March for MARY JANE

Around Campus, A2
SGA President Hosts Fashion Show in Downtown Orlando

Student Body President Heather Hollinger and 112 June called for "We Love Orlando" fashion show. The event will be held downtown at the Orlando Fashion Show in Downtown Orlando.

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Orlando School Sues Blogging Parent for Defamation

A private school claims the mother of a former student conspired to have her Internet blog the site about the school's reputation. The school has sued for defamation.

Nation & World, A4
33 Killed in Mine Explosion in Ukraine, 70 Still Missing

A mine blast ripped through a coal mine in eastern Ukraine, killing at least 33 miners and leaving about 70 others trapped. Emergency officials said the explosion occurred at the Zasyadka mine in the Donetsk region.

THE FUTURES

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2 alarms go off in Union

SGA Computer Lab suffered minor damage

JESSICA SUNDAY

Dual fire alarms comprised the Student Union Friday, but for damage to the Union was minimal.

Alarms in the Burger King and in the SGA Computer Lab went off almost simultaneously around 9 a.m. said Gary Campbell, the senior building superintendent for the Union.

Both responded later that day, and damage to each was minimal, Campbell said.

"It was a coincidence that it happened (at nearly the same time)," Campbell said. "It was good for us. We didn't have to evacuate the building.

During the process of evacuating the building, Campbell received a call from another maintenance worker who alerted him that the computer lab on the second floor was filling with smoke.

Please see FACILITIES in A7

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Students gamble to make Miracles

VIRGINIA KIDD

Students played tournament-style poker for a chance to win prizes while raising money for local and injured children on Wednesday.

All proceeds from the tournament went to the Children’s Miracle Network, where the money benefits children by providing free treatments, health-care research, and state-of-the-art equipment to children’s hospitals.

On the way in, many of the 70 students who attended dropped a few dollars into the donation box set up outside the Niagara Ballroom of the Student Union.

Many of the attendees came for the poker but enjoyed the opportunity to play for a cause.

"I enjoy poker, so I just decided I wanted to come out,” said Adam Montoya, a sophomore general business major. “And it’s for charity, so that’s a bonus.”

Montoya said he wasn’t sure how much money people were supposed to donate, so he gave the $5 he had in his wallet. By the end of the night, the donations totaled $90.

"For the first time Ever doing this type of event and strictly donations because we cannot charge, and we don’t ask for a specific amount, I think we did a fantastic job,” said Dae Samuel, director of Knight-Thon. "I cannot complain on the turnout.”

Another student, senior English literature major Meredith Carus, said she heard about the event through Facebook and planned to come with her friend. Even though her friend didn’t attend, she said that meeting new people was fun, and the purpose of the night was great.

"I think that’s very important that students are getting a chance like helping sick children,” Carus said.

Aside from the 500 LINK Loot from the event, students also received a Gold Zone parking pass for the evening sat at one table. A 10th birthday party for a cause.

The annual event, the Knight-Thon 28-hour dance marathon, will be held on Sun. Feb. 17 and is held to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network.

According to the Children’s Miracle Network Web site, the organization distributes money to 350 hospitals nationwide, provides more than $3.5 million in uncompensated charity and helps treat roughly 17 million children for everything from transplants to pediatric AIDS.

Locally, the annual Orlando CCM donations to Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando and Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville.

Samuels is also getting a certificate in non-profit organization management.

He said he loves his leadership role as the director of Knight-Thon.

"It’s just a passion of mine,” Samuels said. “That’s my favorite word right there. I absolutely love the cause. I love helping children in need. That’s what I want to do for a living, so I can do what I love.

He said he hopes "just where I found that passion, and this is where I’ve decided that’s my time and my energy.”

For more information about Knight-Thon or to get involved, visit www.knightthon.com.

LOCAL WEATHER
Students apply early for summer

Caitlyn Moomaw

"It's not too early to apply for an internship or think about researching what internships would be beneficial to a certain career..."

UCF’s Career Services and Experiential Learning offers an array of resources for those seeking an internship. Students who are interested in an internship can find information on the CSEL Web site: www.ucf.edu/csel.

The Web site lists which internships are available for the different majors and contact information for the internship offices. Students and employers can also offer a list of job openings and internships available.

The weather cools off during the Thanksgiving and winter break, the competition for an internship heats up.

According to CollegeParent.com, "The humble summer internship is far from the most-sought-after prize on college campuses."
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3 killed in mine explosion in Ukraine, 70 others still missing

By Rep. Jason Altmire, Democrat Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON — The House passed a bill Thursday that would reauthorize, or renew, the Higher Education Act, the major law governing federal aid to colleges.

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The committee approved the bill by a vote of 23 to 20, with Republicans and Democrats voting along party lines.

The bill includes provisions to increase funding for Pell Grants, which provide aid to low-income students, and to expand access to federal work-study programs.

It also includes provisions to address student loan rates, which have risen sharply in recent years, and to increase accountability for colleges.

The bill is expected to be taken up by the full House in the coming weeks.
The latest Collective Bar­
ning Committee (CBB) meeting of the United Faculty of Florida and the 
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was held Tuesday focused on salary issues.

