**Second secured**

Knights clinch second in C-USA with 75-72 OT win over Cougars — **SEE SPORTS, A7**

**Hollinger wins**

SGA presidential race, gaining 53 percent of votes

**RACHEL NIZZANOPOULOS**

Time stood still at 5 p.m. Wednesday when the polls closed for the 2007 SGA presidential elections while results were certified.

There was no at stake. More than 350000 votes were counted. Thousands of absentee and gathering votes. Turnouts were at 25 percent, so candidates were cautious to avoid damaging their image.

Gone were the days when supporters showered the winners with applause and flowers. Instead, supporters were satisfied with the results.

Hollinger will have 50 percent of the vote and was the new SGA president.

Students have elected UCF's first female president Brando Hollinger in a close race.

"I feel incredible," Hollinger said as she hugged friends, campaign organizers and members after winning the race. "I'm shaking! I just want to thank my supporters again. Thank you so much!"

Immediately after the results were announced, the area in front of the Student Union groaned and students walked around in a state of animated excitement, with supporters and jugglers playing on both sides jumping up and down. The area over from Hollinger's face grew.

Thousands of dollars spent gathering votes.

Board of Govs. brainstorming — **SEE UCF'S ON A5**

**Decoding Zodiac**

This tale of murder, ciphers and codes is based on a real-life killer — **SEEN SPORTS, A9**

**ANIMALS ARE BEST FRIENDS FOREVER**

The dog domain has become a hotbed for controversy with fires, many of which are attributed to irresponsible owners. Owners should be aware that the risks associated with owning a dog are greater than the benefits, but that they love their dogs and want to keep them.
Hollinger victory raises shouts of joy, accusations

**WOODY WASHINGTON**

"Thank God it's over," said Bob Hollinger on the first day of voting in the Student Government presidential election on Feb. 10. The election resulted in a tie for the first time, when both opposing campaign managers were too close to call.

However, when Monday results rolled around and only two campaigns were left standing, election officials started to get uneasy. Allegations of tampering began to spread involving both campaign; then a series of verbal arguments between campaign workers started.

By Wednesday, the daily final day of voting, this year's election began to look like the last. Hollinger and his team pulled ahead just a few days before the vote, while his opponent, Todd Ingold, had a campaign that was in the lead for the majority of the campaign.

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Get Carded champions organ donor registration

WHITNEY HAMRICK

Wednesday marked Green Ribbon Day, a day for spreading organ and tissue donor awareness, as Get Carded, sponsored by Volunteer UCF, urged students to help save lives by registering as an organ donor.

"It's here today to spread the word," said Alex Blinder, an education major and assistant director of Get Carded. "It's just really important for everyone on campus to know the statistics and the facts about it so that we can all become aware of the issue."

According to statistics, "more than 90,000 children and adults in the U.S. await lifesaving organ transplants. Hundreds of thousands more are in need of life-enhancing tissue transplants."

"Every 12 minutes," the site says, "another name is added to the national transplant waiting list."

Bribie Gounden, 21, biology student and education major and education director of Volunteer UCF, said, "Volunteer UCF supports all kinds of non-profit and social issues, and Get Carded is one of them. It's all for the greater good."

Blinder sat with Gounden behind a green cloth-covered table laden with "donate life" heart pins, green flying discs, writing pens and drink cups all imprinted with the words "Get Carded."

"My mom is waiting for a double lung transplant," Blinder said. "Son that's how I got involved with Get Carded. It's really an important issue close to my heart."

The pamphlets provided by Get Carded included common misconceptions about donation and religions views on donation, as well as facts about organ transplants.

According to the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network site, 49,225 people in the U.S. are waiting for transplants as of Wednesday.

Minorities are more likely to respond successfully to a transplant if the donor was of the same race.

Eighty-five percent of Americans support organ donation, but less than half actually agree to be donors. Operations to remove organs will not disfigure your body in case of funeral.

Most religions support donating organs.

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Sticks to try to recover on upbeat

NEW YORK — A still dit­

tom Wall Street tried to take a

back Tuesday, with stocks rising

nearly everything from the

earlier losses. On Tuesday, the Dow

Bespoke Investment Group

"It is a time of
disappointment for our compa­

ny," said Linda Smith, presi­
dent of Bespoke Investment Group.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average

up 121.63 points, or 1.22%, to

close at 9956.81.

The S&P 500 added 13.86

points, or 1.14%, to 1254.24,

and the Nasdaq composite

index was up 29.22 points, or

1.06%, to 2778.82.

"The market is seeing a

shift in sentiment, as traders

begin to focus on the positive

economic data and earnings

reports," said Edward Jones

Financial Advisor David Kors.

