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Cajun flavor

After a huge win, UCF prepares for Louisiana-Lafayette — SEE SPORTS, A7

HALO'S LAST HURRAH

The long-running series wraps up with the release of Halo 3 — SEE VARIETY A9

4 senate seats are set for runoffs

College of Arts spot decided by 14 votes

Peace group honors forgotten IRA war victims

UCF is embarking on a new adventure this Saturday as it holds its first night game at the Bright House Networks Stadium.

Football fans not afraid of the dark

More lights will make games safer

Faculty request 6-month written notice of termination

UCF's Board of Trustees has announced that the university is seeking a new athletic director.

THE UNITED FUND'S NEW ADVENTURE

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ON THE TABLE

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"It helps to know what (the programmers and artists) are talking about, so then you can judge when you need a certain amount of time [for particular projects]," Chung said. Chung said that her time at FIEA was enlightening and that it opened her eyes to the gaming business.

"I played games for a long time," Chung said, "but I never thought about the business end or the steps it takes to make a video game.

Chris Happner, a FIEA art track graduate and current intern at Sony Tiburon, said that he enjoyed his time at FIEA and considers it a valuable experience.

Hapner said a memorable experience was taking part in the Master Plan game and that it was a great experience to have been able to make a fun and playable video game.

Hapner said the team that created Master Plan had a wide variety of different talents.

"Hapner said that diversity is what makes FIEA so special. He said that because students from all three fields of learning are fused into one team, it promotes students to learn certain aspects of each field.

Hapner said that his experience at FIEA was much like a boot camp because, although each student came in with a certain discipline, they were forced to work with the other track in a team, which created a real-life work environment.

"There is so much to do," Hapner said. "So they just throw you in and they don"t spoon-feed you anything."

Rogers Van Fleet, an international transfer student from Holland and an employee for electronic software developer 360Ed, said that because of the faculty and the facility's equipment, FIEA is a school like no other.

He said that FIEA helps to make students into good employees through project-based teams.

"It's about learning to do all aspects of things instead of just one focus," Van Fleet said.

Van Fleet said that FIEA encourages teamwork by putting students into teams and helping them interact with each other for several months on projects.

"You're stuck in the same space, and you spend a lot of time there, so you really get to know them," Van Fleet said.

He said that future FIEA students should take their work as seriously as they would if they were already working for a game company.

"Your reputation is almost as important as your work. You have to be ready to work," Van Fleet said. "If you work hard now, you will be prepared and become a very valuable team member.

"FIEA was much like a boot camp and the biggest spending item. But most districts have enough money in their reserve funds to make long-term budget cuts through funding shifts and delays new programs and cutting the state's $71 billion

Twenty-three MAP, bonuses for the current fiscal year that began July 1, 2006, would be shifted to next year's budget. It's a one-time projects such as building infrastructure and one-time worry about having to cut shifting and skills, by tapping one-time tax dollars, not just 407-823-2931.

Tallahassee - Two athletic programs, such as DJ Black Jack and Texas Garage B because of UCF Football and Basketball. The team of students created the game using their different talents.

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Poet tells his story at UCF

By Staff Writer

MEDINA

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Medusa is from Cuba and moved to New York City with her family when he was a teenager. She still lives there with her wife, Beth. Medusa's readers ranged from the many childhood memories she has of Cuba to the more recent happenings of his adult life.

In a sonnet titled "Love Underlines," he read about it he wrote in a Cuban baseball game with his father and a blonde woman distracted fans. "It's about beauty," Medida said before the poem. "I make a reference to a constellation and this may age me... Constella­tions are airplanes and that's the kind of plane we came over in to the States from Cuba."

Medina read a handful of his poems. He said that most of his poetry deal with New York and are less traditional and are more experimental.

"Most of them really have a sense of voice, not necessarily mine, but it's there for better or for worse," Medida said. After reading his poetry, Medina moved on to prose writing, specifically from a new novel, that is in New York, slated for release in December. It was written by Fernando Garcia Lorca and Medina translated the novel from Spanish with Mark Hatman.

Medina read the introduction before breaking for a short question and answer session...

Afterwards, she signed books for his fans.

Christine Fleming, a 29-year-old junior creative writing major attended the reading. She heard about it from her professors through e-mail and also saw a news article.

"I thought it was wonderful," Fleming said. "There could've been a bigger turnout, but I was size they have to go to school instead of having to go somewhere else."

