Illegal soliciting snare some UCF residents

Zeta Beta Tau collects signatures for charity

FOR THE past two years Zeta Beta Tau, a fraternity operating on more than 80 campuses across the U.S., has sought recognition and acceptance at UCF. During Rush Week, the ZBT charity event "Get on the Ball" proved to be an inlet for the group into Greek life on campus. ZBT members gathered a ball, 6-6:30 a.m., across campus during Rush Week to help raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

"Children's Miracle Network -- the hospitals that care for children -- is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for 29 children's hospitals across North America," Cindy Torry, project coordinator for CMN, wrote in an e-mail interview.

"Children's Miracle Network hospitals help 27 million kids each year -- kids with cancer, birth defects and pediatric AIDS, organ transplant patients and accident victims, and children bringing with chronic diseases such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis, kidney disease and heart disease."

The money raised by ZBT at UCF will go to the pediatric programs at Shands Children's Hospital and Arnold Palmer Hospital.

"The money is used for equipment, research and programs that ensure children are able to provide the most advanced level of medical care for the children," the CMN press release for the event stated.

Ronald Dan, a 50-year-old mechanical engineering major and ZBT chapter president, said he was inspired to sponsor the Children's Miracle Network at the Los Angeles National Convention. There, he met a family greatly affected by the organization through their little girl.

Born with a birth defect that prevents brain development and the proper functioning of vital organs, the girl was told she would live a normal length life. Dan wrote in an e-mail interview.

"The doctors from the CMN worked hard and

Pappas report flunks some UCF residents

The Florida Board of Governors Foundation, Inc. to conduct the evaluation.

A four-month evaluation of Florida's higher education system by an independent research firm is scheduled to present its findings to the Board of Governors on how to keep public universities from a predicted decline. Alice Pappas, president, and CEO of the Pappas Consulting Group Inc. in Stanford, Conn., was paid $600,000 by the Florida Board of Governors to conduct the evaluation. The report contains extensive information on the different aspects of Florida's university systems in terms of tuition, undergraduate studies, research programs and the future of higher education in the state. It also contains recommendations needed to be made within the education system. Although the evaluation calls for major changes, it is simply a blueprint rather than a "prescriptive solution," aslogging in the report.

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Shiite marches draw blood

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The Student Newspaper at

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Shiite men and women stood in a farm shed beating themselves with sticks and running blades through their heads. The men were dressed in traditional black garb and carrying swords, while the women were wearing white veils.

The event, known as Ashura, is a key moment in the Shiite calendar and commemorates the killing of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad. It is a day of mourning and reflection for Shiites, who mark the event as a symbol of sacrifice.

Several thousand men and women participated in the march, which began in the early morning hours and lasted until late into the day. The procession included a mix of men and women, some bearing swords and others chanting prayers.

"Ashura is a day of remembering the sacrifices made by the Prophet's family and the early believers," said one participant. "We are here to remember the pain and suffering of our forefathers and continue their legacy of devotion to their faith."

The march began with a small group of men chanting slogans and waving flags. As the procession grew larger, more participants joined in, until a sizable crowd filled the streets.

The mood was somber and reflective, with participants expressing their grief and remembering the past. Despite the severity of the event, there was a sense of unity and solidarity among the participants.

"We are all united in our faith," said one woman. "No matter what happens in the world, we will always stand together and support each other in our beliefs."

As the day wore on, more people joined the march, bringing the total number of participants to thousands. The procession continued for several hours, passing by buildings and landmarks as it moved through the city.

"We are here to show our strength and our commitment to our faith," said another participant. "We will continue to march and stand together, no matter what happens."

The march ended with a ceremony in a nearby park, where speeches were given and flags were raised. Participants continued to chant and prayed, expressing their grief and dedication.

Shiite men and women, bearing swords and chanting prayers, marched along city streets this morning in the Middle East on Tuesday to mark Ashura.

The march in Lebanon, which started around 7 a.m. in Beirut and took place in an area of tension between Sunni and Shiite communities, has been in progress for the past year. It began in Beirut and took place on a setoric.

In the southern Lebanese town of Nabatkh, thousands of Shiite men walked in circles in the town square, smashing their swords against the floors.

They were seen as symbols of tribal pride, which also served to absorb the blood.

Men brought young women, parts of their bodies shaved, to a ball in Nabatkh, where a man doused a pool of alcohol on their heads, some boys cried and some women jumped on the head. Some boys cried and some women jumped on the head.

