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**Central Florida Florida Future**

**DIAMOND DAYS**

Baseball hits the field for first season of Conference USA action. [SEE SPORTS, B1]

**Black faculty celebrated**

Guests at inaugural SGA dinner honored for their contributions

**SOCIAL SENATORS**

McCain and Martinez speak at Freedom Forum

**Volunteers spread organ donation awareness**

Get Carded's Florida Day recognizes importance of giving someone a second chance.

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**Professors take part in national survey on sexual behavior**

AAUW conducting initiative to spread awareness of harassment on campuses

**VARIETY: WACKY TIMES ON THURSDAYS — SEE B5**

**SOLD! FOR A CAUSE**

Dance Marathon sells dates to raise money for children's charities

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**Central Florida Florida Future**

**Black faculty celebrated**

**MARK JUSTICE**

**Society Staff Writer**

Black History Month at UCF was commemorated this Friday evening with the first-ever Student Government-sponsored Black Faculty Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Assistant Vice President of Student Services DeLaine Priest was among the guests honored at the event. Priest was overcome with emotion when she spoke about the event, saying, "We were grateful and honored for the outpouring of support and recognition." Priest said she was the first time in her nearly 20-year career at UCF that she had the opportunity to take part in such a program.

"The event was outstanding. The thought and effort put in place to recognize and honor black faculty and staff was remarkable," she said.

Priest was one of eight faculty and staff members to receive the Presidential Award on Tuesday evening.

"The Presidential Award is bestowed on those individuals who have gone above and beyond and have exceeded the expectations set forth by the university," Lieberman said. "Today would not have been possible without the support of the UCF community."
Students sold for kids charities

The most expensive date went for $390, last year's highest date by $240

AMANDA MANUEL

Dance Marathon's 2nd annual Date Auction, which benefits the Greater Orlando Child Abuse Center, was held Friday night, drawing big laughs and big bids. Brad Epstein, Dance Marathon's co-director and host of the event, and city leaders helped to crown a winner, and the event raised money for the charity.

"I tell people this is a different kind of shrink," Williams said about the quote in an e-mail after the auction. "It's definitely more freeing to think we had a better evening." Williams added that he was "delighted" with the night.

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Eight dinner guests awarded with Presidential Award

Five members of the UCF faculty were honored by receiving Presidential Awards, which are given to people who go above and beyond the expectations of their role.

Tuesday night marked the inaugural SGA-sponsored Black History Month event. From this ad

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Senators answered students’ questions

Group dispels myths of organ donation

According to Get Carded, more than 27,000 Lives were lost during 2003 because of the scarcity of organ donors. They are making efforts to improve this situation by increasing the number of donors by offering incentives for people to sign up. The keynote speaker at this event was Larry McCain, the son of Presidential Candidate John McCain.

Larry McCain answered questions from students about the state of organ donation and the myths surrounding it. He dispelled some common misconceptions, such as the belief that donating organs would shorten one’s lifespan or that the organs could not be used if the person died after organ donation. He emphasized the importance of organ donation and encouraged students to sign up as donors.

He shared personal stories and discussed the impact of organ donation on families and recipients. He also talked about the process of organ donation and the role of families in making decisions. Larry McCain concluded his speech with a call to action, urging students to sign up as organ donors and spread awareness about the importance of organ donation.

Larry McCain’s speech was followed by a Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to ask questions and clarify their doubts. The session was well-attended, and students expressed interest in learning more about organ donation and its impact.

The event was organized by the Student Senate and was part of the university’s efforts to raise awareness about organ donation. The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about this important issue and were encouraged to take action by signing up as organ donors.

Overall, the event was a success, with many students signing up as organ donors and expressing their commitment to spreading awareness about the importance of organ donation.

For more information about organ donation, students can visit the website of the National Kidney Foundation: [Website Link].
Choosing proper titles can lead to awkward situations

While professors tend to vary on what they like to be called, students prefer to show respect to their educators.

KATIE LINDGREN

"My professors have different opinions about what they want to be called," Katie Lindgren said. "Mouton said," Doctor," so that is what I call him, and Affirmative Action offices will address them.

"I have more respect toward my professors because I look at them as examples since I am trying to be a teacher myself one day," she said.

