HOLIDAYS

DON'T GET YOUR PANTIES IN A BUNCH

A national day of action to promote the war in Iraq culminated for the southeast region in downtown Orlando's Lake Eola Park on Saturday.

About 2,000 protesters around with signs, flags and drums convened to let out their displeasure of President George Bush, his governmental policies, his political suc-

American Forks, UT

OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT HOLDS MOVIE NIGHT

An opportunity for the Office of Student Involvement to be entertained, starting at 8 p.m. on Friday. Staff Writer

LOCAL & STATE

MIAMI POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH FIRST-DEGREE GRAND THEFT

A Miami-Dade police officer faces a charge of first-degree grand theft. Officer Ricardo Toledo was arrested and is being held in lieu of $5,000 bail after police received a tip. Authorities say Toledo pocketed $1,800 in cash and took the money when he was sent on a call.

NATION & WORLD

IRAQ WAR PROTEST DRAWS THOUSANDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Thousands of people packed the square as they marched through downtown on Saturday, chanting and carrying signs that read: "Don't Give Up, Iraq and Syria." A huge crowd gathered as they protested against the war in Iraq.

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..."I don't want to bump someone's sandwich away," Wright said. Smith suggested that the open house should have taken place on a different day.

"The only way this is going to change is if the people rise up."
Update focuses on ‘chemo-brain’

ARANDA PEVY

The Women’s Research Center at UCF hosted its ninth annual Breast Cancer Update Thursday morning in the Partnership II Building.

This year’s topic was “Coping with GCPS: Cognitive Changes, Anxiety and Depression,” a majority of female patients and their caregivers attended.

Speakers focused on the “chemo-brain” and the changes that occur because of radiation and chemotherapy—treatments for breast cancer—resulting in memory and learning problems.

Dr. Malia Callgherr, a clinical pharmacist at Florida Hospital, said the patients want to “come to the realization that brain-brain is not a myth and there is enough literature-based information to support it.”

Callgherr said she wants to reach out to more clinics to reach more patients. She suggested informing the patients of what to expect from the side effects of chemotherapy.

“It’s scary because they still have function,” Callgherr said.

Keynote speaker Barbara Melamed, the program director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Money College, quoted William Osler, the father of Modern Medicine.

“It’s more important to treat the person who has the disease than to treat the disease,” she said.

Melamed, whose mother is a breast cancer survivor, focused on prevention, treatment and the family of breast cancer patients.

She said more needs to be done with pain management and psychological intervention.

“It is possible for you and others to cope and for our entire family to cope,” she said.

Other speakers at the seminar included: Dr. Ozbiul Bynak of the South Carolina Breast Cancer Foundation and Carol Loerzel, an associate professor of the University of Iowa’s College of Medicine.

In 2007, there were 171,400 new diagnoses of breast cancer and 40,800 people died from the disease. Loerzel said these numbers are declining.

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Forensic science program no CSI

BY STEVE GOYER

Fingerprints, DNA, fibers and chemicals are part of what makes up UCF's forensic science program. But for some students, there is much more to the program than what you see on TV.

"This is a science-based course, and we expect our students to be good scientists," said Barry Fookes, a professor in the chemistry department. "If you're not good at science, don't take the easy route." 

Fookes said students are being trained to have very strong backgrounds in science. The program offers two tracks to choose from: a Master of Science in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Students can choose between Chemistry and Criminal Justice, along with other math and science courses to round out the track.

Camille Moore, a senior majoring in the Analysis track, said she chose forensic science because she is good at math and chemistry and likes that the field is always changing.

"It's very hard," Moore said, "but very rewarding." But for some students, the research of the program appears to be the least enjoyable aspect.

"We've only ever had one easy exam in 34 years," who now works for the Florida State Attorney's Office.

Chris Moody, a forensic science major who graduated in 2005 and recently came back to UCF to continue his education, said he likes the challenge of the program.

