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Big dreams ahead for line dance club

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The corner of Gemini Boulevard and East Plaza Drive has seen an increase in development of a living community inside Tower III. One of the more notable nuances to this area of the campus is the Burnett Honors College's room's establishment of a living learning community inside Tower III. Living-learning communities are an alternative way to housing. The traditional definition of a living-learning community is a community in which resident students of the same major live together. Director of LEAD Scholars Gary Moglen said: "The LEAD curriculum is the core of Tower III. How different is your roommates' major from yours?" Among the differences in the Tower III program, students that are majoring in the same field and have a learning community, so they can learn from each other. Some say this is an easier way to see the benefits of a living-learning community. "It's very nice," said Natalie Underberg, a second-year LEAD student. "It has helped me connect with people in the same major. You don't have to worry about being alone, because you're surrounded by people that are also learning in the same way."

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Bin Laden urges sympathizers to ‘join the cause’ of Al-Qaeda -Osama Bin Laden urged sympathizers to ‘join the cause’ of Al-Qaeda in a new video that emerged Tuesday to mark the sixth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Al-Qaeda traditionally issues a video every year on the anniversary, with the last testimony of one of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept. 11 attacks appearing on the World Trade Center site on a beach near Ground Zero.

But it was not known if the message would be as clear as it was in the past. Al-Qaeda has used footage and audio of Bin Laden taped long ago for release since 2002.

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NASA fellowship can be renewed

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"There are a lot of programs on the moon and Mars that we can live off of, so we just have to learn how to extract them," Metzger said. "It's also very important to us seeing us exploring the Northwest Territories and other places that we have never been before."

The NASA fellowship will enable Harben and the team to help solve problems, such as what would happen if a satellite landing disrupted the dust, soil and gravel on the moon’s surface.

The team represents NASA, UCF and contract employers at Kennedy Space Center. They will work on projects from developing simulations to building an instrument that will measure dispersed particles on the surface of the moon.

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In addition, the fellowship allows Harben to work at PELT throughout his Ph.D., Rolland said.

"Sometimes NASA has programs that fluctuate in terms of priority," Rolland said. "The fact that you have a fellowship allows [for] some continuity throughout your Ph.D." Recieving funding from organizations such as NASA can be difficult because there are delays and other factors involved, Rolland said.

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Harben is getting real world experience by working on PEEL, said Jonick Rolland, professor of optics with the College of Optics and Photonics at UCF.

Rolland, who heads the UCF team, said that Harben is developing skills such as networking, learning how to interact with clients and how to lead a project.

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Mike Newsome

After a day of touring the UCF campus, Florida Governor Charlie Crist visited the UCF Police Department's mobile unit.

"It's nice that the community sees the impact of the public safety role on campus," said Sabrina Savarese, who is working on her senior thesis for Political Science.

"It's fun to see students playing with each other," said Amy Siders, who has worked with the department for three years.

"I think it's great," said Savarese. "They're out there to protect and serve. I want to see them every day."
Women's cross country makes its debut at the NCAA regional poll

Women's golf opens fall season with a third-place finish in Wisconsin. Hurwitch breaks par for first time at UCF on her way to second place

UCF tees off, women start strong

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On Sunday and Monday, the UCF Women's Golf team took its show on the road to Verona, Wis., to open its fall season at the Badger Invitational.

Although the Knights finished third overall at 21 over par, two shots back of second-place Iowa State and three shots back of champion Ohio State, the experience proved valuable.

"The women played well," said the performance from her team. "They played awesome. I'm really proud of them," Klein said. "It is always hard to play in your first tournament, but I think they proved they belong.

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Women's basketball posts schedule for next season

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UCF's longest home stand begins at the end of January when they face four C-USA foes: Marshall on Jan. 31, East Carolina on Feb. 2, UAB on Feb. 7 and Memphis on Feb. 9.

UCF will play a home-and-home series against Southern Miss, Marshall, East Carolina, UAB and Memphis, but will face Houston, Rice, Tulsa, SMU and UTEP just once.

It will be the Knights' third season in C-USA and their first under Williams, who came to UCF from Murray State in March.

The Knights will host the C-USA Championship in their new arena from March 6-9.

The Knights will be counting on some freshmen and two sophomores.

UCF returns just two players from its 2006-07 team, Amber Long and Jackie Akers, and neither averaged more than six points per game last season.

Only two other teams in C-USA do not return starters who averaged at least 20 points per game last year: Tulane and Tulsa.

The two players that UCF returns are the fewest in C-USA. All other teams return four or five players from last year.

Tulane and SMU bring back 10 players each, while Rice returns 11 of its 13-senior class in its first year in C-USA.
As for the immigration debate, I do believe that's the biggest issue here. There are a lot of people out there, and illegal aliens have been the biggest issue here. I don't think there's an issue for the Hispanic community today. There's a whole special outreach to the Hispanic community, and it's a big issue for the Hispanic community. There's an issue with immigration. These two issues are most important in the Hispanic community. The Republican Party is a party of the Hispanic community. The Republican Party is a party of the Hispanic community. There are more than 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in the Republican Party. There are a lot of Hispanic voters in the Republican Party. There are a lot of Hispanic voters in the Republican Party. As a Hispanic, I don't think it's a big issue for the Hispanic community. There's a whole special outreach to the Hispanic community. There's an issue with immigration. These two issues are most important in the Hispanic community. The Republican Party is a party of the Hispanic community. The Republican Party is a party of the Hispanic community. There are more than 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in the Republican Party. There are a lot of Hispanic voters in the Republican Party. There are a lot of Hispanic voters in the Republican Party.
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