From flags to 'fros: Last year's top stories

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Fall academic calendar
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Student charged with mail fraud

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V-Tech humbles UCF
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SEPTMBER 2003
Flags fly in classrooms.
After being denied funding for putting American flags in classrooms by the SGA Senate, ROCK found a private and controversial donor.

Shannon Burke, a conservative talk-show host on WFLA-AM 540, raised the $3,140 needed to buy the flags. Burke said the money came from the Florida Elks, a national civic fraternal organization.

As the flags were being delivered to the Student Union, members of the student group Campus Peace Action distributed fliers denouncing Burke’s views and his involvement in the flag purchasing. Burke’s statements, according to comments posted on the Web site http://www.stopshannon.com, include, "It’s impossible to be Muslim and not a terrorist," and "Palestinian people are apes."

Some SGA senators showed disdain for ROCK’s action of getting private donations.
President John C. Hitt and Vice President Thomas Huddleston, Jr. invite you and your family to attend the New Student Convocation hosted by the President’s Leadership Council at The University of Central Florida Arena Saturday, August 21, 2004 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please join key university leaders as they welcome you to the university community and introduce the values, traditions, and expectations for new students as you begin your academic career as Golden Knights.

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VOLUNTEER UCF
The Volunteer UCF Center is dedicated to promoting community service and education on various social issues to the University of Central Florida. Through a variety of programs, committees, events, and ongoing projects, UCF links interested students with community organizations that best fit their interests, talents, and majors. We work with over 200 community agencies that utilize UCF student volunteers. Through volunteerism students can gain valuable knowledge and experience, have a great time, and meet new friends, all while benefiting the community.

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER
The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) provides a central location to create an environment at UCF that acknowledges, respects, and enhances multiculturalism and is charged with increasing awareness of diversity & inclusiveness through student programming. The goal of the MSC is to augment the university's efforts to make UCF a more diverse and inclusive institution. The MSC is made up of five student organizations: AASU (African American Student Union). CSA (Cuban Student Association), Elements (Hip Hop Association), HASA (Hispanic American Student Association), and SANGAM (Indian Student Association).

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The Student Government is comprised of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches that represent the student voice around campus. Community & Rural Services (CORS) allocates over $8 million dollars in Activity & Service Fees, and serves students' needs through services, agencies, and projects. Some of the services provided include the Safe Ride Program, Computer Labs, Student Scholarships, Telephones, UCF Ticket Center, and much more.

LATE KNIGHTS
Late Knights is an alcohol alternative. student-run program held once a month. It provides free food, entertainment, prizes, and giveaways to UCF students. You can hear a comedian, sing karaoke, have your face painted, learn how to juggle, sing a fun photo key chain with your friends, and any number of similar activities, all in one night!

HOMECOMING - KNIGHTMARE
Homecoming is a program designed to design and implementing the annual week of Knightmarch. Students work across the entire year to make the Homecoming week of events the best ever. Events include a concert, Movie Knight, Variety Knight, Salsa Knight, Lati Spocht, and a parade downtown.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE
Knights of the Round Table, or KORT, is available to advise, educate, and advocate for all clubs and organizations. Each term KORT hosts a Club Showcase, where clubs and organizations have an opportunity to meet new students and display their programs and activities. KORT also facilitates meeting Knights of the Round Table meetings, where representatives of clubs and organizations discuss organizational issues and share upcoming events.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Get Involved. There are over 350 clubs and organizations at UCF, ranging from the Billiards Club to the Underwater Hunting Club to the Sushi Club and everywhere in between. If you want to find people with similar interests, there are plenty of opportunities in student organizations. You can have fun with group activities, getting involved in homecoming, or taking on your first leadership role. If you don't find exactly what you are looking for, you can be the founder of your own organization.
failed to obtain signed documents that let their professors know when and where they would need classes due to travel plans. Meanwhile, cornerback Omar Laurence was suspended following an arrest on charges that he possessed two guns on campus. Laurence was arrested before found in possession of a weapon, and another, unregistered firearm was left behind on the campus, leading to a secondary arrest.

Two homosexual couples legally tied the knot during the Big Gay Wedding in front of hundreds in the Student Union. Advocating for Equality, the chapter held two mock weddings as a demonstration of support for equal rights to gay and lesbian students.

Glads and Sun, hello USA
UCF accepted an all-sports bid into Conference USA starting in 2004-2005. This gives UCF’s athletic programs a single home, except for women’s tennis. Currently, football is in the Mid-American Conference, while all other sports are in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The move comes at a price. UCF will have to pay $2.6 million to buy out its remaining MAC and A-Sun contracts and move into C-USA. The school hopes to cover the cost by reducing the cost to change conferences.

football coach fired
With his football team in shambles and in a losing 3-7 season, Coach Mike Kruczek was shown to the door after 13 years of service to UCF. Athletic Director Steve Orsini made it clear a change was needed in the struggling program.

“[It] took it like a man,” Orsini said. “He understood the job I had to do. I respect the job he did. I left it was my decision we weren’t going in the right direction. He understood that.”

Assistant Coach Alan Gooch took over as Kruczek’s replacement for the remaining two games.

Gerus hosts gay wedding
Two homosexual couples formally tied the knot during the Big Gay Wedding in front of hundreds in the Student Union. Advocating for Equality, the chapter held two mock weddings as an attempt to gain awareness and support for the issue of gay marriage.

55-100 of pot found in dorms
Police found about 400 grams of cannabis and a switchblade in a Student Hall dormitory room. Aaron LeClaire was charged with a felony count of possessing more than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of ammunition of wild grounds, possession of a weapon on school grounds, and possession of alcohol by a person less than 21 years.

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UCF Student Government Association
Volleyball slams yet another A-Sun title

Tate 16

-from 21 years of age because people found a bottle of Southern Comfort in his room.

According to police, LoCascio bought the cannabis for $300 and he brought it back to UCF to break up and sell. He told police he planned on selling 15-35 grams of weed for $280 to $300 each.

A separate drug bust netted another 200 grams of cannabis, bringing the total to 490 grams confined within a four-day period.

Students head to Miami to protest

Four-year UCF students boarded a bus at 5:30 a.m. to join a rally already in progress in Miami to protest at the Free Trade Area of the Americas conference. The protesters said the deal would lead to environmental destruction and exploitation of workers in poor nations.

The students joined thousands upon thousands of others from across the nation who marched in a 2-1/2 hour loop around downtown Miami during the height of the international conference. A police force of about 3,200 kept the peace all throughout the protest.

"Demonstration" crowds UCF network

A program designed by a computer science major crashed the UCF computer network for almost three hours. Thieves for Solar! cannot design the data-destroying program for a class demonstration. He said it was only supposed to target certain computers he had permission to shut down. However, the program flooded the entire UCF network.

Volleyball clinches third straight A-Sun title

The Knights capped off a 22-6 season by winning the A-Sun title against second-seeded Georgia State 30-21, 30-23, 25-30, 27-25.

The season included an 11-game winning streak that was snapped only when FSG came to town. The Knights rebounded, though, and won six of the next seven games — a strong finish to a season that started 5-5.

They also won the regular-season title.

Protest gains on UCF

Upset about budget cuts, a group of students organized a rally to shout UCF administration to reevaluate how it was looking at the previous quarter and even a few teachers attended.

Most protesters were concerned with the amount of money being spent on sports, the cutting of classes and the loss of students with open doors for the first time in 407-830-9274

The rally eventually moved from the front steps of the Student Center to the gates of Hope House, where the protesters called for Hitt's resignation.

DECEMBER 2003 Faculty favors over administrative rules

Frustrations about large administrative rules coupled with recent budget cuts boiled over in a packed Pegasus Grand Ballroom as UCF faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences grilled UCF President John Hitt and Provost Terry Hickey about their decisions.

