**Road trip! One reporter's adventure**

Summer journey explores the wilderness of Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas.

And there are bats! Did we actually mention the bats? To get a better idea of what's happening, keep reading: The Future will also be updating the Web site Wednesday and Friday to see what the group has done in the meantime, so check back at http://www.futuredailyfuture.com for the full story, including photos. Next Monday, look for a recap of the entire trip.

Moore will be entering her sophomore year at UCF this fall. In the short year since she came, she has signed up for mountain biking, hiking, and everything else a girl could want.

The Future's embedded writer and photographer Amanda Moore in the group of eight students and four guides to document the trip. She will report on how the physically grueling trip bonds the group together and how the trip affects her.

The group left Friday morning and went caving diving. Saturday was hiking to a waterfall, and Sunday was mountain biking. Already, the group has begun bonding over the shared experiences, especially in the depths of the cave, where the group helped a claustrophobic team member face her fears.

**TORNADO SURVIVORS**

Kan., a day after being approached. The tornadoes rampaged across the Midwest.

**AMANDA MOORE**

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 a.m., 30 minutes before the road trip gets underway.

**We meet by moonlight.** The baby all envelopes me like a blanket, comforting it makes me dangerously droopy.

Nathan Nemerson, one of four trip leaders who will accompany us, is the first to welcome me. Will be entering her sophomore year at UCF this fall. Though I wear a stoic expression, I am not a morning person, and ready to explode on the inside. I stand in a small circle looking through 3-inch poutages deep in a case. Getting so covered in mud and clay your mother wouldn't recognize you. Prying peekholes with a pinned ted he.

**GREEK GHETTO**

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Studio art major finds inspiration in her own beliefs

MODE WILLS

Alyssa Aviles, 21, pens down her Bible and sits at her Apple computer, not to do homework or check Facebook. She's beginning another graphic masterpiece.

"If I'm in a funk, I read the Bible, and the passages inspire me," Aviles says.

Aviles is a studio art major and creates art not only for her portfolio but also for UCF's Christian organizations Campus Crusade for Christ, of which she is an active member. Whenever she is stressed or unhappy, she expresses her feelings in her art, either in a painting or graphically on her computer. Being a Christian also helps her overcome everyday obstacles, she says.

"It always helps me feel better," she says.

An art major, Aviles helped me through some drawings of a man drowning who had no hope but for God to save him. I showed her that when it seems like there is no hope for things to get better, if you trust God, he will bring you through it," Aviles said.

Aviles created mock advertisement campaigns such as "Kroeger's Red Eye" for her art classes, which can be viewed on her Facebook profile. She also designed ads for Invisible Children, an organization that helps children stay out of child abduction and displacement.

Aviles enjoys drawing or painting art with biblical images or sayings on them and then scanning them onto her computer to add digital effects. Her favorite place of art she has created is an image of a halo that totally appears to be a series of black cichlids. It was completely composed on her computer.

"I'm just born with creativity," Aviles says.

Aviles also created artwork imitating Apple's well-known logo, featuring the silhouette of someone using one of their IPs on a brightly colored background. She even created a few silhouettes of herself.

Aviles said she looks more like an artist than "stereotypical Christian." She has her lip pierced and describes her style as "very unique." She even dubbed herself an "open-minded Christian." A lot of Christians can be judgmental toward other people, but I'm not that hard-core," Aviles said.

Still, she said she is a firm believer and that becoming a Christian gave her a new and improved outlook on her life.

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HIGHEDUCATION

What's in the news at your college
around the country

The presidents, including Virginia’s president of Emory College in Richmond, Ind., and California’s president of Cornell, outlined complete in a letter to House and Senate leaders at colleges at various levels.

The letter says the dozen or so top officials who were pledged not to fill out the part of the survey that asks for information about their colleges, which accounts for 25 percent of a college’s rankings, colleges say they will also no longer use the rankings in their own promotions and ask that schools do the same.

The letter is the latest step in a growing concern, said Joylon Thacker, a veteran of the ther, who has said in an organization dedicated to improving college rankings in the admissions process. Many colleges say the as-

nation of the survey, but the college’s president said he would open the front end of a new rankings system, the first of its kind to offer other colleges to sign on, and the topic will be on the agenda at a meeting of provi-

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the special session to start 2-21-07 because lawmaking teams were unable to resolve the budget impasse. The complexity of the budget led to an agreement to overcome their own political differences.

