CRIME
THIEF RUNS AWAY WITH FILTHY RICH PIG

A pig theft with violent last week, the bag being the 50-

old pig which was taken from a home near Lake County, N. The pig, and three young porcine, have been reported to the Associated Press.

SAFETY AT HOME
SECOND IN A TWO-PART SERIES

University of Central Florida

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Outgoing SGA president proud of year's success

On Tuesday night, outgoing SGA President Mark Whitton and Vice President John Hitt announced plans for a security task force to improve safety practices.

"We've been working on this for a year," Whitton said. "We've tried to do what we could and did the best we could.

The White-Hollinger administration is focused on their office, celebrating the completion of nearly all of their goals. "It's just been a really good year," Whitton said. "We're only going to make a difference, and we tried to do that starting from day one," White said. "I felt like we did everything we could and did the best we could.

While White and Stout took the night to relax and reflect, Bertozzi expressed anxiety over the task ahead.

"I'm stressing out because we're leaving one cabinet right now and we've received over 100 applications over the last couple of weeks, and it's really difficult," Bertozzi said.

"It's a lot of pressure. Lots of interviews," Whitton said.

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Immediately after the Virginia Tech shooting, universities have been looking to expand current security protocols — some faster than others.

The shooting on the Virginia Tech campus in April on the campus is nothing short of a tragedy. However, there are no suspects, and no immediate changes to the safety policy at UCF.

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Three-ring cruelty

Animal Rights Foundation of Florida protests Shriners' treatment of animals

SCOTT GILLEY

As families poured into the UCF arena to see circus acts Sunday, many couldn't help but notice the Shrine clan stretched out near the North Parking Garage. It read, "Circus: Performing for Shriners Not Sick." The sign's authors, Carlos and Bryan Wilson of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida, said they support the mission of the Shriners, but not how their circus treats animals. They spend a day at a tent set up across from the new commons center, passing outantium on the history of the Royal Hawaiian Circus, the circus currently based by the Shriners. Their leaflet also included information about where money raised by the circus goes.

"People come here because they believe they're doing a good thing for the children's hospital." Bryan Wilson said. "Unfortunately they don't realize that the funds don't go to the children's hospital, they go to the Shriners' operating fund." Bryan cited a New York Times article from March 2007, in which research was done to see how Shrine's money was spent. The article stated, "Only 1 percent of the Shrine hospitals' operating income comes from money raised by Shrine tem-

pies and members' dues. (The bulk is supplied by the hospitals' $9 billion endow-

ment.)" If the Shriners wanted to continue doing circus, Bryan said, he would like to see them done without animals.

"There's a large selection of people that would be willing to come here and do this for them," he said. He gave the example of Cirque du Soleil at Disney. "They put on an amazed show, and it's all volunteer, all human performers," he said. "These animals aren't here by choice."

Regarding the treatment of the ele-

phants, Carlos said the Royal Hawaiian Circus has an inadequate care for their elephants. "They've been cited at least seven times for failing to provide adequate care for their elephants," she said, according to a fact sheet put out by People for the Ethical Treatment of An-

imals. Their goal is to get the circus off the campus, or at least to get the animals off the campus. He said, "We're hoping to work with the present administration and the provost, preferably, to convince them to invite the Shriners, but not the ani-

mals in the circus.

Danni Johnson and her family passed the UCF ARP tent on their way into the cir-

cus, but Johnson had already talked to her son about the issue of how the animals were treated. "I told him that he couldn't come and see if he thought the animals were treated reasonably and decide for him-

self," she said.

Although most people were not aware of how the funds from the circus were used, it did set them from supporting the Shriners when they learned of it. TALL is knew from what I hear, the Shriners do a lot of good for kids," said Albert R. Johnson, who attended with his wife and three kids. "If they support the kids they've got to have money to do other things, so they've got to keep the circus going.

Caroline George said she thought of the elephant training tools displayed at the ARP tent was a cruel thing to use on elephants, but the use of funds did not bother her.

"Doesn't change my mind," George said. "I've always supported the Shriners. Just the hospital alone outweighs everything else." Throughout the day the Shriners stood their post and were later joined by another

member, Kelly Sponnol. The group is committed to protesting as long as the circus continues.

"There are a lot of ways that the Shriners do engage in fund raising that don't involve the animals," Bryan said. "All we're asking them to do is get rid of the circus, and then we'll stop protesting out here."
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High fire turnout expected as firefighters go on strike

PARIS - Firefighters have begun a new strike over weekend with millions of vot­ers voting nationwide for the first time, making the selection of two final candidates highly unpre­ dictable.

The successor to Jacques Chirac, ending 12 years at the helm of state at the close of his second term, will face a large and large election and an alienated young Mus­ lim population, among a host of problems.

