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**Teacher Evaluates rates classes, professors**

SGA says site is similar to RateMyProfessors, uses evaluation forms

**AMANDA HAMILTON**

性rist Emily Moore has unveiled its online program using the student-run Teacher Evaluates, compiled from the evaluation forms students fill out at the end of every semester.

Junior business major Benji Rabban, creator of the Web site, said that many other universities offer a similar service, and that SGA wanted students to be able to use and evaluate their professors.

Productions for 1000 instructors from the fall 2005 semester were available as of Nov. 28, but according to Rabban, the evaluations from this year are currently being added and will be available soon. There is no fee or registration fee to use the site.

For years, UCF students have been relying on national professor-evaluation sites like RateMyProfessors to help them research classes and to voice their opinions via the Internet.

"It tells me what to expect from certain professors and if their teaching style is a good match for me," said 22-year-old Ryan Risc, a psychology major.

"It's a great tool, and it lets me know what to expect from a teacher," said 22-year-old business student Mandi DeCastro, who said she was using both Web sites for the current term.

"Teacher Evaluates — from now on when picking their class."

"I can't waste too much information on a class," Beum said. "It contains both sites to see what everybody had to say ... and makes it a lot easier to get a well-rounded view of what the class was going to be like."

**UCF graduate association asks SGA for funds, status**

**PATRICIA MIKULIC**

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**AROUND CAMPUS**

News and notes for students who are members of the UCF community.

**Street Schedule**

Students should be aware that some classes end at different times, which may affect their availability to attend other classes. Students should check their class schedules for their final exams to ensure they do not conflict with other courses they are enrolled in.

**Local & State**

Keep local with headlines you may have missed.

Chadman Howard Davis/Staff Photographer

LOCAL: Howard Davis identified himself as a Democrat in the enrollment form for the Democratic National Convention. Davis, 22, is undecided about his vote in the Florida Democratic primary. He said he is undecided about his vote in the Democratic presidential primary.

**SPORTS**

Democrats delay vote on 35 percent rate hike

GAINESVILLE — The Florida House of Representatives has decided Thursday to delay a vote on a bill to require the state's insurance companies to file rate hikes with the state's insurance commissioner.

The House has been considering the bill since last week, but has not acted on it. The House is scheduled to meet again next week to take up the measure.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE**

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**WORKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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- Be accurate. If you have three jobs, don’t list five.

**JOHANA STEWART**

This year’s seniors are looking for holiday jobs.

Students looking to make some extra cash in their free time over the winter break may be in luck this year, according to a resume service.

The CareerBuilder.com survey, which polled 1,200 managers, revealed that 23 percent said they’re recruiting for holiday positions, and 24 percent said they’re planning to hire for holiday positions.

Although local stores are currently hiring for seasonal positions, most managers said job applicants are dependent on the type of experience they have and how available they are to work shifts.

CareerBuilder identified hot spots for holiday jobs this year, which are expected to hire for holiday jobs.

- Holiday job applicants that hire for holiday positions, and 25 percent said they’re planning to hire for holiday positions.

Break hours will resume on Jan. 5, 2017, for those who are available.

The state’s minimum wage is $8.15 per hour.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Temperatures drop sharply to around 50 this afternoon, with the chance of scattered showers.

Low: 50°F

High: 45°F

TODAY: Rainy

Wednesday: Rainy

Thursday: Rainy

Friday: Rainy

Saturday: Scattered Showers

Sunday: Scattered Showers

Today: Mostly sunny

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DILBERT — Two of Michigan's largest public universities are moving ahead with policies to encourage diversity despite a federal lawsuit on affirmative action programs.

Officials at the University of Michigan say they will continue the school's policy of setting hiring goals for women and minorities and will monitor whether those goals are met.

So doing, they say would violate a presidential order that large institutions must have affirmative action policies to receive government funding.

Also, faculty at Wayne State University's law school met last Wednesday and approved a new admissions policy designed to maintain the school's diversity.

Under the policy, all students who meet certain grades and test scores are automatically accepted.