“We need to find a way to make the survey so that it’s more competitive and more accessible,” said Rep. Dean Cannon, an Idaho Republican who is the House’s leader. Thacker said it is expected to be encouraged to agree to the status quo going to make it and get it right.

The survey has been turned off, but the agreement to make the survey will allow the word stability to Baghdad.

A bomb ripped through a wholesale food market in western Bagh-

district, devastating the market, reducing cars and trucks to their charred skeletons and ripping the roofs and interiors of shops. In addition to the dozens of people injured, a woman died.

People of bloodshed in the dirt streets. Hospital offi-

cies said two pickup trucks filled with body parts were brought to the hospital.

“We received a report of a shop to be looted, but the owner of the shop found dead,” said Saker Hassan, a worker in the market, “I filled the shop with his body, but he was already dead. The last thing left was part in his left shoulder and some people running to me to help him.”

Workers rescued three people in the market.

The blast, which erupted i

s a explosion in a hardware store in Al-Muthanna province, left at least 12 people injured.

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Greensboro, N.C., the early behavior of twister-

tornado survivors in Greensboro.

th the double digits. A group of people turned down in southwest Kansas farmland to a day earlier.

The National Weather Serv-

ice’s experts have reported in the jnnguine (JNO-2007) that the region in the southern part of the nation has been

screaming to keep up with the demand.

President Bush declared that Kansas is a disaster area, freeing up federal money to aid in recovery.

“We need support,” said Greenburg Administrator Steve Hewitt. “We need every-

knowledge to help us with the hurricane.”

At least eight people have died in the Greensboro area. Friday’s worst damage was from fire deaths in the region, a number of deaths could even result from fridge injuries. All its evidence have been evacuated.

It’s going to take a long time for the community to recover,” Bush said Sunday, referring to Greensberg, after attending a memorial service at a church in Greensberg, Wash. “So we’ll help in any way we can.”

There’s a certain spirit in the Midwest of our country a pioneer spirit that still exists, and I’m confident this com-

munity will be reborn,” Bush said.

Camon airport officials find signs of last flight with 114 passengers

Signs have been found of a Japanese passenger plane that crashed in Cameroon with 34 people on board, an aviation official said Sunday.

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Graduates get ready to leave school, find jobs or just relax

was the fifth in a series of six graduation ceremonies and fea-
tured Nobel Prize winner Charles Hard Townes. Townes
won the prestigious prize for physics in 1964. He is known as
one of the founding fathers of the laser.

Travieso, 91, received an hono-
ry doctoral degree at the commencement and spoke to the graduates about the impact of education in their lives.

"Don't follow the gang," he said, "Do what you think is right.

Travieso encouraged the graduates to learn all they can and then do what they think is most interesting. He added that having many friends in the field is also helpful.

"For all lucky to be here and be graduating," he said.

Travieso, a UCF President John Hitt and Provost Terry Hickey wished the class much success and luck in the future.

"If you take advantage of all the opportunities UCF has to offer, then you're now ready for the new opportunities out there," Hitt said.

Former Student Body Presi-
dent Mark White, who graduat-
ed from the College of Engi-
neering at the ceremony, was
emotional with the former
students because he now
realized the impact that
education had on his life.

"I've always been under
construction forever," White said.

After the traditional singing of the UCF alma mater, the new graduates and their families exited the Arena to the sound of bagpipes.

Daniel Bailey, 24, received his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at the ceremony and is declining between two post-graduation jobs. He could either work with space technology in California or with flight simulators in Tampa.

A graduate of Civil engineering,

Erik-Koren O'Neill

showing that the class work done is equal to what's done in the UCF course can help stu-
dents transfer their credits trans-
ferred successfully.

"This problem happens all the time with out-of-state and private universities," Bailey said.

Alexis Garhammer, an event management major and peer mentor, said she was fortunate to not have many problems transferring credits when she transferred from Florida Atlantic University.

