Central Florida Future

Homecoming events grow hotter, closer

Organizers hope to make this year's festivities 'out of control' by adding more entertaining acts

RENEE FOLLY
Managing Editor

Last week, Homecoming Executive Director Victor Perez declared he wanted this year's Homecoming to be "out of control," and with a new lineup for the concert as well as a few other changes arranged by event organizers, students are eagerly awaiting the week's festivities.

UCF sophomore Leslie Taylor said she hopes the concept of having two different concerts featuring different genres of music works. "I think it is cool that there is more diversity to the Homecoming concert this year," Taylor said. In that vein, the concert this year is designed to appeal to multiple groups of students at the university, resulting in a larger and more eclectic turnout.

The concert for Homecoming 2005 has already made changes and additions to its lineup, Perez said. "For concert night, there will be two different shows: Yellowcard, Acceptance, Ziggy and the band of Poets, and the other concert will be T.I., Sublime, and the Molotov Crew." Perez declared he wanted this year's Homecoming to grow hotter, closer to appeal to multiple groups of students at the university, and "out of control" by offering up some hope to make this year's festivities 'out of control' by adding more entertaining acts.

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PLC offers up some TLC for Tulane at home game

ASHLEY BURNS
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While Saturday's football game has moved from its regular time of 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. due to Hurricane Wilma, Dickson Hartzler, who was impressed by Blanchett's "poise and polish," said that he "has the character to do a great job as Mr. UCF."
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damaged and shelters will be posted online. Information on campus closures can also be found through local media outlets.

Paper cap, gown, save money

The UCF bookstore will be accepting preorders for graduation cap and gowns during the week of Oct. 12. Only the UCF bookstore has the official graduation headwear for commencement ceremonies.

For more information, call 407-823-6262.

Drink coffee and appreciate art

The public is invited to a reception to celebrate the opening of the new UCF Art Gallery exhibit, "Painting from the Heart" by internationally recognized artist Dr. Linda Deichen, this weekend.

The reception is open to the public from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call Kellee Friel at 407-828-6262.

Learn about women in physics

Katharine Gebbie of the University of Central Florida, a physics professor and author talks on cheating culture and drawing.

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John Elmore — current criminal justice defense attorney, former New York Assistant District Attorney, and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Vance Q. Foster — State Attorney for the 23rd Judicial Circuit and former Alabama Solicitor General — was the keynote speaker and distinguished panelist at the "Race, Crime and the Criminal Justice System: Perspectives on Racial Biases," an event yesterday at UCF.

Elmore, a former New York state trooper, delved into the discrimination that exists in the criminal justice system. The event, held in the Pegasus Ballroom, was sponsored by the College of Health and Public Affairs, the Department of Criminal Justice, the Black Studies Program, the Perdue Center for Law and Education, and the Department of Criminal Justice.

"There are over 1 million African-Americans in prison in this country," said Elmore, a keynote speaker and distinguished panelist at the event. "All of these things are happening because they are not widely known."

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Those unfamiliar with the game was officially
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Hartzler, who is a member of Bright­Movers dance team, perform­ing and serving as director of communites at a number of Weights.

What's funny is that my younger sister, Michael Bahle­n, and Gaston sings Michael Bahle·n, Hartzler said, adding that their talents made for a "nice pairing."

Hartzler also remarked on the ambitious nature of hold­ing the Mr. or Miss UCF title, explaining that it can serve as the summation of a college career showing a student to "be prouder of him and giving back to the between us, and it has for her, or as a promising beginning, it will for

What's interesting about his situation is that he is new. Now, Miss UCF is going to spread out into campus to watch. For him it will be a fac­t."

Hartzler said.

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Proposed school needs $80 million for board's approval

A computer-generated image shows what the Lake Nona campus of the proposed UCF medical school may potentially look like.

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A plethora of financial sources are required to cover the funding of the new UCF medical college, which would be formally proposed to the state Board of Governors on Nov. 17 in Jacksonville.

In order to win approval of the idea, President John Hitt and UCF needs to show the Board of Governors that it can raise about $50 million, including state-matching funds, to pay for the buildings that would be needed to establish the medical college.

Last week, Orange County Mayor Rich Grant pledged to contribute up to $1 million with a match from some government programs toward the much-anticipated medical college, which is expected to break ground in Lake Nona.

The Orange County Commission voted unanimously following a presentation by Hitt to guarantee an initial $1 million from reserves and match donations from each of the other 20 counties in UCF's service area up to another $3 million.

The Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's public universities, is also considering a medical school proposal from Florida International University.

UCF does not see this as a competition, according to Professor Kostopoulos, dean of the College of Biomedical and Life Sciences.

"It's another institution that's not in competition with the other," Kostopoulos said. "If you look at the statewide need for physicians and the increase in biomedical research, two more medical schools are probably not even enough." Kostopoulos said that only the operational funds for the college would be coming from state legislature, which is "not such an outrageous amount" to believe both UCF and FIU could be approved.

Florida needs at least two more medical schools to meet the growing demand for doctors, according to an study by MGT of America. The annual need for new physicians in Florida is expected to grow from 2,800 in 2000 to 4,200 in 2022.

Kostopoulos added that the medical school's faculty members could get grants from national institutes of health and other federal agencies, which would cover the bulk of the school's financial need.

The UCF medical college would also benefit the university's already-developed scientific strengths, including biomed-ical sciences, modelling and simulation, and optics and photonics, according to the university's proposal.

"Since we help in advising, many students pass through our office while applying to other medical schools, and now we get to know them very well," Lopez said. "So it will be very beneficial to have their application to that same institution, because we will know more about the applicants than we would if they were applying from another location.

As a student in the process of his application, Ricardo Gonzalez, president of Florida International University's Medical Student Association at UCF, knows very much how beneficial that could be.

"I don't care what everyone says," Gonzalez said. "It is very difficult for UCF students to get into medical school. It is far easier to get into medical school when your undergraduate institution provides that service for you.

Sports tour does it for the Dew

The inaugural Dew Action Sports Tour took place at the TD Waterhouse Centre last week, and there was plenty of high-flying BMX, motocross and skateboarding action.

Australian rider Ryan Guidera won the overall title, the Dew Cup, at the event. Newk's bands Hothouse and All-American Rejects performed at the event, which will be aired on a special highlight show on Fuse TV network from Oct. 24-28.

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and this paper showed that it is unnecessary to keep pushing up salaries when the government pool is $50 billion. Then, the Senate voted 92-6 to freeze pay for the next year.

This country has been overwhelmed by Katrina and didn't know how is FEMA going to help residents of Florida when and if they need to get help. Letting someone with no experience in the field to cushion greater alcohol consumption? The common sense of the Alcohol Task Force escapes me.

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Forget hurricanes, it's a tirade

I thought we almost did it. The champagne was on ice and the cigars were being lit because I finally thought Florida had made it out of hurricane season without getting nuted last year.

Then Hurricane Wilma apparently took a trip to BALCO yesterday and blew itself up into a Category 5 to a Category 5 stronger than Albert Pujols could hit a home run off of to silence every single A's fan at Minute Maid Park Monday night. Wilma appears to be potentially heading straight for Central Florida, which is pretty scary considering everything we endured last year between Charlie and Frances. Early reports indicate that Wilma could be the biggest hurricane to be recorded history and apparently the bureaucratic presence in the Gulf means it is so large that Wilma is only going to get bigger and bigger.

I am not an expert in all things when it comes to meteorology, but I learned enough last year to know that we need to take this storm seriously as we always do. Most importantly, we need to huddle down and prepare for the storm and leave from the area takes that were made before and after Hurricane Katrina to avoid another possible disaster.

So my advice to everyone is to stock up now and take care of yourselves and your loved ones, because we never know how bad it's going to be until the storm actually hits. This storm is going to be Insane no matter where it hits and preparation is essential.

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Making adjustments

UCF's junior college transfers are making a seamless transition

ANDY JACOBSON

Some junior college players get to Deland, and that is a big adjustment they have to make," coach Andy Vazquez said.

From the beginning, setter Alexander had noticed a change in her daily routine. "It is a lot more demanding on your time," Alexander said. "You don't have much free time."  

The 5-9 setter from Georgetown, Texas, entered her collegiate career with

Volleyball's junior college transfers are making a seamless transition

Knights continue C-USAloosing streak

ANDY JACOBSON

The Golden Knights have lost seven consecutive Conference USA matches after starting 2-4. The loss came against fourth-place C-USA team the Tulsa Golden Hurrican

"It is a lot more demanding you don't have much free time." — UCFSM WOLFGANG LEWIS (left) assisted Alexander, with)

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Football game moved up to Friday

Potentially devastating Hurricane Wilma forces UCF football to play on a Friday evening for the only time since ever

ANDY VAZQUEZ

With Hurricane Wilma churning for the entire weekend, this week's football game between UCF and Tulane at the Citrus Bowl has been moved up near

By way transfer.