Salary figures in 2003 showed the average administrative salary rose 9.7 percent, from $107.506 to $117,833.

At the same meeting, Hitt told faculty that UCF plans to give teachers a pay cut in the future. Normally teachers are paid 1 percent of their annual salary for working over the summer. After the cut, they would receive only 9 percent.

JANUARY 2004 Room School ready to serve

The Room School of Hospitality met with open doors for the first time in January. The campus, located on University Boulevard in the International Drive tourism corridor, has 18 classrooms, ranging from 30-seat lab rooms to a 4,400-seat auditorium, as well as food, beverage, and computer labs.

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- Stephen Carter, noted African American scholar and jurist
- Charlayne Hunter-Gault, world-famous African American journalist
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- Art Exhibits
- Spike Lee Film Festival
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Basketball nets trip to the NCAA Tournament

UCF has mostly been known for its strong passing game, but two running backs have put that in the past. Senior Alex Haynes and junior Darion Loaisiga, who transferred last year to provide the only real offensive threat for the Knights, lead a team that is focused on slowing the ball down to a crawl.

The Knights' defense has been a mainstay throughout the year and has been responsible for the team's success. The defense has been lauded for its ability to shut down opposing offenses, and has been a key factor in the team's 10-2 record.

The Knights are currently ranked #9 in the nation and are one of the few teams that can claim to have the best defense in the country. They have allowed only 18 points per game, which is the fewest points allowed by any team in the country this season.

UCF's defense has been a key factor in its success, but the offense has also been a big reason for its success. The offense has scored an average of 31 points per game, which is the seventh highest scoring offense in the country.

UCF's offense has been led by quarterback Josh Pearsall, who has thrown for 2,500 yards and 20 touchdowns this season. The offense has also been helped by running back Darion Loaisiga, who has rushed for 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The Knights will enter a Mountain West Conference tournament with a 10-2 record and will be looking to make a deep run in the tournament. They have already secured a spot in the conference championship game and will be looking to secure the conference title.

The Knights will face off against the team that they lost to last season, the Air Force Falcons. The game will be held in San Antonio and is expected to be a close game.

The Knights are looking to make a deep run in the tournament and are hoping to secure a spot in the NCAA tournament. They will be looking to make a statement and prove that they are one of the best teams in the country.
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Graduate Students

If this is your first semester as a UCF graduate student, welcome! Join us for Graduate Student Orientation on August 9 or August 19. Orientation is designed to familiarize you with the services and resources available to graduate students at UCF. Please also refer to the website for mandatory orientations.

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✓ INSPECT EVERYTHING!
  o The landlord may provide you with a move-in inspection sheet. If not, make your own list, stating existing problems within each room of the unit. Be very specific - note everything major and minor, such as carpet stains or tears, condition of mattress, furniture, walls, blinds, countertops, EVERYTHING!

✓ MAKE A COPY!
  o Be sure to make a copy of the completed inspection sheet

BEFORE giving it back to the landlord. Keep it in a safe place during the duration of your lease.

✓ TAKE PICTURES!
  o To further protect yourself from being charged for damages existing when you move in, take photos of all common areas, your room, and bathroom. Photograph any current problems with the condition of the flooring, carpeting, furniture, and the lawn/landscape (if you are responsible for lawn upkeep). Take more pictures when you move out. Print the photos with dates!

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Men's soccer scores big with tough defense, bests competition in A-Sun

UCF baseball enters second half of season with a 20-20 record. The Knights have improved their record to 12-2 in the regular season.

The Knights finished the season with a 44-12 record, which is their best season in the past decade. Despite the poor results, losses were no better than a few of the wins. 

In the first series of the season, the Knights hosted then-favorite Florida Atlantic. Despite the poor results, losses were no better than a few of the wins. 

In the second series, the Knights played against three-seed No. 13 Clemson and gave the Tigers a taste of A-Sun under-achievement. The Knights took two games in the final three games of the series. Later in the season, the Knights faced three-seed No. 13 Clemson and gave the Tigers a taste of A-Sun under-achievement.

UCF took two games from the Tigers and walked away with the Knights' biggest series win of the year. Baseball in another program dominated by youth, as junior and sophomore pitchers Matt Fox and Kyle Bono emerged as two of the best pitchers in the nation. With back in the final three games of the series, the Knights faced three-seed No. 13 Clemson and gave the Tigers a taste of A-Sun under-achievement.

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Men's confidence with even stronger team acts like they've been running the diamond for the past three years. What makes this so good that when the game is over and the dust has settled, the Knights will have one last chance to leave the A-Sun as one of the best programs in conference history.

Youth powers women's soccer

The youth factor in a theme for UCF athletics, then women's soccer is the poster child. The Knights won the A-Sun title last season behind a team with only three seniors. What's more, is that the Knights posted a 3-6-1 record with only three juniors as well. Freshmen and sophomores dominated the field for last year's women's soccer team and will likely do the same this year.

The Knights are led defensively by a two-proved quality attack of sophomore Jessie Brinkman and Hannah Baut, Last season's offensive star Becca Feidenham, senior midfielder Andreas Hoeg-Jensen and midfielders Allison Blake and Courtney Brame. The Knights were favored heavily in last year's final and year out to walk away with the conference title and they'll be the last chance to keep their mark on the A-Sun as a conference because of women's soccer.

Softball gets better and better

The UCF softball program is only three years old. Unlike any other team ever, though, the team acts like they've been running the diamond for the past 50 years. What makes this game so special is that they back up their confidence with even stronger play on the field. In each season since the program's inception, the Knights have posted better and better records. This past season UCF cracked the 30-win mark for the first time and lost just one of its A-Sun championships by one run to heavy preseason favorite Stetson. The Knights lost three key seniors this year, however, a corps of incoming freshmen and a team with a better taste in the collective mouth will be ready to run the show come next season. UCF softball features one of the best players in the country in shortstop Stephanie Best, Best has also impressed each season, as she finished top five in the nation this year in both batting average and slugging percentage. Best, a three-time recipient of the A-Sun “Player of the Year” award returns for one final season alongside pitcher Lindsey Enders, UCF's all-time leader for single season wins, and multiple offensive threat Janie Shuffler.

Track and field runs the show

Women's track and field follows without else than how to win in the A-Sun. The Knights took home their fifth consecutive A-Sun title this year and show no signs of slowing down in the final season of A-Sun membership. Led by freshman high jumper Laci Swope and sophomore hamster throw standout Tiffany Rice, the Knights sent eight student-athletes to the NCAA Regional this year.

UCF men's tennis team is losing arguably the two most important players. Seniors Catalin Bodea and Gabriel Strohberg came to UCF four years ago and helped build the program to where it is now. With top-flight facilities and two consecutive A-Sun titles under their belts, the Knights will need to move on for one last conference run without their leaders.

Despite the loss, men's tennis remains strong and dominant behind Antonio Sierra and Torin Gunner. The men's tennis team is perhaps the one program at UCF that isn't led by underclassmen, as all of the remaining student-athletes are juniors and seniors.
**CHECKLIST FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN**

**Twenty things you need to know**

1. Know where your classes are before your first day of class; sometimes things get chaotic, and instructors have to change classrooms. If you know where your class is located, it gives you more time to think about the other details of your first day at UCF.

2. Remember that this is college, not high school. New rules apply.

3. Communicate, communicate, communicate! If you have questions, don’t be afraid to ask your instructors, your academic advisors, etc. It can’t hurt!

4. Make friends in class. It can be helpful in lots of ways, such as when you need a study partner or you miss a class and need the notes.

5. Be sure to meet with your assigned academic adviser so you can plan your upcoming semesters.

6. Get to know your professors; it can be helpful both now and later. Down the road, they could help get you with internships, etc. Make sure that you record all of your professors’ contact information — telephone number, office number, e-mail address, and office hours — in your planner or a card in your wallet, and keep it with you at all times.

