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UCF to games
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President of UCF fora game scheduled for tonight at Spectrum Stadium at 7 p.m., Jan. 9.

Hitt named 3rd most powerful person in Central Florida

KIMBERLY HERNDON

UCF President John Hitt is the third most powerful person in Central Florida, according to an article in the Orlando Sentinel.

A list of 25 of the most powerful Central Floridians is compiled each year by Orlando Sentinel columnist Scott Maxwell. The list includes mayors, politicians, company presidents and CEOs. Maxwell chooses a panel of influential people who anonymously choose 25 people they think make a difference.

He said that he carries the ability to get things done.

The list, which began in 2004, is printed at the end of every year. And, this year, Hitt was listed on the list, however they are forbidden to speak on their findings, but he printed this year but has made the list four years. Each year, he has been in the top 25.

"He's got up there by putting the school on the map," Maxwell said. "He's certainly very involved with everything, especially with the medial school."

According to Cynthia Fletcher, associate vice president for the UCF Community Relations office, Hitt was the largest megaregional area in the country awaiting approval to build.

Now, with Gables, started to build in 2009, the impact of the College of Medicine in Central Florida community is very notable.

The medical college will improve more physicians that will help in the doctor shortage in Florida. According to Bonvicino, "it's very exciting and something different." said Randall Williams, assistant director for IST.

MOLLY WHITE
continuing story

AT&T's donation to UCF's Institute for Simulation and Training funds not only technology used by the military but an ongoing debate among scholars about the value of military research on campus.

IST received a $50,000 AT&T Modeling and Simulation Award to help the military. So far, the company has donated a total of $10,500. In April, the funds will be dispersed to graduate students in the form of PhDs. This latest donation will be used, the name indicates, for modeling and simulations research. Such research will be utilized by the military, the defense minister.

The research that was involved, the Institute for Simulation and Training, is basically to help learn ways for soldiers or war fighters to train better, to train more effectively," said Randall Williams, assistant director for IST Information and Public Services. "We don't really deal with any specific types of training, just the effects of training and ways to make training more effective." UCF along with the University of Florida and the University of South Carolina, is a Florida High Tech Corridor (FHTCC) partner. These universities, along with 14 community colleges and 20 businesses, are collaborating in order to foster high-tech industries within the 23 counties that make up the FHTCC.

Council members are the presidents of each university and appointed personnel at the businesses, which includes Ron Albert, a director of Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control, R. Kent Buchanan of Harris Corporation and Greg Sere Stites of Northrop Grumman's Space Division.

IST was founded in 1982 and employs about 100 personnel to bars and drinking. So the Magic are interested in forming more partnerships with the Orlando Magic, "They are looking to bring people out to the Magic games." Orlando Magic's Special Event Coordinator, Audrey Rodrigues, to establish a partnership and develop the idea.

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AROUND CAMPUS
News and notices for the UCF community.
Blood drive held on UCF campus.
Bloodmobile from the Florida Blood Center will be on campus to collect blood donations from students, faculty and staff from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who donate blood will receive a free Chick-fil-A sandwich and a cookie. For more information, contact Brian WILLIAMS at 407-823-1188.

Employment prep fair begins today
UCF's Career & Professional Development office is holding an employment prep conference today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Pegasus Ballroom. The fair will help students prepare for their next career or graduate school opportunity.

The event is open to all UCF students and business advertisers.

VUJ holds domestic violence class
Volunteer UCF will be holding a class to help fight domestic violence. The class will be Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Teaching Academy. The event is free, but you must register by Stephon Shofer, 407-823-9833.
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The new mandates would force many institutions to hire staff members to help them comply, costing colleges millions of dollars at a time when Congress is pressuring institutions to hold the line on tuition.

Alexander and college lobbyists hope they can persuade Congress to eliminate or scale back some of the new requirements, but they fear they are fighting an uphill battle. In Washington, as elsewhere, one rule is added to the books with little say over once the domino effect starts.

"We almost never throw the trash out," Alexander said in an interview. "We just bring in another trash basket and fill it up too."

—GREGORY MOORE
Scientists and brain experts from around the world will gather Jan. 25 through 27 to discuss the latest research and medical advancements.

The Second International Brain Conference at the Rosen College of Hospitality was organized by the University of Central Florida School of Biomedical Sciences professor Dr. Kinnurmo Sugaya. It will focus on the research and treatment techniques for brain injuries and genetic deficits.

"This conference's main focus is Alzheimer's, and not just Alzheimer's but brain research," Sugaya said. "The main thing is, I like to focus on the aging brain since a unique exposure to brain injuries in this area can be exposed to state-of-the-art research."

