened: In India, police last week defused a bomb. In Italy, police in Madrid seized a bomb outside an office of International Business Machines Corp. One of the most concerted attacks has been against Coca-Cola, whose competitors in parts of the world are seeking to paint Coke as the enemy of the invaded Iraq.

For all the noise, most companies and travel associations say the protests have yet to bring any significant dent in sales. The brief life of South Carolina's anti-French boycott shows how multinationals are working to keep a lid on the threat. Michelin produced a set of responses for its U.S. employees and managers and other firms have quietly begun to mobilize lobbyists, politicians and public relations specialists.

More broadly, these companies are being aided by the new realities of globalization, which has re-shaped the politics of consumer boycotts. Japanese and German auto manufacturers make cars in the U.S., employing thousands of workers. France's soda-bottle supplier makes the bottles made in Maryland—the U.S. military. And even as firms on both sides of the Atlantic fear boycotts will spread, they are discovering that consumer support for them is shallow.

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Many Do Their Part by Eating

By Ray McDermott

The tendency to cope with national crises by indulging in food is becoming a pattern. During the first Gulf War, and immediately after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Americans ate more take-out and consumed more fat and calories according to several studies. And while it’s still too early to have statistical statistics on food sales over the past few weeks, diet companies say they are already seeing warning signs.

Nutritrice, which does diet counseling by e-mail, says that of the 4,000 members—essentially cooks-for- hire who do a week’s worth of meals for busy families—have seen a surge of interest in “pot roast, pot pies and hearty soups.”

The Trouble With Boycotts

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made in this country by U.S. workers, the U.S. economy would suffer if Americans stopped buying these products.”

Foreign investment has soared over the past two decades. By 2000, foreign firms, banks, and insurance companies, employed 6.6 million U.S. workers with a payroll of some $120 billion, the Commerce Department says. Some 45% of all U.S. private investment abroad goes to the European Union, and the EU invests an equal proportion in the U.S. At the same time, sales by U.S. affiliates in 2000 totaled $236 billion in Germany and $157.5 billion in France, a John Hopkins study found.

One U.S.-based fast-food giant is using an old-fashioned tactic to overcome political passions: a big sale. In Indonesia, where KFC Corp., is under siege by Muslim students protesting the Iraq war, the firm has responded by adding deeply discounted chicken meals to its menu.

“No matter what, at the end of the day, customers have look at price,” said Mario Ledres, general manager of finance at FE Foods Indonesia, the local franchisee of KFC.

Wal-Mart has taken some steps to counter such tactics, a spokesman said. And despite the downturn, the demonstration hasn’t hurt sales, the retailer said. “It’s upbeat sentiments, not and Wal-Mart,” said John Mures, chief executive of Wal-Mart International.

Cris Fryday, Ann Zimmerman and Elin White contributed to this article.

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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 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 texts. 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, although it cannot completely replace good old-fashioned research conducted at a library. While a large amount of the information on the Internet lacks validity, much of the information comes from completely credible sources. In essence, such information is available in books, but the Internet makes this credible information much more accessible. Professors who prohibit Internet sources for research papers are mired in the past and sticking toarchaic methods. Students nowadays have worlds of knowledge at their fingertips. The information they seek is often just a mouse-click away. Professors should not deny students the ability to conduct research using the Internet.

If professors want to assign a research paper using only sources found in books, fine. Let them do so early in the semester, so as to teach students how to conduct actual research. Students should know how to find sources in this manner. However, after the initial challenge of locating sources, professors should allow students to conduct research using any sources they desire.

With that said, students should use only reliable sources when conducting research and writing papers. They should never copy and paste large blocks of text from the Internet unless they properly cite the information. Students should not rely upon quick Internet searches to find important information. As with books, students 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 Muthuk's article, "Combination of religion and politics dangerous or desirable," published April 3. I take issue with what a few of those interviewed for the story had to say. Specifically, I highlight two notions brought up in the story.