7. Attend classes — even if you don’t think you need to. This will prepare you for future classes.

8. Visit your instructors during their office hours. Not only will you have an advantage because your instructors will know your name and recognize you in class.

9. Keep up on your assigned reading — it could haunt you in the end if you don’t.

10. Become involved with a club or organization on campus. It’s a great way to meet new people and to develop leadership skills. Later on employees will look for your leadership skills.

11. There are deadlines for adding classes, dropping classes, and withdrawing from classes. It’s up to you to know them.

12. Parking on campus can be a challenge. It is a good idea to show up early to park and walk, or decide on an alternative to driving, like the UCF shuttle bus system.

13. Know your financial aid status by checking “Financial Aid” on POLARIS; go to https://connect.ucf.edu, or by going to the Student Financial Assistance office in Millican Hall Room 120. You’ve got to be sure you know what the requirements are to keep your financial aid.

14. You need to study at least 2 hours outside of class for each hour in class. So if you are in 12 hours of coursework, you need to set aside 24 hours for reading, rewriting notes, etc.

15. Make sure that you have a good planner. It will help you stay organized College is all about time management.


17. Attend UCF athletic events. They are free with a valid student ID! UCF football games provide a great opportunity to meet other UCF students.

18. Budget your money; it is important to try to save some of your scholarship or loan checks in case of an emergency. Stay away from credit cards.

19. Learn to balance school and fun — it will help you in both areas. Parties and clubs are fun but you must know your limits.

20. Be yourself.

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**CHECKLIST FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS**

**Twenty steps for success at UCF**

1. Attend class.

2. Get to know your professors; it can be helpful now and later — when you need letters of recommendation.

3. Locate your classes. Get a map of campus.

4. Think ahead; pay your tuition before it’s due.

5. Become familiar with university deadlines. There is current academic calendar online at http://www.ucf.edu/buplink/academic-calendar.html.

6. Get to know your UCF Catalog. Use your student handbook; it has a planner. Success in college is all about time management.

7. Look for internships. Experiential learning is the key to getting the best jobs.

8. Get your parking sticker online at https://parking.ucf.edu. Show up early — or decide on an alternative to driving.

9. Attend UCF athletic and other campus events; many are free to students. It’s good entertainment and a great way to meet other UCF students.

10. Find out how your major connects to a career after graduation. The Career Resource Center is a great start at http://www.ucf.edu.


12. Become familiar with services UCF has to offer, including transfer services and the Student Academic Resource Center.

13. Ask questions and dig for answers; there are many resources available to you as a UCF student. Call the transfer services peer mentors at 407-823-5599 for transition help.

14. See your adviser early. Check with your college or department advising office if you haven’t met your adviser yet.

15. Make note of your adviser’s location, office hours, phone number and e-mail address.

16. See your adviser before registering for the next semester to discuss your academic and career goals — or whenever you have questions.

17. Don’t decide on a major! Call transfer services at 407-823-5599 for an advising appointment.

18. Check your degree audit online at https://connect.ucf.edu. Click on “Student” and then select “Academic Summary.” Be sure you are meeting your graduation requirements.

19. Be persistent and get things done; take the initiative and don’t expect others to do things for you.

20. Be an active participant in your advising sessions. Advisers can only help.

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SOCIALIZING
Tips for meeting new people
JENNIFER COONEY & TIFFANY CHUK
9 freshmen

College is a new, exciting environment for all new students to many different thoughts and feelings are going through your head. One thought that may elicit the most concerns is, "How am I going to meet people at such a large university?" Surprisingly, meeting people is not as difficult with a little bit of planning. There are many opportunities at UCF to become involved and make new friends. Get together with other people in your community. You can go to events that your resident assistant is planning, such as floor or community socials. The good thing about this is that if the event is large, you may meet new people they'll already be living close enough that you can hang out all the time.

Another way to get to know people is through classes and lectures. Take the initiative and talk to classmates. It may seem weird at first, but chances are that they've just as confused with the material as you are, and maybe you can help one another out. Form study groups with people in your classes. This way you can meet outside of class to review material in places such as the bookstore coffee shop or lounge areas. Once you have gotten to know these people, you can study at someone's home or room making it easier to get to know people outside of class. Also, if you're majoring in the same subject, it's likely that you'll see the same people in other classes.

Another opportunity is volunteering. Volunteering not only helps people get involved and find out what their interests may be. There's something for everyone. With all of UCF's different volunteer groups, you're bound to find something you like and most people who share your interests. Find out more about UCF and student organizations at http://www.osaucf.edu. Intramural sports are a very popular event at UCF. The school has everything from volleyball to floor hockey. Everyone is allowed to play, and if you don't have a team then it's easy to find one perfect for you. Not only will you be meeting new people, but you will be exercising and staying in great shape. Find more info at http://www.imports.ucf.edu.

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The Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health program is an organization that makes responsible decisions during their college life about everything from sex to drugs and alcohol. REACH is not just about the programs and workshops it offers but the variety of services, resources and support about college health issues. Unlike most sex education classes, REACH strives to edu­cate rather than preach to stu­dents. The program often works on safer sex, alcohol, drugs, sexually transmitted infections and the body. Presentations and workshops are host­ed by student volunteers that are UCF students. The peer educa­tion and support are from student organization and local volunteers that are repre­senting students about these impor­tant campus issues. REACH offers programs and workshops about safer sex, alcohol, drugs and sexually transmitted infections. The workshops and programs for both women and men teach students about birth control methods and safe ways to avoid unwanted con­ceptions. The program allows students to make responsible deci­sions during their college life about everything from sex to drugs and alcohol.

A student can sign up on the UCF website. Today and the peer educators at REACH work to promote healthy college living. One program is called ADAPPT—Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Protection Training. It is a three-part program that was created for those who have violated the campus alco­hol policy and that are thought of being shamed by the dangers of alcohol. Students who have violated the rules are edu­cated about the harmful effects of their actions. This program allows students to make educated choices the next time they are in a situation involving drugs and alcohol.

Does becoming a peer edu­cator sound interesting to you? Call 407-823-5850 or email "Sex, Drugs and Drinking" a poster that educates stu­dents about birth control methods and how to use them. The workshop is guaran­teed to have lots of laughs and en­tertainment. Vouchers for free HIV tests are available at the event. REACH offers HIV tests on campus for $0. Call 407-823­-2323 for more information about the HIV test that REACH offers.

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UCF traditions and their importance

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Traditions are an extremely important part of student life at UCF. They add meaning and excitement to the college experience. Three main traditions the student body holds close to its heart are Knightmare, Black and Gold Fridays and protecting the Potato. Homecoming Week at UCF is known as Knightmare. Knightmare takes place the week before the Homecoming football game. Each day has its own theme. Knightmare begins on Sunday with a concert in downtown Orlando. Monday, students on Wednesday's Main Events take place on Church Street Station, featuring a well-known national act. Tuesday is Purdue Night, with a game in a large press box screen. Tuesday is Knightmare Central, when the story gets out of film with cardboard games, rules and food. Campus clubs and organizations perform themed acts for an across filled with students on Wednesday's big Knight. The groups compete for Homecoming Spirit Points that will lead to success at the football game on Saturday.

Thursday is Variety Knight. Once again, the story gets out of film for to be entertained by various comedic or musical acts, live of charge. Spirit Splash, held on Friday, was named the best tradition in the state of Florida by Florida Leader magazine. Thousands of UCF students and alumni fill the Reflecting Pond in celebration of UCF each year. This is the one and only time of the year that the public is allowed in the Reflecting Pond. Students and faculty again around to the water while being entertained by UCF cheerleaders and dance teams. President John Hitt and UCF mascot Knights are also there to join in on the festivities. Hundreds of free UCF spirit items, including from Knightro and Tobasco, are thrown into the pond for the students to catch. A musical act performs in front of Million Wall following the spiritual celebration.

