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ROAD TO GRAD LIFE
What seniors have to say about post-diploma jitters and entering the business world

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In a few days, Jessica Jenness will walk across a stage and receive her diploma. Right now her life is full of graduation plans—arranging flights for her family, reserving hotel rooms and making dinner reservations.

But in a few short weeks, she will be thrown into the real world. Finding a new home, job and lifestyle.

"What worries me most is having everything fall into place," the 22-year-old said. "My apartment lease is up in July and then I will either have to move somewhere else in Orlando or move to wherever my new job is located."

Jenness has sent out almost 10 job applications but doesn't have a career lined up yet. She is one of UCF's many graduating seniors who fear what the business world has to offer them.

While Jenness hopes to work over the summer, the thought of continuing her education in graduate school remains a possibility.

"With the score going up right now, the job market is tight," said Amy Kroezen, associate director of employer relations at the Career Resource Center. "It has made it more challenging for gradu-

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Building dreams, football teams
UCF's athletic fee increase follows a trend of universities asking students to pay for stronger sports programs

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For years UCF has envied the loyal fan following that Florida State University and the University of Florida have — the sellout crowds at home games and the die-hard support from students and alumni.

But building dreams and football teams takes lots of money. Come this fall, students will shoulder the state's third-highest student athletic fee to finance a department that UCF officials hope will develop into the kind of athletic powerhouse other universities have built.

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MEASURE MIGHT BAN FINANCIAL AID TO CERTAIN FOREIGNERS

Shelley Marmor Staff Writer

A proposed state measure that could end all financial aid for students from nations such as Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and North Korea has Muslim and Arab students fuming for two reasons.

They say the bill removes money from foreign students who need it most and unfairly targets students from Muslim and Arab backgrounds.

The students affected by this bill are being punished for being born in Muslim countries, says sophomore Ameer Zafar, a 15-year-old Syrian-American.

"A high percentage of the students who are trying to study here come from a very poor background," he said. "They have worked diligently their entire lives so they can have an opportunity to study here. Are we going to tell them that after their hard work, they can't study here anymore? I don't understand what I thought was the appeal of it." Senior Decl Krawitz, R-Jacksonville, who drafted the measure, said it's driven by the need to protect American students.

"If [Krawitz] views this as a patriotic measure, everyone is looking for some way to show they're being patriotic," Senior Syrian-American student Ameer Zafar said. Zafar sees the bill as a reflection of the national debate over foreign aid.

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Sex crimes rising despite the decrease in numbers

Abuse unreported to authorities, counselor says

LISA MARIE HOTTLE STAFF WRITER

By some measurements, date rape and physical violence toward women has decreased significantly over the years. During the past 10 years, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported an 11.3 percent decrease in domestic violence, and sexual offenses against women have dropped by almost 25 percent.

At UCF, rape and physical violence incidents on campus have nearly been eradicated, according to the numbers. Last year UCF Police logged just three reports of sexual abuse. A small number of students don’t take into account the 182 reports of sexual abuse and domestic violence that UCF Victim Services handled last year, up from 165 in 2001.

The last three-year period saw a 19 percent increase in both physical and sexual violence toward women as major problems at UCF and throughout Orange County. According to UCF Victim Services advocate Chiaccio, the incidents are simply being reported less and less frequently, a decline by less than 20 percent, reporting rate,” she said. “We are expecting close to 200 students in 2003. The numbers are consistently going up.”

Chiaccio said there are more reports of sexual assaults cases go unreported. Often women don’t go to police because they experience so traumatic, they would rather put the incident behind them than face the charges.

A myth that still exists is that women are more likely to be assaulted or raped by a stranger. Chiaccio said.

“Unfortunately, it’s usually someone who is going to curbside you or jump from the bushes or a dark alley,” she said. “Out of the time, it will be someone you know.”

For Gena and Sofia, two UCF students who asked that their full names not be used, their attackers were the closest people in their lives, men they considered their true loves.

Often, that’s what makes it so difficult for women to press charges against their attackers, Chiaccio said. It took months for Sofia, 22, to finally take legal action against her abusive boyfriend, even though she knew he had a history of violence.

“He ex-wrote him in jail for beating her and I bailed him out for $100 and the ticket in my ear,” she said.

Months of verbal and physical abuse led her to decide to divorce Sofia to report her boyfriend to authorities even after she drove him out of the state and knocked her unconscious when she threatened to leave him. She said the relationship lasted 10 years.

“Lawsavers only take cases when they can win,” she said. “A very small number of sexual assault cases go unreported, an even smaller percentage of those reported are prosecuted.”

Chiaccio said.

In cases of domestic violence, Chiaccio said most students who are victims of sex abuse are more likely to seek restraining orders against their attackers because it’s much easier to accomplish.

“Most victims want results immediately,” she said. “They just want the abuse to stop.”

When victims decide to get a restraining order, they save their attacker from arrest, jail time and a criminal record. Chiaccio said this also goes for sexual assault prevention.

It’s common for most victims not to reveal abuse to family and friends because they fear being blamed, Chiaccio said.

Often, victims sustain their pain despite the violence.

In a circle of friends, there is usually a division among groups,” she said. “With family, victims believe they will say, ‘I told you not to put yourself in that position.’

While many rape and domestic violence cases go unreported, an even smaller percentage of those reported are prosecuted.

“Most abuse occurs between the walls of one’s residence, so reporting the crime and seeking help is the victim’s responsibility,” she said. “In the case of UCF Victim Services is to prepare victims for the likelihood that reporting their experience to authorities won’t necessarily put their attackers in jail.

Victim Services advocate Chiaccio said.

Women ages 18-29, or childbearing age, have the highest risk for rape and domestic violence, and Chiaccio believes the American home remains one of the most unsafe places for women.
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UCF strives for self-sufficient athletic program in the future

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$1.19 increase, raising the fee to $11.00 per credit hour. The increase will generate an additional $12.5 million, most of which will pay for raises and bonuses for coaches.

The hike in the fee is necessary for UCF to catch up with more established programs and to keep up with emerging programs in the state, said Athletic Director Steve Orsini. "I am a big believer that people like to follow winners," Orsini said. "This is a great step toward providing us with a chance to be successful in all our programs."

A successful athletic department, in turn, will improve UCF, Orsini said. "I call it the front porch. [A good department] hopefully will attract more students to campus here." "You would have a great home without a front porch. Great academics, a great school without an athletic department at all. But if you want to have one, you might as well have an attractive one, one that would help you attract customers off the street, into the home and through the front porch."

Student Body President Pefia, whose administration voted in favor of the increase, said a more prestigious Athletic Department would benefit all students. "We're paying more now to increase the value of our degrees in the future," Pefia said. Improved athletics will affect the school's image inside and outside the state, he said. Pefia called the increase crucial, especially when other Florida universities also are scrambling to build up their athletic departments.

"If schools like the University of South Florida or Florida International University or Florida Atlantic University surpass us, we'll never catch up," he said.

The majority of the funds generated by the increase, roughly $675,000, will pay for coaching raises, while another $243,000 will fund benefits packages.

Alan Gooch, the assistant head football coach, said UCF pays its coaches significantly less than other universities with comparable athletic departments. "Our salaries are nothing compared to what the other state universities get," Gooch said. "I personally think that the raises will have a great impact."

Orsini said UCF needs to offer its coaches more attractive salaries if the university wants to retain them.

Universities with more prestigious athletic departments and the financial backing to offer coaches more appealing salary packages have lured away several coaches from UCF in recent years, including Gene Chizik, the former defense coordinator for the football team. He left UCF to pursue a coaching career at Auburn University following the 2001 season.

"We don't want that to happen," Orsini said. "So we've beefed up the salaries we felt were below market. We're still not at market, but it was a good step in the right direction."