Fleming said she hadn't read any of Medina's works before she heard him speak, but she she was always really enjoyed in readings.

David Kaspar, a 28-year-old junior liberal studies major, said he enjoyed the reading as well. He heard about it from Fleming, but he had never been to a reading before.

Kaspar said he was at a loss for words to describe his feel­ings about the reading, but he said it was softer than most poetry readings.

"I like prose a lot," Kaspar said.

The event was part of a series at UCF called "Written in the Sun," which is supported by the English department and the Florida Literary Arts Coalition.

Catherine Carson, a 3-year graduate student and writing program assistant for Mas­ter of the Fine Arts, helped to put the event together. She has been doing events like this for the past six years as a student at UCF.

"I was really happy with the turnout," Carson said. "We expected 25 people, but the turnout was about 65 people."

She said that copublous put flyers around and sent packets correlated Medina's work to students in the master of the fine arts classes.

"FLAC put together the series, and we select who we want," Carson said. "And we definitely selected him.

Medina said it was nice to come to UCF and that he has had family members come here for school. He said he even had the chance to have lunch with his nephew, a UCF student, on Wednesday before his reading.

He said he was excited to have readings. He was always doing events like this for students, faculty and fans, gath­ering poet, novelist and UCF alumnus, qued for his fans. He will work on the writing for the next session.

UFP also wanted clarification on the number of disciplinary actions.

"There is no one line to part, what is there is a list of disciplinary action and these are singular activities and when the employee is acting on university property," UFP said. "It's not just one line to part, what is there is a list of disciplinary action and these are singular activities and when the employee is acting on university property."

UFP also wanted professo­ns to be given notification of when they are eligible to retire, so that professors won't resign, thus losing the benefits accorded through retirement.

"They could be cutting themselves off from the retirement that they've earned," Young said.

For the job abandonment section of the article, the BOT and UFP disagreed.

"I don't think job abandon­ment is a disciplinary action," Matimone said, saying that if the employee has decided to leave his job on his own accord, the university shouldn't have to discipline him. UFP added a phrase to the part of the section so that an employee would not be disci­plined if the was not at fault for not being at his job. BOT wants to strike that phrase, but more will be discussed later.

Money issues came up as well. Because of the problems professors are facing with budget cuts, there is a pros­pective flat rate for each college to pay professors. This is already done in the College of Business Administration.

If this overlaid compensa­tion plan were to be imple­mented, the flat rate would be added to the college's depart­ment. This amount would vary depending on the college and the typical salaries of its profes­sors, Andrews said.

The BOT said it could put something on the table about salary, but UFP and BOT agreed it would be best not to, with budget problems still looming.

"We don't really want to hold up the process any longer," Andrews said. "But, I just never know with the Legislature what's going to come out. Right now, what we're hearing from Tallahas­see is we're not going to take more than 4 percent (Budget 4)."
**Boeing asks for support for户型a demourators**

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The 27-year-old Vick, who had "hep in" usually since 2005, was on TV footage of the vio­lence and blood on display, not praying for the country’s presidential candidates.

A former NFL player who’s made no secret of his alcohol problem.

Aided by nearly a month of peaceful demonstrations against the war in Iraq, government forces opened fire on protesters Wednesday.

A 47-year-old singer turned to drugs.

A committee of the Board of Directors had asked the University’s health center.

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UCF student places 1st at World Cyber Games

STEAN BUTLER

In cyberspace, Kaamran Siddique is known as Omegaelite.

Siddique, a 22-year-old computer science major at UCF, won first place playing Need For Speed: Carbon at the World Cyber Games on Sept. 17.

According to the official website, the World Cyber Games, started in 2006, is the largest video game competition in the world. "In 2006, there were 17 countries, which were mostly Asian," said Derek Musso, a spokesperson for the World Cyber Games. "Today there are 3.5 million people competing from 74 countries.


Siddique is an experienced Need for Speed Carbon player and has competed in NFS competitions held in such cities as Manhattan and Los Angeles.

The World Cyber Games 2007 USA Finals, which were held at Universal Studios, were a great opportunity for gamers.

When Siddique came in first for NFS, he received more than $5,000 in prizes. He also earned one of 22 spots on Team USA.

Siddique said his achievement came with a lot of practice.

"I practice three hours a week as the event comes closer," he said.

He said it's necessary to devote this time to enhance certain abilities in Need for Speed.

