The return of Late Knights

Spa-themed kick-off event offered oxygen bar, massage chairs

MATT MCKEELER Contributing Writer

Late Knights Student Director, Brian Hicks, wanted students to start this year off on the right foot. What better way than the use of an oxygen bar, numerous massage chairs, aromatherapy candle making, laser tag, yoga classes, two-step lessons, and Spa-themed kick-off event. And, best of all, it was free to everyone. Whether they attended UCF or not.

“We were open to non-alcoholic alternatives for students to get involved with the university,” Hicks said. This past Friday’s spa-themed kick-off event symbolizes the return of Late Knights of the Spring semester. The Late Knights is a monthly event at UCF providing free food, fun, and entertainment. Brian Hicks, Student Director for Late Knights, said the event has been a great success and continues to attract more than 2,000 students at each event.

“There needs to be still getting the structure of the event down, but it has been successful from the past events,” Hicks said. The event would not be possible without an array of organizations sponsoring the event. Please see page A8 for more.

Novelist Carl Hiaasen will discuss piecing Florida’s environment together at UCF-sponsored forum

PAMELA SYKES Contributing Writer

Taking a page from one of his environmentally themed books, author and Miami Herald environmental reporter Carl Hiaasen will address the current and future states of Central Florida’s environment Wednesday at Church Street Station in downtown Orlando.

The event is sponsored by UCF’s Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies and Interregional. According to the event’s public relations coordinator for the Spanish street location, the forum concerns the current and future states of Central Florida’s environment.

In addition to Hiaasen, she said that other representatives from environmental groups will be there. Some of the organizations represented will be: Trust for the Public Lands, The Nature Conservancy, Rural Land Stewardship Program, and New Land Communities.

The event will take place in the Student Union. E-mail contact for more information is: carl.hiaasen@ymail.com.
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"The state of Florida has done a great job of inventing in open space through Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever," said Linda Chapman, director of the Metropolitan Center. "But, we must finish the job to protect the environment. The next 10 to 20 years are critical."

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- Fatigue/weakness
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle pains
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**Flu**
- Malaise
- Fever
- Body aches and pains
- Fatigue/weakness

**Sore throat**
- Common
- Sometimes
- Severe

**Headache**
- Rare
- Prominent

**Cold**
- Very mild
- Common
- Rare
- Often
- Usually

**Dry cough**
- May be severe
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- Common
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**Common cold or flu?**

**DIFFERENCES AMONG THE SYMPTOMS**

**Sore throats** are all over the place. Influenza, or the flu, is an infection of the respiratory tract that can be caused by a variety of different viruses. The most common aspect of the flu is how it can knock you to the ground with its abrupt and sudden onset of fever, cough, chills, and body aches and pains. A cold which is also known as the common cold or the flu, is an infection of the upper respiratory tract. Sometimes a cold can turn into the flu, which may reflect different strains that can observe swallowing and speech for acoustic studies, also taken of the patient's vocal cords on video recording through video. Recordings are to determine the source of the problem began and where the problem began and how to treat it. A cold, which is also caused by viruses, differs as the flu in that rarely does it cause more potential health problems. The flu is a much more serious disease. Typically, the best treatment for a virus is plenty of rest and sleep. This helps the body build natural defenses to fight off the infection. There's nothing like a workout to clear your head. And, our 90-minute workout can also change your body and your life. Give us 90 minutes for you at Curves. It will be good for your body and your mind.

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Emotions not the goal of Brecht play

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**Former UCF receiver impresses in Hawaii**

**CHRIS HOYLER Staff Writer**

After an impressive first half, a former UCF receiver continued to impress for the Golden Knights. Former UCF wide receiver caught five passes for 100 yards and a touchdown, helping his East squad to a 45-yard gain, prompting praise from the ESPN crew.

"I spoke with three scouts today and 3 said 'Who's the best player this week at the Hula Bowl?' and all three of them said Marshall," ESPN's Chris Speraw said. "You've got to avoid a situation where you're looking for a signature. The best player this week at the Hula Bowl is most definitely Brandon Marshall.""}

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**Herd blows by UCF women with 53 points in second half**

**BRIAN MURPHY Staff Writer**

The Thundering Herd continued their dominance over the Knights with a 53-36 victory over UCF on Saturday night at the Arena. The Herd outscored the Knights by 61 points in the second half, nearly breaking the team's record of 46 points set against UCF last year.

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**Women's Notebook**

ESPN Wide World of Sports is hosting this week's Nike Women's Basketball Showcase, which features games from March 22 through March 24. The tournament is the first NCAA Division I women's basketball event to be held in Orlando, and it features eight teams, including UCF, which is coached by Dawndis Disruitt. The Knights are off to a 4-1 start, with their only loss coming against the defending national champion Connecticut.

