In cold competition, UCF snowboarder gives Colorado a Rocky Mountain low

RACHEL BECK

Students from Florida — home of sun, sand and surf — aren't supposed to shine in athletic competitions held on snow-covered slopes. Certainly they aren't supposed to show up the locals at their own mountain sports.

But that's exactly what happened last weekend when a UCF snowboarder beat Colorado's best and showed up the locals at their own mountain sports.

Adding insult to the upset, the UCF boarder had never snowboarded before.

No state expected UCF to win, and indeed it did not. UCF showed eighth in the snowboarded portion of a multiple event competition called the Energy Challenge, in which engineering students compete using objects consisting of at least 80 percent recycled material.

The required material this year was paper fiber.

Still, their eighth place was the place ahead of the contest from the University of Colorado at Boulder, which is known as 20 miles off the center of the earth.

(The snowboarding contest was sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh — that's Pennsylvania, Gulf — and Colorado, which had to concede their rivalry must really be bad.)

The UCF team, along with the UCF team from the U.S. Army Board of Engineers, was then moved to the U.S. Army Board of Engineers' competition, which attracted teams from 17 universities.

"I'm able to be open up some eyes to what we can do with our waste stuff," UCF team leader Tina Simpson, an electrical engineering technology major, said before departing for the contest.

The others who made the trip included: Andrew Cooper, a mechanical engineering technology major, and Felix Ruiz, a computer science engineering major.

Not only had he never seen snow, but he also had never ridden a snowboard. He spent Friday afternoon taking pre-competitions techniques and passed their paper snowboards' charity.

"They gave me the paper into the mold and the snowboards were finished," he said.

The three UCF students spent the past two and a half months creating their snowboard of 800 recycled plastic bottle tops. They are judged on presentation, a video and paperwork submitted about their board, as well as the race. Not only did the UCF team make it through, they also finished fourth in the competition.

The snowboard was built with less than a dozen pieces of material, all recycled, for about $200. Their original plan was to make it in the competition, but they built the board in the UCF markets because they were out of ideas.

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What people weren't looking for on the first Easter

Instead, people were searching for the body of Jesus of Nazareth. Was he an actual person? Did he rise from the dead? Did he claim to be God?

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Executive branch’s funding cut

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that they’re concerned about spending. I told
them, ‘If you don’t work with me, I’ll
stop by and try to make them aware of what the status
is.’” Bledsoe explains. The Senate wanted Bledsoe to
look for trends and give advice based upon what he thought
was wise expenditures. Bledsoe also gives senators a report
every week on how much money they have spent and
what the budget will be at if they pass everything on their agenda
that night. “I try to make them aware of what the status is.”

Some of the trends Bledsoe noticed included spikes in the
Senate’s distribution of money in February, August and
October. The spikes are easily explained. For instance, in
August the Senate has a new budget to work with. October and
February are key months for clubs asking for money because
November and March are the main months for most clubs and
organizations to attend conferences.

“I try not to get involved in politics,” Bledsoe said. “I try to
make sure we’re on a level playing field ... that no one gets
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**PC thugs wrecked Afros humor**

The current plans don't go far enough. Iraqis need education that teaches them how to hate. The fight to liberate Iraq may be for generations. There are plenty of opportunistic terrorist organizations that can use the current plans to their advantage.

*The Sanford Student News Sentinel, March 25, 2004*

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**Killing stops where education begins**

There are people in Iraq right now who are fighting just to get a meal. Our overseas forces are doing their job to provide security. The Iraqi students who are wearing home games...the media and just about anything to avoid hypotheses, to avoid being offended by everything. The students at this university. His Afro conveys more than a 'tribute' as is continued killing. The current plans don't go far enough. Iraqis need education that teaches them how to hate. The fight to liberate Iraq may be for generations. There are plenty of opportunistic terrorist organizations that can use the current plans to their advantage.

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**Afre comes very close to a 'triumph'**

Walking into the UCF Library last Monday, I glanced down at the Future and was treated to a front-page color photo of President John Hitt能达到 in an Afros wig.

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**Join the easily offended**

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**Chappelle proves racism is alive**

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Every year UCF students enjoy a free night of fun at Islands of Adventure. While I am genuinely happy that SGA provides such a great opportunity, I take another stance when it comes to the total amount of funds spent. Yes, I am going to point out remotely, dry and not fun, but hopefully I will get my point across.

