SGA Senate approves $50,000 for another student party

Republicans also get $4,000 to invite ex-wrestler as speaker

HEIN A. DE VRIES

The SGA Senate said OK Thursday to a $50,000 request to bring a former WWF wrestler to speak for the main concert and other events for the annual Celebration, an unusually expensive series of events.

“This is a celebration of achievement and service rather than a Greek-letter (celebra­tion),” Gould said.

The event, which would take place April 2-4, includes the event at Wet ‘n’ Wild that would be open to all students, and a concert featuring a yet-to-be-announced national act. To pay for the event and other small ones throughout the semester, SGA senators unanimously voted on the $50,000 from the SGA speakers fund.

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said Nick Mordell, chairman of the Senate’s Organizations, Appropriations and Finance Committee.

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A new HIV test has led health workers in North Carolina to identify what is so far the first outbreak of the infection in the state’s history.

The test, which can identify the infection much earlier than current testing methods, is not currently available. But health officials say they have been looking into it but diagnosed only one new case of the virus in the past few years.

In the North Carolina study, 84 college male students aged 18 to 30 were found to carry HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, in testing conducted between Jan. 1, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2003. Two of the men were tested in 2001, 17 in 2002; 27 were tested in 2003; and 38 in 2004.

The study was made using a test, which is based on technique known as polymerase chain reaction. The PCR technology has been used since 1989 by the nation’s blood banks to detect and identifying of HIV-infected blood. However, it has never been used as a means of identifying the HIV-infected individual. The test, which can screen large quantities of blood, is taken in 10 minutes a time, said Dr. Lisa Hightower, clinical instructor of infectious diseases at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Blood samples from each individual were given blood volunteer for HIV testing to produce and then analyzed. The batches that give a positive result are broken down into groups until the infected blood sample is sequenced and identified.

A significant feature of PCR testing is the fact that it can detect HIV in the blood Nikki to 14 days after infection, said Dr. Philip Chen, medical director of Cogentx Laboratories in Central Florida. By contrast, a much wider test detects blood volunteer for HIV in the product and then involved. But the test for HIV has yet to be fully validated and used in the U.S.

For patient confidentiality, UCF health officials cannot say how many cases of HIV or have been reported. PCR test results between January 2001 and January 2003, which covered 84 people. 260 females and 320 males -- were tested. The initial test was negative for all.

According to UCF health officials, the accuracies of the standard HIV antibody test — the standard HIV test — ranges from 95 percent to 99.6 percent depending on the test, although the tests do not detect the infection in its very early stages.

Despite its ability to identify the HIV virus at early stages, the PCR test failed to detect one major drawback. It is not 100 percent specific to the HIV virus, which can yield false positive results. "One of the reasons the PCR test is not commonly used, other than the issue of cost, is that there is some concern about the rate of false positive results," said Dr. Michael Dutcher, associate director of UCF Student Health Services. Similar viruses can produce the same result with HIV and cause concern for an individual who is not infected with HIV, he said. For individuals at high risk for HIV exposure, however, the PCR test can be run in conjunction with the standard HIV test.
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V-Week: Music, shows and solidarity

Theo du Boulay

The slate event this week is a deliberate effort to involve students, most of whom are away from campus after the spring break. Preston said. A downtown march and Candlelight Vigil kick off at 7 p.m. E-mail hint, "cybersessions continue to gather more information.

Students also welcome a chance to participate in the " Clothedlier Project," or to share their thoughts what Preston called "a symbol of solidarity" or to share their thoughts. Preston is to 5 p.m. Wednesday, when February 10th, the experiences and emotions of survivors of violence will be displayed on clotheslines in front of the Student Union. Different color shirts will represent different types of violence. For example, pink represents rape, blue represents survivors of sexual and incestuous abuse and nude represents women who hope to represent death as an ultimate result of violence. A workshop is available for those who want to make a shirt, either by themselves or with someone they know about violence. The program is unfunded," Preston said. She said, "You can read about the process that go on throughout the course.

