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Honors College gets new crop of scholars
Freshmen drawn to program by scholarships, reserved dorm, smaller classes

TROY MILLER
Editor in Chief
Among the roughly 4,000 freshmen recently admitted to the university, a chunk of some of the best and brightest high school students in the country joined the ranks of the Burnett Honors College.

With an average SAT score of 1252, the incoming class includes 27 National Merit Scholars, 65 AP Scholars and eight National Hispanic Scholars.

While UCF’s name recognition has been steadily increasing, the number of students who benefit from academic accomplishments qualifies them for admission to more prestigious universities. So the Burnett Honors College is an ideal place for UCF that hinders these students in Orlando.

UCF makes no secret that it actively courts these students, often using scholarships as a way to get students to take a closer look at the school.

“For me, choosing to come here was a money issue,” said sophomore Jessica Seymon.

My first choice was the University of Florida, and even though I got accepted, UCF offered me much more money.”

Admissions to the honors program is competitive, with the number of incoming students exceeding the number of spaces available in the honors college.

After students are admitted, however, they usually find that their hard work has been worthwhile, partly because of the perks they are offered.

One of the perks that UCF offers students in the honors program is the option to live in a residence hall that is reserved for them.

“I haven’t met that many people yet and everyone has been really nice so far,” said Elizabeth Dawson, 19. “But I

Yes, it’s a cost-cutting strategy. Some students have said that spending $14,000 a year, a nice fraction of that" money was well spent.

College of Engineering 17.6 percent women
Society of Women Engineers calls for change

There was once a time when women were not encouraged to attend college, and if they did, they were not allowed to attend college with men.

This is not the case today. Not only is female enrollment in college beginning to surpass that of males, the amount of women in varying fields is increasing, if not surpassing, the number of males.

However, one of the few factors that remains male dominated at UCF and in the rest of the nation is engineering.

According to the Journal of Environmental Engineering, the percentage of women in engineering majors has increased since 1995.

There were 1,528 men and 211 women in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at UCF in 2006, meaning women made up about 10 percent of the majors.

Five years later, the preliminary full enrollment shows 328 men and 607 women, or 23 percent, of this major.

According to the American Society for Engineering Education, UCF ranks 40th among 334 colleges for the number of undergraduate engineering degrees awarded to women.

The reason UCF may be ranked in the top 12 percent for women graduating with a bachelor’s degree in engineering is in part due to the efforts of the Burnett Honors College.

In 2005, the UCF chapter received the 2nd place award for Outstanding Collegiate Section from the SWE national organization.

In conjunction with UCF’s effort to acquire more minorities, SWE’s outreach program brings in gifts of all ages to encourage them to excel in math and science.

Acceptance rates drop 25 percent
Rates fall fastest among black and Hispanic students

MELEESA PATTERSON
Editorial Assistant
The latest admissions data for 2006-07 confirm what UCF officials have long claimed: The University is committed to widespread efforts to make the university more attractive to minorities.

Minority acceptance rates show a significant decline from 2005-06.

Acceptance rates from last year’s figures:

Black acceptance rates were down 16 percent this year, while Hispanic acceptance rates fell 35 percent.

Acceptance rates of white students were down 39 percent, less than the percentage that includes the black and Hispanic students.

The drop in the percentage of level of accepted students stems from having more applicants to choose from than last year who could attend UCF’s first-choice school, according to Assistant Vice President of Admissions Gordon Chaves.

“With more and more students applying to choose from, UCF has the good fortune to become more competitive,” Chaves said. “In the last year, the average SAT score rose to 1300. That’s an increase of 25 points.”

SITES GopazOn, DEMazon give new meaning to political support
LAUREN EDLIN
Managing Editor
Paper or plastic? Cash or charge? Republicans or Democrats?

How many times can you remember your local checkout clerk inquiring about your political affiliation in relation to your everyday purchases?

Politics has moved beyond the voting booth and into the realm of your marketplace acquisitions.

New sites GopazOn.com and DEMazon.com offer the same things that you would buy every day, with an added perk of getting going back to your political party of choice.

The best part? It’s all cost-cutting. These college students see a strong indication about their political affiliations.

If you’re planning on connecting, know both the facts before you click. Either of the sites directly benefit the respective parties.