"Marksmanship, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and calculating turns are important," Siddique said.

He said he has to discuss the tournaments with his professors in order to balance his classes and his practice time.

"At the tournament, I was doing school work on my laptop in the lobby," he said.

Musso said that it's quite an accomplishment to become part of Team USA.

"Siddique is the only person in Orlando to win a place on Team USA," he said.

Joseph Marrero, a friend of Siddique's and a computer programmer who attends Florida International University, said that Siddique brings unique skills to cyberspace.

"He was always a competitive person," Marrero said in an email, "in fact, before his pro-gaming career he was competing in ACM programming competitions.

Coming next for Siddique and Team USA is a trip to the World Cyber Games 2007 Grand Final on Oct. 4-7.

Since 2004, the World Cyber Games has chosen a different city in which to hold the festival every year. This year, the city is Seattle.

The Grand Final has more than 700 participating players from 74 countries.

The event will give Team USA the chance to compete against other nations.

"It is the Olympics for video games," Musso said. "I thought it was good at video games until I watched some of these guys play. They really have it down to a science."


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Election participation saw 38.7 percent increase

Table tennis team paddles competition; ranks 13th

NOLAN SHARP
Corresponding Writer

For years, the game of table tennis has captivated sports fans the world over. From the dainty miniscule days of Ping to this summer’s far less entertaining festivals of Pong, American fascination with the tiny white plastic ball has ranged from reverence to outright disdain.

But the table tennis club at UCF has made it a point to make the sport accessible to all. Alumni John McInemey founded the table tennis club in 2003, when UCF was one of the last Division II universities in Florida to add a competitive table tennis team.

In 2005, the team beat the University of Florida in an away game, propelling them to No. 215 in the nation. And after a successful 2006-2007 season, the team climbed into the top 25.

Now, the team enters this season ranked at No. 21 of more than 140 university teams in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association.

“This year we’re hoping to win state, and we’re hoping to qualify for nationals,” McInemey said. “As a team we climb the rankings, it also continues to grow. Kids will continue to recruit a lot of top players from Florida, and this year we’ve added more non-Florida players, which we hope will make us more competitive.”

McInemey said that the club is not all about competition; rather, it’s mainly just looking for guys with experience and enthusiasm.

“You don’t have to be a table tennis-trained player to join our club. Anybody who is a UCF student can try out for the team,” McInemey said. “Not only is the club welcoming to anyone who is interested in the sport, it comes with a low price of admission.

“We like to keep costs to a minimum so we can bring in the maximum number of people who are interested in the sport. Our club is very affordable, and we have free play every Monday night. We have a willingness to provide everything for club members.

McInemey said that the club offers a lot of fun.”

The game of pingpong can be played by anyone with a table, a net, two paddles and a tiny white plastic ball. But for some, it can be a lot more.

Sometimes a Band-Aid is not enough for club and team members alike.

“We don’t just play here on campus, we play all around,” said John Juncos, table tennis vice president. “Whether you’re looking to play for fun or to actually play on the team, you can come to us as a Florida State or even maybe to nationals in Las Vegas. We play pretty much everywhere now that people are learning about the sport a little more.”

There is a wealth of information regarding the sport that can be learned from joining the club. For example, one might learn the difference between pingpong and table tennis. As club members have found, the two familiar terms are not synonymous.

“The game of pingpong can be played by anyone with a table, and the other two paddles and a ball. Rules can be determined by the players, and it is generally played for fun by anyone with room for a table and a few minutes to kill.

Table tennis, however, is the competitive evolution of pingpong. There is a set standard for rules of play, and it is recognized as a sport.

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Rushing all the Rage

MELISSA HEYBOD
Senior Staff Writer

Coming off one of the biggest, most impressive wins in school history, and the first at Bright House Networks Stadium — a 56-20 romping of the Memphis Tigers, one would think the UCF Football team would be riding high on cockiness rather than confidence. But that’s not the case. The Knights know that no team can go unoverlooked, including the RAGIN' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette, who will enter tomorrow’s game with an un-sad record.

"Being confident is being confident in your ability and knowing what we can do as a team and going out and executing that," junior defensive back Thayer Owl said. "I feel like that’s where we are right now. We are ready to go out there and win the next game."

But confidence is only the first step. The Knights are really excited to play this game and play in their first real road game.