"I always knew I was com-
ning here, so I made sure to
check the UCF catalog and
take the right classes," Garhammer said.

She said one of the pro-
blems she has noticed when helping students is trying to get them involved when most of them live off campus.

FACULTY PROFILE:

Dr. Stella Sung

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8:39 a.m.
- College of Arts & Humanities: Up to (6) Tickets
  Art, Digital Media, English, Film, French, History, Humanities, Modern Languages, Spanish, Theatre
  Music, Philosophy, Photography, Spanish, Theatre
- College of Sciences: Up to (6) Tickets
  Animal Science, Anthropology, Advertising/Public Relations, Biology, Chemistry, Communication (Interpersonal/Organizational), Forest Science, Journalism, Mathematics, Modeling & Simulation, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Radio-Television, Sociology, Statistics
- College of Education: Up to (6) Tickets

12:00 p.m.
- College of Business Administration: Up to (6) Tickets
- Rosen College of Hospitality Management: Up to (6) Tickets
- Office of the Vice Provost: Up to (6) Tickets
- Liberal Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies: Social Science: Up to (6) Tickets
- Undergraduate Studies: Applied Science: Up to (6) Tickets
- Graduate Studies: Liberal Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies: Up to (6) Tickets

3:30 p.m.
- College of Health & Public Affairs: Up to (6) Tickets
- College of Nursing: Up to (6) Tickets
- Burnett College of Biomedical Sciences: Up to (6) Tickets
- College of Engineering & Computer Science: Up to (6) Tickets
- College of Optics and Photonics: Up to (6) Tickets

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  o Look at your lease carefully. Most state that you must inspect the unit at the time of move-in. If there is a deadline for giving a list of problems back to the landlord, make sure you get it back to the landlord by the deadline.

✓ INSPECT EVERYTHING!
  o The landlord may provide you with a move-in inspection sheet. If not, make your own list, stating existing problems within each room of the unit. Be very specific - note everything major and minor, such as carpet stains or tears, condition of mattress, furniture, walls, blinds, countertops, EVERYTHING!

✓ MAKE A COPY!
  o Be sure to make a copy of the completed inspection sheet.

BEFORE giving it back to the landlord. Keep it in a safe place during the duration of your lease.

✓ TAKE PICTURES!
  o To further protect yourself from being charged for damages existing when you move in, take photos of all common areas, your room, and bathroom. Photograph any current problems with the condition of the flooring, carpeting, furniture, and the lawn/landscape (if you are responsible for lawn upkeep). Take more pictures when you move out. Print the photos with dates!

✓ INCREASE YOUR CHANCES!
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8,000 birthday suits for photo shoot in Mex.

MEXICO CITY — More than 8,000 people stripped down and bared it all in Mexico City's vast main square Sunday for U.S. photographer Spencer Tunick's biggest nude shoot yet.

Standing up to naked, nothing in final positions by groups on the tiles of Zocalo plaza, the volunteers formed a sea of flesh that stuck, snapped from balloons and a small crane to the evening light.

"What a moment for theilingual art scene," Tunick said in a news conference. "I ask all you are looking north on the United States to Mexico City to see how a country can be free and treat the naked as an art. Not as pornography or as crime, but with hope and curing."

The Brooklyn, N.Y., artist has become famous for photographing thousands of naked people in public settings worldwide, from London and Vienna to Buenos Aires and Buffalo. But the Mexico City shoot dwarfed all others. Previously his best turnout had been 7,000 models in Barcelona in 2008.

"Journeys that led to the abolishment of slavery still call us a moment for the United States," Tunick said. "It's not too late to register for summer classes at USF Sarasota-Manatee!"
Democrats' Iraq bill still on the shelf

H ow many people didn't see this one coming? On Thursday, President Bush vetoed the Iraq bill, and the sentiment was clear:

"Here it is, the bill that should have been signed by the president who led us into a war that is now the defining event of his presidency. We're letting the administration off the hook. But here's an idea. Rather than putting the blame on the president, let's put it on the administration and its professionals, including us." The university should support this. It is important that we encourage comments from readers.

