Second secured
Knights clinch second in C-USA with 7-2 OT win over Cougars — SEE SPORTS, A7

Hollinger wins SGA presidential race, gaining 53 percent of votes
RACHEL HATZEMANOS
Associated Press

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

There was a lot at stake. More than three weeks of campaigning.

Thousands of dollar spent gathering votes.

Students face and sleep deprivation kept candidates on edge as accusations of dirty campaigning grew.

Gloves of supporters in dark blue or red T-shirts huddled together in the area outside of the Student Union in the final hours before the polls closed.

Spontaneous applause was given with greats and as supporters rallied the applause was not to benefit the announce of results.

Brandi Hollinger's face broke into a maniacal grin before the announcement. Then the results.

Hollinger had gathered 53 percent of the vote and was the new SGA president.

Students had elected UCF's first female president Brandi Hollinger in a close race.

"I feel incredible," Hollinger said as the taped friends, campaigners and runners mate after the win, "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 exploded into a scene of animated excitement, with supporters and well-wishers gathering on both sides jumping up and down they were overjoyed.

Supporters of Hollinger and president-elect Morgan Logan Berkeley were relieved.

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Forum considers black community
TYLER GILLESPIE
Athletic Editor

Negative stereotypes and social stigma surrounding the black community were discussed by a panel in an open forum titled "Black is Golden," and the evening's forum aimed to explore and extend the meaning of the statement.

"Being black is golden — it's priceless," said Lenora James, 22, Black History Month chairwoman and event creator. "It's culture and everything our people have gone through. We are great."

The session was designed to have an open conversation regarding the behavior of the black community. Men and women from various National Pan-Hellenic organizations formed the panel.

The discussion was presented by the Student Union, the Black Student Group, Beta Epsilon Zeta Sorority, Inc., along with the American Student Union and the Multicultural Student Association.

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After a close race and some controversy...
IT'S DECIDED

Board of Govs. brainstorming at UCF
MARIA RIVERA J.D. BRI ELLIS
Managing Editor/Associate Photo

Education leaders aloned concerns "Tuesday overnight a study commissioned by the Florida Board of Governors proposing that some state universities be offered financial incentives to focus more on undergraduate education, while community colleges transition into state institutions.

The study was conducted by Standards, Costs, Based Pappas Consulting Group as a blueprint for higher education in Florida. The Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's 11 state universities, for the study with private investors.

Public hearings will be conducted around the state over the next several months before leaders convene to draft a final report this spring.

"We are going to have to work together in order to plan for the future," said Harold Armstrong, Florida's Chancellor of Community Colleges, during the meeting.

"I am excited to be a part of this process," said Armstrong. The study also concluded that Florida has a disorganized system of undocumented unveridicality.

It also predicted the system was headed for bankruptcy because of low tuition and the high cost of scholarships and the state's Prepaid Tuition Plan.

Nearly 350,000 students currently attend out of Florida's public universities and that figure could grow as much as 50 percent during the next two decades, state educators said.

The Board of Governors launched a new plan, Forward by Design, in response to the Pappas report. It used the report as a foundation to improve higher education in the state university system, which they discussed in the meeting.

"Basically, Forward by Design is strategic planning that the board of governors are undertaking in order to advance the university," said the Board of Governors.

Page 5A FOCUS ON UCF

Decoding Zodiac
This tale of murder, ciphers and codes is based on a real-lifekiller — SEE VARIETY, A8

Hollinger wins SGA presidential race, gaining 53 percent of votes
Hollinger victory raises shouts of joy, accusations

WOOODY WOHNACK

"Thank God it's over," said Hollinger on the first day of voting for the university's presidential election on Feb. 6. The election remained too close to call for most of the day between opposing candidates were more frequent than arguments.

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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.

"We're here today to spread the word," said Alex Blinder, 19, an education major and assistant director of Get Carded. "It's just really important for everyone on campus to know the facts and spread awareness, as Get Carded, says,"

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Four Seasons partners with Disney World to build hotel.

LAKE BUENA VISTA

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts will build a luxury hotel and White Challenges at Disney World, the theme park officials said Thursday.