Saturday morning, students, faculty, alumni and community residents fill the streets of downtown Orlando for the viewing of the Homecoming parade. The parade features President Hitt, the Homecoming Court and numerous floats from UCF organizations and area businesses. The grand finale of Knightmare is, of course, the Homecoming football game. The stands of the Citrus Bowl is filled with screaming fans, ready to cheer the Golden Knights on to victory.

Another tradition that is valued by UCF students all year long is Black and Gold Fridays. Every Friday students and faculty wear their school colors with pride. Knights and his spirit police hand out Clinton to inspired students, this includes a coupon for discounted Knightwear at the UCF bookstore.

When walking through the Student Union, students receive another UCF tradition by not walking on the Piazza, displayed in the tile mosaic on the floor in the atrium. Tradition says that students who walk on the Piazza will receive bad grades in their classes. By participating in these traditions, students add memories to their college experience and ensure that the traditions will be passed on for years to come.

But these helpful members of the UCF community are not only willing to take time out of their day and talk with you, even just get to know you. For the RA is in more than just a job; it is something they love to do. They are here for you from roommates to laundry, your RA can help you handle it.

Luke Donohoo
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Resident Assistants

Use the Force or your RA

 Luke Donohoo

One of the most unique and unused resources at UCF is your RA. RA stands for resident assistant, and if you live on campus or in an affiliated housing you have one. Your RA is a wonderful tool. RAs help bring community to UCF and help you adjust to college life.

Some students may feel that RAs are intimidating and unapproachable. Don't let this stop you from asking for help when you need it. Talk to your RA. Want to know where to go if you need help with your homework or need assistance with something? Talk to your RA. Your RA also puts on awesome programs designed for their fellow residents. These events range from activities for community education, social interaction, community building and just plain fun. These events can teach you valuable skills or just help you to meet some of the people you live with. They are wonderful ways to interact with your RA.

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Pros and cons of living on campus

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U ncertainty of whether or not to live on or off the campus is a common struggle for students. Although on-campus living may seem slightly more expensive, there may be many benefits that are included with the on-campus living experience.

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In order to make your college experience the best it can be, choose an apartment or residence hall that fits your lifestyle. It is important to find the perfect space and make it to your eyes peeled for cars pulling out of spaces. After 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m., depending upon the day, facilities and staff parking spaces become fair game, as long as you have a student pass. This is always a good place to start parking because the majority of professors and staff are leaving.

When coming home late from a long night of studying (after 11 p.m.), it’s usually best to head straight to the parking garage because the resident parking lots can easily fill. Students must keep one thing in mind at all times while searching — don’t ever park anywhere that is not a designated parking space. Even if you are away from the car for only five minutes, you will most likely be ticketed. It is an effort to get parking during peak hours, everyone student must eventually master this fine art.

If students are really desperate for a space, they watch the sides of the parking lot nearest to the building in which they need to go, watching for people on foot entering the parking lot on the way back from class. Being sure to maintain dignity and personal space — stacking is impolite, but it’s worse if your bumper is on your target’s bumper. It helps to ask the person you intend to follow if they’re actually leaving, and it’s yours, and you’ll know right away if you’re wasting your time. This is an opportunity to find out if they have the worst spot in the lot, too.

Getting the lone parking space is made even more interesting when two people are following the same unsuspecting driver. As daunting as it may seem, it is possible to find parking on the UCF campus. Keeping these tips in mind along with a little trial and error is sure to land any student a great, or not so great, space every day.
Picking a major: the limited edition

Jessy Howard & Angela Byrd

new UCF students file into registration at every orientation to find an interesting word next to their intended major—pending. What does that mean?

Certain majors, because of such a large number of applicants and limited facilities, are designated as "limited access" majors. Limited access simply means that there is an application process before you can take certain upper-level courses in the major.

The first thing is to find out if you are in a limited access major. To do this, simply go to the POLARIS website at https://connect.ucf.edu and click on the enroll/buy button or degree audit button. The best way to start the process of getting into a limited access major is to seek out the advisor for the major. The advisor can help with how to apply to the specific major, what to do to get accepted and what to take until acceptance is obtained.

Professors for the major are also very useful resources in determining whether a major is useful for a desired career. Examples of limited access majors are radi/vet/nursing and earth/planetary sciences.

Picking a major is one of the most important decisions students make at UCF which in turn makes it one of the most difficult. It sometimes feels as if the walls are closing in when other students have majors and you still aren’t sure about what to do for the rest of your life. Despite this daunting task, there are more than just advisers to help.

The Career Resource Center (CRC) also aids in picking majors and career planning. It holds several programs throughout the year with topics such as "Choosing and Changing Majors," "Connecting Majors and Careers." "What Can I Do with This Major?" and "Career Planning Process."

The CRC also helps students in determining areas that match interests, personalities, values and skills.

It also assists each individual major with regards to the types of students the major can gain and the skills they can learn throughout classes.

The CRC also has different services to other students in certain majors.

It can help you with your resume and improve your job interview skills through workshops that you will be ready when graduation rolls around. The CRC does not offer classes and programs will aid and assist, but ultimately it is the final decision of what to major in and what to make a career out of this with the students.

Advisers
Why your college adviser is important

College can be pretty overwhelming at this time, especially when students have to balance numerous lands, work schedule, social time and other obligations.

So if students are always busy, how do they know which classes they should take in order to graduate on time? That’s one reason why advisers are so important. They are here to help students through their college days and make sure students are on the right track to success.

The traditional role of the college adviser has been to help students select classes for the upcoming semester. They help identify which classes the student’s major requires. Advisers even point out other classes that will satisfy graduation requirements or may be of interest to the student. Not only can they help with classes, they can also refer students to specialized counselors if students have problems that go beyond the realm of Polaris or their advisers’ capacities.

If students have already declared their major, then the college adviser is for them. Advisers can clearly discuss a student’s future plans and determine all the classes one needs to take in order to obtain a degree. The well-trained staff helps students to identify and register for all the necessary classes in a way more clearly understood than if the student only used the UCF catalog. Also, by seeing an adviser, students will be able to talk any question their heart desires in regards to their major.

For those students who haven’t already declared a major, college advisers are also for them. There is once a major is finally declared, that’s one thing that both the student and the adviser have to do. Even the all-knowing genius type can benefit from meeting with an adviser. Advisers are able to better explain the UCF catalog and even share information about internships to the student that would be useful to the student. And how hard is it just to stop in and say that you’re doing CRC. College can be confusing and overwhelming at times. That’s why students have advisers. They’re here to help guide students through these times to make sure that everyone makes the most of their college experiences.
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Dining out
Food for thought

MELODY PARRY & CHANA SPEIR

... out from the first time and you're hungry. But it's 1 am, and other than
the 24-hour Wal-Mart, you have no idea where to get a bite to eat. Every college student will
experience this intense feeling of panic at least once during their first year away from
their home country. But have no fear. Contrary to what you may believe, there are alterna-
tives to ramen noodles. The area surrounding UCF is now peppered with late-night restaurants,
catering not only to those with the munchies but insomniacs and late-night suffers as well.

FAST FOOD

McDonald's: Walking distance from campus, near the corner of University Blvd. and Alafaya Trail.

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Taco Bell: Just east of Alafaya Trail on State Road 50, or at University Blvd. and Dean Road.

Pizza Hut: Next to the CB&S Bookstore off of University Blvd.

PIZZA

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5 and Diner: East on State Road 50, near the junction with Highway 408.

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rounding area is overflowing with a variety of late-night food options. If you're worried
because you will not be bringing a car to college or you do not feel like giving up your front row
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Worried about spending too much money? Coupons are available in the Future, in mailbboxes and as promotions. Often times it's as simple as flashing your UCF ID card while paying to receive a student discount.

