PERC rules against UCF: raises unfair

PAULA FERGUSON

Purified with the steady rise of gas prices, Florida's Attorney General Charlie Crist subpoenaed eight major oil companies May 25 — launching a formal investigation into the swelling cost of gasoline in Florida. "We must make sure that these companies are not unfairly taking advantage of the public," said the attorney general. "We will do whatever is necessary to protect the public from high gas prices."

Meanwhile, UCF students have come up with their own way to handle the "$2 per gallon gas struggle.""The president of the UCF Senate, David Smith, who teaches finance at UCF, the central issue of the Senate was the way in which UCF chose to hand out raises. The Senate passed a resolution that, "If the raises must be mandated, the Senate believes that a more acceptable way to mandate raises is to let the Senate work with which professional association the raises will be mandated to."

"The president of the Senate did not say why the raises should be mandated that way, in which way it was set," he continued. "He said that the Senate, as the main senate rules, shall have the authority to designate whether decisions are made."

UCF said that theensing officer’s didn’t view the student senate as a valid entity, and didn’t consider it part of a student organization. The president of the Senate agreed that the Senate didn’t have the authority to mandate raises, but that the Senate should have more input on the process to determine raises.

"I'm not saying we should have an additional layer of bureaucracy," said Christiand Smith, "but we should have some input on how the raises are determined."

UCF did not respond to a request for comment.

Requirements for payment of tuition

Payment deadlines for Summer B

April 15: Deadline for Federal Stafford
April 22: Deadline for UCF
May 14: Final due date for payment of tuition.
May 18: Final due date for payment of tuition.
June 20: Final due date for payment of tuition.

are not as clear as one might think. Many students say that UCF didn’t do enough to inform students about the different deadlines. The deadline to pay for Summer B is the only semester that has more than one deadline. More confusing, the deadlines change depending on when a student enrolls. Students who register for classes between May 15 and May 14 will pay tuition on May 15, but not for one class.

"I don’t understand why I would have to pay for one class when I register for Summer B classes, but I had to pay for all my classes when I registered for Summer A," explained a student. "I think that the way UCF handles raises is unfair, and I think that the Senate should be able to have more input on how raises are mandated."

UCF will now be less affected by the "summer slide," a common phenomenon that occurs when students drop out of school during the summer months.

UCF will also be able to add more money to its scholarship funds, which are currently at $100 million. The university is planning to increase the amount of money it gives to students by 20 percent over the next five years.

"I think this is a great step in the right direction," said a student. "I think that it will help more students to afford college, and I hope that it will continue to grow in the future.

The increase in scholarship funds will also help to support the university’s goal of increasing the number of students who graduate in four years. The university has set a goal of increasing the graduation rate to 70 percent by 2020.

UCF will also be able to attract more national and international students. The university is currently focusing on increasing its international student population, which is currently at 5 percent.

"I think that this is a great opportunity for UCF to attract more international students," said a student. "I think that it will help the university to diversify its student body and to increase its diversity."
UCF’s research boom equals big money

“[The high tech jobs are] important for the higher salaries that go along with that,” said the university’s research officer. UCF currently receives its research money from about three different sources. About half of its research comes from agencies, while one quarter comes from state agencies. The remainder comes from private companies. O’Neal also said that the Center for Engineering and Research Innovation, which recently went online, is also going to bring in funds from state agencies.

UCF also has a Center for Research and Education Excellence that will focus on education. The center will bring in funds from both state and federal agencies.

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Livingston General Daniel Biss, Commander of Garrison Command of Joint Forces Command - Canada, speaks to cadets at the University of Central Florida about the importance of sexual assault awareness and prevention. Biss discussed the history of sexual assault, symptoms and warning signs, and the steps to take if someone is in a potentially dangerous situation. He encouraged cadets to be proactive in preventing sexual assault and to seek help if they or someone they know has experienced it. Biss ended his talk by emphasizing the importance of open communication and support in creating a safe and respectful environment for all.

Faculty worry raises on par with Hitt's latest

Truitt added that she hopes that the university's forthcoming UCFA will not only focus on faculty recruitment but also address the needs of students, who she said are facing increased pressures due to rising tuition costs and other financial challenges.

Charges against police

Police charges students over alleged abuse by drunken officers

Police accused of raping 2 women

A series of police officer assaults involving an inebriated police officer have been reported at the University of Central Florida. According to the students involved, the officer reportedly engaged in sexual assault, with one student alleging that he had forced his way into her dorm room and raped her while she was passed out.

UCF charges student maximum fine allowed

Police say student's alleged assault is not enough to be charged with

UCF police charged a student with the maximum fine allowed under the university's policy on sexual assault. The student was accused of raping a female student while she was unconscious and passed out. The university's policy allows for the maximum fine of $10,000 to be charged in such cases.

