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Students protest war in Iraq

MEGAN NOHI
Corresponding Writer

To commemorate and protest the four-year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, an organized crowd gathered at all four corners of the Colonial Drive and Bumby Avenue intersection, where the University of Central Florida witnessed students and concerned citizens calling for an end to the War. Organizers later moved on to protest the war in the Middle East and its effects on the country.

FBI COULD LOSE 88-YEAR-OLD WOMAN

The FBI could lose an 88-year-old woman who appeared to be on the verge of death after being shot five times.

SPRING BREAK 2007

Brian Farrow, a star on the right-wing genre, joined with his wife and son for a beach vacation in Key West. They spent the week without school is a blessing."

STAYING IN ORLANDO

Students can't catch a break away from home

RACHEL LOPEZ-DUZ

Students live in Orlando, working shifts at local bars and staying for spring break, but for others the call to stay is heard. For many, the decision to stay at home is a luxury.

ON THE ROAD

Spring flings in far-flung, fun locales

JESSICA LINDBLAD

For many UCF students, spring break could not come at a more opportune time. With classes in full swing, the week without school is a blessing. With classes in full swing, the week without school is a blessing.

ON THE SET

Film offers extra opportunity for fun

JORDAN FAHNER

This spring break, while UCF students visited home and family, crowded trains and railroads, FBI COULD LOSE 88-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, many, including the UCF student population, chose to stay at home to do things other than travel across the country.
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IBM contest long on rewards, time

Mobiles and senior Walter Mundt. The UCF team practices 25 Saturdays every year—one practice lasts seven hours. "We stay up late, we work hard, we work as a team," followed by a five-hour contest, followed by a four-hour discussion on the problems involved in the contest, the UCF programming team advisor said.

For the past 25 years, more than 2,300 mobiles have participated in the regional competitions. Whether they arrive at one time, and only two people on the team, computers are always finishing top 3 in the Southeast Regional Contest. "Our record is matched by no one else in the region," Mundt said.

The U.S. has a small percentage of teams in the competition compared with Japan and China, but UCF has been a constant presence in the competition, alongside universities such as Harvard, Duke, Virginia Tech and MIT. Despite the prestigious mobiles, Mundt said he didn't feel nervous going into the competition. "I've had so much schoolwork the past few weeks, that in the competition this contest will feel easy," he said before leaving.

Not all students share this calm—some were so nervous when they arrived that they instead of being replaced by a backup member.

The battlefield was a large room equipped with cameras, "The teams are sitting next to the most advanced computers and workstations; they're organizing the way to the top," Mundt said.

Along with the problems assigned by the competition, the team members also faced real-life challenges during the five-hour competition. "The competition is a test to see if you can solve the problems and make the right decisions," Mundt said.

The contest was divided into two separate parts. The first segment involved several practice rounds and friendly competitions. Last year, the teams used their problem-solving skills to create space shuttle battle-protect against a plane using a ceiling.

The second segment consisted of a seminar's worth of competitions into the contest. Students were given five hours to complete up to 30 problems ranging in levels of difficulty.

"There is at least one problem for everyone in the room can solve, and one problem that only two people on the planet can solve," Mundt said. "But the most important thing is the students are trying their skills against the world's best and brightest." Mundt, the longest-standing team member, attributes the start of the competition as one of the reasons he's been involved with the programming team for so long. "You enter into the competition with an open mind that stores a library of techniques. When you open up the problems, you have to choose which pieces of that library you can use and what knowledge is necessary to solve the problem." As the five hours progressed, colored balloons, representing the problems assigned, hung from tents' workspaces to signal which problems were completed.

"It's a room full of people thinking hard and working hard, and all you hear is muttering, yelling, and typing," Mundt said. "The experience is intense. You can't concentrate on anything else but the problem at hand, trying to figure out how to do it. There are people from all over the world who can solve, and one problem that only two people on the planet can solve," Mundt said.

"I feel pretty decent; we scored in the top half of a competition that involves over 1,700 teams," Mundt said. "We really didn't do badly at all in that company. Winners of the competition are awarded scholarships and prizes from IBM — and possibly an offer for a position at the company. Some current employees at IBM were past competition competitors.

As the official sponsor of the event since 1997, the competition has been a constant presence in IBM. Along with funding, IBM also provides technical expertise, organizational and logistical support, and the hardware and software that the mobiles use.

The company's leaders focused on the importance of providing a platform for and highlighting the best and brightest future leaders of technology. Mundt said, "These students will be the ones solving the planet's biggest problems — AIDS, global warming, economic policy. It's important to promote excellence."