The money raised goes to fund separate “research institutes” that support either site’s political policies.

GopazOn is affiliated with the Heritage Foundation, and DEMazon’s connection is to the Center for American Progress.

Neither institutes are specifically the parties they support. Contributions do not directly sway membership of party or candidate of your choice.

“Get out there and make your contribution,” Michael Mendosa, president of the College Democrats, says. “You really only need to give $100 a month.

Five hours ringing doorbells and making phone calls for a local representative is more valuable to a political party than a sample of votes from textbook purchases.

“If you want to make a difference, make a difference,” Mendosa said. “Get out there and make money and make your contributions. That’s what they need and that’s what your contribution can give.”

The question then remains: Are these sites really a good deal?
New CD's give Park Ave a big week

TROY HILLIER
One of us

Long-awaited albums and the beginning of the fall semester have meant a big week for Park Avenue CD's, the student union's resident music store.

"Outcast has been huge for us," said assistant manager Raymond Arla, referring to the Korn album that was released on Tuesday. "This one's been pretty popular too, and Tom Yorke's CD is still selling well. It has been a busy week." 

Fans have also been hot commodity. "They're just flying off the shelf this week," Arla said.

Park Ave. has dished out with the best sellers has almost nothing to do with music. These are doing really well this week," Arla said as he held up a bag of Rap Snacks, a brand of snacks that have been experiencing high sales. Sales of Rap Snacks have been booming, with many students reporting they are a welcome change from the usual snacks available on campus.

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What's in the news at colleges around the country

Colleges trying to strike balance on student drinking problem problem

DURHAM, N.C. — As students return to colleges across the nation for the start of fall classes, the drinking games are about to begin — along with a healthy debate over alcohol's place on campus. How much, and what a university does to monitor the drinking habits of students who, for lack of drinking age, are old enough to vote or go to war, has been a hot topic for years.

It’s a debate that goes plenty of attention at Duke in the spring, when three members of the men's lacrosse team were suspended with the alleged rape of a stripper at an alcohol-licensed team party off campus, but it's an issue for schools across the country, not just the elite private school in downtown Durham.

While the lacrosse case had headlines, alcohol has been linked to a broad range of problems from academic trouble and hangovers to alcohol-related car crashes. 

In May, researchers at the Drake Boome University School of Medicine released a study that found that members of fraternities and sororities were twice as likely to get drunk at least once per week compared to non-Greek students. As a result, they were at higher risk of getting themselves or others, according to the three-year survey that involved more than 10,000 students at 30 in-state universities.

There have been tried policies that include stepped-up punishment of campus drinking rules, wording with off- campus authorities to notify the university when students are planning more alcohol-free social events on campus. But problems persist.

Over half of college students seek financial aid, according to study

WASHINGTON — About half of college freshmen, or more than half, said they had received some form of financial aid from outside their families to help pay for their education, according to tabulations released today by the U.S. Census Bureau.

These tabulations, "Financing the Future: 2000-2002," provide information on the characteristics of postsecondary students and the costs and financing associated with their schooling during the 2000-2002 academic year. The survey is presented on types of costs, sources of financial aid received, the extent to which the aid covers costs and the characteristics of the institutions attended by students in the survey.

The survey shows that non-respondents' demographic and socioeconomic characteristics have not been ascertained. Some tables also illustrate how much the receipt of aid and coverage of costs vary by institutional characteristics.


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Consistent proper use of condoms will reduce the risk of chlamydia. In the college population, we will often see patients who relate that they are having "serial monogamy," or a series of single relations over time. Since chlamydia may be asymptomatic, this serial monogamy provides no protection against the infection. There are a variety of tests that can screen for chlamydia. This translates to potentially thousands of students at UCF who may be infected. In men, genital infection may cause burning with urination, genital pain or penis discharge. In women, genital infection may cause burning with urination, vaginal discharge, pelvic pain or spotting. In both sexes, the infection can potentially ascend to the fallopian tubes and lead to a serious genital tract infection that can result in severe pain and potentially a life threatening infection. Additionally, there are concerns that untreated chlamydia can impede future fertility and sometimes be associated with an unusual autoimmune disease called Reiter’s syndrome. This condition is associated with eye, joint and heart problems.