He also said the program seems to be getting harder now and is made up of mostly men.

"They have added more difficult material," Moody said. "When I was in the undergraduate program it was only about 3 percent, but the rest was female.

Fookes said that out of all 515 students, 83 percent are female.

"It's good that women want to get involved," said Felicia Lochman, a 2-year-old senior in the program. "Women are very detailed. They also need the training to have fingers tied, train and has helped her with the challenge of the program.

Moody said he thinks more women populate the program because women are very thorough and result-driven.

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"We have to be very scientific," Fookes said. "If we don't do it right, then it can be used against you in a court of law, such as in a job interview or for being hired.""}

On Television

ON TELEVISION CRIME SHOWS,

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mother didn't show up after school one day. He was confused, for his father had never been part of his life, spent the next year in state custody before they were reunited.

When he was 12, his mother tested positive for cocaine, and he was taken away again. He bounced in and out of foster care until a year ago at age 15 when a friend's parent, DCP Collins was living in an apartment with other youth and adults.

DCF intervened again.

Frustrated with moving from school to school, he obtained his GED this year.

He is taking classes at Nassau Junior College and lives independently under guidance from his caseworker.

Buttersworth and Sheldon are among the "DCP big wigs" — now his mentors and ones he wants to become a lawyer and advocate for foster children. But he has a long way to go, and a lot to overcome in a foster system that has long been broken.

The task force released a preliminary report this month that recommended more oversight of private foster care, increased attention to improved measures to keep track of children and more communication with parents and children affected by the foster care system. Its final report is expected to be released Nov. 2.

Collins said he has a special responsibility to all the other foster children.

Higher education

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Government Cuts make final $1 billion in state budget cuts

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Jeb Bush has made final $1 billion in state budget cuts — he did so reluctantly and without fanfare.

Bush signed his signature Friday to the budget revision bills that went to him two weeks ago by the Legislature.

They enact tuition increases at public universities and colleges and cuts to the state's water supply projects, among other changes.

Legging home sales and a surging economy found lawmakers making a special session run this month to deal with a $1.3 billion budget shortfall in the state's $57 billion plan.

The budget cuts for the poor are among the suffering that will be seen in the revised budget.

The program that serves Medicaid patients lose $238 million, saving homes that care for them lose another $84.5 million.

Collins revised his earlier position, signing a bill that allows state universities and community colleges to raise tuition by 5 percent beginning this fall.

The governor had vetoed a smaller increase in the spring, but said he did not attempt to veto this bill because he believes residents are being punished with other financial restoration bills.

He said he expects at least 30 percent of the tuition increases to be used for scholarships.

The increase will amount to a $103 billion for university students taking 12 credit hours in the spring semester and about $29 for community colleges taking 12 credit hours.

The bill will also let universities impose a technology fee up to 5 percent of the tuition beginning in the fall of 2003.

Still, some higher education officials said the increases did not go far enough.

A smaller number of humanities groups and environmentalists said the cuts could lead to a $30 million reduction in the state's alternative water supply programs.

Iraq War protest draws thousands across the country

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of people called for a swift end to the war in Iraq as they marched through downtown on Sunday, chanting and carrying signs that read, "Stop the war! Get rich, Iraqis and Git Ol' Out!"

The streets were filled with thousands as labor union members, anti-war activists, clergy and others pulled near City Hall before marching to Dolores Park.

As part of the demonstration, protesters fell on Market Street as part of a "die in" to commemorate the thousands of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians who have died since the conflict began in March 2003.

The protest was the largest in a series of war protests taking place in New York, Los Angeles and other U.S. cities, organizers said.

No official head count was available. Organizers of the event estimated about 30,000 people participated in San Francisco. It appeared there were more than 50,000 people attended the march.

Automaton continues work after second spacewalk

HOOVER — Two spacewalking astronauts yesterday unhooked a 25,000-pound module from the International Space Station Sunday, setting the delicate process of moving the giant solar array to achieve a more powerful orientation.

