UCF increases tuition
SGA president fought hikes up to 15 percent

PATRICIA XAVIER
STAFF WRITER

UCF President John Hitt, Student Body President Brian Battles and UCF’s Board of Trustees talked via conference call with the presidents of Florida’s public universities. Faced with a smaller budget than they expected, the university representatives had to decide how to close the gap between budgets and revenues created by the new state budget.

The budget signed June 9 by Gov. Jeb Bush allowed universities to change 2.5 percent more for in-state students. This fall, she’ll pay 8.5 percent more to send her sons to UCF.

Barbara Lewis sat outside Millican Hall on Friday with her three sons, all of whom attend UCF. She’s a teacher for the Palm Beach School District, and she knows all too well the pains of a school stuck with less money than it asked for a situation UCF now faces. Lewis just heard some bad news. This fall, she’ll pay 8.5 percent more to send her sons to UCF.

Earlier Friday afternoon on the third floor of

Huddleston upholds policy setting 2.5 GPA for leaders

DANIEL HOLBERT
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Bringing an end to lobbying by student groups that opposed the rule, Tom Huddleston, UCF’s vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, has upheld a new policy requiring those in campus leadership positions to have at least a 2.5 GPA.

The students who recommend changes to UCF’s code of student conduct, known as the Golden Rule, further hoped to exempt Student Government Association officials from the requirement—which was raised last spring from a 2.3—but also were denied by Huddleston.

Most public universities in Florida require student leaders to maintain only a 2.0, the minimum needed to maintain academic good standing. UCF, however, raised that standard for student leaders to 2.5 in 2001.

UCF’s Golden Rule defines those leadership positions as student government officials, officers of active registered student organizations, members of department-sponsored groups and members of university committees.

Huddleston approved the change to 2.5 to boost academic performance. The change original ity was recommended by the Golden Rule Review Committee. Former Student Body President Marco Peda subsequently objected, saying that very few students actually were aware of or voted on the

FCC vote loosens ownership restrictions on media companies

PATRICIA XAVIER
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Criticism of the Federal Communications Commission continues to grow after the FCC’s three Republican commissioners approved a vote earlier this month to relax media ownership rules.

The new regulations, which will remove strict limitations on newspaper, media and radio companies, have many worried, including professional journalists, that a few large companies will be left to control what the general public hears and sees.

UCF Associate radio-television professor George Bagley said the new regulations will have countless implications for both the media and the public.

“This raises critical questions about diversity of ownership and prints of view and the so-called ‘marketplace of ideas’ that the press and broadcasting are supposed to facilitate,” he said.

With more concentrated ownership, there will be fewer voices that possess the power of the electronic and print media,” he said. “Fewer voices, fewer ideas. If you only have three owners in a market of eight.

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Students charged for fatal dorm fire

Two students were arrested and charged with starting a dormitory fire at Seton Hall University, injuring 53 others. Another Seton Hall student was charged with hindering the investigation.

After a three-year investigation, an Essex County grand jury charged Joseph T. Lepore, now a student at the University of Delaware, and Sean Ryan, a senior at Seton Hall, with arson, speech, murder, mail fraud, and other charges in connection with the dorm fire, which took place on Jan. 19, 2000. The two students were accused of draping poster paper from a bulletin board over a couch in a lounge area and purposely setting it ablaze.

Lawyers for Lepore and Ryan deny the charges.

Ryan’s lawyer, Michael Bubb, says his client “has denied the allegations in the beginning and he continues to deny it.” Lepore and Ryan are in jail, with bail set at $2 million apiece.

The third accused student, Santino Cataldo, who attends Seton Hall, was charged with witness tampering, giving false statements to police officers, and obstructing the investigation. He could not be reached for comment.

The deadly fire has already brought attention to the issue of fire safety on campuses. Some officials say it led other colleges to install more sprinklers in dormitories, and it led some states to propose laws making sprinklers mandatory in college dorm rooms — although some of these laws stayed once the memory of the Seton Hall fire had faded.

Apartment fire displaces 25 students

Smoke-filled embers in a charcoal grill on the balcony of a second-story University student apartment ignited a fire that destroyed at least 25 students’ homes and caused $200,000 in damage.