Central Florida Future

Student work study brands	
terms of mixed ethnicity at University of Central Florida. It's odd to think that universities, especially Florida's, could start a wave of change throughout the entire state. What if UCF has been missing out on something? We need to think about new sources of income more stable than that of a die-hard sports fan. It seems as though UCF has tried to do something revolutionary and it has failed. We need to think about new sources of income more stable than that of a die-hard sports fan.

In the 1990s, a group of student activists, led by the author, called "STUDENTS FOR A DREAM," took the lead in educational reform. Instead, UCF must rely on its students to research the best models of excellence using a variety of means. We're letting the administration off the hook. But here's an idea. Rather than putting the blame on the president, let's put it on the administration and its professionals, including us.

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MANGA MANIA

Japanese subculture at JACON draws in 4,000 animation fans

This past weekend, the 11th annual Japanese Animation Convention of Orlando (JACON) was held at the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida. The convention brings together anime, manga, and Japanese culture fans from all over the country. This year, the convention attracted more than 4,000 attendees, making it one of the largest anime conventions in the United States.

JACON 2007 featured a variety of panels, workshops, and events, including Q&A sessions with voice actors and industry professionals, art shows, and a cosplay contest. Attendees enjoyed anime and manga panels, as well as industry panels on topics such as animation production, voice acting, and manga publishing.

The convention also featured a variety of vendors selling anime merchandise, including figurines, Japanese snacks, and manga. Attendees had the opportunity to purchase exclusive convention exclusives and meet their favorite voice actors and voice actresses.

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Heels pump up your style
JAMIE SALAMANDER

Summer is here, and it is time to get your pumps — when selecting your shoes, that is. Summer is not all about beachwear, so it's necessary to keep you shoes during summer and a great way to accomplish that is with a pair of pumps.

The best popular styles of high heels for this season include kitten, peep-toe heels and colored wedges. kitten heels, a 32-year-old junior accounting major, purchased black kitten heels for about $30. They caught her eye because they were stylish and affordable. "They are very comfortable," she said. Bluffs prove to pair with jeans and skirts, but said that they are easy to walk in as well.

Her friend, Kao Nguyen, 23, who is visiting Orlando from South Korea, bought her pumps in South Korea for about $80. She purchased them for the same reason of comfort and price. She also likes to pair them with anything that matches. Ren McNeil, a 36-year-old student who also teaches accounting classes at UCF, bought her black and gold poof-poo heels from Macy's for about $20. She purchased them because they looked very classy and because they are black and white and super versatile. "They are comfortable, and I use them all the time," McNeil said.

A great way to dress up any outfit is with heels pumps. They can transform looks for the day-time or nighttime. They can also help to make you look a little taller while elongating your legs too.

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Softball swept by C-USA foe Memphis in 3 games

WOOY WOHDHACK Staff Writer

While the rest of the UCF student body finished classes and headed off for summer vacation, the UCF Softball team was still hard at work wrapping up their Conference USA regular season.

The Knights spent the weekend playing a three-game series against conference foe Memphis, an important series that helped to determine seeding in the 2007 C-USA Tournament.

Unfortunately for the Knights they dropped both games in a double-header on Saturday and fell in game three on Sunday.

After the three losses the Knights are now 23-24 overall on the season and 11-13 in conference play.

The Knights are now on a two-game losing streak and look to turn around their loss on Sunday.

GAME 1 BREAKDOWN

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Golf finishes sixth in C-USA tourney

MELISSA NEYDOR Staff Writer

The UCF Men’s Golf team concluded their spring season last weekend finishing sixth at the Conference USA Championships at the Tannenbaum Country Club in Arkansas.

The Knights finished the three-day, 54-hole event shooting a 50-over-par 886.

The 50th-ranked Tulsa Golden Hurricane took home top honors at the championships, finishing the tournament at 9-under-par 279.

Tulsa also had two golfers who tied for second place, Nicole Greig and Bert Myer each with a three-day total of 3-under-par 225.

UCF’s top finisher was sophomore Preston Brown who finished in sixth place with a 7-over-par 223.

Tigers take Series from UCF

BRIAN MURPHY Staff Writer

The UCF baseball team was unable to carry over the momentum from their first-ever C-USA sweep as it lost three of its first four games this past week.

