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In the fall, summer or spring, there are dozens of activities and events at the University of Central Florida to help you lead your transition to campus life go a lot more smoothly. This is the purpose of "Future," the weekly student newspaper available in print, online and in digital formats. The "Future" is the official website of the Student Government Association (SGA) and an integral part of the University of Central Florida (UCF) student experience.

Inside each issue of "Future," you'll find news articles, sports reports, entertainment updates, and more, all available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can find future articles about UCF and other issues for the whole campus, including the central florida Student Life (CFL), and upcoming events such as lectures and workshops. You can also access the student newspaper, "Future," through the website www.ucf-future.com, which is the official website of the Student Government Association (SGA). The "Future" newspaper is a tool for students to stay informed about campus news and events, including University of Central Florida (UCF) news, lifestyles, sports, and entertainment. In addition to the website, you'll find movie listings, online polls, and an official members' service directory for UCF's student government associations. The "Future" is available in print, online, and in digital formats, and you can find it in your local campus newsstand, library, or online at www.ucf-future.com. You can also find "Future" in print, online, and in digital formats, and you can find it on the website www.ucf-future.com. You can also find "Future" in print, online, and in digital formats, and you can find it on the website www.ucf-future.com.
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If the past is prologue, these headlines from last year may hint at what's ahead for UCF.

In the past school year, the UCF community saw the city of Orlando divide on gay rights issues, students gather through a network of clubs in financial aid efforts, the UCF president, nearly $300,000 raise and a provost battle to keep her job.

While students were less forthcoming, and sometimes even misinformed. A student was killed by a truck while at Orlando Beach, another student was apprehended by police officers for scribbling on the clothes all in a reaction period, UCF trustees accepted a $15 million endowment to the university.

The following were part of the story of the future that shaped the present year at UCF:

**UCF Rhodes Scholar Named**

With an announcement in January, Fisher Fisher became UCF's first Rhodes scholar.

The English literature major from Tallahassee is one of 21 winners of the prestigious scholarship, which pays for the education of students at Oxford University in England.

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Spring Break, it’s an ideal place—no way—instead of class. Luckily, Orlando is not a far drive from campus, and boasts four popular beach options throughout the year.

Although Daytona Beach is well-known and popular during Spring Break, it’s an ideal place to visit almost anytime of the year. Daytona is renowned for its more than its beaches. Each area goes in for life for visitors and locals.

Beach. It’s a great place to surf, it’s near and far from the coast, and are prepared to offer petitions throughout the year, surfers and rent surf boards for Jon’s—professional surfers say the waves are a surf landmark and one of the most exciting places to surf in the world.

Orlando offers several beach options throughout the year. Many of its beaches are located at the University of Central Florida, CityWalk. It’s the most affordable option for students and locals. Orlando’s most popular beach is Kelly Park.

What kind of local festivals offer entertainment?

The weekend has arrived, and you have no plans. No parties, no sporting events, no football games to watch on TV. You’re stumped. You may have no idea what to do this weekend, but you don’t want to hear Romeo and Juliet. Fortunately, you can still enjoy the nightlife in Orlando. Orlando offers a variety of local festivals offer entertainment.

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What are the closest places to go if I like:

• Hip hop?

For all you Hip Hop lovers, Coconuts is located on 10th street and is a slam dunk atmosphere. “The Flipper” at The Flipper on Friday nights is the place to go.

• Latin?

If you are in search of a Latin spot hotter than J-Lo’s “Glad”, then swing on over to The Cuban Club. It has some of the most affordable prices in town, but brewers are always encouraged.

• Beer Battered Onion Wedges?

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Jazz fans will want to check out the very best jazz radio station, WMFE (90.1 FM).
If the mood is setting, don’t turn the radio off yet, because WMFE also airs various music shows.

The beer-and-wine only club features a spacious downstairs lounge and a wine bar with a cozy atmosphere.

The downtown area also houses the

To find out more about these and other great places to hang out, check out the

Where can I find good art galleries in Orlando?

If you’re looking for fine art, look no further than UCF’s Art Gallery in the Visual Arts Building. Each month the gallery showcases a different artist’s work, including emerging artists and UCF professors. The Gallery at Avalon, on Magnolia Drive, also hosts exhibits featuring local and regional artists.