Next Game

UCF vs. Louisiana-LaFayette

Tomorrow at 6 p.m. | Bright House Networks Stadium

KNIGHTS KEY POINTS

Offense

Brian Murphy
Staff Writer

The UCF Football team began the season filled with uncertainty and doubt, but everyone was excited to see what they could do as a whole. The Knights will face off against the Ragin' Cajuns, who are averaging 9.5 points per game against the Knights in the last two games.

Defense

The Knights have found the perfect 1-2 punch that has led to a top defense in the country.

Volleyball opens Arena to sports

RYAN BASS
Staff Writer

It has hosted three concert events, a pop rally and even welcomed the cheerleaders to town. But tonight, the New UCF Arena will finally be hosting its first athletic event.

Part of a $107 million project, the Arena, which opened Sept. 1, will host the volleyball match between UCF and East Carolina tonight at 7 p.m.

"We are really excited to play in the new space," junior middle blocker Jenny Heppert said. "It's a new arena, and it's just incredible and it's such a great thing for UCF."...To be the first team to play in there is really special.

The 7,000-seat state-of-the-art Arena will feature new amenities such as premium sound and video, graphics and brand-new high-definition screens.

"Right off the bat, it is huge," said Ben Gibbs, assistant general manager of the Arena. "It's a much more sophisticated system in terms of it having internet TV systems and a huge, multi-million dollar sound system, so when you go to a basketball game...

"Right away, you will notice that there are four high-definition screen on the scoreboard where there wasn't before." Global Spectrum, the management company partnering with the Arena, is one of the leading technology companies in the country.

CAJUN KEY POINTS

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Knights try to limit late mistakes

The team was looking to limit mistakes, but they couldn't do it.

**imoto**

The Knights lost three games in the season, and the last two were against the Ragin' Cajuns. The final score was 47-14. The Knights lead the nation with 257.5 rushing yards per game. They have scored 25 touchdowns in the season, and 12 of those were rushing touchdowns.

The Knights' offense is something that has been a problem for them all season. They have scored only one rushing touchdown in the second half of the season.

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**UFC looks to expose bad rush defense**

The team has been struggling with their rush defense, and they are looking to improve. They have allowed 27 rushing touchdowns this season, and they have one of the worst rush defenses in the conference.

Michael Greco, who gives the Knights a type of mobility and speed they haven't seen in a while, is leading the team with 124 yards rushing per game. He has scored seven touchdowns in the season, and he has been getting some attention for the Heisman Trophy as well.

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UCF students lined up outside of major retailers waiting for a chance to get their hands on Microsoft's latest video game blockbuster, Halo 3.

With more than one million pre-orders and more than 30,000 retailers opening up early Tuesday morning to sell the game, students equipped with lawn chairs, portable TVs and gaming consoles began their wait for the release of Microsoft and developer Bungie Studio's Halo 3 on the Xbox 360.

Halo 3 is a first-person shooter, which according to Microsoft, is the biggest entertainment launch of all time. The game places players behind the mask of Master Chief, a super-soldier for the United Nations Space Command, and inside his battle against an invading alien force called the Covenant.

The series, which began in 2001, had players taking the role of Master Chief and defeating the Covenant forces on an artificial space-habitat called the "halo," while in Halo 2, players took the roles of both Master Chief and a new character, the Arbiter - fallen Covenant equivalent of Master Chief turned holy warrior.

Michael Hilton, an 18-year-old political science major and an ROTC cadet, said that this was not his first time waiting outside for a Halo game.

"I got the first one [normally], but I waited outside Wal-Mart for the Halo 2 release," he said.

Hilton said that it was the action-adventure environment and storyline that had him most excited about the release of Halo 3.

"I love the adventure and the plotline," he said. "And it's fun to blow stuff up!"

Hilton said that Halo 3 might actually interfere with their classes for the rest of the week.

"I have a Lit class on Tuesday, and I might not be able to make that," Hilton said. "I'll make most of my classes.

For Mark Showman, an aerospace engineering major, the day of Halo 3's release is strictly Halo day.

"I'm going to play all night," he said. "I'll miss English and calculus, even though I probably shouldn't miss those.

Ratliff said that he is excited about the game's new features, such as features and weaponry, that Halo 3 will offer along with the multi-player aspect available for Xbox Live, Microsoft's online service.

According to Microsoft, Halo 3 will be the final adventure for Master Chief, and there is no slate of another shooter Halo game.

This ties in with the game's advertising tagline, telling players to pick up their controllers one last time and "finish the fight."

