Administrators answer to students at open forum

Danielle DePari
Staff Writer

War dominated a forum with UCF administrators Monday as students drilled President John Hitt and his lieutenants about campus demonstrations and the university's financial investments in companies that profit from the Iraqi conflict.

Patrick Rostock, a member of Campus Peace Action, expressed the need for a campus with borderless speech zones.

"You need to make the campus entirely free for speech.... Designated areas make demonstrations inaccessible," Rostock said.

Hitt said the problem of remote speech zones was resolved last year after the administration created three new regions on campus for free speech activity in addition to an existing area on the Chemistry Green. Hitt said the new zones include areas outside of designated speech zones.

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Paying tribute to the Creative queen

Nicole Jenkins
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, April 6, in an event featuring face painting and a clown, parents, children and alumni celebrated the career of Dolores Burghard, the founder of the Creative School for Children.

For the last 27 years, students and faculty have brought their young children to the Creative School, which Burghard, 75, founded. The on-campus school offers students and faculty a place to bring their children, ages 2 to 7, while they are in class or working.

Burghard has worked with children since she was 12, first as a camp counselor and baby sitter. She was in UCF's first graduating class when the school was known as Florida Institute of Technology, and later earned her master's degree in early childhood education at UCF.

While Burghard worked in local government, she helped found Head Start, a government program for low-income families in Orange County.

On Saturday, Burghard was honored in a celebration on April 6, which included face painting and a clown. The event was held at 8 p.m. at UCF's Cafe.

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Students to meet with Hitt to save fired professor

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Legal studies professor Diane Sudia surprised UCF last November when she decided to sue several professors and university officials after she was fired just before she would have earned tenure.

Students who adored the professor responded with an outcry of letters, T-shirt campaigns, public appearances and protests to convince UCF officials to reconsider.

Administrators and colleagues in the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Department remained tight-lipped, unwilling to reveal why the professor was being let go after teaching at UCF for almost five years.

Seven months later, little has changed.

Sudia is still suing for what she calls an illegal termination procedure. University officials failed to give Sudia a full year's notice as they are required. And she is still unsure whether she'll have a job at UCF come fall semester. Students are still writing letters and protesting.

One thing has changed, though. Students' patience is beginning to wear thin and several are taking their case to UCF President John Hitt, determined to find out why he and others want to fire a professor who has achieved so much in such a short time at UCF.

Sudia, who met all tenure requirements in just two years at UCF and lead the Trial Team to first place in a national competition this year, would have made tenure after this summer had she not received a notice of termination.

But like Sudia, students haven't had much luck persuading administrators and officials that those accomplishments should be enough to allow her to keep her job. In fact, they've had enough trouble getting Hitt to sit down and talk to them.

Hitt has canceled two previous appointments.

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Exposing fraud

Clark Atlanta University’s former legal counsel has turned the tables on his old employer, filing a $1 million wrongful-termination lawsuit against the private institution.

The lawyer, Michael A. Baskin, asserts that his dismissal from Clark Atlanta in February was, in part, retaliation for his role in exposing financial wrongdoing at the historically black college.

The suit, filed in March, alleges that the institution allowed trustees and other prominent alumni to submit "false charitable donations" to the university in lieu of tuition payments for their children. The suit also alleged the school to claim tax-deductible contributions on their tax filings, the lawsuit says.

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Spending riches on recognition?

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STAFF WRITER

How much does it cost to turn someone into a Golden Knight?

The answer is — well, there isn’t any answer. The money that UCF spends annually on public relations and media relations ventures could be doing wonders for the university, but no one knows exactly what it accomplishes.

That fact, however, has done little to change the school’s opinion of the importance of public relations. Vice President of University Relations Dan Holohan reports that UCF spends about $3 million on services that cover an array of public relations-related functions.

Three different departments handle a majority of the public relations at UCF — community relations, marketing and media relations. According to Linda Gray, director of media relations, the responsibilities of her branch transcend the standard goals of “name recognition” and “attracting new students.”

“We are a public university and the public deserves to know what we are, who we are and how we do it,” Gray said. The purpose for media relations, she said, is to attract positive attention to the university and provide a knowledgeable resource for students, parents, faculty and government representatives.

There are times, however, when the attention is not so positive. Stemming from her tenure as director of media relations at the University of Florida, Gray is aware that handling negative publicity sometimes “is an integral part of her occupation.”

“When there were five serial murderers at UF [in 1996], there were hundreds of media on campus and dozens of remote satellite trucks for the broadcasts.”

While her staff here at UCF has yet to encounter a similar barrage of attention from the press, Gray said her office will field anywhere from 25 to 100 calls from media outlets on a normal day. “Someone has to be available to answer those questions,” she said. UCF professor Hussain Ahsan’s recent arrest on charges of immigration fraud was one of the first controversial incidents Gray has handled at UCF with reporters calling her office in search of the university’s official response.

Gray and her staff also make calls and send e-mails to alert media outlets about the achievements of UCF faculty and students. “Someone has to be available to the public relations department, he or she said. “I’ve been interested in engineering and I’ve read a few different articles about how UCF has a quality engineering program,” she said.

Positive media attention was one of the reasons Benjamin decided to attend UCF, Gray said. UCF has “a lot to offer,” she said. Media relations is a worthy endeavor for a university to invest in, Gray said, and UCF has a cost-efficient department.

“When I was at UF I had a staff of 22 full-time employees and 20 part-time employees [in media relations],” she said. “Here, I’ve got four full-timers and two part-times.”

Last year’s media relations budget at UCF was $387,500, less than what the three other major universities — UF, Florida State and University of Miami — spend on their media relations departments.

“I don’t think anyone can accuse UCF of spending too much on media relations,” Gray said. But not everyone considers media relations departments a priority in the education system.

Recently, the state’s education department announced an expenditure for $700,000 for its public relations department. This move has raised the eyebrows of critics and parents both in Broward County, where schools can’t afford summer courses, and in Palm Beach County, where most teachers have resorted to buying their own classroom supplies due to a lack of funding.

“How much does it cost to turn someone into a Golden Knight?” would be the question of the public relations department, she said. The public nature of the university and its mission to serve others are “essential reasons for maintaining a public relations department,” he said.