Professor Werner Galitsky speaks of "the combination of religion and politics always being dangerous." I do not see this. We should respect all sorts of human attachments through religion.

Though I tend to agree that combining religion and politics has the potential to be dangerous, it is not an inherent danger.

Our president is not justifying our nation's current legitimacy by keeping its own resolutions. But, more importantly, our nation has never used self-defence power to another authority for we are a sovereign nation that has the right to defend our own.

Our country wonders, "Did Sept. 11 be prevented?" We're still asking that. What we do know is that Iraq, as a nation, is currently being the capability to organize with an attack in the future. We can all rest assured that a man is leading in Holy Religions in God and is guided by the legal authorities to prevent us.

—JENI LATHAM

Church-state law designed to keep government out of religion

I would like to respond to something that Ron Olson said in his letter to the editor, "Conservative views are an example of the liberal game," published April 7.

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 of these people perceiving the fact that "separation of church and state" means the church is to keep out of government, when in reality, it is the opposite.

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

—RICK HOFF

About one of the founding fathers called himself a Christian. The separation of church and state was meant to keep the government out of church, not vice versa. I am not personally going to say that lack of prayer in school is the reason we have so many problems in our country, but I think people should be free to express their beliefs, especially our president, who believes that freedom of speech...
Diversity best for military, colleges

E.R. Stipp

It seems strange to me. One of the institutions that has made integration work — the military — turns out to be the one that showcases how far it has come on the race issue since President Truman’s 1948 executive order. But so many red-white-and-blue national leaders are trying to prevent institutions of higher learning from doing what it takes to ensure the future, one can become more racially diverse.

The Bush administration and its allies are leading the way as Solicitor General Theodore Olson demonstrated Tuesday in his Supreme Court arguments against affirmative-action programs at the University of Michigan.

That university, he said, has devised "a racial quota" that has "created a separate path and a separate door for preferred minorities." Of course, he has it wrong.

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor seemed unconvinced that any of the factors in admissions has always benefited me, especially some critics of policies, including Bush and Olson - who are both athletes and whose paths to the land of Tomorrow university are somehow entitled to preferential treatment. She is as likely to get the correct answer to this question.

Justice Antonin Scalia virtually scurred at the arguments of Michigan lawyers, suggesting that if the legal school had to do so, it would need to have high standards, perhaps more easily create a recognition in the use of race in a variety of settings. Including, several times noted, the military.

Indeed, a group of retired generals, including Norman Schwarzkopf and former military academies leaders sided against the Bush administration in a brief they submitted in support of diversity as critical to national security.

Three whites — one reject­ed by Michigan’s elite law school and two turned down for its undergraduate program — brought the legal challenge, insisting that if 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 challenged that notion.

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 been bewildered me, especially some critics of policies, including Bush and Olson — who are both athletes and whose paths to the land of Tomorrow university are somehow entitled to preferential treatment. She is as likely to get the correct answer to this question.

"The underlying assumptions that everyone has an equal shot at a fair test, but not everyone has an equal shot and it’s not a fair test," says Jay Rosenbe, executive director of the Princeton Review Foundation. While in the review tries to prepare kids of all types for standardized tests, his portfolio puts him in contact with poor and minority kids seeking better educations. Studies have shown that enough questions are included on the tests that the designers know white kids will do better on that it amounts to giving them a leg up — a preference.

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

Similarly skewed is a strong tradition in the United States of being able to opt out of military service, or at least, to minimize the risk of terrorist attacks. It’s a policy that was made known and the solution to achieving the elusive goal of diversity. Of course, he has that wrong.

"The underlying assumption is that there is no one in the world who is entitled to have a voice at the table," adds Le tonsky.

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Nighttime bulldozing of airport is terrorist act

Kevin O’Grattan
San Diego Union-Tribune

Last night Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley called for the tear-down of buildings or to tear through the runways at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport.

