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Campus MovieFest is the local chapter of Film Fes-
tival circuit, organized by the Center for the Perfor-
ming Arts on Central Florida.

The festival brings student filmmakers from around the state to the University of Central Florida for a weekend of competition. This year, the festival will take place from Feb. 19-22.

Campus MovieFest has been in existence for eight years and is open to all students who have completed at least one level of film production at their institution.

The festival features a variety of categories, including dramatic, music video, documentary, animated, and short film. The winners are announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday night, Feb. 22, hosted by the University of Central Florida's student newspaper, The Central Florida Post.

The festival also includes a series of workshops and panels led by industry professionals, providing valuable opportunities for students to network and learn from experienced filmmakers.

UCF students are encouraged to participate in the festival as either filmmakers or audience members. For more information, visit the Campus MovieFest website at http://www.campustheater.org/moviefest.html.

UCF to compete in college film fest

ASHLEY LEE
Central Florida Post

UCF students will be given the chance to compete in the prestigious Student Spirit Awards at this year's College Television Awards. The awards, presented by the National Association of Television Program Executives, recognize outstanding student filmmakers and their work.

The competition features several categories, including drama, comedy, documentary, animation, and short films. The winners will be announced at a formal ceremony in Los Angeles on March 21.

UCF's submission will be a short film produced by the university's Film and Video Production program. The film, titled "The Last Laugh," follows a group of misfits who embark on a cross-country road trip.

The film was directed by Alexander Ewing, a senior in the UCF Department of Film and Video Production. Ewing said he hopes to continue his work in the film industry after graduation.

"I'm really excited to be part of something that's going to be seen by so many people," Ewing said. "I've been working on this film for over a year, and it's finally ready to be shown to everyone."
Rosen student sets sights on working for United Nations

**ROBYN RODRIGUEZ**

While many Rosen students dream of building a career in a restaurant, senior Courtney Douglass is choosing a different kind of hospitality. Her love of the United Nations and world travel - the dreams of work - has led her to apply for a position with the United Nations World Tourism Organization, an agency dedicated to economic development and human rights protection through international tourism. This isn’t the first time Courtney Douglass has tried to reach her goal. "Since I was 14 years old, I have been trying to get overseas." Courtney Douglass is a 14-year-old junior who wants to reach her goal.

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AN ASSOCIATED PRESS report from 2001:

Twin bombs exploded Sunday morning in Baghdad, Iraq, killing at least 60 people and injuring scores in the deadliest attack since U.S. and Iraqi forces began a major security push around the capital last week. 

The twin blast occurred near the open-air market in the mostly Shiite district of New Baghdad. The first major battle in this latest offensive began last week and a sobering reminder of the great challenges facing any efforts against the well-armed facists. 

The death toll was reported by police and ambulance service officials on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. At least 127 people were injured, they reported.

The explosions toppled wooden stalls and victims piled up bodies as hundreds carried them into hospitals on makeshift stretchers or in the arms of rescuers.

In past security drives, militias and soldiers simply held back while soldiers pushed through and then returned to their camps to carry out their attacks and bombings.

On Thursday, seven civilians were killed in a series of car bombs on the first full day of the offensive. 

Pentagon spokesman Lawrence J. Welch said a Pentagon security plan is very important to push Iraqis about, said Hadley, Bush's new foreign policy adviser. 

The 36-34 vote fell four short of the needed 60 to advance a reconciling measure identical to one the House passed seven days ago. Senate leaders broke ranks, with only one senator voting against the bill.

"It was a victory for the Republican Senate and the White House," said Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

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The Senate had waded up against the nearby natural reef while discussing the environmental impact of the complex.

"We're constantly killing coral destruction machine," said William Stuckers, coordinator for Coastal America, a federal group involved in organizing a clean-up effort that includes Broward County buillagers, state ecologists and Army Navy salvage divers.

"They're a constant threat to the environment, the ecosystem and the local tourism," he said. 

State scientists and a local environmental group are working with the Graham Center to prevent that from happening. 

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The Visions of the New America Art Exhibition is open to all current UCF students. Artwork will be judged on creative interpretation of ‘The New America’ theme as well as technical merit. The competition is open to traditional and non-traditional media including painting, drawing, prints, photography, digital art, ceramics, sculpture, book arts and mixed media. $1,000 in scholarship prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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The Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence is a poster format forum for UCF undergraduates to present current and recently completed research and creative projects to the entire university community.