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**Emergency contraceptive available without prescription**

**ANDREW BRIDGES**

WASHINGTON — Women may buy the morning-after pill without a prescription — but only if they’re 18 or older, federal health officials ruled Thursday, capping a controversial 3-year effort to ease access to the emergency contraceptive.

Girls 17 and younger will need a doctor’s note to buy the pill, called Plan B. The Food and Drug Administration told manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women’s advocacy and medical groups that see eliminating sales restrictions could cut in half the nation’s number of unintended pregnancies. Opponents have argued that wider access could increase promiscuity.

The pills are a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many over-the-counter birth-control pills. When a woman takes the pills within 72 hours of unprotected sex, they can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. If she already is pregnant, the pill won’t stop the pregnancy.

“Women are taking the pill without a prescription, the same pills that are available to women of any age in the over-the-counter form,” said Bruce L. Downey, the FDA’s acting commissioner, said in a memo.

But Barr did prove that over-the-counter use is safe for older teens and adults — and licensed pharmacies are used to checking for proof of age 18 before selling tobacco and certain other products, von Eschenbach wrote in explaining the agency’s age cutoff.

“This approach should help ensure safe and effective use of the product,” he concluded.

Plan B’s maker was disappointed that FDA imposed the age restriction and pledged to continue working the agency to try to eliminate it.

While we will still feel that Plan B should be available to a broad

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SWE to hold annual kickoff to gain female involvement

From Al

"The program also shows how the younger students can use their creativity and make a difference through engineering.

These outreach programs help speakers, workshops and activities to provide girls with more information about the field.

Also, SWE holds an annual kick-off that is open to engineering majors as well as majors in mathematics, physics, chemistry and other sciences.

This is an opportunity for women to view the success of other women in their field.

The kickoff will be held Wednesday, August 30 at 7 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom in the Student Union.

There will be speakers, door prizes, free food and lots of information. This is an opportunity for women in the science fields be in the company of each other.

Although women are hard to come by in engineering, Dr. Reinhart said that if women saw engineering as a way to help humanity, it may become more appealing. Indeed more than anything, it is how the field is viewed.

Beth Regan, vice president of the UCF chapter of SWE, said that once more women are given the opportunity to be successful in higher positions in engineering, they can serve as role models for other women.

Sarah Rogers, who is the president of the UCF chapter of SWE, said that if more women were in engineering, the balance between men and women's working styles would benefit the field.

Through their support, SWE hopes to develop women's interest and enrollment not only in the field of engineering, but in all engineering-related fields.

Republican chair maintains sites are neither good nor bad

From Al

"Ideas! Has the part of America that is heavily involved with politics gone beyond the realm of politically active to totally politically centered?" Mike Brown, chairman of the College Republicans, maintained that his opinion on the sites was neither good nor bad. "If you want to buy something and have it benefit the Heritage Foundation, go for it," he said. "It's your choice. It's a free country and you can use your money however you feel necessary."

SAT scores among reasons for lower acceptance rates

From Al

"However, many factors play into the preliminary numbers, such as a deliberate drop in full acceptance rates because of a higher number of summer students this year.

"Competitiveness was probably the key factor, but in terms of planning, you can't over-enroll your target goals because of budget and other concerns," Chavis said.

Minority students may have been rejected more often this year because they tend to score lower on standardized tests, a key factor in the admissions process that increases in importance as UCAP's competitive edge.

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INTRODUCING KEITH TRIBBLE: PART 3 OF 3

Fan base starts on campus

Students the target in race to catch UF, FSU, Miami

CHRIS ANDERSON
Sports Editor

It's the same scene every fall Monday on UCF's main campus in Orlando. After an hour of searching for a parking spot, a visitor steps on campus and takes a walk starting from the Student Union.

As they check the campus, this person spots some students wearing garnet and gold hats, others with garnet and gold jerseys and the occasional white, green and orange T-shirt.

Based on this scene, it would be easy to assume that UCF doesn't have its own athletic program. While there are no statistics to back this up, it seems there are many fans of the University of Florida, Florida State University and the University of Miami ORU as there are of UCF, something that won't change with just one winning football season.

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A successful season is debatable.

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Banged up Jags prep for Bucs

PHOTO BY BOBBY BOWDEN AT MIAMI HERALD

Bowden said Wednesday.