Spacewalking Scott Parazynski later reported that their 6-and-1/2-hour repair mission had gone well.

The robotic arm operations outside the station will move the glider to a location where it can be temporarily docked. Installation is set for Tuesday during the station's third spacewalk.

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The space station's crew will relocate Harmony after discovery of a leak in another week.

The European Space Agency's science laboratory, named Columbus, will hook onto Harmony as early as December, the Japanese Space Agency's lab — called ETSO or in English, Hope — will latch onto Harmony early next year.

Harmony will also function as a nerve center, monitoring vital signs, electricity and water for the space station.

While Parazynski and his partner ventured 15 hours in space, thousands across the country who are lending a hand to those who are helping.

A crowd protesting the Iraq War marches down Dolores Street, Saturday in San Francisco. The protest was one in a series of protests taking place across the U.S. and other countries.

Israel begins cuts in food supplies to Gaza Strip

Israel began cutting vital food shipments to the Gaza Strip on Sunday, following a three-month buildup of pressure on the area's 1.4 million population. About 12 tons of Palestinian rocket fire prompted the move.

Doron Alon, the Israeli economy minister, said: "No food fuel to Gaza, confirmed it had received instructions from the Israeli Defense Ministry to reduce ship­ments.

The move drew sharp criticism from Palestinians in Gaza, which already suffers frequent power outages.

Israel's Defense Minister Ehud Barak approved a plan Monday to cut food and fuel aid to Gaza.

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$500 awarded at each home game

amounts awarded for each one. While SGA allotted about $250,000 in scholarship funds last year, only about $250,000 was distributed, mainly due to a lack of applicants for some awards. That money rolled over and will be included in this year's available amount of about $250,000, Sciarrino said.

Higher interest rates — up to 13 percent — and increasing student fees (each year has added to more available money in SGA scholarships, Sciarrino said.

Sciarrino said he hopes to garner more student interest in the contest and give out more awards for veterans and ROTC members to service-learning scholarships, which range from $250 to $1,000.

"My goal is to find someone who's really being a true Knight, even though there are some similar scholarships at five other universities," said Brandon Delanois, graduate assistant for SGA's scholarship committee.

"I was thinking about who my best friends at school are, and then I thought about the people who are always the most passionate and the most spirited students at school," Delanois said.

The Campus Involvement Scholarship is given to the most spirited Knights fan. To receive one, students need to apply for the scholarship at the Louisiana State University Student Union office. Warning! The deadline for applications is Dec. 7.

"We're trying to give away 100 scholarships at this point," Delanois said. "We'll probably give out 50 or 60 awards that we're able to, and we want to give them out to the best people who are attending the games.

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The event was not held at the Student Union because space there was limited. Smith and Rivard expressed their confusion over the way the event was communicated because, in the past, UCPD has used terms like "open house" and "open forum" interchangeably. The students are under the pretense that it is being held "open forum." Will Lusk, a junior political science major, and a SGA senator, disagreed with Smith and Lusk.

"It was not meant to be an open forum," Lusk said. "If a student has a concern to address, this is a friendly environment. This office will be doing little more than community relations, which makes sense because the police station is in the middle of a residence hall and is a way for them to get to us." The SGA advised that the open house through an ad in the Student Union newsletter and group posts that were shared through social media. Cpl. James Hoop, the community relations officer, sent out numerous mass e-mails to the student body prior to Friday.

Some students said they needed the visible advertisement of food to bring them into the office. "When I walked by, I saw a guy with pizza, and I saw the free food sign," sophomore public administration major Bridget Hall said. Whistles, pens, pencils and gun locks were various items the Police Department gave out. Students could also enter a drawing to win Teddy bears, nail UCPD bookmarks, T-shirts and headphones, all donated by Harns & Noble. Before entering the drawing, Rupert Nosio, a junior political science major, said he would rather get a T-shirt and a gift at the office about Free Press, a topic that Nozio is very interested in. "He encouraged me to hand out this pen pack to someone who has a child and a gun," Nozio said.