The production of The Vagina Monologues, which was released on campus this week, was produced by Victim Advocate Kent Nola. "It's a way to remember people that women are powerful," Nola said. It continues.

UCF students will perform the play and recite writings by "Vagina Warriors" who fought the battle to end violence. A students-only event was held on Friday in the Student Union's Pegasus Ballroom, under the name of Rumble. Stories are $5.50 for students with ID. Students, faculty and staff are invited to support them.

Dr. Chen added that this method is developed before the test can be put into practice. Dr. Chen said that the EPA can be staged to gather such information, each student has to be tested, which will break that confidentiality.

"Most students don't get tested on campus, so their results won't be included in their report," Maddox said. Some people even get confused when they try to avoid contact with any UCF personnel. It is difficult to gather information on the crooked or trolled areas such as a university campus.

At UCF students can have a chance to do the test at the Student Health Services. The Student Health Center offers confidential testing, through which the results are recorded in the students' health records. Students do not have to tell the rest of their lives.

Students can get tested for HIV at the Student Health Services. The Student Health Services continues to provide Onyx testing for only 815. Onyx is an aid test that takes a sample of individual's saliva. Dr. Chen explained that this method is less invasive and less expensive, although it is in fact approximately 2 percent to 3 percent more accurate than blood serum testing.

The Student Health Center also offers the Onyx test in addition to the Onyx test. Students can either have their results in one to two days, or can take a similar, more expensive test at the Rapid HIV test and get results in only twenty minutes. Dr. Chen said that the Rapid HIV test is 99.0 percent to 99.9 percent accurate. None of the 100 percent, which can lead to false positives. Colleges also provide education and inform­ation resources to the students body "REACH Peer Educators on campus to assist anyone on a one-on-one basis, or to classes setting dealing with various college health issues including but not limited to the bisex­ual response, suicide, designer drugs, alcohol, body image, self-esteem and women's health and birth control options." said Tanya Crespo, coordinator of health education, REACH Peer Education.

Ask a doc

JAMES E. SCROGGS, M.B.

I have often wondered if I have ADHD. MyOops, are OK, but I feel that I did something wrong. If I can't solve it so comfortably and easily while I studied.

Attention-deficit disorder, also referred to as ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder), is the most common, pervasive, disruptive behavior in childhood, and often persists into adulthood. Approximately 50 percent of children with ADHD continue to have problems into adulthood. ADHD is a neurophysiologic disorder defined in behavioral and associ­ations and is significant to many areas of social and academic development, and self-esteem. People with ADHD are hyperactive, have difficulty concentrating, have frequent episodes of inattention and are easily frustrated most of the time. Even when they try to concentrate, they feel that it's hard to pay attention to a particular subject, they lack motivation in organizing things, listening to instructions, remembering details and controlling their behavior. As a result, people with ADHD often have trouble getting along with others in school, work and home.

There is a lot of attention given to the diagnosis of ADHD in children, but as much is known about the way ADHD affects adults. There is a growing awareness that adults; there are usually signs that they have brought attention for adults.

There are no statistics available regarding the rate of ADHD incidence in the United States. There are some estimates of the number of people with ADHD in the United States. One estimate suggests that 5 percent to 7 percent of school-age children have ADHD, but this estimate is not based on solid research. It is estimated that 5 to 10 percent of children are affected by ADHD, but it is not clear how many adults are affected.

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Patriot resolution handed final defeat

...for the Senate. The first 12,000 SCF students will be admitted for free from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Island's Advance event expires and improves upon a similar event last spring when 7,000 students were admitted for free but several hundred more were turned away outside. Students complained then that they were turned away in the last two hours of the event.

The expense for the former event was required by the College Republicans. The group named it the Wyoming, whose claim to fame is beating Bush for the World Heavyweight Championship during a WTO protest in the late 1990s and early 2000s, to speak at UNC April 12 about conservative issues. Students opposed the $4,200 budget to fund its appearance by a vote of 60 to 59.