“The public already has an image of UCF, and we should try to mold it,” he said.

By MIKE RIEGEL
Burghard credited with Creative School's success

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Burghard to direct a new school on campus where students could drop off their children while they attended classes.

Burghard did not want to lead a traditional childcare program. "I was inspired to start a school, not a day care, where children are able to explore and become individuals," she said.

In establishing the school, Burghard first had to decide on a philosophy, and hire the right staff to foster that vision. The Creative School has a stable staff of individuals who have worked there for 12 to 22 years. Marcia Diebler, the assistant director and education supervisor of the Creative School, has worked there for 21 years.

Diebler says Burghard deserves credit for its success. "Mrs. Burghard's dedication and philosophy has made the Creative School what it is today," Diebler said.

From humble beginnings, the school has grown considerably. "The Creative School started out with 15 children; now we have expanded to about 115 per semester," Burghard said.

The school's success in developing basic learning skills has made it popular with UCF students and faculty, which explains the long waiting list to enroll children. The children of students have first priority at the school, then comes faculty, alumna and the community," Diebler said.

The school also provides graduate students and faculty with the opportunity to conduct educational research and training in the classrooms.

At the Creative School, children learn to work independently and think on their own through stress-free programs in which they can choose their own activities. The philosophy of the school is not to mold the children, but for them to become unique individuals.

"Imagination and creativity are the buzzwords for which we work to develop a child's love for lifelong learning," Burghard said. "The teachers here are facilitators, not lecturers."

Burghard has always wanted primarily to make learning fun for the children. "I never thought that I would be working at the Creative School for so long, but I just love helping children grow," Burghard said.

Christina Clingman, a member of the Parent Association, brings her 3-year-old son, Marcus, to the school. "All the parents will miss Burghard greatly; she cares a great deal for the children," Clingman said.

A.J. Range, a supervisor at the school, is said to see Burghard leave. "It will be difficult to replace such great leadership. The Creative School would not be where it is today if it were not for Burghard," Range said.

Stacey Dunn, a professor of psychology at UCF, brings her 4-year-old daughter, Nicole, to the school while she is working. Dunn hopes the school will continue to grow. "The Creative School for Children has been indispensable to the faculty and community of the university," Dunn said.

Burghard has many avenues she wishes to explore after retirement. She would like to do volunteer work with abused children, spend more time with her grandchildren and pursue her interests in photography and writing. But Burghard will not be a stranger to the Creative School. She plans to visit the children whom she has grown fond of, as much as she can.

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Seeing the light in the Tunnel of Oppression

Simulated horrors show students evils of real world

Gino Mebalik
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It was the scariest extra-credit assignment freshman Mike Sanman ever signed up for. Sirens blared and video monitors warned Samson and Forum, in partnership with the Office of Student Activities and Housing and Residence Life, that something was happening in the world.

"It's scary," said Junior Tianna Ortiz, area coordinator for UCF Housing and Residence Life.

There are things that some people can't relate to," she said. "Some are even denialed to it actually."

"The program brings about a sense of urgency," Ortiz said. "It reminds students that there are world issues. As world citizens, we need to take responsibility for our actions and right these wrongs."

The International Diversity Forum, in partnership with the Office of Student Activities and Housing and Residence Life, hoped an aggressive approach like an interactive display would encourage active responses from students.

Students reacted to the scenes they saw with mixed emotions.

Freshman Rebecca Rehfeldt, 19, said the tunnel used oversimplified situations.

"The terrifying scene was the only one that got my attention because it was shocking," she said. "The other reals reel trite cliches."

Students in a debriefing session after the event thought the actor playing the attacker in the date-rape scene could have been softer, gentler.

Freshman Kat Setzer, 19, said she did not think this happened in society that often.

Junior Thania Sims, 21, disagreed.

"It does happen," she said firmly.

Beth Held, a volunteer tour guide for the event, said people are shaped by their experiences and certain areas of the presentation will affect some students more strongly than others.

"No one has been offended enough today to walk out," she said.

Senior Termitayo Akinfenwo, 21, a volunteer tour guide, described the tunnel as honest.

"It's not grotesque scary," she said. "It's I can't believe this is happening in the world scary," she said.

Andrew Hall, a psychologist at the UCF Counseling and Testing Center, moderated the debriefing sessions where students, who participated in the tunnel, were questioned about their responses to the information presented.

"Hall said it is increasingly common for students whose reactions are stirred by this event to criticize the portrayals. He was, however, pleased that the message was getting to students.

"We don't necessarily need an instant change, but perhaps students might start looking at things differently," he said.

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Harvard changes rules for early admission

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High-education officials have long argued that enrollment-and-graduation statistics are misleading because they don't track students who transfer to other institutions.

Half of the students who earn bachelor's degrees attend two or more institutions, and these students are sometimes recorded as "dropouts," the report says.

The report, "Following the Mobile Student: Can We Develop the Capacity for a Comprehensive Database to Assess Student Progress?" describes a study conducted by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems for the Lumina Foundation for Education.

The study examined state colleges-enrollment record systems that track data at the student level and considered the feasibility of linking those databases into a more comprehensive network.

Forty-six such databases exist in 36 states, the report says -- some states have multiple databases for different sectors, like community colleges. About half of the databases have links with other state databases, but they rarely link across state lines.

The existing databases, which all use the same basic information categories, contain information on 90 percent of the nation's full-time enrollment, the report says.

The biggest roadblock in setting up the national database is the use of Social Security numbers to track students.

Increasing concerns of privacy and identity theft in higher education are a "significant threat" to the proposal, researchers said.

Colleges could encrypt the Social Security numbers or develop unique numbers specifically for linking student records across databases. The problem with that approach, researchers said, is getting administrators to agree on a common code.

Early action

For the second year in a row, Harvard University has changed the rules for its early-admissions program. Beginning this fall, the college will no longer allow applicants who apply early to Harvard to apply to any other college's early-admissions programs.

The shift comes after Harvard received a record number of early applications this year -- 7,600 for roughly 1,150 slots, up from about 6,300 applications the year before.

William R. Fitzsimmons, Harvard's dean of admissions and financial aid, said that the institution saw more students applying early to Harvard who were also applying early to several other colleges, and that his staff might not be able to keep up with the volume of early applications in the future.

