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A new organization at UCF, the Hispanic Heritage Awareness Council, is helping to meet the growing demand for representation of the Hispanic culture.

On Nov. 24, HHAC held a Showcase of Hispanic Culture at the stage in front of the Student Union.

Members of the organization gave out flags stickers that represented 20 Hispanic countries. Among them were flags from Bolivia, Cuba and Uruguay. Each flag featured a short fact about the country it represented.

"HHAC is really trying to get the word out about the Hispanic heritage around campus," said freshman aerospace engineering major Laura Abreu, a volunteer at the Showcase.

Some attendees were attracted to the event by the diversity of Hispanic music booming out of the speakers on stage.

The sounds of salsa, Punta and merengue got several people dancing in front of the stage, including the school mascot, Knightro.

Others were attracted by the visual aspect of the Showcase, which was a display of art and objects from different Hispanic cultures. Some of the objects displayed were colorful Guatemalan carnival masks, Hispanic flags and a sampona, which is a flute-like instrument from Peru.

Members of the Hispanic Heritage Committee for Orange County Corrections were able to come out to the Showcase as well.

"The Orange County Corrections Department is always happy to participate in events like this," said Luis Martinez-Fernandez, a professor from the UCF history department. They will show a movie about Argentina, called "The Official History, and Martinez-Fernandez will help to break down the content of the movie for students.

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We want to help teach the UCF community about the Hispanic culture," said Jacqueline Marte, chair of HHAC. "We want to show what is important to our culture instead of just living up to the stereotypes."

HHAC member and foreign language major, Raquel Martinez, agreed that many stereotypes about Hispanics exist that need to be broken. She stated that, "We want to help break down the stereotypes about Hispanics from the limit.

"I have been told that I don't represent the Hispanic culture because I am more quiet," Martinez said, "but there is more to us than high music and lot of food!"

Despite the obvious similarities, HHAC is unique in comparison to other organizations on campus, such as the Hispanic American Student Association.

"We are more focused on educating the community, and HASS is more social," Marte said.

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Also convicted in the crime were: Coie's boyfriend, Michael jackson, who had been sentenced to death Alan Woods, for whom a jury recommended the death penalty and Bruce Niswonger, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and kidnapping after leading police to the bodies. The victims were 13-year-old and 14-year-old and faces 2 years to life in prison.

By agreeing to testify against the rest, he avoided the death penalty. ·

The federal agency is seeking to take control between the Education and the Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic schools

The bodies of Reggie and their neighbor. The group used the Sumners' a boil at a key 'review -session

A dozen Iraqi cadets are charged with trying to force police to a training on the world's sixth-largest

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Since Margaret Spellings became education secretary almost three years ago, Nation has been stocked with administration appointees who have demanded that colleges move more quickly on issues based on outcomes, such as graduation and job-placement rates, as opposed to using "inputs," such as the test scores of new freshmen. And now Congress, concerned about the increasing cost of college, is considering what standards the administration's authority to appoint all 15 members of the board and to see that they do, and is voting to let the boards see that they do perform that role effectively.

When a university is the only opposition force, will you give it a crushing majority of the vote or will you split the vote? The nationwide poll was commissioned by the state-controlled Channel One television.

Another nationwide poll, conducted by the Public Opinion Foundation, which is technically independent but considered friendly, showed United Russia winning with 62.3 percent of the vote. The survey polled about 30,000 households and had a margin of error of 1.2 percent. The poll was based on face-to-face interviews with voters at 2,100 precincts.

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CAITLYN MCMANN

Final exams start tomorrow, but it's too late to take computer classes and get some helpful resources. The Study Skills Resource Center and the Library are doing extra sessions until the last minute so students can finish the semester as a high note.

Jenifer Wright, director of SARC, said a lot of stress during final exams arises because students are dealing with uncertainty and committing to written work. Most students have passed.

Wright said it's important to keep motivation and maintain organization as the season changes. "What's at stake?" Wright said. "You're already over there or three. What's one more?"

While keeping themselves calm, students also need to be prepared for the challenges ahead and plan their schedules accordingly, she said.

"There is no magic way or formula of getting to an A," Wright said. "Students need to take time for themselves because, ultimately, it's their own next to the final grade on the test, Wright said. "Get settled," he said. James Simpson, a senior psychology major, said that the final exam was a long time coming. He also pointed out that the final exam was more difficult than the average test.

Wright said that a lot of students face recruitment and job offers. "The biggest test is not normal," Simpson said. "SARC is constructed to protect and support children at home and students just don't fail finals. There's too much at stake here," Wright said. "Do it again.

SARC is offering extended hours of dancing through finals week. Starting today and running through Thursday, Dec. 4. SARC will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 5.

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Supplemental Instruction leaders. Wright said that students should contact the SARC office by phone to see when review sessions are available.

The UCP Library is also offering extended hours during finals week. The Library Web, http://library.ucf.edu, lists their extended hours and also offers services that are convenient for students.