Inspectors who looked at the Campus Club apartments after the fire found several violations — operating grills on the combustible wood-frame balconies and disconnected smoke detectors in several apartments.

Eric Malesick, of College Park Communities in Pennsylvania, which manages the apartments, said it was his understanding that residents of the burned apartment had a charcoal grill and disabled their smoke detector, both violations of their lease.

“If these facts are true, we will hold them legally and financially liable for the damages,” he said.

Three apartments had significant damage and two others minor damage. Other residents have been allowed to return to their homes. About 25 tenants were forced out of the complex.

University fires coach for gambling

The University of Washington fired its men’s basketball coach, Rick Husband, after he admitted betting more than $8,000 in a pool on the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s men’s basketball tournament over the past two years.

Husband has been a controversial figure at Washington, having led the Huskies to the 2001 Rose Bowl but having been banned by the NCAA for violating recruiting rules.

Hispanic population flourishes on campus

More than 3,200 Hispanic students call UCF home

Natalie Rodriguez

Senior Juliet Trivino chose UCF because “it’s close to home.” The 20-year-old Colombian Dominican is just one example of the flourishing Hispanic student population at UCF.

Last year UCF realized 200 births among institutions that awarded the most bachelor’s degrees to Hispanic students, according to the Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics. UCF also ranked 21st in授予 the most master’s degrees to Hispanic students in 1999-2000.

If it’s not coincidental that UCF has attracted such a large Hispanic population, especially since Orlando has one of the fastest growing Hispanic communities in the nation.

Hispanics make up 4.6 percent of the Orlando metropolitan area, according to the 2000 Census report, and almost 11 percent of the UCF student population is composed of Hispanics.

“It’s like Little Puerto Rico up in here,” said senior Danny Cardona, a 22-year-old Colombian Hispanic.

While Orlando’s Hispanic identity may be one reason why Hispanic students decide to pursue an education at UCF, José Fernandez, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, believes UCF’s efforts to recruit minorities is another reason.

Hispanic students at UCF face this fall.

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Supporters say old FCC guidelines are outdated

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TV stations instead of eight owners, that’s a severe limitation of plurality,” Costain said.

Under the FCC’s new regulations, a TV station owner can own up to 25 percent of households, instead of 35 and allows TV duopolies and triopolies in the largest markets.

The new guidelines have eliminated a restriction that prevents mergers between TV and radio companies and ended a ban on one company creating a newspaper and a broadcast station.

In a similar move in 1996, Congress loosened ownership restrictions on broadcast stations. As a result, Clear Channel Communications has expanded and become more than five times larger than its competitors.

While the deregulation was designed to update rules that have been in effect before the existence of cable television — media companies say the changes were needed in order for them to grow — critics like UCP radio-television professor Gene Costain warn that the new regulations will cause major consolidations and reduce media diversity.

“It’s the political and cultural residue of the last 30 years of deregulation — a rather bland mainstream, that in effect says media should be treated like the local sewage factory,” he said.

“What is lost here is that the airwaves are supposed to be owned by all of us, not smugness for the weekend barbecues; but something essentially absolutely necessary to continued health and democracy,” he said. “It also means business principles reign supreme over about all other considerations in this society — a sad commentary, but a longitudinal trend in America.”

Supporters like Viacom and Fox have already financially benefited from the FCC decision. After the vote passed, Fox stock rose about 4.7 percent.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell and other supporters of the rule say the new changes are not dangerous to democracy; the rules have only been updated to fit an era where more media outlets exist. From cable to the Internet, those in favor of deregulation believe the old regulations were simply outdated.

“The increase doesn’t bother her. This is not a complete deregulation of the media,” Powell told ABC’s This Week. “There will be rules and restrictions. Everything that a media company would like to do is not going to be permitted.”

But consumer groups, lawmakers, religious organizations, the National Rifle Association, 256 of the nation’s leading academics and 75,000 before opposing the decision indicate that many are not convinced. Neither is Bugley.

While some suggest that cable, satellite systems and the Internet allow people to get their information from diverse sources that don’t necessarily broadcast over publicly owned air waves, Bugley said many of those alternative information sources are owned by traditional media companies as well.