Harvard's admissions program is an "early action" one, meaning that it is not binding. Students who apply under the program can get an early answer from Harvard, but they are not obligated to attend if accepted.

Some colleges use binding early programs, known as "early decision," in which students must attend if accepted. Still other colleges offer both early-action and early-decision options.

Though Harvard's policy change will make it easier on his staff, Mr. Fitzsimmons said the college's primary concern is to help students.

Fitzsimmons and many other officials say the purpose of early-admissions programs is to help students who are unsure about their college choice early in the process.

But Harvard is now in clear violation of national guidelines set by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, or NACAC.

Those guidelines state that students are free to make multiple early applications, so long as no more than one is a binding early-decision application.

At least two other colleges -- Princeton and Brown University -- also defy the association's guidelines. They say they don't want early applicants who have applied early decision to other early-decision institutions.

Harvard had changed its policy last year in an effort to comply with the admissions-counseling association's guidelines, which had recently been inaugurated. Under last year's policy, Harvard allowed early-action candidates to apply early to one early-decision college as well.

Provost will focus on increasing research

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UCF students, staff and trustees. The committee's job was to find three candidates to replace William H. Hitt. They had to choose one of those three candidates.

The other two finalists were Gary S. Krahenbuhl, provost and senior vice president at Arizona State University, and Kathryn Seidel, dean of UCF's College of Arts and Sciences.

Solens said he liked Hitt's extensive administrative experience and that he performed admirably at the University of Akron. Solens added that Hitt's experience in fund-raising was a bonus.

"It's a big plus to have somebody who knows what it takes to go out and sell these funds," Solens said.

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with students backing Sudia in the past two months. They have scheduled another on April 23, though they're not sure what Hitt will reveal.

Hitt himself has said that when he meets with students, he won't be able to discuss much with them while litigation is pending between the university and Sudia.

"What students don't understand is that I can't talk about the case," Hitt said.

Hitt said he has yet to hear from a concerned student and is unaware of the campaigns students have launched to save the professor's job, besides a student appearance on Channel 13 news broadcast.

However, Sudia backers say their two original appointments with Hitt were canceled after he appeared on Channel 13 inviting students to voice their concerns about Sudia.

They also say the Keep Diane campaign is so well known at UCP, the Student Government Senate passed a resolution to support the professor, though the formal statement carries no actual power.

At least one UCF alumna, Christina Sherman, has even attempted to correspond with Hitt through written letters.

"I saw the story on Channel 13 and I knew I had to do something to help," she said. "I heard Hitt was shunning everyone, so I tried to write a letter to him. It is important to get his attention somehow. I put [Diane's] name further down in the letter so he would read it," she said. Her letter detailed all of Sudia's accomplishments and pointed out all the reasons the professor shouldn't be fired. While Sherman received a call from Yandi Cook, associate general counsel to Hitt, promising her that Hitt would respond to her letter, she received a response from Cook instead.

"It basically said, 'We don't care,'" Sherman said. "I never got a response from Ms. Cook. I had no commentary in what I wrote.'

Students who are scheduled to meet with Hitt next week have compiled a petition containing 500 signatures — something they hope will help convince Hitt of Sudia's influence on campus.

Hitt acknowledged that he had not seen any other instance in UCF history where a terminated professor received so much student support.

In the meantime, Sudia has received a contract for the summer until her case is heard in court.

Sudia declined to comment due to ongoing litigation.

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What’s News—
In Business and Finance

The fall of Baghdad hasn’t tilted the balance of power in the Middle East, but there are signs it may re-
gain traction and over a slide back into the past. Even as the situation in Iraq moved rapidly in the favor of the U.S., experts are marking down first-half growth expectations, and chief executives re-
mained cautious about new spending, sales, investment, and hiring.

Cheap Air Fares

For Summer Go Fast

Bargains on overseas flights abound, but the deal may be fleeting.

As the economic pinch of a respiratory syndrome, on top war-
jitters and the weak economy, has pushed already-low fares abroad to
rock-bottom levels. But there also are myriad other incentives Aero-
planes. At the Business Round-
table, chief economist of the
country’s largest companies,
expecting to cut jobs this year
are planning to increase them by 45% to 55%.

And in a recent survey com-
misioned by Travelocity.com, 1,000 travelers, 57% said they intended to
travel this summer, with 17% plan-
ning to vacation in Europe, up
from 16% in December. If costs were to fall dramatically, 88% said they
would travel.

Summer by the Sea

Habor Beach, located in Fort Pierce, Florida, is internationally known for its ship and submarine operations and re-
search in marine science, biomedical marine research, aquaculture, and ocean engineering. The Harbor Beach Resort offers a wide variety of local and
coastal habitats, including seagrass meadows, mangrove forests, salt marshes, intertidal mudflats, sandy shores, beach
vegetation, and nearshore reefs.

Courses - Summer 2003
Our courses are designed to meet the needs of marine and graduate
students. Florida Atlantic University accredits these courses.

- Student-fee; undergraduate credit should register for courses at
the 4000 level, graduate students should register for courses at
the 6000 level.

- Summer A (May 12 - June 23)

- Summer B (June 26 - August 8)

For more detailed information, please refer to our course listing, courses.

Incentives 101
A growing number of colleges have boosted their perks for students, hoping to attract the brightest kids during admission season this spring. Among the options:

- School (location) (parking permits)

- American Express

- Visa

- MasterCard

- Cash refund

- Tuition and fees

- Room and board

- Travel

- Gifts

- Discounts

- Perks

- Scholarships

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Apple Plans Online Music Service

By PATTY HINES and Ann Weize

Apple Computer Inc. will launch its own music service in coming weeks with songs from all five major record labels.

Instead of selling subscriptions, the service, which will be integrated with Apple's iTunes music software, is expected to focus on individual songs, charging consumers about 99 cents each for most tracks.

People familiar with the matter said the service will be more consumer-friendly than most of the other legitimate online-music services, with a simplicity that makes it easy for consumers to purchase a song and move it to the popular Apple iPod devices. But it will only be available to Mac users, who comprise only about 5% of the global market.

An Apple spokeswoman declined to comment on the new service.