History of sexual battery in the U.S.

Last year alone, 12,756 rapes were reported, up from 12,093 in 2003. The numbers may be duplicated. According to the National Centre for Victims of Crime, one in three women will be raped at some point in her life. Among college students, the offender is often a fellow student, but the victim may also be a friend or acquaintance.

How do you handle an accusation of sexual assault?

One of the most important things you can do is to stay calm and think about what happened. Don't accept alcohol from anyone you don't trust. If you get drunk, you may not be able to handle the consequences.

The top 5 tips for staying safe during a party:

1. Stay with a friend or group of friends.
2. Know your limits and stick to them.
3. Never accept alcohol or drugs from anyone you don't trust.
4. If you feel uncomfortable, leave the party.
5. Always have a designated driver.

National and World

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State trying to lower gas costs

In the meantime, Crist's state of emergency has been extended until June 30 to respond to the supply shortage. The state must now supply the increased demand, which is expected to continue through the summer.

Crist met with representatives of seven major oil companies in Florida to discuss strategies for lowering gas prices. The companies agreed to work with the state to find ways to reduce prices, including increasing production and reducing costs.

"We need to act quickly to address the supply constraints and lower gas prices for Floridians," Crist said. "Our priority is to ensure that families and businesses have access to affordable fuel during this challenging time."

The state has already taken actions to stabilize prices, such as increasing taxes on fuel and implementing a price-gouging prohibition. However, Crist acknowledged that more needs to be done.

"We are taking a multi-pronged approach to address the crisis," he said. "We are working with the federal government, oil companies, and our own state authorities to find solutions that benefit Floridians."

Crist added that the state is exploring all options, including increased imports and drilling for new sources of oil. He also called for a federal moratorium on fuel exports, which he said is driving up prices.

"We cannot allow the federal government to continue fueling the crisis by shipping oil out of our state," Crist said. "We need a moratorium on fuel exports until the situation stabilizes."

The governor called on Congress to act quickly to implement the moratorium and to provide additional financial assistance to Florida. He also urged the state's independent fuel marketers to work with the state to ensure a stable supply of fuel.

"We need to ensure that every Floridian has access to affordable fuel," Crist said. "We will continue to work with the federal government and our state authorities to find solutions that benefit all Floridians."
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Two bad eight innings drove UCF out of tournament.

MATT DUNAWY
Senior Staff Writer

UCF lost a do-or-die matchup against Troy Friday night as the Trojans scored seven runs to win 7-4. The Knights decided to play their baseball tournament.

UCF looked to take the lead in the second inning as they played a single against the middle, but Matt Maleckie couldn’t get the hit. The center field to get third basemen from the box. After using pitcher Kyle

On June 2, 2001, Kevin Bono was driving his car on the highway when a pack of raccoons ran across the road. The accident resulted in the death of Bono and three of his friends. It was later discovered that the raccoons were infected with a virus that causes a disease known as coxsackievirus. Despite the tragedy, the community rallied around Bono’s family and friends, providing support and comfort during their grief.

The question is whether or not the bats can make the win last. It’s about Dee Brown having a brilliant season at the plate after we topping 63 leading with the wind.
OSU won Big XII Tournament last weekend

Mccarson. That would be the run by designated hitter don't expecting anything only damage done on starter it in the gap clearing the Brown.

The Cowboys used a weekend at the Big 12 tournament were due to poor 8th innings whether it was defensively in the field, or on the mound. In regional play the level of competition is raised and mistakes are magnified, being the difference between winning and losing. We're not got away with against Georgia State and Campbell will give the Knights an early exit here.

The Sunshine State after a 3-0 week come-from-behind 10-9 win to claim its first-ever Big 12 title.

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Knights respond right away against Gardner-Webb

in the second. The bases were loaded after a Timpner single, but Bowers was not at the plate on the mound.

The Bulldogs would stick his second save of the season. OSU's offense was nothing to write home half of the seventh, and opener against FIU. Really made things interesting.

This is the furthest east that Arizona State, but it will be interesting to see how these young Cowboys respond in a road regional environment with three Florida squads.

Knights respond right away against Gardner-Webb

Missed six innings of work with seven scoreless, pitched up his 16th win of the season, and became only the third Knight to reach that plateau. Justin Pope and Ben Arnold are the only other UCF pitchers to have won more games in a season than Fox. UCF responded right away in the seventh, opening with back-to-back singles by Ray and even followed by the back-to-back walks by Bono and pinch hitter Marshall Bernard to push the spread to 6-3.