Undergraduates from all disciplines—from engineering to the life sciences, from visual arts to theatre—who are or have been engaged in significant research and creative projects are invited to apply to the 2007 Showcase, to be held Thursday, April 5 in the Education Complex Gymnasium. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, February 23, 2007.

Scholarships will be awarded to the best Showcase projects.

For more information regarding eligibility, the online application process, and selection criteria, please visit showcase.ucf.edu or call the Office of Undergraduate Studies, 407-823-2373.

Showcase projects will be judged according to the following criteria:

Clear focus or central question
The presentation explicitly states what the project accomplished or will accomplish. There is a clear controlling idea, hypothesis, or objective.

Sound methodology
Approach to the project knowledgeably conveys how the project will be executed or what constitutes “evidence” in the discipline and how it is obtained.

Clear presentation of results/product/performance or expected outcome
Details about the project are presented in an organized, fresh, and thoughtful manner. Mastery of the subject is evident. The project can be understood by both someone knowledgeable in the field and also by a reasonably informed non-specialist.

Progress on project to date
Project is complete or can be completed in a reasonable amount of time.

Contribution to the field or discussion of potential impact
There is an explanation of the significance or use of the project: why the project was or is worth doing; or of what new knowledge, understanding, or insight will be or was gained.

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Cocoa: It just might do your brain good.

RANDOLPH E. SCHNID

SAN FRANCISCO — A big cup of the right kind of cocoa could hold the promise of preserving brain function as people age.

In a world with an increasingly aging population, medical researchers are testing more cases of dementia and are looking for ways to make brains work better.

A potential source of help may be flavanols, an antioxidant found in cocoa beans that can increase blood flow to the brain, researchers said Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Ian MacDonald of Bang­land Medical School and his team have reported on tests given to a group of people who were asked to do a complex task while their brains were being studied with magnetic resonance imaging.

Among the women given drinks of cocoa high in flavanols, there was a significant increase in blood flow to the brain compared with subjects who did not drink the cocoa, he said.

This raises the prospect of using flavanols in the treat­ment of dementia, marked by decreased blood flow in the brain, and in maintaining overall cardiovascular health, he said.

The next step, MacDonald said, is to move from healthy subjects to people who have "compromised" blood flow to the brain.

Norman Hollenberg of Harvard Medical School said he found similar health benefits in the Cuna Indian tribe in Panama. They drink cocoa extensively.

But the cocoa typically sold in markets is low in fla­vanols, which usually are removed because they impart a bitter taste, Hollenberg said. He also said the findings do not mean people should indulge in chocolate.

"Chocolate is a delight. It can never be a health food because we have a calorie problem," Hollenberg said.

But, he added, in cocoa a lot of fat is removed from the chocolate. "I see a bright future for cocoa," he said.

Hollenberg, an expert in blood pressure, studied the Cuna because those who live on native islands do not have high blood pressure.

He said he found that when the men move to cities, their blood pressure rises. A major difference is the con­sumption of their own pre­pared cocoa, which is high in flavanols. In native areas, that is all they drink. In cities they adopt the local diet.

In addition to lowering blood pressure, Hollenberg said, there are no reports of dementia among the Cuna.

The researchers said, however, it was too early to con­clude that chocolate led to better health. The men who ate more cocoa products could have shared other qualities that made them healthier.

Marc Inc, the candy com­pany, paid for some of the research reported Sunday.

Israeli police commissioner resigns; latest govt. scandal

AMYTHEIL ANDERSON

JERUSALEM — Israel's police commissioner resigned Sunday after a government commission said he ignored his critics when they warned about underworld figures and failed to ensure a thorough investigation into the 1999 killing of a suspected crime boss.

The resignation of Moshe Karnel was the latest in a series of public scandals and controversies involving Israel's top leadership—including rape allegations against the presi­dent and questions over the prime minister's role in a bank sale.

Earlier Sunday, commission Chairman Yuval Zeller, a retired judge, said Karnel should lose his job for the incomplete investigation and for igniting the recent row over senior police officers and top government figures. Karnel was not police commissioner at the time of the killing, but is a department head.

Terminating Karnel's appointment would "highlight a clear norm for generations to come that someone who behaves like Karnel would be able to complete his term as police commissioner," Zeller told reporters.

The commission was formed to examine whether police improperly closed the case of the murder, in which a rogue police officer confessed to shooting a suspected crime boss hospitalized under police guard after an assassination attempt.