Critics say Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs has marketed his products in the past as tools for getting free online tunes and learning them onto homemade compact discs — which is the eyes of many recording executives enables the theft that has been destroying their business. Mr. Jobs also has long criticized the online-music services already offered by companies owned by the labels and others as being too difficult to use. He has maintained that the only barrier facing people who want to enjoy online digital music is the lack of a good legitimate service.

To win over skeptical music-industry officials, Mr. Jobs embarked on a campaign with many executives in Los Angeles and at Apple’s Cupertino, Calif., headquarters. According to people familiar with the matter, he managed to persuade many that his new creation, armed with Apple’s trademark elegance and simplicity, could win over consumers to the idea of paying for online music.

Apple’s service will be competing in a marketplace full of subscription-based online services, including those owned by the labels themselves, such as pressplay and MusicNet. Another difficulty will be that Apple, like its competitors, must compete with the availability of unlimited free songs on Internet peer-to-peer swapping services. Though the new Apple offering is expected to have a broad catalog, rights issues make it unlikely that it can match the selection of music from unauthorized sources.

Odds & Ends

General Motors Corp. reported sharply higher net income for its first quarter, crediting the increase to strength in the North American automotive sector and a gain from the sale of its defense unit. ... U.S. industrial output fell again in March amid a sharp drop in utilities production, as capacity use hit its lowest level in over a year.

By Jay Herbey

College, With All the Perks

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Also, not all schools play the game, and some of the nation’s most selective schools say they’re wary of going this far to cater to students. “We do nothing like that,” says Don Bettis, financial aid director at Pennsylvania."In fact, experts say these extra come across to play more at schools below the line that have a harder time distinguishing themselves from competitors. “They’re marketing gimmicks,” says Joe Bunge, a high school guidance counselor at Cincinnati Country Day.

Some even think the perks are ready to hit the next level, with a handful of universities looking to partner up with private businesses so they can offer even more generous packages or services at a discount. American University, for example, is working with Circular Wireless so students can get bargain cell service, while 3Gvia, a Colorado media company, has contracted with Duke to give students free cable shows and pay-per-view movies.

“When you’re spending $90,000 a year, you kind of expect this stuff,” says Annie Green, from Bloomington, Ind. Indeed, choosing between universities that accepted her, the 18-year-old settled on Duke. What tipped the scales? The smoothie bar, free sports tickets and temperature-controlled dorms. “I’m definitely getting air-conditioning,” she says.

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WorldCom May Get Second Chance

WorldCom Inc., which engineered the biggest accounting fraud in corporate history, has won strong creditor backing for a bankruptcy-reorganization plan and could emerge from Chapter 11 proceedings as early as September.

WorldCom has secured backing for the plan from 90% of its creditors, reaching a broader consensus faster than many expected in the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

In an effort to break from its scandal-ridden past, WorldCom also plans to change its name to MCI, the big provider of long-distance telephone service it bought in 1999.

Many in the telecommunications industry dread the resurrection of WorldCom after an accounting fraud that is expected to total as much as $11 billion in overstated revenues and profits. Some rivals fear a new round of price wars as the industry continues to reel from a huge glut of capacity. Competitors such as AT&T Corp, and the regional Bell holds had WorldCom is being rewarded for its fraud by being allowed to remove the debt from its books and keep in business. The Bells, which are owed money by WorldCom, say it should be liquidated and put out of business.

A Reprieve

For Philip Morris

Altria Group’s Philip Morris USB division dodged a $12 billion court-ordered bond after an Illinois judge reversed his earlier decision that threatened to force the company into bankruptcy proceedings.

The bond requirement stems from a $31 billion judgment against the company for deceiving smokers that “light” cigarettes are less harmful than regular cigarettes. Illinois law requires defendants to post the full amount of the judgment, plus interest, as bond, which Philip Morris said it was unable to do. Instead, as a guarantee during its appeal, the company will put a pre-existing $6 billion long-term note into escrow, and pay $500 million to the account.
OUR STANCE:

Hitt out of touch with student concerns

From his perch in the Office of the President on the top floor of Millican Hall, John Hitt seems out of touch with the campus he directs. Rarely appearing on campus or interacting with students, Hitt has helped the UCF become one of Florida's largest and most growing universities, but he has not grown similarly on students. Instead, students see their university's president as aloof to their concerns, ignoring them altogether or putting off action.

While Hitt has reached out to students more this year with open forums, he still has not paid enough attention directly to students. In particular, Hitt claims he did not know about the campaign being waged by students to save the job of legal studies associate professor Diane Suddia, a campaign chronicled with news stories and editorials in the pages of this newspaper.

The university tried last fall to fire Suddia, whose unorthodox teaching style drew criticism from her peers and superiors. Yet that same teaching style earned Suddia the respect and admiration of her students.

Many of those students launched a highly visible campaign to "Keep Diane," complete with signs and T-shirts. They set up a table in front of the Student Union. They attracted the attention of the Student Government Association, so much so that the SGA Senate passed a resolution in support of Suddia. (The university itself has not officially commented on the Suddia situation because of pending litigation.)

Still, Hitt claims ignorance of the effort, and of the dozens of e-mails students have sent to him on Suddia's behalf. If Hitt followed the actions of the SGA Senate in the articles in the student newspaper, he would have a better idea of what is going on at his university.

Indeed, if he spent more time around the campus, interacting with students and listening to their concerns, Hitt would know that a number of students support Suddia.

While Hitt's once-a-semester forums with students represent an attempt to connect with them, he needs to make himself more available.

Granted, Hitt has a challenging job, trying to appease a number of interested parties, but he should pay more attention to student concerns.

After all, students should be the people he tries to please.

Hopefully, Hitt finally will meet with students who have scheduled a meeting to talk with him next week about Suddia. It would represent another step in the right direction.

OUR STANCE:

Bush needs to focus attention on economy

With the Iraqi war for the most part behind him, President George W. Bush has finally decided to focus attention on the nation's ailing economy. Hoping to avoid the mistake of his father, who fought a successful war against Iraq but neglected the economy and ultimately lost his re-election bid, the current President Bush now says he sees the need to revitalize the economy. He knows that he faces another election next year, and he cannot allow the economy to languish.