Better salaries will not only retain UCF's existing coaches, but would help UCF attract better coaches, Pefia said. "Our best people tend to leave if they can make more at other universities," he said.

Orsini, who initially opposed the fee increase, now realizes that a top athletic program is a vital part of campus life. "When I came into student government four years ago, they said there wouldn't be an athletic program for the foreseeable future," he said. "When I looked at the reasons for why they wanted to increase it, I agreed with their reasons to get up to the standards of a top athletic school."

The latest fee increase follows a large hike four years earlier that raised the fee from $8.60 to $9.00 per credit hour. That increase was approved to fund new women's athletic teams in order to comply with Title IX — a federal policy that requires an equal number of men's and women's teams in schools and universities.

"We aren't in compliance with Title IX, which is a federal law that really puts the whole university in jeopardy if we don't show signs of complying," Orsini said. "So that's why that student fee was increased, and it was restricted for gender-equity purposes. For us to provide more opportunities for women athletes."

At that time, UCF added a women's softball and rowing team. "We have in our future plans, in the next five years, to add swimming and diving, water polo and one other women's sport which we have not decided on yet," he said.

Unlike the last increase, the latest athletic fee hike will strictly benefit the athletic department. Besides the $675,000 allocated for salaries, the Athletic Department will invest $50,000 for recruiting — an area, Orsini says, where UCF lags far behind the competition.

"We receive no money to recruit student-athletes," Orsini said. "The better student-athletes we get, the better our programs.

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will be. We did a study of Division I-A schools. There are 117 Division I-A schools. We were ranked 105 in recruiting dollars.

"How can we expect to compete with those schools when we're at the bottom in funding?" he asked. "Recruiting is a valuable part of any athletic program."

The department has allocated $60,000 each to facilities operations, sports marketing (targeting UCF students) and tutorial services for student athletes, and $100,000 to pay for student athletes to take summer courses.

Currently, Florida Atlantic University, which recently began to assemble its athletic program, including building a football team, has the state's highest athletic fee, at $11.75 per credit hour. The University of West Florida had the second-highest fee, $11.10. The University of North Florida is next, at $10 per credit hour. UCF's fee increase to $11.09 will move it into third position.

By comparison, UF and FSU both charge students fees for less. UF's fee is $6.90 per credit hour, while FSU charges $4.55 — an amount that will rise to $4.95 next year.

The university with the lowest athletic fee, New College of Florida, charges only $1.66 per credit hour.

UF's fee generated $2.4 million for its sports program, about 49 percent of the total budgeted revenue of $48.9 million, according to UF Assistant Athletic Director Denise Stevens.

Greg Phillips, associate athletic director at FSU, said the higher fee there next year will generate about $4.6 million, or about 10 percent of the athletic budget.

In contrast, schools with less established sports programs tend to rely more heavily on student fees to cover their costs. UCF's $0.17 athletic fee this year generated about $83,117, or 49 percent of the school's athletic budget, said Michelle Belfinghame, business manager of the UCF Athletic Department.

Ten million dollars of UCF's $15 million athletic budget next year will come from student fees.

"My job is to increase that other portion, that $5 million," Orsini said. "It will [increase] from now on because that's what I'm here for. I'm always constantly looking for more avenues [for revenue]."

"My first few years here, priority one is fund raising, fund raising, fund raising," he said. "I think the numbers will grow, and I think the main source will be fund raising."
Degrees of freedom

Distance education programs gain popularity among working students

Brooke Sellers, a recent high school graduate, wakes up every morning at 7. She completes an eight-hour day of working in an attorney’s office, refueling on Coca-Cola and coffee when fatigue finally begins to get the best of her. At her lunch break, she studies furiously for her classes, though she’ll never attend a single one.

“She’s not exactly a slacker, just a full-time working adult who wasn’t able to have the time to pursue a degree the traditional way,” Sellers said.

But Sellers can manage her online schedule. It’s still hectic for her to do full-time and pursue a two-year paralegal degree, but at least she has the option of studying when she wants to without having her studies conflict with her job.

Sellers isn’t alone in her pursuit of an online degree. The U.S. Department of Education estimates that this year more than two million people will enroll in distance education programs.

Though interest in online degrees is rising, most students and professors agree that the approach is not for everyone.

“It is hard. I have never studied as hard as I do now,” Sellers said.

Sharon Douglas, a UCF online professor, said that if designed correctly, online courses are intended to be harder than traditional courses.

“Web students must be able to follow directions that are written for people who have no verbal cues or body language to fall back upon,” she said.

“Some may never see their teacher from start to finish. Students must possess good computer skills before taking their first Web class. Teachers don’t have time to walk students through how to attach material to an e-mail.”

Mike Green, a college missionary, is also considering an online education, mostly because he doesn’t feel comfortable teaching a typical college course.

“I didn’t get through Valencia because it just seemed like a waste of time to me,” he said.

“I hate busy work, which is what a lot of the teachers there give because they feel like they have to give homework or class work.”

The convenience of being able to work and go to school without having to worry about scheduling conflicts has sold Green on the idea.

“Getting an online degree sounds like it’d be easy,” he said. “I wouldn’t have to go to class, I could do it all at home, and I could work to pay for school, instead of getting myself into a massive debt that would follow me through my life,” he said.

Deborah Kirkler, an instructional designer of Course Development and Enrollment Services and online professor at UCF, said that a student’s success in online learning depends largely on their personality. The most important characteristic a person must have is good time-management skills.

“Most of those pursuing online degrees are going for their master’s degree,” she said. Most work full-time and some are raising families. They tell me the only time they have to study is at 11 or 12 at night if it is good solution for them.”

Douglas said that online learners must be able to operate through self-motivation. Students must be able to learn without interaction with others.

Online degrees are often self-paced, which is a benefit to students such as Sellers, who is in a hurry to get a degree.

Like traditional classes, online courses require students to make sacrifices as well.

“I have to sacrifice spending time with my family and friends because I am always studying or working,” Sellers said.

“I don’t get to have free time like I used to.”

Michael Bailey, an associate professor of communications, said that there are legitimate reasons to offer online classes, but he cautions students about the drawbacks.

“I think it’s good for students to have at least some exposure to online learning during the course of their tenure at the university,” he said.

“One of my older students had a newborn baby,” he said.

“That’s a great way for you to take a class. But a lot of other people would forget about the class. They would be busy doing stuff, then they would not come to the class for a few weeks and then they would get zeros. It takes a certain kind of student to do an online class.”

UCF offers several undergraduate and graduate online degrees in areas such as health services administration, nursing, liberal studies, criminal justice and forensic science.

“Some say that the most important characteristic a person must have is good time-management skills,” Bailey said.

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Academic freedom alive and well — on some campuses

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In the sensitive political atmosphere that followed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and continued during the war against Iraq, some professors around the country have found themselves in hot water for statements or actions that offend some people.

Colgate University associate professor Nicholas De Genova sparked headlines last month when, during a lecture on the history of Magna Carta, he "called for a million Americans to die in an ambush. Columbia's president and also said that he would 'be happy to see the last U.S. soldier die in an ambush.' Columbia's president vowed to defend his comments but defended his right to make them.

"That is not necessarily the case in colleges, though," Senior Lyn Cherrubier, 22, said none of her professors have lectured on the war, but if they chose to, she would not be scared to speak her mind.

Cherrubier said everyone is allowed to protest. "I like debate," Cherrubier said. "A professor who speaks their mind should not intimidate me. I'm a person with a view just as they are a person with a view. We are on equal terms." Mitchell said not all students feel confident enough to challenge a professor's view.

"If I voice my opinion, a lot of people are going to close down because they are afraid to voice their own," Mitchell explained.