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Goin' out
Campus fever
What can I do in the Orlando area?

SANDRA BEDNARZ & JORDAN SIMLER

Living on campus and bored already? Get out! There is so much to do in the Orlando area, how can you resist?

If you're a shopaholic, checking out Mall at Millenia is a must, but if you're not into window-shopping, it's more of an option to check out Disney World or Universal Studios. You could also take a trip over to JetBlue Park, just in need of the basics! There's a Target just down the street. Campuses also have great shopping centers where you can also catch a movie or a bite to eat.

Don't miss out on the Orlando area scene either! Loch Haven Park houses the Orlando Museum of Art (check out the Festival of Trees before winter break) and the Orlando Repertory Theater (Home of the Shakespeare Festival). Popular shows can be found at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center and for lovers of the SAK Comedy Lab. If you happen out of town, better check out Lake Eola (famous for its full and sparkling water)!

Need something a bit more intriguing? You've just about a short drive from Walt Disney World, University of Central Florida, Sea World, and the Disney Concert Hall. Orlando is a city that offers the best of both worlds! You can enjoy some of the best of the nightlife, or be close to nature while enjoying a movie or a bite to eat. Orlando is the city where you can also enjoy the world's most famous theme parks.

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Spirit Splash and a parade down Orange Avenue to finish up the week, with UCF student Ericka Dunlap, Miss America 2004, as the grand marshal.

Other performances during the week included comedians Darrell Hammond, Pablo Francisco and Gary Owen. All of our events were geared towards entertainment for a record-breaking number of students who showed up.

During Knightmare, clubs and organizations from around campus banded up to try and win spirit awards. The competition helped promote Knightmare throughout campus and created an excitement in the air.

The clubs also participated in our most successful philanthropy event by collecting aluminum cans for recycling along with 811 items for people in need. More than 5000 pounds of cans were redeemed and donated to the Mountiel Seed of Central Florida, while 811 items worth of 3400 were donated to the Salvation Army. For more information on how you can be involved and what is going on in next year’s Knightmare, log on to http://www.ucflights.com.

Late Knights is a monthly alcohol alternative program. This program allows UCF students to participate in fun and exciting social activities, watch comedians, listen to bands and eat great food—all for free. Late Knights also helps clubs and organizations an opportunity to highlight upcoming activities and promote their organizations. The events allow an average of 1500 students per night.

The Late Knights student bonfire occurred on a theme for each program and works diligently with various campus resources such as the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center to make each event a success. The committee also works very closely with the Campus Activities Board to bring great entertainment such as Hypnotist Tom Orlando and Gary “The Lemonade Guy” of the Ripple Effect.

Volunteer UCF (VUCF) is dedicated to promoting community service and the education and awareness of social issues on the UCF campus. Through a variety of programs and committees, VUCF links interested students with community organizations and projects that best fit their interests, talents and majors.

VUCF has strong ties to the Orlando community, with more than 250 agencies to its database. These agencies represent the following categories: arts and recreation, organization and time donation, awareness, mentoring, children and education, human rights, domestic violence, minorities, accommodations and big environments, elderly awareness, health, mental health, hunger and homelessness, and literacy. Internship opportunities are available to all interested students.

UCF has an active community service program, which works closely with the Presidents Council. The day of service is held on the third Thursday of each month, and community events are held on the second Saturday of each month.

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The Student Government Association (SGA) is your voice, the voice of the student body. This small group of your peers works to bring concerns to campus, start clubs and make sure everyone gets the justice they deserve. With your support, we can have another great year at UCF. If you have any interest in student government, consider getting involved. You can run for a position, or you can serve in one of several monthly meetings held by the SGA across the Student Union and your HLC Student government is here to serve you.

The primary function of your SGA is to oversee the Activity and Service Fee Budget, money collected from every student through a fee paid for every class you take. Student government worked more than US$10.5 million last budget year, all redistributed to fill student needs.

The Student Government Association is made up of three branches of government. SGA's composition is similar to the government on both the state and federal level. There is an executive, legislative and judicial branch.

The executive branch includes the offices of the president and the vice president. This branch also houses SGA's executive cabinet. The cabinet is responsible for four main units: advocacy, governmental affairs and public relations. These units work together to ensure an exciting, yet healthy environment for our student body. Some of the primary objectives for these units are student's rights and responsibilities; creating a bold and positive UCF presence throughout the campus, community and on a state and federal level; creating activities and programs that are both educational and entertaining and keeping the entire student body in tune with what's going on in student government.

The legislative branch is composed of 52 elected student senators. The senators are elected every fall semester from a specific college, and serve one-year terms. The senators' primary function is to vote on fiscal matters and make modifications on certain issues. The student senate is broken into various committees: Legislative, Judicial and Rules (LJR), Organizations, Appropriation and Finance (OAF), Elections and Appointments (GNA), Services and Public Relations (SPR), Clubs and Organizations (C&O), Student Activities and Review (SAR), Governmental Affairs (GAC), Multicultural Affairs (MAC) and Industrial Affairs (IA).

The judicial branch is composed of 12 student judges and two alternate judges appointed on staggered presidential terms. The purpose of this branch is to ensure the rights of students through the interpretation of the student body constitution.

The Peters/Bentley administration

SGA President Kevin Peters and Vice President Willie Bentley Jr. took office at noon on May 8 with the slogan "Committed to Progress." The Peters/Bentley administration is committed to uplifting the integrity of the entire student body. The SGA mission is to serve as a positive representation of the student body and become a strong voice for the students.

The PBJ platform is broken into four major categories: student advocacy, multicultural initiatives, services, and governmental affairs.

Student advocacy

• Free 24-hour legal advice
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RESPONSIBLE CHOICES DON'T END THE FUN

The speeches are through, the tours have come to an end, and now you are about to embark on the amazing college journey, an experience in which your wildest dreams, or nightmares, could come true. Being aware of your surroundings, could come in handy. That's where we come into the picture. The students and staff who work at the REACH Peer Health Education Program and the Alcohol and Other Drug Programming Office provide the information essential to a healthy college atmosphere through workshops, presentations, exposes and a number of other campus programs. REACH (Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health), is a full resource center for students. We cover the gambit of college social health issues such as alcohol and other drug abuse, sexual assault and sexual violence, eating disorders and safer sex. We have a knowledgeable and friendly HIV testing and counseling staff. We give you the information and awareness you need to make low risk and healthy choices. College can be an unforgettable experience. Whether the experience is positive or a bummer is determined by your decisions. Use good judgment, know the rules and remember that college is a whole new world. We are here to help you make the most of your time here.

Conveniently located on the Chemistry green in Trailer 607, REACH Peer Health Education and Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling is within walking distance to most of the dorms and is open five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or if the face-to-face routine is too horrid, you can call 407-823-5470/2437. Have fun, be safe, and enjoy all UCF has to offer.

LINK PROGRAM

The LINK Program is a first-year experience program at UCF. It is designed to help first-year students cope with the stressful transition to college and the University's academic community. LINK helps first-year students get involved in programs and activities that will complement their classroom experience.

The LINK Program offers a series of programs and activities specifically designed for freshmen to make the most of their first-year in college. LINK is about having fun, meeting people and getting connected to the campus community. LINK exposes freshmen to experiences that will enhance their success and satisfaction at UCF. From events such as the New Student Convocation, LINK Luau, Late Knights and the Maxine Fair, to Freshmen Frenzy, Homecoming, residence hall programs and late night tutoring, LINK helps freshmen acclimate to college can be an unforgettable experience. Whether the experience is positive or a bummer is determined by your decisions. Use good judgment, know the rules and remember that college is a whole new world. We are here to help you make the most of your time here.