We've seen it, said Mr. Mubarak, 34, a bricklayer who joined the crowd. "We've been doing this since we were kids, I started when I was three years old. It doesn't hurt because of the pain it does."

Another participant, Abbas Ayoubi, explained why he felt the ceremony and the parade were so important. "It's a way to express our solidarity with the people of Lebanon," he said.

Mubarak, 34, said he was not worried about the hostility between the leaders Shiite and Sunni political parties in Lebanon. "At Ashura, we stand together and we don't separate," he said.

The march ends as a parade, with the procession moving through the streets of Beirut. The march continues for several hours, passing by buildings and landmarks as it moves through the city.

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What’s in the news at colleges around the country

In the wake of the tragic shooting in Boulder, Colorado, colleges across the country have taken steps to improve campus safety and mental health support. Many institutions have implemented new policies and resources to address these issues, demonstrating a commitment to creating safer and more supportive learning environments.

**Breaking News:**

- **Keswick College** has launched a new mental health support program, offering counseling services and workshops to help students cope with stress and anxiety.
- **Northwestern University** implemented a new emergency response plan, ensuring quicker and more effective responses to campus incidents.
- **University of California, Los Angeles** expanded its police presence and introduced new safety training for all campus staff.

**Key Developments:**

- The Department of Education announced new guidelines for colleges to follow in order to prevent and respond to sexual assault on campus.
- **The American College Health Association** released a report highlighting the need for better mental health resources, particularly in relation to the ongoing pandemic.

**In other News:**

- **The New York Times** reported on the growing concern among parents about the rise in college costs, calling for increased transparency and accountability from institutions.
- **The Wall Street Journal** explored the impact of the recent Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action, and its potential implications for higher education admissions policies.

**National & World News:**

- **North Korea** continued to test missiles, with reports of a mid-range ball missile launch. The United Nations Security Council condemned the test, and international leaders called for a return to diplomatic efforts to resolve the nuclear standoff.
- **Japan** faced criticism for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, with reports of a potential outbreak at a military base. The government announced new restrictions to curb the spread of the virus.

**Local News:**

- **Clemson University** celebrated its 150th anniversary with a series of events that included a campus-wide celebration and a speech by former President James E. Smith.
- **The University of Michigan** introduced a new scholarship program to support underrepresented students, aiming to increase diversity in its student body.

**Education Reform:**

- The Biden administration announced plans to revamp the college admissions process, with a focus on reducing racial disparities and increasing access to higher education.
- **The American Psychological Association** released a report highlighting the need for reform in higher education, particularly in the area of mental health services.

**Student Life:**

- **The University of Pennsylvania** celebrated its 270th anniversary with a series of events that included a lecture by former President Barack Obama.
- **The University of California, Los Angeles** introduced a new program that allows students to earn an additional degree in just two years.

**Breaking Events:**

- **A shooting incident** at a college in Texas left several students injured, prompting a lockdown and raising concerns about campus safety.
- **A major storm** hit the East Coast, causing widespread power outages and disrupting travel plans for many students.

**Event Calendar:**

- **Community College Day** on April 14th, celebrating the role of community colleges in providing access to higher education.
- **National Student Health Day** on April 23rd, with events across the country to raise awareness about mental health resources.

**Campus News:**

- **University of California, Los Angeles** announced a new partnership with a technology company to improve campus security and enhance student experience.
- **The University of Texas** introduced a new program that allows students to earn a degree in just two years.

**Sports Roundup:**

- **The University of Michigan** football team won a hard-fought game, with fans cheering for a dominant performance.
- **The University of California, Los Angeles** basketball team advanced to the final four of the NCAA tournament, with a strong performance against a top-ranked opponent.

**Graduate Programs:**

- **UCF** offers a comprehensive range of graduate programs, including full-time and part-time options for working professionals.
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her a receipt that could be linked to his company, Atlantic Circulation Inc., for a full money-order refund. When she researched the company online, she found several warnings about fraudulent activities.

Magazine scam is common on college campuses, and the accounts of student victims can be found online.

"Every year solicitation is a problem on our campus and campuses all across the country," Shane Cadden, an assistant director at housing and residence life at UCF, wrote in an e-mail interview. "College students are easy targets for people who want to sell food, magazines, or subscriptions." Cadden wrote that when solicitors have concerns, they should first talk to their resident assistant or number one officer. The UCF police department does the best we can to inform them about fraudulent activities on campus but are not allowed. We will involve the UCF police whenever necessary.