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**KNIGHTS PICK UP FIRST C-USA HOME WIN**

**‘Disaster avoided’**

**Defensive effort key as men’s basketball team picks up C-USA win**

**ANDY VASQUEZ Staff Writer**

UCF forward Anthony Williams battle inside with Tulsa forward Sam Hill during the Knights’ 64-44 victory over the Golden Hurricane Saturday night. Williams shot 10-of-13 from the field and posted 11 points to go with three rebounds and three blocks. It was UCF’s first home win as a member of Conference USA.

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**Bascom honors continues as UCF baseball gears up for 2006 season**

**CHRISS HOYLER Staff Writer**

UCF’s baseball team will be one of the last of the Golden Knights to hit the diamond this season, but they should have a look at their schedule in the first week of the season. UCF baseball is coming off a successful 2005 season, and they will be looking to build on that success this year. The Knights will open their season against the University of Florida on Feb. 16 at Superstition Mountain. UCF’s baseball team is coming off a successful 2005 season, and they will be looking to build on that success this year. The Knights will open their season against the University of Florida on Feb. 16 at Superstition Mountain.
Turnovers: Poor shooting dooms Jackson against SDSU

Improved free-throws key to win

UFC at East Carolina Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Players to watch

UFC

Washington, D.C. — With his red beard and signature knit cap, the former Virginia tech player who now makes his living as a mixed martial arts fighter is known as "The Ultimate Fighter"

The welterweight division features former champion Georges St-Pierre, who is looking for a return to form after a one-year layoff due to injury. St-Pierre will face off against Brazilian veteran Junior dos Santos, who is coming off a three-fight winning streak.

In the co-main event, UFC bantamweight champion T.J. Dillashaw will defend his title against former featherweight champion Cody Garbrandt.

UFC

North Carolina — The UFC organization is hosting another event in the Tar Heel State, this time featuring a middleweight title fight between Israel Adesanya and Robert Whittaker.

Adesanya, a Nigerian-New Zealander, has dominated the middleweight division since taking over the title in 2017. He will face off against Whittaker, the former champion who has struggled since losing his title to Adesanya.

In the co-main event, former featherweight champion Max Holloway will take on former lightweight champion Tony Ferguson in a lightweight bout.

UFC

Atlanta, Georgia — The UFC is returning to the Georgia Dome for another event, featuring a featherweight title fight between Max Holloway and Brian Ortega.

Holloway, the current featherweight champion, will look to defend his title against Ortega, who is coming off a three-fight winning streak.

In the co-main event, former welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre will face off against former middleweight champion Michael Bisping.

UFC

Las Vegas, Nevada — The UFC continues its Las Vegas takeover with another event, featuring a lightweight title fight between Khabib Nurmagomedov and Dustin Poirier.

Nurmagomedov, the current lightweight champion, will face off against Poirier, who has been a dominant force in the lightweight division.

In the co-main event, former welterweight champion Tyron Woodley will take on former middleweight champion Luke Rockhold.

UFC

Foxborough, Massachusetts — The UFC concludes its trip to New England with another event, featuring a welterweight title fight between Kamaru Usman and Kamaru Usman.

Usman, the current welterweight champion, will face off against his brother Kamaru Usman, who is coming off a three-fight winning streak.

In the co-main event, former featherweight champion Tony Ferguson will face off against former lightweight champion Kevin Lee.

UFC

Memphis, Tennessee — The UFC continues its Memphis run with another event, featuring a lightweight title fight between Justin Gaethje and Dan Hooker.

Gaethje, the current lightweight champion, will face off against Hooker, who has been a dominant force in the lightweight division.

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UFC

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Marshall doesn’t earn MVP

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Women's notebook

No. 30 Southern Mississippi, Houston, picked to finish fifth in C-USA, also received votes, as did East Carolina, whom UCF coaches placed sixth.

UCF will be led by Bascom, a right-handed starter who has received many accolades during the winter preseason. Coming off of a season in which he went 10-2 with a 3.10 ERA and 131 strikeouts in 113 innings, Bascom was named and NCBWA All-American, making the third team.

The Dunedin, Fla., native was also named a third-team All-American by Collegiate Baseball News. In 2005, he was the first-team Atlantic Sun all-conference pitcher.

Bascom has also been named to several prestigious preseason award lists.

The Roger Clemens Award, given annually to the nation's top pitcher and voted on by coaches, national media and previous award winners, listed Bascom among the 40 on their preseason watch list. Bascom was also among the 120 listed on the preseason watch list for the Brooks Wallace Award, given annually to the nation's college baseball player of the year.

The awards began taking shape as the now defunct Rotary Southwest Florida Award, whichBascom included major league stars Ivan Rodriguez, Miguel Tejada, Mark Prior and Brad Wilkerson.

UCF, which started practice on Sunday, is one of the nation's top teams at Florida International in Miami on Feb. 6.
Students must notice Darfur

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In the past 10 years, the world has repeatedly said "never again" to genocides in Rwanda, Cambodia and Rwanda. School-aged children have been incinerated on the borders of the Holocaust, an Oscar-nominated film that destroyed the associ-

ation in Rwanda and the courage of women who refuse to let their

inhabitants be killed, and the world has said collectively, "This is wrong. This is evil. This can never happen again."