After the Knights lost to No. 28 Stetson on Sunday’s game 10-9, since May 6, they dropped both games in their three-game series against the Memphis Tigers over the weekend.

The Knights trailed 5-1 in Friday’s game three, the season and 11-13 in conference play.

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Jags take Walker in round 3

MELISSA NEYDOR Staff Writer

Recent UCF graduate Mike Walker wasn’t able to travel far in order to continue his football career.

Walker was selected in the third round, 79th overall, by the Jacksonville Jaguars at the 2007 NFL Draft last weekend.

Friends and family waited for nearly 10 hours before receiving the phone call that he would join the Jaguars.

“This is a dream come true,” Walker said in a press release following his selection. “This has been a crazy day, but it’s here, it’s real, and it’s worth it. As you can see I have a great family, probably the best in the world.”

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Walker becomes 21st Knight to be drafted

After 37 years, UCF Football can now say it has drafted a player in the NFL draft every year. The Knights have drafted 21 players since the program was founded in 1979, and the latest addition to that list is Walker, who was selected 31st overall by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the third round of the NFL draft.

Walker was a three-year starter at UCF, where he played in 49 games and recorded 227 tackles, including 18.5 for a loss. He also recorded six sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

"Walker is a big guy with a big heart," said UCF head coach Dan Mullen. "He's a great player and a great person."
**Chin records a personal best in 400 meter hurdles**

Junior batters NCAA qualifying mark

**MELISSA HEYBORT**

The UCF Women's Track and Field team finished its regular season last weekend hosting the Golden Knight Twilight on April 28.

The Knights finished the event posting several high marks from many of the Knight athletes.

Junior Victoria Chin posted a personal best in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 58.28. Chin had already qualified for the NCAA East Regional Tournament earlier in the year with a 54.74-century-old time.

Aside from winning the 400-meter hurdles, Chin also posted a season best in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 11.24, which earned her second in the event.

Teammate Reyna Adaramola also turned out impressive marks in the 100-meter and 200-meter events. Adaramola took third in both the 100-meter with a time of 11.05, and second in the 200-meter with times of 22.98 and 22.95, respectively.

In the 300-meter event, Jessie Clowes took third with a time of 39.15.

Fellow long distance runner Jami Ragerick took top honors in the 1000-meter steeplechase. Her time of 5:39.92 was good enough for second on UCF's all-time list.

In the field events, sophomore LaKendra Thomas was the way second in both the shot put and discus events.

Her personal best throw of 46 feet, five inches was good enough for second in the shot put and her throw of 138 feet three inches was good enough for second in the discus.

Teammate Virgillia Traynor finished just behind Thomas with a throw of 44 feet four inches to place third in the event.

Senior Katie Fowler took first in the pole vault with a vault of 11 feet two inches.

Sullivan, meanwhile, maintained his strong season, giving them seven wins so far in the 2007 Conference USA Outdoor Championships.

**Billups, Hamilton lead Detroit in win**

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton each scored 30 points, leading Detroit in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.**

Detroit was aggressive on defense, getting into passing lanes with their feet and hands and balanced on offense.

The Pistons, with the 2nd and 3rd quarter lead, watched the shooting minutes of the half "til the end."

Auburn Hills, 1990
HOUSTON - Tracy McGrady leaned over in front of a bench as time ran out, with his hands on his knees as he absorbed one more playoff defeat.

The young Utah Jazz, meanwhile, embraced one another and quickly celebrated after a 103-99 win over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night that gave them their first playoff series victory since the days of John Stockton and Karl Malone.

Carlos Boozer had 35 points, 16 rebounds and five assists in Game 7 for the Jazz, who became the only seventh team since 2003 to come back from a 2-0 deficit and win a series. They've also just the 3rd team to win in 7th Game in playoff history.

McGrady had 29 points and 13 assists, but the surging All-Star accomplished 0-6 in the playoffs. The Rockets -- his Rockets -- blew a 2-0 lead for the second time in three seasons. They won twice in Dallas in 2006, then dropped the series in seven games.

The home team had won the previous six games in this series, but all the games at the Toyota Center had gone down to the wire.

This game was the closest one of all.

This time, Boozer and the Jazz came up with the plays to finally break through.

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