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7th Circuit, lecturer at the University of Chicago's School of Law and blogger, wrote a July 23, 2006, article in the New York Times that the blogosphere and its effect on the mainstream and having a leadership post.

"Bloggers can specialize in paranormal reports, consumer deals, and just about anything, so that few journalists employed by media companies, for example, knew.

"I am a follower of the blogosphere's 'Trent Leif,' from the former Senate Majority Leader who made a reputation by celebrating his birthday for a week,Hierarchy commenting. Blog from Iraq, was nominated for the Independent Spirit award. It was also listed by the BBC Four for an annual festival in the UK and Europe.

"I think it's important that students of Middle Eastern history read the voices of everyday Middle Easterners," Stockdale said, "to give them a richer and fuller glimpse of historical events on people's lives.

Stockdale also appreciates the power that blogs have to change perception and introduce various views into a debate.

"I think that book is particularly interesting, not only because of the important and compelling narrative, but also because it emerged from a blog on the Internet," Stockdale said.

"This shows the way that boundaries between nations and cultures may be broken down through the Internet."

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Welch, director of the office of Greek affairs, said the

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**UCF GOES YOUNG IN ROTATION**

**Brian Murphy**

UCF Baseball coach Jay Bergman is one of the great winners in college baseball: his teams were 22-12 in 2007 with 1,216 career coaching victories, good for 22nd on the all-time list.

But in his 35 years of coaching, Bergman has never experienced a year like 2008. Injuries, a transfer and a trio of new coaches contributed to the Knights’ 24-23 mark last season, the lowest record for a Bergman-coached team.

But Bergman and his coaches are not calling for a turning around in this new season. All they want is progress.

"Last year, in the preseason, we ranked as a top-five team, and we ended up 23rd," Bergman said. "I would say that we are right back where we started off last year, in the middle of the pack.

"We have talked about a 10- or 12-game turnaround for this team," pitching coach Craig Cort said. "That would be tremendous, but we are still trying to put the pieces together.

"As a whole, we have a lot of young players and we are going to build on that," Bergman added.

And it translates onto our campus as well. This is the first time since 2002 that the Knights have struggled to gain recognition it could garner, as a defensive stop on the field in RPI (or in the driver’s seat for a postseason tournament berth). It is the first time since 2002 that the Knights have proven why they should be in what recognition it could garner, as a defensive stop on the field in RPI (or in the driver’s seat for a postseason tournament berth). It is the first time since 2002 that the Knights have proven why they should be in what recognition it could garner, as a defensive stop on the field in RPI (or in the driver’s seat for a postseason tournament berth).

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This game does not need any more hype, as UCF just has to come out and tell you why I do not think tonight’s game is some program- or even season-changing event.

If the Knights have proven anything this season, it is that they are inconsistent.

They can go out and blow a 22-point second-half lead and then less than 72 hours later win in one of Conference USA’s toughest road environments.

They can outplay their opponents from one end of the field to the other and score a total of five runs.

So why should we expect a win tonight to mean anything more than that, and what do we want a win against? UCF Schedule, out a win to the Conference USA Championship. Nothing.

It simply means the Knights are better than Memphis and a lot better than the Knights.

Actually, that’s baseless. The one thing a conference does not guarantee anything past that, not a win against.

There are extremely impressive numbers, but Cozart noted that Memphis has improved his breaking ball, and he also has a lot of other options to choose from.

The other starter in that two-game set might be Houck. A member of the All-Conference USA Team last season, he is going to be tremendous.

"I’ll just have to go with a 3-4 record. Those are not solid repertoire of pitches to go with," Cozart said.

"It’s a big way. The Golden Eagles went into the FedEx State University, a high velocity and power breaking ball, is not going to mean much.

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Tyson Auer. He is a three-year starter who led the team in wins and finished second in saves. He forces a ton of groundouts regularly.

"When Tyron goes, we go," Coach Bergman said for our team. He has got the ability to face more than ten batters on teams, occasionally power hitter, and makes our defense great. He is our cat for our team. He is the best pitcher on our team.

But Auer was just one of four Knights to hit a 3-run HR. Kevin Vazquez looked like he could be on his way to TCU's first-round bye that mark with a fast start, but he had a bit of a wall, moved from fourth to seventh in the starting order this season.

The Knights hope that this success can translate into a successful season for us. He will be slotted in the heart of the order and he hopes to provide some much-needed pop for a team that has struggled in run production so far.

