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PARKING, VISITORS INFO BUILDING PLANNED

BECKY WILLIAMS

Plants are in the works to combine UCF's Parking Services and the UCF Bookstore into one building near the University Boulevard entrance of campus. Those who come to UCF will have access to a one-stop shop, of sorts, where they can find the campus information they need and be sent to the appropriate parking lot.

Director of Parking and Transportation Services John Voelker said that because the building will be near the front of campus, at the most accessible entrance to the school, the design of the new construction is especially important — it being built for function, but the administration has made it clear that they want an attractive structure.

Though the design has already been laid out, with an estimated construction cost between $300,000 and $500,000, the 1,000-square-foot design may be expanded depending on design needs. Currently the building is planned as one story, which Clark says "saves a bigger footprint than a two-story building."

Across from the designated area for the new building is a paved parking lot, but plans were made to build an additional 70-space lot at the site — mainly for staff to park in, but also to provide extra spaces for visitors. Clark said combining the two lots of Parking Services and the UCF Bookstore in one building planned.

CLARK SAID COMBINING THE TWO...
Teaching Selflessness Service

Students aid their communities

SCOTT GUARDY

Publishing a book about the homeless and making a video about hurricane safety may not sound like typical activities for middle and high school classrooms. However, UCF students are playing a role in changing that.

This semester, education majors worked with Orange County Public Schools' teachers to engage middle and high school students through a method known as service-learning. Their efforts were part of a research project coordinated in part by education assistant professor, Tom New, who was awarded a Learn & Serve Special Initiatives Grant from the Learn & Serve America Corporation. The ultimate goal of the project is "to increase service-learning teachers' use of service-learning," New said.

"Service-learning is a teaching method where students address a genuine need in the community through meaningful volunteer activities," he said. The method is "implicitly connected to the academic curriculum being learned in their class," he said. "This is the reciprocity between education and community.

History and education double-major Anthony Martin said he was helping a class from Mayport Middle School in Jacksonville write their own "I love my neighborhood" poem.

"This experience has reinforced my belief that the students will be able to incorporate a lot of subjects and teach them (students') basic skills well," said a teacher.

"Service-learning projects are important for my education students, as well as those they are teaching, "It is unique because they get to simultaneously practice service-learning as they learn about it," he said.

Math education major, Valerie Ryerson, who worked with students from Glenridge Middle School in Orlando, said she learned valuable lessons through her experience.

"I've learned that when you vary the location where you have the students sit in class and just listen to the teacher talk, the students are more willing to get involved and ask questions," Ryerson said.

"Ryerson helped students gather information about hurri cane and put together a video on hurricane safety, which will be shared with other schools. This year the students will be able to see that they are learning for a reason," said a teacher.

"Service-learning projects such as these mentioned above are not new to Orange County Public Schools, yet through the coordinated efforts of UCF and local schools, they can be more common."

"As an education, we know that these kinds of learning activities are much more beneficial to the students' learning processes compared to simply completing worksheets, taking multiple choice tests and writing essays," said a teacher.

"It is a kind of learning that will stick with these kids and myself forever."

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“After the shooting, Virginia Tech students return to classes BLACKSBURG, Va. — On Virginia Tech’s first day of classes since last week’s shootings, Joe Merola just wanted to give his students a lesson on an equation explaining the voltage in bat­tery. But he couldn’t get through it. He stood about 300 students and a VT sweat shirt he had placed on a seat to honor a student who was wounded, he broke down. "I lost it halfway through class," Merola said. "I just started to tear up and had to turn it over to the comments." It was a common sentiment among students as grieving students returned Monday, more than two months since a violent attack on a university campus. Students and staff paused for moments of silence at the times when Cho opened fire in two campus buildings more than two hours apart.

Today’s tributes included an emotional ceremony in which a man in a VT hat rang a bell 14 times and students and faculty released white bal­loons for each victim. Then 1,000 balloons were released in the school colors — orange and maroon — as people stood in silence, hes­i­tant to let tears flow. After a few chants of “Let’s Go Hokies,” they headed off to class.

Baltimore Sun of Nebraska on Tuesday. The flags were part of the Tribute to the Fallen Event. An unidentified person straightens flags, one for each American soldier and driving without a license. There’s also a common sentiment to let the moment pass. It was a common sentiment to let the moment pass. It was a common sentiment to let the moment pass. It was a common sentiment to let the moment pass. It was a common sentiment to let the moment pass.

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Suicide bomb car bombing in Baghdad kills 9 Americans BAGHDAD — In one of the deadliest attacks on American ground forces since the Iraq war started more than four years ago, a suicide car bomber attacked a patrol base northwest of Bagh­dad and killed nine U.S. sold­iers and wounded 20, offi­cials said.

An Iraqi civilian said he was wounded in the attack on Task Force Lightning soldiers in Dhiya, a province that has been the site of fierce fighting involving U.S. and Iraqi troops. Small insur­gents and Shi’ite militia.

At least 48 Iraqis were killed in seven other bomb­ings, violence that has persist­ent despite a nearly 10-week­old U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown aimed at pacifying Baghdad.