The new Community Relations Office is part of an initiative for students to better communicate with the police officers. Maj. Randy Mingo of the UCPD said.

"The police department is located on the outskirts of campus by academic. Village is not an ideal location for volunteers, people with complaints or [preparatory] needing advice," Mingo said.

Some attendees said having the office in the Job 7 Washington Center makes perfect sense.

"We get a lot of student traffic through here," said UCPD Card Services Manager Timothy Robles, who stopped by to see the new office. "It absolutely makes me feel safer having them right down the hall." Mingo had dozens of logo t-shirts from students about class projects and the police in general and told them he was excited to have this resource on campus for students.

If students have to search for a research, they are not as likely to take advantage of what is available," Mingo said.

This event was part of an initiative set forth by Smith and Rivard, based on one of their election platforms. "While campaigning last year, students complained that they didn't know exactly about the police officers," Hollinger said. "This allows them to communicate with the officers." Derrick Harris, the SGA director of Student Advocacy, agreed.

"Anything we can do to foster a relationship between the student community and the police department," Har­ ris said, "we are going to do this year.

Hall, who is a member of the Student Advocacy Com­ mittee, said she has concerns regarding the jogwalking ticketing and thinks that she may use the office in the future to discuss this issue. Rivard said he also intends to set up meetings with the community relations officers about the recent jogwalking ticketing issues that have riled many students on campus.

The department hopes to bring a victim's advocate into the Community Relations Office soon. Victim's advocates are currently located in Research Park, Mingo said.

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Protesters march against Iraq War despite rain

By Kyle Hauck

The Gallery of Eagles and supporters of the war opposed the demonstration, proving the war was won by the Suncoast. At the site of Eagles, a national right-wing group that opposes the war on Iraq gathered at the site of the national salad. Nearly all over the southwest region of the U.S., attended the national calls. Kate Addis of Eagles, a national nonprofit group that promotes a pro-American message, came out to counter-protest against the war rally and marched. We just want to get a message out that the only reason there is not what the hate from those that took to the streets said, said the Florida coordinator of Gathering of Eagles. "We don't believe that you can say you support the war and then do actions that embolden the enemy and kill our soldiers," the Florida coordinator said. Our organization is pro-mops, pro-peace victory. Although the activists were focused on spreading the message of peace and ending the war, one of the main goals was to build a stronger anti-war coalition among the campus communities and groups with the hope of creating effective change. It's very important to build coalitions of people who are opposed to the war because, as you know, in poll after poll in the U.S., there is a majority that wants to get out of Iraq, and this majority is effectively silenced," Barry said. "So the only way for the international community to have its voice heard is by organizing coalitions and by affecting the political process, and we intend to do that in several ways.

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Competition to expand outside of Greeks in '08

Alex Christophel, member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, performed at UF last week. Below, he performed a montage of hits and was named best performer of the competition.

Before the competition, Christophel said, "We took the House of Blues logo. We wanted people to realize that it was more than just a logo and singing. It gets away from American Idol and lets us be able to play around with it for the upcoming years."

The competition was open to all sororities and fraternities within the UCF community. The competition was available to other organizations, Christophel said.

"This was our third year doing this big philanthropy, and we want to expand it to other organizations like LEAD Scholars and the Honors College," Christophel said. "I feel like [the competition] is still in its infancy so we're still working out kinks in it."

Despite some minor audio difficulties, the performances went off without a hitch.

Performances ranged from original compilations to a rendition of a Broadway musical.

Competitors were judged on vocal performance, stage presence, crowd reaction and overall performance. Each participant's organization also received additional points for T-shirt sales and donations. The points were then added together for a final score.