"The five-hour time difference honestly didn't affect me as much as it would," Mundt said. "Our days were so full of activity that, no matter what time it was, we were ready for sleep. Coming back, my days aren't quite as active — I'm at a desk again instead of walking around Tokyo."
Hitt signs commitment to improve UCF environment

By TARA YOUNG

President John H. Hitt's recent acceptance of an invitation to join the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Leadership Circle has UCF on the path to addressing global warming issues.

The committee was created so that higher education institutions could use their abilities to actively study global warming issues and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions over time. Hitt, upon signing the climate commitment and joining the ranks of the other 96 presidents who have signed in the US, has activated important steps to actively study and immediately begin important work to fight global warming.

"We have our new short-term goal in place with President Hitt to discuss the new climate commitment plan idea," said Dan Norvell, assistant director for The Center for Energy and Sustainability (CES). "And in hand with the comprehensive plan, we will have a significant agenda to hit the ground running for the next two years on campuses.

In the interim, UCF must continue its education efforts to inspire students to consider climate-friendly actions that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Since the 2006 U.S. Climate Change Science report, published by the National Academies, was released in 2006 by U.S. National Academy Press, the U.S. has been acknowledged by the United Nations as the third greatest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, behind China and Russia," said Norvell.

A second committee regime will be formed at UCF to ensure that the new energy-efficient appliance program is not run through the building systems for 10 of the university's buildings.

In order to meet the silver standard, the actual reductions in total points must be met in the process. The plan, which is a guide to the silver standard, will be a true guide to the silver standard, which is currently estimated at a 30 percent reduction in energy consumption from a 2005-2006 baseline level. That includes printers, fax machines, copiers and other work areas inside the building's size.

The plan will give the UCF Energy Center and the Student Union, which have been successful in reducing energy consumption, a way to reach the silver standard.

"The Energy Center is located on a four-story level, and it has been really successful in reducing energy consumption from a 20 percent to a 30 percent reduction in energy consumption, according to Hitt is to develop energy neutral, can help by creating climate-neutral buildings in the student union," said Norvell.

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BRITTANY CURRIN
Contributing Writer

Nursing student Jennifer Augarten was spending a typical day at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women, doing her pediatric rotations when she met a 16-year-old patient born with HIV who changed her life forever.

The girl lay in bed, extremely frail and underweight. During Augarten’s free time, she spent time getting to know her and chatting about her normal teenage stuff. Despite the girl's illness, she just wanted to be a “normal” kid, Augarten said.

“I remember going home that night and crying, knowing that this disease was not her fault; she had to suffer.”

In July 2006, the College of Nursing became UF’s 12th and newest college. Each semester, about 120 students are selected into the college based on criteria, including a GPA of about 3.5, completion of three of the biological sciences, five of the nine required program pre-requisites, all general education and Gordon Ronde courses and an interview for the TOGE background check.

“There are four students who are unacceptably with a class each semester and must petition to return,” said Jean D. Leuner, director of the College of Nursing. “The nursing program is intense and requires commitment on the part of the student to be successful.”

But for many of the students, it’s helping patients like the 16-year-old patient that Augarten just that make the experience worthwhile.

It was an emotional aspect that junior Casey Martin believes is the largest part of students’ time in hospitals. When you have your first patient that you connect with, and they die or they get sick, and you see them suffering, as a student, you can do anything right now because we’re still learning. You try to comfort them and do the best you can,” she said.

“My first semester, I lost a patient,” Kayi Rado, junior, said. “It was really hard.”

According to Leuner, time in the hospitals, called clinicals, is a valuable resource for students, and the baccalaureate curriculum contains more than 800 hours of clinical instruction.

Students have clinicals twice a week at local hospitals and they do rotations in all different areas of the hospital, ranging from long-term care to maternity and pediatrics.

“Students take didactic courses, which have companion clinical courses where students apply the knowledge they learn in class at a clinical setting,” Leuner said.

Students must go to the hospital the night prior to their clinical to get their patient assignment and information. Then the students are expected to research their patient’s medications and diagnosis and do research and take notes on their patient care under the supervision of a clinical instructor,” Leuner said.

On top of the clinicals, students have courses that involve immense amounts of studying. “The general rule is three hours of studying for each hour in class,” Leuner stated.

Junior Gael Hahn Poen said, “The School of Nursing expects a lot from you. There is always some type of work that you can be doing in this program.”

Augarten said the program is a fast-paced, but learning time management is important.

“The program is extremely fast-paced program,” she said. “Dedication to the program, in addition to time-management skills and flexibility, are imperative to be able to do well and be successful in this program.”