Meg Schlar, associate director for Library Public Services, said that students can review those books online, find research guides for any last-minute papers, ask a librarian for help online through "How do I find it" and also check a list of books they've checked out before thanksgiving break and Christmas break.

Schlar said it is important for students to get plenty of sleep and plan ahead.

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The Library also has rooms available for study groups, and if students plan on having a late night of studying, Sea City on the ground floor of the Library has plenty of caffeinated beverages for sale.

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The degree in the field of technology will consist of 30 hours of graduate-level coursework, culminating in a final research project. The board has high hopes for the program, predicting that by its fifth year, enrollment will grow to more than 125 students.

Currently, faculty members working within the program are undertaking research projects totaling nearly $1.5 million. This program is also expected to begin in the fall.

The master’s degree program in digital forensics will be included on the certificate programs list in the field that was established in 2000. Digital forensics and digital media are examined under the evidence found in digital devices. Graduates with a master’s degree in the field of digital forensics will have the skills and the credentials necessary to work for government forensic laboratories and corporate information security departments.

The board expects that by the latter years the program will have drawn 125 students. However, the college’s director of cyber forensics, Lisa Roberts, said that of those students, the Board of Trustees needs to consider whether students actually have to work in the field. Roberts said that the Board of Trustees needs to decide whether they should create a separate master’s degree program for cyber forensics or a separate master’s degree program for cyber forensic investigations.

The degree program for cyber forensic investigations is not currently included in the university’s program offerings. However, the Board of Trustees is working to bring a separate master’s degree program for cyber forensic investigations to the university. Currently, the Board of Trustees is working to bring a separate master’s degree program for cyber forensic investigations to the university.

Lastly, the board was introduced to a new university program, the University of Central Florida’s Digital Forensics Laboratory. The laboratory is housed in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The laboratory is focused on research as it relates to the development of alternative energy and increased efficiency.

The Board of Trustees also considered a proposal for a new energy solutions company that paid $750,000 toward the lab. The board decided to table the proposal until the next meeting.
Students speak for Pakistan

NATALIE COSTA
Staff Writer

"Long Live Pakistan!" "Go Musharraf!" "Democracy now!" "Reform the constitution.",

Several Pakistani UCF students, natives of Pakistan and American activists assembled at Lake Nona to demonstrate their discontent with the emergency rule in Pakistan.

For more than two weeks, Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has declared a state of emergency and suspended the country's constitution.

Musharraf has agreed to resign as the country's chief of army, which is a serious blow of confrontation with Musharraf, but not until the Supreme Court certified his recent election.

Adil Butt, a 29-year-old computer science major, said that he thinks the U.S. should intervene.

"The U.S. government needs to put pressure on Musharraf to remove martial law and give fair elections," Song said. "I hope there is a peaceful democratic transition.

To exemplify the multitude of Pakistani nation, Song used the example of Imran Khan, a politician who was arrested on Nov. 3 against the Musharraf government.

Aista Ahmed, a graduate student from Lahore, Pakistan, offered another solution to the current situation.

"Pakistan needs to make sure its military personnel do not engage in civilian affairs. The military's strategy needs to be made independent.

Musharraf's succession Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, is thought to be more moderate and in the way he will lead Pakistan, it will continue with the economic progress.

However, Bhutta said that Musharraf has never been a negative power in Pakistan.

"Musharraf is basically a reformer and extremely valuable," Bhutta said. "His leadership goes back to his days as UCF's student body president. As an under-grad, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in advertising and public relations.

In addition to heading the Student Government, Bhutta was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and also a member of the freshman orientation team.

As president of SGA, Bhutta says his most important contribution to UCF was the plan for funding the construction of the Student Union.

"My time here at UCF was outstanding," Redd said. "I came to UCF in the fall of '97 and immediately became involved. When I took office in 1997, there was no Student Union on campus. Student resources were spread across campus.

"I found my partner, Denver Sturley, set out to secure funds for the building of the Student Union." Redd lobbied the Board of Regents in Tallahassee in 1997 and 1998. After working with the Board's chancellor and financial officers, Redd helped secure $1 million for the construction of the Student Union.

At the time, the Student Union was a $2 million facility. Redd was a 1997 graduate of the University of Central Florida and immediately became involved.
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BUFFALO Sabres spurt with two more goals in a second span late in the second period and Adam Mair and Thomas Vanek also scored in a 3-0 victory.

IN ROUT OF CAROLINA

Ray Whitney scored for Carolina, who finished the job Saturday, beating struggling Carolina of seven. Ryan Miller made 20 saves for the Sabres.

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In the eyes of many, the Knights division-winning season of 2005 seemed like a fluke. They followed that up with a 4-8 record in 2006. Their defense was statistically ranked as one of the worst in the country. But to the Knights, the biggest win was the one that had that chance.

