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Runoffs begin for president

SGA election heats up as candidates prepare platforms

MARY JUSTICE
Senior Staff Writer

From the polls

46.6 percent of the vote, in the first SGA presidential election went to William White, black, whose ticket won 46.4 percent of the vote in the first election, is stressing the importance of voter education. "For this meeting, we're just trying to educate as many people as possible," White said.

While explaining that there has been a lot of slander circulating, and he hopes students can vote it out on the issues.

By the numbers

49 percent said that the most important issue was parking, the war in Iraq and the welfare of their own families are the top issues for 72 percent of students. "We are the leading ticket in the first runoffs," said White. The group has not decided its candidates for the second runoffs.

Informal poll ranks parking as the No. 1 student concern

BRANDON BIELICH
Staff Writer

Pleasures, the show with 500 coming out against the rally Saturday

ABE АГОПЕВ
Contributing Writer

G roup of UCF students joined protesters Saturday against a rally held by the National Socialist Movement, a neo-Nazi group now based in Orlando, despite warnings from city officials to avoid the rally.

"There were a lot of people saying we should stay home and ignore the rally," said Erik Edlund, a 20-year-old political science major and recent candidate for chief recreation of the SGA. We decided to come out and show solidarity and show that we don't stand for this happening in our community.

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Music program tries to hit high note

UCF hopes to be the first-Steinway school in Florida to attract more students

NADIA HINER

Sarah Tellier would rather practice on a Steinway piano than to practice on any other piano. That's why she was to practice until late at night, when Colburn Hall is quiet except for the saxophone wall coming from another practice room down the hall. It's a normal night for her. Tellier, a piano performance major, sits down at the Steinway baby grand piano and begins to warm up with scales.

In an effort to raise standards and recruit more students, the music department is looking to become the first all-Steinway school in Florida. If successful, the move would bring the music department prestige and help distinguish it from other music schools around the U.S., said John K. Hargrove, chairman of the music department.

50 universities and music conservatories around the world have reached Steinway status, according to Steinway & Sons. Each school owns at least one Steinway piano.

"Our goal is to improve the quality," Hargrove said. "We want to provide students with the best pianos.

"It's the dream of every school to have the best proposed instrument," said Laurent Rousseau, chairman of piano studies.

Steinway pianos are known for their sound quality and high prestige among music circles. Steinways are considered the best in the world.

Currently, the department owns about 200 Yamaha pianos. Each student body owns at least one Steinway piano, which include Baldwin and other premium pianos, each in its own practice room, and Strohm in its own room. "It's hard to practice on something that you can't even hear," Tellier said of the other pianos available.

The cost of the Steinway's is higher.

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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for students and faculty

Senate seats open up to SGA

The UCF Student Government Association has announced the open Senate seats for the semester. These seats include Arts and Sciences, Business, Health and Public Affairs, and Regional and International Affairs.

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the suits of a former 'Time' Laureate been found under the West Student Union, the campus newspaper said.

A new lease on life

A new lease on life for failure 2001 and 2002 at your university, was dead at 81. He was a former star of comedy and cartoons.

A new lease on life in the 90s

A new lease on life in the 90s for CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which is known for its efforts to promote a better understanding of the Islamic world. CAIR says it is seeking to improve the relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims, and that what's been happening is simply a step in that direction.

An organized crime group
crime syndicate in Los Angeles.

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LIFE gives back to the university, students

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For Entry Application go to www.art.ucf.edu/submissions

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SGA Presidential Election Run-off
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Protest groups rallied against neo-Nazis

White filed violation against Eggnatz on Friday

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Latin author reflects on life

Judith Ortiz speaks on experiences as a writer, educator

MARY KNOWLES

Author and professor Judith Ortiz Cofer will speak on Thursday about her experiences as a Latin-American writer. Her lecture, “By Me, Maria: On Becoming An American Writer,” will take place at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Communication Building (COM 101).

