ANIMALS

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

RAISA CAMARGO

UCF has the highest student-to-faculty ratio in the country, with 1:15.6. The national average is 1:16.83, and the state average is 1:16.2. The 2005-06 report showed the ratio was 1:15.1. To correct this, the university has increased new faculty hires by 40.6 percent in 2002. With enrollment hitting 44,000 and the university declining at UCF, under-enrolling puts strain on teachers and students who said education should be more personalized.

"We're reaching a point where we need to have more faculty on hand to keep up the quality of an education," UCF Undergraduate Chair Mary Chappell said. Chappell said that, because of state-wide budget cuts, the university is facing a crunch in hiring faculty. She said faculty members are being hired to critical areas in certain classes.

The Board of Trustees is strongly supporting differential tuition to address the issue. Chappell said. Differential tuitions would allow the university to set tuition higher than the state-mandated tuition.

Agriculture education is discussed, said Benjamin Mattingly, an agricultural professor. "The ability to squeeze produce stalks, napkins, pinned-off professors. "You see a lot of bumper-sticker people,"

Valerie  Reesor said. She noted teachers in large classes don't have time to address individual students and entire courses.  Reesor said she saw interactions with her teacher in small classes because it's a better learning environment.

Toilet humor

The UCF 5th Guy campaign has students avoiding shaking hands — SEE NEWS, A2

FIEA grads have 97 percent placement, $50K salaries

SHAHIDAH RICHARDSON

Training at UCF's Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy means big money for many of its video gaming graduates.

According to FIEA's Web site, the job placement percentage for their gradu­ates is 97 percent. This means that of the 34 students graduating this December, about 32 of them will soon be getting job offers from gaming companies such as Electronic Arts, Gamelab and Midway Games.

However, the number that catches people's eye is $30K, the average starting salary for FIEA graduates. FIEA graduates say they were prepared to work in the interactive entertainment industry — as video games. The program consists of three tracks: programming, producing and art.

"Deciding on those months involves classroom work, while the last four months includes students.

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AROUND CAMPUS

WIC presents Thinking Caps
Volunteer UCF presents Thinking Caps, a chance for students to volunteer to tutor others in a variety of subjects today from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate holds meeting
The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union's Roy West Room. Faculty Senate is an advisory committee that addresses academic matters. The meeting is open to the UCF community. For more information contact fasenate@mail.ucf.edu.

LOCAL & STATE

Tallahassee — A 10-year-old boy from the Tampa area walked 280 miles to Tallahassee to turn the spotlight on the plight of homeless kids.

Zach Bonner lives with his family in Varvel, he walked the final mile to the state capital Monday morning with his older sister and a group of volunteers. He started walking Nov. 3.

Zach has done charitable work all his life and had planned his walk after hearing about the 10-year-old at the base.

Tommy Lee Poindexter, 18, Nathan Walker Jr., 17, and Avian Lanna Belohlavek, assistant state attorney, said the victim, a 17-year-old girl, was accosted by up to 10 masked teens accosted her and her 12-year-old son in their apartment at the Dunbar Towers.

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About Healthy Hands

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"You can"
Nicola Garring

Villeros-le-Bel, France

As an experienced mentor, Stress had joined the council, saying the violence was worse than the previous two nights, but she felt the situation was still manageable. In this area, the police have had to deal with unrest for three nights, but they have not had to arrest anyone. The police were happy that the situation was under control.

Villeros-le-Bel is a small town on the outskirts of Paris. It has a population of around 15,000 and is known for its vibrant community life. Last week, the town was hit by a wave of violence that left many people feeling scared and helpless.

Stress, who has been a mentor for the past five years, said the situation was calmer than it had been two months ago. "This is the first time that things have calmed down," she said. "We are proud of the way the police have handled the situation."

UCF students and the year," she said. "In the Honors College, I've seen students working on service-learning programs and being a team leader. Next semester, I'll be working as a team leader for the BHC.

That's why I think it is so worth it."
both of them. The suspects then dosed them with cleaning solutions in an attempt to destroy evidence, police said.

Menages left by the Asso­ciated Press for Taylor's attorney were not immedi­ately returned.

Talk began in straggle shooting on Monday.

WEST PALM BEACH — Opening arguments began
Tuesday in the trial of an 81-
year-old man charged with
killing a police officer.

Samuels, 44. Samuels was
charged with reviewing col­leges for more accreditation
and will debate that as part of
bargaining talks. The meeting has been
under pressure to find a solution to
the conflict as both office bosses climb and other
unions that work on Broad­way, such as Actors' Equity
Association, began to feel the effects of no paychecks.

The complicated con­tract dispute has focused on
how many stagehands are
required to open a Broad­way show and keep it run­ning. That means moving scenery, lights, sound sys­tems and props into the the­aters; installing the set and making sure it works; and keeping everything functioning well for the life of the production.

Bush administration to push for
more accreditation
for colleges around the country

Saving the three victims of the blast survivors in
Machala is 15 minutes
away from the mine by vehi­cle.
Lauren Bifulk

It's like Nagstet but legal. In July, Greg Balak and Karen Morrison launched a site that Trackswag, a company that monitors trading media over the Internet.

