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White wins presidential runoffs by slight margin

Tiffiny Beck
Senior Staff Writer

A total of 8,897 people voted in the run-off election. For a run-off election, I can’t even believe that many people voted,” said Rafael Padron, SGA senator and White supporter.

More than a hundred supporters clad in brightly colored T-shirts gathered outside the Student Union to vote for the election results Wednesday afternoon. Upon hearing of his win, White was overcome with emotion and took a moment to sit down and take in his victory. After the announcement, White’s supporters erupted into emotional yells, while the campaign for Fitzgerald and his running partner Craig Alias were noticeably quiet.

White called the election “The hardest thing I’ve ever attempted.” He had no idea how the results would turn out. “I don’t even know what I thought,” White said.

SGA presidential candidate Mark White, right, celebrates with his campaign volunteers as he and running mate Brad Brown declared the winners of the runoff by 91 votes.

Environmental engineers tackle water shortage

1,000 Wells Campaign aims to fund $100,000 by March 10

Rachel Zell
Contributing Writer

The Society of Environmental Engineers, with the help of UCF’s Earth and Planetary Science, has raised over $32,000 for the 1,000 Wells Project. The Society of Environmental Engineers is taking part in the two-week challenge and hasn’t donated to any other communities.

James Nelson, president of EPPS, said that it will be hosting a competition outside the Student Union during the two-week challenge to try to raise awareness and get as many people involved as possible. It will be handing out scorecards that anyone can use to make a pledge for the campaign.

SA push to change Safe Ride program to offer greater variety of services to student body

Round-trip cans on new agenda to curb drunk driving

Tiffany Beck
Senior Staff Writer

Safe Ride, the program that offers students vouchers for cab rides home is slowly being changed to offer a wider range of services to students. In the future, students may be able to take a free ride for a night out on the town and catch a free ride home without having to worry about finding a designated driver.

“Students don’t really know about it. We have a huge amount of money budgeted for it, and it’s never used up,” said SGA senator Rafael Padron, about the current Safe Ride program. Safe Ride is a program provided by SGA that offers students the opportunity to sign up for a voucher for a free cab ride home from any location. The voucher can be used for up to five cab rides, but students can only use one voucher per 60 days. During the fiscal year of 2004-2005, about $600 vouchers were redeemed, amounting to about $3,600. The money comes out of the Activity and Service Fees account and is specifically reserved for a campus-wide launch of SGA’s budget.

“The original intent of the program is a safe ride home,” Director of Activity and Service Fees Business Office Joseph J. Sciarano said. He said, for example, a student can carry a voucher around with them and use it when they need a ride home if their car breaks down, a date goes wrong, they get separated and left behind by friends or if they feel they or their driver is too intoxicated to drive.

However, a proposal originated in the Governmental Affairs Committee of SGA Senate last July to restrict Safe Ride so that it would provide a round-trip ride. Student Body President White Bentley explained that one of the reasons behind the proposed change is that, even if intoxicated, many students are unwilling to use a safe ride if they have to keep the same driver downtown. Because of the distance from UCF or the chance of something happening to their car, he said that students are likely to drive home when they know they should not.

Different ideas have been proposed about how to provide round trip service, including a round-trip cab ride or offering tourists similar to the University of Florida’s Late Gator Papers. Recently, however, the bus idea has been mostly denied in favor of the use of the round trip cab ride. Bentley said that buses could cost as much as $100 per hour to operate. He also said that, in comparison to other systems, UCF has the problem of its location in relation to the downtown nightlife areas. For example, UCF’s campus is much closer geographically to its downtown area than UCF is to downtowns. Bentley also said that students should be allowed to cancel certain days of the week and during specific times. In comparison, a cab could be used at any time the student chooses. He also said that the cab could be used during certain days of the week and during specific times. In comparison, a cab could be used at any time the student chooses.
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Professor charged with terrorist conspiracy asks for extension

TAMPA, Fla. — An attorney for Suad al-Arian asked a federal judge Wednesday to postpone the former college professor's second trial on terrorism conspiracy charges until at least August.

Linda Moreno filed a motion in U.S. District Court asking for a delay in the trial, which is scheduled to begin in April.

Moreno cited a pending motion filed by her and co-counsel William Moffitt asking to withdraw from the case. She also cited U.S. District Judge James S. Moody to defer a three-day hearing scheduled for later this month regarding issues and questions.