Sugaya has been part of the University of Central Florida School of Biomedical Sciences for four years. He is a main focus of stem cells and their relation to neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Ultimately, participants at the conference will have the opportunity to experience a major exposure to the entire spectrum of brain research.

The various lectures will cover topics such as autism, traumatic brain injury, brain tumors and the aging brain. In addition to the focus on Alzheimer's, other lectures will also include treatment of neurodegenerative disorders, such as autism.

According to the Autism Research Institute, more American children than ever are now afflicted with autism. Since the early 1990s, the rate of autism has increased exponentially around the world with figures as high as 1 in 60 in every 10,000 children. Boys outnumber girls 4 to 1. In 2007 the Centers for Disease Control reported that 1 in 193 children are diagnosed with autism.

There is an urgent need for investigators to learn the brain's role in this and other neurodegenerative disorders. An increased understanding of development and disease processes in the brain is needed to create more effective treatments.

This conference will also explore the relationship between the aging brain and psychiatric diseases.

"Regeneration Through Generations" is the theme of this year's conference. As in name implies, the three-day event will provide participants with the opportunity to learn more about regenerative therapy for neurodegenerative disease.

Experts in attendance will be traveling from nations around the world, including Australia, Japan, Germany, France and Sweden.

Physicians, scientists, medical device manufacturers, nurses and students will all benefit from this highly anticipated gathering of knowledgeable medical researchers and scientists by learning about the latest research in brain research and practice as well as future applications.

"This is a great event to get researchers together and research ideas and results," said Manny Vrotsos, a biochemical science Ph.D. student. "I think it's good that we are bringing researchers to Orlando for a main conference on a smaller scale and a more intimate setting."

Sugaya said that every year, they bring in a guest researcher. This year, Dr. Agneta Nordberg from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden will be visiting to share her research on amyloid plaques.

"Amyloid plaques are insoluble fibrillar proteins that share specific structural traits. Plaques contain misfolded peptides called amyloid beta (Ab) proteins. Amyloid plaques are something we have in the brain of Alzheimer's patients," Sugaya said.

Amyloid plaques in gross amounts are significant in the Alzheimer's diseased brain.

The Karolinska Institute is one of Europe's largest medical universities. Headquarted in 1920 and located in Solna, just outside Stockholm, it is one of Sweden's largest centers for training and research, accounting for 30 percent of the medical training and 40 percent of the medical academic research conducted nationwide.

This year's international brain conference will be slightly different from last year's conference. Last year's gathering featured a showing of deep brain stimulation of a Parkinson's disease patient. Sugaya explained that this year's conference will be discovering more about regeneration of a brain affected by degeneration.

"Last year, we reported that we can fix the brain using the patient's own stem cells," Sugaya said. "So our technology is now and we have the ability to take embryonic stem cells from the bone marrow and produce stem cells. That is what we established.

"When we transplant these cells into the brain, we provoke the repair tissue in the brain to act as a normal, good memory and behavior like a normal animal, not the human yet."

This conference will also feature representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, the Alzheimer's Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association of Central Florida.

"The conference is the meeting of the most recent advancements in neurologic care to the Central Florida region," said Florida Hospital neurosurgeon and scientific community member Dr. Matty Feld. "The advancements are why I am excited about it. People from around the world are going to be presenting at the meeting, and it's one of the first international meetings held that will put the medical school of the University of Central Florida on the map as a center for medical advancements and research.

"It will be a very exciting meeting for anyone interested in neurosciences or future medical devices to attend."
President Bush meets with congressional leaders to discuss the economy Tuesday, in the Cabinet Room of the White House. President Bush invited the bipartisan leaders to discuss an emergency response to the economic downturn. Bilateral talks centered on tax rebates and business tax cuts, but also raised the question of an economic package added to the stimulus bill. During the meeting Bush offered to meet with lawmakers of both parties "as soon as possible." Later, at the announcement of the creation of a council on economic security, Bush said that we can hopefully get something done quickly, but that he knows the legislative process can prove tedious.

Majority Leader Harry Reid said the goal is to get a deal through Congress and get Bush within dollars of a response before lawmakers break for the Presidents' Day recess.

Mr. Reid predicted that the size of a deal proposed by Bush was "a good number." The action came on the same day that the Federal Reserve Board announced that it cut a key interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point. Bush met with the bipartisan congressional leadership to discuss an emergency rescue package centered on tax rebates and business tax cuts but also likely to include increases in unemployment benefits and food stamps. "I've got reasonable expectations about how fast something can happen," Bush said as the session began. "But I'm also optimistic something will happen." Speaking in a packed Cabinet Room, Bush said he knew that top lawmakers in Congress want to find a solution quickly but that he knows the legislative process can prove tedious.