Competitors had to have talent performing. The organization also get extra points from the number of T-shirts (shirt buy). Christophel said, "Whatever money is left over from the shirt [sales] will go toward the charity event. (A) $5 registration fee goes toward the charities. Alpha Epsilon Phi has raised $500 in additional donations to their T-shirt purchase and on top of their $50 registration."

At the end of the night, one fraternity and one sorority were awarded first place, along with one overall winner.

The night's winners were Alpha Xi Delta索尼雅 for Sara Robbins and Sarah Lam's performance of "Life of the Party" from the Broadway musical The Wild Party and Phi Delta Theta fraternity for Alex Saltikoff's acoustic mix, which featured songs such as "I glazed" by R. Kelly, "Gimme More" by Britney Spears and "Can't Get This Feeling" by Soulja Boy Tell'em.

"We take the first-place prize as the council as our partners for the night and our first-place literally basically gets bragging rights," Christophel said.

The overall winner was Alpha Xi Delta's Audra Martin's performance of "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston.

"That's my favorite song," Martin said. "(This is) my vocal idol." Martin will receive studio time to record the song courtesy of Full Sail.

"We've had that [recording] opportunity for all three years now. This is our first year doing it with Full Sail," Christophel said.

Christophel said, "We've had that opportunity to reach a pretty big audience."

As for next year, Christophel said he expects the UCF community to have smoother transition in planning the event.

"My plan is to leave a whole week in between for Beta Idol," Christophel said. "I've had to figure out a lot of stuff on my own, the potential that it has so I'm loving it with it's going to be great."
WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

WHITNEY HAMRICK

In Florida, hurricanes are the norm. Each year during the hurricane season from June 1 to Nov. 30, residents prepare for the potential property damage and the confusion of insurance companies.

Mark Soskin, associate professor of economics at UCF said insurance cost is affecting Florida as much as the growing housing prices and the state budget crisis.

"The state has become the insurer of last resort, and it’s the citizens’ insurance which is larger than any other state has ever done," Soskin said. "All you need is for a hurricane like Andrew ... to be 10 miles farther north than it actually was, and you would have bankrupted half the insurance companies in the country, and it certainly would bankrupt the state of Florida, and yet we have this convenient kind of myth that we’re covering that.

Insurance policies vary on what is covered, and it is up to the resident purchasing the policy to understand their coverage. But the language can be confusing.

"You’d better know that your policy doesn’t cover your windstorm policies, the insurance will not cover your hurricane insurance, and it would have bankrupted, clearly did it because the wind has blown the roof off," Soskin said.

Soskin said that the two basic principles insurance companies operate under are the theory of large numbers and the probability that inci­dences will be unrelated, which is the premise in using actuarial insurance, auto insurance and even wildfire insurance.

Because insurance operations are similar to banks, hurricane losses are not unattact­ed in the sense that if one house in a neighborhood is destroyed, so are the others. Insurance companies are less likely to be able to cover all the damage of a hurricane as the coverage is unsustainable when the larger number trees break down.

The best way to under­stand insurance policy is to understand what damage the area has incurred in previous hurricane seasons and the location’s propensity for damage.

"Insurance companies use computer programs to assess the potential of damages to be covered," said Charles Watson, a numerical model­er and meteorology researcher in Savannah, Ga.

"There are free available computer programs online that help insurance companies, and they rarely disagree with each other. If they give a rate that is a little higher, the client [insurance holder] doesn’t like it and if there is a lot of disagreement about the cost of business out of a major [hurricane]," Watson said.

UCF statistics professor Mark Johnson has worked with the National Hurricane Center to develop a model with Watson, who founded Weather Technology Group, an atmospheric and the Kinetic Analysis Corp., he runs the Web site http://hurricanes.methaz.org.

The Web site provides hourly storm tracking updates worldwide, as well as provid­ing 972 models used in hurri­cane insurance and damage cost predictions based on location.