Unfortunately, Bush insists that giving massive tax cuts to businesses and on stock dividends is the best way to revitalize the economy. But most Americans currently disagree with this approach, according to an Associated Press poll that says six out of 10 Americans believe this is not the time for tax cuts. While Bush doesn't seem to mind giving tax breaks to the wealthy, he also doesn't seem to mind cutting funding for young American troops, many of them poor and in need of financial assistance, into U.S. war's war.

Tax cuts could help kick-start the economy, but Bush's first round of tax cuts two years ago did not do the trick. Things have not improved economically since then, and millions of jobs around the country have disappeared.

In his defense, Bush has faced challenges that no one foresaw; namely the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent expenses required to vastly improve the nation's security. Still, he seemed determined to go to war with Iraq, despite the $80 billion price tag.

Bush initially proposed a tax cut of $775 billion for this year's budget, but most Democrats and even some moderate Republicans rightly questioned slashing taxes at a time of rising deficits, an unknown Iraqi war occupation and reconstruction costs. Both houses of Congress proposed tax cuts, but much less than Bush proposed.

On tax day, Bush decided he would accept a reduction of $55 billion, still far above the $350 billion backed by the Senate. This vote in the Republican-controlled Senate last week stung the president in a time of war.

As the economy sputters through this lengthy recession, Bush needs to work with Congress and try new techniques to get it going again. Bush needs to realize that tax cuts may work sometimes, but when they fail, he needs to try a different approach.

College students face a very shaky and uncertain job market as they graduate from college. They fear graduation and the prospect of finding a job in an economy where jobs seem to vanish, but few seem to appear. UCF's Career Resource Center says only 41 employers are currently registered for the May 8 Statewide Job Fair. This last year's featured more than 100 employers.

The economy needs to improve, and Bush should think beyond tax cuts alone in an effort to make that happen.

"If you want a symbolic gesture, don't burn the flag; wash it." —MARCUS RUBIS
Photographic images are not really real

Glenn McNatt
THE BALTIMORE SUN

"Objectivity" was also one cause of the resistance to its acceptance as art, since, unlike painting, sculpture and drawing, its effects were thought not to depend on the creative vision of the painter.

Though American artists Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston, Ansel Adams and others had long championed photography as art, the widespread view of photography as a mere transcription of reality only began to change in the 1970s, with the appearance of a new generation of postmodern photographers.

Cindy Sherman, whose "Untitled Film Stills" represents a bridge between traditional photography and the new conceptual art, deliberately set out to subvert photography's claim to truthfulness.

The lesson is simply that the authority of the truthfulness of images in which we live has enormously blurred the distinction between image and reality.

The doctored war photograph is just one more example of how photography is becoming to tell the difference between the two.
Sweep of Dolphins gives the Knights Atlantic Sun lead

Ashley Burns
STAFF WRITER

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Softball team has won eight conference games in a row

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Competition tight for Atlantic Sun track title

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The injury bug hit the UCF women's track team hard this indoor season, but Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth's squad never lowered its expectations.

The team's goals are still within reach as the Golden Knights prepare to host the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship meet this weekend at the UCF track and field complex.

Last season UCF earned its third consecutive conference title by topping the field tallying a whopping 205 points, an Atlantic Sun all-time best. This year the field is much more even. Mansur-Wentworth said 120 points might be enough to win, and there would certainly not be another runaway.

"Nobody has that many good people. It will be a much more open championship," Mansur-Wentworth said. "I think we're definitely the team to beat."

The Knights have their work cut out for them. They have won five conference championships, including the last three in a row, but Mansur-Wentworth said the doubts other teams will be intimidated.

"If anything, that's a weakness," she said. "Everybody wants to knock us off. They're all gunning for us. They probably feel like this is their year: we're down, they can get us. I know if I was at

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SETTING THE TONE

Ashley Burns
STAFF WRITER

There is something special about a pitcher who can throw a one-hit, complete-game shutout. When Golden Knights' ace Dottie Cupp walked off the mound this past Sunday, it was just another day at the office. Most pitchers, baseball and softball, would pray for simply a win, let alone a one-hitter. For Cupp, though, the scoreless innings just roll off of her fingers.

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Chris Bernhardt  
Staff Writer

Two words into a post-game interview, UCF Coach Jay Bergman perfectly summarized his team’s 10-6 victory over rival University of South Florida (14-24-3).

"Matt Fox," Bergman said.

Indeed Fox (1-3) was the story on a beautiful night for a ball game, a contest that concluded a three-game series between the two schools that took place over the past three Tuesdays. USF had won the first two in Tampa rather handily, knocking Fox around for three runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings over both games.

That served as a microcosm for the sophomore’s season, as the sometimes shortstop, sometimes pitcher had seemed to struggle all the time in a year that began with much promise.

Knights have edge in distance, field events

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one of our rival schools, that’s what I’d be telling my girls. We’re sick of letting them beat us again."

If her team is to win, Mansur-Wentworth knows where to expect good finishes.

"We should be strong in the high jump, the long distance stuff and the throws. Those are the places where we can put a gap between us and FAU," Mansur-Wentworth said.

She said they would try to outscore FAU in the distance and field events and then hold on for the win.

Mansur-Wentworth also said she expects outstanding performances from two seniors, Erica Garcia and Kelly Roloff.

"I know Kelly and Erica, they’ve won three straight, they certainly don’t want to lose their senior year," Mansur-Wentworth said.

"We need Erica Garcia to repet what she did last year in the 100, then we’re hoping she can do some things in the 200," Roloff will again compete in a multitude of events: high jump, long jump, triple jump and two relays.

"She’s a big utility runner," Mansur-Wentworth said. "No one can count on her to compete, even when she’s tired."

A new addition to this year’s conference championship meet will be the 3000-meter steeplechase, an event in which freshman Andrea Morrow has excelled all season. Andrea Smith of Tropic Steel is the conference’s fastest athlete in the event, but Mansur-Wentworth said Morrow would give Smith a run for her money.

"She’d like to win. The girl in front of her [has been faster] by about 15 seconds, and that’s a lot to make up, but I know she’d love to win and she’d compete hard," Mansur-Wentworth said.

The championship meet begins today and concludes Friday.

Time to Celebrate!

