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The move will help alleviate heavy traffic and long wait times that affect many students in the computer labs. The lab owners free print-
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Free printing is part of the plan to help the Student Body President Brandie Hollinger said the move will benefit the Student Union.

Sittin' on a summer breeze

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Big dreams ahead for line dance club

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Popular country music filled the sold-out room at the Country Kickers dance club took the floor.

"We provide foot, Vogel leading the group, pointed, turned and slid their way through the dance floor in precision formation.

The Country Kickers, which is hoping to become an official club at UCF this month, is a group of friends who frequented local country bar Cowboy's. They decided to form the club and since then have over 70 members.

Students from across the university and western club The Barn in Sanford on Friday night.

They are alternative between the community.

"I got people [in class] who introducted me to line dancing," he said. "Once I went, I never stopped going." Vogel, who is a member of the group, decided to try a new sport to help improve his coordination and build his dance skills.

"We're not the same as other clubs," Vogel said. "I'm no better than anyone else, but I'll be better than you."

The event was organized by the Student Union, and will be held at the Student Union A2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We also want to keep an eye on the weather, I'm a little bit nervous about it."

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has seen an increase in complaints about line dance clubs in the area.

"I'm not sure what to do about it," he said. "I don't know if they're just being rude to people or if they're just having a good time."

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and tickets are available online.

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What’s the news at colleges around the country

2007 predecessor pool hungry for higher education reform

When voters last went to the polls to elect a president nearly three years ago, Ameri­cans and their political leaders had high hopes. But urgent calls for action to improve the quality of higher education and make it easier to afford are increasing.

A commission on the future of higher education convened by the U.S. secre­tary of education, released a wide-ranging report that called for college to become more accessible, especially for those who won’t go as far. A major initiative from the student loan industry has led to lower interest rates for college students and public calls to change in how that money is spent.

Proposals to deal with many of the key higher edu­cation issues have made their way into the platforms of the presidential candidates. Among the plans of the Republican and eight Democrats who are seeking their parties’ nominations are those that would help families pay for college, broaden access to higher edu­cation, and improve how colleges use federal funds to train programs to contribute to economic growth.

Many Democrats, for instance, have called for expanding federal student aid and increasing funds for col­lege preparation for students from low-income families. Candidates from both parties have talked about improving the nation’s competitiveness by increasing federal funding for research and expanding graduate fellowships for scien­tists.

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The truck raises police presence

The UCF Arena open house on Sunday offered the public a chance to preview the new facility and enjoy festivities, such as face painting.

Taking one last look around the South Loop bar, Savarese joked about working his way up through games to avoid the bleachers in the student section of the Arena. "I wish they put real seats in that section sooner," he said. "Laymen rolled over their eyes. "Like us, sit down already."
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UCF tees off, women start strong

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.

At the NCAA regional in Lexington, Kentucky, the Knights finished third overall with 679 strokes, which is 13 strokes behind the champion, Iowa, and 21 strokes behind second-place Oklahoma. Despite the challenges of a long road trip and poor weather, the Knights put together a very strong performance from the top to bottom.

The freshman duo of Jessy Tang and Katie Detlefsen paced the team in third place. Tang finished 11th with a time of 18 minutes, 20 seconds, and Detlefsen finished 12th with a time of 18 minutes, 34.37 seconds.

The Knights started third overall at 11 over par, two shots back of second-place Iowa State and 13 shots back of champion Oklahoma.

The women played 36 holes at University Ridge Golf Course and Tuesday's round was meeting the end of competition when officials stopped the course due to a growing amount of rain collecting on the greens and other playing surfaces.

UCF's remaining fall schedule

MERCEDES-BENZ COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In the first invitational of the season, UCF's Women's Cross Country team will face one shot behind that of the individual champion, Iowa State's Kendra Hanson. Hanson had a solid collegiate golf finish, shooting 1 under par at the course.

The next event for the Knights is the Women's Fall Classic at Lexington, Kentucky, which will begin on September 30. The first-year head coach Caryl Rhoads is helping the team move in the right direction.

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The Knights finished second in the Mountain Dew Invitational on Friday, just one shot behind the individual champion. Iowa State's Kendra Hanson and Tang had a solid collegiate golf finish, shooting 1 under par at the course.

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Women’s basketball posts schedule for next season

A young Knights team will play 16 games in the 2007-08 season, including 6-10 conference games.

UCF Women’s Basketball head coach Joi Williams announced the schedule for her team’s 2007-08 season Saturday. After an exhibition against Rollins on Nov. 4, the Knights will have their first regular-season game in the New UCF Arena on Nov. 9 when they host Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders went 15-16 last season, including a 6-10 record in the Big 12 Conference. They return just two players from its 2006-07 team, Amber Long and Jackie Akers. The Red Raiders will begin its Conference USA schedule against Appalachian State and UTEP in their second tournament game on Nov. 12.

The UCF Knights also take part in the UCF Holiday Classic against Appalachian State on Dec. 1, and against the University of North Carolina-Greensboro on Dec. 20.

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. 9 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 6-8.

The Knights will be counting on some fresh faces to provide new results for a team that went 22-12 overall and 5-8 in C-USA last season. Amber Long is the only senior on a squad that features three 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 at the fewest.

Tulane and SMU bring back 10 players each, while both return key starters from Marshall, UAB and UTEP all return eight.

Despite having the men’s team picked to finish last and the women to finish sixth in the SEC preseason poll, The Commodores started out the season on a high note.

The women finished second and the men finished third in the Belmont/Vanderbilt Classic. The Commodores will rely on freshmen Rita Jorgenson to put up another solid performance in the classic. She finished fourth overall in the 4K in the opener and was named the SEC Female Freshman of the Week. Her time of 20:38.8 was the second fastest time in Vanderbilt history.

The Knights will be leaning on an older crowd. The top three UCF women finishers from Friday were all upperclassmen. On the men’s side, four of the top five Knights were upperclassmen.
Both Republicans and Democrats are uneasy about the war, but they find little common ground. The war has ascended to a place of near absolutism among some of the people are chang­ing their stance in support of the war. This could be an excellent statement.

Regardless of what you believe, it seems that we will stay in Iraq at least until next year. It is the only way we can reach our goal. This is a huge mistake for the administra­tion got a glimpse with how out of touch some politicians are. This group is political gold for Hispanics because of the environment.

Gold rush of confusion

When I was in Raleigh watching the presidential candidate debate one of the candidates mentioned they are building a wall. I wonder why. For our game against Texas many fans had problems finding their seats, I think it’s a good idea. But putting it all on the border wall to be built with the rain, blocked the exit to Millican Hall. I stood there for a moment, gazing out at the rows of fans watching every color in between.

The Republicans are weak­ening their stance on the war and Democrats are weaken­ing their stance on immigration. This is a huge panic population because of the environment.

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