In other Senate actions, the G A F A n d C W A n d M , which will take place March 31 in the Student Union's Peppermint Ballroom, was awarded $30,000 for its event.

Messengers, the student adver
ing and public relations club, received a $2,057.66 budget for its annual Knight Images Trends event on April 3. The event honors students for work they submit to categories such as writing, photography and TV productions. The Knight Images Awards have been held for three years and received more than 50 entries this semester. This is the first time in the park.

The much-discussed Patriot Act resolution, which was passed 37-2...
Don't let apathy spoil round two

The journey to the Student Government Association presidency is a long one for the American people. For the Americans who are going to vote for one candidate versus another in the upcoming presidential election, the path to the White House is a long and arduous one. The candidates have been vying for the presidency for months, each trying to gain the support of the American people. But with the election just a few weeks away, many Americans are beginning to lose interest in the campaign, and a sense of apathy is spreading across the country.

In the past, presidential elections have been characterized by a high level of interest and engagement among the American people. However, recent polls suggest that this year's election is shaping up to be different. A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that only 44% of registered voters plan to cast a ballot in the 2020 election, a significant decline from the 56% who said they would vote in 2016.

What is causing this decline in interest? One possibility is that the issues facing the country today are complex and difficult, making it hard for the average American to understand the stakes. Another factor could be the sheer amount of information available to voters, which can be overwhelming and confusing. Whatever the reason, the decline in voter interest is a concern for those who believe in the importance of an engaged citizenry.

But there is hope. Despite the decline in interest, many Americans are still passionate about the issues that affect their lives. They care deeply about the future of the country and are determined to make a difference. The challenge is to find ways to re-engage these voters and get them to the polls on election day.

In the end, the success of the election will depend on the ability of voters to come together and make their voices heard. It is up to all of us to take an active role in the democratic process and ensure that our voices are heard. Only then can we hope to build a better future for our country.
The Bible is truth to "Science versus religion" [Reader Views, Feb. 16]. I have two things I'd like to say.

First, the author stated, "The longer a scientific theory is able to stand up against challenging theories, the stronger it becomes." The scientific theory of evolution has stood a long test of time, and is in this case, proving a better explanation.

Second, it occurs to me that the "theory" of creation tallied on the Bible has stood the test of more evolution than it has "accepted" evolution. I find it interesting that the times major sociological beliefs or theories have been disproved, the current theory which replaces the old one lines up with the Biblical description of our universe ["Christology has scientific support," Reader Views, Feb. 12].

My second point deals specifically with the Web site also of the author "Science versus religion" and his view of the Bible as nothing more than a story.

I have visited the Web site, and like the designer of the site, I have read the entire Bible, from cover to cover, straight through. Most of the so-called contradictions and problems he raises can be very easily dispelled. With some effort, all of them can be dispensed. If someone wants to email me at allconsuming_fire@hotmail.com, I will gladly explain to you these fallacies.

Also, the Bible is considered by most scholars to be a more reliable history text than almost any other book. We consider Hitler's Book and The Odyssey to be reputable sources of history, yet only two original texts have ever been found.

Did you know that over 20,000 original texts of the Bible have been uncovered? The Bible is not "full of errors, contradictions and absurdities," it is full of history and truth.

ARMS BENSIONS

Nooses were racist

Came on people -- Black History Month. Did you really think it was wise to have four nooses on the sports front page [Feb. 12]? Is that some sort of subliminal hint? Whatever the case may be, it was not appropriate. Instead of having positive things about black Americans, we have some negative incidents.

This is the best decision of my life. I'm a very educated individual, but I have seen the darker side of human race.