What are the cool radio stations to listen to in Orlando?

Consider yourself warned — radio stations in Orlando offer a wide variety of music, from country to rock, punk to jazz. If you’re not sure what station you want to listen to, try a few different ones to see which one you like.

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DATES:
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4. STUDY TIME AND OTHER MINE CONCERNS
5. SHARING OUR STUFF (COMPUTER, STEREO, DVD PLAYER, FOOD, ETC.)
6. HOW TO GET HOLD OF ONE ANOTHER IN AN EMERGENCY
7. DOOR TEMPERATURE, HEAT/AC, WINDOWS OPEN ETC.
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It turns out—I'm a freshman—and whatever your bank account shows, tuition and housing costs have sucked you dry.

Getting a job may be nice, but it's even nicer when you don't have to worry about the budgeting game. Here's what some students said when asked this burning question: "What do you regret spending money on during your freshman year?"

"Turing and I spent way too much on beer and junk food."—Ashley Garett, 21, student, nutrition counseling.

"I wish I had put more money toward the gym and the library."

—Jessica Moulton, 19, student, nutrition counseling.

"I bought some speakers, and it turned out to be a waste."

—Mark Pegan, 22, student, liberal arts.

"Books, because you don't need half of them."—Melissa Tedeschi, 18, sophomore, undecided.

"Beer, that's why I'll need to go to a fifty-year reunion. Not to mention, I regret paying for all those cheap textbooks I bought!"

—Chris Spence, 22, junior marketing.

"Dining hall food is terrible. I wish I had spent $2,400 a year, and it was my way."

—Tara Norris, 19, student, nutrition counseling.

"Sorority fees."

—Edward Johnson, 18, junior nutrition counseling.

"Greenpeace."

—Nick Mauro, 22, student, nutrition counseling.

"More, more, and more videos, because DVD's become a lot better!"

—Justine Williams, 18, student, nutrition counseling.

"The meal plan, because they had the same thing every day."

—Jen Steiner, 19, junior, marketing and advertising.

If you need to see a doctor when the Health Center isn't open, where do you go?

Whether you fall down, the statue or come down with the flu, you have a few different options when the Health Center isn't open.

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Where are the best used CD stores in town?

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Teams hope to dominate again in 2003-04

Fans, athletes and coaches expect a year like last one

BY ASHLEY BURRS

UCF athletic teams now have new kids in town to replace the seniors who graduated last spring. The Knights will have a new head football coach, new athletic directors and new team leaders in the 2003 season.

"It's a new chapter for UCF," said John Schaefer, the new athletic director. "We're in the process of retooling the program to make it competitive at the highest level.

Head Coach KirkCAPTAIN-Captain Jimmy Taylor led the Knights to an 8-4 record in 2002, but he left to take a job at Southern Mississippi. UCF has brought in a new head coach in Bill Kitson, who has a 12-15 record in two years at North Carolina State.

Safety quarterback Ryan Schader also left to take a job at Southern Mississippi. Schader was the Knights' starting quarterback in 2002, and he led the team to a 7-5 record.

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We, the current Student Government Association leaders, are devoted to continuing the traditions of student excellence. We believe the primary responsibility of SGA is to offer the programs and services that you, the students, want. Our mission is to make SGA a valuable resource for the student body by increasing services to students in the area of campus life, by becoming your voice for student concerns, and by creating an environment conducive to learning, mutual respect, individual and collective achievement, acceptance and understanding. The following is our plan of action to complete this mission by offering programs and services in the areas of UCF Community, UCF Academics, UCF Awareness and Advocacy, UCF Campus Services, and UCF Athletics and Traditions.

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- Lobby for More NCAA
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The Student Government Association is the chief student organization. We are the voice that represents all students interests and concerns. Another main duty of SGA is to allocate a 10.5 million dollar Activity and Service Fee budget which facilitates student programs and services.

Student Government consists of three branches, the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Together these branches work and serve on behalf of students to preserve their rights, fight for student concerns and provide the services that students want. The Student Government Association provides the following services:

Safe Ride - a free cab ride home with Yellow Cab Co. within a 15 mile radius of UCF. This service is intended for UCF students who find themselves in a dangerous situation. Safe ride vouchers are available at the SGA ticket center inside the student union. Pick one up today!