Of the 20 wounded on the attack on the patrol base, 15 soldiers were treated and returned to duty while five Iraqis were evacuated to a medical facility for further care, the military said.

It was the second bomb attack against a U.S. base north of Baghdad in just over two months and was notable for its use of a suicide car bomber. Militia have long used hit-and-run ambushes, roadside bombs or mortar­ts on U.S. troops.

Author-winning journalist David Halberstam killed in car crash SAN FRANCISCO — David Halberstam, the jour­nalist whose acclaimed books included a towering study of the Vietnam War and a poignant portrait of aging baseball stars, died while heading to an interview for a new work.

The 74-year-old writer was killed in a car crash Monday while working on a book about the legendary 1958 NFL championship game between the Baltimore Colts and the New York Giants. He was on his way to interview Hall of Fame quar­terback Y.A. Tittle, famed for re­searching “the greatest game ever played.”

Halberstam was driving in a car that was broadsided by another vehicle in Madero Park, about 20 miles south of San Francisco, authorities said. He was pronounced dead at the scene, and no one but the driver appeared to be injured, according to his friend, Colts quarterback Roger Staubach.


The reason has a lot to do with a deep fissure in the GOP base. Business and industry are demanding more low-wage workers, while grass-roots conservatives are demanding that these work­ers be shipped home.

From coffee shops in Iowa to barbecue joints in South Carolina, GOP voters trou­bled by what they see as an unchoked influx of im­migrants into their communities are peppering the candidates with often-emotional questions at campaign stops.

“First of all, this country’s being invaded by people that really shouldn’t be here, that are breaking our laws,” said Reta Depuy, who confronted Sen. John McCain at a New Hampshire last year.

Farrows of the church. It was the second aggressive in the life of Boris Yeltsin will be filled with symbols and ceremonies that reflect the epochal changes that transformed the nation during his eight years as president.

The body of the first pres­ident of post-communist Russia was placed for public viewing on Sunday after his death at age 76, in Moscow’s Christ the Savior Cathedral — a vast, glowing church that is the most prominent ami­bition of the Russian Ortho­dox church after decades of Communist official atheism.

The cathedral is a replica of the original, which sat on the banks of the Moscow River not far from the Kremlin. It was blown up by the Soviet authorities in 1931, just a few months after Yeltsin’s birth.

The plan was to use the site for a palace of Soviets called by a statue of Vladimir Lenin — essentially a secular temple — but it proved too high a price for its foundations.

Sixty years to the month after Soviet authorities launched the campaign to suppress the foundations of the Soviet Union, it was opened in 1990. Russia’s first pope, Patriarch Alexy II, renewed the church.

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Renovating to increase safety

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"It was coming to the point where we're investing more than makes sense," Falco said. "We'll be putting down composite decking that will be guaranteed for 15 years."

Even though $150,000 sounds like a hefty price tag, it's actually far less than what it would be if the support beams had to be replaced. The beams below the boardwalk are still solid and only the top of the boardwalk will be replaced, saving the university thousands.

"We're hoping that the foundation is sold, and we're pretty sure that it is," Falco said.

The current boardwalk, which is about 25,000 square feet, is only 20 years old — providing the Student Union.

The hope is the new design will benefit women who wear heels who had difficulty crossing the boardwalk.

"A deck is a deck, but that's something we definitely want to change," Falco said. "I've been walking and seen girls completely fall down, and that's not something we want."

Assistant education major Jackie Croteau said she's only been walking in heels once, and that was the first and the last time.

"It was dark, and I was looking to an interview in the Union," Croteau said. "My heels kept getting stuck in the cracks. It was the first and the last time I wore heels on the boardwalk."

The new composite decking will have smaller spaces between the boards, and Falco said an architect and/or engineer will be brought in to address the problem.

Another hurdle the new boardwalk will have to clear is the environmental protection act. The wetlands that lie below are protected, but Falco said he doesn't want to add anything.

"The whole area is environmentally protected, so we'll talk to the environmentalists before we do anything," Falco said.

Even though funding has been secured, plans for the final boardwalk won't be completed any time soon. Construction on the deck is tentatively scheduled to begin in the summer of 2009.

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GLBTs struggle against silence

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shirt and the notion that being gay is not an abnormality.

"You can't call all these people," Osborn said. "You can't use the same

them against hate crimes.

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Knights get one hit in 8-0 loss to Rice in final game Sunday

BRIAN MURPHY
Staff Writer

In its weekend series versus Rice, the UCF Baseball team saw how far it has to go to compete with the top of Conference USA.

A fantastic pitching performance from C-USA Preseason Player of the Year Joe Savery helped Rice complete a three-game sweep of the Knights with an 8-0 win Sunday.

Savery is known more for his hitting abilities, but he pitched the best game of his season, limiting the Knights to one hit over a season-long seven innings.