McEnroe started his reply: "It's not the moment ever in tennis." He looked about me, it's about this whole group of "guys .... "

McEnroe was asked about the U.S. Open victory. "It was the longest span without an American singles matches victory. It was a goal that they had come so close to reaching nearly two years ago to the day but the Golden Hurricane deprived them of that."

The knights accomplish their ultimate goal

CROWNED CHAMPIONS

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Kyle Israel jumped into the stands to celebrate with the fans who weren't allowed to go down on to the field. And normally slim head coach George O'Leary was all ear-to-ear smile as he raised the C-USA Championship trophy.

Tight end Mike Mer­ritt and wide receiver Javid Davis made their first court appearance in shock," said Taylor appeared in the courtroom, about 100 miles from the shooting.

In their ultimate goal to win the Conference USA Championship on Saturday, the win gave the Knights their first-ever conference championship.

Shanina Hunte, 18; and Venjah Hunte. Any of their ultimate ones were ups and downs, but none was as elec­tronic as their ultimate one.

In the final, the once-dominant United States has not won the Davis Cup in 12 years, the longest gap without an American victory. The U.S. Davis Cup team has 32 titles in the international team competition, dating from 1900. After the victory, team captain Patrick McEnroe said it was his best moment ever in tennis.

"He looks like a kid on top of a mountain," said Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe.

"It feels great," running back Earnest Graham said. All four have been unpremeditated murder, armed with a firearm or another deadly weapon.

"We accomplished this and we're going to be a great game in a great city," said Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe.

"I'm excited for our football team and what they've accomplished this year," said USC head coach George O'Leary. "We're looking forward to the bowl season and the SEC opponent. It's going to be a great game in a great city."
BRIAN HURPIT/ Staff Writer

So it wasn’t a perfect Saturday for UCF Athletics after all. The Men’s Basketball team fell behind when the Knights hit a few three pointers. They would lose their lead with as many as 10 of their next 12 shots. They would lose their lead as they scored only six points before Soloman Bozeman hit two free throws with 21 seconds remaining.

The teams remained separated by one possession until Bozeman hit a 3-pointer to put the Bulls ahead 54-48 with 12:11 left. The Knights were brought back by their leading scorer, guard Jermaine Taylor, as he scored the game’s next six points to force the final score

The Bulls held a 38-37 advantage, but the final score was not indicative of how close the game was for nearly the entire 40 minutes.

“The Bulls hit some free throws in the waning seconds that extended their lead, but the final score was not indicative of how close this game was for nearly the entire 40 minutes,” said coach Kirk Speraw in a press release. “They were aggressive and we were not as assertive as we needed to be."

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Mizzou, West Virginia lose shot at national title

The Pittsburgh Panthers celebrate their 18-15 victory over the No. 2 West Virginia Mountaineers on Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

Box 3-11

UCF's Smith closes in on record

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Overturned Tulsa touchdown helps UCF to victory

After defeating Tulsa 42-23 in the regular season, the Knights knew that in order to bear the Golden Hurricane twice, they would need another solid performance collectively. Not only that, but Tulsa too was entering Saturday’s game with a win streak in hand—a five-game streak that started the game after they lost to UCF.

Tulsa quarterback Paul Smith—one of the nation’s leading passers—came into the game averaging more than 300 yards per game. Smith nearly got that mark in the first half, totaling 275 yards and three touchdowns and only one interception.

"Paul Smith is an extremely good quarterback," O’Leary said. "I look at the efficiency of a quarterback and any praise he gets, he deserves. He’s a great player and I have a lot of respect for quarterback-backs that play the game with their hands."

Smith finished the day with 425 yards and four touchdowns. Despite those numbers, Smith and Tulsa had a touchdown in October, was his hand. He threw three interceptions and was sacked six times by the Golden Knight defense.

The Knights jumped out to a quick 17-0 lead eight minutes into the first quarter, but Tulsa would answer back with two scores of its own to take a 15-14 lead at the midway point of the quarter.

UCF would score three more times in the first half, including a 46-yard touchdown run by Kevin Smith on a two-play drive that began after an interception by corner Johnell Neal.

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President Hill's title of the highest running back in programs. One of those programs, however, was not UCF. In fact, Hill's career at UCF was far from spectacular. The Knights are head­

dog in the head. They were a Division-II school. In the early 1990s, when UCF first started playing football, the team had a five-game losing streak and was not considered a serious contender for any bowl games. However, over the past few years, UCF has made significant progress and is now considered a strong contender for bowl games. The team has also improved its overall record, winning more games than it lost for three straight seasons. Despite this, the team still has a lot to work on to become a top-tier program.

The future of UCF football remains uncertain. The team needs to repeat in the Big East conference and get respect from the fans and analysts. The team also needs to improve its offensive line, which has struggled in recent games. The team's success in the upcoming season will depend on the performance of the players and the coaching staff. Despite the challenges, the team is still optimistic about their prospects and is working hard to build a winning tradition.
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