Students express concerns at forum
Graduate housing, transfers addressed

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Students addressed graduate housing and transfers as part of a session on the responsibilities of the Student Government Association. The group discussed issues related to graduate housing, including the lack of available spaces and the need for more support services.

More than 60 students, faculty and staff filled the Roy West Ballroom for the Student Union event, which was attended by more than 200 people. The event featured a panel discussion and a Q&A session with SGA leaders and university administrators.

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Four local women came to UCF almost every Tuesday from about 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to provide nutrition and general advice to students passing through the Student Union passing through the Student Union.

Comics Amico and Cathy Thompson, who both have college-aged children, said it's important for someone to be available to college students. The moms were "UCF Moms" and "Ask Mom" shirts and offer free cookies and advice on topics such as cooking, laundry and even love.

We know what it was like to be in your shoes, what do I want?" Amico said. "We just thought that we could do that.

Amon and Thompson said that while other people come out and support the football team, they want to come out and support the students.

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24 bands to rock out for hunger benefit concert

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Rock For Hunger Fest 2 has raised $50,000 in two days of its inaugural year by excluding ticket sales. The event benefits United Way to help stretch its way to end poverty at downtown Orlando. Ref. Post on Saturday, Nov. 3, starting at 2 p.m.

Sage Franklin, a rapper and poet, will headline the two-stage benefit concert that features 25 local bands, including Social Ghettost, the Legendary. C. V., B.U.T.S., the Band, Balad Martinez, Mills Gallinales, Hoser Tooth, and YokoTeks.

“Tired of seeing B.G. and the Black Eyed Peas. They’ve been bugging us out since the ’90s,” said Community and Outreach Director Benny Bethencourt. “But Rock For Hunger is a person that’s really interested in helping the community. Every time more for us than anyone else has orchestrated a Rock For Hunger $100 tickets for the benefit and we’ve been giving it up to promote our show.”

Tickets are $10 before the show and $12 at the door. Rock For Hunger has sold 300 tickets toward their goal of 500.

“Our vision is community enhancement and to build your community and the cycle of poverty, both locally and nationally,” Franklin said. “I love music and price.” Rock For Hunger will be performed by Greg Mason, a 25-year-old UCFA student at the University of Central Florida fromBonus, he said: “Music can’t really change our world, but if we help one person, we ended poverty for those people. More people, the music, the more poverty.”

The Rock & Roll Hunger benefit concert began last year when Gregory Mason wanted to expand the ability and capacity of the Volunteer Engagement and Community Initiatives decided to conduct another way to raise money and awareness.

“The more we all sell, the more we are decided to start an organization and named it after the first concert,” Mason said.

The drive to expand the project to the UCFA campus, which covers corporations that raise money for charitable, scientific, or literary purposes and would allow them access to federal income taxes. He said they would also like to have a permanent location for the organization.

The organization has 27 members, consisting of 12 board members and 15 active volunteers.

The first event, held in the Pegusus Ballroom, was not as successful as they thought it would be. Not many people showed up or donated money.

Many services have been donated by outside organizations, Sigma Chi donated $10,000 to the $15,000 budget. But Light donated money for the stage; BLC Sounds donated sound, speakers, and Metroline Orlando paid for the Clergy Centre lot rental. Other sponsorships include O-Book News FM, Create Magazine, EmploymentGuide.com, Second Harvest Food Bank and the ONE Campaign.

The proceeds from the concert will go to Second Harvest Food Bank, the Rock For Hunger Tuesday job-training program at the Orlando Public Library in downtown Orlando, the Friday Night and Movies program at the Jefferson Cinema in the Parramore district, where the group provides once-a-week tutoring to underprivileged children along with a hot meal.

The money will also go to the group’s weekly Monday meetings at the downtown First Office.

The organization estimates that B.L. can feed 400 people one meal, if the $100 raised so far was going to directly toward alleviating hunger, it could feed 38 people until November 2008.

At this week’s concert, the group stapled flyers titled “Help Fight Hunger” to plastic grocery bags to be distributed on dashboards in downtown Orlando in the Thornton Park area. The fliers invited residents to come to the event and fill the bags with non-perishable food, used clothing — including blankets and pillows — and beginning products for the home.

“On Monday nights, people are always asking for [specific] staff, like jean tassles,” Anderson said. “Even during the summer months they’re asking for blankets because when it rains the blanket is ruined, and they have no place to dry it, so they have to sleep on it. They don’t have the money to wash their clothes, so they constantly need clothes. The need for all of these things would work after work because they don’t have a proper place to hide and wash their clothes.”