There are seven key abilities that new Knights can expect to develop by participating in the LINK Programs:

- Self-awareness
- Relationship-building
- Career and social-life networking
- Responsibility for yourself and others

The LINK Program is incentive-based. So when a first-year student attends a LINK-connected program, they will receive LINK Loot. LINK Loot is funny money that is used to bid on prizes at an auction held at the end of each semester. The more LINK-connected programs a first-year student attends, the more LINK Loot that student will earn, which will increase their chances of winning a prize at the auction. One of the items that the LINK Program auctions each semester is tuition valued up to $1,500.

First-year students will have an opportunity to learn more about the LINK Program during their Orientation session. LINK will be holding an ice cream social along with Orientation Services and the Office of Student Involvement. Students can begin earning LINK Loot at the ice cream social and can participate in an activity to win door prizes. LINK Loot will be turned in along with the LINK Lasso at 6 p.m. Aug. 21. The LINK Lasso will feature barbecue free to all students, a live DJ, inflatable bounce houses, interactive games, prizes and giveaways.

For more information about the LINK Program, call 407-842-7685 or visit http://www.ucf.edu/ucf.
GREEK LIFE

UCF’s fraternities and sororities: The start of a lifelong experience

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

• Will I fit in and make new friends?
• Will I succeed academically?
• Will I be able to get involved in campus organizations and better my leadership skills?
• Will I feel like a part of the campus community (or just a number)?

Fraternity and sorority life can personalize your UCF experience and provide a home away from home. After all, 3,000 members can’t be wrong.

But what is fraternity and sorority life all about? Unfortunately, MTV and several movies have inaccurately 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 CDs and DVDs were invented, before cell phones existed and before UCF had a football team.

Scholastic achievement
The UCF Greek community continually encourages academic success. In other words, students have to maintain certain grade point averages in order to remain active members of their chapters.

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha
Welcome all incoming Knights to The University of Central Florida!

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Greek Life

Strong bonds, leadership experience and fun-filled semesters — is this life for you?

The average GPA of fraternity and sorority members generally ranks above the overall student population. This spring, nearly 30 percent of social women were on the dean’s list, earning a 3.5 GPA or higher. Nine sororities averaged at least a 3.8 GPA or higher. Thirteen fraternities earned a 2.7 or higher.

For academic support, Greek members are provided with structured study halls, educational programs, scholarship, tutoring programs and awards to incentive and challenge to members to reach their full potential.

A 2003 University of Minnesota study reported that members of fraternities and sororities are more likely to obtain a degree and stay in school than non-affiliated students.

Leadership

From an employer’s perspective, having Greek leadership training that students can obtain when they join a fraternity or sorority.

Each chapter elects officers to manage the operations of their organization, and these officers are assisted by members serving on committees. There are a variety of leadership opportunities available for members to take on important roles.

The national headquarters of an organization has leadership conferences and programs where students can learn about Greek leadership and the responsibilities that come with leadership.

Community service

Community service is an important aspect of fraternity and sorority life. From volunteering in elementary schools to raising money for charities — the Greek system has a place for students who serve on community service.

From National Pan-Hellenic Council to American Greek-letter organizations to American Heart Association, Greek organizations also have members who are serving in the community. Fraternity and sorority members are truly instrumental in providing a significant amount of community service.

90 percent of all student body presidents are members of a fraternity or sorority.

99 percent of the 2004-2005 President’s Leadership Council are members of a fraternity or sorority.

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The best way to become involved in Greek organizations is to register for recruitment, as it is one of the best ways to meet other students on campus.

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

National Pan-Hellenic Council historically African-American Greek-letter organizations and Divine Nine Greek Council organizations have recruitment at different times of the year. Typically, National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations hold initiate processes twice a year, with the second being involved after their first semester.

If you are not sure if you want to join a Greek organization, you can participate in a great way to meet people and get acclimated with UCF.

For additional information, contact the Greek Council, Office at 407-823-2072 or visit www.greeklife.ucf.edu.

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Bright lights, big city

Where are the coolest places to go if I like ... Hip-hop? For all you Hip-hop heads looking for some b∆$$-busting and a slamming atmosphere, “That Fridays” at The Groove nightclub on Friday nights is the place to go.

While it won’t cost you “$0 cent” to get in “In da Club” before 8 p.m., for a $8 cover after that you can “PIMP” your Magic Ride until 2 a.m. The age requirement is 21-and-up for everyone. Leave your T-shirts and jeans at home because The Rope enforces a strict dress code.

Country? If you love to live dance, throw on your cowboy hat and head down to Cowboys country club. Open Thursday through Saturday, this is Orlando’s most popular country nightclub. Thursdays and Saturdays. Friday welcomes 18-and-up on dance, throw on your cowboy is but Western wear is always encouraged.

Lo’s Roxy enforces a strict dress code. No T-shirts, jeans or shorts at The Club at Firestone. Its oversized dance floor and lady’s night, with voyeuristic viewing make it “muy caliente.”

If you are in search of “I’m Glad” video, then sweat out in The Club at Firestone. Its oversized dance floor and non-dancing friends need a bit more encouragement, the multi-video screens, lighting effects, and pulsating lasers are enough to stir up vibrations in even the most rhythm-challenged individuals.

Admission ranges from $5 to $15. No Hip-hop ladies. Thirsty guys. Karaoke? Attention all shower singers! This one’s

Your major club districts offer plenty of options – in both price and music, and features the area’s better punk acts. Located on Mills Avenue, the quaint watering hole prides itself on being the anti-downtown hangout. A jukebox, pool tables and an air hockey table makes this bar an ideal place to attend any night of the week.

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... Techno? The bi-level Icon dance club features a spacious downstairs dance floor while a spaceship-like DJ booth overlooks its dancers. Orlando’s top DJs spin the best big beat techno in town.

The club is home to an impressive roster of local DJs and occasionally draws international acts such as Paul Oakenfold.

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Wallet check

Student deals abound at local theaters

So, you're bored. Or you need your friends to be bored. Or you've got a free time. Or you feel like tossing over copious amounts of U.S. currency for junk food. Well, my friends, it sounds like you need to go to the movies.

For your standard, run-of-the-mill movies that feature car chases, girls in bikinis and alien invasions (alongside typical chick flicks and Oscar hopefuls), you have three theater choices within 15 minutes of campus — Regal Cinemas Waterford Lakes Town Center, UCF Plaza 8 and Regal Cinemas Waterford Lakes 20.

If you'd rather see art films or foreign films — in other words, independent films — head to the Enzian on University Blvd. Located across from UCF, the cinema has one screen, but it is the only one of its kind in Winter Park. Although the Enzian only has one screen, they run movies that other theaters don't and also serve up great food.

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Tastes around town

50 eateries sit within one mile of campus

For years, the UCF campus has been a hotbed of dining options, from classic American fare to international cuisine. Here are some of the best places to grab a meal around campus.

**Restaurants**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Chicken Caesar: $5.50
  - Chicken Crunch: $5.50
  - Turkey: $4.95
  - Club: $4.95
  - Philly Steak: $5.25
  - Roast Beef: $4.95
  - Black Forest Ham: $4.25
  - Assorted: $4.50
  - (Ham with Roast Beef or Turkey)
  - Souvlaki: $4.95
  - Gyro: $4.25
  - Seafood: $4.50
  - Tuna: $4.50
  - B.L.T.: $4.50

- **Vegetarians**
  - Garden: $3.50
  - Falafel: $3.25
  - Babaganoush: $4.25
  - Hummus: $4.25
  - Feta: $4.00
  - Swiss: $4.00
  - Cheddar: $4.00

- **Salads**
  - Chicken Caesar: $5.50
  - JenniLeine: $5.50
  - Caesar: $4.25
  - Garden: $3.50

**ART GALLERIES**

**Feast your eyes**

If you're looking for great art, try UCF's Art Gallery in Winter Park. The gallery features a variety of artists' work, including student and faculty professors. The gallery's diverse collection includes paintings, sculpture, photography, and other media. Visitors can enjoy the artwork while learning about the artists and their creative processes.