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COUGAR COACH

Coach Bobby Bowden and

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Bowden opened up com­

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become the starter at Libero should be wide-open through­out the season, junior Ashley Busch (Gainesville/Buchholz) looks to win the starting job while UC/D transfer Cassie McWhirter (Coral Springs/Copal Pines) looks to challenge her. The BC's senior class and leadership outlook is vast, from the middle blockers in block assists and blocks per game, to a junior from South Carolina, Mona, who was added to the fall roster after being notified the last week of October by her coach, Jonny Del Rio said.

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Social crowd sways to local band John Frank

August 18 wasn't just a regular Friday night at The Social. People of different ages gathered for the performances of several bands with many attendees focused on one in particular. Even professors were among the mix waiting to hear musical group John Frank.
Snakes fits inside its skin
Crackerjack thriller has it all — even Samuel L. Jackson

BART ZITO

The title Snake's on a Plane hardly prepares you for what you thought you had spent $7 on.
Sure, it delivers exactly what it promises — it's got snakes — and it's a plane — and that just may be the only excuse you need to grab the popcorn and head down to the movie theater.

But the film's premise is really just the tip of a 20-minute-long iceberg, a collage of every bad action film from the last 20 years. All the standard fare is there: a car chase, a shootout, a revengeful drug dealer and even a steamy sex scene in the bathroom.

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CAB makes Sparrxx fly

Meet-N-Greet welcomes all students

WOODY WOMMACK

"When better way to kick off the 2006-07 school year than with a big party? That's what the Campus Activities Board, better known as CAB, will be doing tonight at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Mall on campus."

The event is the annual Meet-N-Greet, and every UCF student is invited. The Meet-N-Greet will feature a live performance by top-selling artist Bubba Sparxxx, free giveaways from CAB, Disney and Apple, free food and even bounce house type inflatables.

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Is Paola’s worth the wait?

Grill has large portions of delicious comfort food, slow service

ALEXANDRA SCHWARTZ

I know good food. As a close friend once put it, “if it were wrapped in bacon, I would want my last meal prepared by your butcher.”

The downside to having grown up with a “foodie” of a mom is that I have become a food snob. Every restaurant I visit is under severe scrutiny. As soon as I walk in and must prove its worthiness for my continued patronage.

Paola’s Grill is a quaint, if the restaurant personnel is

Downtown’s Fixture, Alafaya Trail. Walking in, you have a clear view of a clean kitchen and about 12 tables. The walls are yellow brick, off set by the rustic red window shutters. Warm colors such as yellow and red lend to the industry appeal, but cool colors such as blue and green do the opposite. Do you think the McDonald’s came up with the “Golden Arches” on the red background?

The food at Paola’s is authentic and plentiful. The menu items are limited but varied enough so that there is something for everyone. My favorite is the Combo No. 1, which includes half a roasted chicken, two side dishes and a roll for $9.50. The chicken juicy and coated in perfection so that it will fall off the bone in a little of the day. But the sweet plantains make up for it with their juicy, tangy sweetness.

Other menu items include “tostones encocado” (crackled plantain/fris-leeky flour) and “churros con dulce” (bits and pieces of “sassy” seasoned children). Don’t forget to turn the menu over to read about the sandwiches and beverages. They offer “aguas naturales” (natural juices) in pomegranate juice, watermelon and tamarind flavors. For personas 21 and older, I recommend the sangria, a mixture of wine and fruit.

The atmosphere and large portions of comfort food, this is a great restaurant. The charming wait staff, the service did not match the food. Although the restaurant’s one water was friendly and accommodating, I found him apologizing for having us wait about 35 minutes before taking our orders. Only two other tables were occupied when we arrived a party of about 15 and a table of four. No one was eating. About 20 minutes after we arrived, two meals timidly danced out of the kitchen and were presented before two dozen diners in the group of 12. Fearing that one of them say, “We waited for half an hour, go ahead and start, it will get cold.” It was disconcerting to realize that my guest and I would be there for the long haul.

How could the kitchen have been so “backed up”, as we were told, when only three tables were occupied? The wait was ridiculous. Even if you have room, you might not get to try a dessert. When we requested the “free licorice” (three milked cake, we

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field with his character, Neville Flynn. He displays every trait typical of a Jackson character. The same can be said for the rest of the crew, whose portrayal of the smooth-talking, smooth-cutting, anti-hero appears strikingly similar to every other role he’s ever been assigned.