Only four of the 12 candi­ dates, including conservative front-runner Nicolas Sarkozy and Socialist Segolene Royal, who was No. 2 in polls, had a real chance of winning a first round of voting May 1.

Turnout was likely to be high, with 3.5 million newly registered voters, many from recently immigrant neigh­ borhoods ranked by French.
Civil liberties versus safety

April 23, 2007

Lake also talked about fighting against an enemy that is not a nation-state, and thus is hard to identify—speaking of insurgents who are law-abiding citizens most of the time, which allows them an increasing capacity to hide.

The Al Anbar province in Iraq approached this problem, Lake said, and is now working to fix it by sending local men to become police officers.

"There is not a military solution to Iraq," Lake said. A brief verbal altercation broke out during the question-and-answer portion of the forum.

The professor tried to interrupt the professor. The argument was really under what's he saying that," Conrad said.

Billy Robbins, an aerospace major, said she liked the speech as well. "What's interesting is what's going on in Iraq: we're having solutions and on the human and cultural aspects of the problem," she said.

Scott Conrad, an Information technology major, said that he really impressed that they could get someone of Lake's stature to speak at UCF.

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- Music Showcase
- Comedy: Open Mic Knights
- Jo Koy
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- Board Game Night
- Blitz from the Past
- Study Break

Late Knights:
- A Knight at the Carnival
- Gold Rush
- Viva Las Vegas
- Global Getdown
- Late Knight Adventure
- Late Knight Luau

Volunteer UCF:
- After School Tutoring
- Card Day
- Feed the Homeless
- Good Sport
- Green Ribbon Days
- Halloween Spooktacular
- 13th Annual Hunger Banquet
- Rock for Hunger
- Jeans for Joy
- Miracle Mile
- Reach Out and Read
- Teddy Bear Drive
- Toy Drive
- Wiggle Waggle Walk
- Alternative Spring Break
- Rock for Hunger
- Earth Week
- Get Carded Green Ribbon Gala

Multicultural Student Center:
- MISC Expo
- ISA Fair
- Dandiya Nights
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Pre-Kwanzaa
- Hip Hop Showcase
- Freshman Friends
- Battle of the Elements
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- Dandiya Nights
- ISA Fair
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- UCF High School Pachanga
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Absence takes toll on class

Megan was absent from the class the day she was diagnosed with a better treatment for her illness. She took the time to go to the hospital and visit with her doctor to help manage her symptoms. She was unable to attend class and was disappointed that the professor didn't let her know in advance.

Hollinger wants accessible SGA

Throughout the UCF administration, SGA, and numerous changes due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19, the current SGA policy of not prioritizing accessibility for students continues to be an issue. SGA has implemented several changes to make accessibility a priority, but students believe more can be done.

Science education major Stuart McNabb, one of the students who met with Hollinger, said, "It's really young and a good teacher. She presented the class well and didn't talk down to us. We wanted her to come back because she was so good at teaching us."

Bates said there is hope to turn the semester around. On March 27, during his second day with the class, a lot of the students were participating and asking questions.

"For the second day, all of them were there. I'm pretty happy. I have no idea how people interpret things without participation," he said.

Hollinger's goal is to put in place a new assessment that will be suitable for students and those who need it. Hollinger said that if the pandemic doesn't change, she plans to start working on a new free-assembly policy, along with other changes to the university's system.

"We're happy, but we need to go forward. We need to find ways to make things better for students and those who need it."
Preparing for the worst

By M.L. miriary

The task force, headed by retired U.S. Navy Vice Adm. and Special Assistant to the President Al Bremer, will look at systems and procedures already in place to determine what needs to be changed or added.

"I think UC has done a good job of preparing as best it can for different emergency situations. There's a plan and a plan or perfect security measure," said the Director of UC Preparations Native News and Information Umi Lively said. "The tragedy of Virginia Tech is a good reminder to ask at the systems we have in place to see if we can improve those to make them better."

While many state universities have had drills before, for example, the University of Florida gun drills were first held five five students were killed during the Florida shooting 10 years ago. "We at the University of Florida are especially sensitive to the types of situations that occurred at Virginia Tech," said President Bernie Machen said in a statement released after the VT shootings.

Like 9/11, gun murders at UF, many students said the VT shootings caused them to take a step back and realize the sever­ ity of the possibilities at UF.

"I never thought that anything like that would happen, but then when I realized how easy it was for all four of those that were at UF to walk up and just shoot.

The opening of a college campus makes it difficult to control any unexpected events," UCF's Assistant to the President Mike Clark said.

With less than one percent of UF's 95,000 student body allocated to the campus police department, how to fund extra security measures has become an issue at the state level.

"Reducing the severity of heightened security measures on campus campuses, the Florida Board of Governors, the police-making body for state universities, said it plans to ask the Legislature for $5.5 million to distribute among the 12 public universities in Florida.