As a graduate student, my views may differ from the larger undergraduate student body. However, in most graduate programs, research is strongly encouraged, if not required. A key thing to do to get our foot forward is to write and submit research papers to academic conferences and meetings. Financial support for the university is therefore crucial.

I was directed to SGA to obtain funding. After completing a financial workshop, attending a committee meeting where relevant questions were asked (even though I spent considerable time to document everything) and making several trips to see the accountants, I managed to squeeze out the $300 approval (the maximum allowed). Three hundred dollars usually covers just the lodging or registration fee. For the rest of the expenses, we are on our own.

We, knowing the cost of the $12,000 Islands of Adventure tickets is about $9,800, there may be a way to flex the budget. I am wondering how the SGA funds are allocated. Probably not based on value-adding activities to the school, when you consider that each piece of research published from UCF by a professor or a graduate student contributes to the reputation of the school academically speaking, and that is what will benefit the students.

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**Brown erupts into offensive power**

Baseball's left fielder tears up Jacksonville pitchers for a sweep

**FRANK MOISEL Staff Writer**

UCF's best baseball season in four years continued over the weekend in Jacksonville, with the Knights sweeping their three-game series against the Jacksonville Dolphins (15-8, 5-10 A-10) over the weekend. The No. 23 UCF baseball team is now 25-5 with a 12-2 Atlantic Sun Conference record.

UCF won the first game 30-4 behind another stellar performance from UCF starter and A-10 "Pitcher of the Week" Kyle Ronu. Sono struck out six Dolphins, the most batters he has ever struck out in his career. Ronu is now 5-0 after going six innings and allowing only two hits and just one extra-base hit. Ronu recorded plenty of run support, with five runs batted in on his left side of the infield.

Chadnew Rose's two-run single to center field got UCF on the board early, giving the Knights a 2-0 lead. Rose added a sacrifice fly in the sixth, and Marshall Thompson added two RBIs. Drake Wade also hit a two-run double in the third.

 Freedman Brian Brooks started for UCF in the second game, giving up six runs in four and two-thirds innings. UCF gave up nine runs, however the Knights' bats kept up 30 runs for the 40-9 win.

One of the keys to the Knights' victory was the team's ability to get the job done with runners in scoring position. The Knights' lineup had 12 hits, with 10 runs and 12 RBIs.

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**A GROWING RESENTMENT OVER AFROGATE**

Fans respond to racial accusations

**ASHLEY BURNS Staff Writer**

What started out as a light-hearted homage to the UCF men's basketball team has now turned into what may be the newest Afrogate.

Responding to the March 29 issue of the Future, in which a photo of UCF President John Hitt donning a synthetic Afro wig in a recent UCF Board of Trustees meeting ran on the front page, Kevin Meehan, an associate professor of English, labeled Hitt's actions as racist. 

Hitt sent an e-mail apologizing to the entire UCF community. In the e-mail, Hitt stated: "As president, I have a long-standing commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. I am strongly appalled by any members of the UCF family and community who may have been offended." 

Caught in the middle of the accusations and name-calling is UCF's men's basketball team. Dexter Lyons, whose trade mark Afro hairdo has tradition­antly been the catalyst for Lyons, however, wasn't offended by Hitt's fake hair. 

"It's a big deal for me to get the Afro wig, it's just to put on an Afro wig," Lyons said. "It was just a club thing." 

while Meehan could not say that. 

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**Stop the insanity!**

The worst thing in sports isn't a hairdo

University of Colorado football player Michael Spence has been arrested on a narcotics charge.

Wearing an Afro wig, Hitt's actions were racist. 

Are we really this bad? In this all I hear to talk about Better yet, is this really the way that we're going to end this season-to memory. 

UCF fans are still banking in the collegiate organs that was this past year's most memorable season. The NCAA Championship game takes place tonight, and I couldn't give a flying flip which teams are in it. The only thing that I think about is how UCF would have matched up against George Tech or Connecticut. 

But no, I can't even take a second to think about it. 

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**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

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**BRIEFS**

UCF's 3-0 upset of Florida State in the ACC quarterfinals has everyone talking. The Knights travel to Tampa to take on the Rollins Men's tennis team and the defense is looking to try something new.