The faculty was weighing brevity in the discussion was Article 21. Salaries. With the tight budget situation, the 
BOT members said they will not have enough money to provide wage across the board.

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The BOT also suggested using merit awards to supplement the 
loss of raises.

These awards are used to reward employees for their work in teaching, research or both.

Salary still hot issue at session

LAUREN PALADUSS
Staff Writer

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- When you need help finding a doctor or a hospital
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How to enroll in Medicare

- Medicare Part A: Hospital Insurance
- Medicare Part B: Medical Insurance
- Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Coverage

What is Medicare?

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people who are aged (65 or older) or who have certain disabilities. It is funded by taxes collected from working Americans and their employers.

How does Medicare work?

Medicare provides basic hospital and medical insurance coverage. It pays for hospital stays, doctors’ services, and some other medical expenses. Medicare does not cover all medical care.

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- Part A covers hospital stays
- Part B covers doctors’ services

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage)

- Private companies that provide additional benefits

Medicare Part D (Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage)

- Helps pay for prescription drugs

Medicare Advantage Plan Options

- HMO
- PPO
- SNP

Who’s eligible for Medicare?

- People age 65 and older
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- People with end-stage renal disease

What is the Medicare Part B premium?

The Medicare Part B premium is a monthly fee that enrollees must pay to have Part B coverage. The amount of the premium can vary depending on the enrollee’s income.

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Two alumni make waking up their business

LAUREN ERBICH

David Batchelor was just a student at UCF, looking to make a few extra dollars. He started a wake-up call business from his Jefferson Commons apartment, calling people at all hours of the night based on their specifications.

That tiny business, which started from his bedroom, is now a global enterprise that works to provide wake-up calls and reminder services to both individuals and national companies.

WakeUpLand.com is the combined effort of Batchelor and Christopher Casale, both UCF alumni. Batchelor had the idea and Casale had the combined effort of Batchelor and Casale was calling companies.

“If you travel to, you can call the concept to me.2,” Casale said. “We had thought about it for a lot of years, but no one has ever done it.”

Batchelor and Casale had the idea for a low-cost way to turn the automated phone system into a computerized mechanism.

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UCF's laundry money went to the students and faculty department. Mitchell explained that if the laundry room closest to her heard about the increases she immediately reported them to the administration. The laundry machine is a 75-cent increase for each load adds up in the long run. 

Mitchell said that she was so happy because the vendor didn't follow through with his promise to make the price change happen in time. For make-up, Mitchell said that the vendor promised five wash days for the students in the next several weeks, where students can do their laundry for free, and the vendor would even provide the detergent. The free laundry days took place two weeks ago, from 2 p.m. on a Tuesday through 10 a.m. on a Thursday.

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More and more students are not using the laundry facilities because of the increase in prices. Mitchell said she was so happy because the vendor didn't follow through with his promise to make the price change happen in time.

Students have the option to do their laundry off campus, but it's an expensive alternative. At local laundromats, the cost of laundry is much higher, ranging from $3 to $5 per load. Wayne Smith, a representative from Mac Gray, said that the average price of a wash and dry is $3.

Mac Gray works with 30 different colleges, private and public. Smith said the pricing of laundry at the different schools ranges. He said a few have a 25-cent wash, the majority have a 45-cent wash and some have a $0.50 wash.

Another change was made to the UCF dryer to increase the drying time. Instead of 20 minutes, the dryers now run for 35 minutes. The change was made after students noticed an inconsistency in the dry times around campus.

"We've spent a lot of time and money to make it consistent," Smith said.

At the University of Miami, the price of laundry is included in the $65 students pay for their housing.

Mitchell said there's an option that has been discussed at UCF, but he said it's not possible to do that. The advantage to doing laundry on campus, besides the convenience, is that the money from the machines goes back to the university, and 55 percent goes directly to the students in programming for the residence halls, Mitchell said.

"The remaining 45 percent of the laundry money goes back to the vendor. Because the price of everything has gone up over the last five years, the programming requires more funding.

"It's just one more thing that's going up," Mitchell said. "I'm hoping more and more people will do their laundry off campus, convenience, is that the money goes back to the students."

Thanks to notifying the students about the increases, Mitchell said he didn't think the quality of the machines would ever be questioned. Mitchell said it didn't happen that way. "We've been discussing the increases for about a month into the fall semester, but we didn't start raising the prices until after students noticed an inconvenience in the dry times around campus."

Facilities reopen later in day

"We walked around and searched every area," Campbell said. "After half an hour, we discovered it was on one of the lights." A building, also known as a control panel, is a device that is made to limit the amount of current that flows in an electrical circuit.

Although the fire department and other workers do not know for sure what caused the alarm to go off in the Campbell building, King Campbell said he believes the exhaust fans were not turned back on from the previous night when a cleaning crew worked in the residence halls.

Campbell explained that if the heat temperature gets too high without the exhaust fans being on, the asbestos, a chemical fire suppression system, will go off.

"That would be the only reason we feel that would happen," Campbell said.

The computer lab was open a couple of hours after the light malfunction occurred. The Burger King reopened after a professional team
cleaned and health inspectors gave the workers the Oke to reopen for business Friday evening.