Floyd said she would stay quiet if a professor or another student spoke from a perspective different than her own. "I probably wouldn't say anything," she said. "I can listen to other viewpoints and not be offended." Mitchell emphasized that open discussion benefits everyone. "Viewpoints need to be brought out," she said. "There are no repercussions for a classroom discussion. It is a healthy dialogue."

Cherrubier said that as a student she views a good professor as one who presents both sides of an issue, allowing students to form their own opinions.

Mitchell agrees. "I try to encourage freedom of speech in my classroom," Mitchell said. As an expert on effective teaching, Mitchell knows there are a number of ways to approach controversial topics. She tries to keep the discussions balanced. "Bring out all sides," she said.

Mitchell also said professors could assign students certain viewpoints and practice role-playing. "Eliminate the emotional and you're left with the factual information," she said.

"Teachers and entertainers have very different roles," she added. "It's like comparing apples to oranges. Teachers have more responsibility."

Associate English professor Jerome Donnelly thinks professors have not used that responsibility effectively.

Donnelly said the freedom to discuss war views — even posting a peace poster in class. "Eliminate the emotional and you're left with the factual information," she said.

"Teachers and entertainers have very different roles," she added. "It's like comparing apples to oranges. Teachers have more responsibility."

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Donnelly said an expert on censorship, said he does not think that direct censorship has become an issue in schools since the beginning of the war. Rather, Donnelly fears a more indirect form of censorship. "Intense pressure and intimidation results in people not being willing to express their views," Donnelly said.

Donnelly believes professors are simply not asking students the right questions.

"I'm customary for him to ask his class. 'When did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor?'" the class always answers quickly and in perfect unison, he said. Dec. 7, 1941. His next question: "Why did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor?" Donnelly said the class then typically falls silent.

"Which is more important?" Donnelly asks.

Donnelly said everyone agrees that the latter is more important. "The point is that too many schools — and colleges for that matter — teach habits of thought that focus on the trivial," Donnelly said.

He said it is more important for students to understand the principles of cause and effect.

Otherwise, "censorship becomes relatively unimportant, since the elitism has been [deinduced] to think in terms of lists of dates, or names, or especially in terms of personalities," Donnelly explained.

As for UCF's policies toward academic freedom, Mitchell said she has received no advising from UCF administration to curtail her curriculum. Mitchell said if she were asked not to speak about the war, she would have to weigh the ramifications before that request.

"Facially have a lot of leeway," she said.
SGA allocation will help Creative School survive

One-time $50,000 boost intended for repairs and an expanded staff

**Ben Baird**  
Staff Writer

As smiling 5-year-olds painted eggs for an Easter egg hunt and toddlers gathered for story time at the Creative School for Children last week, they were unaware of the financial difficulties their school is enduring and a $50,000 gift from the Student Government Association that will keep the facility afloat.

"There was a deficit that was roughly $42,000," said Marcus Gould, chairman of the Activity and Service Fee Committee of the SGA Senate, which recently voted to include the expense in SGA's 2003-04 budget. "We gave them enough money to cover the deficit."

The financial problems came to a head when the school's roof began to leak, said the school's director, Dolores Burghard.

"We'll be moving along and find we need a $25,000 repair on a roof, and that has to come out of the operations budget, and all of a sudden we're in the hole," she said.

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Many other institutions — some nonprofit, others run by such companies as Sylvan Learning Systems and Education Management's Argoxy University — also offer teacher-education programs via distance education.

Like Kaplan, they view teacher education as a growth field. The U.S. Department of Education has estimated that the country will need an additional 2.5 million teachers by 2010.

The curriculum and degree offerings that Kaplan's school would offer are still being developed, but Levy said the goal was to create "a full-service school of education" that could eventually offer associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

It might also offer doctorates and management degrees. The company declined to predict enrollment or tuition figures.

Jonathan Graye, Kaplan's chairman and chief executive officer, said that plans for the school would be finalized by the end of the year. The Qatar program is rare, he said, because the universities Qatar would start would offer associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

"We are working with a number of companies that have been home to the Bush Presidential Library — in the Middle East. Texas A&M ran a two-year program in Japan from 1999-1995. It shut down the program when the Japanese economy crashed and the mayor who supported the idea lost re-election. The Japanese city paid for the program," said Prior.

Texas A&M would join other well-known universities in Education City: a complex of buildings on 2,400 acres "situated in the middle of the desert," the lawyer said. Virginia Commonwealth University began running a school of the arts in Qatar in 1998. Last fall, Cornell University opened the medical school, and the country's ruler is negotiating with Georgetown and Carnegie Mellon.

Qatar wants Georgetown to run a foreign-service and diplomacy school and Carnegie Mellon a business school.

The Qatar Foundation signed a 10-year, $750 million contract with Cornell for the medical school and a 10-year, $50 million contract with Virginia Commonwealth for its program. The latter deal has since been increased to about $100 million.

One university official said that the Qatar Foundation will foot the bill for the medical school, and the universities will negotiate the amount is being negotiated.

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Knights want to follow in Gators’ footsteps

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Coach Terry Lewis-Gillispie and her team didn’t think waiting for a facility that will be complete two years ahead of schedule.

"We’re thrilled about having their own locker rooms and being able to actually find their positions," Lewis-Gillispie said about her players. "I’m thrilled to have a place to put the soccer balls." The softball stadium’s early completion will be one of several projects the Athletic Department hopes to begin soon after it makes the transition to a direct-support organization July 1. As a direct-support organization, the UCF Athletic Association will operate as a non-profit corporation. UCF President John Hitt will be the chairman of the association’s board of directors and Athletic Director Steve Orsini will double as executive director of the association.

The change will allow the athletic association to operate like a private business, meaning it can raise money to pay its own bills and get bids on construction projects. And it would have to deal with state rules and regulations it has to go through now.

"Most of the changes will occur within the association and won’t be apparent to outsiders. But there will be some changes UCF students and fans will notice," Orsini said of completing the softball complex.

"Some changes will be possible immediately, while others will be able to borrow money. Orsini said he already has two banks that have verbally agreed to loan the association the $7 million it needs for gender-equity projects, along with the softball complex, that money will go toward rerouting a truck for the women’s truck and field team, a bannock for the women’s weight room and an aquatic center for the soon-to-be-added women’s swimming program.

Orsini said the association has to net $250,000 each year for gender-equity projects because of Title IX, the federal mandate that requires equality in men’s and women’s sports programs. If it doesn’t, the state can take away that money.

"I look that to the bank and said, ‘Look, don’t believe me that I’m going to award debt service to pay back a loan...the state says that if I don’t, I lose the money and I can’t afford to lose that money. I need every dime, I can’t afford to lose it,’" Orsini said.

The major change the athletic association faces is with running its day-to-day operations. The university will no longer handle all of the accounting for athletics, which means the business office has to take on new fiscal responsibilities.

Orsini said he will hire a controller to make sure the association maintains its financial records accurately but that will be the only new hire related to the transition. Present business office employees will be trained to handle new responsibilities, including learning a new computer accounting program.

Preparations for the transformation began several months before the Board of Trustees gave its approval in January, giving the association about six months before its targeted date of July 1. The timetable is a bit aggressive, but it is timed with the start of UCF’s new fiscal year.

Mike Rassamone, assistant athletic director for business and finance, said he and the rest of the Athletic Department have spent the past six months doing research. They talked to the UCF Foundation, also a direct-support organization, about how it relates to the university. They also have been in contact with different athletic units on campuses to make sure they are addressing everything they need to, such as financial aid for student athletes.

Recently UCF General Counsel Scott Cole traveled with Orsini and other members of the Athletic Department to the University of Florida — the only Florida school with an athletic direct-support organization. Cole, who came to UCF from UF last February, said they were impressed with UF’s operations and probably will model some things after the Gators.

Cole is largely responsible for UCF’s decision to branch the athletic department. Shortly after arriving at UCF Cole mentioned to Hitt how well he thought UF’s athletic association ran and that it might work here.