"You can definitely think it's a great decision," O'Leary said. "We made a decision, and I think it's a great decision. It allows us to get the game in, under hopefully good weather, and for Tulane to get out before the bad weather occurs."  

For the Knights, it will mark only the second time they have taken to the field on a Friday evening. 

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Women's soccer team hopes to bounce back

It happened. The score went up, the final whistle blew, and then there it was - the second half. The Knights, who fell on their first game in the Mid-American Conference, are unable to bounce back. The team was scheduled before the season began to be nationally broadcast on Sunday Night Football.

This Friday night matchup will offer the home fans an opportunity to see the second half of the game on ESPN2. The match is a must-win for the Knights, who are 2-1 in the conference and 3-1 overall.

The team has had a rough start to the season, with only one win in four games. However, they are looking to improve their record and get back on track. The Knights are hoping to get their first conference win this weekend against the UAB Blazers.

The match will take place at 7 p.m. at the Citrus Bowl. It will be televised on ESPN2.

For more information, please visit the UCF Sports website at ucfknights.com.
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Walking the land where legends live

UCF set to host prestigious tournament on home course of PGA stars

MELUSSA HEFFNER
Continuing liner

The UCF men’s golf team will play host to this season’s biggest collegiate golf tournament next week at the Isleworth Country Club in Windermere.

Noted as one of the country’s longest and toughest courses, the 5,450-yard course will host the second annual Isleworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational Sunday through next Tuesday.

Home to more than a dozen PGA Tour golfers, most notably Tiger Woods, Isleworth’s recently-renovated course will help boost confidence ... . knowing you can compete against the best of the nation’s top teams, including 13 of the top 100 college golfers. The 54-hole event usually begins on a match for many teams.

The tournament will not only be a showcase for a high-caliber course, this prestigious tournament will best many of the nation’s top teams, including 27 of the top 20 teams, according to the latest Golf Coaches Association of America poll.

Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State, UNLV, Duke and Georgia will represent the top five teams in the country. "Outstanding," is one of the things the Knights have been devoid of thus far.

Although UCF has struggled thus far — its best finish this season was ninth place two weeks ago at the Gary Koch Intercollegiate at Texas — Clinard is confident that with a good tournament this weekend the Knights could turn their season around.

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"Good golf helps confidence — knowing you can compete against the best teams in the country."

UGF golfer Stefan Wistorf, seen above at last year’s tournament at Isleworth, will be one of the Knights fighting for the title in one of college golf’s best fields.

Also leading the Knights were seniors Sonny Nimkhum and seniors Stefan Wistorf and Sonny Nimkhum are all returning to Isleworth this year in hopes of an improved team and individual showing.

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Looking at the field

Tech, South Carolina, Oklahoma State, California, Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and Toledo will also represent the Knights in the tournament this week.

"This is a true leader, any guy on his team who ends up for the tournament. They are a great group," Clinard said. "But they know they need to play better."

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Coming off a seventh-place finish at the Gary Koch Intercollegiate last week, Clinard said he saw improvement from his team who ended up for the tournament.

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MATT MIDDLECOCK

For Michael McColgan, musical revival marks unexpected event

Ex-Dropkick Murphys lead singer talks about new band, Street Dogs

BRADON VELIČKI

When Michael McColgan resigned as lead singer of the Dropkick Murphys in 2002, he did not exactly cross McColgan’s mind. "When I came in, it was just the idea to have fun and get my 'yayas' out and just yell and scream and get back into it a little bit," he said. "That momentum and the music for the band, even in its earlier stages, was very strong and way beyond our collective expectations." The project soon became a full band, which soon put out a formal demo, which soon led to an initial record deal, which ultimately led to a sophomore album. That is the story of the Street Dogs, in its simplest form, but there is more to it than that. The name, Street Dogs, stems from a song that band wrote early on — it was the title of the song.

"We just weren't making any progress with the [song]. So at the time, we didn't have a name for the project — and in the name stuck with McColgan said, "and I really couldn't get it off of my head. I felt like it was a good name for the band."

McColgan also notes the connection between the band and his "founding father" Joeoking out. I said, 'Hey, this is going to be a band and not a project.'"

I n a continuing effort to spotlight the work being done by UCF's art faculty, the UCF Art Gallery will be displaying art by professor Kevin Haran starting today.