The Toronto-based luxury hotel chain is part of two expansion plans that will take eight to 10 years to fully develop and will include single- and multifamily vacation homes, fractional ownership homes and a 90-acre Conference Center and lodging district, said Meg Crovatt, Disney World's president.

"This is a first-of-its-kind development for our company," she said. "When the land for the development is sold, it is a world-class environment known for its luxury and appeal." The development will include 1,000 Disney luxury hotel rooms, with each costing $12 million to $15 million. The hotel, which is planned to open in 2005, will be operated by Disney Co.

The Disney Ridge golf course will be upgraded to be a championship golf course and will be open to the public for the first time.

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The hard-fought campaign for the president of student government at the University of Central Florida was a heated battle, as each candidate worked tirelessly to reach voters and gain support. One week before the election, the results were announced, and the moment the announcement was made, students celebrated with cheers and joy. Everyone was excited for the new president, and the atmosphere was electric.

With the results tabulated, the elections committee walked up to the Student Union stage at 5:30 p.m. Bluest for red, and red for blue, the candidates said to one another, "It'll be really interesting to see the reactions of most individuals." One candidate was visibly elated after the election. The moment the announcement was made, he grabbed a fist of money and):I admit it, I am a nervous person. I wasn't nearly enough time to catch any lingering votes. He was going to be glad to see this night end. His advice for the new president was: "I wish you all the luck in the world. Keep your campaign promises."
Panel discussion calls for changes in lifestyles and perceptions

African-American History Timeline

- 1861: American Civil War begins
- 1863: Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation
- 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus
- 1963: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gives the "I Have a Dream" speech
- 1964: Civil Rights Act

UCF’s future not ‘set in stone’ because of report

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Payne added 14 points while Payne added 14 points and the players. Speraw specifically singled out Hartman for the way he has helped the team this year. "I think the bottom of the order is really strong. I think Hartman is the team's most consistent hitter for us."

"The kids probably are going to get a little more open, so it opens up some strategy for us," Peppers said. "There's no place like home," Peppers says.

There were seven doubles and two home runs in the game. The Saints' first baseman, to face Brown with one out.

Brown took a hard swing on Pat¬tana's first pitch and drew a walk, and he knocked it down for us.''

Pep, Senior Jermaine Taylor drives to the basket in the bottom of the first inning, but shut out Michigan for three innings. Lavell said, "It's a two-out double broke a tie game." Before the at bat, Bergman said he wanted to double McKiver so he could get his 400th career hit.

The Knights are also set to participate in the Altamonte Springs tournament, which begins for the Knights on Thursday when they host a doubleheader against Easter Florida.

"If we had the opportunity, and we didn't know how much time was left." Speraw said. "You've got to show some guts in that situation."

Peppers said. "If you go in with the mindset that anybody can have a big hit, you're going to get those big hits."

"We were trying to get a steal that would make us do a two-out rally," O'Donnell said. "The more they switched and the more we kept running stuff like that, the more they got confused, and we took advantage of that, and the way that bus¬hed their plan. that but it's the way they do that."

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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-Street Band are on stage, all without the $200 ticket.

TOMORROW
Retard-0-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.
This reggae legend is still rocking out influential beats.

ZODIAC TRIES TO DECIPHER '60S KILLINGS

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

CHRISTY LEHBI
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 taking things down, Fincher also strips 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 trails off, thrilling and often darkly funny. Fincher and screenwriter James Vanderbilt

COURTESY PARAMOUNT PICTURES
A cipher from the film Zodiac mimics the original ciphers sent to newspapers by a killer of the same name. The film, based on real-life events surrounding the Zodiac killings in the San Francisco area in the late '60s, opens today.


**MOVIE TIMES**


**LITERATURE**

**Alum heals pain with book**

**ERNY MONTENEGRO**

Columbia/Warner

Whenever those pains can't be turned into success is wrong, just ask UCF radio-televisión alumna Gomez Elizabeth Corrales, who has published her first novel, "Little Girl.