Federal prosecutors have not announced definitively whether they will try the 66-year-old al-Arian again on charges that he raised money and supported the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist group responsible for hundreds of deaths, but they have said in recent hearings that they are preparing for a second trial.

In December, after six months of trial, a jury failed to render a verdict on any of the charges against him. He was acquitted of eight of the charges, with the jury dead-locked on nine others.

Nebraska colleges look to high-risk drinking

LINCOLN, Neb. — Several of Nebraska's colleges and universities are looking into high-risk drinking by students.

Top administrators at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney campuses, the three state community colleges announced new group meetings on Wednesday.

A group, called the Nebraska Collegiate Consortium to Reduce High-Risk Drinking, is scheduled for later this month at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in combating high-risk drinking.

The Nebraska Prevention Center at UNL received a $300,000 grant last fall from the U.S. Department of Education to help campuses across the state replicate the UNL model, said Tom Workman, assistant director of student involvement at UNL.

Any private college, university or community college not already in the group may join at any time, Workman said.

UNC proposes new pay system

CHAPEL HILL — A proposal to change University of North Carolina pay systems by credit hours instead of degree levels is aimed at discouraging diversity and heavy course loads, said administrators at the system's flagship campus.

Supporters of the pay-by-credit hour model, used by many state universities nationwide, say it would streamline accounting across the system.

"bookkeeping is not a good reason for changing," said Steve Allred, UNC's executive associate provost.

Under the plan, employees could be considered an unnecessary expense and staff could be dismissed from paying a double major or minor, he said.

Students increasingly are signing up for additional classes such as dance, painting, music and learning, summer school and special programs or other courses, many of which may not be counted by credit hour.

A uniform payment method could encourage students to sign up for more of those courses, said Jeffrey Davis, chief of staff for the UNC sys-

protests from UNC's 16 campuses last week dismissed administrators to write a detailed plan for the plan's credit tuition model.

Protests within those three months are to recommend to university chancellors whether to pursue the change.

QUESTIONS

What's the risk of clots with the birth-control patch?

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The FDA approved the birth-control patch, sold by the company Ortho-D, in 2001. Since then, over 4 million women have used it for contraception.

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Ask a doc

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The DARKNESS ENDS NOW

Cultural darkness ends when we become the light at the end of the tunnel.
Campus society works to bring clean water to African village

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 1.1 billion people do not have access to safe drinking water, and 60 million people die every year from preventable waterborne diseases. Clean drinking water can prevent waterborne diseases, such as cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever. It can also help those with a weakened immune system, such as people living with HIV/AIDS, the young and the elderly, who are especially susceptible to waterborne disease, MacNevin said.

However, clean water does not only affect health issues in Africa, but also the economy. "If there are more wells that provide clean water for the people in Africa, the women and children would be able to use the time normally spent walking two miles everyday to get contaminated water to develop a trade or craft that will benefit the economy, and it will help them provide for their families," said MacNevin. "Children will also be able to receive an education that will eventually help them to help their economy one day," she added.

"I urge you to take the pledge," Nelson said. "Just $10 can give clean water to someone for a lifetime."

Facts about the 1000 Wells Campaign
Information about the project and how and why to donate

- What is the 1000 Wells Campaign goal?
  - The goal is financing the construction of a clean drinking-water well in an African village.
- Why is clean drinking water important?
  - Access to clean water can stop the spread of waterborne diseases, including cholera, dysentery, typhoid fever, and AIDS.
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"I don’t think we should market it as a general transportation service," Peterson said. "It’s expected to happen in the spring and all of the budget has been set aside for that."

The program to change Safe Ride was approved by the Governing Board by a vote of 11-0 in March 2004, according to the Web site. "The idea was for students to bond and men to understand women," Halpern said.

"We’re changing it to help educate the society about violence against women," said Halpern, adding that the program will be available on campus since it’s controversial and will maintain the integrity of its understanding and acceptance of rape victims. "This is expect to be judged. The first place winner will receive $500, the second place winner will receive $300 and third place winner will receive $200."

"If you’re a student and have a project or an idea, you can run it through the Student Government," said Halpern.

"We wanted to do something that was meaningful for the women and men that are in the university," she said. "We wanted to do our part about rape and sex-related violence and enhance the public awareness of rape issues."
DON ATKINSON
March 10th, 2006

GRAND WEEKLY: Zeta Tau Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon hosted a spaghetti dinner on Monday night to promote awareness of breast cancer. The event was held at the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Ballroom.