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**QUIZ**

1. I was disappointed in the election results. I always vote for the one that fits my political views. But no, I can't even take a second to think about it. 

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Afro wigs cause wave of controversy

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By wearing the Afro wigs, students were supporting our best player: Drew Dowhower, a member of the Den, said. "We were just supporting the hair that belongs to the home games, and trying to give a little bit extra for the team to feed off and continue the great natured fanfare"

Lastly, many other fans, Moore believes that his attendance of the final UCF home game as well as wearing the Afro wig does nothing more than promote school spirit. "Anyone who saw the picture and read the caption underneath it could not tell that it was not correct," Moore said, "I adequately stand behind that as my public support for Denter Lyons." Moore also believes that this negative backlash does nothing to the Dolphins' public support in the future.

"It's a shame that these things had to come out when Hitt was showing support for the UCF. If anything I think it will make them want to show as much support for athletic programs."

Many other factors have work their positive and negative options to Moore through e-mails, messages, though, has responded mostly through an automated response in which he states that he looks forward to "doing more good work for UCF in the future.

While Moore believes that he is doing good work for UCF, many fans like Dowhower are left wondering why their good natured fanfare has been labeled a racist act.

"I just look at everything as individuals and athletes," Dowhower said, "I never thought about colors. Like I said, I just tried to bring some extra electricity and let them build off of it." Moore is trying to get "done with" racism in America and people not making sense to be racist without even looking into it," Moore said, "It causes a bigger problem than we can deal with."
OSI schedule of events

Monday, April 5
12pm-3pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts presents the band "Four Car Garage" on the Student Union stage.

Tuesday, April 6
10am-2pm UCF Green Ribbon Day on the Student Union Plaza.
Come learn more about organ and tissue donation at the info table.

6pm Knights of the Round Table meeting for Clubs and Organizations in OJ Key West

Wednesday, April 7
7pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts Culinary Series: "Expresso Tasting in Natura Littera and Tea".

Friday, April 9
12pm-2pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts presents the band "Four Car Garage" on the Student Union stage.
6:30pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts presents "Homestar Runner" in the VAB Auditorium.
Meet the creators of Homestar Runner Cartoon.

8pm-10pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts introduces its first FREE event: "Passion's Enchantment" in the Recreation and Wellness Center - the event is free and dress is come-as-you-please.

Wednesday, April 14
10am-2pm Airbrush tattoos outside the Student Union

8pm CAB Cinema presents an outdoor screening of "Land of the Rings" at the mall between UPA and EU

Thursday, April 15
7pm Symphony under the Stars at the Reflecting Pool.
The concert will feature the UCF Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble.

8pm College Night at Florida Music Festival at the Social, Reckler downtown.
Event is free with a valid student ID. Visit cobaltinfo for more info.

Sunday, April 18
1pm VUCF needs volunteers to play games with residents at Sunbelt Healthcare.
A cuidado will leave from Miller Hall at 1pm.

Monday, April 19
9pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts Culinary Series: "Pantry Knights Flamebro Fandiel" at Natura Littera and Tea.

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Hey Strong Bad,
Why don't you come to UCF? Everybody here likes you so much better than the dopey Homestar Runner.
your friend-
Knightro

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Softball strenuous streak to eight

Unstoppable first hit her 34th run of the season as UCF swept yesterday's doubleheader against Gardner-Webb. The Knights (9-6, 3-0 A-Sun) out¬

Kordelia Holmes and Kristina Lohmos both showed Prime Time's offense is still in top gear this season. Holmes hit her 14th complete game of the season. O'Leary's game of the season Kelly McIn¬

Haynes and Dontavius Wilcox were the only undefeated team, as Kilgore and Lohmos were dominant in singles and the duo combined for one of UCF's two doubles victories.

Five Knights were victorious in singles competition as UCF easily slid away with the fordham-Central Florida Saturday. UCF improved its record to 9-8 behind strong singles and dou¬

The UCF's offense is still in top gear this season as the Knights are dominating opponents. Holmes hit her 14th complete game of the season while Kelly McIn¬

Prime Time Players keep their title for the third year in a row.

The USF (22-22-1, 8-0 A-Sun) shut down the Bulldogs (22-22-1, 8-0 A-Sun) in both games. Lindsay Enders improved her record to

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