Born in Nicaragua and raised in Miami, Corrales honed the writing gene from her mother, who was an author in her home country. Gem's writing skills showed early on whether in national poetry contest with the fifth grade.

"CFDI got me in on what writing was," she said. "Being a writer for the Coronel Tovar future, really, 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, "Gema's enthusiasm is absolutely contagious. She is also a funny person, which helps in the classroom environment more interesting.

Her book is a narrative non-fiction memoir of a girl who struggles through an emotional, believable relationship. The Chronicles, writing the book, was extremely difficult.

"I began to write it after graduation," she said, and the whole process was emotionally exhausting.

Corrales decided to write her story as a way to bring a chapter in her life. She also wanted to help those in similar situations.

"I want to help other girls overcome these types of experiences," she said. From a thinly veiled perspective, the book's main character is named Gema, much like the rest of the people involved.

Corrales said she wanted to keep the focus of the book situation and not the people involved.

She owes much of her inspiration to her family and friends.

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

Although religion plays a big role in her life, she said she decided to write the book because she wanted to see that revelation.

The title also alludes to the main character's struggle. "His Little Girl," is a reference to how the character becomes trapped in the concept of being a little girl.

"That's the story I know how to be," Corrales said.

Corrales used the self-publishing company iSoldi Publishing to produce 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 was always装甲 about my student's achievements," she said. "I believe Gem for having the strength and courage to publish this book.

Her book is currently available through iSoldi at www.isoldi.com and by contacting her through her MySpace page.

Her success did not come easily. She took the risk and moved to New York, where she barely knew anyone, 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 had plans to write more novels, Corrales said this would definitely not be her last.


**CD REVIEW**

**Nuttin' But String's violins save R&B from mediocrity**

**ANDREW FI RIES**

There are two terribly tacky elements of modern hip hop hip hop — sleazy string composition supporting the narrative and the trend of how someone, somewhere, is the only one for the hip hop scene.

The former element is usually placed together in some synthesized and advance application by an entity "NuSkool" and the latter well, there is no escaping stereotype lyrics.

But what if there was a band that didn't fit the stereotype mould?

What if two violin prodigies dared to set out in the hand of money, groups and hype to free hip hop beat with theirmillenium-old musical capabilities?

If you think you've never heard riddle, it's likely you're familiar with the String Kings and their struggle from the Subway to the Charts.

The geniuses behind NBS are Domoni and Tasker Facebook, two members from New York. And to top it all, they do it where it appears the best of all possible worlds in music. NBS has provided listeners with songs that blend the usual soul of hip hop, innovative violin technique and a broad understanding of music theory.

The albums "Riddle" and "Struggle" contain an incredible song that stands out among the rest of the track features a cho

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The film features some excellent performances from a strong cast, including Mark Ruffalo as San Francisco police inspector David Toschi (supposedly the inspiration behind Clint Eastwood’s Harry character) and Robert Downey Jr. as self-destructive Chronicle reporter Paul Stanyon, who covered the Zodiac killings.

Toschi absolutely owns it up as a celebrity defense lawyer with all the bravado. He actually shows up clearing a room and says, “You’re not going to get away with this.” Toschi is the one who keeps the hate alive when there seems to be no one else to go with it, and even though he’s not a detective or a reporter, his fascination with the serial killings instinctively propels him.

But he’s never flashed out sufficiently to make you believe he had scientific knowledge and that his family to find the truth. We are told repeatedly that the former Eagle Scout is just a genuinely good guy, but that’s not enough.

As the killings subside and the official investigation lags, so does the film, causing you to glance around and realize, wow, there’s still another hour left. And the ending leaves you feeling as if there’s a little left.

The killer was never caught. The prime suspect, a convicted child molester played eerily by the barrel John Carroll Lynch, died in 1992. And so the movie just sort of dangles out there with no sense of closure.

For a while. Though, Zodiac buzzes with creepiness and fear. The killer methodically tracks down and terrorizes young people all over the Bay Area, then sends encoded letters to various newspapers, including the Chronicle, and demands that they print them in their entirety—or he’ll kill again, elaborately.

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