It's happening again. It's happening in Darfur, the Sudanese region of the Sudan, and it has been happening since February 2003.

According to a Human Rights Watch report published Friday, in the past three years, two million people in the Darfur region have been expelled from their homes by the Sudanese government-supported militia Janjaweed and are trapped in refugee camps in neighboring Chad or in internally displaced persons camps in Darfur.

Also, according to Human Rights Watch, the Sudanese govern-

ment and the Janjaweed have repeatedly attacked the civilian populations of the African Fur, Masalit, and Zaghawa ethnic groups. Authorities have used aircraft to drop

missiles that at least 700000 people, mostly non-African Darfuris, have been systematically starved or caught killed along the

conflict's edge. There have been widespread reports by humanitarian groups of the killing, burning and raping of civilians of the African Fur, Masalit and Zagawa ethnic groups, the massacring and burning of homes and the herding of the Darfur locals into military camps — camps they can't try to escape without being beaten or run over by the armed militia that surround them.

The situation is so dangerous that many aid organizations have been forced to withdraw their staff.

The bottom line is that while the politicians argue over whether the counts are genocides or not and the Western media and the American people focus on whether Bush is doing enough or not being massaged in this small, tiny African nation that few U.S. citizens have heard of.

What can U.S. citizens do to help?

They can attend the events of Project Darfur, a weeklong event held by the United Nations Association at UCF and at least nine other UCF organizations to raise awareness about the human rights violations in Darfur.

Osama bin Laden, the lead terrorist leader of al-Qaida's attacks on the U.S. on September 11, 2001, was a trial balloon for a small terrorist group based in Afghanistan. However, al-Qaida leaders have been apprehended, but the one man who needs to be found and his enemies every time his whereabouts have been predictable: Osama bin Laden.

In his latest book, The Osannan's War, Perez L. Bergin, who is one of few Americans to have personally

interceted with bin Laden, recounts hundreds of interviews with close friends, allies and family members of Bin Laden.

The book humanizes Bin Laden, not in a manner of making him look good, but by letting readers know how he became the terrifying icon of anti-American policies that he is today.

Within the many stories, bin Laden is described as a man who went from a young playboy, rich in profits of his father's oil company, to a religious zealot, who believed America pays for his capital gains.

The progression from devout Muslim to putschist to mass murderer has been written in the minds of all family members affiliated with the most feared organization on the planet, in the form of a new frightening meaning of the Muslim holy book, the Quran.

Many Islamic leaders have said that Bin Laden's practices and preaching of the Quran are way off base. But what does that matter when a man who believes he is right and prays to one day be a martyr against the U.S. is making threats of massive attacks against American soil?

For Bin Laden, the acceptance of a long-term truce would be a victory against the U.S. He would show the world that the greatest power crumbled to the actions of the Arab states or the group based on leveling the international playing field to a tractor.

Al-Qaida believes this war is a battle of Christianity against the Muslim belief, and the group will continue to deny Western civilization until Bin Laden is either captured or a trace is established.

However, U.S. citizens and people living in democratic countries around the world who can not see a religious war because the Western media is losing it.

While members of al-Qaida and their terrorist rackets are taking over even the names of holy wars in the Middle East, people are worried about saving their children from the certi-

fying threats. A truce is a victory for Bin Laden, then it's time to at least start. And, no one can be expected to live in fear that such threats never end or will never go away.

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lem.

Osama's threats need to be heeded

In a recent audio clip published by the CIA, a voice believed to be Osama Bin Laden, said he was planning another attack against the United States on a new and sophisticated stage. The fears that as soon as the preparations are complete, multiple planes will be forced to drop classified equipment onto the targets of this war.

Osama bin Laden and his group have been forced to withdraw their people and their families from his current position because he is not going out of business. Well, the government puts terrorists to death.

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lem.
There she is, Miss America, boring millions of viewers.

Her smile said it all. As Jennifer Berry was crowned Miss America Saturday night, the look on her face spoke a million words. The 40-year-old teacher and student from the University of Oklahoma represents this great country in a way that no other competition can, and Berry was the perfect example. Just looking at her as she basked in the glory of the nation’s top prize for evening wear was enough to mute the show.

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The biggest problem the competition has ever faced is that the producers kept airing the event on Saturday night. People didn’t watch TV on Saturday nights, at least not the people in the demographics the Miss America pageant should be targeting aren’t watching TV on a Saturday night.

There’s a reason networks show movies like Short Circuit (3) Electric Boogaloo on Saturday nights and that’s because no one is even home to watch them. Move the pageant to a Tuesday or Wednesday, and the event would at least gain back the million viewers it has lost over the past two years.

Since the Miss America Organization is nonprofits, it has amassed quite a serious deficit since it was tossed from national airwaves, small-sponsorships people.

There are a number of networks that showed the show in short bursts on Sunday morning, but let’s put them to work and get some green flowing back in this thing.

The pageant might be cheery and some of the contests over the years could have been replaced by more famous and no one would have been able to tell the difference.

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