Graduation Celebration
Monday, April 21, 2003
10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
at the UCF Bookstore

The UCF Bookstore invites the graduating class of 2003 to Graduation Celebration. Make hotel reservations, order class rings, join the Alumni Association, and pick up your graduation tickets*. This is also the first day for cap and gown pick-up, which allows you to take your senior picture by Bob Knight Photography in your own regalia! Other exciting participants include Kaplan Test Prep, eGrad, Hard Rock Vault, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, Career Resource Center and many more!

*Tickets distributed by the UCF Arena.
Cupp is lone senior on young team

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led 257 on the season with six home runs and 10 doubles. Cupp and center fielder Jania Shinhoster were given the honor of being the first Knights in the history of the program to be named to the All-Region team. Most critics and skeptics would expect that a repeat performance of the phenomenal inaugural season would be tough to deliver, especially after having an arthroscopy on her pitching shoulder. With the addition of nationally ranked teams like UCF, Florida and Florida State, the Knights, as well as Cupp, looked due for a sophomore slump. Cupp, however, felt no concern.

"I like that the level of competition really increased this year," she said. "I think that's really good for our program, because without that you can't grow and flourish." Cupp’s biggest challenge for this season wasn’t coming off surgery, but having to deal with being the only senior on the squad. Once again, she really showed no concern.

"I have more experience at the collegiate level and I’ve got more to share with my fellow teammates," Cupp said. "I kind of have to be the leader on the field, and if I try not to let things get to me."

For the most part of the 2003 season, Cupp hasn't let anything get to her. Cupp’s record of 15-9 is misleading. Five of her nine losses were within two runs. Yet looking into those wins, the Knights’ lay hitter has pitched two 5-hitters, a two-hitter, two shutouts and a no hitter at Belmont. If those games aren’t impressive enough, she managed to throw hit No. 9 FSU’s batters for six innings. Cupp has a 1.70 ERA this season and leads the A-Sun with 156 strikeouts.

Cupp’s modesty on the issue is evident, but her numbers speak louder than her words. Oh her tendency to be near perfect the stuff is explained. "It always feels good when I’m throwing well. I started the year a little slow. I haven’t felt anymore pressure. I was just pumped up and ready to go."

Being the only senior on the team does apply one pressure that Cupp has had to deal with since her surgery, but having an average of .257 on the season with six home runs...schlump.

It’s evident, but without concern. women’s sports in the nation.

Cupp’s biggest challenge for this season was not coming off surgery, but having to deal with being the only senior on the squad. Cupp also understands that you can’t grow and flourish without a game to play. Cupp’s record of 15-9 this season isn’t impressive enough, but she feels very optimistic about where the team will go after she leaves.

"I think that we’ve done well," she said. "One thing that we’re looking to bring to this conference is consistency. We have other leaders on the team and they have stepped up."

Cupp’s confidence is high for the women’s collegiate softball in general.

"Right now softball is really growing throughout the United States," she said. "They’re bringing back the women’s professional league next year. With that, more people are going to pick up the sport. It’s going to become more mainstream. Three years ago they didn’t show any NCAA tournament games, they only showed the Finals. Now they’re showing the whole tournament."

"I think that UCF with the added facilities, when they put the lights in, will only help the program and more people are going to want to get more involved."

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Sawyer continues A-Sun dominance

Junior Taylor Sawyer threw her own masterpiece in the second game, which the Knights won 6-1. Sawyer gave up only four hits in the late afternoon while striking out five Dolphins. Lindy Oakley provided all of the early offensive entertainment for the Knights when she crushed a line drive double to left center, scoring Cupp and Lindsey Bush. Oakley advanced to third on an illegal pitch by Jacksonville pitcher Katie Dobson, and then scored on a wild pitch by Dobson.

The Dolphins fought back and cut into the Knights’ lead when Janine Palumbo barely beat out a double play throw by Best, scoring Honda Campo. Campo, however, had reached on an error, making the run unearned for Sawyer.

The Knights fired back in the bottom of the fourth, when center fielder Jania Shinhoster drilled a long double off the right center fence. Green joined her on the bases with a bunt base hit. Bush followed with a deep single to left, scoring Shinhoster. Oakley loaded the bases with a single to left, and Clark hit a bloop single to center, scoring Green. Schmidt brought Bush home with a single to right, giving the Knights a 6-1 lead.

Sawyer was able to retire the Dolphins in the sixth and seventh to pick up the complete game and build her record to 14-10 on the season.

Sawyer, pleased with the run support that her teammates gave her, said, “We’re hitting very well right now, so it makes it easier to get out there and pitch. You don’t have to worry about one- or two-run support.”

The Knights continue their assault on the A-Sun with a doubleheader at Troy State on Friday before heading to Mercer for two games Saturday.
Knights hosts Florida Atlantic this weekend

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Kragt with a triple that Bulls right fielder Bryan Herbmeier appeared to lose in the sun, and Rich Wallace brought Bear home with a double off the left-field foul pole.

"UCF scoring early gave me a little confidence," Kragt said. "I could get ahead of the hitters move with the fastball knowing I had a little lead to work with."

Indeed it did seem to settle Fox down, as he retired 10 of the next 12 batters, allowing just a single to Scott Raehlin in the fifth inning.

Meanwhile UCF just kept scoring, chasing Ball starter Matt Ingram (1-2) after just two innings and scoring two runs in each of the first six innings except the second. Kragt got his first career home run in the four, a two-run shot off the left-field foul pole, and Wallace got his third of the year with a blast to left-center field in the fifth. That marked the Knights' first multi-homer game of the season.

"We haven't been doing that early, we've been waiting to the seventh and eighth inning to score," Bergman said. "For us to get out there and get our 10 runs in the first six innings was pretty good for our baseball team."

Kragt, Bear, Butera and Jon Cooper each had two hits for the Knights, and Dee Brown had three to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. Wallace, a senior third baseman-first baseman, went 4-for-4 and finished with a career-high five RBIs.

"I just felt good and got a bunch of pitches to hit and didn't miss them," Wallace said. "The ball looks real big right now."

UCF did finally get to Fox in the seventh, getting a three-run homer off the bat of Raehlin and chasing Ingram with two outs and a man on first. Ryan Ramsey relieved Fox and allowed that runner to score, pinning Fox with four earned runs and skewing his pitching line.