"He's a quality pitcher, there is no question about that," UCF coach Jay Bergman said. "He was throwing the ball away from right-handed hitters and moved the ball around really well. He's an experienced pitcher and a great athlete.";

The Knights (38-23 overall), 11-11 Conference USA recorded their only hit of the game when sophomore first baseman Kiko Vazquez singled to right field to lead off the second inning. Savery retired the next nine Knights.

In the bottom of the second, Savery helped his pitching effort by scoring a run in the second inning. He drew a one-out walk and advanced around third on an error by second baseman Jimmy Delcarmine to score.

"Savery was throwing the ball away from right-handed hitters and moved the ball around well," -- Joe Vazquez, UCF catcher

Softball falls in final game of series with 7-0 loss to Houston

MELISSA HAYBER
Staff Writer

The UCF Softball team was shutout for the third time in as many games after losing 7-0 to Houston Cougars in the final game of their C-USA Series on Friday night.

The lost dropped the Knights to 22-21 on the season and 8-10 in Conference USA.

With the help of 10 UCF errors, the Cougars took the lead early, going ahead 3-0 after the first inning.

Jessica Valis reached second on a throwing error from Amber Lutes to lead off the inning. After a fly out by Katie Bede, UCF pitcher Allison Lines issued a walk to Elaine Nordinson that put runners on first and second.

Valla and Nordinson stole second and third on the next pitch, and Valla scored on the same play after a throwing error by Knights' catcher Lindsay Boam.

Kime controlled the Cougars' bats for the next two innings, but two hits, a walk and an error in the bottom of the fourth would allow those two runners to score for Houston.

Laura Durham would advance to second off a bunt single and sacrifice bunt from Bailey Vales.

It ended as though the Knights would make it out of the inning without any damage as Kime would strike out Angel Chamblin for the second out of the inning.

However, the next batter, Amanda Grote, would reach first on the second throwing error in the game from Lamb, advancing Durham to third. The next batter, Jessica Vella, sent a triple down the right-field line, scoring both runners and giving the Cougars a 4-0 advantage.

Houston didn't stop there, however, scoring three more runs before the inning was done.

"They are a good team," Grant Hill said.
Vazquez records only hit for UCF

by Chad Lambrock

The Owls (12-3, 3-0 CUSA) added three more runs in the fourth. Rice pitcher gets inning started with a single to right. After a one-out walk to Seamster, Lambrock singled to left, but two errors on the play by sophomore left fielder Naylor allowed Buenger and Seamster scores.

Jr. Piston followed with a double that scored Lambrock, who reached third on the errors. In the fifth, Rice put runners on first and second with two out when Seamster lined out to center field, driving in Jarrett Gayhart. UCF sophomore pitcher Eric English walked Travis Rogers after striking out Padron to begin the sixth. Brian Friday then reached on a fielder’s choice that ended the second of English’s day.

After leaving two out post great numbers, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits and hitting three batters in his five innings, the longest outing of his collegiate career.

Senior Derek Abrilba relieved English, but he did not provide any relief for the Knights. He allowed the Owls to post two runs in the sixth.

Borwnie entered the game with runners on first and third and one out, but he retired the next two Owls on fly outs to end the inning. Borwnie and Justin Weiss pitched the final 1.2 innings, allowing one hit and no runs.

Bobby Bunnell and Scott Lemon-
Gun control debate rages across country

Lack of attention, not guns, to blame

From the Oklahoma Daily at Oklahoma University

The Oklahoma Daily editorial board took a firm stand to bring attention to the gun control debate before reaching a conclusion about what steps should be taken to curb school shootings.

The board encouraged thoughtful dialogue.

Ronen Albright, a junior in political science, said although the board isn't trying to blame any one person, an issue like this can be brought up by several factors.

"This isn't any one person's fault, it's the responsibility of many people," Albright said. "We need to take a step back, be a little more open-minded and consider all sides of an issue before taking a stance."

Albright said the board of the Oklahoma Daily isn't calling for a ban on guns, and we are calling for rational discussion.

In Germany citizens need a "sufficient" reason to support the need for owning guns. Various restrictions were put into place after the shooting at the ATV camping. According to an Associated Press report, the gun limitations on clips will allow them to purchase the gun, but it won't be as accessible as the gun in the States.

In July, a young American in New York City, an article, a spokesman for the Rockefeller University, Richard Zaremba, said Firearms and Explosives also said they believe that gun laws have been passed in the States, but in the end, the report concluded that the gun control laws are costing Americans their lives.

Environmental waste reeking havoc at UCF

I feel that as students at UCF, we have an obligation to take care of the environment around us. Not only is environmental care a part of being a responsible citizen, but there exists a moral argument to take care of what we use.

At 12 p.m. on April 17, I came across a site that infuriated me. As I strolled toward the East Parking Garage from the Library, I noticed along the way the the sprinkler system was on. To me and several others, this seems like an incredible waste of water, due to the high level of water that is lost to evaporation at this point in the day and the fact that a good percentage of the water was covering the concrete, and not the grass.

I don't know who is responsible for this, but I think they should be made aware of some less wasteful and large consumers, like UCF, can use to lessen the wastage of water that took place on April 17.
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