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The three-bit band had additions to its performance that night. Thrashing a maracas, a tambourine and a flute into the musical package of the classic bass, guitar and drums fused the melodies into a hypnotic trance, making the audience follow the solos through the emotional lyrics.

Along with the highly involved fans were some important onlookers. Vocalist/guitarist John Frank's parents were on the scene, supporting their son for the first time at The Social. The proud parents gloated as they watched their son perform his heart out at 11 p.m., a little past their bedtime.

Having influences such as the rock gods themselves, Led Zeppelin, as well as The Beatles, James Taylor, Pearl Jam and Nirvana, the band classifies itself as indie while the sounds it produced came across as a lighter James Taylor with a touch of emo pop. Songs with lyrics such as a guy screaming that his girlfriend is "treating me like I am her goddamn Superman" and "I don't want to be the one staring down the lonely gun" clearly identify an aura while focusing on relationships.

Despite the somewhat emo lyrics, the crowd seemed to dive more into the flow of the music. An unexpected jam session broke out toward the end of the set, blowing away skeptics of the band's abilities and turning the free-spirited, relaxed environment into an unpredictable arena of musical energy spiraling around the listeners. The guys even came back to perform more songs at the crowd's request. As if the music reverberating off the walls wasn't enough noise for the crowd, people shouted and cheered over the clamor in their ears, becoming one with the movement of ideas and motions of the band, a moment every show wants to achieve.

John Frank’s first album, released in May, can be purchased on the upcoming website of the band, johnfrankmusic.com. One of the band’s singles is freely available on its MySpace site: http://www.myspace.com/johnfrankmusic, and is iTunes compatible. With the ability to reach such a diverse group of people, John Frank's performances can escalate. Future dates of local venues can be found on the MySpace site.

So the next time you want to hear a laudable rock/emo/pop local band, or want to drink a cold one and rub elbows with UCF students and maybe even a professor, check out the upcoming shows and support your local bands.


TOP MOVIE PICKS
William Friedkin, Central Figurine Future
1. The Devil's Advocate
2. Addicted
3. The Big Lebowski
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Ron Howard, Orlando Sentinel
1. Baby
2. Love, Death & Robots
3. A Monster Calls
4. Live in Exorcistville

Steve Schneider, Melrose Weekly
1. The Aviator
2. Finding Nemo
3. Jerry Maguire
4. The Other Side of Heaven
5. Alive

Caribbean is a solid self-contained movie that made it work without an overwhelming price tag, and there's no indication that Pirates of the Caribbean 3 would be any better than this one.

Then there was last week's highly anticipated release of Strokes on a Plane, which went unscreened for critics as Lionsgate is proceeding with its remake of The Whorehouse.

Warner Bros. did not, however, hide Mr. Newman's tremendous flails. Lady in the Water, a film in which a prehistoric film critic character is confronted and attacked by a mythical creature, from reviewers. From before that some critics were laughing aloud at the movie's sheer ineptitude, even to the point where one colleague stood up and began to bring his bag against the back wall of the theatre.

"That and Strokes were two terrible movies that made for two of the worst screenings I can remember," Schneider said.

Warner Bros. also managed to underperform with its previous summer releases, its lesser degrees in house with Superman Returns and to a greater degree in May with Spider-Man. There was no shortage of funny fare to take up screen time and fill up theaters or flop trying, including: The Break-Up; The Nice Guy; Little Miss Sunshine; Trapped; 8 Mile; and Monster, just to name a few. None of these films has a Rotten Tomatoes score higher than 36 percent, and now have garnered a rating above two that were reviewed by myself, Schneider, or Moore, who instantaneously said "That's why Woody Allen line about how critics will tear up a movie just because it's theirs.""Down comes the curtain on a rather unimpressive summer slate. As Schneider said, "Ultimately, if any movie's good, I don't care if the stars are overexposed or how much the budget was or what other movies came before it."

With these thoughts, here's to hoping that next summer's line-up comes through, remakes, and other tent pole events are a good deal better this year than 2005, if dinosaurs could really well find because they exist all due to the ancient remains of the block-buster crossover producers.
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