He ordered the runway at Meigs destroyed at night under the cover of darkness and had not notified anyone this would be taking place. Unmistakable pitons stood in the way, but the mayor couldn’t take them down. Some landed and got stuck on fields.

The Federal Aviation Administration wasn’t aware and couldn’t issue a notice that the runway was about to be closed until after the fact. Closing the airport also left the area without access to the 300,000 people who use the airport daily, and a search for a mechanism since the air traffic tower had to close.

Daley called the airport a threat to homeland security. I call it a domestic acts of terrorism and a dismantling of how we go about our business.

His drunk reopened the airport closed in the past, with suggestions to replace it with a park, and most of the public opposed him.

Because he wouldn’t get his way, he went behind an entire city’s back and secretly went forth with his plans in the middle of the night. Ironically, members of the Illinois con­gressional delegation had been working with Mayor Daley to land the design and expand O’Hare International Airport just days before.

The fact that many things pose security risks but we do not go around banning them is a matter of how we live our lives. If we start to ban everything just because it is a risk. This country was founded on the principles of liberty. Everyone understands 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

Kris Shonka  
STAFF WRITER

Before the UCF football team made the long flight south 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 Moor- ney had a new iPod he wanted to watch on his laptop to pass the time. Moorney'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-Athletes of the Year ceremony. It was held to honor more than 300 student-athletes for their achievements off the athletic field.

Fryzel was one of the students to be honored, along with teammates Anna Vanlooven, Ann Cibils and Alex Boomsma. At the No. 2 spot, they had just won the overtime match at the No. 3 spot as they beat Alija Katic and Maya Blassouva, 6-1, Pamela Fernandez and Julie Peenaute took the only doubles loss for UCF as they fell to Ana Mauro Cibils and Ali

UCF started the match strong, winning two out of three doubles matches. The pair of Ana Westin and Ola Licznar won at No. 1, defeating Marta Toshcheva and Anita Ohando, 6-4. Marlke Gunawan and Kristiina Lehmos were victorious at the No. 3 spot as they beat Alija Katic and Maya Blassouva, 6-1. Pamela Fernandez and Julie Peenaute took the only doubles loss for UCF as they fell to Ana Mauro Cibils and Ali Boomsma at the No. 2 spot, 6-4.

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

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

Senior captain Marlke Gunawan has helped the Knights to a 12-6 record this season.
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South Florida shuts out Knights

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 Tuesday as the Bulls defeated the Knights 4-1 in Tampa. It was the second week in a row a USP pitcher earned his first career win against the Knights.

UCF starter Matt Fox, who fell to 0-2 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 USP in the third with a double to right center. He advanced to third on a fielding error by center fielder Clay Timper. After Myron Leslie walked, Devin Imany hit a sacrifice fly that scored Bailey for a 1-0 Bulls lead.

USP looked for another run later in the inning on a bloop single by Ronnie Handerly that scored Leslie. Andrew Daly relieved Fox and struck out Travis Brown to end the inning. Daly got into trouble of his own in the fourth inning before giving up a two-run double to Leslie. Daly gave up a single to Imany before being pulled in favor of senior Von David Stuehrbach.

Stuehrbach 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.

Timper, David Mann, Dee Brown and Drew Dutra were the only USP pitchers to register hits as five USP pitchers held the Knights to just four hits. The Knights did have their chances to score though, stranding 10 runners on base, including twice leaving bases loaded. The streak hitting was USP's best chance to score as the Knights had the bases full with no outs in both the first and second innings.

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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 the No. 5 spot. 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 Tuesday. The times for the Marshall and Miami (Ohio) games are subject to change. The Marshall game will air on ESPN or ESPN2. The Marshall game will air on ESPN or ESPN2.