In a preliminary rough estimate, both UCF officials estimated at receiving the state's 600,000 $800,000 and 200,000 $100,000 for communication enhancements.

"The money that we receive and try to spend as best we can on the system that provides the best outcome," Evelyn said. "Reviewing and improving the task force is a never-ending process as new funds and new equipment becomes available."

Although UCF was ahead of the curve among other state universities in developing the campus safety system, the university was effective in only the early stages. Virginia State Police provide security to all students on the Virginia Tech campus.

Schools are still falling behind as other universities already have systems in place.

UCF's campus is 1,000 acres across the University of Florida, but it has 250 fewer blue-light emergency phones.

UCF officials said they are looking at other universities, such as FSU, for suggestions to improve the university's security systems. Along with adding more emergency phones, university officials said they are looking into a siren system, and are working with Bright House Networks to add crawling alerts on campus TV's.

"When we're concerned, we need to be prepared to commute in a number of different ways," President Crotty said. "We know that people will get information in different ways. And as we can reach as many people as possible," Evelyn said.

Although communication has come to the forefront of university emergency provi­sions, Orange County Mayor Rich Council said there are other issues that need to be addressed and they need to be addressed.

"I think the situation that took place ought to concern officials at all major universities across the country. In my mind, when you look at the operations of a college campus setting, the real security issue is that I think that needs to be dealt with as much as it needs to be addressed, and about communication," Council said. "A system needs to be in place to let people know that it's not just a shooting but even more significant, I think it is acknowledged that VT's mental health issue as well."

In an update of the investi­ gation in the shootings at VT, police said they are looking into a package filled with videos and pictures that police are calling "a manifest that the alleged shooter, Cho Seung-hui, sent to NCSU and UCSD in the time between the two shootings."

The discovery of the pack­ age, according to officials, op­ ened an investigation into Cho's mental history which turned up court records that showed Cho was diagnosed with an "imminent danger to himself due to mental illness."

Because of differing thresh­ olds for gun purchases between federal and Virginia law, Cho was still allowed to purchase a gun. According to the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, Florida gun laws prohibit any­ one with mental incompetence to own or purchase a firearm.

Mayor Crotty said his main concern would be questioning laws against mental health issues public in gun stores and to officials on that cam­ pus. Prevention. Council, said it is extremely important and start at the classroom level.

As at UC, the Counseling Center offers step-by-step instructions to faculty as to how to prepare students that they feel have extreme behavioral prob­ lems, ranging from prolonged depression or uncharacteristic com­ ments, in a student's papers.

According to officials, UCF faculty members also receive packets of information on how to deal with threatening stu­ dents.

While UCF and universities around the state and nation work toward finding their own solutions to the threats that exist, many officials said that no security measure or prevention technique can fully prepare or shield a campus from a deter­ mined shooter.

"We would remind all of the UCF community that we are a large open public campus, and this downtown Orlando or an amusement park or shopping mall, there are a lot of public access points," Evelyn said. "We can't prevent people from accessing our campus we want it to be open. We just remind everyone to remember security and safety and be aware of their surroundings.

As the Facebook profile pic­ tures of the VT logo slowly change and the name change begins to fade, students will remember last Monday's tragedy as they walk the UCF campus — sometimes looking over their shoulders.
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"Femtosecond Response on Ultra-Thin Films"
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Honorable Mention: Hassan Nasr
"Synthesis of Size-Scaled Gold Nanorods by Nanoparticle lithography"
Mentor: Beatin Roldan Cuenya (Physics)

Honorable Mention: Jonathan B. Pranke
"Magnetic Body Force Enhanced Thermal Gradient in a Magnetic Nanocolloid"
Mentor: Wei Li (Physics)

SOCIAL SCIENCES I

1st Place: Charles S. Ertls
"Action Video Game Skill Level Predicts Performance on Target Detection and Identification"
Mentor: Valerie R. Sans (Psychology)

2nd Place: Heather L. Hofmann
"'Hearts': Use of Language Facilitation Strategies During Interactions With Their Child with Autism"
Mentor: Jamie Schwartz (Communication Sciences and Disorders)

Honorable Mention: Wendi R. Kane
"Social Class Justifications: The Captivate Conspiracy"
Mentor: Anne Campbell (Sociology)

Honorable Mention: Emre A. Lobato
"Implications of Traumatic Brain Injury in Post-Secondary Schools"
Mentor: Karanya O. Rivers (Communication Sciences and Disorders)

SOCIAL SCIENCES II

1st Place: Claudia Nunez
"Communication Challenges: Professional Perceptions about Death and Dying"
Mentor: Karanya O. Rivers (Communication Sciences and Disorders)

2nd Place: Roberta J. Murphy
"Neuroimaging: Documentation and Interpretation of Traumatic Embolism at Injured Carotid Stenosis"
Mentor: John J. Cush (Anthropology)