Far from the world of file-sharing, Trackswag encourages the trading of legal online copies of DVDs or books, through the use of a person for only the cost of postage.

"It seemed like such a good idea," Morrison said. "We had people buying the movie The Wild Wild West.

"I am not sure if we saw more people, but we are buying the novel The Da Vinci Code.

"The site trackswag.com was our way to try to make a profit, and to buy more books and movies in the process. It's good for everyone. It's like Napster but legal.

"But most importantly, it is a way to keep class size to a minimum. The amount of attention students are not valued, Leonard said.

"There is room for improvement, and for expansion. He said the English teaching in 1997, he said the rent level ratio in English classes has not changed. He said the English teacher/trades, so we benefit from a site like Swaptrtree.com, a site that matches up users, so everyone involved can be used across the country. It's not like I am talking to just one person," Restrepo said. "You end up looking by bringing in their emotions and ideas into the class, she said.

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Feeling blue? Show offers cheap student tickets

BY ROBYN SIDERSKY

Six months after the Blue Man Group made their home at the Universal Resort, students will be able to purchase tickets at a special reduced price.

Universal is offering what is called a "student rush ticket," where students will be able to go to the box office at the Sony Aquous theater, where the group performs, and if tickets are available, students can purchase them for $25 each with their student IDs.

Normally, adult tickets for the show can cost between $59 and $69. Each student can buy two tickets at the lower rate with his ID. The concept is similar to the way theatrical productions in cities such as New York sell tickets to students.

"We felt it was important to create a program which would make our show a bit more accessible to college students," Blue Man Co-founder Chris Wink said in an e-mail. "We have similar programs at other Blue Man Group productions around the country that have proven to be very popular and now we're very happy to offer it in Orlando as well."

The idea of being able to see the internationally acclaimed Blue Man Group at Universal for a discounted rate is very appealing to some students.

"That is actually a really good deal," freshman Jessica Wolf said. "I feel more obligated to go to it because the tickets are cheaper and available to students."

Wolf said she's seen the Blue Man Group perform outside at Universal and has heard about them from her dad, but would love to see them perform on stage.

Freshman business major Carolina Bernal agreed with Wolf, sharing the excitement about the tickets.

"If they had student tickets for $25, I would definitely make a trip there to see it," Bernal said. Students are offered other special prices for attractions in the Orlando area through the Activity and Service Fee ticket office located in the Student Union.

The box office sells tickets to Arabian Nights, Busch Gardens, Disney, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, Medieval Tunes, Pirate's Dinner Adventure, SeaWorld, Universal, AMC, Loews and Regal Classic and Lynx bus passes.

The most recent additions were Disney and Pirate's Dinner Adventure.

"It's a service and convenience for the students to get specially priced tickets," said Joe Sciarrino, director of the Activity and Service Fee business office.

UCF signs a contract with a vendor to purchase tickets in bulk at a group rate and sells the tickets to students at a special price.

Between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the ticket office sold 21,906 tickets to theme park attractions. Sciarrino said the ticket sales increase every year as the student population increases.

The ticket office also serves as a Ticketmaster office, selling tickets to local concerts, but students don't receive special prices.

BLUE MAN GROUP

NORMAL ADULT PRICE
All Shows: $59.00-$69.00

UCF STUDENT PRICE
All Shows: $25.00

NOTE: Universal Studios Orlando is offering the promotion for its large audience of college-age students.
**Personal relationship forces resignation**

David Cray

New York — Plagued by burnout at the top, the American Red Cross recently ousted its president, Mark Everson, on Monday for engaging in a "personal relationship" with one of his subordinates. He took the challenging job just last month.

The conglomeration of charities, America’s 2nd largest, has now had five leaders in the last five years. Right after Blaine Burwell was fired for mishandling the intern on the desk. Everson, a former corporate executive and campaign manager of the Internal Revenue Service, announced the Red Cross post on May 29; after the charity sought to restructure itself and holistically reform its public image. Since announcing his resignation, effective immediately, after being notified about 30 days ago by a senior executive at the national office about Everson’s relationship with a woman on the staff, Everson’s name was not released.

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The Red Cross board appointed Mary S. Eton, its general counsel for the past two years, as executive vice president and CEO. Eton’s past experience includes serving as executive vice president of human resources with the U.S. Postal Service. "Although it is difficult and disappointment news for the Red Cross community, the board remains strong in its support of those who have contributed to the American Red Cross and thereby in the charitable sector as a whole," said Paul Light, a New York Times public policy editor.

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The "hands-on" experience, Deery and van Etten both said. "Since new consoles have been introduced, there is a lot of pressure and challenge. The gaming industry itself comes with a lot of pressure and challenge. Arties, with an average starting salary of $53,452, make the least amount of money compared to the gaming industry, said van Etten. "When he took the Red Cross job, Emboared embraced it after four years running the Internal Revenue Service.