“Check out the holdings of Viacom and you’ll discover that they are vested in both cable and traditional broadcast media, as well as other sources,” he said.

“People continue to get their information from traditional sources regardless, like broadcast evening news in their local market,” he added.

The other danger of relaxing ownership rules, Bagley said, is eliminating an outlet for minority voices.

“There’s always been concern at various levels that we find ways to allow minorities and women to own media outlets so their voices could be heard,” he said. “With reduced ownership rules, it will be more difficult for those entities to have their voices heard, since only large businesses will be able to afford the purchase of a media outlet in any large population center.”

Costain warned journalism students in particular should be aware and levy of the new regulations that will inevitably reduce diversity in the media.

“This is a direct assault on our democracy,” Costain said. “People from the far right and far left both agree on this, and points to the vertical integration in the already obviously short list of major media corporations. Government [Radio, Television] will feel the direct impact in the near future.”

Student opinion divided on increase

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money from the state. We were under funded last fall and with 3,000 additional students next fall we have no additional funding for that growth,” Gray said.

Student opinions were divided over the tuition increase.

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SGA leaders hope to set own requirement

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Interfraternity Council, said he knew of some who will lose a leadership post because of the change but that many Greeks, including himself, came down in favor of it.

O’Rourke said getting involved with the Greek system actually improved his grades—a benefit that students banned from leadership posts will never experience.

Felin, a senior who has a 3.0 GPA, said limiting student involvement is anti-democratic. For example, even though all students pay the Activity and Service Fee, only those with a 2.5 GPA or higher now will be able to hold leadership positions on campus, which recommends how those dollars are spent.

Felin also said the change penalizes students who might not have the best grades but still have leadership potential.

"There’s plenty of people who can be great leaders on this campus who wouldn’t have a 2.5 but would always get by in school with a 2.0 or 2.4 who are never going to have the ability to build their leadership in college," he said. "Some of the best things that you can learn are outside the classroom."

He added "If you don’t happen to be smart enough to get a 2.5, but you’re smart enough to score in UCF you [now] can’t participate in any events as a leader."

Huddleston says SGA members aren’t independent of the student body and should be subject to the same regulations that other students face. He added that the impact to the current SGA leadership would be minimal. He said he could count the number of leaders who wouldn’t qualify under the new standard "on one hand."

Huddleston said always be somebody who doesn’t qualify (according to the 2.5 standard), but that’s clearly the minority," Huddleston said. "Even if we were at 2.5, there would be people who don’t qualify."

SGA Attorney General Marcus Fernandez said being eligible to attend UCF should be enough to qualify any student for a leadership position. "If you’re eligible to go to school here, you should be eligible to be involved in all opportunities," Fernandez said. "He said students come to the university for an education, but education doesn’t necessarily take place exclusively in the classroom.

Huddleston agreed that extracurricular activities are an important aspect of college life. "But general scholarship cannot be over looked," he said.

Having a good academic record will make students better than leading a club or organization, Huddleston said. "I think [students] will find the employers will put greater importance on the grade environment of the individual," he said.

Felin conceded that academic work is the most important work students will do. "That’s why we didn’t make a big fuss about it when they moved it to 2.5," he said. But a 2.5 requirement is too much, he added.

Athletes on NCAA-sanctioned teams at UCF are eligible to compete after achieving only a 2.0 GPA. That means they can get by on lesser grades than athletes who assume leadership roles in UCF-recognized club sports such as crew or wrestling, for whom the new campus requirements apply.

Huddleston said sports standards are set to match NCAA guidelines, but Fernandez countered that the university could add additional requirements.

Current Student Body President Brian Battles said the 2.5 GPA will prevent many students from seeking leadership positions.

Fernandez said about 2,500 students have GPAs in the 2.5 to 2.5 range.

"With a number that big," Battles said, "you’re bound to lose some good leaders."