Honorable Mention: Kirk S. Robinson
"Inside Political Party Identification: Democrat or Republican"
Mentor: Annette Connolly (Political Science)

Honorable Mention: Sean Schwartz
"Perception Expectations and Postintegration Experiences of Hispanic Immigrants to the United States"
Mentor: Charles Hesg (Psychology)

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SUCCESS FOR UCF AGAINST RICE IS OUT OF REACH

Rice derails UCF, outscoring the Knights 14-3 in games

BRIAN HUFFY

The UCF Baseball team 0-3 over all, 10 Conference USA lost the first two games in its series versus Rice (8-3, 12-6 C-USA) thanks to two bad innings Thursday night and a bad pitch Saturday. The Owls beat the Knights 7-0 and 6-4, respectively. The Knights gained an early advantage Saturday. Chris Duffy opened the second inning with a double to the wall in leftfielder's foul. After he advanced to third on a ground out and Eric Kallstrom walked, Brandon Ramirez hit a ground out to shortstop. The Owls were unable to turn an inn引っdouble play and Duffy scored on the fielder's choice.

Men fall in 1st round of C-USA tourney

MELISSA HEYBOER

The UCF Men's Tennis team dropped its first match in round one of the Conference USA Championships on Friday to South Carolina, 5-2. The Cougars topped the Knights squared in both singles and doubles to advance to the National Invitational. The Knights secured a national berth in the NCAA Regional Meet after a 6-0 victory over UAB's Tim Bauer in singles, and a 6-2, 6-1 victory in doubles.

Softball drops two to UH Cougars

MELISSA HEYBOER

The UCF Softball team received something this weekend that it may have desperately needed—a wake-up call. Despite a somewhat impressive record, the Knights, then ranked 3rd in Conference USA, received a reality check in the form of two losses versus the Knights. Despite beeing down at the No. 3 spot.

Track's Thomas achieves personal bests in 2 events

WOODY WOUMMAC

Most of the UCF Women's Track and Field team got the weekend before Finals to rest and study, but senior Katie Ziccardi, a high school senior from Boca Raton, was on the road in Durham. Also, for the Aubur Invitational.

Baseball: Jarrid second baseman Dwayne Bailey drove in a pair of Knights 9-0 victory over Rice on March 16. Against Rice, Bailey had four putouts at second base over the first two games of the series. Bailey led the Knights in games one, two and two at the plate.

NEXT GAME

GAMES REMAINING

UCF (0-2)

Tulane (10) April 27 9:00 PM
Tulane (10) April 28 8:30 PM
Tulane (10) April 29 7:00 PM
UCF (0-2)

UCF (0-2) May 12

East Carolina (A) May 1

East Carolina (A) May 2

East Carolina (A) May 3

East Carolina (A) May 4

East Carolina (A) May 5

Marshall (W) May 6

Marshall (W) May 7

Marshall (W) May 8

Marshall (W) May 9

Marshall (W) May 10

C-USA May 11

C-USA May 12

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Magic drop first game to Pistons

Five Pistons score in double figures to earn 100-92 victory

MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons tried the Hack-a-Shaq strategy against Shaquille O'Neal and the Miami Heat but it backfired.

The Pistons implemented the Hack-a-Shaq, which is essentially playing the entire lineup, on Saturday night. O'Neal, who led the way with 22 points, had 20 free throws in a 100-92 loss to the Heat in Game 1 of the opening-round series.

"I mean, that mumbling is good," said Grant Hill, who had 22 points and 11 assists, and his counterpart, Jameer Nelson.

The Pistons took their opening half lead in the first round but fold by 35 points.

"We had to try to make something work," said Billups, 28 points, 13 assists.

The Magic made a late run in the game and missed 10 shots from the floor.

"I guess it was kind of poetic to be back here against my old team," Hill said. "It would have been more poetic if we had won.

If we had him, we didn't shoot very well from the line," Detroit point guard Chauncey Billups said. "No putting them on the line is a strategy — that's something you know.

The Pistons never trailed and showed why they could return to the conference finals for a fifth consecutive season. Richard Hamilton scored 22 points, Rasheed Wallace had 19 and freshman addition Chris Webber added 12 for the Pistons, the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Walls, dubbed Mr. Big Shot for his clutch play, made his free throws down the stretch but otherwise wasn't needed in that capacity Saturday. Instead, he had 22 points and 11 assists, and held his counterpart, Nurse Nelson, to his points. Nelson fouled out with 25 seconds remaining.

All five Pistons starters scored in double figures. Detroit hosts Game 2 tonight and needs only 10 turnovers to Orlans.

"When we played them the last time, we knew they didn't score very well from the line," Detroit center Greg Monroe said. "So putting them on the line is a strategy — that's something you know.

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