"The economy is

showing signs of improvement,

which is supporting the stock

market," Kors said.

Meanwhile, the

Federal Reserve

 announced it would keep

interest rates at record

low levels for another

month.

"The Fed's decision to

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third straight month is

positive news for the

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"The hard-fought campaign..."
Panel discussion calls for changes in lifestyles and perceptions

Face 81

Center

The night began with the idea of race being presented as a man-made social construct, as a result of a metaphorical approach to the subject by determining that the term "black" was created to separate and divide. It was a term proposed on the proposal that culture has been portrayed by various dark-skinned populations to be more than meets the eye.

"The term 'black' was created to group people," said panelist Renea Forde, 21, vice president of the Sankofa Council. "It was created to divide and label every single person regardless of skin color.

Chairman said Moore, PhD, executive director of Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the report's suggestions for ICUF colleges and universities, including the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Rollins College.

Moore spoke about the recommendations regarding ICUF. One recent recommendation was the creation of a task force to help convert an ICUF school into a public institution to enroll 1,200 students in the next five years.

"Our student population grows each year and the number of universities has been growing faster than the state public university," said Moore. "The ICUF schools are already too small to accommodate the 2,500 student classifications and would not be capable of much more. This important," said Moore, "is that the university would be one of the state institutions that is a derogatory term for blacks, needed to improve.

"It would be irresponsible for us to choose otherwise. We are Central Florida's research university," said Moore. "We must address the stereotype of the black student communities, and must be able to function at the highest level."

"We all know black events start late," said panelist Zane Charles, undergraduate business administration major and member of the Sankofa Council. "What does the future of America look like around the world? And in that scenario, will a research university close by?"

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African-American History Timeline

1527-1539 Enslavement explores the Spanish colonies.

1619 The first African slaves are brought to Virginia.

1808 The U.S. has the imports of slaves.

1857 Dred Scott Supreme Court decision — slaves do not have the right to bring a case to court and cannot be citizens.

1961 Abraham Lincoln became President of the U.S.; the Civil War begins.

1964 Civil Rights Act is signed; 1965 amendment to Civil Rights act abolishes slavery.

1968 4th amendment to Constitution prohibits states from depriving the right to vote of race.

1979 Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated.

1987 Jesse Owens wins gold medals at the Olympics in Berlin.

1991 Jackie Robinson is the first black man to play major league baseball.

2005 Rush Holt refutes her case for a bill in the Alabama State Court order schools to desegregate with "de Segregate."" King gives his / A new dream speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

2006 The Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion; gender; King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

2006 Thurmond Rankel is appointed to the Supreme Court.

2008 Dr. King is assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

2008 The Supreme Court orders schools to desegregate.

2008 Martin Luther King Jr. is declared a national holiday in the U.S.

Panel discussion calls for changes in lifestyles and perceptions
UCF senior class marked by Peppers' greatness
Saturday's game to honor 3 Knights

CHRIS HOLTZ
Sports Editor

I know there are people that haven't agreed with me over the past year of this column when it comes to topics related to UCF Athletics.

Back in May 2006, when I wrote what I believed was a poor decision to play Texas in football this September, I had a rather long thrust on a popular UCF memory from two years ago.

When I called UCF Football fans "disenchanted" after their Ducks went down to Pittburgh on Oct. 13, my E-mail box was flooded with "Bring back Ashley Burns" messages.

"Most of the time, when the UCF Men's Basketball team, I guess I haven't written much to prove I am indeed a student, and by way of that, a fan of this school's programs. Fan. Look him in the eye and tell him I'm a fan of the basketball team, but this column is about WBB, and I am going to admit that when I became a UCF student in 2006, the first attitude to really make me stand up and want to root for a Golden Knights team was Josh Peppers.

He was the freshman spark on a team full of senior leaders. Roberto Moreirra, Josh Readie and Donte Green all made that team memorable, but the emergence of Peppers helped the Knights enjoy that team, but looking forward to the obviously bright future of UCF hoops.

Three years later, Peppers is facing his final home game, same for the chance to finish their Senior Year; and the even shorter chance of a basketball game in the first round.

He isn't the guy that would attract NBA scouts on a nightly basis, like I thought he would be, but why I think I'm the first to make comments under my breath whenever he struggles, which he did in the first half of Wednesday's win.

But to see Peppers after the game at the press conference smiling, joking about his defense.

UCF Football announces 2007 schedule
MELISSA HEYBOER
Sports Editor

UCF recently announced the 2007 Football schedule, which will feature 12 regular season games, eight of which will have Conference USA matches.

Some familiar foes will be played in the new Bright House Networks Stadium, which former UCF head coach John Gagliardi states as "The Knights will get to honor the players and fans and celebrate with the fans after the victory.