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The Who's Who at UCF publication - this is a scholarship program that awards $50,000 to UCF's 100 top students. A magazine is also created annually that features the Top 100 students and biographies that is distributed to Fortune 500 companies, local and regional businesses, graduate schools, and to local, state, and nationally elected officials.

SGA Ticket Center - located in the Student Union, the SGA ticket center offers discount tickets for Orlando attractions and movies. These tickets include admission to Universal Studios, Sea World, Medieval Times and Regal Cinemas, all at discounted prices. The Ticket Center also distributes free Safe Ride vouchers.

Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center - Both of these facilities are completely funded by SGA including their operations, equipment, and maintenance.

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Now that you’ve moved to UCF and you’ll probably be here for a long time, you might as well register to vote. If you haven’t already done so, visit orange-county.voters.gov. It’s a very important decision, one that up until now, you should have exercised the American Right to Vote.

No matter where you live, the Orange County Clerk of Court or election office can provide you with the information you need to register, vote, or update your registration.

If you live in Orange County, there are several locations where you can register to vote:

- Orange County Clerk of Court’s Office
- The Student Union Center
- The Orange County Library
- Any Orange County post office

There are plenty of good opportunities to visit the library, so take advantage of them! You’re bound to find your perfect study spot.

Where do I get my driver’s license?

So you’re wondering where to get your license? The library basement also offers a natural study habitat. Safety and Motor Vehicles offer students a spirit of preventive peace. The library is open 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Safest and most efficient way to get an affordable price

Many UCF students choose to get their fall and extra passes for the year by driving down to the Student Union Center, usually during fall semester. Students can also choose to purchase additional passes, including fall-only service for $60 or fall-only service for $85.

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The 2003-'04 UCF was first for the 10th time in its 10-year history. The UCF finished tenth last season, behind Florida in the SEC, but tied them in 2001, then ending Kentucky's string of eight consecutive national titles.

The UCF's board of trustees recently approved $6.2 million in new funds generated in the past year to increase for at least the next two years as a result of the new building, budgeted at $5.7 million, to meet the demands of a student population that's projected to reach 40,000 by 2005.

The remaining dollars will fund renovations at the existing center. These renovations will be completed by this fall. Construction of the new building, which will be began at the soonest facility, will start in June 2004, with a scheduled completion date of September 2004.

The new facility will have one or two full-time physicians, a sports medicine doctor, a dentist and some part-time specialists such as orthopedics or dermatology.

In addition to the $10.5 million, about $2 million more came from sources other than student fees. For example, the student government's budgeted $2.7 million in the state of Florida's budget, but only $2.1 million for the 2004-05 school year. The student government also cut its office expenses from $50,000 to $25,000.

The $6.2 million is needed to meet the needs of the student government, which was designed to allow students to save the Bright Futures scholarship.

The win was Florida's first in the men's championship in January. PLEASE SEE PAGE 26.

UCF's head coach is John Talley, who was voted unanimously in March to spend $6.5 million to renovate the recreation and wellness center, which was designed to allow students to save the Bright Futures scholarship.

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Ultimately, 200 students did choose to fork over the money and by the end of the evening, 7,000 students had piled into the theme park, making "Universal 8616LE the largest gathering of UCF students this year.

Many students were disappointed to find that the park's most popular characters — Hurling Dragons, the Hulk and Dr. Doom — closed at 11 p.m., one hour before the advertised end of the event, because of an Orange County noise ordinance. Others complained the lines were a long time waited more than an hour to get into rate war during the four-hour event.

Cutting the cord

Come 8616LE, UCF will become a completely wireless campus, allowing students to access the Internet without plugging in their computers virtually anywhere on campus. Better yet, the access will be free.

The Senate announced $180,000 to help fund the wireless plan, these funds will also be added to the already spent $90,000 UCF Central Information Technology and $800,000 added by UCF will chip in the remaining amount, about $600,000, to install the $120,000 wireless network.

The wireless infrastructure has been in the works for three years. Joel Hoffmeister, vice president of information technology and Communications, and the university officials, have touted this past year to new students because the four-campus system that has so many students access have proved to be slow and inefficient.