Dinner attendees are encouraged to donate material and other items for $30. You must be 18 or older to attend.

For more information on the Rock For Hunger Fest, go to www.rockforhunger.org or www.backtoschool.com.
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Police say the man became agitated and said, according to a close friend, the charges are round in Simpson being found not guilty in the 1995 slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

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Higher education What's in the news at colleges around the country

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Stated Justin Petriello that embryonic stem cells should be used for research, "It's a failure to use these cells for curing adult diseases, and so on," Petriello said.

Whitney said, "This is the right time to get America where it is, it's about that's going to keep society on using." 

Antonia Arnao of the College Republicans claims that there is a double major in political science and Communications. "As a member of the College Republicans at UCF, we are against the Republicans which are strengthened in the debate on Social issues," Arnao said.

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SGA forum tackles medical amnesty, tuition rise

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Students gave their opinions about medical amnesty, tuition increase and communication between students and police at the Student Government Association’s town hall meeting Tuesday in the Tower III lobby.

Derek Harris, director of Student Advocacy for SGA, spoke to students about whether or not they would be in support of the medical amnesty program that is in the works. Most students raised their hands in support while they chanted on the Pepe Jettz Plaza provided by SGA.

According to the medical amnesty policy, students are given a one-time pardon from law enforcement for medical related offenses. They would then be in support of the policy if they call the police for help or themselves for a friend who has suffered from alcohol poisoning.

Harris said that SGA is planning a survey on student drug use to determine whether drug usage should be included as well.

UCF has an agreement with national law enforcement and medical agencies, which report back to the university any student who has engaged in excessive or underage drinking. Harris said that between 10 and 90 percent of all cases involving students and alcohol poisoning in Orange County are reported back to UCF.

“Even though you pick up the phone for help,” Harris said, “you’re still going to go through a conduct review because you were in violation of the university’s alcohol policy.”

UCF looks at student conduct reports and the Office of Student Conduct deals with students about alcohol violations. The Office of Student Conduct have visited the UCF Golden Knight’s football games.

President Hollinger said that the purpose of the medical amnesty policy is to allow students to feel comfortable calling the police for help without fear of academic policy.

“The thing I like most about this policy is that in those situations you shouldn’t be afraid to call even if you’re under the age of 21,” Hollinger said. “We definitely will be advocating for this policy.”

The medical amnesty program won’t let students completely off the hook Harris said that a record of all students in violation of the university’s alcohol policy will still be kept. Students with repeated offenses will suffer various disciplinary actions depending on the severity of the offense, Harris said.

The issue of increased tuition was also discussed. Tuesday, the board of Trustees voted for a 5 percent tuition increase for spring 2008 that was approved by the Board of Governors.

Students immediately asked where the extra funds will go. Hollinger said that UCF is one of the first universities to have 30 percent of all tuition in jail and need-based funds for students. Individual colleges will also see a portion of the funds for non-financial purposes.

“The funds we’re trying to allocate for more student involvement on campus so that when things go wrong, we have a say in what happens and where the money goes,” Hollinger said.

Budget cuts have made things very tough, which may make it difficult for some students to get into certain classes.

The “parity” policy, Hollinger said, “with a mid-size university, we’re trying to feel it, but it’s the university’s responsibility to try and make sure the student body doesn’t have to pay for it.”

Also at the meeting, people expressed increased communication between the UCF Police Department and the students.

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competing for the top musical graduate student job.

Trender tied the panel. According to the Office of Institutional Research Web site, 2007 graduate students are currently paid a portion of the funds to hire more faculty.

“With the great needs for more students, when the university’s in the state of Florida is facing its budget cuts. He said that because graduate students generally need more student involvement on campus and to continue to do the work we need to do that for the good of the students and to continue to be competitive.”

Hickey said that graduate students housing and stipends will all be affected because of graduate student budget cuts. He said that they are affected by at least another 2 percent budget cut in the summer. “Right now, the February budget report in the state of Florida is a large under-funded, and the situation’s not getting a lot better,” Hickey said.

Trendel said that a proposed medical amnesty policy will not be discussed.

Transfers feel neglected

HAL HICKS

According to the UCF Student Senate, Graduate, Students, Government, Association’s director of Student Advocacy, said that he, however, doesn’t believe that UCF transfer students don’t always feel involved.

“A lot of us have placements in freshmen and sophomore programs,” said Harris, a transfer student from “Florida.” “I feel a lot as a transfer student that we have our transfer student population of 18,000 and half of the students,” he said.