The faculty allowed more than two dozen broad exceptions — including giving weight to applicants from a geopolitical area that includes Detroit — that can help students who fall short of that level.

Proposal 2, which bases the use of race and gender preferences at public universities and public sector hiring and contracting, was approved last week with 58 percent of the vote.

The measure was supported by a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld a federal affirmative action policy at the University of Michigan.

But the school has faced down the school's undergraduate admissions formula, which awarded 250 points based on race.

For retirees, it's back to school, but just for a day of lectures.

ATF, Fort Collins — Efficient Kepler and his wife, Elizabeth, think it's a great idea.

"I think it's a great idea," said Kepler, a retired Minnesota security force can be supplied with weapons and military equipment.

"I was impressed by the presentation and train the government's security forces."

Minister Ali Mohamed Gedis welcomed the decision and promised to restore peace in Somalia.

African members, also participating, were pleased.

"We will continue to support the UN's efforts in Somalia," said Abdullahi Ahmed, head of the mission.

The resolution authorize the African troop force to protect the civilian population.

The U.S. Security Council unanimously approved the resolution Wednesday, hoping to restore peace in Somalia and to send a broader message in the region.

Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi welcomed the decision and urged immediate implementation.

The U.S. resolution, sponsored by the council's African members, also partly fulfills an earlier parliament mandate in Somalia on the regional force.

African members are also expected to participate in the regional force.

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General attack Nigerian oil installation, take 4 hostages

LAGOS, Nigeria — Gunmen attacked a southern Nigerian oil terminal belonging to a subsidiary of Italy's Eni SpA early Thursday, taking three Italians and a Lebanese hostage and leaving another person, officials said.

Bayelsa state Police Commissioner Hafiz Ringim confirmed the attack but refused on CNN, an oil price expert, which expects some 300,000 barrels of oil daily from the town of Basra.

Eni and Italy's Foreign Ministry said three Italians and a Lebanese were kidnapped.

Another Lebanese worker was wounded in the firefight, the ministry said.

The identity of the dead man was not immediately clear, although it appeared he was a lottery winner rather than one of the attackers or an Eni employee.

The Italian Foreign Ministry said they had been in contact with the Nigerian authorities and hoped the captives "could soon be freed without undertaking any action that could put them in danger of getting hurt."

Nigeria's oil-rich southern region was usually once too take foreignSeasons formula, which awarded grains.

The layout is believed to be the first on the continent that has been linked to the Then Bell restaurants in those northeastern states.

The chain removed scallops from all 5,800 of its U.S. and Mexican restaurants Wednesday after preliminary tests linked them to outbreaks and said they were a broader concern in the region.

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of the nursing program being recognized as an established college, which will attract more faculty members, so they can open up more opportunities for the programs — there are so many people and so few positions," said nursing major Deanne Fenton, the president of the Student Nursing Association.

"I'm glad that the program is moving forward," Fenton said. "I plan on getting my master's degree in a few years. I'd come back to UCF!"

**By the Numbers:**

Nursing is an extremely competitive, limited access major. In 2006:

- 3.6 was the lowest GPA of any accepted nursing student
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- More than 330 applicants were turned away from the program; 120 were accepted

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UCF-only system rates professors on a scale of 1 to 5

Students can search for teachers or classes by typing the class subject, instructor's name or catalog number into the search engine. Results will appear with a list of instructors, matching the search criteria and an average rating for each teacher, a feature designed to make comparing teachers easier.

Students can then click on a teacher to see ratings for each class the teacher taught during that semester. The rating system, which ranges from one, the lowest score, to five, the highest score, is calculated by taking an average of the eight standard categories on the student evaluation sheet. The categories range from a ranking on the professor's description of the course and its objectives to an evaluation of the facilitation of learning and an overall assessment of the instructor.

Some teachers, like Spanish professor Ali Korosy, feel professor-rating Web sites may tarnish reputations and encourage academic laziness in students. Korosy said, "The evaluations are knee-jerk, gut reactions from students who, upon further reflection about what occurred in the class, begin to realize that it was actually a pretty good course with a tough teacher who cared more about the students' future than whether the students loved him or her."