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Running back Kevin Smith had an 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. He has three scores of at least 80 yards this year, the most in Division I.

The triumph over SMU extended the Knights' winning streak to five, which matches the team's longest winning streak under the George O'Leary era.

Quick start powers Knights to easy 49-20 win

BRIAN MURPHY

Saturday's game for the UCF Football team was a big change from the last time it hit the field. Most gloriously, there was no first-half lacklustre. It was evident that the importance of playing 60 minutes was stressed again to the Knights during the week, and they got the message. Instead of creating suspense, the Knights did what they needed to do to win the 1 9-10 Mustangs by 23 points, with Kevin Smith, the team's second-leading rusher, and Logan Talley, the team's second-leading receiver, leading the Knights' offense.

UCF fails to Florida on PKs

FLORIDA 4 | UCF 3

BRIAN MURPHY

UCF Men's Basketball head coach Kirk Speraw expects his team to be perfect. UCF's performance against Florida in the first round of the NCAA Tournament was no exception. Florida led by 11 points at the half. The Gators dominated the game with 22 points, taking the first 80 yards down the field. The Knights' return did what they needed to do to win the 10-10 Mustangs by 23 points. Kevin Smith, the team's second-leading rusher, and Logan Talley, the team's second-leading receiver, led the Knights' offense.

O'Donnell made only 2-for-9 shots, but his backup in Carwright picked up the slack with 11 points on the bench and seven rebounds. "(Chipp) is playing with a lot more confidence than he did a year ago," Speraw said. "He's just in the paint all the time, and that's critical to have someone that can break down defenses. He created a lot of havoc."
Knights win 57-47 over UCF Ospreys

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There were a couple of firsts for the UCF Women's basketball team in its trip to North Florida on Thursday. For the nine freshmen, it was their first game away from the UCF Arena and, for the first time, they were led to victory by the bench. The Knights went on a 23-7 run to finish an 80-72 win over the Ospreys.

The Knights collected a season-high 36 rebounds, including 23 in the first half to outrebound the Ospreys 50-34 for the game. Emma Canady led the Knights with 15 of those rebounds. She also contributed 10 points for her second double-double of the season.

The Knights, who shot 37 percent from the field and 27 percent from three-point range for the game, connected on only 10 of 31 attempts in the first half and ended up shooting 38 percent from the field.

The Knights, who committed 14 turnovers in their previous game, registered only 10 turnovers in a game that turned it over 23 times in the game and finished with 19 turnovers. The Knights led 48-34 at the half.

The Knights committed seven turnovers in the first half, including one that resulted in a 37-22 lead entering the second half. They finished the game with 19 turnovers.

The Knights held the Ospreys to 37 percent from the field and 21 percent from three-point range, including 11 of 33 three-point attempts.

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A 2-5 season has come to a close for the UCF Volleyball team Thursday, and an 11-match losing streak drew to a close with a win over Memphis.

As time expired, the Knights gathered the ball along the baseline for their team's third attempt to make the score 41-33.

Kevin Worsley quickly gave the Spartans some momentum back, which carried into the second game. But the Knights allowed Memphis to push their lead up 22-18. A Kerry Brown kill put the Tigers within 23-22, but Memphis went on a 6-0 run to get within 29-27. But a Campbell kill finished off the Tigers and gave the Knights their 12th game one victory of the year.

They beat Nevada not playing our best play, so the win proved that we have to completely transform their good play to become accustomed to winning, and I don't think anyone on this team really has, but it became very routine.


cartwright sparks UCF

came off consecutive possessions as he bit a couple of 3-points that put the Knights ahead 29-20 with two minutes in the first half. The Knights led by double digits most of the first half until a crazy play at the end of the game. The Spartans some momentum heading into halftime.

The Spartans missed a couple of shots with the game running out, but solid offensive rebounding allowed them second chances to earn points. Worsley and the team’s third attempt to score Kevin Worsley gathered the ball along the baseline and backed up behind the 3-point line. The 6-foot-4-inch Worsley quickly turned and launched an off-balance shot over 6-foot-1-inch Kenrick Zondervan that rimmed in as time expired, giving the Knights a win.
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The war on drugs takes wrong aim

The debate on the use of marijuana has been going on for so long that it seems never to be won. But we are getting closer to victory. In 2011, the US Senate voted to decriminalize marijuana in some states. This is a significant step forward, but we still have a long way to go.

In an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, researchers found that patients who use marijuana for medical purposes report feeling better. This is a significant finding, as it suggests that marijuana may have therapeutic benefits. However, there is still much work to be done before marijuana is fully legalized.

The debate on the war on drugs is a false one. It has been going on for decades, and it has been proven to be ineffective. In fact, it has caused more harm than good. The war on drugs is a war on people, and it is time to end it.

We should be focusing on treatment and rehabilitation, not on punishment and incarceration. Marijuana is not a cure-all, but it can certainly help. Let us work together to end the war on drugs and to create a more just and equitable society.

The US Senate is scheduled to vote on the decriminalization of marijuana in the near future. Let us hope that they will do the right thing and legalize marijuana.

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