- **Orlando Ale House**
  - A local favorite for craft beer and comfort food
  - Live music and trivia nights

- **Alfaya Trail**
  - A popular spot for Mexican food
  - Offers a selection of tequila and mezcal

**Theater**

- **UCF C_installed Cafe**
  - Offers a variety of fast food options
  - Conveniently located near the student union

**Cinema Grill**

- **Great Movies & Fare**
  - Screenings of classic and independent films
  - Snacks and beverages

**Waterford Lakes Town Center**

- **Cheese Steak**
  - A Florida favorite
  - Offers a selection of cheeses

**Restaurants**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Conveniently located near the student union
  - Offers a variety of Mediterranean dishes

- **Vegetarians**
  - Offers a selection of vegetarian and vegan options

- **Salads**
  - Offers a selection of salads

**PLUS TONS OF TOPPINGS, SAUCES AND Extras!**

- **PHILIP'S**
  - Adds something special to any meal

**Downtown Orlando**

- **UCF C_installed Cafe**
  - Offers a variety of fast food options
  - Conveniently located near the student union

- **Cinema Grill**
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  - Snacks and beverages

**Theater**

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**Vegan**

- **UCF C_installed Cafe**
  - Offers a selection of vegan options

**Mexican**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Offers a selection of Mexican dishes

**American**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Offers a selection of American dishes

**Fast Food**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Offers a selection of fast food options

**Other**

- **The Pita Pit**
  - Offers a selection of other food options
### Jumbo Wings
- Pick your Flavor from the Flavor Zone
  - 1 lb. Plain, 1 Ranch: $5.69
  - 1 lb. Plain, 1 Breaded, 1 Ranch: $7.99
  - 1 lb. Plain, 1 Breaded, 1 Ranch (50 up to 4 Flavors, 3 Ranch): $23.99
  - 1 lb. Plain, 1 Breaded, 1 Ranch (50 up to 4 Flavors, 5 Ranch): $34.99

### Fresh Chicken Salads
Pick your Salad
- 1 lb. Plain: $5.99
- 1 lb. Breaded: $8.29

### Chicken Finger Basket
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick your Salad
- Add Dippers or On Side
- Pick your Dipping Sauce

### Chicken Fingers
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick your Salad
- Add Dippers or On Side

### Sandwiches
- Chicken Sandwiches & Jumbo Size Your Fries for $6.99

### Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 Flavors

### Add Ons
- Extra Charge Available: Bleu Cheese or Ranch...

### Add fries to any Wing order for $1.79

### Jumbo Wings
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- Pick your Salad
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- Pick your Dipping Sauce

### Regular
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 Flavors

### 20 LARGE & Regular Fries
- Any Flavor
- 10% off any item

### Add-Ons
- Add fries to any Wing order for $1.79
- Add any one of our 25 flavors

### Side
- Add any one of our 25 flavors

### Dessert
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 flavors

### Extra Charge
- Extra Charge Available: Bleu Cheese or Ranch...

### ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 flavors

### Side Salads
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 flavors

### Pick your Side Salad
- Pick your Flavor
- Pick any one of our 25 flavors

### Chicken Finger Basket
- 1 lb. Plain: $5.99
- 1 lb. Breaded: $8.29

### Special Offer
- Any Order of $15 or More Offer not restricted to Monday.
BEACHES
This is the Sunshine State

Ah, the beach. The perfect place to go during a broken, and winter months — or just for a weekend break. Luckily, Orlando is not too far from the coast, and boasts four popular beach options.

Although Daytona Beach is well-known for its hot, and crowded during Spring Break, it's an ideal place to visit almost anytime of the year. Daytona is known for far more than its beaches. Each year it hosts NASCAR enthusiasts for Speed Week and bikers for Bike Week. But the excitement doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Clubs like Razzles and Tors and locals.

If you're looking for a more tranquil beach atmosphere, look no further than New Smyrna Beach. It's a great place to surf, roam around quaint shops or just meet people. It's the only beach in town that allows you to tan topless or naked; however, it isn't legal. There is a law on the book in Brevard County that outlaws it, but it goes largely unenforced.

Like to surf, or wish you could? Cocoa Beach is considered a surfer's mecca. Professional surfers say the waves are best on the beach. For the surf pros, Cocoa Beach hosts several surf competitions throughout the year, including one on Easter Sunday.

If you can't surf, you'll be sure to find someone on Cocoa Beach who can teach you how. Professional surfers have booths located right on the beach and are prepared to offer lessons and rent surf boards for a minimal fee. Feeling feisty? Then Playalinda is the beach for you. Here, the beach-goers don't bat an eye when it comes to topless tanning. For the surfers, Cocoa Beach is home to one of the largest surf shops in the world, Ron Jon's — Cocoa's best-known surf landmark and one of the largest surf shops in the world.

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MALLS

Big-league shopping

During your time at UCF, you may never need to venture into the library (thanks to the Internet), the Student Union or even some of your classrooms. However, you’ll certainly need to shop and you’ll need to know where.

On East Colonial Drive you’ll find the Orlando Fashion Square mall. This is an average-sized, decent mall with a variety of stores for girls and guys. If you just need to grab a cute shirt or the right pair of shoes, you can find them here. To play ball, visit the Orlando Marketplace mall on Red Bug Lake Road. It’s the closest indoor mall to UCF, though a bit small compared to other malls. It has an impressive movie theater though, and essential stores such as Pacific Sunwear, Express, Wet Seal and Foot Locker.

Dozens of stores, restaurants and bars line south of campus in the Waterford Lakes Town Center, an outdoor mall with as much or more variety than indoor malls in town. Stores such as Best Buy, SuperTarget and PetsMart fill this massive shopping center, along with restaurants ranging from Crispers, Chick-Fil-A, Thai Slinga and the Ale House. There’s even a 20-screen movie theater.

If you’re in the mood to spend major money and they like the rich and famous, the Mall at Millenia, on Conroy Road and I-4, has a Macy’s, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale’s and Guess. A little-known secret is K & R (“R” for ever 21’s upstairs, which is a popular men’s clothing store with reasonable prices and huge sales — and it cannot be found anywhere else in Orlando).

Last but not least, the Florida Mall is located on State Lake Road and South Orange Blossom Trail. This mall connects to an Adams Mark hotel and has stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Guess and Champs Sports.

LOCAL FESTIVALS

Find drama nirvana

This weekend has arrived, and you have no plans. No parties in your apartment complex. No football games to catch on the tube. No interesting films on the big screen. What can you do?

Orlando offers several festivals throughout the year to keep you entertained. If you didn’t fall asleep while reading Shakespeare in high school, the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival will satisfy the literature-lovers in you. Many of its plays are performed outdoors, and it cannot be found anywhere else in Orlando.

Don’t want to hear Romeo and Juliet profess their love for one another by committing suicide? Head for the Bob Carr Theater for the Hubbard Reggae Festival at Universal Studios CityWalk. Each February, CityWalk features reggae bands and Jamaican food during the two-day event that costs $23 for one day or $30 for both days.

Of course, the major annual festivals are: Pinckney Days,=result of the Festival of strawberries served in the best pie and the best ice cream, prepared in a beautiful picturesque setting.

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Where to go when UCF's closed

Whether you fall down the stairs or come down with the flu, you have a few different first-aid options when the Health Center is closed or crowded. For fast, near-by service, try the University Walks Medical Center conveniently located on University Boulevard. However, be prepared to write a hefty check for the office visit, although the non-urgent health issues will eventually reimburse you. The clinic is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Health Center

Health Care

After hours options

STUDY SPOTS

When you need some peace

College isn't all parties and TV-watching, sometimes you have to study. In fact, finding the ideal place to study is one of the challenges that make college life fun — it can be the key to keeping your grades up. "Backed away from the hustle and bustle of fast traffic through the main floor of the Student Union, the slowly named "Main Lounge" on the third floor is a great hideaway. Filled with soft, comfortable couches, chairs and work tables, this no-frill refuge is both comfortable and convenient.