The officer, who said he operated at the behest of a well­known Israeli crime family was later murdered in Mexico, allegedly by members of the crime family angered by his confession. The case was later closed after police concluded there was not enough evidence.

Karnel denied that the allegation against him were "merely.Stringers," he said, adding that the police had the hands of a scandal.

Karnel was a top official in northern Israel at the time of the 1999 killing, and the com­mission decided to install him at the top of the police hierarchy to examine the police commander's role in the case on behalf of the crime family that allegedly hired the murdered officer.

Israelis have become increasingly disheartened by their leadership.

Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz recently resigned as the military chief of staff after coming under with­ering criticism for the flawed summer war against Lebanon guerrillas.

President Moshe Katsav was found guilty of sexual abuse and abuse of power.

Former Justice Minister Haim Ramon was recently convicted of sexual abuse and conduct case, and Prime Minis­ter Olmert conceded that things had not gone as the government-controlled bank, and accused of appropri­ating in a string of real estate deals.

Public Security Minister Ari Dichter announced that the police commissioner's resignation would "not change the situation on the ground." The government has not said when he would take office.

SURE, SHE'S ATTRACTIVE, SULTRY, EVEN. BUT SHE IS ONLY EATING IT BECAUSE IT TASTES GOOD AND IT IS HOT WHERE SHE HAPPENS TO BE.
Sumo wrestling, origami highlights of global event

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"The right went very well," Moody said. "It really does. Late Knights is very popular for photos, I mostly did close to 400 prints (Friday) night."

The second floor also included the tables of various clubs includingballots, the United Nations Association, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union and Filha Sigma.

"Even seeing a stand-up comedian, to making a postcard from Egypt with her boyfriend, to listening to the music, the Sumo wrestlers, on the main floor of the Student Union," Morley said she enjoyed her experience at Global Getdown.

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The prizes include iPod, gift packs and more.

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"I'm really happy about this, and hopefully it will be something that we can do next year," said Christine Lawlor, a student at the University of Central Florida. "It's a great opportunity to encourage people to take advantage of opportunities around."
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Knights gain control of third place in C-USA with victory over Rice

MELISSA HEYBOER Sports Editor

After losing a key Conference USA match-up last Wednesday to Tulane, the UCF Men's Basketball team knew that Saturday’s game against Rice was a must-win. The Golden Knights took that knowledge and used it to their advantage beating off a tough Owl team 74-63 Saturday night at Autry Court.

“I’m really proud of our guys, the focus and the ability to bounce back,” UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said in a post-game radio interview. “I thought this was probably the most important game of the season.”

The Knights (19-7 overall, 8-4 C-USA) jumped out to an early 6-0 lead with two quick 3-pointers from Josh Peppers and Dave Noel. The Owls (13-12 overall, 7-5 C-USA) responded with three consecutive baskets to put Rice up 8-7 with 16:08 remaining in the first half. That would be the last and only time the Owls would have the lead the entire game.

Part of that can be attributed to the tough defense from Dave Noel, who held Rice’s Morris Almond to just 13 points, six of which were

“Please see Noel on A12

C-USA: 8-4
Overall: 19-7
Rank: 3rd in C-USA

C-USA: 6-5
Overall: 16-8
Rank: 5th in C-USA

“We’re not gonna just lay down and let everyone walk all over us.”

— Dave Noel, Guard

Junior guard Dave Noel had 16 points and three rebounds in the Knights’ 74-63 win Saturday over the Rice Owls.

Knights drop two to Maryland

TERPS outscore UCF 25-11 in first two days of series

BRIAN MURPHY Sports Editor

The UCF Baseball team (2-5) summed up their two losses to Maryland (4-1) this weekend with words like “frustrating,” “disappointing” and “baffling.”

“You could call it a lost weekend for the Knights, but this probably won’t be the last time that they use those adjectives,” UCF coach Jay Bergman said after getting crushed on Friday, 16-4, the Knights lost on Saturday, 9-7. While some credit goes to the Terrapins offense, UCF certainly helped the cause in the two games, the Knights committed 10 errors, allowed 14 unearned runs and threw 10 wild pitches.

“Certainly the season is not over,” UCF coach Jay Bergman said. “But I have seen more wild things happen in six games than I have seen in 30 years.”

A large part of Friday’s debacles occurred in the ninth and eighth innings. The first batter of the ninth

“Please see Vaquez on A12

Sophomores Eric Kallstrom and Chad Hartman miss a fly ball in Saturday’s 9-7 loss to the Terrapins.