"I always address them," Katie Lindgren, an exceptional education major, said she had been addressing professors as "Mr." who will be teaching at Logan College.


Equal Opportunity office handles harassment claims

In the end, students might be more approachable than professors.

When asked what they prefer to be called, both faculty members and students agreed that respect and that this can be done.

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**OUR STANCE**

### Running cartoons shows ignorance of newspaper

**Two wrongs don't make a right for solving problem**

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Although a million different things could be said about Super Bowl XL, I'm going to forego becoming yet another voice taking my frustrations about poor officiating or how it was the tamest Super Bowl in modern history. Instead, there's a topic that has every major media pundits in the world arguing about free speech and the responsibilities of news publications, and the entire situation is absolutely driving me nuts.

In September, Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* published a series of editorial cartoons depicting the Islamic Prophet Mohammed. All of these cartoons were drawn in extremely poor taste, and Islamic countries are now embittered in protest and violence. The fact that any portrayal of the prophet violates traditional Muslim law because it could lead to idolatry.

The death toll from protests concerning the cartoons hit 10 this week, and *Jyllands-Posten* is only opening wider. Libby pushed its embarrassment. Twenty Muslims were killed as they stood at a U.S. military base in Afghanistan, and the Danish government is taking a serious look at its companies because the entire situation is absolutely driving me nuts.

Muslim leaders asked for an apology from the Danish newspaper for months, and was one was granted, the *Posten* said. Initial officials accepted the apology, whether wholehearted or not, and the paper ran a front-page letter from the editor explaining the decision and how he never intended this will lead to violence.

Maybe the letter should have explained how someone could lack national thought when deciding to run an extremely offensive picture of a religious prophet. Perhaps just like running the cartoon of God or Buddha participating in murder, whether wholehearted or not, and the paper ran a front-page letter from the editor explaining the decision and how he never intended this will lead to violence.

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**El Wei, a UCF associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, his team and students who assist him by taking surve­nies. His goal: to quantify the efforts to test and evaluate different health variables on university students, faculty and staff.**

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**Emergency test was a good effort**

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**OUR STANCE**

### What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

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*The Hammer commercial with the baby and the alien is it.*

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*I didn’t watch it, and was in the library.*

*Spirit animal dancing ptan.*

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*Photo by MUSLLN-39*
Muslim leaders need to help quiet protesters’ violence

By Ed

With a booming lack of common sense as the impetus restraining behind the international debacle, I’m left to wonder what the five people at Florida State would suggest as a means to quell the violence of protesters in Middle Eastern countries. People around the world aren’t blessed with the opportunities to acquire any sort of education or insight, that expert lead to a peaceful solution. It’s the sad truth. Muslims need to start looking up at this entire debacle, but it shouldn’t lead to violence, especially considering the Palestinian newspaper once ran an editorial depicting Adolf Hitler butting people with an as shaped like a swastika.

President George W. Bush was at the time to stop this situation before it escalates further. Yet somehow, violence over a cartoon is now drawing more Middle Eastern hatred than ever toward the U.S.

How did the Sudanese see this coming? Cartoons making fun of a religious prophet should be the first thing that people think of when it comes to irresponsibility journalism.

You can try to stay out of trouble by using freedom of speech as a banner, but we’re all still living with countries that don’t believe in that right. Freedom of speech is one of the biggest scapegoats in the history of mankind. Muslims, filmmakers and other artists constantly justify their controversial actions by stating that freedom of speech is their reasoning for making questionable content.

Regrettably, many national and local newspapers, are not sure my position is wrong, but they feel that the fact that these news agencies already do because of a cartoon shows that Muslim leaders need to talk to their followers and tell them to end this senseless violence.

As children, we learn early on that two wrongs don’t make a right. Physical violence isn’t the answer, especially when Middle Eastern protesters are killing each other in the streets. In fact, the greater the hate, the more already determined.

It’s not surprise that in the Middle East, Muslim leaders found it in the Danish newspaper and government made the mistake of running the cartoon. It was a brilliant move, and that should have ended everything. But when the international society left afforded the luxury of having political leaders establish a resolution for every conflict, then I must be责令 losing my mind.

If Hamshahri runs these cartoons, then the entire Middle East is going to become a massive brawl, even worse than the ongoing violence stemming from the war in Iraq and the countless other countries that are suffering from the ethno-religious unrest in the Middle East. In fact, the world’s more likely to start because of a few stupid individuals.