Cole said UCF’s association run efficiently and was able to accomplish tasks quicker than other programs because it could borrow money rather than work through all the state rules and regulations.

Hitt liked the idea and brought it to Orsini shortly after he became athletic director last July. It was a perfect fit for Orsini, who had spent the previous eight years as chief financial officer of Georgia Tech’s and Navy’s athletic associations.

Both Navy and Georgia Tech have independent athletic associations.

Orsini said he planned to ask Hitt about making the change at UCF but didn’t get the chance before the president asked him.

"I was very, very happy that day I must admit," Orsini said.

To Orsini, the biggest advantage of transforming the Athletic Department will be the flexibility that comes with running a business that is separate from the state.

"An athletic department in a state organization is kind of like fitting a square peg in a round hole," Orsini said.

But he was quick to add that the association is not Running on its own.

"It’s a simple tool, and like any tool, it can either help you do your job, which is what I definitely envision it doing, or it can hurt you if you don’t conduct your business properly," Orsini said. "Any thought of being independent, you’re going to be in trouble. First by the university, then the NCAA is going to step on you because you don’t have institutional control. You can’t go off and do your own thing."

Orsini said the association will mirror the university’s business policies except when those policies keep athletics from being competitive. That’s when Orsini will use the flexibility given to him as a direct-support organization. But ultimately Orsini and the athletic association will always have to answer to Hitt — one of the guidelines mandated by both the NCAA and UCF.

"It’s really the best of both worlds," Cole said. "You get some freedom to operate more like a business, but you also have the assurance of knowing it won’t go off and do something that’s not consistent with the university."

Cole said the only disadvantage he could see is the new fiscal setup if the athletic association became too independent, but he also thought that wouldn’t happen.

"They’ve got a tool, it can be used, it can be an asset," Cole said of the new fiscal setup. "It’s a tool, and like any tool, it can be used, it can be an asset, or it can be a liability."

Orsini is "more like a will-have its first meeting in June. No one expects this to be an easy transition, and everything doesn’t have to be exactly in place by July 1. Everything just has to be moving in the right direction.

"It won’t be completely smooth," Bromero said.

Most likely no one outside the athletic association will notice any bumps. All outsiders will notice is a finished softball complex next April.

SGA may offer school support in the future

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Internships, field experiences, and research — that kind of thing. We also are open to graduate students for research," Burghard said.

"Other funding for the school comes from enrollment fees charged to the parents of the children. The enrollment fees will have to increase," says Burghard, due to the extreme financial situation.

However, Burghard stresses that the school is not in dire straits.

"I don’t want it to look gloom, gloom, gloom," Burghard said. "We have some very dedicated people, and a national reputation — and the children who go through our program accomplish great things."

Burghard is on the Creative School’s "Rolls Royce" of its kind. Like a fine car, Burghard said the Creative School occasionally needs repairs and tune-ups.

"We know that we’re influencing children in a positive way," Burghard said. "This year we may break even and be OK, but we’ve done it with sacrifice, I think. Students and government are giving us the boost we need to get back on track."

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Athletic fee increase must create results

When the per-credit-hour-athletic fee rises next fall by $1.19, to $8.09, UCF students will be paying more than students at all but two of the state’s public universities. By comparison, students at the University of Florida pay $8.09 per credit hour; at Florida State University, the fee next fall will be $4.98 per credit hour.

Of course, UCF’s athletic department has far less experience, money or success than either of the big two Florida universities. UCF and FSU built their programs over time, while UCF and the rest of the state’s public universities have to play catch-up if they want to level the playing field. Like other schools that hope to enhance their athletic programs, UCF is placing the burden for that expense on students.

New College of Florida, on the other hand, has taken a different approach toward athletics. NCF students pay only $1.66 per credit hour this year. That nominal fee is in line with the small school’s lack of ambition regarding intercollegiate athletics.

UCF administrators want to make athletics a focus. A strong athletic program can positively impact all levels of the university, including academics and research funding, by increasing enrollment and recognition of the university.

Assistant Athletic Director Steve Orsini and UCF’s Board of Trustees are asking students to make a significant sacrifice for the future success of UCF athletics.

Because the Board of Trustees voted for the latest fee increase, the trustees have to understand the expectations that will accompany the latest hike. Students want a successful athletic program, particularly a successful football team.

Students at UCF have to sacrifice much more than their peers at more successful athletic schools. They would rather have that money to spend at their own discretion. But as much as they are expected to contribute to the athletic department, students deserve results. They want winners.

If UCF has promoted the new assignment. If UCF’s athletic department has contributed to the United States, they need help the most.

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Our STANCE:

Athletic fee increase must create results

In turn, the bill fosters mistrust among Floridians of people from these countries. Rather than building bridges between us, the bill builds walls. It denies students from these countries the chance to experience the freedom and opportunities that make this country great.

If these students cannot experience the United States, they cannot become the messengers that we need them to become. Students represent the greatest hope for reforming these countries from the inside out.

We need these students to experience the United States in all its glory. These students who could help change public opinion in their home countries, and could perhaps foster democracy in their nations.

However, by stereotyping college students from these nations as threats, the bill reinforces the impression that some of these nations already have of the United States as a judgmental, Imperialist power. It also portrays America as the land of opportunity. Foreign students, from peaceful and tumultuous nations alike, still see America that way. They come here to improve their lives, and perhaps their families’ lives.

While these students, as much as any, need help to pay for college, the bill denies them the helping hand they need to improve themselves, and possibly their countries.

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Mr. Personality disorder

**Michele Riegel**

Staff Writer

I normally store clear of reality television, which means that lately, I've been steering clear of television altogether. For better or worse (usually for the worse), the magical mystery-picture box is being dominated by shows with slim-witted male suitors she intends to spend the rest of her life with. Then there's the guy who all the men are wearing colored masks that cover their faces, and she finds him attractive. Whatever's in that general area, it's not good for her - or worse), 'the magical-movement of construction workers that put a putting-picture box is being answered. Pam Anderson may have a hideous hang nail, but I would have to know it because I'm looking at her heart... or whatever's in that general vicinity.

That's right — this show will finally prove that women think certain men are attractive, and sometimes choose to date them because they're attractive. How superficial...

And to think that all this time I thought women were in search of a guy who was funny, nice to people and animals, smart, environmentally conscious and sensitive. Well, Quasimodo might have a house full of animals, recycle his aluminum cans and have a comedic talent like Jerry Seinfeld, but he won't be able to overcome his hideous appearance.

Unless he's on "Mr. Personality." Honestly, I would like to take a moment and applaud this show's actual elements of reality. Most of these so-called reality shows have absolutely nothing to do with real life. But this show is different. I can tell you from personal experience that when my friends and I encounter a pretty any day, we immediately put on different-colored masks, disguise ourselves and promises to propose marriage if she decides to do one any of us. After we've all tried to persuade her that each of us is, in fact, our true soul mate, we exchange phone numbers and anxiously await her phone call. So maybe the show is not as ridiculous. In fact, it's quite possibly the dumbest thing I've heard since someone reported Kelly Clarkson is now more culturally significant than the Macaroon.

Going on a show like "Mr. Personality" to find true love is like going on the "Family Feud" to decide whether or not to give your sister a bone marrow transplant.

"Sorry sis, but you cost us the game when you said baseball players like to chew on pumpkin seeds. If you'd said 'sunflower seeds,' then you wouldn't have to suffer from that couture anymore."

As far as I'm concerned, this show has already missed the only chance it had to be interesting. If the audience had no idea what the guys looked like, then maybe it would retain the slightest bit of intrigue, but the viewers have already seen their faces.

Add to that the show's refusal to cast Steve Buscemi as Mr. Pink, and this show is destined to be a bomb.