The exhibit, Transparency, features more than 30 pieces of art by the accomplished artist. Though Transparency features a variety of artistic mediums, including acrylic paintings, watercolors, pencils and collages, each piece relates to the theme.

"I think the title kind of sums it up," Haran said. "The idea of transparency describes the visual elements I'm interested in."

Also, in a way, I'm making myself transparent by laying all these images out."

Some of the works are openly autobiographical, such as a watercolor painting based off of a picture of his father during military service.

Other pieces are more based off of personal memories, or even just reference to older works of art. One painting features a rendition of a model house Haran built as a child.

Unique to this exhibit are a series of collages. These pieces are published together from a variety of disparate images taken from earlier works and Haran's sketchbooks.

"I'm dealing with this issue Jeez!" Haran said. "At the time I didn't know where these images would land."

"The thought of joining another band didn't initially cross McColgan's mind. "I had just been in a project that I was really proud of, and then it ended. So when I first got the call from him, I was completely taken aback." McColgan said, "I think after about a month of talking, I decided to say yes."

"It was a really fun experience to be a part of something," McColgan said. "It was a really fun experience to be a part of something."
Crowe gets personal with Elizabethtown

Film met with mixed critical response, but Crowe finds audience

WILLIAM GOSS

Writer/director Cameron Crowe has always made personal films: Say Anything... Jerry Maguire, Almost Famous. However, with a story concerning a son who returns home to Kentucky after his father's death, Elizabethtown may be his most personal to date.

"It was traveling through Kentucky, and I had not been back there since my own father's funeral years earlier, and so the whole kind of thing of Kentucky and the feeling that is in the air there and remembering my dad in a state that was so much a part of my family's history," Crowe said during a conference call earlier this month. "That really was the inspiration."

Crowe is often known for incorporating a wealth of music into his films, and Elizabethtown is no exception.

"It is just like this one felt like more of a musical than some other ideas that I was working on, so I just kind of flooded it in the direction of playing more music in this one," Crowe said. "Some people come from a background of sports, so they have sports in their movies or they kind of transform whatever their passions are into the way they make movies and often music is one of the inspiring first events as the story is coming together, so I try and program the movie sometimes like a radio station I would want to listen to, but there are also little things that I put in there so little tips of the hat to artists and all kinds of things really because I like the idea that things appear in later viewings of a book."

Elizabethtown made its initial appearance at this year's Toronto Film Festival in early September, where it was met with a critical backlash.

"Well, I finished a cut that was scoped and shot after by three festivals: Venice Film Festival and Toronto Film Festival, and I kept working on the movie because that is my process. I was still learning about how the movie was playing with audiences because I think you learn best about how a movie is working, particularly a comedy, by slowing it and feeling the rhythm."

"So knowing I was going to come back after Toronto and still spiral another weekend finishing the edit on the movie, I asked that the movie be characterized as a 'work-in-progress.' But what I did was come back, make a work-in-progress cut that was the finished version but I couldn't say it was because it was any other way than the fact that I wanted to use all the available time to learn about how the movie was working."

His latest film has also drawn many comparisons to 2004's Garden State, which Crowe had yet to see until he was in the process of editing Elizabethtown.

"I dig Zach Braff, so finally toward the end of Elizabethtown, I watched Garden State and liked Garden State. I just love that whole milieu of music and I think you learn best about how movies are about coping with life and living with great music."

Though often critically acclaimed and rarely financially successful, Crowe's work has always managed to find its audience.

"What I like most of all is that the stuff I have done has sort of found its audience in one way or another, either sooner or later, and I am just really honored by that."

Photo: R TO CROWE
Stay away from pretentious filler film

Ｎausea-inducing visuals, ponderous plot doom pointless, pompous movie

WILLIAM G ос

A so-called psychological thriller, "Stay" is a pretentious waste of time and talent that would have been better spent on something else. The writer and director Rob Koren's movie, which is set in a studio apartment, attempts to tell a story that is as fascinating as it is lifeless. The movie, however, is nothing more than a collection of scenes that are meant to be interpreted as deep and meaningful. The acting is wooden, and the plot is predictable, making it difficult to stay interested in the film's outcome.

Yet Koren's approach to the material is so pretentious that it becomes annoying. In an attempt to make it seem more profound, he uses a number of visual effects and sound cues that are used to create a sense of tension and unease. The result is a film that is both exhausting and frustrating to watch.

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