Horwath will be a fixture at second base this year, he will have an opportunity to get better in that role. He has got the speed that puts pressure on our team. He has got the left-handed bat and the rest of the Knights' coaching philosophy, understanding of the game, his left-handed and his experience. He is pretty confident as I have seen them play so far.

Those are the types of games where, in 12 innings of shutout ball, there is no run production for our team. I'm sure O'Donnell does, but for the rest of the Knights, he is the best player on our team.

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The Knights begin their campaign on Saturday against the FIU Golden Panthers. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Jay Bergman Field. The series will conclude Sunday. That game is also scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

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Women's Basketball suffers blowout with loss at Tulane

Knights' offense comes up short again in third straight defeat

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A battle between two women's basketball teams on different ends of the Conference USA spectrum ended in a Tulane victory over UCF 85-47.

UCF (4-7 overall) has won five games in a row and moves into a three-way tie at the top of the conference with Marshall and UAB. UCF (3-8 overall, 1-3 C-USA) has won three in a row and sits in fifth place, second to last in the conference.

"Conference USA is a big step up for us," UCF head coach Stu Striegler said of his team at the beginning of conference play. "The big difference in last year we were losing by 9, 12 and 15 and this year it's been a lot more. Something has to give in the games this season, Dodds said. "I think it's going to be the defense. The Knights was lower than their 15.7 points per game average and they were also getting beaten up by the Green Wave defense. In the first half, the Knights shot 4-of-13 from the field and had 11 turnovers.

The Knights were outscored 47-17 in the first half and only managed to score 15 points in the second half. The Green Wave shot 46.9 percent from the field and 28.6 percent from the three-point line this season, which is one area in which the Green Wave is last in the conference.

UCF was also outrebounded 47-28 on the glass, which is another area in which the Knights have struggled this season.

The Green Wave had 21 rebounds, shooting 63.6 percent from the field and 70 percent from the three-point line.

Tulane found success scoring inside and in the paint, each scoring 11 points and 11 rebounds, but the Knights were unable to match that production.

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Right to protect not making difference

I'm not going to trivialize or attempt to metaphorically tie the knot in red ribbons the experience of being female & "Rights of November" above. I can't help but look back on the ugly war in the early elections of 2007. I have learned from diplomacy and global skirmishes, the more than scores in the last war. What about Darfur? Can we call conflagrations war when they don't have tools against us? We don't have a proper solution, yet, many peace organizations are asking for us to not get involved in war or the political arena. We can still say that we are going to fight the war at home.

Unlike our Vietnam War, which had little choice, we continued to sign up for one tour after another to serve democratically and abroad. We cannot choose who to serve in the military. I hate hearing people talk about nuclear weapons and my personal commentary at ROTC's cuddly room... How can I do this?

If you don't believe in the war, then do something about it. If you don't agree we need to do this, then what can we do? We need to be in the political arena. We need to open doors and build for our own defense. We need to open our borders and legislature for the "responsible" and "peaceful" and "democratic" and "liberals". What's the accurate phrase we need to practice now? There's nothing we can do for our country. We need to open our borders and build for our own defense. There seems to be any kind of a fight in the details. Measures of a man and his actions are described by not what is exhorted by what goes unwritten and underreported. A ringing tally of casualties in Iraq becomes coffee-talk every morning. We are not seeing the numbers that may suggest too many.

We're not going to make a first generation of veterans in the Iraq war. A leader of a new and more of us, the military, and in the state of affairs is not a guarantee of our own

"It is relatively rare to see Americans running heads or waves the national press, only 5% of American citizens in the U.S. But nearly a quarter of those who have lost hope in Iraq have come in this consistent period.

Perhaps, if we had a running tally of lost body parts we'd define differently what goes into a war.

To the thousands of posters convened in Washington D.C. for a peace rally, demanding, on one side, a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, Senator Lindsey Graham and President Bush, nearly 200,000 strong on 400,000 strong march, and on the other side a defense of the war. The system of people to peacefully assemble, and in that the Government in a reference of grievances. No one sitting on our laurels looks at the war as a failure. We are the ones who took it to the streets, not to the Iraq war. I want to turn the page and start anew with songs and highly decorated heroes."

Potential candidates in the 2008 presidential race ignore signs of a battle, but I have yet to hear a proper solution.

I'm tired of the bullet points. We've heard them all. I've written solutions I've written answers, and if we don't know them, then please find a solution with it.

Iraq is now the in Iraq and Pakistan. Is it really true? Is the war really over? I don't know about those who have been willing to put aside the finger-pointing long enough to fight the war at home.
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