Wireless Internet access is already available in the UCF Library, where laptops can be checked out, and in the Student Union, where wireless computer stations allowed students to setup laptops for online voting during the SGA elections.

Once the wireless system is in place, students will be able to access the Internet free of charge after registering on the UCF network the same way students plug in the cord numbers to watch these two

Physics of superheroes

Philosophers, by Michael Bierut

Michael Bierut's class assignments aren't exactly conventional. Last week he read three chapters of a book titled "The Science of Superheroes." His class discussion centered around the work "Superman: Next week his class will watch "Superman II."

Most would agree that those topics have little relevance in a physics class, unlike the class is Physics of Superheroes.

From watching classic Hollywood movies such as "Superman" and "Superman II" to reading, his class also picks "Davinci's " and "32i. the students take notes to discuss and analyze the film's scientific side. The students choose several specific scenes from each movie to critique and consider if the physical elements are valid.

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Your college years are your opportunity to shine. You are now a part of the team; find your niche and leave your mark at UCF.

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The 2003 UCF Orientation Team

O-Team Mission Statement
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**New role SGA?**

SGA is made up of three branches, the legislative, executive, and judicial. Together these branches work to serve the student's rights and needs and help promote community.

The legislative branch is composed of 52 senators who are elected each fall from a specific college and serve one year terms. The Senate has the power to pass bills and pass legislation that affects the student body.

The executive branch includes the president and vice president, as well as many appointed directors. The executive branch is under the chief financial officer for the Senate, and directs over other service areas such as technology, public relations, pride and traditions, community affairs, legal and finance, and more. The executive branch is the president and vice president. Both the Senate and the executive branch are supposed to be in line with the Constitution, which both workers are sworn in as student body president on May 8, along with Joseph Manley.

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Interfraternity Council
Fall 2003
Fraternity Recruitment Schedule

Fraternity Recruitment Kickoff
Pick up a registration application and learn more about fraternity life at UCF.

Date: Tuesday, September 9th
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: UCF Arena

Fraternity Recruitment
Ask questions, define time commitments, financial obligations, and learn about membership requirements. This is a great time to meet people and get acquainted.

Date: September 10th-13th
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: Greek Park & Lake Claire

For more information contact:
IFC/Greek Council at 407-823-2072
Mark Lim, IFC VP Recruitment, 407-375-2306, email: ricepapa32@aol.com
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OSA has got it all

BY LAURA WALTRIP
Assistant Director of Student Activities

Want to get involved with student activities on campus? The Office of Student Activities (OSA) provides environment
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UCF's fraternities and sororities: The start of a lifelong experience

BY RYAN O'DRISCOLL
PUBLISHER

It is safe to say that few collegiate experiences exist that can match the excitement found in a fraternity or sorority. With 41 national fraternities and sororities, UCF's award-winning Greek community offers something for everyone. At UCF, fraternities and sororities provide students with a unique opportunity for leadership, personal development and involvement. As a new student to UCF, you may be asking yourself several of the following questions:

"Will I succeed academically?"

"Will I be able to get involved in campus organizations and better my leadership skills?"

"Will I be able to prepare and network for a career?"

"Will I feel like just a part of the campus community (or just a number)?"

Fraternities and sororities fulfill personal and campus involvement needs. They are not limited to being social organizations, but can also be involved in academic success. In other words, students who formally join Greek organizations have a chance to achieve their goal.

Greek life is an exciting venture and can offer a chance to make new friends, enjoy fun events, gain leadership skills and have the opportunity to achieve academic or personal goals. Fraternities and sororities have a role in your educational program and your entire college experience.

Fraternity and sorority life can personalize your UCF experience and provide a home away from home. After all, 3,600 members can't be wrong.

What is fraternity and sorority life all about?

Unfortunately, many people have incorrectly portrayed fraternities and sororities. They never would have survived for more than 200 years and would not continue to exist at UCF if they resembled the images projected in pop culture.

To put things in perspective:

Fraternities and sororities have been at UCF since 1971 — when UCF was still called Florida Technological University. Before CIs and DIOs were invented, beloved cell phones existed and before UCF had a football team.

