Black History Month marches in with band

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight, the African American Student Council will host the Band of Black. The concert will feature the talents of the Kucen African drum ensemble of Philadelphia and will showcase the traditional music and modern forms from West Africa, the Caribbean, and Africa, with an array of modern hip-hop and rock.

In honor of Black History Month, the black student lounge will feature a variety of black artists and performers. The lounge will be open from noon to 6 p.m. every day. Students are encouraged to participate in the festivities.

Mayer grows up

A new album and a new sound show this rocker is anything but a one-hit wonder. — SEE VARIETY, A9

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High-stepping with style, the African American Student Council kicked off Black History Month with the rhythmic percussive beat of drums.

The AASU began their opening ceremony with Jones High School Marching Band at the Student Union courtyard Wednesday.

Some of the drum lines and drum-lace grooves could be heard from as far away as the city while UCF students gathered to watch the band play the leading tunes and showcase their drum lines. The band entertained the crowd with a variety of different songs and drum lines.

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Victim Services event focuses on cyber stalking and self defense

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January is Stalker Awareness Month and Victim Services was in front of the Student Union on Tuesday to inform students about the dangers of stalking. The event featured free microwave popcorn, information packets and a self-defense class that specialized in dislocation.

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What's in the news at colleges around the country.

Police won't pursue changes in trial of Palestinian students

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Police have decided not to pursue any of their own changes in a racially charged fight between several football players at a U.S. college and three Palestinian students.

A magistrate judge has charged the Guilford College players with misdemeanor assault and false arrest of three Palestinian students.

"We determined that all of the actions that need to be taken out in this case were already taken at the magis­trate’s office," police spokesman Lt. Brian James Weaver said, according to the Greensboro News & Record.

"We didn’t obtain any further evidence that would allow us to pursue additional charges," he added, saying what we were investigat­ing.

Prosecutors said they would consider a police in vestigation later after decid­ing how to proceed.

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The 2005 profits topped the previous record of $13.1 billion, which Exxon set in 2004.

Exxon Mobil’s record annual earnings follows a year of extraordinarily high energy prices as crude oil jumped 97% in the summer — driving up average gas prices in the United States to more than $2.70 per gallon.

The fourth-quarter decline reflects lower profits from Exxon’s refining and market­ting segment, and a sharp drop in net sales.

Profit for the fourth quar­ter of 2005, declined to $5.8 billion from $70.7 billion in the same period a year earlier, a record — a quarter reduced partly from any U.S. public­ity.

Suitable attacks strike market

In a city of hill

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two suicide bombers threw them­selves on Thursday in crowded and popular market­places in the Shi’ite city of Baghdad, killing 14 of the 45 people and wounding 30, police said, the latest in a series of insurgent attacks against the majority sect dur­ing the Islamic holy month of Muharram.

A suicide bomber strapped in­to the Maktab outdoor market in the center of Hillah, 60 miles west of Baghdad, as shoppers were buying the last of the day, police said they thought one of two attackers in the explo­sion and stopped him.

The bomber detonated his explosives, then the other attacker, who dodged behind the first, set off his bomb.

The attack killed 46 people wounded 150, said Mishaal Alshahla, a police spokesman for the provincial police of Hillah, of which Baghdad is part.

About 60 miles south of Baghdad, the scene of one of the deadliest attacks in the west, a suici­de car bomber killed 125 people on Feb. 28, 2005.

The attack bled a day in which at least 150 people were killed in bombs and car bombs attacks against Shi’ite and Sunni targets in Baghdad and US-led Iraqi forces pre­pare for a security sweep to pacify the capital.

President Bush’s annual global warn­ning report warns scientists panel

WASHINGTON — The long-awaited report says global warming is "likely" man-made and the world’s most powerful economic power­house is still waiting for the world’s leading climate scientist­sm to come together.

"There is no doubt that climate change is happening and has worsened in recent decades due to the increase in greenhouse gas emissions," said the report Thursday.

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Kelvin Tsoi and had a sheet of paper on which balloon went to the team of Care Bear balloon. The second-place prize of a judges for the Sweet as Cheese Festival from a plastic cup. Each judge and tasted coconut. The winner's cheese was identified as the International Services Center on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The diversity of the group members reflected that of the topics discussed. Discussions ranged from bad drivers in Orlando to the prospect of a nuclear war. "It was one of the most refreshing events that I have been a part of lately," said Stephanie Rash, 19, a political science major. "I was surprised that such viewpoints could be talked about in a non-confrontational manner."

Participants shared differing ideas on topical global topics, but no view was belittled or rejected. "It was really nice, and I liked it," said Cassandra Werner, 21, an anthropology major. "I was surprised that such volatile issues could be talked about in a non-confrontational manner."

This same level of respect was maintained even when the topic turned to an issue closer to home, campus politics. The majority decided that the student body needs to find ways to change things they do not like, but in an appropriate manner. "We all need to come together, a lot of people need to stop yelling and get something done," Rash said. The coffee flowed and the discussions lasted about 40 minutes longer than planned — some still lingered to continue talking.

It was good coffee and even better company," Werner said. The next Global Coffee Hour will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13.
Bonsai trees take a break from the cold weather

Preacher welcomes hecklers

Preacher: "So, I went, and I bought a pair of elf ears, and I went out there with signs that said 'no longer is a 'whore' and 'Verily God can judge me!' and all those things. And I listened to everything, and I argued and did a lot of debating with them."