Just to make sure everyone feels adequately ripped off, I hope she picks the guy with the worst personality, because he'll probably be the most attractive.

Of course it will be like carrying on a conversation with a wall when she does choose him, but a very visually appealing wall, nonetheless. Most good-looking people don't need a personality anyway because they're just too busy being sexy or entertaining. So difficult is it to be a model. Oh, and did I forget to mention that Monica Lewinsky is the host? That makes perfect sense, because no one knows more about true love than her.

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Dual addresses only sure way to keep inbox clear

Loren Skriny

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Me, three years ago: Why on Earth do I need e-mail?
Me, three months ago: Oh, good - get some e-mail!
Me, three minutes ago: Ugh. More e-mail.
Delete, delete, delete.

If you live a wired life at work or home, chances are you have experienced a similar e-mail evolution. What was once a gimmick for geeks quickly became an incredible convenience and then, just as quickly, a new source of irritation. The reason?

Too many ads. If this keeps up, e-mail may soon go the way of the ringing phone at dinnertime: started at and unanswered.

The problem is that unsolicited marketers are flooding the world's inboxes with offers of everything stupid, suspicious or sick. When I log on, my e-mail looks like the National Enquirer's classifieds.

Do I want a new diet? Boyfriend? Beep! Click here!

Collectively, the stuff is called spam. And because sending a million e-mails is even cheaper than taking out one measly classified — in fact, it's practically free — the practice is exploding exponentially.

Already, spam accounts for about 50 percent of all e-mail — up from just 6 percent in 2001. Back in December, America Online boasted that it had blocked half a billion spans from its members in one day.

Now, it routinely blocks a billion. And still, an annoying number get through. On Tuesday, AOL announced yet another lawsuit against spammers — its 100th — proof of the difficulty of spam slamming.

Just as Americans eventually learned to slam the door on Fuller Brush salesmen, toss out junk mail and more commercials, they will pay this amount as well. It's just a question of time.

It could be that legislation will be passed to outlaw spam. Or technology may come along that effectively filters it out. But then again, it could be who change.

Already, legislation has been enacted in California that requires all advertisers to announce themselves by putting "ADV" in the subject heading. But since many spammers operate offshore or can't be traced, it's unclear how effective this law — or any law — will be.

Meanwhile, techies are hard at work devising ever newer filters to screen e-mails before it gets to the inbox. But so far, these don't work perfectly. Some legitimate e-mails get spliced while some shady ones get through.

So the filters have a way to go.

That leaves it to us to change — and we just might. Some folks already have started using two e-mail addresses: One for their inner circle, the other for all their online searches and purchases.

That way, they can ignore any messages sent to the second address.

Or it could be that more and more of us will start accepting e-mails only from friends we have pre-approved, the same way some people program their phones to accept calls only from a select list of buddies.

But maybe — just maybe — we will opt out of e-mail entropy.

Spam will spoil the medium the way sewage can spoil a lake. We'll reject the inbox, with disgust.

If so, a new technology could spring up to replace e-mail. Or we just may go back to those incredibly hectic methods of communication we'd been so ready to mothball.

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Lightweight 8+ boat earns national prominence

The boat, consisting of rowers Tiffany Richmond, Lauren Gembuz, Lindsey Wood, Katherine Motz, Kristin Keeser, Laura Brad, Tiffany Beck, Heather Rew, and consecutive summers' Taylor recently broke into the top 10 nationally. Last weekend the six-ranked lightweight 8+ earned a gold medal at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships in Tennessee.

Traditionally one of the most competitive boats in all of rowing, the UCF lightweight boats had lost some speed over the past four years. Kamrad and the rest of his staff spent the past summer thinking of what could be done to get their lightweight program back to national prominence.

"We have an exceptionally talented group of freshmen," Kamrad said.

The lightweight boat proved its worth, this season responding extremely well to an aggressive schedule in which the team faced three of the highest ranked schools in the nation, Delaware, Villanova and Wisconsin. And on this very young squad, which has six freshmen, two sophomores and two seniors, they actually beat Villanova and Delaware, and finished just three

Comedy of errors plague Knights

Coming off an abdominal doubleheader against Florida Atlantic last Saturday, it seemed like the UCF baseball team had hit rock bottom. Then came a Tuesday night home game against Bethune-Cookman and somehow things managed to get worse, and more bizarre, as the Golden Knights fell 18-5.

By the end of the game UCF had given up 14 hits, 12 walks, committed five errors, used nine pitchers, 26 players total and had their manager ejected.

"This was the worst," outfielder Dee Brown said.

"Nothing was good about tonight," the Wildcats scored early on starter Matt Fox, who was unable to duplicate his sterling performance against South Florida the previous week. With one out Sebastian Boos hit a ball that bounced over the head of third baseman Dee Burrell for an infield single. He quickly stole second and after Fox walked John Gragg, Roberto Rodriguez hit a shot up the middle that tipped off of Fox's glove and brought Boos home. Gragg came around on a wild pitch to give Bethune-Cookman a quick 2-0 lead.

Then came the very strange second inning that included four runs on no hits. Fox and Taylor Cobb combined to walk five batters and hit two more, though they were victimized by the extremely questionable strike zone of home plate umpire Tim Pasch.

Also during that inning UCF Coach Jay Bergman got into an argument with Pasch while making a pitching change, resulting in Bergman's ejection and allowing an intense confrontation between the two. Bergman had not gotten tossed from a game since last season.

"I think we all share his sentiments," said Assistant Head Coach Greg Frady, who took over after Bergman got ejected.

"He's quick, he's not hard to comment on umpiring. Certainly we may not have been in agreement with some things that happened...

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Coaches, players and fans appreciate Ford's dedication

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Roof, LeConche help men's golf to successful season

JON KUTFILK

SPORTS

On a golf team with so much talent, it is hard to single out an individual player. After much consider-

"I could very easily talk about all of them, there are only seven guys on the team," Clainard said. "All of our starters are exceptionally good. Everyone has contributed."

LeConche and Roof had two of the best sea-

"Good golf is such a grueling game, Coach gives us a lot of help to stay focused," Ford said.

The junior finds it very challenging to balance his grueling golf schedule and his academics, but says that it is worth the extra effort.

"It is tough to keep up with school," Ford said. "This is my first year playing college golf. But I wouldn't trade this experience for anything."

Roof is no stranger, however, to the pressures of sports and academics. He played two seasons of baseball at Coastal Carolina before transferring to UCF.

The liberal arts major hopes to turn pro after college.

"It will take a lot of hard work to improve to the level of a professional," Roof said.

LeConche has been playing competitive golf since the age of 7. Turned on to the game by his dad, a golf professional, LeConche's father saw so much potential in his son that starting at the age of 10, they started living half the year in West Hartford, Conn., LeConche's birthplace, and half the year in Florida, so he could play in more tournaments.

LeConche also sites Clainard for helping him with his game.

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Baseball Head Coach

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``The same way that he made the team, wearing his love for the game of baseball on his uniform sleeve.``

"I love it, every minute of it," Ford said. "It's being out here, having fun, being with the guys. Just enjoying every minute of it."

Baseball became a passion for Ford way back in second grade. He never stopped loving it, playing it all the way through his days at Hall High School in Gainesville. As a senior there he hit .402 with one home run and 38 runs batted in, numbers that earned him second team all-state honors and got him named as his team's most valuable player. Yet no college came calling for the 5-foot-11, 190-pound right-handed hitter.

So he went to UCF, going through tryouts during Labor Day weekend of his freshman year. After having to wait through the whole holiday weekend, he got the news he had hoped for: that he would indeed have the chance to play at the collegiate level.

"Tuesday came and they put the posting up on the front door and my name was on it," Ford said. "I first person I called was my mom and dad. They were real excited."

"More than any other skill, the way he goes about his business on and off the field has left Golden Knights' coaching staff knowing they made the right call.