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Event is showcase for local talent

More bands signed record deals at last year’s show, more labels will be present this year

by Jason Treacy

For senior Steve Marshall, guitarist, for Bangkok, the band’s appearance this Saturday at the Florida Music Festival could help him and the band launch their careers. “This is a great opportunity to make a name for ourselves in the local music scene and also to network with other bands and hopefully take some steps toward making a successful career in music,” Marshall, 21, said.

In only its second year, the Florida Music Festival has established itself as a forum for music classes and music industry executives to meet and to network and where bands without record contracts dominate the scene. The event’s organizer, Sean Perry, the founder and co-publisher of Aric Magazine, takes a lot of pride in FPMF’s successes. “In its inaugural year we had more than a dozen record labels, hundreds of bands and more than 17,000 people attend the show,” Perry said.

Perry and Aric co-publisher Rick Wheeler, both UCF alumni, started the FPMF last year because they saw the potential for Orlando to host a music festival. “I have managed a couple of major-label bands and been to many similar showcases around the country, and realized that we had the perfect scenario for it in downtown Orlando and close proximity to the college,” Perry explained.

Although some national acts will perform this year, Perry said the festival focuses on local musicians. “We do have artists like Cowboy Mouth, Smiley & Southstar and other regional artists that want to see their music recognized, but we focus on the next level of superstars that haven’t made it yet,” he said.

The quick success of the FPMF has drawn praise and comparisons to other festivals from people in the music industry. Matt Alvers of Alvers Management & Promotions, which manages Orlando-based band VonRay and Jupiter-based band Bomber, said the FPMF can match most regional festivals.

“I’ve been to South by Southwest in Austin, Texas , 4 times in Las Vegas, the Atlantic Music Conference in Atlanta, and a few others,” Alvers said. “FPMF definitely steams up to the best.”

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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 teach their melodies, flask 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 sales 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 most students face similar college stress, 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.

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," Harman said.

The concert on Sunday at the Back Booth helped raise awareness and funds for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

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

Hendricks added, "Cliff Alvers said the festival is something students should look into because of the networking opportunities it provides. "Alvers said the atmosphere was great, with people coming out to support unsigned music as a way to help bands get recognition. "It's about hopefully gaining not about bands getting record deals, but rather introducing people to new music. "Many bands get all caught up in what A&R does or what label is coming. But really it's just about supporting unsigned music as a whole."

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Band and Booking manager

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 their career. "The festival allows bands to play in front of many 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 them the exposure to get feedback on their music, positive or negative, and get some direction on steps to take to further their careers.

Mercado says bands have numerous opportunities at the festival. "Clearly getting signed would be the greatest opportunity a band would get, but they can at least network with other local bands and talk about doing shows together with other bands that draw," he said.

Alvers said Voodoo’s 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. "This year we have Bonedog closing out the FMF at Wall Street,” Alvers said. “We are expecting a huge attendance crowd this year and I really expect to give FMF major props afterwards because I think this can take the band over the hump as a household name for Orlando music.”

Alvers said the festival is

South Florida band Voodoo will play Saturday at the Wall Street Plaza downtown, closing out the 2003 Florida Music Festival.

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Band-aid in training

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

LINNEA BROWN
STAFF WRITER

"We're stumpy on the bus and ridin' with us to Norfolk," Live vocalist Ed Kowalczyk joked, throwing a friendly arm around my shoulder. "Chin, just take a couple of days off and well stop in Virginia and buy you a toothbrush, tampons etc."

The rest of the band laughed good-naturedly and joined Kowalczyk in his plea. "This is Lennon," 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 skirts and jeans, were sprawled lazily across Kowalczyk's lap. Shooting me blank glances of annoyance, the girls attempted to regain 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."

"OK, let's go have a shoe," Kowalczyk countered gratefully. "Matt, we're going tomorrow and owning the show!"

"Nah, we're not," Gracey argued. "You know what? I've had enough. We're all getting drunk. But who cares? I'm tired and the girls attempted to reign in Kowalczyk's full attention as I entered the room."