Still, his performance was refreshing for a Knight team that has struggled to find solid pitching during weekday games. It also extended the team's winning streak to two after it lost a season-worst four in a row. That momentum could be key as UCF (24-15, 8-7) takes on the Atlantic Sun's top team, Florida Atlantic (33-0, 16-5), at home this weekend.

"Matt Fox did tonight exactly what we've been waiting for him to do," Bergman said. " Couldn't come at a more opportune time because we've been struggling. For him to go out and give us seven innings like that was a big, big boost for us."

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The Knights only had two errors, but the defense was flawless behind the plate.

"We played a little bit of international ball after my sophomore year in college and that was fun. I'd like to do that again," Cupp said. "If it isn't there, it's not the end of the world. I might like to coach at some point, but I haven't really made up my mind yet."

While Cupp remains undecided about post-UCF softball career, the Knights have a strong season ahead of them with a schedule that includes several top teams. The team is looking forward to the upcoming games and the potential for a strong conference finish.

Lightweight boat finishes 4th

Jon Kutilek Staff Writer

The UCF women's rowing team returned home last weekend after coming off their participation in the Knecht Cup, in Cherry Hill, NJ.

The Knights only had two boats make the trip up to New Jersey, the lightweight 8+ and the varsity 8+. The lightweight was with Betsy, Tiffany Veck, Laura Brand, Kris Kessler, Katherine Mckinley and coxswain Summer Taylor, while very well, advancing to the grand finals. In order to advance, the lightweight had to finish in the top three in their heat on Saturday. They then went on to compete in the grand finals on Sunday, finishing fourth overall with a time of 7:15.7.

The varsity 8+ boat, made up of rowers Kristin Leavon, Alise Cooper, Amy Price, Crystal Weiss, Thanya Kiesler, Maya Phillips, Christy Collins, Becky Meade and coxswain Shirl Marti, came up just short of advancing to the grand finals. The boat finished fourth in its heat, but went on to do well in the petite finals held on Sunday.

Starting this Friday, the Knights will be competing in the Atlantic Intercollegiate Rowing Championship in Oak Ridge, Tenn.
A-Sun softball standings

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Atlantic Sun Men’s Tennis Championship schedule

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- Match 9 winner vs. Match 10 winner at 10 a.m.

Atlantic Sun Women’s Tennis Championship schedule

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Friends are always telling her to relax, said junior Sara MacMartin. As a nursing major, her life is full of stress from class and tests.

"As soon as I am told about a test, I begin to worry about all the way up until I take it, (which) could be weeks," the 21-year-old said.

In hopes of alleviating anxiety, MacMartin is one of many UCF students who participate in guided meditation to help ease life's daily pressures.

Mediation is the practice of unemotionally attempting to focus your attention on one thing at a time, said Morgan Helpper, 22, a graduate student and instructor at the Recreation and Wellness Center.

What you choose to focus on is entirely up to you, but the goal is relaxation and clarity of mind, she said. By focusing on a particular object or thought while ignoring everything else, you increase your ability to focus on the present.

To teach students about relaxation, Helpper has lead many meditation classes for students in the Recreation and Wellness Center.

"The meditation classes I conducted throughout this semester came out of the work I do at the Wellness Center with biofeedback therapy," she said. "In biofeedback therapy, I use a computer to monitor internal functions of the body like heart rate, skin temperature, muscle tension and breathing."

Helpper combines different relaxation exercises to teach students to breath properly and in turn reduce their heart rate and increase circulation.

In meditation, diaphragmatic breathing is achieved by breathing deeply into the bottom of the body, which means using total lung capacity. The rhythm of the breath as well as the depth helps maintain serenity in the individual.

Most people react to stress with the fight-or-flight response and can feel like they don't have control over situations. However, meditation teaches you to stay calm and in control no matter the situation, she said. "It is a great way to help students calm down and think before reacting," she said.

"Meditation is a form of therapy that has been around for thousands of years," she said.

Meditation classes are free and open to the public. To enroll, simply show up for a class and introduce yourself to the instructor. Classes are held in the Wellness Center every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the W.E. Moore Building, UCF, in addition.

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Academic and emotional preparation are key to a successful first year

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"I pay for my education, car insurance, gas, medical insurance and everything else either through scholarships or out of my pocket," the 19-year-old said.

She currently is looking for a job to help support herself during her first three years at UCF.

According to the American Council on Education and UCLA's "The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2002," 40 percent of men and 25.9 percent of women said that chances are very good they will get a job to help pay for college.

As money becomes an issue for many freshmen, some are beginning to spend more cautiously.

The study found that 65.3 percent of freshmen are concerned about financing college.

"This year, I've learned how to find the best prices when I go grocery shopping. Now, I sometimes buy generic food instead of automatically picking up the name-brand stuff," Jeffers said. "That's something I've never thought about before college."

First-year students are not only learning how to cook and shop for themselves, but also are making decisions about things previously dictated by parents.

"Freshmen who no longer live with their parents are experiencing a whole new lifestyle," Harman said. "They come home whenever they want. They can go to bed at 3 a.m. when they have a class at 8 a.m. and no one is there to tell them they can't!"

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Drinking around the world — how naughty ... how fun.

Since referring, of course, to Orlando’s hidden attraction: the local underground tourist practice of attempting to knock one drink at all 11 countries at Disney’s Epcot World Showcase in a single afternoon — without passing.

When I was 19 and working for Disney in 2000, I set a personal goal to someday stumble all the way around the World, admiring the international students from UCF, then take everyone in my international friends: Mexican mariguaritas from the open-air beverage stand outside the Mexican restaurant, our Spring Break venture to Como. We attempted to stomp down the rest of our drinks as we moved on to Norway.

Since my mom is from Sweden, I knew that the Scandinavian vibe of Norway would remind me of my Swedish friends of their homeland. Sure enough, I watched as they Andersen delightfully over the Holly Hansson ski wear and “inner backs” chocolate candies in the gift store.

“They have lugubrious here,” junior Daniel Lambert exclaimed. “Why didn’t you tell us?”

In broken Swedish, I attempted to ask the Norwegian waiter if they sold my favorite, wickedly delicious Scandinavian beverage — pear or strawberry cider.