Despite the late-night study sessions, endless community-building and nume­rous stress I have endured, I have to say that the nursing program has been a wonder­ful experience,” Augarten said. “It has molded me into a professional nurse who has a great overall lifestyle.”

Because of this program, I will continue to strive hard in the nursing profession and climb the ladder of education to maintain my goals,” she said.

Work and study can’t tarnish joy of a break

From FL

Just KICKS

If she could go anywhere for spring break, Seda Dudley said she’s not a big spring breaker, and in the past, she has gone home to visit her family in Chicago.

For spring, she plans to visit a friend in New York and she has planned to go somewhere, get a tan and relax.

Victoria Seda took a second job instead of traveling it in the wilderness.

“I stayed home and worked almost every day, I even got a second job,” Seda said.

She did have plans to go camping in Georgia, but that didn’t work out. She stayed in Orlando and worked at Nighttime Lakes Apartments as a leasing agent.

“I wasn’t well, she said, “I went to hang out with other friends who didn’t end up going anywhere.”

I mostly hang out with friends and went to the pool or watched movies. We didn’t do anything too exciting, but we spent some quality time together and took a break from homework and classes,” she said.

For an ideal spring break, Seda said, “Spring break is nice even if you don’t go anywhere exciting. Just having time off school is work, I even if you spend all the rest of your days working.”

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Breaking away from UCF

Maddie said she wanted to leave Orlando for spring break because Orlando is where all of her stress is located.

"After you've just have to get away from everything," Maddie said. "If you stay in Orlando, it's like you are waiting for school to come back, and it's just another weekend. That's no fun at all.

Lee Nau, a senior business major, also left Orlando to get away from the emotional day-to-day routine he finds himself mired in, he said. "Spring break is an incredible way to relax, unwind, enjoy yourself, but, most importantly, have fun," Nau said.

While planning his spring break, he decided to travel to two places that were polar opposites of each other. He went island hopping and snowboarding for four days in North Carolina and took a cruise to the Bahamas with his friends. "If you have the opportunity, you might as well get the best of both worlds," he said.

These trips were important for him because they were a stress reliever, but also because they were one of his last opportunities to spend time with his friends before graduation.

"Friends are incredibly important to me," he said. "With our busy schedules we don't really have the opportunity to get together and hang out like we used to. I definitely want to spend as much time with [my friends] as I can before we all go our separate ways after graduation." (Barry)

Being with friends was also important for nursing major Kerstin Jensen, a UCF junior, during her Bahamian adventure. Although she was was challenged to go on vacation because "it was my friends" last spring break before their graduation, and I wanted to spend it with them," she said.

Jensen and her friends spent five days on the beach in Nassau, Bahamas. They went kayaking and jet skiing, which allowed them to get to know the locals. The locals were a lot nicer than the people here," she said. "They would strike up a conversation with you and people don't do that here. We could hang out with some of the locals we met in island and went to the clubs with them."

Although Jensen enjoyed her trip, it was not the stress reliever she was hoping for. With a 2-page paper due the Monday after spring break, the knowledge that it still had to be written consumed her head.

"Break would have been a nice time to catch up on real school work because in the nursing program there is always something you have to do," she said. "Each day during the trip there would be a couple of hours when I would have done some school work, but I didn't bring my computer. Regardless of where people went, a part of the trip seemed vitally important — having fun.

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TODAY, UCF HOPES SPRING PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

UCF pitching key in win

ZACH MOORE

Junior Jaager Good silenced any chatter from skeptics who believed the Golden Knights' recent seven-game win streak was simply a fluke.

Good stepped to the mound Sunday, the day after the Knights lost their first game of the season. He responded to the challenge by throwing 7 2/3 innings and sealing the Knights in a 4-1 victory over Rutgers in the series.

"We got out there, he threw his changeup for strikes, his breaking ball, which is not his best pitch, and he threw that for strikes as well and just stayed in control of the ballgame and kept them off balance and that's a very very good hitting team," coach Jay Bergman said.

The performance by Good was the best start the Knights have had all season from a pitcher.

Good struck out 10, allowed only two hits and did not allow a run. The outing by Good was the deepest any pitcher has gone into a game for the entire season and a personal best in strikeouts, besting his previous high of five.

The strong pitching performance by Good is one of many stellar performances by the starting pitchers for UCF. With the strong performances night in and night out, the staff is challenging one another to do one better each night.

"Once your buddy does the job, you feel like you gotta come out there and do the same thing," Good said.

The previous two games of the series Rutgers was able to jump out on the Knights early in the game. Good was able to get out of the first inning, which was a problem for the Knights, and give his offense a chance to produce.

It didn't take long for the Knights to get a run on the board. In the bottom of the first inning Shane Brown drew a walk and Kiko Vazquez reached base after a flyout.