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Apparently, this had happened before.

I accepted a Courst Light from Gracey and cautiously plumped down on another couch next to moshed guitarist Chad Taylor, who peered at me with friendly interest from behind his beer.

Taylor turned out to be very nice. And dirty... and probably drunk. But who cared? I'd met and probably drunk. But who knew? I'd met and probably drunk.

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 plopped on the charter bus with the four band members, Gracey and the last blonde-haired groupie girl — feeling extremely cool.

I was greeted by a gray-haired, hippie-ish bus driver named Bobby, who was wearing pajama pants and looked like he

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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.

"Linnea."

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

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

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

So I took Levin's advice, and spent the next hour bonding with 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 Linnea, 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 icily.

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

'Broad' defines jam rock

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Like tributaries flowing into a broad, whirling river, a variety of musical styles come together in jam rock—a genre that's making huge strides in both popularity and participation. Jam bands are multiplying faster than honeybees, and the culture surrounding them is blossoming with Web sites, fandoms and festivals.

"It's alternative music," said Chuck Varney of the band Mo. (No capitalization and a period at the end, thank you very much.) It's definitely not part of the mainstream, yet it's this huge flourishing entity on its own.

With the exception of Phish, Widespread Panic, surviving members of the Grateful Dead and the Dave Matthews Band, almost all of the jam-rock community operates under the radar. Acts such as Leftover Salmon, String Cheese Incident, Galactic, Gov't Mule, String Cheese Incident, String Cheese Incident, String Cheese Incident and The Slip have vibrant, dedicated fan bases as well as healthy recording and touring schedules.

"Improvisation is the one word that would be a capsule definition of (jam rock)," said Arie Baldwin, editor-in-chief of Relix magazine, a bi-monthly publication that covers the jam-rock nation. "Jam rock means different things to different people. Sometimes it's not very good, but sometimes it's brilliant, unlike anything you've ever heard."

That originality is attracting thousands of fans disenchant ed with the formulaic sound of corporate rock heard on mainstream radio. It's highly produced and predictable.

"I think that's a lot of it," said Will Kasher, manager of Sounds Familiar music store in Columbia, S.C., that has seen many who don't listen to the radio or watch TV, but who still love music and like to get out of doors.

"They like the loose, free-form nature of jam rock, too," Kasher said, although jam bands can sometimes be a bit self-indulgent and out of control.

"This audience will let you do that, however," Baldwin said. "They won't stay off the stage if you forget the words or get a little carried away."

Baldwin's magazine is not only an excellent source for jam-rock information, but also a solid barometer of the music's rapid growth. Started in 1994 as a publication solely about the Grateful Dead, Relix covers everything from fission jazz to fission jazz. Its circulation has grown from 3,000 to 100,000 in less than two years.

"Three years ago, the magazine underwent a redesign and broadened its coverage," Baldwin said. "The timing was right. There are so many bands to write about now, we could be a weekly."

As the jam-rock roster continues to expand, he says, "it's time to create new musical hybrids."

"A lot of these bands want to have an original approach to their music," Kasher said. "On their own, as possible, which I guess makes them unique." Varney said. "But at the same time, that diversity is what's really interesting to me, and I think a lot of other people feel the same way."

"They don't want to eat cheese cake every day. They want some variety in life."

Berman members, from left, Steve Shapiro, Greg Hejja, Brad Shapiro and Guy Jettman.

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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 fan favorite rock band one day," sophomore Dawnie Kenton, 19, said. "They are always so friendly and considerate to their fans."

A positive message and empathetic lyrics keep people coming back. "We take great pride in our lyrics," Hejja 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," Hejja said. "We can relate to our audience, and we have a lot of time to mature and work on our sound."

Aware that they will be competing Saturday with 115 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. "But 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 are just a group of kids in a local band, they play like serious musicians," she said. "I've never seen a group of people more concentrated and focused on stage before."

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

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