“Huh? I was suddenly very confused. Do they have good drinks in Norway. However, realizing that I would probably crash if I drank any more alcohol, I decided to let our original goal of drinking at every country aside; especially since we per drink, per country was way more money than I was willing to spend.

In China, some of our group members felt compelled to create their own paper mache on sticks, which was the official “middle project” set up at all little tables for the under-10 crowd.

“Hey, can you use those masks next time you decide to go streaking across campus,” a middle-aged, male stranger suggested, wiggling his eyebrows evocatively.

I was suddenly very glad that we weren’t drinking. Or perhaps the man’s comment was a sign that I should keep drinking. I leaned over and took a sip of my friend’s Tsing Tao (the Chinese pavement’s signature drink) and we fled to Germany.

The hot sun was starting to take its toll. We collapsed exhaustedly on a bench inside the German restaurant, our eyes glassy and our stomachs cringing at the sight of the artery-clogging sausage buffet. A few of our guys purchased Becks’ lager (grace) from the staff — all dressed in teddy-bear hosen — and we trudged on to Italy.

“Hey, don’t they have good wine-tasting here?” junior Anuj Patel asked, as we walked into a tiny Italian wine shop, hoping for a free drop of alcohol.

“You’re drinking around the world,” Patel, 21, protested.

“Theat re the Peroni beer stand,” the merchant replied bluntly, shooing us out of the door.

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The chaos continued as we made our way through the crowd.

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An international smorgasbord of booze

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Linden Brown Staff Writer
Eternal Knights remembered

Last week, UCF honored students, faculty and staff who have died during the past year. From left, a white rose was set out for each Eternal Knight; students sang 'Amazing Grace,' and memorial awards were given to family members.

Visualizing situations relaxes, relieves stress

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flight response,” Helsper said. “Meditation teaches people how to deal with their stress in a productive and healthy manner – that will leave them equipped to handle their everyday stress problems in a relaxing manner.”

In guided meditation, instructors often help students visualize locations and calming environments.

MacMartin remembers when she first tried guided meditation in a high school sociology class. “The teacher read us a scenario that led us through a walk in the forest, eventually ending up at the beach,” she said. “It was very relaxing.”

For most students, the great difficulty of meditation lies in the idea of focusing on single objects and blocking out the present situation.

“The trick is not to let first attempts discourage future meditation,” said junior Kasey Kees, 21. Eventually it becomes easier to meditate as the body becomes accustomed to the mental exercise.

“Some people count to three in time with their breathing, while other people focus to the word, ‘hunh,’ for instance,” Kees said. “I focus my attention on the pattern of my breathing. I find it simplest to internalize my meditation in that way.”

Along with relieving stress, meditation is useful in other ways.

“I find that in place of sleep, meditation is a great alternative,” Kees said.

Meditation can often supplement Western medicine. If done properly, Helsper said that these relaxation techniques are effective in treating many common illnesses.

“People with migraines, muscle tension, sleep problems, chronic pain from car accidents, lock jaw, digestive disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome or general anxiety find meditation helpful and calming,” she said. Helsper wishes to increase the number of meditation classes scheduled to two seminars every other week.

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—MORGAN HELSPER
Guided meditation instructor

“T’m laid back about the class schedule; it really depends on the students,” she said. “I like to allow them the freedom to choose when the best time for them is to come in, and then we all decide together based on everyone’s schedule.”

For further information on guided meditation, contact the Recreation and Wellness Center at 407-823-2408.

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Traveling under influence leaves guests drained

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mime-like performance artist, wearing a white mask and a velvet royalty cape. That was fine; we were sick of beer, anyway.

"OK, Italy ... weird people with masks," noted junior Sharon Pare, 21. "Let's move on."

So we kept walking, passing the American pavilion's greasy, turkey leg-gnawing tourists and fanned cake stands. We knew better than to pay Epcot prices for a Bud Light. We kept walking, passing the American pavilion's greasy, turkey leg-gnawing tourists and fanned cake stands. We knew better than to pay Epcot prices for a Bud Light.

In Japan, I gawked over an impressive Koi fishpond and bought three mini-boxes of Botan Rice Candy, which I promptly passed out to the impressed exchange students who never had heard of a candy wrapper that dissolves in the mouth.

Already feeling drained, we all mixed the idea of buying a Kirin Ichiban beer in Japan and continued on to Morocco. A cranky Aladdin and Jasmine were posing for pictures inside the Moroccan pavilion.

"Come on, people, one at a time," Aladdin snapped through gritted teeth. "We don't have all day."

I decided against buying my companions, or myself, a Casablanca beer. On that note, we tramped off to our last three destinations: France, the United Kingdom and Canada.

In France, I ordered a glass of wine and sat down on the edge of a fountain, where it started talking with a young couple from Miami about the "drinking around the world" craze.

"Three years ago, my friends and I came here and did it," said Javier Suarez, 31, a lighting consultant. "We had to pay at every single stop, and we were really feeling it by Morocco. Only two of us made it the whole way: the others were too drunk to order anything more... and a couple of the guys threw up right into Lake Epcot."

His wife, youth counselor Anna Suarez, 29, sheepishly told her story. "I tried it on New Year's four years ago," she said, laughing. "I was too drunk to make it past the second country... but it was definitely a fun way of experiencing Epcot."

Decidedly "traveling" out, our international group didn't even stop at the U.K. or Canada. Instead, we rode the lurching General Motors Test Track ride, paid $20 each for an authentic Norwegian buffet at the Norwegian pavilion and watched the spectacular illuminations fireworks display at 9 p.m.

As we passed by a couple of obvious round-the-worlders dozing on a park bench on the way out, I asked my friends if they wished we had attempted the true, one-drink-per-country world challenge.

"No, because there weren't really any fun, drunk activities to do," Lambert pointed out. "But I think it could be fun for a bachelor party or something."

Anyone getting married? Watch out, Epcot; my mistakes can be a warning for future men.

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• Call Takeouts at 407-392-0132.
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The Future is looking for: writers, photographers, graphic designers, and web editors.

Deadline: Friday, April 25.

Send letter and samples of work to: Bill Lindsey, The Future, 3161 Research Blvd., Suite 115, Orlando, FL 32817.

Deadline: Friday, April 25 at 5 p.m. Friday, April 25 at 5 p.m. for Thurs. Issue 24.

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