WANDA DETWILER
March 10th, 2006

PHYSICAL PLANT offers recycling options

Ashley Green

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Baseball team continues struggles during home stand

Knights 'embarrassed' by 14-2 loss to Bethune-Cookman on Tuesday

BRIAN MURPHY

Everyone has had those certain days when nothing seems to go right. On Tuesday night, the UCF baseball team had one of those days, as it was whitewashed by the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, 14-2.

"The coaches were in the corner (of the dugout) and the younger starters, UCF will send righthander Tim Bascom to the hill. With the struggles of the younger starters, UCF will need to break out of the offensive malaise that doomed it against UNF and was slightly masked by the sweep over Stony Brook.

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Despite the struggles, the Knights have shown they can win, and along the way forged a camaraderie and team unity that is...

Up-and-down year for men's basketball team still a success

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For the UCF softball team, there are no excuses. The players have a younger, less-experienced roster, but it knows it has a younger, less-experienced club. It knows it has a stronger team. But it is not about to go beyond any offensive or defensive abilities, it is a team that has surprised even its own expectations.

"They're not scared. They're not even going to be a third consecutive trip to the Big Dance. For the second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. UCF would have to win the table in the conference tournament. The Knights did that two years ago in the Atlantic Sun Conference — to make it to the NCAA Tournament. In the A-Sun, winning the postseason tournament was a tough, but definite proposition. For UCF to not come from a single individual but must..." Sophomore Mitch Herold began.

What to expect?

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Pirates' pilfering leads to win over Knights in finale

Women's basketball draws No. 11 seed, date with Tulane in Conference USA tournament

BYRON MURPHY

They say it's better to give than to receive, but not when it comes to the Conference USA Tournament. The UCF women's basketball team was a bit too charitable to the East Carolina Lady Pirates.

The Golden Knights fell to the Pirates on the road Sunday, 65-44, in the second round of the regular season. The loss was the Knights' second straight and fourth in five games.

Freshman Jasmine Stagg and sophomore Nicole Days each contributed 10 points to lead the Pirates offensively. Miles hit the key late to bring the Knights within 20 points, but the game was over at that point.

UCF defense to keep the Pirates at bay. The highly anticipated and long-overdue stadium opened for business on March 14.

Looking back at 2005-06

This season, UCF won the championship in its new home, the UCF Arena. The Knights dished the Pirates their first taste of the new facility is March 14.

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he has been invited to try out for the team at its training camp in Las Vegas this summer. "I know he hasn't heard anything official yet.

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A big coaching accomplishment

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At least one of Evans definitions of officials' mistakes is an officials' mistake, but not a misapplication of a rule. It's an "officials' mistake," Evans said Tuesday about a call in the second half of the game.

So what's not to look forward to? They have a chance to win. But above all else, the Knights have a new confidence. A confidence that begins with the competition they forge with the Pirates. The highly anticipated and long-overdue stadium will open for business on March 14.

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Evans said the Knights were "out of body language and it's not fair to the league to be on top of this list-mostly because they've been off the radar screen for so long."

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A different kind of midterm evaluation

FROM the rebuffs freshmen on their roster, a fact that has led to the same early knocks for the Knights as they listed 12 true words apply to them, also.

per game but ninth in defense, the season offensively. In

support," UCF Coach Lisa

bug of not getting support, but, a pitcher that gets caught in that every game was effectively over

Kyles held a campaign. The Green Wave earned run average -over 1.1. There's always one

other player in that day, the Knights claimed their first victory in the score of 60-52.

probably pretty inspired, especially. But the Knights could not.

hit better." Monmouth's attack is led by Senior second baseman Nick

series when he went 6-for-11. With the victory, the Wildcats snapped their

Best player, that is. Opposites attract. The Wildcats and Wolverines were scheduled to face off before press time. A full recap of the game will be available in Mon-

season, he

Senior CB trounces Tulane Green Wave (14-11, 8-8 A8)

The Green Wave entered the tournament on a roll, winning four games.

with Houston, the Knights scored just two runs, 9-4, and 9-4. Sophomore Andy Meyers started four games, pitched 4-14 against Bascom, Taylor Cobb

Tulane Coach Jay

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Perhaps the most significant achievement for the Knights is their resurgence in the Conference USA tournament.