"Just a great kid off the field, on the field, he loves UCF," Coach Jay Bergman said. "He's proud to be a member of the baseball team."

As a former walk-on, Ford has had to endure performing menial tasks such as catching batting practice, not getting a chance to hit during pre-game workouts, spreading tarps, serving as bullpen catcher and warming up pitchers between innings.

None of that seems to bother Ford through, as he appears content to have up opportunity to serve a role, any role, on a baseball team. That dedication and willingness to do even the simplest of things to help his team has endeared him not only to fans and coaches, but his teammates as well.

"He's the kind of guy you can appreciate it so much," pitcher Van Drew Stortznbach said. "He's the kind of guy that's there every single day, on and off the field and gives it his all. Off the field tries to be a leader and is a leader. Every time I need him to catch a bullpen session or some flat ground stuff he's always there to do it."

Recently Ford has received a little more playing time. After playing in just two games and getting one at bat as a freshman, he has appeared in 10 games and made four starts at designated hitter this season.

Overall he has three hits in 10 at-bats with a run scored. Getting his first hit was a particularly special moment for Ford, a goal he ranked as second to making the team.

"He's played well at the plate and really made our lineup stronger," Coach Clainard said.

"He and him just got to be friends over one summer when we were roommates," Taylor said. "He knows his playing time is going to be sparse but that's what's really great about him. He knows that and he still just works twice as hard all the time and he's still got a great attitude about it."

Fans can also witness his handsome first hand when he sprouts from the dugout to the bullpen during games, sometimes at full speed and always with full catchers' gear on, in order to warm up a reliever.

The way he made the team, his passion for the game, his limited playing time and the adoration he gets from stands has turned him into something of a Rory figure, like the former Notre Dame walk-on made famous by the movie "Rudy." Some of his friends have even taken to calling him Rudy.

"It's an image Ford is perfectly comfortable with, as he appreciates the attention heaped upon him by the Rowdy Knights and other fans."

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Realistically UCF is probably the end of the line for Ford as a player, though he said coaching is something he would definitely like to look into. Though an accounting major, he can't seem to picture himself working a desk job.

He has worked baseball camps over the summer and helped out with freshmen catchers Drew Butera and Ryan Boo, so he has some experience teaching others. The way he approaches the game of baseball as a player certainly sets a great example of what everyone should put into the game.

"There are no words that can express the gratitude a coach could have for a player like Timmy Ford," Bergman said. "Timmy is the epitome of team membership. As long as I coach here they'll be a place for Timmy Ford on our baseball team. The effort and attitude is A number one."

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GROWTH OF A PROGRAM

Building for a bright future

The new Wayne Densch Sports Center is set to open sometime during July. It will feature a 10,000 square-foot conditioning center, a 5,500 square-foot medicine center and a 4,000 square-foot locker room.

Wayne Densch Sports Center will house football program

Chris Bernhardt / Staff Writer

The University of Central Florida hopes to open its sparkling new state-of-the-art football facility, sometime in July. Under construction since last August, those within the school's athletic department hope it will provide a significant boon to the ever-growing program.

"When I got here last summer, my view of the facilities that our football program was using what I would describe it as Division II level in the NCAA," UCF Athletic Director Steve Orsini said. "It was built when the UCF football program was in Division II shifting to the Division I-AA level. We are now in the highest level of competition in the nation."

Already dubbed the new Wayne Densch Sports Center, the new facility will replace the original building, also of that name, as the home base for the school's football program. It will have a 10,000 square-foot conditioning center, a 5,500 square-foot medicine center and a 4,000 square-foot locker room. Also, it will contain a theatre-styled meeting area and offices for the coaches.

"It seems to have paid dividends already," Orsini said. During a recent press conference to announce UCF's 2003 recruiting class, football Coach Mike Krzyzewski cited the facility's construction as one reason for bringing in the most successful recruiting class in the program's history. Local prep standout Steven Moffitt of Winter Park, who realized as the second best high school quarterback in the state, signed that class.

"I attribute that, and (Krzyzewski) does too, to the ability to say and show a recruit that this new facility will be done in time for you to walk on the campus as a freshman, you can spend your entire career under a state-of-the-art facility that will give you all the tools necessary to build yourself up to the best you can be in a Division I-A program, and you compete against the best in the country," Orsini said.

While the opening of this building serves as a major event for the athletic department as a whole, UCF has many other programs besides football that have already received a similar upgrade in facilities, or will, the coming years. The school has what it calls the Athletics Master Plan, the design for the Intercollegiate Athletics Sports Complex. Some parts of it, such as the football facility are already visible. Others are in the works. But once all the pieces of this plan become a reality, they will fit together to provide UCF with the kind of state-of-the-art athletic facilities that rival those of other NCAA Division I-A programs.

"The goal of the master plan is to continue the growth of our athletic program," Orsini said. "We have a great opportunity at UCF as far as athletic facilities are concerned, and that is why we have a lot of land that has been designated by the president to be used to grow our athletic department."

The proposed complex would center around the area of the UCF Arena located on the campus' north side. It began in earnest on Feb. 3, 2001, when Jay Bergman Field opened its gates. The 950-seat base- ball stadium includes both baseball and track and field coaches' offices, a reception area, a full-sized conference room, two locker rooms for both players and coaches, a batting cage and a weight room. It also houses the UCF Athletics Hall of Fame.

"The proposed complex includes a new construction center, completing the existing softball and baseball complexes, an aquatic complex, tennis complex, an indoor practice facility, a golf practice facility and several other buildings that would cater to administrative, training, utility and parking needs."

James Greenwell, an assistant athletic director and the head of UCF's facilities & operations department, has been heavily involved in the formation and execution of the Athletics Master Plan. "He estimates that to complete the project, the school could lose federal funds.

"This providing proper facilities for women's sports has become a priority, making the completion of the softball complex the most pressing item on the Athletics Master Plan. Since the softball program began play last season, the team has played in a facility still very much under construction, as the athletic department has been using student fees earmarked for gender equity to gradually complete the project.

"Softball, they've already split it in phases," said Josh Kaplan, facilities operations manager. "First was the field, then it was the dugouts. Now it's the batting cage. I would imagine the clubhouse is next. Then it'd be seats, then it'd be field lights and the project would be complete. One of these phases will begin next year."

Since Orsini became athletic director last year, he has attempted to move up the timetable for completing the softball complex. He said that it was originally projected to take three or four years to accumulate all the money to finish the complex. To speed up the process, he would like to take out a loan that would provide the finances needed to finish the softball complex sooner:

"When funding becomes available largely determines how quickly facilities get built. The school depends greatly on boosters for that funding. Should someone volunteer to pay for a project, that project would get moved up in priority."

"Finishes could be the 100th of our 10th facilities," Kaplan said, "but tomorrow Andrus Agnew could come forward and say 'I want to give you..."
UCF can't afford many more losses

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The Knights still have a ways to go in the fourth and completely unravelled in the fifth.

To start, reliever Jaime Douglass walked the first two batters of the inning, then Andrew Daly came on to hit the first batter he faced and load the base with no outs and Gragg at the plate. Daly finally recorded the first out of the inning by getting Gragg to hit a sacrifice fly to right to make the score 5-2, but the sequence of events that ensued was painful to watch.

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Dad Vail is final race of season

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seconds behind Wisconsin.

So successful is the Right- weight program here at UCF that Ev Nix demanded senior Lauren Gombar to UCF from George Mason University.

"I heard good things about the UCF lightweight program," Gombar said. "It has a very strong coaching staff, some of the best programs around the country in the conference."

Depth has also played a huge role in the success of the entire season this season. "We are getting faster because there are more people with quality times. We have about five or six starters," Kamrad said. "People in the second and third boats are pressing hard to be number one."