The lounge is open during Union hours 7 a.m. to midnight Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday. On the second floor of the Union, two couches in a nook around the corner from the elevators provide a secluded study environment.

A few steps away (on the northeast corner of the second floor) is the Student Government Computer Lab — the most well-equipped of the campus computer labs. The SGA lab has necessary office supplies like a stapler, hole-puncher, pencil sharpener, and, best of all, free printing.

Macintosh computer fans will be pleased to know that the SGA lab also has several Macs available.

Just outside of the back of the Union, a, copy-omni surrounds another excellent daytime study spot — the boardwalk.

Enveloped in nature, the boardwalk that the tilted building walkold students give an open-air opportunity to escape the otherside campus buildings. Squirrels and birds may distract you, but the boardwalk is tough to beat for those seeking a natural study habitat.

In the library, the third floor's little-known stained-glass window offers students a spiritually inspiring study area. Also adorned with couches, this room is so good for a nap it is for studying. The library basement also offers a unique and peaceful floor for those who want the sun and the quiet. At the far end of the floor, opposite the staircase and elevators in an open area (past the last row of bookshelves with couches and short circular tables above them are any skylights which bathe the room in soft light.)

Next to this spot are several meeting rooms that are available for students to reserve at the main desk near the library entrance. These rooms are ideal for study groups.

Within the Classroom Building on the second and third floors, you'll find plenty of places to focus on your classes in relative peace. Refracted sunlight illuminates areas using rows of desks on either side of the building on both floors. Old reproductions of plastic which serve the triple-purpose of charts, books and desks can be found throughout the building as well, near the corners.

" — AMERICAN
RADIO
What's on the dial

Variety is the spice of life in Orlando radio

F rom Tom Petty to Thirsty Thirst, there's a radio station featuring nearly every musical taste in Orlando.

One of the most popular radio stations is XL 106.7 FM, the obligatory top 40 pop station. This is the station to pre-set if you're into whatever is hot on MTV this week.

For what was big throughout the '80s, as well as currently tune into Real Rock 105.9. This station serves as an alternative for those looking for something other than pop, with a blend of jazz and other genres.

For oldies, tune into Big 100.3 FM and Classic Rock 105.9. These stations play hits from the '50s through the '70s. Also, check out WMMO 101.1 FM, which plays hits from the '80s, '90s, and current hits.

Listening for '60s music? Dial WLOQ 103.1 FM or WMMO 101.1 FM, the full-power Adult Contemporary station.

Alternatives rock can be found on either Real Rock 105.9 FM or Classic Rock 105.9 FM. For oldies, tune into Big 100.3 FM. These stations play hits from the '50s through the '70s.

Alternative rock fans have two options for music: Power 95.3 FM and 102 JAMZ, at 103.5 FM. Those looking for smoother rock, go to Moombahton 107.7 FM at 107.7 FM.

National Public Radio news on either Real Rock 105.9 FM or Classic Rock 105.9 FM is available on the station for those interested in news and information.

COUNTRY fans can listen to Circle K Country at 91.5 FM. This station plays classic country music at 91.5 FM. Classical music lovers can listen to Classic FM at 105.9 FM.

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65,000 seat bowl offers plenty of room for rabid Knights fans

The Florida Citrus Bowl is the downtown stadium and 10,000-seat bowl for the football Knights. The stadium is home to three nearby places to choose from. For concerts and events, including elaborate half-time shows, New Years Day game and the Stadium hosts about five football games for rent, the rental price comparable to Blockbuster far east.

VIDEO RENTALS
For the nights you stay in town

New releases all fall under four bucks near UCF

Sometimes you just want to stay home—which of the club specials, concerts and new Blockbusters at the theaters. When you just want to rent a good movie, there are plenty of nearby places to choose from.

The closest shop to campus is a Blockbuster next to the Parking lot on the north side of UCF, which offers new releases on VHS and DVD for $3.99. They stay open until midnight most nights 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

An alternative Blockbuster is located on Alafia Trail, on the north side of the intersection with State Road 408. This one is open every day from 10 a.m. to midnight. They offer new releases for $3.79 for two days.

On University Boulevard at Dean Road, Movie Gallery offers a good selection of new releases and older titles, with prices comparable to Blockbuster.

If you're looking for something cheaper, however, search no more: two video stores on State Road 408 offer you an alternative to Blockbuster fare.

Best of all, both are less than two miles away from campus. Hollywood Video, open 10 a.m. to midnight daily, offers a simplified scheme: every rental is five days long—new or old, movie or game. Their selection rivals that of local Blockbuster shops, at $3.79. At nearby Video News, new videos rent for $2.99 per day. While they may not offer games for rent, the rental prices are cheap and they stay open until midnight every night.

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Buying vintage

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Getting it used can be the best way to save money when you need to go shopping.

You need new clothes but you don’t want to pay for new clothes, do you? For those with slim budgets (e.g., all of us), used and “vintage” clothing stores provide an affordable avenue to revamp your wardrobe.

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, on Colonial Drive between Rouse and Dean roads, offer T-shirts from 99 cents to $3.49. Pants start at $3.49, and jeans at $4.99.

With Napster long gone, it’s understandably difficult for college-budgeted students to get music. There are several used CD stores in town, though, including one right on campus. You can trade in gift CDs that never saw the laser light of a CD player for discs you’ll actually listen to—at a price that makes regular music stores sweat.

If you don’t have any CDs to unload, you can still find plenty of CDs somebody else didn’t want that might be just what you’re looking for. Park Avenue CDs, which has two locations in town, is the fastest way to ditch that Kelis single. You can find their sequel store in the Student Union, next to the convenience store. Their original location in downtown Winter Park mixes funky decor with a funky assortment of people’s pre-listened-to music. They also have a sizable collection of new CDs if you’re itching to buy a CD that nobody else wanted to part with.

Another option is CD Warehouse, located on Colonial Drive near the Orlando Fashion Square mall, a 15-minute drive from campus.

The Echo Exchange on the corner of Dean Road and University Boulevard is a favorite among college students. Echo has a wide range of styles and allows students to buy, sell, and trade clothes. Prices for most items are under $20, and while not everything is vintage in the store, most items fit into the retro category.

Orlando Vintage Clothing Company, located on West Fairbanks in Winter Park, is the friendliest thrift shop in the area. The helpful staff will help you locate any accessory you’re looking for and even allow shoppers to rent items such as flapper dresses, go-go boots and wigs.

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Also near UCF is the Do or Dye Salon, which offers students and faculty a 10 percent discount. They're in the University Shoppes across the street from UCF (near McDon-
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Wekiva Springs State Park offers canoeing, hiking and fishing as well as camps for $20 a night. Entrance to the park is $5 a car (up to eight people) and allows access to the almost 7,000 acres of natural area, home to deer, bobcats, black bears and other animals. Reservations for the campsites are required, and each site has amenities including water, electricity, and grills as well as access to hot showers and restrooms.

For those looking forward to roughing it, Wekiva Springs also allows backpack camping — pitching a tent on the 13 mile hiking trails. These spots don’t need reservations, but they do have fire circles to cook.

Kelly Park and Rock Springs offer more than just the average hiking — there is a mile-long stream perfect for tubing or snorkeling down. Each trip takes about 25 minutes and tube rentals are $3 per day. This Orange County Park also offers two choices for campsites: those with electric and those without. For Orange County residents, electric sites cost $10 a night and non-electric sites cost $5. For non-residents, the prices are $5 more.
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