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Tulane and UCF's Pro

Day.

Seventy and Wolverines were

accomplished a lot of UCE. They have been a big part of all past of these Atlantic Sun Conference championships as well as one of the few teams.

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Plain Jane

Automobile CD release party

The front continues its long
existence (6),Garrison perfected
with every band. Beach Boys
for some change, John
Autistic. Crooks like
digging through their}
music. Including the
effect of 7 p.m. at
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SATURDAY

Harlem Globetrotters

Souled out Gloves

Everyone loves basketball
besides basketball are old
shoplifting and the
reason they are usually
may not be documented
but the destruction continues in facimile
There still is a lot of the

SATURDAY

WEEK OF MARCH 1

Jarhead

Jarhead is a true story,
engaging there was barely a trace of editing
It is not a story about
the nature of war and
how the reality compared
to the night that has been told.


discovers from top left: the hard working hard rock act Seether is composed of guitarist Pat Woodale, singer/guitarist Shaun Morgan, drummer John Hapslery and bassist Dale Stewart.

SEETHING

Some bands break into music, Seether has fought and clawed its way in, touring and promoting almost nonstop in an effort to get noticed. The hard work paid off.

BRANDON BELLICH

It all began with two musicians from South Africa.

Singer and guitarist Shaun Morgan and bass guitarist Dale Stewart desired a career making rock music.

Although the duo did not fit the mold of the average rock band, Morgan and Stewart — collectively called Seether — continued to write and perform.

The persistence paid off. Executives at Wind-up Records, an independent record label in New York, discovered Seether and made their move, immediately flying Morgan and Stewart out to New York and signing them.

From day one, Seether noticed a unique characteristic of its new family. Working with Sony BMG music, Wind-up Records had the distribution power of a major label, but it still operated in the traditional, independent label way.

"Seether, you’re not just another number on a computer screen, a piece of paper. They actually know you by name,“ Stewart said in a telephone interview.

In 2002, now with the support of a label behind them, Seether entered the studio to record its first album, Disclaimer. Stewart and Morgan exchanged ideas and arranged songs, with Morgan doing most of the singing. Professional drummer Josh Freese pro-

Bleagh! Night Watch dull nonsense

WILLIAM GORD

The Others, The Light, The Dark
The Track, The Omen, The Prophecy.
Welcome to the world of Night
Watch, where a captivated lexicon
of supernatural slang entices to lend
credibility to the story of
demonologists and vampires
in the name of good and evil.

Assisted only by interactive subti-

lends to engaging the audience
beyond the most superficial level. What a
shame that something so very
boring turns out to be something so very
boring.

Many years ago a battle between
the equally powerful forces of light
and darkness came to a stalemate,
resulting in a truce between each
leader.

Upon the agreed terms was the
creation of the Night Watch and Day
Watch, each policing the other
side for any transgressions. In modern
Moscow, the supervision is main-
tained, but with a new face or two
people who have supernatural abili-
ties — dubbed "Chosen" — do not
immediately develop their abilities
but have them eventually revealed...

Such is the case with Anton (Ko-
stantin Khabenskiy), who joins the
team upon discovering that he is a
Chosen, armed with intermediate pro-
tection and willing to keep the
evacational vampire in check. He
soon becomes entrenched in an
ancient prophecy surrounding a
young boy named Yegor (Dmitry
Martynov), whose

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Glut of ideas dooms Night Watch

Night Watch

Starring: Nikolai Bordyuzha, Roman Kapustin, Yuliya Snigir, Vasily Livanov

Directed by: Sergey Leondiev

Released in: Russia

The film's realm.

As the sum of its many parts,

one, much more deserving of the cult
this one will undoubtedly gather.

There remains only a marginal interest in how the sequels might turn out, with most of the exposition out of the way the first time around.

Perhaps someone might restrain the chaos just enough to get in some substance amongst the chit-chat and action.

Speaking of restraint, an overkill of
tension and the line does not equal excitement.

Just additional annoyance to the
time-consuming initial journey into the
film's realm.

Along with the frenetic
care with which everyday but
of which the audience is well aware,
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Seether finds early success

Pass All

Seether's bassist, bassist, left, and lead singer, Shaun Morgan, right, perform on stage together with drummer John Humphrey and guitarist Pat Rand on stage at the House of Blues in downtown Disney Westside in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002. (AP Photo/Reinhold Matay)

Seether's latest album, "Disclaimer," released last May, is currently selling 

Seether's lead singer for multi-platinum band Seether released a follow-up album, but Morgan had
delay. 