"My 16 year-old daughter said, "People will like you now!" Everson remarked during an interview in July with The Associated Press.
Knights return to their real home to play Presbyterian

PADRICK BREWER  
Sports Editor

The UCF Men's Basketball team is coming off a 1-2 showing in the Old Spice Classic at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex over the holiday weekend. Tonight, the Knights will resume play at their more familiar home when they host Presbyterian College at the New UCF Arena at 7 p.m. It will be the sixth consecutive game for the Knights in the general Central Florida area. Here are the keys to tonight's matchup:

**Not letting up**
The Knights are coming off a tournament where their 1-2 record doesn't speak to how well they played. UCF played No. 19 Villanova close in a 76-68 loss on Thanksgiving and took No. 20 Kansas State in overtime in a 73-71 defeat. UCF followed that up with a 70-59 win over Penn State on Sunday. Now the Knights have to make sure they don't falter against a team they should beat.

Presbyterian comes to Orlando with an 0-7 record, but they have posted a winning season in each of the past four years. Presbyterian is allowing 74.6 points per game while its opponents have made more than 50 percent of their shots from the field and almost 45 percent from 3-point range. That should bode well for UCF, which shoots nearly 20 3-pointers a game and converts on almost 40 percent of them.

On paper, it looks like a game the Knights (3-2) should win easily, but they need to make sure their focus stays on the task at hand and not on their next opponent - South Florida.

**Free-throw woes**
The Knights are shooting just 65.1 percent from the free-throw line through five games, a far cry from the 72.4 percent they shot last season. Jermaine Taylor, Dave Noel and Chip Cartwright have had the biggest drops from last year to this year. Taylor went from shooting 71.1 percent to only 68 percent, and Noel has fallen from a team-leading 85.4 percent to 64.7 percent. Cartwright has dropped from 82.8 percent to 58.8 percent.

**Frosh duo paces Knights in win**

Ryan Bass  
Staff Writer

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**SCOREBOARD**

**68-57**

UCF vs. La Salle

**SCORING**

**UCF**

Tia Lewis 16

Emma Cannon 16

**La Salle**

Lauren Hix 16

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<td>Center</td>
<td>4.8 ppg, 4.6 rpg</td>
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**PROJECTED PRESBYTERIAN STARTING LINEUP**

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<td>Pat Kiscaden</td>
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**Free-throws woes**

The Knights are shooting just 65.1 percent from the free-throw line through five games, a far cry from the 72.4 percent they shot last season. Jermaine Taylor, Dave Noel and Chip Cartwright have had the biggest drops from last year to this year. Taylor went from shooting 71.1 percent to only 68 percent, and Noel has fallen from a team-leading 85.4 percent to 64.7 percent. Cartwright has dropped from 82.8 percent to 58.8 percent.
Taylore is UCF's leading scorer

Lewis and Cannon get double-doubles

NEWS TO NOTE

A HOMECOMING

The Knights are tops Conference USA in percentage of three-point shots made. On Monday, Cummings found two three-pointers heading into this game.

THE WOUNDED

The game was held in the first two quarters of the game, forcing back to back scores against the Villanova Wildcats on Tuesday.

THE TAKING

The return game was to be held at the arena to the home in the game.

THE HAMMER

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THE NIGHT OF FEAR

The shooting happened in the early morning. The father and most others left without speaking.

THE RETURN

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THE SHOOTING

The shooting happened in the early morning. The father and most others left without speaking.
Sirens of university campuses have a way of convincing students that they need to be there. They have a way of spreading the word and have their voices heard about the issues they care about. We suppose that activism is, contrary to what some readers may think, it is a healthy, useful, and well-rounded college experience.

Last week, some of our readers expressed concern that UCF campus groups' demonstrations or student protests methods were not only "annoying," but would also outweigh petitions or protests of UCF students as they shuffled around campus to take in the sites.

In an article titled, "Protestors should be Rational Not Radical," printed on Nov. 20, Bruno was harshly critical of the way university students think of these people who they often label as "irrelevant." And what worries him is that students may think to themselves, "Is this just Earth going through another wave of words and wits, or is it something relevant if you want to lead a more informed, enlightened life?"

In the following issue on Nov. 27, Reader View titled, "Bogging down the way of thinking - of the people that really matter in the community," is evoked as applicable to Bruno's argument, where he claims that most of us do not take these people seriously because it is the delusional but noble actions of some people that really matter in the community.

But if you have read from anywhere to just about anywhere, this sentiment has been around for a long time. As a matter of fact, The Student Newspaper at UCF since 1968. ***"The Student" is published every Tuesday during the fall and spring semesters and weekly during the summer by students for students at the University of Central Florida. The Student is an independent voice for the student body and an outlet for students' perspectives.***

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"We should try and make our decisions as well as they can be, and make sure that we don't step in muck. What he will do is that he will put a little bit of fresh air away from the political jargon. What better way could we think of than to have people in the world who have the knowledge and skill to be able to think about the issues of the day and help us through these difficult times.

"As he claims, these students miss the point. There is no place more where we've got to go. In Anthony Bruno's letter, "Protesters Should be Rational Not Radical," which on triviality? Without a doubt it has. Plen..."
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