The culminating goal for the team this season is to win the varsity lightweight at the Dad Vail Regatta. The final race of the year, the Dad Vail is held on May 9-10 in Philadelphia. As an incentive to the team, the trophy award- ed to the winner at the Dad Vail is called the Dennis Kamrad Cup. The trophy was dedicated to the UCF coach in honor of his 30 years coaching the sport of rowing.

"I think every series from here on out is a must win situation, I really do," Frady said. "The time has come for us to win or our season is going to be shorter than what we'd like it to be."
Baseball stadium requires enhancements

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Orsini says $6 million and calls it the Andre Agassi UCF Athletic Complex. “Guess what, that’s going to be number one, we’re going to be building that.”

"Until you procure funds for the entire amount needed for a facility, you won’t get it built. Some things have to be on the forefront, Title IX, just to comply with NCAA regulations. But when you procure funds, that’s when you’ll bring out the ground."

Greenwell said that the athletic department could also use the student-athlete fee as a source of funding, though the amount it allocates from that pool depends on how much money it receives from other resources and changes greatly from facility to facility.

"It’s a sliding scale. It’s hard to tell now what is a priority," Greenwell said. "We’ve got a bundle of projects at the top that we want to try to get done based on how quickly we can get funding and how we’re going to get it."

There are also political hurdles within the school to overcome. Once a plan for each facility is prepared and funding gets lined up, Orsini presents the plan to the University Master Plan Committee and the university’s administration for approval. Orsini expressed pleasure in the support he has received from the administration.

"It think it’s a major statement that the university is behind the athletic program," Orsini said. "It’s so important to state that (UCF President Dr. John Hitt) is behind that plan 110 percent. Without his support we couldn’t get it done."

What the athletic department hopes will make this process go more smoothly in the plan to become a direct-support organization, much like the UCF Foundation. By doing that, Orsini said the department could do things such as take out loans, accept gifts and invest money as it sees fit. A board of directors headed by Hitt would have the final say in all matters.

That’s something the athletic department will follow through on starting July 1. The University of Florida is one of the handful of schools that operates under that system and has produced obvious results. UCF would like to emulate such a method.

The UCF Arena serves as the current convocation center. Hitt has been quoted as saying it was out-of-date the moment it first opened in 1991. The 5,100-seat arena does not adequately serve the needs of graduation or athletic and entertainment events and has recorded financial losses in the past two years.

"It didn’t serve its purpose almost from the day it opened its doors and the purpose being providing a quality gathering place for commencement services, for other student gatherings as well as for our athletic programs," Orsini said.

"Due to design limitations they weren’t able to accomplish that goal to the satisfaction of both the student body and the commencement services needs as well as the growth of our athletic program."

The school has already put the plan for a new convocation center through a feasibility study that agreed the school needs such a facility Greenwell said that the proposed new convocation center will hold 10,000 seats and will include convention space and premium seating. The new convocation center would host large events, while the old arena would remain for less heavily attended happenings.

"[The current arena] would be a receiving one, volleyball, practices, smaller concerts, meetings," Kaplan said. "But the bigger one will be for commencement, big concerts, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, things like that."

"According to Kaplan, an indoor practice facility wasn’t high on the master plan map made by a year earlier, but has jumped to the forefront. Though it would accommodate many sports, Kaplan indicated that the sudden desire to get such a facility constructed in a direct response to the football team losing 12 practices to inclement weather last season.

"Much like the arena, Jay Bergman Field has needed improvements since it opened. The stadium needs more than its 250 seats if it hopes to one day host a NCAA Regional, a goal Coach Jay Bergman has stated he’d like to see reached.

"In order for us to be able to host postseason play for baseball we need at least 2,000," Greenwell said. "And I’ve heard of adding another 2,000 seats so we’d have a 4,000-seat facility. We haven’t set on the number but what has been decided is we will have a phase two of seating."

"Still, it stands to reason that the better training opportunities these facilities provide for athletes will improve their overall performance and the team’s performance. Though it would result in additional administrative overhead, it would also result in increased opportunities to carry the athletic department."

"Greater facilities are also more attractive to fans. Combined with more interest, more fans will come and that’s where owning and operating its own facilities really pays off for UCF."

One of the biggest pluses of these facilities is they provide an opportunity to bring in revenue through ticket and concession sales, as well as advertising. That money can further provide funds for the athletic department.

About the only facility not included within the Athletics Master Plan is an on-campus football stadium. UCF plays all its home football games at the Citrus Bowl downtown, about 30 minutes from campus. Though attendance has been disappointing, an on-campus stadium would obviously make for a more convenient commute for students. Orsini said it is not high on the list of priorities.

"We’re very happy with the Citrus Bowl situation," Orsini said. "It allows us to reach out, be a part of the Orlando community. And the other reason is we feel it’s an uphill battle to grow our fund-raising efforts and generate the type of funding that would be required with the current master plan, much less adding a huge facility with a huge financial burden."

When it’s all said and done, the general hope is UCF will have a fine collection of facilities that will transform the program from the ranks of middle-of-the-pack, to the elite level of the Athletic department. When and if the program ever reaches that point remains to be seen. But building the future of the program in moves in the right direction. It also shows the commitment that the athletic department has in making UCF a player in what is a new level of collective success.

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New political party geared towards Gen-Y

Grass roots effort wants to attract young voters through Internet

Mike Riegel
Staff Writer

Students who want to get a start in national politics have a new ally in a Web-based effort that, starting next fall, hopes to find and nurture congressional candidates under 30 with the goal of drawing more of their peers to the polls.

If all goes according to plan, the result might be an "American Idol"-like reality-TV competition whose newly christened celebrity politicians would capture the imagination of youthful voters.

But before that happens, Thomas Breyer wants you to log on to www.party-y.org and see what the fuss is all about.

Breyer, 24, is the student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., who in 2002 founded Party-Y, a grass roots political organization that will force its efforts on mobilizing the mostly untapped demographic of 18-29-year-olds.

The "Y" is a reference to both the word "youth" and to the so-called current "Generation-Y," which was preceded by Generation-X.

Research into voting trends indicates that youth participation in the democratic process is in a state of decline. According to the Center for Voting and Democracy, youth voting has deteriorated from 50 percent to 32 percent since 1972.

In the 2000 presidential election, more than 30 million voters under 30 did not cast a ballot.

With another 35 million people about to reach voting age, Party-Y wants to give young people the means to influence their numbers indicate they should have.

Proclaimed to be entirely created and run by young people, Breyer defines the goals of the new organization as threefold: run more credible political campaigns, move more young people into political offices, and elect more young people and increase the percentage of young people voting.

Participating with Youth in Action, Party-Y hopes to promote a nationwide survey to determine the top concerns and solutions of youth in America. The results will be...
Can't get enough
Macbeth in the buff

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

LINNEA BROWN
STAFF WRITER

"Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble," three pretty, perky young starlets narrated in unison.

The women stood huddled around a black, steaming cauldron onstage, stiffly reciting lines from local playwright Morris Sullivan's adaptation of Macbeth's 'Three Witches' scene. They kept their bodies firmly wrapped up in identical, floor-length black witches' cloaks and spoke into small microphones clipped onto their black bowties.

"Fillet of a fenny snake, in the cauldron boil and bake," Princess said flatly, rolling her eyes skyward. Her two co-stars exchanged looks, squelched their giggles... and disrobed.

"Tape?" I echoed, confused. "Tape?" I asked eagerly. "Do you want to interview us or anything?"

"We're only doing the second half of the show tonight, though, because of the small crowd," Christy said regretfully.

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College-aged voting on decline

Presented to the Presidential Candidates at the National Youth Conventions of 2004, Party-Y also allied with Young Candidates Network on their Web site, with efforts to link all candidates over 30 and under from all parties and political affiliations with young voters to create more awareness and support for their campaign platforms.