The Knights begin spring football practice today with quarterback Kyle Israel firmly entrenched as the starter, the team should have the continuity at the position that it lacked last year. Israel will be thrust into the leadership role from the first day of practice.

"Anytime you're looking for a quarterback, you're looking for leadership," offensive coordinator Tim Salem said.

Some of the major issues that face the Knights in spring practice are the ability to score touchdowns in the red zone, and the ability to make the big play. The Knights had 30 opportunities in the red zone last season and were able to turn only 20 into touch downs. The longest play of the year was 7-21 inches.

Junior running back Kevin Smith, shown here running through a hole in the defense, leads the team into 2007. Smith had 1,067 yards from 131 carries, with a long of 58 yards. He also had 44 receptions for 376 yards and three touchdowns. The Knights had 15 rushing touchdowns.

UCF's offense last year was far from anything special. Heading into spring ball, the team will need to focus on improving its running game.

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Good leads UCF in win over Rutgers

UCF baseball Notebook

One of a kind, always a trend

For the second week in a row, a Golden Knight has been selected Conference USA Hitter of the Week. Following Kime's recognition last week, Burke was selected this week. Burke, the senior, was the only representative from Conference USA. Burke was recognized for his performances against Southern Miss in the last two weekends.

Burke had a total of 9 hits in 24 at-bats against Southern Miss. He also had 6 RBIs and 6 runs scored. Burke's performance helped UCF to a 2-1 record in the last two weekends.

Burke's selection as Conference USA Hitter of the Week is the second in a row for the Golden Knights. Burke was also named Conference USA Hitter of the Week last week.

Burke's performances have helped UCF to a 14-3 record this season. The Golden Knights are currently in first place in Conference USA.

UCF takes Southern Miss series with 5-0 win

Melissa Heber

After splitting the first two games against Conference USA rival Southern Miss, the Golden Knights completed their three-game series with a 5-0 win over the Golden Eagles. The Knights were quick on the board, scoring the game's first run in the bottom of the first inning. The Knights scored three more runs in the third inning, allowing them to secure the win.

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UCF caps Longhorn Invitational with sweep of Texas

Thursday’s Results vs. Texas

UCF’s softball team swept Texas in the Longhorn Invitational, winning both games by scores of 3-1 and 5-0. This was the first time in the team’s history that they have swept a game against the Longhorns.

UCF softball coach Jennifer Stropp said the team’s performances were a result of the hard work they have been putting in throughout the season.

We are really happy with the way we have been playing, said Stropp. We have been hitting the ball well and our defense has been solid. We have been working on our pitching and our defense has been great.

UCF Athletics takes Southern Miss series with 5-0 win

Brendan Javern

Position: First base

Versus Southern Miss: Javern went 3-for-3 in the Knights win over the Golden Eagles.

Javern was a key contributor to UCF’s victory over Southern Miss. He had three hits in four at-bats, including a double and a home run. His performance helped the Knights to secure a 5-0 victory.

Javern’s performance was a result of his hard work in the off-season. He spent the off-season focusing on his hitting and his defense, which had shown improvement in previous seasons.

Javern said he was really happy with the way he was performing in games. He said he was looking forward to the rest of the season and to see what he could bring to the table for the Knights.

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Lapchick study an exercise in futility

After this semester, we have had a team that is considered by many to be the best college basketball team in the nation. One would think that this would give president Michael A. Roth a reason to step down, but alas, it did not. Our team has been successful in every aspect of the game, from winning conference titles to making deep runs in the NCAA tournament. But despite their success, some people still criticize the team. This has made it difficult for the coach to manage the team, as he has to constantly deal with the pressure of living up to the expectations.

One of the main complaints is the high expectations for the team. People expect them to win every game and are disappointed when they lose. This has caused the team to struggle at times, as they are not able to perform at their best when the pressure is on.

Another criticism is the team's performance in certain games. Some people believe that the team is not performing up to their potential and that they are too reliant on certain players. This has caused the team to lose some games that they should have won.

The team's success has also drawn criticism from other coaches and fans. Some people believe that the team is too骄傲 and does not give enough credit to their opponents. This has caused the team to struggle at times, as they are not able to perform at their best when the pressure is on.

Despite these criticisms, the team continues to be successful and has achieved great things. They have made it to the NCAA tournament and have a chance to win the championship. The team has also been successful in the classroom, as they have a high graduation rate and a high percentage of players who go on to play professionally.

In conclusion, while the team has not been perfect, they have still achieved a great deal of success. The team's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff. The team continues to be a source of pride for the university and the city.
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