Ortiz is the Franklin Professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Georgia. She has won numerous awards for her fiction, nonfiction, poetry and plays, including a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. Her lecture’s topic comes from her young adult novel, “By Love, Story,” which deals with adjusting to a new culture, that of my birth in Puerto Rico, the American man and the story of my marriage to an American man and the story of the birth of my daughters.

Ortiz has written about the struggles and successes of Latino immigrants and the intersection of language and literature, among other topics. “That is the most important Puerto Rican writer today,” said Cecilia Rodriguez Milanes, professor of English, who uses Cofer’s work in her classes. Milanes said students will find Cofer’s speaking style lively and engaging.

Cofer will appear at a reception at 6 p.m. after the lecture. She will sign copies of her books, which will be for sale.

The event is sponsored by the English department; the Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies Program; the Barnett Honors College; Undergraduate Studies; the Office of Diversity Initiatives; the Hispanic American Student Association and the Humanities Initiative; and Women’s Studies.

For more information about the lecture, contact Cecilia Rodriguez Milanes at 407-823-0846.
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After weeks of hard work, nine Greek step teams took the stage to battle for first place at the 12th annual Greek Extravaganza at the UCF Arena.

"The step dance show was first started to provide entertainment and to keep the black traditions strong," said Ben Rivers, a member of Omega Psi Phi.

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"We went out there and did our thing and deserved to win. As soon as I heard the good news, I jumped out of my seat and ran down the aisle screaming excitedly." Marketing major Brandice Johnson agreed. "The show was extremely enjoyable to watch and made me wish I was just as talented as everybody on stage," Johnson said.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority used a football theme to win the women's division. "I was extremely excited when we won because people didn't think we were any of the $50 iTunes gift card or $25 iTunes gift card. One of each prize awarded per campus. See official rules for details. First and second place winners will receive an iPod nano or an iTunes gift card.

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Office of Student Involvement Activities

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Hypnotist Tom Deluca, 8pm, Pegasus Ballroom (presented by CAB Comedy and Variety)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
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THURSDAY, MARCH 2
Hip Hop Month Discussion Panel, 11AM-1PM, Key West 218A
Kort Robert’s Rules of Order Workshop, 2PM, Garden Key SU 221
SGA Senate Meeting, 7PM, Key West

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
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BBQ/Basketball Tourney, 2-6PM, Pegasus Landing Phase 3 Clubhouse

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
Memorial Hunger Fast, Thursday to Friday, Darfur Forum Hosted by Campus Place Action, 6PM, Documentary Screening on the Darfur Situation, 8PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
Darfur Awareness Concert, 8PM

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With consecutive blowout wins, UCF is putting Conference USA on notice.

THEY’RE BACK!

Knights’ hot shooting, strong defense slow Pirates on Wednesday, silence Owls on Saturday

ANDY VASQUEZ - Staff

A week ago, things seemed bleak for the UCF men’s basketball team. The Golden Knights lost five of six games and were plummeting in the Conference USA standings. Their mantra of “playing their best basketball in the month of February and March” seemed to have abandoned them.

Now, seven wins and two wins later, the immediate future looks a lot brighter for the Knights as postseason play looms.

UCF carried over its momentum from a stunning 69-66 home victory over East Carolina Wednesday night and carried it into another blowout win Saturday night - this time 75-64 over Rice.

“I was a very high-fought game, and I thought we battled a lot of adversity tonight, a lot of adversity coming from a lot of different directions,” UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said. “Our guys found a way. I’m very proud of their focus. We defended smartly, and we had patience offensively and really shot the ball exceptional­ly well.”

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Speraw continued, “We’ve always put a focus on trying to play our best basketball the month of February and into March. Certainly these two games back to back are a sign that we’re moving in that direction.

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Freshmen carry the weekend as UCF bounces back to sweep Stony Brook

BRIAN MURPHY - Staff

After being swept in its opening series, UCF baseball rebounded this weekend to take the series against the Stony Brook Sea­wolves.