Golden Knights win last three games of UNLV tournament

MELISSA HEYBOER Sports Editor

The UCF Softball team is doing just what it’s supposed to.

Prior to the start of the season, head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said one thing they needed to improve from last season is not getting swept by teams, but rather walking away with at least one or two wins.

So far, with ten games under their belt, and a 6-4 record, the Golden Knights are doing just that. After going 3-2 last week at the FAU Miken Invitational, UCF headed to Nevada to take on some steep competition in the UNLV Louisville Slugger Desert Classic.

The Knights went 3-2 over the three day tournament, falling to No. 9 UCLA and UNLV on Friday but coming back on Saturday to beat Colorado State and
UCF falls on the road
Women's Basketball losses to UAB, Memphis

NATHAN CURTIS Staff Writer

The UCF Women's Basketball team was looking for a split in their road trip to Saturday but will come away with a couple of losses instead.

The first was to the home games and 68-67 road venues, road game, head coach, Gail Striegler said. After dropping a 56-54 match at UAB on Thursday and then an 80-77 match to Memphis on Saturday, the Knights seem to be on an unexpected upswing.

The loss to Memphis is especially disheartening to the Golden Knights’ late-season run into the thick of the conference. The Tigers are now 24-2 overall and 1-1 in Conference USA, with their lone conference victory coming against the Knights.

Senior guard Francis Houston hit her 1,000th career point against Memphis. She also had a game-high 16 points and matched the mark of eight 3-pointers in a game, a school record she set last month.

Kammi Miles, Amber Love and Shannon Cummings each added 12 points.

The four players in double-figure scoring was one of the key areas that Striegler pinpointed on offense. If the Knights could get players other than Houston and Miles in double figures then they should have had a better shot of winning tonight, said Striegler.

The problem in this game wasn’t with what we did, it was the defense, which until this game had been a strength for the Knights.

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Knights are now sixth in the conference. 16 points scored against No. 15. Ashley Thornton led Memphis with 16 points, but it was the Tigers bench that was the true difference.

Nicolette Jennings had 14 points and Alysse Davis had 14 off the bench. Memphis had 40 bench points before the game. UCF knew what it had to do to beat Memphis. They just couldn’t get it done.

“We had 20 points and 10 rebounds against Houston for her first career double-double.

The 8-5 scoring run for the Knights eventually brought them within four points of the Blades. Unfortunately for UCF, that wouldn’t be enough to prevent the Blades from winning.

The Knights are coming home from Charlotte this week. They’ve dropped five of the last six games, falling to 2-10 (10-5) in C-USA. Their next game is Thursday at home against Marshall at 7 p.m. They will then travel to Huntington, W.Va., for a weekend home game against East Carolina at 1 p.m.

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Women’s Tennis beaten by South Florida Bulls

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Noel, UCF crack Almond in win

Golden Knights

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Dave Noel each had 16 points. Despite the win, the Knights' next game is set for 8 p.m. at UNLV on April 10.

The win also means UCF is now 14-8 overall and 5-3 in Conference USA play. The Knights return to the floor on Wednesday at home against Memphis and Houston.
The future is following Brenda Hollinger and Logan Berkowitz. They are running for the first time as co-presidents, and as we are confident that these two will bring fresh ideas and goals for the future make them the best choice for our campus. Hollinger's past position of Director of Events and her current position as Director of Campus Life have given her a great deal of experience working with students as well as other senators. He is as dedicated and passionate about student life as anyone, and his group is truly one of the best candidates who have been running this year. Hollinger and Berkowitz are both responsible and ambitious, and they will certainly have their work cut out for them if they are elected. Hollinger has been an excellent leader in his past positions, and while he will need to have the ability to come up with new solutions is a promising sign. They are both a part of the Eingold/Smith ticket's platform by addressing plans of action to overcome the constant complaint of being unrepresented. The best candidate for the job, the administration, will win you respect.

Hollinger and Berkowitz's two biggest goals are to give students more representation on the Board of Trustees, so that more student involvement in all campus activities is where the true battle lies. During the debate last week, both candidates addressed plans of action to ensure that the student body, Greek Life, Dance Marathon, and the Department of Athletics and Recreation are well represented. In the past, Hollinger has addressed plans of action to give students more representation on the Board of Trustees, and while he will need to have the ability to come up with new solutions is a promising sign. They are both a part of the Eingold/Smith ticket's platform by addressing plans of action to overcome the constant complaint of being unrepresented. The best candidate for the job, the administration, will win you respect.

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