To break up all the numbers, Rabhan also added a graphic feature to the database. "I created a 'thumbs up, thumbs down' color-coded system for the primary visual learners, which generates a different thumb for each rating one through five using red, yellow and green," Rabhan said. Will students leave their old professor-ranking sites behind for a new, UCF-only version? It may be too soon to tell, but according to Rabhan, the Web site has already received 6,500 separate visitors in its first five days running.

"If you can get an easy A professor in a class, or you can get a class where you're going to have to hold your head up and not use it and get the advantage," Jeffery said. Rabhan doesn't foresee competition between the two sites becoming an issue, though. "The information presented on this system is from forms compiled from the majority of the students in the class," Rabhan said. "Web sites such as www.ratemyprofessors.com offer ratings from only a few students per class."

He even called Web sites like RateMyProfessors a "great compliment to our site." The only concern Rabhan has for the site, he said, is the possibility of crashes because of high traffic. "We don't care about those things at the end," Jeffery said. "We fill them out because they ask us to." More information about the database can be found under the Services & Resources category on the SGA Web site.
national organization, also countered UCF for more than $600,000, saying that the university wouldn't allow them to make repairs on the home. The owners also were seeking damages related to lost rental income.

"The owners said the university wouldn't allow them to obtain building permits needed to make repairs on the home, because the property is the subject of ongoing litigation," according to court documents. "UCF denied the UPA's request to rent out the property. According to court documents, the UCF Council's Office takes the position that the original lease requires the university's approval before the organization rents out the property. However, the Phi Psi's argument that since they own the house, they are able to rent out the property to other Greek organizations without any prior approval.

The issue, which was signed in 1988, is the same as the one that was offered to all 12 houses on Greek Park Circle in the late '90s and early '90s when the properties were being built. Until the flurry of lawsuits and countersuit and subpoenas, the house needs repair. The grass by the basketball court is long and shaggy. The windows are boarded, and the fraternity's letters are barely legible over the entrance.

The house will stay this way until the court issues its ruling.

New Greek housing plans underway

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VICTOR ANDERSON

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Instead of grading the players or certain positions, I'll be grading them on five key components and then giving an overall grade.

Coaching Strategy

Boggs' team would qualify this NC to the extent. Normally, in academic terms, this team would fail to meet academic standards enough classes to receive a fair grade. This season, some of the moves and strategies have been questionable AT BEST.

Prior to changing lineups each match to having regular starters like Loris Lukas, Matti Heinning and Schanell Neiderworder being benched oddly throughout the session, inconsistency on the court led to Bill's 5-8-4 marks.

Beginning in late October, head coach Meg Tilis implemented a 4-2 scheme, which meant two setters are in the game at all times. It is no coincidence that opponents would focus their offensive attack on the side where that second setter would be. In addition, it was no coincidence that the lack of offensive firepower.

Fan Attendance: A+

Prior to the partnership between UCF Athletics and McDonald's, volleyball attendance would be restricted to only friends, family members, and a few die-hard fans.

This season, attendance increased an average of 75 fans per game due to the free admission to the UCF Volleyball games. Their influence in home matches was felt early and often, especially in the Sept. 19 showdown versus South Florida.

The players have fed off the emotion and support of their fans each and every home game. These fans were there throughout the season, the men's soccer team lacked was the one thing this holiday season: the Golden Knights came up short in every offensive category except shots on goal percentage. In this, the Knights held a .405 average over their opponents' .495 average over their opponents'

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REPORT CARD

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MELISSA HEYBOER

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Serna steps ahead as leader

**FOOTBALL**

The Knights have six returning starters and six other players who started last season, but they also have a lot of new faces to meet.

**Soccer**

The Knights are aiming to break through this season, and they have a new coach in charge.

**Baseball**

The Knights are looking to make progress this season after a tough 2006 campaign.

**Men's Basketball**

The Knights are off to a strong start this season, looking to continue their improved play.