Knaves clinches extra-inning win over UM
BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

UCF wins its 1-for-2 series over UNF.

Knights beat N. Florida, can't defeat Stetson
MELISSA HEYBOER

If one thing is known about the UCF Softball team, it's that it refuses to go down without a fight. Unfortunately, late inning rallies aren't always enough to bring in wins.

The Golden Knights were two days against in-state rivals, defeating North Florida 5-0 on Tuesday, only to fall to Stetson 5-2 on Wednesday.

On Friday, the Knights secured their win Thursday night with a one-run RBI of the arm of Amber Lamb. After Kacie Feaster's single to center field and a sacrifice bunt by O'Donnell-Noel, Lamb hit a double to left field to score Feaster from second and look up a UCF win.

Lexi Gresham pitched 4.1 innings and allowed just one hit and struck out seven Ospreys.

Ashleigh Cote came in relief for Gresham, pitching 2.2 innings while allowing just one hit in picking up the win.

It was good to see our top of the lineup with our three seniors step up and be able to produce that run when we needed it. Head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said in a press release, "We avoided giving up the big inning tonight and that was key because those have been hurting us."

UCF was unable to carry that momentum into Saturday.
In the bottom of the 10th inning, the Knights scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly, and picked up a 2-1 victory in the 10th inning. The Knights are now 20-10 on the season. The victory came on the strength of a strong pitching performance by UCF's Tyler Trachta. Trachta allowed one earned run and struck out seven batters in six innings of work. The Knights are now 1-1 in extra-inning games this season.

The Knights scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Gary Peppers in the bottom of the 10th inning. Peppers' sacrifice fly scored the winning run after the Knights had loaded the bases with two outs. The win is the team's 20th of the season and moves them to 1-1 in extra-inning games.

The Knights are now 20-10 on the season and are off to a strong start in the 2023 campaign. They are currently leading the nation in team batting average (.310) and are fourth in team runs scored (454). The team is also second in team home runs (63) and third in team RBIs (269). The Knights are leading the nation in team ERA (2.57) and are third in team strikeouts (510).

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TONIGHT
Christopher Titus
Orlando Improv, 8 p.m.
This comedian brings the same humor from his short-lived Fox sitcom to the stage.

Bruce in the USA
House of Blues, 9 p.m.
This tribute band will make you think the Boss and his E-Streets Band are on stage, all without the $200 ticket.

TOMORROW
Retard-O-Bot
The Social, 7 p.m.
No, we didn't make the name up. These punk rockers really call themselves that.

UCF Opera Presentation
Rehearsal Hall, Room 116, 8 p.m.
UCF presents excerpts from operas like Gallantry. P.S. It's free with student ID.

G Love and Special Sauce
House of Blues, 9 p.m.
This band of 'Milk and Cereal' fame bring its grooves to Orlando.

SUNDAY
Sugar Minott
The Social, 8 p.m.
Sorren in albums later, this reggae legend is still crafting out influential beats.

ZODIAC TRIES TO DECIPHER '60s KILLINGS

Despite a long runtime, this eerie thriller aptly tells this real-life tale

CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic
David Fincher is a director of estimable talents. He's technically imaginative with a great eye for detail and a feel for mood. In films like Se7en, Fight Club and Panic Room, he sets a scene, sucks you in and shows you over and over that you're in the hands of a visual master. His abilities have often made him seem like a bit of a showoff—which is partly what makes the comparatively aesthetic subtlety of Zodiac so striking. In telling the real-life story of a serial killer who terrorized the San Francisco Bay Area during the late 1960s and early '70s, he makes you feel as if you're watching a film that was actually made during that time. It's low-key, straightforward, a bit faded. No stylized tricks, nothing flashy about it.

But in toning things down, Fincher also drops them out. Zodiac runs an astonishing two hours and 40 minutes, and it feels like it. The director has said there was no way to make the film any shorter—that to tell this story completely, it had to be this long—and he clearly went to great lengths to get the many complicated elements just right. The Departed, which just won best picture at the Academy Awards, was two and a half hours and even that felt too long. If you're going to ask your audience to sit happily for that sort of duration, you'd better give them an absolute masterpiece of cinema.

Zodiac certainly has its moments, but it's no masterpiece. It's solid for the first hour and a half, but then it rears, thrilling and often darkly funny. Fincher and screenwriter James Vanderbilt

Due to EXCEPTIONAL...
Alum heals pain with book

ERINNY MONTESDECO
Corresponding Writer

Whenever she thinks that pain can’t be turned into success is wrong, just ask UCF radio- tainment alumna Gina Elizabeth Cordeiro, who has published her first novel, "Little Girl.