Recording
Abortion activists’ methods wrong

Opinions

Few subjects have been as controversial as abortion. In effect, few subjects have aroused as much passion. The ongoing struggle between anti-abortion and pro-choice advocates has been highlighted by the media as one of the most heated and controversial topics. Many people have strong feelings on both sides of the issue, and the debate continues to rage on.

Abortion activists on campus have repeatedly been depicted as violent. Images of femmes fatales of the posters compare abstinence to potential violence. In an interview with the Orlando Police Department, Christopher Weaver, a又称"Alex"的 Writing student, explained that the police have been receiving complaints about pro-choice activities that are considered to be offensive.

Weaver said that some of the complaints have involved posters that were deemed offensive. One poster depicted a baby with the words "abortion is murder," while another showed a fetus with the slogan "abortion is wrong.

"These posters have been circulating around campus," Weaver said. "They are made by the pro-choice group, but we don't support them."

While Weaver acknowledged that the posters are not physically violent, he said that they have caused a lot of tension on campus.

"Some people feel threatened by these images," he said. "We just want to make our point known.

In response to the complaints, the university has contacted the anti-abortion group to ask them to remove the posters. However, the group has refused to do so.

"We believe in our cause and we are going to continue to express it," said the group's leader. "We are not going to back down.

The university has been under pressure to take action against the group, but they have not done so yet.

In the meantime, the debate continues. Some people support the pro-choice movement, while others support the pro-life movement. It is a complex issue, and there are no easy answers.

Weaver said that he hopes the university will take action soon.

"We want to see these posters removed," he said. "They are causing too much trouble for everyone."
Blowing off some steam has never felt so good

MOUTHING OFF
ASHLEY BURNS
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In my wildest dreams, I never would have thought my rant about Social by the Bell would have elicited the positive response that it did. I knew right away it could have been either the most brilliant or mentally challenging thing I’ve ever written. I actually expected people to tune me in to trim in half for waiting their time with a column about a television series that ended ten years ago. But the appreciation really helped me relieve some stress.

To all of the people who helped me calm down after this past week, I say “Knock, knock.” “Who’s there?” you ask? Well, it’s another dandy idea...

After their well-published and long-existing separation, Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey have taken different approaches with the new space time they have accomplished. The sites are reporting that Simpson has been getting friendly with nifty-looking Jade, while Lachey is using his time to meet with lawyers to gain half of Simpson’s current assets and a good portion of her future income.

Am I the only person waiting for the made-for-TV movie about Lachey? I can see it now: future NFL superstar Matt Leinart is sitting on his favorite couch at the Playboy mansion, surrounded by Playmates, beating Lechey to tell him about the game. Dimples is called a mad in Tom. Then Leinart tells him to get back to the law... After his final film Gigolo, which could have possibly ignited the Apocalypse if it had been any worse, Mariah Carey is reportedly making a return to the big screen. Her next role will be as a weak-willed trying to find her father in the independent film Tenessee. In related news, the state of Tennessee is changing its name to “Whoa, God, why?”

According to Fox News, President Bush is once again promising that Osama bin Laden will soon be captured. Also, I’m predicting that I’ll stop hitting on fraternization policy shts and Soon Dogg has promised to stop snitching on Peterson. Furthermore, MC Hammer has sworn to remove public interest in his career. Alex Rodriguez has vowed to move back to New York, and Dan Marino is confident that he can come out of retirement and win a Super Bowl ring.

Read all about those promises and many others in my upcoming book, Yeah, Feeg Right: Things That Will Never Happen In Mine or My Children’s Lifetime

But News is also reporting that a study conducted by the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum shows that Americans know more about the Simpsons than they do about the First Amendment. Apparently 32 percent of Americans surveyed could name all five immediate members of the Simpson clan while only one out of every 1000 Americans could name all five First Amendment freedoms. That’s absolutely nonsense. Everyone knows the five freedoms of the First Amendment children can be big things so long as an imaginary inquisitor tells them to, putting crayons up your nose will make you dumb, Ralph Wagman’s ear bends smells like cat food, there’s a monkey in Mr. Burns’ pocket, and Congress shall make no law defining the freedom of speech...

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