Fernandez said the gradual increase in GPA from 2.0 in the past three years concerns him. He said most schools require only the 2.0, although the University of Florida also requires its student leaders to take 12 credit hours per semester. UCF only requires six credit hours. Students with below a 2.5 GPA who seek leadership positions still can request an exemption. According to the Golden Rule, those students can submit a written appeal to the Eligibility Appeals Board through the Office of Student Activities, Appeals are due within two weeks of the first day of class for a semester.

Fernandez said a referendum on the issue is being planned for election time. He also said that SGA officials will work on an effort to allow SGA to set its own requirements.

Football coach confessed to numerous violations

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Barbara Hedges, Washington’s athletics director, said at a news conference that the coach is on paid suspension but can appeal to her before June 26.

Neuheisel admitted to reporters that he had placed the bets with a group of neighbors, winning more than $12,000 in the two-year period and donating most of the proceeds to charity.

Such gambling is not legal in Washington, but the NCAA forbids athletes, coaches and athletics department personnel to bet on sports. NCAA investigators met last week with Neuheisel to discuss the situation.

It was not their first trip to Seattle. After an investigation last year, the NCAA penalized the University of Colorado at Boulder for recruiting violations that occurred during Neuheisel’s time coaching the Buffaloes, and he was banned from off-campus recruiting at Washington for the 2002-3 academic year.

NCAA officials had accused Neuheisel, who has a law degree, of trying to "out-smart" the association’s rules, a charge he did not dispute in a hearing on the violations at Colorado.

Neuheisel denied earlier this year that he had spoken to the San Francisco 49ers about their vacant head coaching position, but he subsequently admitted that he, in fact, had. Washington’s interim president, Lee Huntsman, said Neuheisel that further unsanctions would not be tolerated.

The NCAA and the Pac-10 Conference will now conduct their own investigations of the matter, and may impose further punishment on the university and Neuheisel.

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Recruiting, retention efforts boost Hispanic enrollment to 11 percent

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One of UCF’s programs that informs and advises Hispanics and other minorities is the Multicultural Academic and Support Services — aimed at increasing the retention of multicultural students through different services and programs. Their retention programs include services such as Freshman Success and Transition Program and Reclaiming Education Achievement through Communication and Hard Work — programs designed to help minority students who are on probation.

Another service, the Scholarship Retention Program, notifies minority students of scholarships, internships and employment opportunities. "MASS is a home away from home," said Ana Marrero, an office assistant in Multicultural Academic and Support Services.

Other reasons why Hispanics may choose UCF for their higher education experience is because of the openness of the university."UCF is a Hispanic-friendly environment," said senior Robert Funes, 22.

Tribuna said social organizations such as the Hispanic American Student Association also help attract Hispanics to UCF. While UCF’s outstanding location and its recruiting efforts have been successful in attracting more Hispanic students, A.J. Range, assistant vice president of special programs in Student Development and Enrollment Services, said the improving quality of UCF’s academic programs are another reason why the Hispanic population is booming as much as the general student population.

What we’re doing in this university matters," he said. The programs that are attracting the most Hispanic undergraduates are Nursing Leadership and Management, Registered Nurses to the Master of Science in Nursing program, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

The most popular majors among Hispanic graduate students were curriculum/instructional foreign language, science education and victim assistance.

"Being Puerto Rican, I’m very proud; it’s nice to see that there’s a large amount of Latinos because it shows our talent," said senior Jorge Principe, 23.

While UCF’s Hispanic enrollment ranks the top in the nation, Fernandez said UCF must continue to aggressively recruit and implement retention services for minorities.

"Our ranking shows that we have made great strides and progress in attracting Hispanic students and graduating them," Fernandez said. "But we cannot become complacent, we need to work harder in attracting not only Hispanics, but other minorities."
Opinions

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OUR STANCE:

GPA requirement needs second look

UNDER this spring changed its mind on what makes a good leader: edging up the minimum GPA required of students in leadership positions from 2.5 to 2.5. The move was designed to make student leaders role models both for leadership ability and academic prowess. Students affected include Student Government Association officials, Everglades organization officers and officers of officially sanctioned campus clubs and organizations.

Though there is no formal basis for the current standard of 2.5. It sits above the "average" 2.0 GPA, but how high a GPA role model should have is entirely arbitrary. The GPA of student leaders may set a positive example, but only for those students below a 2.5. If 2.5 is good, why not make it 3.0, or even arbitrary numbers.