Also provided on the Web site is a link to an experimental web-based system called Mapping for Emergency Management Decision Making, or MEM­DS, the Florida land mitiga­tion strategy support, contr­ived by the Florida Department of Community Affairs to assess the potential damage an area can sustain.

"The local mitigation site has done the most for the function of insurance companies," Watson said. "Our site provides the range of valid values. If it’s outside the range of our numbers, you know they’re doing something wrong.

The Web site uses data from hurricane activity from the past 100 years, comparing storm tracking and storm damage produced in previous hurri­cane seasons to project potential cost of damage due to flooding, wind, storms and earthquakes.

According to a model on the Economic Loss Vulnera­bility Index System Report, or ELVIS, Web site, UCF has a risk of 72 cents on the dollar per $1,000 of structure value for property damage as a result of wind, and $1,000 of water damage as a result of flood, which sets in on the dollar per $1,000 of exposure to flood, and $1 cents on the dollar per $1,000 of exposure to insurance companies.

"We provide an independ­ent site, so we don’t work for insurance companies," Watson said. "It provides a look at what the figures should be protecting."
Late goal pushes Blazers past Knights

ZACH PARDES

In a match that featured almost as many yellow cards as shots, UCF added to their seven- game win streak with a 3-0 win over the Knights in the USA.

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The Knights had five more shots on goal but were unable to equalize the score. The Knights were the only team to finish in the top 25 for the match. Despite the loss, head coach Bryan Cunningham said he was pleased with the Knights' performance. "I can't fault the effort of our players tonight," Cunningham said in a press release. "They played well for the full 90 minutes. It was unfortunate that we were unable to capitalize on our opportunities.

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UCF dealt first loss
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Knights' 2-0 loss to UAB leaves them tied for first place

UCF's Becca Thomas fights for a ball in the Knights' 0-0 tie with Colorado College on Oct. 21.

UCF returns home Friday for the final regular match of its season. The Knights host the Southern Miss Golden Eagles at 7 p.m. at the UCF Soccer Complex.
three. The Blazers got out to the early 6-0 lead after an ace by Fernanda Domingos. A Campbell kill helped UCF reel off a 5-1 run to get within two points at 7-5. The Blazers opened up a 14-point lead before running off six straight points to extend the lead to 20-9. UAB went on another 20-5 run to close out the match and finish off the Knights.

"In game three, our passing just broke down at the beginning [when they got out to a 5-4 lead]," said Cassie Ramaekers, who had nine digs and three blocks. "We had a couple of players out with injuries, so it sort of coming and we were pretty confident tonight, and being able to transition balls to a 5-1 lead," said Cassie Ramaekers, who added a couple of kills to extend the lead to 10-5, but the Blazers ran off another 8-5 run to take the second game heading into the break.

"We are a second-game team," Serna said. "Thought-out the match, I had no doubt we were going to win that game, but toward the end, our passing broke down, and I had off what we had been practicing."

One of the players that gave the Knights trouble was Domingos, who had a match-high hitting percentage of .800 and tied for the team lead in kills with 12. The Knights struggled to contain her early in the first game. A Serna kill helped the Knights get out to the early 2-1 lead, but the Blazers ran off five unanswered points to take the lead at 6-2. Domingos added a couple of kills to extend the lead to 10-2, but the Knights pulled within two at 12-10 off a UAB error. The Blazers ran off another string of five unanswered points, capped off by a Domingos kill, to extend the lead to 17-12. UAB had no answer for Domingos, who added another kill down the stretch to help the Knights take game one.

"We came out in the first game not prepared, and they really killed us, especially (UCF's Domingos)," said Serna, who only had two kills in the first frame. UAB and UCF tied the score seven times before UCF took a timeout down 20-18. A Campbell kill pulled the Knights to within one at 22-21, but that would be the closest the Knights would get to the Blazers for the rest of the game. UAB ran off an 8-5 run to take the second game heading into the break.


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