Armstrong: "in an open-air preacher. He travels across the southeastern United States with his wife Elizabeth to college campuses, spreading the brand of Christianity that he began to consider outdoor preaching, however, is commodification major, Amanda Stephen. "Osama be the laugh and you do not know me, and I said listen."

Stephen compared the miss- conception topeonclopedia made about African-American myths.

"It was easy to tell when there was this image of the black man attacking the white man," he said "I do not have a prevalent fear but it hasn't changed in hundreds of years."

"He happened only a few years ago. It's going to take for a long time before we get the 'Neapolitan' sold."

Panelist Farnaz Merchant agreed with Stephen about the same thing. "Something similar happened to my mom shortly after 9/11."

"It happens to be a particular impression. There is no more something happened to me."

"There is one of the first hopes it would win the Obama," said Drake, "even if, and his Indian. She's not Arab."

AAU events set for February

Peace Corps

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Citrus College for the Arts presented their collection of Bonsai trees inside the rotunda with the word of the cold. Once, given a Central Florida sandstorm worry about a forecast that next February.

Movie spurs race debate

One of the stories that garnered the biggest reaction from the crowd (avoided the perception of a cartoon of the black man, society. In this vignette, a gunstore owner, played by Jack McGee, called an Arab-American customer, played by Shaun Bullock, "Osama's sparking a heated-ver- bal alteration. This scene led to the discussion of whether or not Americans are living in a post-Sept. It would fear of those Arab- heritage."

"Many racial misconceptions stem from fear. Osama became this image and we relate anyone who looks like him to 9/11."

"The biggest reaction from the crowd was the perception of the black man, stem from the stories and organizational and inter- nalizing, citing historical.

"The students not the American white folk being savage and slave society perceptions of."

"Looking around, I'm seeing bouncing and shallower that look harder than these now in the movie," Young said aloud from the audien- ce. "But, I'm not going to make that perception."

Young also spoke about the other race misconceptions, citing histori- cal examples as well as negative reports of the Nation of Islam's involvement in the Oklahoma City bombing.

"Stereotypes have powerful implications," he said, "They reflect the level of powerlessness- in the black community." Young cited an incident at Stanford University in which members of the school's pre- dominantly white softball team dressed up in blackface, mas- quering as members of the school's predominantly black basketball team.

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Peace Corps also showed how blacks have a form of music and art in the entertainment industry, but they also showed how blacks have a form of music and art in the entertainment industry.
Even Tigers' coach sees potential of UCF sports

CHRIS HOYER
Sports Editor

If you were one of the 4,038 at the UCF Arena on Wednesday evening, you probably already knew this. For those of you who don't, you are probably walking around campus with your eyes closed. Luckily, a first-time visitor from Wednesday saw what you are missing and can happily describe it.

"Let me just make some general comments," Memphis coach John Calipari said during his post-game press conference Wednesday, "I can't believe that (basketball) facility, those courts, that street, that football facility. I don't understand. I would say that if this area, this city, doesn't grab this program, these programs, I just don't get it."
Peppers leads UCF with 20 despite loss

Dorsey leads Tigers to win

Tulsa pulls out win over Tulane with late 3-pointer

Knights need local support

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The Social, 6 p.m.
If football isn't your thing, check out these blue-eyed, soulful rockers and you'll forget all about Peyton Manning.

John Mayer comes of age with a surprisingly mature album and heartfelt show

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Mayer's latest, Continuum, is up for five Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year and Pop Vocal album, with good reason.

Mayer's traces a fine line between pop-star and serious artist, reaching out to the world and making music that transcends all boundaries.

John Mayer performs at The Social. Photo by Kerry Weiland.
Amended: I, 10, AIO (JTHETUBE) week the mob features D.L. the Super Bears meet in America's biggest sporting San Diego. Arthur and the Blood Constellation Smokin' the Departed Dreams of Charlotte The Dreamgirls of Men Yard Babel A San Diego newscaster women in father. Anything more? Roundhouse kicks to anything more? Something you're at home doing homework, something Sawyer holds the fate of Ben in his hands. After his marriage to Bob Vance, Sulu, Hiro is back with a one-hour recap at p.m. Kate and Damiera's lyrics seem to parallel the human thought process through streams of consciousness. The words are scattered and unbalanced, yet every now and again, they come together to express a clear thought. The words wound around and most of the songs are sung in a high register. Hands with a similar sound are provided by Death and Mary Voith. But the ending result of Damiera's musical compact was a fierce experimental rock album, clearly it is just the beginning for the band. In reference to the accom­plishments made by the group, singer and guitarist Dave Ray­mond said that the debut album was a "realization of a dream," and it far surpasses what he had thought. The band will play at RockBooth on March 10 for a tour with MONDAY and Pantha. Send questions, comments and album suggestions to Amunda.K.Shapiro@gmail.com
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**Casual Headbands**

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**Wiltfons**

Wiltfons Williams recently got her hair cut really short. She will have to style her hair now, especially when she wears it. She said she prefers her headband instead of other hair accessories because she doesn’t really have to style her hair.

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**Charming Tresses**

The Marriage of Figaro

When: UCF Conservatory Theatre
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