Unless it’s a church newsletter or a periodical specifically designated for one particular sect, religion has no place in a media publication. The goal of the publication is to create an unbiased news and entertainment source for its readers. When the slightest hint of religion is involved a wall is knocked down and the arena for debate is wide open for everyone.

What I do on a day that someone attacked—whether simply tongue-in-check or with malicious intent—is an eternal religion and, regardless of the faith, that act alone is beheading for the kind of behavior that the world is witnessing right now. No one to everyone in the world is smart enough to realize that it very well could have been an innocent “The Prophet...休闲辰” cartoons bold my blood, but you don’t see these cartoonists willing to take all of the places that I’d like to see a moment of reason.

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### BASEBALL: 2006 SEASON PREVIEW

UCF baseball team moves to a new level of competition in C-USA

**UCF will rely on veterans as well as newcomers in tough C-USA**

**CHRIS HUPPER**

**Staff Writer**

May 28, 2005, brought a difficult ending to a 12-year stretch of domination for UCF baseball in the Atlantic Sun Conference. But when the Knights walked off Melbourne Field at Conrad Park in DeLand, they immediately left behind the 5-2 loss in Florida Atlantic in the conference tournament and stepped into the national spotlight of Conference USA, a far more prestigious conference that gives the Knights a new world of opportunity in exposure and recruiting.

"The players that we've signed the past few years, we probably couldn't have gotten in their houses without being in Conference USA," UCF Coach Brian Gregory said.

The Knights got off to a rough start in 2006, dropping a Sunday doubleheader to Florida International, but they bounced back Tuesday with a win over Bethune-Cookman. Here's a look at how their roster and schedule shapes out for the rest of the season.

**Returning stars**

Junior pitcher Tim Bascom remains in the staff's ace. The Donaldson right-hander is coming off of a breakout 2005 season in which he earned Atlantic Sun Freshman All-conference honors, sporting a 3.30 record with a 3.31 ERA, throwing 123 innings and striking out 81.

Right-hander Tyler Meler was thrown after an injury-plagued 2005, and he should be at number two in the rotation behind Bascom. The 6-foot-4 right-hander will try to build on an outstanding freshman season last year. In 74 innings, Meler finished 3-6 with a 3.23 ERA and was named to the Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-American Team. Before his arm injury, Meler's days were numbered as his top pitch. Now, he'll be interesting to see how his velocity holds up at the season's wear.

Other returning candidates

**Familiar faces**

- **Tim Bascom**
- **Matt Horwath**
- **Ryan Bono**
- **Jason Staton**

**UCF defeats B-CC for first win of new season after two losses to FIU**

A first return trip to the B-CC base, a Friday, July 8, win at U-FL to help the Knights start off the season 1-0 despite their loss to the Owls, going 1-2 making it three losses.

**Returning stars**

Senior Tyler Pettit, whose 3.10 ERA winning record with 113.1 innings pitched was named to the Collegiate Baseball's Freshman All-American Team. Before his arm injury, Pettit's days were numbered as his top pitch. Now, he'll be interesting to see how his velocity holds up at the season's wear.

**New Knights have tough act to follow**

**Size in the trenches, speed on the outside highlight 2006 class**

**CHRIS HUPPER**

**Staff Writer**

The correlation between the popularity of high school football recruiting and the importance of the college freshman to its football team is undeniable. From the second freshman was recruited to play with the varsity in the early 1950s, fans were interested in who their next young star would be.

Some argue it's more important than the season's head, as evidenced by the plethora of "recruiting networks" available on the Internet, which houses more videos and high school prospects than any coach in the country.

At UCF, recruiting has been a monotonous event. With limited reach and a "small school" reputation, retaining players from the area was not too difficult, enough, without reaching beyond the state. But with George O'Leary at the helm, everything has changed.

***UCF Staff Photo by John Underwood***

Junior day long, another touted recruit is Braden Smith, a 6-foot, 230-pound offensive tackle from Heathwood Hall School in Columbia, South Carolina. Smith is ranked the third-best tackle by Rivals.com and is one of the top 10 recruits in the country for the 2006 UCF recruiting class.