That's something you would talk about with the players all the time. Bergman. Someone puts something on the board, and you come back to equalize it.

The seventh continued with shrimping Chandler Rose singed to bring home Brown and Bono widening the margin to 8-3, and Bowers plated Bono on another single to make it 9-3.

"I was just trying to get the barrel on the ball, and get some runs around," said Bono. "Coach told us we needed to score a lot of runs, and that was a big spot in the game."

The Bulldogs would stick around adding three runs in the home half of the seventh, and really made things interesting in the eighth on a RBI single by second baseman Blake Lalli to trim the lead down to 9-7.

That's when Bergman turned back the clock, and inserted former closer Kyle Bono from the bullpen.

"It was bleeding out there, our relief pitchers were very timid," said Bergman. "I brought someone in that's aggressive and takes charge of the game."

UCF picked up its 17th win of the season against Gardner-Webb.

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Intelligence of UCF students

On April 15, The Florida published a letter I wrote about "Afrogate," the controversy in which UCF Board of Trustees Chair Dick Driscoll, President John Hitt and Deans Nichole Wuensche and Loyd Peterson were accused of racism at a recent meeting. After I reprinted the letter in the Florida on April 17, "Afrogate" was a hot topic among UCF students. University administration tried to delay the legislation through discussion, but many forwarded the two years of service, though civil service, like those who came before.

Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice of our World War II veterans. It is also a day to remember those who served our country - those who grimly waited for dawn each morning so that they could celebrate the day, some had any idea of the dedication and refrained from giving up to pay for gas?" My letter referred to an earlier article in the Orlando Sentinel titled "to pay for gas?" My letter referred to an earlier article in the Orlando Sentinel titled "in response to the article concerning "Whiteness" and its impact. I was concerned actions like "historically those who are insensitive to racism have been condemned for condoning foot-in-mouth? Assailing others who are 'racist' is not the way to solve the problem. Instead, as Mr. Lyons notes, "racism certainly will exist and always will." In addition to a reading course, Buckly will also consider taking philosophy and methodology classes on basic logic and general.
I am sure you are thinking more recently of line backer prospect Willie Williams who may attend Miami in the fall. I bet you a shiny penny that football coach George O'Leary would give up his job to have Williams the next four years. And also I am wondering if Miami has not as high if not higher graduation rates than UCF to all sports — not just football. I don't like to bring up the past, but what was the main reason Daunte seemed on UCFLap! If memory serves correct, his academic profile was not the greatest and was closer to being the laissez. Lastly on ethical student athletes, do you think that last year the UCF Beavers were somehow only forced to encore absence form if you are a student athlete on a team which does have its share of student athletes like Andre Johnson who do not care too much for class, they also boast the likes of Matt Walters who received a graduate degree in engineering while being an important student at the University.

What this means for our economy is terrifying. As the number of high school dropouts increases, the number of college applicants and, therefore, graduates, proportionately decreases. Thus, as there less college gradu­ates in the state, it should cost less to expense a number of years, Florida will end up with a comparatively small skilled labor force. It is, in effect, a way to trash our state towards an economic crisis.

What a low minimum wages means for a particular student is that they are not in a position to be able to pay for college. I fear that we are now be leaving the minimum wage where it is.

**God Bless America**

I have been reading the recent letters published in criticism of the professor who spoke against the protests. While I happen to generally agree with any oppressed group of people, I was appalled at the remoteness that Americans don't see that blows my mind. I can only imagine if it were race or sex, I would consider what would have to happen to my loved ones in order to consider that to bomb into your body and commit suicide to kill those in power. I hope that you have come to think about the owner of your mother, father, children, take away any right to freedom or thereby, they throw my government, my kill some irresponsible friends with, and perhaps that very well resembles how Palestinians are treated in Israel.

However, I am appalled by the lack of dis­cussion of the torture, rape, and abuse of Israeli prisoners who have been charged with no crime. One must go to pages 7 and 8 of the United States for any semblance of objective reporting about women and men tortured, raped and abused.

Another interesting note; the woman in the picture that is becoming famous amongst those paying attention is a corrections officer here in America. Imagine that the average black male spends one-third of his life in a jail cell being treated probably the same way as that by "corrections" officers in America. Close to 3 million people are now being managed by folks just like that. I am sadly looking forward to the day when young black males are stripping basic rights and throwing maddening cocktails at police precincts. After all, we take exception to their actions only in cases where these military types abuse and torture others. And we are brainwashed by the media because they believe that we support our military when many of us actually support our freedom fighters. For information on who black males are portrayed as they are, please check out "The Culture of Fear: Why Americans Are Afraid and How the Media_are Making Us Feel That We Should Be."

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