Scholastic achievements

The UCF Greek community continually encourages scholastic achievements in other words, students have to maintain certain grade point averages in order to retain their active status in their organization. The average GPA of fraternity and sorority members is 3.2 GPA. In the case of fraternities, the average GPA of fraternity members is 3.0 GPA. Fortunately, students who formally join Greek organizations have a chance to achieve their goal. Greek social life helps make college life enjoyable.

UCF's fraternities ··

From volunteering in community programs and iClouds and CDs, were banned by members of fraternities and sororities, the national headquarters of each organization have a leadership conference and provide programs where students can learn a variety of leadership skills. Attend members play an important role in advancing membership and leadership opportunities for Greek organizations.

Community service

Community service is an important aspect of fraternity and sorority membership.

From volunteering in community schools to raising money for charities — the American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Florida Children's Hospital — UCF's fraternities and sororities are at the forefront of helping people.

Last year, they completed nearly 10,000 hours of community service, raised $100,000 for charity and have collected more than 100,000 pounds of canned food and 5,000 pounds of canned food. For many students, the

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"From the outside looking in you can never understand it. From the inside looking out you can never explain it."
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Did you know?
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30 percent of all U.S.卒uates were Greek
40 percent of all U.S. Supreme Court justices have been Greeks
30 percent of fortune 500 executives were Greeks
20 percent of today's most powerful and influential Greeks are women

Greeks make up only 5 percent of the U.S. population

The Greek system has always been a leader in identifying and supporting organizations that are dedicated to the development of college students, especially in areas such as leadership, service, and personal growth.

Scott Hamilton-Chairman/CEO

UFC's chapters recognize that having no place in their organizations. UFC has a proactive, positive policy and works with national and chapter numbers in an effort to provide a positive and rewarding experience. Most new members are encouraged to get involved with chapter activities and are not "brought" to students. New members simply attend weekly meetings and get involved with chapter activities that provide a great way to meet new friends.

Dates to remember
Newly-reco rded deadlines are at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the Pegasus Hall, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28. Greek, Enact, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which oversees the seven historically black Greek organizations, will tentatively take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5.

Are fraternities and sororities worth it?

Are you looking for opportunities to stretch your abilities, meet new friends, and challenge yourself? Fraternity and sorority life is for you.

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While certain values, rules and procedures are very much a part of Greek life, it is our organization, tradition and values that members respect. Individual talents, interests and accomplishments. A Greek is difficult to stereotype, and we love what you bring.

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How do I get involved?

The best way to become involved is to get contact for the fraternity or sorority of your choice. Contact of any sorority or fraternity chapter by telephone or visit www.greeks.org

There is no obligation to join a fraternity or sorority by registering for recruitment.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPC) is the umbrella organization of 20 historically black Greek-letter organizations and Diversified Greek Council organizations have recruitment at different times of the year. Typically, National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations hold intake processes twice a year and traditionally become involved after their first semester.

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Whether or not you decide to join a Greek organization, recruitment is a great way to meet people and get accustomed to life at UCF.

For additional information, call the Greek Council Office at (407) 823-6972 or visit www.greeks.ucf.edu.

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How can I expect my life to change from high school to college?

Welcome to UCF, now Gold- en Knights. This is new to everyone. You may be wondering how your life is going to change over the course of the next year.

You will start by getting to know your new peers. They will guess that you are a freshman if you act like one. This is not high school; don’t try to be cool or worry about what other people might think. Be yourself, have fun and get involved.

By the time next year you will look back and realize how much you have changed. You will know your way around campus and will have discovered the best places to hang out.

You will have formed a close-knit group of friends. Most importantly, you will have realized that being a legal adult does and should mean you have grown up.

You may not be your family’s favorite now that they have to account for you. Ideally, you will also realize that college really isn’t about the social scene, but truly an investment in your future.

But while we’re on the topic of the parents, here’s some advice on relationships and dating.

Relationships in college are usually more serious than they were in high school... and can easily turn much more serious out of the blue.

Be tricky. We both your parents very important to us. A bad rumor is as you share your bedroom stories, but your parents don’t need to know. Here’s some advice: Don’t tell your family your boyfriend’s name and don’t allow your parents to call him.

What are the pros and cons of living on campus?

Ah, the burning question: why should I live on campus? Well, here’s the truth about campus dwelling.