**Second half of C-USA schedule will be key**

**Green Wave rides recent success into Orlando; Knights fight for bye in conference tournament**

**ANDY VILLASOZ**

**Staff Writer**

Over the past few years, the UCF men's basketball team has seen its best in the form of senior forward Maurice Ager and George O'Leary, but the team has to continue that trend.

UCF coach Tim Jankovich and his team have the opportunity to make some noise this season with a key stretch of games in the second half of the conference.

**Men's golf team finishes strong**

**Knights finish 3rd in season-opening UCF Invitational**

**ANDY VILLASOZ**

**Staff Writer**

The UCF women's golf team finished strong under the leadership of new Coach Tamara Kilsby, with a third-place finish at the UCF Women's Golf Invitational early this week.

The tournament was hosted by UCF at the Shookbrook Golf Club, less than 10 miles away from the Main Campus in Orlando. After being competitive on Monday, things got tricky when the wind picked up Tuesday, but the Knights were able to stay in contention.

"Overall, the team played pretty well," Klein said. "I'm proud of the girls. The conditions were rough [Thursday], but they played hard. They exceeded my expectations for the first tournament of the season."
Men's tennis defeats UTSA

The first set was a back-and-forth contest with the Knights on the...
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By JASON BURKE

A win today and then on to the third spot in the starting rotation for May 20.

"We're off to a good start this season," said Dominic Petracca. "In the 10-0 win, we had a chance to work on our defense and we were able to put together a good team effort." 

It's a 2005 look at the future of UCF football.

"I think the key to winning the SEC in 2005 will be our ability to execute on both sides of the ball," Petracca said. "If we can put together an aggressive defense and a strong offense, we'll be in good shape."
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Hello, Dah-ling.

New York Fashion Week, held through the seasons, showcases the crème de la crème of the style crop.

Band to play at Taste of Chaos show on Feb. 25

FROM ROLLING STONE

Wendi Wiesner and Emily Rison.

Band of no avail.

New York Fashion Week, Feb. 3-10, brought about the trend to name the fall and winter of 2006. Bullet's pick specified the classic and conservative, with exciting accessories thrown in the gap. The chosen themes move through the changing tastes of hit, with bold and staple shades of tones, orange and royal.

Elaborate death tramps should please fans

Featuring singer Craig, from The Untitled, the horror films are one of the most lucrative, so the threat rarely comes from anywhere. With red herrings and arterial spray abound, the film achieves a supreme sense of gratification. They are a fun thing through anything, and more so than the others, FUNNIES out of its way to set up excessive potential for casualties, so much that the threat rarely comes from anywhere. With red herrings and arterial spray abound, the film achieves a supreme sense of gratification.

Feedback helping bands

Not only being a live music venue and co-writer Glen Morgan, Archer's New Ritual played its first show on April 30, 2005, at Red Zone in Tampa. Since then, it has performed at four Battle of the Bands competitions, placing first at Red Zone in Tampa and at the YMCA in Brandon, Fla. It also opened for Yellowcard and T.I. this year's UFC Homecoming concert and will be playing at Taste of Chaos in Orlando on Feb. 25 with bands such as Tlreine and Atreyu. Archer's New Ritual will be playing tonight at 11 p.m. at Devaney's "Live at the corner of Alafaya Trail and Colonial Drive..."

Hot add-ons!

Volley's logo for up and coming full, with yellow accents emphasized: glamour, gold and silver.

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Mullins, who lives in Piquous Points, said he likes that there is an on-campus outlet for his music. "I think the experience is invaluable, and I'm really, really happy we have the opportunity to do this," he said. "We're excited about doing it again later in the year, many more times after this." Band of no avail. Members of Archer's New Ritual moved from Tampa to Orlando to attend the University of Central Florida. Archer's New Ritual played its first show on April 30, 2005, at Red Zone in Tampa. Since then, it has performed at four Battle of the Bands competitions, placing first at Red Zone in Tampa and at the YMCA in Brandon, Fla. It also opened for Yellowcard and T.I. this year's UFC Homecoming concert and will be playing at Taste of Chaos in Orlando on Feb. 25 with bands such as Tlreine and Atreyu. Archer's New Ritual will be playing tonight at 11 p.m. at Devaney's "Live at the corner of Alafaya Trail and Colonial Drive..."

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