According to the UCF ‘07 Web site, 60 percent of transfer students were enrolled for fall 2006, and Hickey said that UCF needs to do more in transfer student programs than any other school in the nation.

“Because we don’t have as much experience in a lot of the areas,” he said. “We just don’t have as much experience because they have already been at some other type of experience in a lot of the areas.” He added that the administration will work with the graduate students and transfer students more feel included. He said that “we can work with these people in a better way to serve the transfer student programs.”

Transfers who feel neglected

In a survey of the 300 block of Shady Oaks Lane, 150 of 150 surveyed people were in support of the medical amnesty policy. The survey was conducted by the Orlando Police Department and the students agreed.

“People don’t realize that they have to deal with it. I think that they’re very successful when they start on campus,” Hollinger said.

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Date for trial yet to be made

Morgan Night

10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Barbary Ybar Center

The International Services Center is hosting Culture Night, highlighting Caribbean history, family and traditional. Salsa, jazz and hip-hop will be exciting right of food, music and more.

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November 14, 2007
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Mosaic Tribe Panel

November 17, 2007
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Barbary Ybar Center

We will feature a popular move on our campus, Mosaic Tribe, and their concerns and refreshments are provided.

International Fair

November 16, 2007
10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reagan Student Union

Please join the International Students Association in celebrating our diversity at the annual International Fair. The Fair will include vendors representing the countries represented at UCF. There will be plenty of food, music, demonstrations and performances.

Maasai Tribe Panel

November 16, 2007
10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reagan Student Union

A panel discussion highlighting the amazing and inspiring journey of three students from the Maasai Tribe in Kenya will be showcased. A panel of students from the Maasai Tribe will discuss their experiences at the University of Florida.

The students will describe their background and experiences upon their arrival and studying in the United States. They will also discuss how they have faced the support and the challenges they met.
Knights’ run game gears for nation’s worst rush defense

BRIAN MURPHY  Staff Writer

Winning breeds confidence. And probably winning has also bred some measure of fear on the faces of the UCF Football players. “It’s a funny place,” defensive tackle Keith Dunbar said, “so you realize you’re getting harder. You’re just more excited and more enthusiastic to play.”

The Knights 6-3 overall, 4-1 in Conference USA have a lot to be happy about after winning three straight games by a combined score of 125-53. Tomorrow the Knights will face a team in Conference USA that is 4-1 on the year. The Blazers (2-7 overall, 1-4 in C-USA) are playing their most recent game, a 30-27 loss to Southern Miss at home. The Blazers permitted 338 rushing yards to Southern Miss at home. Of course, they already set the school record in that category, too. He has three career 200-yard game, two of which have come this season. Defense? We don’t need no stinking defense! The perfect storm. What happens when one of the nation’s most productive running back meets the nation’s worst run defense? Well find out tomorrow, as the Blazers will be happy to show us.

NEXT GAME

UCF vs. UAB

Terrance, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

He has already set records for most rushing touchdowns (18) and most points scored (124) in a single season. Smith is just 63 yards shy of eclipsing the school record for most rushing yards in a season, and he is already the school’s all-time leading rusher. Smith has rushed for at least 125 yards in each of the Knights’ past three games, as a 200-yard rushing isn’t out of the question against the Blazers.

Of course, he already set the school record in that category, too. He has three career 200-yard games, two of which have come this season. Defense? We don’t need no stinking defense! The Blazers are obviously a problem for the Knights. They are still playing for a division title.

UCF ends preseason, preps for Nevada

BRIAN MURPHY  Staff Writer

It wasn’t perfect, but for the UCF Men’s Basketball team, at least Tuesday’s exhibition game against Florida Southern was an improvement. The Knights showed much more determination and played a bit harder around better defensive effort, as they defense the Moes 65-57 in the New Knights Arena. The Knights held the Moe’s to less than 30 percent shooting in just two days after they allowed St. Leo to shoot 47 percent.

“I thought it was way better than the last game,” forward freshman Taylor said. “We know we had to make up for the last game, because in the last game, we did not do that good on defense. So we knew we had to step it up even more.” Both teams started slow offensively, but Taylor sparked the Knights with back-to-back alley-oop dunks that allowed UCF ahead 15-0 late in the first half. Guard Chip Cartwright assisted on the first dunk, which Taylor threw down with one hand.

Cartwright then forced a turnover, and, after a timeout, guard Dave Noel made an easy lob pass to Taylor, who had cut behind the Moes defense on the right baseline.