For starters, you are finally free to do your own thing. You might not have to worry about finding a place to stay if you decide to live on campus, you will have access to things you might not have otherwise.

If you decide to live on campus, you will have various advantages, such as guaranteed parking. Also, you may not have as much homework, but you’re going to be fighting for parking without it. It’s possible to go to class at 7:30 and have your parking spot be empty. It’s always a good idea to wake up before 6 a.m. to beat the crowd.

Living on campus means that all of UCF’s resources will be at your fingertips. The computer labs, the bookstore, the gym and the library will all be within walking distance. You’ll also have more time to spend with friends. Sometimes who you are or the person you are with makes a difference between classes. You may go to the bookstore to pick up a book for your next class or to go back to your dorm.

But the biggest advantage to living on campus is the social opportunities it provides. Every on-campus dorm floor has a resident assistant who will organize social programs for the students. Also, the Greek community offers opportunities to get to know students from other sorority or fraternity.

However, if your parents live nearby, you may want to weigh the benefits of living off campus.

There are some things that you need to consider when choosing where to live. First and foremost, housing options vary greatly. Some on-campus housing options are truly rare for the average college student. On-campus residing won’t get you a lot of those.

Even if your parents are paying you rent, you may want to consider that you could save on rent and other necessities by signing with someone during your first year of college. So, you may have the freedom to be responsible for your own bank account, as well as finding a place to watch your own TV. Also, there are no roommates — no one will accidentally blow you out of the water when you’re sick.

Regardless of where you decide to live, your first year is sure to be your best. But whatever you do, listen to your parents and base your decision on what you think will make you the happiest.

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How do I use my UCF student ID?

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Victim Services provides comprehensive support for individuals who have experienced violence or abuse. Services include:
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Why is my adviser important?

Advising is a vital part of your academic journey. Your adviser can help you:
- Choose the right courses
- Plan your schedule
- Meet deadlines
- Stay on track for graduation
- Navigate the advising process

Your adviser is an important resource for you. They can help you reach your academic goals and make your time at UCF successful. Visit ucf.edu/advising for more information.

How do I get the most out of my UCF experience?

Make the most of your UCF experience by:
- Attending classes
- Participating in extracurricular activities
- Exploring campus services
- Making friends
- Meeting with your adviser

By making the most of your UCF experience, you'll be able to achieve your academic goals and make the most of your college years. Visit ucf.edu/studentlife for more information.

How do I get involved on campus?

There are many ways to get involved on campus. Visit ucf.edu/getinvolved for more information.

How do I study effectively?

Effective study habits are key to success at UCF. Visit ucf.edu/academics for more information.

How do I stay safe on campus?

Safety is a top priority at UCF. Visit ucf.edu/safety for more information.

How do I make the most of my time at UCF?

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Access to a computer is also needed to sign up for any of the many intramural sports offered by UCF. Intramural Sports offers sports such as basketball, softball, racquetball, football, dodgeball, floor hockey, and weightlifting — just to name a few.

Last year, UCF hosted 35 sports competitions during the school year. Even more students are now offering intramural sports activities.

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You can gauge which league is best for you according to your seriousness, skill and affilations.

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NOTE: We are intramural sports signs around campus, don’t hesitate to sign up.

WHAT ARE SOME OFF-CAMPUS WEEKEND ACTIVITY OPTIONS?

As the weeks go by, your first year, you will want to see UCF and have the chance to explore some activities with numerous activities for all activities.

Downtown Disney, Universal Studios Orlando, and Point Orlando all offer various attractions. You can visit an evening at any of these venues watching a movie or a comedy show, hitting a sporting event, or just dancing it all off at the end of the night.

Downtown Orlando also offers a more affordable atmosphere. Visit one of the many great places such as the All-Play on 11th Ave. Enhance your knowledge at museums like the Orlando Science Center or stroll along Lake Eola and watch the fountain performances and shows.

For an active daytime activity, strap on your skates for an afternoon of ice skating at the RDV Sportsplex. Or play a round of miniature golf at Pinet's Cove on International Drive.

If you’re a people-watchin' and shopping, take a trip to Walt Disney World shopping center, the Theme Park Mall, Orlando premium outlet mall or the Mall of Millenia.