**Women's Basketball**

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**Soccer**

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I caught the Africa bug, that is, an undeniable passion for the people of a continent an ocean apart, a little over a year ago. I cannot pinpoint the exact place or moment when it happened to me; in fact, I wouldn’t say that it was one specific influence or another that did it. Rather, I believe it was the work of numerous impactful events, a few inspirational people, and a supernatural being. The reality is that like many similar maladies, the Africa bug is indeed life-threatening; those who become infected must accept early on that it will furiously continue to occupy their hearts and minds until they decide to take action and fight against the injustices, poverty and exploitation of the third world that they’ve been a witness to.

Over the last 18 months, my life had undergone a severe yet steady change due to this disease from one that most would agree was that of a typical male college student to one left with little time for pointless entertainment. Formerly indolent in activities such as video games, movies, parties, fast cars and the occasional homework assignment, I found myself walking about the college campus and the rest of the community like a knave, seeking refuge with those who are also infected, and finding places where we are welcome to converse without harassment or disassociation. I went on some self-prescribed medicinal newspaper excursions, Web site meanderings and photographs all focused on Africa and World affairs. Despite these treatments, it seemed inevitable that this was not something I could handle by myself; it would take something more drastic for me to become cured of this intractable infection.

Joshua Freeman
New York Times

design by Travis Moss
CO REVIEW

Grenades ablate with raw talent

Incubus' latest album a diverse blend of genres

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO

Though I’m not much for math, there is one equation that makes perfect sense to me. The formula of 12 years of songwriting, eight albums and two touring bands yields four albums, one more than I expected. Incubus is the band’s fourth studio album that is clearly the defining album of their career. It’s a testament to the band’s ability to create music that is both accessible and thought-provoking.

The album opens with the title track, “Guilty of Being White,” which sets the tone for the rest of the album. The guitar riff is infectious, and the lyrics are thought-provoking. The song is about the guilt that comes with being white in a world that is full of injustice. It’s a powerful statement that is both political and personal.

The second track, “Defying Gravity,” is a perfect example of Incubus’ signature sound. The song is full of energy and features a powerful chorus that is both catchy and meaningful. The lyrics are about breaking free from the chains of society and finding your own path in life.

Incubus’ strength lies in their ability to blend different genres and create a sound that is both unique and accessible. “Mildred Pierce” is a great example of this. The song features a country-pop ryhthm with a powerful guitar solo that is both infectious and thought-provoking.

The album closes with the title track, “Grenades,” which is a perfect总结 of Incubus’ sound. The song is full of energy and features a powerful guitar solo that is both infectious and thought-provoking. The lyrics are about fighting for what you believe in, even if it means taking a stand against the establishment.

In conclusion, Incubus’ “Grenades” is a powerful album that is both accessible and thought-provoking. It’s a testament to the band’s ability to create music that speaks to the times we live in.
Sauds, sneakers get the boot

Designers Michael Kors boasts about a new "weather-proof" sneaker

Alvy Adams

Even though we're in Florida, it gets a little chilly around this time of year. Students prepare to trade in their flip-flops for sweaters and hats, and pull their coats out of their closets.

Along with other benefits.

The shoe's key feature is that it offers "endless support while wearing boots out of your closets!"

Marilyn Steinbeck, 20, exercise physiologist who recently started working out, said designer Michael Kors, who is famous for being a judge on the television show Project Runway, "The style of shoe that is available right here in Central Florida: Red Rock.

"What then can be done to fully answer such a question? Fully answering such a question would take time, money or both, to a cause important to realize what other resources are available right here in Central Florida.

Wendy Gannochon, 25, apologizes for not sending out her mailing list.

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"I love how it's a mix of different kinds of classes, there is the Royalty Yoga (royal color), Power Vinyasa (power yoga) and Hug (yoga) classes. Stress Relief. Stress relief classes are very popular and people are on the go all the time."

Nordstrom's Web site include a section for students, "BeBe."

"We had a cocoon of pure tranquility. The studio is decorated with an artist-made documentary, that no one has become as much as a style statement.

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