There are plenty of students with better GPAs who can't lead their own lives, let alone those of their fellow students. That a student with a 2.5 average and excellent leadership skills can't be SGA president is nonsensical.

The requirement is also inherently antidemocratic. As former Student Body President Marco Peiia said, this type of requirement doesn't exist in American politics. There are no literacy requirements or other income requirements to run for public office. As long as you're a citizen you can be a senator, a legislator, and for natural born officers, a president.

Likewise, as long as you're a student, you should be able to lead your fellow students. Anyone with a 2.0 GPA who is admitted to the university should have a chance to lead, if they're so inclined. An arbitrary standard shouldn't decide who's capable — the students are more than able to do that themselves. It's called voting.

Reverting to the 2.5 GPA requirement UCF officials would put the school at odds with state schools.

UCF would remain apart from the standards of other schools with its credit hour requirement, though. The school only requires a student to take six credit hours per semester to take a leadership position, making it possible for non-traditional students to get involved. Other schools typically require full-time status of 12 credit hours.

UCF has made the right decision maintaining this requirement, as it acts like the residence requirement that state and local elections require.

Though it is somewhat arbitrary as well, having a minimum amount of involvement in school makes sense. Setting the GPA above 2.0 does not.

If UCF's administration fears that bad leaders will get elected or appointed and muzzle the students if the GPA requirement is lowered, they should prove it. If there is a positive correlation between GPA and leadership ability, show it. Otherwise, there is no need for a standard that was picked for no other reason than to set it apart from the standard for all students to maintain good standing.

OUR STANCE:

Healthy Forests Initiative only helps loggers

Last month the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill called the "Healthy Forests Restoration Act," which President George W. Bush has touted as an environment-sensitive piece of legislation aimed at saving homes from forest fires while saving old trees.

Environmental groups once again have found themselves at odds with the Bush administration, over a policy they see not as environmentally sound, but destructive and dangerous. The Sierra Club and Wilderness Society have both criticized the bill, favoring a proposal designed to allow logging on private land, and specifically outlawing old-growth logging.

The new bill has been widely criticized as a thinly veiled attempt to increase logging in national forests at the expense of the environment.

Along with the increased access for loggers, the bill, if it passes the senate, will reduce the environmental considerations federal land managers need to make, eliminating a provision currently requiring the examination of alternative strategies.

The problem with this sparsely-dubbed named bill is in the logic. The bill allows loggers to strip away fallen and young trees that proponents of the bill say contribute to dangerous wildfires and threaten older, taller trees. They're supposedly doing this to protect homes from fierce wildfires fed by the smaller and dead trees.

Wildfires are a natural process that performs the same function, clearing the forest floor periodically to prevent fires. These periodic fires don't kill the older, stronger trees, which in turn natural defend against a fire.

Lawmakers from western states prone to wildfires like California, Oregon and Utah have criticized the bill for indirectly protecting homes from fire, rather than simply cutting away brush and trees stands near homes.

The bill is a flawed program if it's designed to help forests. It's a flawed program if it's designed to help save homes. It is a perfect program if it's designed to help loggers, and it's wrong.

Letters to the Editor

This letter is in response to education officials' ideas to make mandatory FCAT testing for Florida college students.

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FAT testing waste of time at any level

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Speak your mind

Are coaches destroying the integrity of college sports? Throughout the past year, at least four college coaches have been fired for improprieties ranging from placing bets to fixing athletes' grades. Despite the fact that athletes continue to be involved in violations far worse than many coaches, most athletes remain unpunished for their actions.

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Big East preparing for BIG CHANGES

UCF is one of many teams fighting for a spot

BRET HART
ELLE WHEEL

Hurricane season is almost upon the nation. As everyone knows, hurricanes are known for making some incredible waves. However, no wave compares to the formation of University of Miami Hurricanes and some of their Big East counterparts making. Along with UM, Boston College and Syracuse have all but been indoctrinated into the Atlantic Coast Conference as part of its new expansion.