Bryer hopes to see younger politicians elected to office through his Internet project. Of the 48 members of the House of Representatives, where their minimum age requirement is 25, only one is under the age of 30.

To appeal to a technology-minded generation, Bryer and Party-Y work to reach young people through the Internet. They also plan to build a political reality show to begin in late 2003. "Party-Y Roadshow" is designed to recruit young candidates from all parties and campaigns nationwide to run for Congress. The traveling spectacle will include campaign buses, concerts, and celebrity guests.

Students will be able to audition to be a contestant on the show or sign up to be a member of the new party, which says it will be all-partisan, accepting young people from different political ideologies and backgrounds.

Once the contestants have been determined, they'll be piloted against each other in tests of knowledge, head-to-head debates and physical challenges to determine endurance and toughness.

The final determinant will be a talent show to showcase what the candidates feel will put them over the top. After that, it's up to Party-Y and the American people to decide who will be able to run their own congressional campaigns.

The cameras will stay on the winners as they vie for votes and appeal to the causes and concerns of today's youth. If one of the candidates does win an election, party members will be able to watch their candidate introduce the legislation and ideas that set them apart during the competition.

With more young candidates representing young-related issues, Party-Y organizers say that voting will start to appeal to an audience that has displayed disinterest in the current political system.

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only the "second half" of a production.

The girls third co-star, Brittany, refused to be lured by her lap-dancing territory in the lobby. A statuesque beauty with long, blonde curly hair and a piercing tongue, she said, "And they're all wearing the same clothes now... so what do you care?"

The girls third co-star, above average since we've been together.

The girls don't go upstage and they don't fade back down down the pole. "And they're too covered up," spokesman Josh Haupt, 21, interjected. Their tiny.tapes make it look like they have on boob helmets.

Not for long. We got them in the lights dimmed and the three actresses appeared on stage in their witches' robes. They scooted off the pole. Shakespearean phrases, threw off their capes and -- poop -- were built-nailed for the rest of the show.

It was definitely an eyeliner. After the Macbeth scene, the cast performed a merry, exuberant dance, prompting my friends to humbly Congregate at the front of the stage to lay dollars at their feet.

"Dude, did you see her mouth?" Smith hissed excitedly to the rest of the table, pointing at a conspicuous beauty mark between one of the dancer's, uh, cheeks.

I decided to stop listening to my friends.

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By students, for students...

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The girls whined, "I'm making money!"

As the girls exclaimed themselves to get ready for the play, I ducked inside manager Richard Millington's tiny office, where fifty-something, grey-haired Millington was busy chatting on the phone.

Unfortunately, the most interesting things he had to say were to other people.

"I think the contract came in here last night, dipped me $100 back and we got our problems stripped from us."

Millington boosted into the receiver, striking his gray mustache. "And some borrowed bucks! Must be nice. (Somebody remind me why I'm pursuing journalism and strip-club management.)"

Millington hung up the phone. He lit a cigarette and yapped tiredly about the legalities of nudity, strip-ers and his continued employment. I politely thanked him and hurried back out to join my friends...
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April Fool’s issue no joking matter

ALEX BARCOCK

Teresa Schwarz, a 22-year-old senior at Stetson University, will complete a double-major in religious and communications studies this spring. She has completed the values of the school for as long as professors can remember. This year’s issue published April 2, took the joking too far though, said Dean of Students Michelle Espinosa. A torrent of criticism over racist and sexist content drove Espinosa and reporter Director Brian Brown to fire the paper’s staff and halt production until next fall.

Schwarz said the punishment does not fit the crime, and students who had no role in the joke issue are suffering the consequences, like those handling business and administration. She’s not surprised though, she says the advisory made things personal, and she realizes this was something she expected the staff at their final meeting.

The day before Schwarz was fired, she said, “It was no longer about discussing the repercussions of the issue. Something had to be done, the door staff.” Schwarz said her only role in the issue was writing the two most criticized articles in The Distorter, offered to represent the school’s perspective and decided further action was needed. She asked Schwarz to call an emergency meeting with the entire staff for the next day.

When The Reporter’s staff arrived at noon April 2, they were met by only one university official, Stubbs. Though he held the title of chief of staff for the next day, they were not allowed in the building. But because we’re changing the locks.

The staff knew he was serious, a maintenance woman began changing the locks almost immediately. Soon after their access to the paper’s Web site was also revoked. This action consequent kept visitors to the Stetson Web site from seeing old copies of The Reporter.

“I thought it was inappropriate, the way he handled it,” Schwarz said. “The words he chose to say were very insulting. I thought he could have been more tactful.”

Lifestyle Editor Jen Wilson agreed that Schwarz’s comments were harsh. “I would have used large amounts of money to have a tape recorder for what he said at that meeting,” she said.

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Editor slammed for funny advice column

Thurman lecture series; Scott Joseph, Thursday 9 pm; time is needed to savor them all. - magazine. The paper ranked first Brown, the satire's writer, cally acclaimed competitively. "It's going to take them a lot of time book, he said. "I've still got another two years to live with this." — AUGUST BROWN sophisticated, accurate opinion editor

The dishes have layers of flavor, so much so that it's not going to You Think About references to the speaker's fictitious identity. During his time with the school, he said, "I've still got another two years to live with this." — AUGUST BROWN sophisticated, accurate opinion editor

A sex advice column by Brown drew most of the criticism that inundated the school after The Distorter published. Brown, who minors in journalism, writes a regular sex advice column with joke answers to real questions. What he learned from the experience, he said, will be invaluable in his future with journalism. Like Schwarz, he has written for newspapers since high school. He hoped to continue doing so, and plans to help the independent paper Schwarz is developing; he'd even like to start a weekly paper himself some day.

He stands behind the guest-column story, though, something he said was "an obviously fictional look at racism. Brown, a sophomore, said the trouble the stories have brought him will "I've still got another two years to live with this," he said. Staffers responsible for ad sales mistakenly failed to inform advertisers of the April 2 edition's comic nature. SIB, Schwartz said only one advertiser complained. The other advertisers, he said, were probably happy to be in a paper that got so much publicity.

During her time with the paper Schwartz said the annual April Fool's Day issue has caused blame; though she said recent issues had miscellaneous material in them, last year was comparatively bland. This year, she said she wanted to make it interesting.

Now two weeks since publishing her last paper, Schwartz said she just wants to wean through all the e-mails her now defunct, internationally known paper received, and get back to making newspapers.
63% of women hope to meet husband in college

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Of course not all students wish to remain single forever. Sixty-three percent of women said they hoped to meet their future husband in college.

Senior Brian Burger, 22, wanted to start his family early. He married upon graduating high school. Burger's wife is a minority in the Institute of American Valor's study as half of women report not wanting a serious relationship while attending college.

College relationships often pose difficulties for students, and the survey reports that many students are confused about what they want out of a relationship. Living away from home for the first time and reaching the legal age of the clacking and bar scene present students with new situations and experiences.

"The reason why college relationships are so complicated is because in college you're learning and growing," junior Amanda Murphy, 20, said. "When you're in a relationship and you're both growing, sometimes you can grow apart."

Outside pressures don't help. During last February — the month marked on the calendar by Valentine's Day — relationship woes accounted for a fourth of the one-on-one sessions sought by students at the USC Counseling and Testing Center, said Robert Harman, the center's director. Most often students want to discuss depression or frustration caused by their relationship, he added.

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Counselors work with students to discover what went wrong in the relationship. Harman says that questions asked in a session include, "What's going on and how did you get into that situation?" and "What part did you play in the relationship?"

The Counseling and Testing Center offers all of its relationship counseling and seminars free to students.

Harman encourages students to meet new people in college by joining organizations on campus or going out more. While it may not lead to a date, everyone can use another friend.

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3. Island
4. 1st sound
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