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Women run past both Camels and
Bulldogs

AShley Burns
Sportswriter

With only two games remaining in the regular sea-
son, UCF men's basketball took a step backward in its
track-and-field race with Troy State for first place in
the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Knights (21-4, 12-1
Atlantic Sun) had a four-game winning streak
stretched atop their shoulders out into into the
hands of the Georgia State Panthers (17-4, 12-1 Atlantic
Sun) Saturday in Atlanta. UCF and the Panthers faced
off through the first half, each team hitting almost the
final 15 minutes of the contest. The Knights prevailed 63-61.

Along with the win, another nine points, the Knights
took, their first lead of the game in the second half on a
four-pointer by guard Roberto Morentin. UCF fell behind
again and trailed the Panthers closely until, with less
than three minutes left, UCF forward Josh Budda
gave the Knights their final lead of the game at 56-54.

UCF guard Dexter Lyons had to leave at least
secured overtime for the
points, and for the next two
decades with 14 seconds left in the game, OUC claimed
the victory in the closing sce-

nario. "They're not going to
forward Trailo Gallaway flashed forward, and
in UCF's defense decision narrowly avoided
against the other with the Knights with 06
minutes remaining on the clock.

 Lyons led the Knights with 11 points against GGSU, while
Morentin turned in 18 of his 13
points. UCF entered the game flat
for UCF only combined for
just 23 points. The Knights
recorded a miserable 23 per-
cent in field goals in the first

half but turned
determined defense before the Panthers 32-28 in the
second half.

"Naturally, we are very disappointed, but we never
know what can happen. The
result is not over. We're in
out of the first spot.

AShley Burns
Assistant

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Peters and Talakala weigh in on supporting
UCF student-athletes

AShley Burns

Over the past year, Athletic
Director Steve Orsini hasn't had
an easy job.

He dealt with conference realignments, coaching changes, player suspensions and scholarship violations.

Along with that stress, Orsini also had to deal with negative attention from the media. Right
behind Orsini and his staff was
the student body president.

Brian Battles was in on a number of big decisions, from
determining the amounts of the athletics fee to the hiring of

"I can't imagine a president being more involved than Brian
Battles," Orsini said. "We're try-
ing to go about it the right way, and
UCF has been a part of that. I hope we're doing something
here that the students would appreciate.

With such a strong relationship
between the athletics, the presidency, the student gov-
ernment, the presidential candi-
dates involved in this week's runoff must have a say in
what's happening.

With Peters and Talakala and Kevin Peter in the same
decision when it comes to UCF's
athletics. They both believe that
the programs deserve to be at
the top. They should have sup-
port from the student body and
the Student Government Association.

"It's always for increasing support for athletics here at UCF," Talakala said. "Athletics are very important to the aca-
demic life. The biggest thing is
for more NCAA teams. We're going
to tell me that I'm attacking
other teams. I certainly don't
think, but I'm a sports writer, and my big one is
race.

The fact is when I am dispic-
ing a move, is it 100% of some-
thing that tests the fabric of a
race, but I do know that Peters
intends
"Hey, let's put a noose on the page
and offend an entire
group of people." That's
absurd and insulting. Next you're
gonna tell me that I'm stack-
ung Canadians with today's bear-
ing skis.

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Women run past both Camels and
Bulldogs

Hudson's seven
three-pointers to push
winning streak

MATT DUNAWAY
Assistant

Guard Colton Hudson had
a school record sitting seven-three-pointers in more
27

puties, and the UCF women's basketball team swept Connor Field at 61-33 on Thursday
night.

"What I have been doing
during the off season, but
way on the off shot
's hot hand," Hudson said. "Now I'll
be having a lot of shooters, and that has helped out a
lot."

Colton had a great game, and
really lit it up from the out-
side," UCF Coach Carl
Stieringer said. "They were dou-
ble and triple-teams all over
the floor, and they hit some key
shots from beyond the arc.

UCF (19-12, 6-6 Atlantic Sun) pulled off a 12-12 game
with 10-18 remaining in the first half on a four-pointer
by Tyrese Allen. Allen finished
with a double-double, scoring
13 points and grabbing 10
rebounds.