This past week the Big East revealed a list of potential candidates to replace these teams, should all pending lawsuits fail. According to a plan already under consideration, the Big East would invite three new teams, with Louisville, Charlotte and Memphis being the early front runners.

ESPN college football analyst Andy Kalis reported that while these teams are leading the charge, UCF and cross-state rival South Florida are making a massive push as well.

The University of Miami, Boston College and Syracuse University are all preparing to snap out of the Big East Conference and into the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Please see UCF on 12

Rising through the Major League system

ASHLEY BURNS
STAFF WRITER

In the recent Major League Baseball draft, with pitcher David Torres because the 2003 UCF player drafted since 1969. The New York Mets, however, saw very little time on the mound in 2003, but might not have anything to worry about if trends continue for UCF pitchers.

Since the start of the 2003 baseball season, three former UCF pitchers have gained high amounts of attention and recognition from all around the league. While only one pitcher is starting in the majors, two are hot on his heels and will most likely make their first appearances before the season's close.

The most infamous Knight in Major League history is, and will probably be for a long time, Mike Maroth of the Detroit Tigers. The starting pitcher has garnered continuous sympathy and respect so far this season as he keeps on pitching his heart out despite a 1-11 record as the Tigers' ace.

Maroth was drafted in the third round of the 1998 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox and later traded to the Detroit Tigers. The fiery left-hander looked promising in 2002 after he was promoted from the legendary Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens. As a Hillsbrough native, Maroth went 9-4 in 11 appearances and boasted an earned run average of 2.38.

In 21 appearances as a Tiger last season, Maroth finished the season 6-19 with 21 appearances, while pitching a hefty 128.3 innings. His endurance and velocity of pitches were all the Tigers needed to bring him up.

While the pitcher's record has taken a beating this season, it is not his game that is to be faulted. The fierce pitcher is sporting a 5.32 ERA, but is managing to hold opponents to a .254 batting average and only 11 home runs. The problem for Maroth remains in the form of the Tigers' lineup, which has produced less than two runs of support per start for him.

With 70 innings pitched in 14 appearances, he has shown that he can be a valuable asset to the Tigers. The Skinny hurler is expected to make his first appearance before the season's end.

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COMMENTS

Bearing the burden of punishment

Double standards are creating coaching crisis

A healthy portion of the college football world has been buzzing for most of the past year with the Neuheisel/Prioo affair. Former Washington coach Rick Neuheisel recently became the fourth NCAA Division I-A coach to be fired in the past year for impure actions. Neuheisel joins Alabama's Mike Price, Georgia's Jim Hickey and Iowa State's Larry Eustachy in the increasing line of college coaches making horrific mistakes for their teams.

For the better part of 2003 and 2004 the national discussion has been whether these coaches are getting the punishments they deserve.

First and foremost, if players are going to continue to get away with violation after violation, then the coaches should get a free pass as well.

While fans watched the firing of Iowa State's head coach, the contract wasn't fired by Iowa State; his contract was bought out because of his drinking problem.

A man's career was ruined because he attended a party at Missouri and took a few pictures with drunker friends. Meanwhile, two Mississippi players made close to $1600 worth of long-distance phone calls on a stolen access code and simply received probation.

Rick Neuheisel had a little tendency to lie, but more notably received his pink slip for participating in a betting pool for the NCAA basketball tournament.

Neuheisel was fined $25,000 from his neighboring bookie, but his driver's license was not revoked for using his car to transport the betting pool. Yet Bobby Bowden can keep playing stupid and pretend like he has no idea that his star player and top assistant are betting thousands on college football.

Harrell, unlike the others, deserved to be reprimanded for his actions. Harrell paying $800 for a plane ticket for a play-
LeaderShape involves living in a state of possibility, making a commitment to a vision, developing relationships to move that vision into action, and sustaining a high level of integrity. Effective leadership takes place in the context of a supportive community and results in positive change.

From May 4th - 9th a group of 20 UCF student leaders participated in the first Florida LeaderShape Institute at Camp Kalaqua in High Springs, FL. These students each created a vision for change, please hold them accountable and help make these visions a reality.