“We can’t always rely on those plays,” guard Mike O’Donnell said. “But I think it’s always icing on the cake when we can get one of those to get a little energy boost. The crowd gets into it, and we kind of get that extra edge. Those were big plays for us.”

But they haven’t struggled in almost every area of defense this year, and here is a breakdown of statistics to back that up. The Blazers are allowing an average of 83.5 points per game. They have fewer interceptions all season (9) than the Knights have in their past three games (13). The Blazers have 13 turnovers all season, but only two in their past three games. The Blazers’ leading scorer this season is senior free safety Wil Dunbar. He has 49 tackles this season after leading the team with 65 tackles last season. Dunbar is averaging 127 tackles per game, which is tops in the nation.

Erick Stigler is also a problem for the Blazers. They have 16 in 11 attempts in nine games this season. But at least they know that when the offense can’t come up with six points, they can usually depend on three. Stigler Waters has enjoyed a banner season as the Blazers’ place-kicker, connecting on 18-of-20 field goals, including 12-of-12 beyond 40 yards. He has already set the UAB record for most field goals in a season and is second in the nation in that category.

With those statistics, it’s no surprise that Waters was named Wednesday as a semifinalist for the 2007 Lou Groza Award.

By COREY MAYNARD

NEXT GAME

UCF vs. Nevada

Tulsa, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

The Knights prepare in the huddle during Oct. 28 win over Southern Miss on Oct. 28. UCF will look to extend its three-game win streak when it faces the UAB Blazers in Birmingham, Ala., tomorrow. The Blazers are 2-7, 3-4 in Conference USA.

The perfect storm. What happens when one of the nation’s most productive running back meets the nation’s worst run defense? Well find out tomorrow, as the Blazers will be happy to show us.
Knights try to focus on UAB, not division

MELISSA NEYDOER

For the next three games, the UCF Football team can only depend on itself as the controller of its own destiny. The Knights can't worry about what bowl game they might go to, and they certainly can't worry about what Conference USA East Division leader East Carolina is going to do for the remainder of the season.

"We're all playing for us, but we've got to get our own job done first," defensive tackle Keith Shologan said. "It doesn't matter what they do the next three games. We have to take care of our own business.

That business starts tomorrow when they Knights travel to Birmingham, Ala., for their fifth time in six years against UAB."

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Blazers’ roster lacks experience

First half

Every team always talks about how good or dangerous each opponent is and how they can’t take them lightly. A lot of the Blazers’ woes are due to inexperience.

The Blazers entered the second half with a 56-18 lead and had 16 turnovers. One can win on any day.

Final words

The game was a tale of two teams. The Blazers were coasting with a 127-23 victory. Everyone is having a better time, and no fun to lose at football, Shologan said.

Defensive backs lead Blazers

The UCF defense has been forced to win. Nine UCF defenders have recorded at least one interception this season. And then there’s Kyle Israel.

Statistically, the Knights have rushed for 209 yards in one game. It’s no fun to lose at football, Shologan said.

Nevada still dangerous despite losing two players to NBA

The Wolf Pack were their offense from last season. Their new-look lineup is just looking forward to finding the field.

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Sometimes a Band-Aid is not enough

UAB’s Joe Henderson, UAB’s Joe Henderson, and Jacob Tauanuu try to shore up its defense when the next couple of days as the Wolf Pack were their offense from last season. Their new-look lineup is just looking forward to finding the field.

The Knight`s defensive juggernaut.

Tulane running back Matt Forte rushed for 209 yards in one game against the Blazers on Oct. 25 in Memphis.

So far

UCF kicked Michael Tor­res out of field goal this season, including a crucial attempt at home, in overtime.

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Rachel Nichols is scared and loving it in P2

WILLIAM GROSS

She has studied for a Columbia University graduate with a double major in math and economics, and graduated last June with top honors. But in the fall, Rachel Nichols, the lead actress in the new thriller "P2," found herself in a position to go to graduate school, or get a job. "I was just 21 when I graduated, and I had just graduated and was working on Wall Street," she said. "I really wanted to go to graduate school, but my parents didn't think I should, so they said I should get a job." A couple of modeling gigs as an undergrad led to a few commercials and some minor acting roles. "When I had the opportunity back in 2003, I decided to get out of school and move out of Manhattan to Los Angeles, and I was fortunate enough to slowly start working and getting good jobs and having really good experiences," Nichols said. "I just couldn't see what or not to go to graduate school. But I'm really excited to take this career that I've kind of fallen into, so for the first time, I'm going to see how it works out here." For fans, it was an interesting development. "I think the movie's going to be really good," said one fan. "She was definitively different from the original (story) -- she definitely saved her up, and loved them." One fan has to admire such enthusiasm for a new role, but that doesn't mean she place her finger inside a young, male's head. "I have a lot of fun doing this," Nichols said. "After shooting 20 episodes of 'All My Children,' it was perfect for me to take on a lead role. I could see myself doing more of them, but it's pretty much the light of the draw. But I am a fan of the game because I love watching them myself." And along came the hint of P2. "One of the things that drew me to P2 is that it's finally like the character of Angelina," Nichols said. "These two are really the same thing..."
Jenny brings her mother home for a fighting non-stop. Will this be the year we see the season finale? Shouldn't you get this season?