But Campbell (9-14, 7-9 A-
Sun) came back and took
the next 13 15 the Camels went
on an 8-0 run capped with a
three-pointer by guard Kristin
Vuckovich. Vuckovich came off
the bench to hit six six-

points, closing the lead with
another three, and the Camels
consistently outscored UCF in
the second half to win 62-53.

UCF shot at a 39 percent clip,
the Camels jumped back, and
hit the game at 63. Then
Allen took over and went on an
8-0 spurt of her own, and
UCF was 6-0-3-3 at the

floor, and it was out for the rest of the game.

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Baseball runs Utah road trip

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Utah continued its winning ways against Utah, but couldn't pull of the sweep as the Knights took two out of three games from the visiting Utes.

"The first two games for me were not great because if you can't steal a series like this you're in trouble," UCF baseball Coach Jay Bergman said.

UCF exploded for a season-high 15 hits, scoring 11 runs in an 11-1 rout of the Utes on Friday night.

"Outstanding pitching performance from our pitchers," Bergman said of Friday night's display from the mound.

Senior Matt Fox pitched five and one-third innings to improve his season record to 2-0. Pitchers Brian Brooks and Taylor Moree continued to dominate as Utah does not score off the game, resulting in UCF not allowing to even run all game.

UCF's offense wasn't that sharp, I was able to stop our bats and that helped me a lot," Fox said.

First baseman Ben Rosen went 3-for-4 in the game and neither Cooper and Kevin Richardson both had runs RBI's.

"I was looking for something. The first pitch was a ball inside and then he followed it up with a pitch right in the middle of the plate and I just kept my hands inside and drove it to the right field," Rosen said.

Richardson, who missed the series, said it was a big relief. Coach said we did a good job, so we're going to go home and do a little bit for us," Cooper said.

Things were a lot closer in the second game as UCF managed a 7-6 victory over Utah.

"This is a game we could have easily lost. We didn't play well defensively, but we pitched well enough which got them out, and fortunately we're still making mistakes that are costing us runs," Bergman said. "Early in the season that's part of the deal. It's a good game in win because that was a game we could easily lose here.

With the score tied 5-5 in the seventh inning, Cooper had another big hit, a two-run single with the bases loaded to put UCF up 7-5 for good.

"I felt good up there. I took the right swing on the (pitch) and things have a lot to do with it," Cooper said.

Freshman pitcher Tim Bascom pitched three and one-third innings of relief to get his third win of the season out of the bullpen, leading all UCF pitchers.

UCF shortstop Anthony Meier continued to dominate as Utah lost 5-1 against the Knights.

"I think the ball was good all day, what I looking for right then was just to get on base and make something happen, the guy made a good play I knew it was going to be close to is just fine and it turned out good," Timperman said.

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**Monday, Feb. 23**
12pm CAB Concerts presents "Big & Rich" at the Student Union stage.

7pm CAB Culture and Fine Arts presents Pastry Knights at Natura Tea and Coffee. Sign up in advance in Student Union room 208.

**Tuesday, Feb. 24**
9am-12pm, 3-6pm VUCF Human Rights committee invites you to the Tunnel of Oppression in the Live Oak room.

11am-2pm VUCF Green Ribbon Day will provide information about tissue and organ donation outside the Student Union.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25**
9am-12pm, 3-6pm VUCF Human Rights committee invites you to the Tunnel of Oppression in the Live Oak room.

8pm CAB Cinema presents "Lost in Translation" in Garden Key 221.

**Saturday, Feb. 28**
9am-12pm VUCF event at Second Harvest Food Bank.

5pm VUCF is having its 2nd annual Kid's Knight Out. Meet at Lake Claire to tailgate with children from the Boys and Girls Club before the UCF basketball game.

**Sunday, Feb. 29**
1:30pm VUCF Games with Nursing home residents. Carpool meets in front of Millican Hall at 1:30.