Establishing a mutual, working relationship between UCF and the Orlando community. - Abby Birch

To build a future that UCF's SGA becomes a community away from home on campus. This community will be a campus life hot spot. - Peter Cimino

Help prevent and defeat obesity and other body image related issues. By developing more outreach programs at UCF and one - on - one sessions with clients. In the future, more programs for children's fitness and keeping physical education a part of children's school day. - Danielle Darling

To create a way for children in low income families to travel, experiencing diversity in their state, nation, and world. - Kathrine Dilley

I would like to bring the organization Helping Every Little Person (HELP) to UCF in order to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children in the Orlando area. - Mary Chris Elfett

To promote a positive image of the SGA at UCF by informing the students of activities and services offered in order to improve the moral of student life. - Jennifer Helman

My vision is to improve the overall quality of the community so that RA's become passionate about their jobs, and work in teams, and residents have positive role models to look up to as well as understanding rule enforcement. - Chris Joseph

I want the Office of Intramural Sports at UCF to create a relationship with all the Florida universities, colleges, and community college recreation departments to hold extramural events throughout the year. - Felipe Olvera

I want to create a consulting program for fraternities and sororities, focusing on positive changes and leadership development. - Ryan O'Rourke

I want all types of students, undergraduate, graduate, exchange, multicultural, athletes, greeks, RA's, and from branch campuses to be involved in SGA. Although everyone has a chance to be in SGA, the fair opportunity is not there. - Kevin Ortiz

I want to create campus wide school spirit at UCF. I plan to do this by uniting and providing guidance as well as aiding current organizations and sports marketing positions around the university. I plan to create a committee dedicated to helping hite spirit of our school. This committee will create new traditions and help promote our university with in the community. - Jenny Peppers

To create environments in which young children feel confident, comfortable and intelligent in order to provide them with the opportunity and skills for a successful and bright future. - Ashly Ramsey

All clubs and organizations will initiate and become involved in community service in the Orlando area. This will help with the collaboration of the club members and the community's perception of UCF students. - Julie Reeves

For UCF to become a school of promise. This would create more connection with the Orlando community and change the students thought on why they are involved in organizations. Eventually, I want every school to follow. - Kevin Robbins

Provide leadership development and enhancement that will enable UCF students to be involved in campus organizations and the Orlando community. - Theresa Stevenson

Helping to give people the skills, will, and desire that will empower them to be the change they want. - Joshua Wagoner

To involve all the clubs at UCF and make them one big group that works together. To make lasting and valuable friendships through the unity and community. - Jennifer White

LeaderShape was funded by Student Government Association, LEAD Scholars, Recreation and Wellness Center, Office of Student Activities, Housing and Residence Life, Counseling Center, and Student Health.
Florida is not far behind. In fact, according to the Orlando Sentinel, *USA Today* recently startled everyone by placing Florida as the very close fourth place in the replacement invitation list.

"In college basketball, it's a season of promise for UCF," says John Eustace, director of athletics at the University of Central Florida. "Unfortunately, while Eustace and his son are being investigated for their mistakes, 25 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa players still can't play because the players are not "emotionally fit." If a player's career wasn't over before getting a woman pregnant, then the coaches shouldn't receive termination.

Mike E. Hackett, director of athletics at the University of Central Florida, is considering the possibility of adding the school's marching band to the ACC's list of future partners. The band, which includes over 200 members, has been invited to participate in the ACC's annual football parade, scheduled for next year.

"We're looking into the legal implications and potential financial benefits of becoming a full ACC member," Hackett said in a statement.

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**UCF is in line for ACC invite**

**4 college coaches invite in one year**

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Arnold lighting up the behind teammates Roy Halladay and Cory Lidle

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Waves, Kennedy, a retired pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, was in fine form with one save in ten games this year.

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**TRINA PRIORE CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

When editors of the fashion world joke that "beauty is pain," they don't normally intend real physical harm. When college students dress to impress, discomfort is a trade-off.

"When it comes to fashion, no one cares what it feels like," said Greg Hollett, 20, who admits that his extremely large jeans occasionally cause him to fall or stumble.

Though a person may express their individual freedom through their clothing style, students question if certain dress attire and necessities should be banned, and not by the fashion police: Hip-huggers, loose earrings, baggy jeans, high-heeled shoes and other raquetant trendy styles can cause serious bodily harm.