After losing 10-6 to North Florida on the previous Friday, the Knights played a little role-reversal, earning a 10-0 victory on Friday night. Then, exactly like shortstop Eric Kall­strom and third baseman Ryan Williams had predicted, the Knights rode the momentum from the first home win to sweep Stony Brook on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Sea­wolves broke out on top in the first inning after scoring on an unassisted error. But it did not take long for the Golden Knights to erase that lead that.

The eight runs for the Knights tied a season-high, and most of them came in a second inning where 11 men went to the plate.

Center fielder Dave DiNatale began the frame with a single to left center field, and he was able to jog home when Williams doubled his first career home run. Williams’ home run, a first-pitch shot to right field, was also the first Golden Knight homer by top Bergman Field this year. But everyone quickly found out that it wouldn’t be the last.

One batter later, the game was halted for all of 30 seconds due to rain. But the brief interruption didn’t slow the Knights down.

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UCF vs. Marshall

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The Owls split the four game C-USA series this year, with UCF taking the first game in Boca Raton 8-3, before Marshall won the final game 6-5.

The Owls will likely have a different starting pitcher for the weekend series, as last weekend’s dub­leheader saw both starting pitchers leave the game early due to injury.

UCF’s offense has averaged 8.7 runs per game, while Marshall is averaging 6.6 runs per game.

The Knights and Owls are both averaging just over 4.0 runs per game this season.

UCF is hitting .289 as a team, while Marshall is hitting .278.

In their last five games, the Knights are hitting .324, while the Owls are hitting .278.

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Men's tennis extends winning streak

ANDY MCDONALD

With a 5-2 victory over Conference USA opponent UAB, the men's tennis team improved to 8-7 this season.

The Knights started off strong on Saturday, winning both of the doubles matches, which was followed by two consecutive sets.

The Knights continued their winning streak by leading their opponents 8-7 at the beginning of the match.

UCF麻将 eight rounds and won the game 2-1.

The team set the tone for the match by winning the doubles point and going on to win the match 6-3, 6-3.

At the end of the opening set, the Mustangs made their first appearance of the day, which was followed by the Knights' final round of the match.

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Women’s tennis defeats Jacksonville

ERICA VITIELLO

After losing No. 24 Florida Interna­tionally ranked player Danielle Kurempa, the Knights had found a way to stay ahead in the conference. Right now, they have scored three consecutive wins, including a victory over the University of Florida. The team has taken advantage of the opportunity to compete against top teams, which has helped them improve their ranking.

Cobb comeback ends after two

Not only is the season coming to a close, but the Knights are also preparing for the upcoming conference tournament. The team has been working hard to improve their performance in the last few games. The Cobb comeback ends after two losses, and the team is looking forward to the next game.

Game Notes

One stunning sweep was enough to advance to the Conference USA Championship.

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WOMEN’S AND MEN’S CRICKET

Coach Manuel wants everyone to get their tickets for the conference tournament.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

The teams in Conference USA are very strong, so I was very pleased with our performance.

The conference championships were hosted by Houston and included several of the nation’s top teams, including the host Cougars, Rice, and UTEP. The teams made up the top of the standings, with the Cougars winning with 34.5 points, Rice placing second with 34 1/2 and UTEP finishing third with 72, UCF scored 84 points.

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Women take beach volleyball to the top

Women’s volleyball is among the top teams in the nation, and they are looking to continue their success in the upcoming conference tournament.

Field hockey

Field hockey has been a strong team throughout the season. They are currently ranked sixth in the nation and are looking to continue their success in the conference tournament.

Rob Wild's "The Right Stuff"

Rob Wild's "The Right Stuff" is a powerful story of the test pilots who flew the first U-2 and the first X-15. It is a must-read for anyone interested in military aviation.

Rough Week


YOU HAVE OPTIONS...
Protestors have the right idea with Darfur Project

Concerns over the Clinton administration's response to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan, have pushed a number of local and national figures to take action in support of the region. The people and organizations involved in this movement are working together to bring attention to the situation and encourage others to do the same.

Both Darfur and Sudan are on the editorial staff’s minds as it prepares to prove that its staff can improve the situation for the people of Sudan. The Darfur issue is a cause that is being supported by organizations all over the world.

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