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On a campus with over 250 clubs and organizations, and a student government that is responsible for allocating over $10 million in student activities each year, there's something for everyone here. It's easy to find something to be passionate about!

You might be interested in being involved in student government. If you like politics, public speaking, or the arts, student government might be the perfect place for you.

There are several ways you can get involved with the Student Government Association, located in Room 214 of the Student Union. Each fall, the student body elects committees to conduct various campus services. The elected leaders appoint their own subcommittees.

The legislative branch oversees the student senate, which is composed of the student body president and vice presidents, who are elected by the student body each spring, and their cabinet. The two elected leaders appoint their cabinet members.

The executive branch oversees the student senate, which is responsible for student issues at the university. Student senators can be appointed for two years if they maintain an average of at least 2.5. They may also be reappointed for three years if they maintain an average of at least 3.0.

All students are invited to attend meetings of the student senate. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Union, room 210, except during winter break and spring semester.

The judicial branch upholds the SGA constitution, hears members who are appointed by the student body president. They judge the student body officer and senator elections.

If politics isn't your thing, you can still get involved. Use your knowledge to help others! Joining a club on campus can be a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, or express your creativity.

Come to a meeting or an event and see what it's all about.
of college life and life in the working world.

These aspects include scholarship, leadership, community service, social life, athletics and student involvement. Members have the opportunity to set up study and interest groups with their fellow students or other members who are in the same major.

Most student leaders at UCF are Greek, and they are often named Homecoming King and Queen. Other well-known Greeks include varsity athletes, Marketing Knights, UCF dancers, LEAD Relations, Dance Lab, SLAM and Call Officers, Orientation Team members, cheerleaders, Honor Societies, the and UCF Student Union.

These aspects usually lead to several engagement opportunities, both on and off campus. It takes trial and error, patience and time management to find a balance between work and school. When you eventually learn how much time everything takes, you will successfully find that balance.

Imagine that it's your first day of classes at UCF and you've reached your first right with no more than some month. You are now in your first college class. But as it turns out for many approaches, reality kicks in. In all of sudden, you realize that you have one or not break. What do you do?

First, do not panic. There are no known cases of UCF students who were in the same position. Next, look in the university options — college is a new start, so do the things that are important now. This is the best way to begin your college career.
O-THEM

O-Team member Justin Porter leads incoming freshmen on a tour as part of their two-day Orientation experience.

BY JUSTIN PORTER

"...And the worst part was when I instructed you to..." said Porter.

I never expected those words to come out of my mouth but after joining OTeam, I realized that anything would happen, including the possibility of fielding college students in school gigs. Most people have no idea what being an OTeamer really entails. I'm about to tell you.

O-Team's journey begins when the SGA opens an application for the position last September. After an intense screening process, several hopeful OTeamers showed up at my doorstep. December day with hacker and admitting me for being selected as a member of OTeam 2006.

Needless to say, I was thrilled. Twenty-one of us had been selected - a diverse group of students from all different backgrounds. The diversity of our team was a truly appropriate representation of UCF's diverse student body.

At the beginning of the spring semester, we attended a workshop for an OTeam retreat. This officially began our commitment to the team and our journey. And one of the most valuable experiences we shared together was the retreat itself. The retreat gave us the opportunity to get to know each other, and to open up to our team members in a way that truly immersed us.

In fact, I found out a bit more than I knew about everyone during several team-building exercises. However, it was some much-needed relaxation and team-building to our already existing social bonds.

The beginning of the spring semester was marked with a weekend break before the end of the semester. Training manuals and several lectures taught us everything from safety issues to campus tours.

On the First Day of Spring break, the OTeam began our summer internship experience. We officially started our summer internships.

Last but not least, OTeamers serve as academic advisors to the freshmen. We work alongside the professional advisors to help students plan out their schedules.

The one inspiring figure who keeps us going, our leader, Joe Ritchie. As director of Orientation Services, he plays a major role in training OTeamers. Along with his assistant directors and graduate assistant, he has established the standard training and continues to lead and inspire our freshmen to be the best they can be.

Although we work hard and spend long hours preparing, it is an unforgettable experience. As a part of the OTeam, we are given the opportunity to help our students and their families, as well as our OTeamers.

By JUSTIN PORTER

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