"You have to deal with issues of fit and fashion," said Ida Coach, a UCF sociology professor. "There are lots of people on the cutting edge of trying out new ideas and experimenting with new trends.

But some of these "new trends" just happen to induce poor circulation or potential safety hazards. Tight, low-rise pants can cause tingling sensations in the thighs and increase-circulation problems. Stephanie Shepard, medical assistant to Orlando Primary Care physician Thomas J. Barnes, said that extremely tight pants can eventually injure the hips by nerve interference.

As many students choose to sport the form-fitting pants, they turn to thick underware to remove visible pant lines.

"When you look at shops and start seeing more infections than other types of lingerie because the thin strips of material often cause bruising, which Shepard says can lead to irritation."

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Trendy attire can cause serious bodily harm.

Wider back, cotton panel thongs allow the best air circulation and absorption.

And sometimes it’s not what students are wearing that causes concern, but the season they choose to wear something in.

"I've seen people wear miniskirts outside when it's freezing, and they just don't seem to care," said Hollett. "They're simply slaves to fashion.

A year-round fashion trend for any Florida resident, however, is a good pair of flip-flops. While they provide feet with air circulation, this well-liked footwear may later cause damage.

"Cheap flip-flops, especially the high ones, can be horrible for your feet," said junior Melissa Garzner, 19. "My feet don't have much of an arch, so if the shoe can't mold to fit right away, my arches get incredibly sore.

Shoes with high heels can also harm feet by inflaming and shortening the tendon between the calf and heel, which results in chronic pain in the ball of the foot. The fashion-able, pointy toe shoes can cause nerve clusters or contracting toes.

The "best type of shoe for the feet in a wider, flat-soled shoe," said Larry Langford, a physician assistant at the Student Health Center.

In addition to causing internal damage to the foot, platform heels restrict a person's balance and coordination.

"People just don't care if the things they wear harm them. People nowadays, especially college students, just so
Flip-flops do not provide feet with needed support

FROM PAGE 14 much importance on how we look," Drenells said. "How many times have we gone to the mall with the intention of buying something comfortable?"

Even accessories intended for educational purposes has proven harmful for the body. Slung across student's shoulders are the stylish, large, bucket-like bags with room for books, supplies and then some. Consistent use of heavy shoulder bags, however, can shorten muscles until they become weaker and less flexible.

"Carrying those huge backpacks on one shoulder could potentially damage the neck or back," Langford said.

Additional fashion accessories soon may need their own warning labels.

Barratt pierced his ear cartilages a few months ago to spice up his style. "When I first got my cartilage pierced, I couldn't sleep at night because it hurt so bad," he said.

Chokers — true to their name — are hazards for both children and college students. "Those things are so hard to adjust," Garner said. "A few times I've tied them way too tight, and didn't notice until someone told me my neck was turning red.

Cook added that unusually long fingernails prevent some women from getting jobs, because the nails limit a person's ability to type or perform various other office duties.

Although Langford said that extended use of certain items could eventually harm the body, he doesn't view the majority of student's fashions as anything to worry about in the near future.

A breeding ground for future CEOS, college are also the fashion trendsetters of the nation. Cook says that fashion choices represent a student's personality. "That is the basic principle of fashion fades," she said. "And universities are a great place to see those things happen."

Larry M. Langford, PA-C
07 Student Health Services

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The pressure across the patellofemoral (knee cap and thigh bone) joint increases and a painful friction is produced with each step.

The good news is that this is very seldom a severe problem. The treatment consists of anti-inflammatory medication (ibuprofen, Naproxin or aspirin) and continued exercise. I recommend cycling with the seat up high and at a low resistance.

This can be alternated with other activities such as swimming, leg extensions and straight leg raising.

These exercises strengthen the inside of the quadriceps and thigh muscle to counteract the lateral pull from the increased quadriceps angle.

I also recommend applying an ice pack to the knee after exercise if the knee is sore. Six to eight weeks of modified exercise should bring improvement in your symptoms.

Occasionally a patellar stabilizing brace is needed and is worn during exercise.

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