Born in Kolkata and raised in Miami, Cordeiro honed her writing gene from her mother, who was an author in her home country. Gina’s writing skills showed early on whether she would be a national poetry contest winner in the fifth grade.

"Gina gave me an insight on what writing was," she said. "Being a writer for the Condensed Future, recently gave me the freedom to express myself.

"It was eye-opening. I was basically raised in a box and was oblivious to the world prior to coming to college," she said.

Her feature speech instructor, Christine Hanlon, said, “Gina’s enthusiasm is almost contagious, she is also a fun person, which helps to make the classroom environment more interesting.”

Her book is a narrative exploration of a girl who struggles through an emotional relationship. The novel, written the book was extremely difficult.

"I began to write after graduation," she said. "As she said, this was not the process was emotionally threatening.

Cordeiro decided to write her story as a way to bring a character in her life. She also wished to help those in similar situations. "I was heartbroken by people who overcome these types of experiences," she said. Within this theme, the book’s main character is served for the first time, much like the rest of the young woman.

Cordeiro said she wanted to keep the theme of the book situation and not the people involved. She owes much of her inspiration to her family and other authors.

"At the time, I didn’t understand why this was happening to me," she said. Through her faith, she found peace and courage to continue working for the book.

Although religion plays a big role in her life, she chose to keep it out of the book. She said she decided to exclude it reveal what her book could mean to others.

The title also alludes to the character’s struggle. "This Little Girl" is a reference to how the character becomes trapped in the process of being a little girl.

"That’s the one thing I feel like I’ve done right as a writer. Cordeiro said.

Cordeiro used self-publishing company Tradepub, Publishing to publish her book.

"Writing was the most difficult part, and I decided to take the self-publishing route," she said. "My story was easier to publish because it was more marketable.

She also received a lot of encouragement from Hanlon. "The always pointed her toward my student’s achievements," she said. "Watching Gina for having the strength and courage to publish this book.

Her book is currently available through Tradepub at http://www.trpub.com and by contacting her through her Myspace page.

Her career did not come easily. She took the risk and moved to New York, where she found her true passion, in hopes of becoming a writer. She said it was a lot of hard work, and she is still pushing herself.

When asked if she plans to write more novels, Cordeiro said this would definitely not be her last.

CD REVIEW

Nuttin’ But String’s violinists save R&B from mediocrity

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - There are two terribly tacky elements of modern hip hop and R&B — heavy string composition supporting the narrative- arrogance — that have somehow become somewhat commonplace. There is, however, one exception.

The former element is usually placed together in some sort of a hybrid application on an ulterior "pop" and the latter well, there is no escaping the treaclely syrup.

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What if two violin prodigies dared to set out in the hand of money, fame and glory in their hip hop band with both their billion-dollar musical capabilites?

That's what you've worked riddin', it's likely you're familiar with Nuttin’ But Stringz and their struggle from the Subway to the Charts.

The genres behind NBS are Domino and Thaddis Face, two brothers from New York. And to top it all off, they also have a band that appears to be the best of all possible worlds in an album, NBS has provided listeners with songs that blend the sounds of soul, jazz, hip hop, violin technique and a broad understanding of music theory.

"You have an incredible song that stands out on every album," said a part of the track features a choro.

"My story" was easier to publish because it was more marketable.

She also received a lot of encouragement from Hanlon. "The always pointed her toward my student’s achievements," she said. "Watching Gina for having the strength and courage to publish this book.

Her book is currently available through Tradepub at http://www.trpub.com and by contacting her through her Myspace page.

Her career did not come easily. She took the risk and moved to New York, where she found her true passion, in hopes of becoming a writer. She said it was a lot of hard work, and she is still pushing herself.

When asked if she plans to write more novels, Cordeiro said this would definitely not be her last.
Exceptional cast, script keep Zodiac from dying

From SF Chronicle

[Image: Robert Downey Jr. and Jake Gyllenhaal in Zodiac, a film based on serial killings in and around San Francisco in the late 1960s.]

Zodiac
Hailed? If so, how? 50/50 reviews

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.

Synopsis: In the mid-1960s, a serial killer is on the loose in San Francisco. The police, led by Inspector David Toschi (Mark Ruffalo), are struggling to catch the killer, and they turn to a private detective, Sandy Allen (Jake Gyllenhaal), for help.

Despite its many plot holes and pacing issues, Zodiac is a fascinating film that delves into the history of the Zodiac killer, a mysterious and elusive figure who continues to fascinate to this day.

The film features some excellent performances from a strong cast, including Mark Ruffalo as the obsessed, driven police detective and Jake Gyllenhaal as the young, idealistic Sandy Allen.

While the film is not without its flaws, it is still a must-see for fans of true crime and mystery genres.
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