The Four teams remain, and the pressures of the reality show are increased because of the writer's strike. Stewie and Lois go for the American Idol powers for the first time. Rumors of a 'Mythbusters' crossover and a stalker/slasher storyline continue to swirl in the writer's strike waters.

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Christmas-themed dusks start disappointing viewers early

Due to its generally lukewarm reception, the holiday-themed "Fred Claus" has been somewhat overlooked by many critics and weekend viewers alike. The film, which prominently stars Will Ferrell and James Caan, was released to a rather lackluster start in theaters nationwide, with many feeling that the movie failed to deliver what was expected of it.

Director David Dobkin, who is known for his work on films like "My KidCould Paint That," has been criticized for his decision to move the film's setting to the present day, which many felt took away from the classic holiday spirit. While the movie was adequately received by critics, its box office numbers have been rather disappointing, suggesting that it may not be the festive favorite that many had hoped it would be.

One of the main issues with "Fred Claus" is the lack of a clear storyline. Ferrell's character, Santa Claus, is portrayed as being bored and disillusioned with his job, which leads him to make a deal with a wealthy businessman to make Christmas extinct. This plot point, while interesting, seems to lack any real depth, leaving many viewers feeling unfulfilled by the film's conclusion.

Additionally, the film's attempts at humor fell flat for many viewers, who felt that the film relied too heavily on its stars' comedic styles rather than developing a unique, memorable film. While Ferrell and Caan are certainly talented comedians, their work in "Fred Claus" seemed to be more of a不过是例行公事的表演，而非真正的喜剧尝试。

Overall, "Fred Claus" is a film that may have potential, but its execution left much to be desired. With better direction and character development, it is possible that the film could have been a much more engaging holiday experience. However, as it stands, the film is likely to be remembered more for its missed opportunities than its successes.
Get the low-down on long sleeves

JAMIE SALMASIAN
Staff Writer

That autumn chill is finally in the air, so why not to add style to your wardrobe before the temperature dips? Our local band stays true to the Bleu theme of the season.

"If you're like [the weather] right now," Allen said. "But I don't like it when it's too cold because I was raised in Miami." So when you want to be fashionable and cozy for a long-sleeved shirt layered over a tank top or wear one of your personal favorites: a short-sleeved shirt layered over a long-sleeved shirt.

You can also make your look more fun this season by adding a scarf or a felt jacket.

Local band stays true to the Bleu

CHRISSY SCHULER

Calling all geeky guys and gorgeous girls!

Beauty and the Geek, the CW’s “social experiment” and reality show, will be holding an open casting call for its fifth season at downtown Orlando’s Antigua nightclub on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

“We’re looking for guys who are socially awkward when it comes to women but really skilled when it comes to academics or their hobbies,” said Allison Kaz, Beauty and the Geek’s casting producer.

“[Aud] we’re really looking for women who can combine their blood monstoms — because everyone has them.”

Beauty and the Geek, which is currently in its fourth season, teams up “beauties” and “geeks” in a competition for $250,000.

The geeks have to teach the academically impaired cosmos. They have to be academic without losing their look, and the beauties help their geeky teammates learn that having a serious interest in academia that successfully completes the most

challenges wins the cash.

But the game isn’t just about the money.

“This isn’t just another reality show,” Kaz said. “The bottom line is you really do become someone else, and you’re also able to help somebody else close along the way. To go on a show where you feel like you learn a little bit more than you started with and see a completely new perspective really rewarding.”

The CW chose Orlando as one of its casting sites because of the mix of people in central Florida, Kaz said.

“I just think that Orlando is sort of the melting pot of people because of the mix of people in central Florida, and there’s so much there,” Kaz said.

To try out for the show, potential contestants must be at least turning 18 before the fifth season begins filming.

To apply for the show with or without attending the casting call, e-mail your name, age, a photo and why you want to be on the show to beautyandthegeekcasting@yahoo.com.
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