Speculation has spread about what will happen to Halo's hero, and for Bateman, an honorable end would be satisfying.

"I think Master Chief will die," Bateman said. "It seems like a fitting end."

Scott Kelly, a 20-year-old computer engineering major, said that he wishes Microsoft will kill Master Chief.

"I think Master Chief will live," he said. "He's too profitable.

Kelly, who said he hated Halo 2 because of certain bugs in the game play and an unsatisfactory single-player mode, said that he is looking forward to Halo 3's new four-player cooperative play.

The cooperative play will allow players to team up with friends or other online players.

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MELISSA ETHE RIDGE'S PAST AWAKENES ON HER EIGHTH ALBUM

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For the release of her ninth studio album, Melissa Etheridge decided to revisit her beginnings. The attention she focused on creating her humble, acoustic rock ballads resulted in The Awakening. This collection of songs ranges from optimistic to emotional, helping to define and bring closure to personal chapters in Etheridge's life.

For career in the music industry has proved both lucrative and demanding, but like the obstacles in her life, Etheridge's music is always a journey.

While the song elements may be inspired by particular situations in her life, Etheridge's music is timeless in its ability to transcend from generation to generation.

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With the passing of her career comes a reliable wisdom. Even with her celebrity status, Etheridge's experience and struggles make her music more believable and human. Etheridge succeeds in tailoring a softer side on The Awakening. Mysterious, moody, and relationships and a successful battle with cancer provided inspiration for Etheridge's songwriting.

The final product explores an incredibly powerful woman in noteworthy songs such as "An Unexpected Rain" and "The Kingdom of Heaven." Still pretty known best as her hit single "Come to My windows," Etheridge has made a name for herself in other important fields.

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Across the Universe

"I Wanna Hold Your Hand" as a fictional love ballad.

"Come Together" as a pimp-and-bobber anthem

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**The Game Plan**

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In the Shadow of the Moon

**Shadows sheds light on moon adventurers**

JAMIE SALMAZIAN

In the land of fashion, women have a wide selection of accessories to choose from when they want to redefine their style. And, there's no reason why men can't have the same options.

But what if you want to change your style by growing facial hair? Whether you're a scrubby or a wannabe, there are many options to choose from in this category.

And it seems that the full beard is becoming the facial style of the moment.

Zac Taylor, a 20-year-old junior business management major, has had his full beard for almost a year. Taylor said he looks like it so far. But it's not a style he will continue to grow.

"I try to look neat with my friends," Taylor said.

He said he decided to keep it until December, but he might trim it before then.

"It kind of became part of me," Taylor explained.

In Dobele, a 21-year-old senior advertising and public relations major, he has an in-house beard.

"It's not a full beard, but it's not just stubble — I guess you can say he's kind of scruffy."

"It makes me look like I have a beard," Dobele said.

What he prefers is to keep the scruffy look of a five o'clock shadow.

Dobele has been growing his beard since eighth grade.

"I decided that President Lincoln definitely had the best beard," Dobele said.

Zach Martin, a 20-year-old junior English major, said he grew his beard for more years than he likes. His beard hinders the hitball on his face.

"I've only been 15 for about six years for almost eight years now," Martin said.

"I was told that beard belongs to Uncle Jesse from the show 'Dukes of Hazzard.'"

"Boards are cool," Martin said.

So whether you want a beard like Zac Taylor's or a scrubby like Dobele's, or a trendy mustache, the good news is that you can change up your look with every shave. With cooler weather, you can hide your face from the elements, too, or make you look like a lumberjack — if that's what you want.
Fans excited about 'Forge' customizing options

Forge Sauer, who is one of the lead designers on the game, said that he is a fan of online gaming. He said that the biggest thing in gaming right now is the Halo franchise, which has already made a tremendous impact in the gaming world.

The game, which does not leave the shooter aspect of Halo alone, will have a new vehicle and accessory place­ment. "Forge" is cool because, if the game sticks, you can make something out of it," Sauer said.

Sauer, who said he is a big fan of competitive play, said that the new option will allow him to get more out of the game in a huge fan of online gaming. Online gaming will be the only taste gamers get of the Halo universe.

"Halo: The Master Chief Collection" is a big release for this year, possibly the biggest game release of this summer, according to Kelly, the Halo franchise has already made a tremendous impact in the gaming world.

"This is going to be the biggest game release of this year, possibly ever," Kelly said. "It's going to be fun."
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