"Everybody wants to get something done quickly, but we want to make sure it gets done right," the president said. "And make sure that everybody's realistic about the timetable. Legislative bodies don't move necessarily in an orderly, quick way, and therefore these leaders are committed, and they want to get something done.

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The unusual bipartisan cooperation was not possible the last time the economy was at stake, he said. Despite the economy's woes, he said he was confident that they can craft a package that cuts deeply into the bad subprime mortgage problem as well as the housing problem. He described his meeting with lawmakers as "very positive." On Wall Street, stocks plunged at the opening of trading Tuesday, propelled by Dow Jones industrials down about 400 points after the Federal Reserve's announcement that its rate cut failed to assuage nervous investors. The crisis has spread not only around the globe that have fallen precipitously in recent days amid concerns that a downturn might spread around the world. The chartsing of the global economic market since Bush proposed the outlines of an economic package added a greater aura of urgency to the talks at the White House. It also raised the question of whether Bush is willing to go for an even more expensive package. White House press secretary Dana Perino did not rule that out, although she said Bush believes he has proposed the correct figure and no one is pushing for a bigger one at this point.

Sources: The administration is working with leaders on the stimulus bill, discussed details with top lawmakers in both parties in advance of the meeting between Bush and leading lawmakers.

I have been very encouraged by the way that both parties have come together, bipartisan support for moving quickly to do something that will make a difference this year in our economy that will be meaningful, that will be temporary and something that we can hopefully get done quickly," Perino told reporters.
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square foot devoted to the Army Research Institute. However, UCF students have varying opinions about the university’s ties with the military.

"The fact that the university might partner with the military is a concern to many students," said Chris Carlson, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. "I believe that we can go through our military research in a way that is not directly in line with the University’s mission, yet still benefit the university.

UCF has announced a new partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build their careers. The impetus for the partnership was to help UCF students get involved in the development of the UCF College of Health and Public Health Care Services. "It’s a win-win situation for both parties," said an UCF spokesperson.

UCF has also announced a new partnership with the National Institutes of Health to provide research opportunities for UCF students. The partnership will allow UCF students to work on National Institutes of Health-funded research projects.

The new partnership is part of UCF’s strategy to increase research funding and to attract top researchers to the university. "We are committed to becoming a world-class research university," said UCF President John Hitt.

UCF President John Hitt speaks at a press conference in the summer of 2003. Hitt was recently named the third most powerful person in Central Florida by the Orlando Sentinel. He is also a member of the University of Central Florida’s 2003-2004 Board of Trustees.

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C-USA GAME: UCF 71, ECU 66

UCF saves its sinking ship

After letting a 22-point lead slip away, Knights pull out a win against Pirates

UCF guard Trueheart takes a short jump shot during the Knights' 77-71 win over Jan. 12. He scored 14 points in 4 of 6 shooting against the East Carolina Pirates on Saturday. He also hit all four of his free-throw attempts, which helped the Knights and Their 7-1 victory. The Knights went 16-0 to the home for the game.

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UCF forward Lacerda was off the court after a hard fall and suffered a head injury during the game. However, the Knights were able to overcome the injury and pull out a win against Pirates.

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The Knights are now 16-0 at home for the season and are looking to keep their winning streak going as they prepare to face Rice at 11.

BRIAN MORPHY

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Free throw shooting secures UCF win

FROM Taylor put the Knights back up by two, but Legan hit another 3 on the Pirates next possession to give them their first lead of the game. Guard Brock Young's jumper the next time down the court put the Pirates ahead 54-51 with five minutes to play.

The teams battled back and forth for the next few minutes, but consecutive 3-pointers from guards Dave Noel and Mike O'Donnell gave the Knights a 63-58 lead with one minute left; free throws, the game could have went any way,'' Taylor said. "We could have maybe lost. We've been working on our free throws during the break. We came in and shot 100 free throws a piece, so we've been working on that."

Taylor led the Knights in scoring for the 14th time this season. He is averaging 24.3 points per C-USA game, and the Knights are now 3-0 in conference play since the 2003-2004 season. Legan led the Pirates with 20 points in a reserve role. He was 6-of-13 from beyond the arc.

Sunday Fundays!!

"I am proud of how our guys showed their maturity by staying calm after losing the lead," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said in a press release. "East Carolina is much improved and this was a good win in a tough place to play. We retained our poise and came up with some big shots and big plays down the stretch."

The Knights and Miners will meet tonight in the New UCF Arena Tip-off is scheduled for 7 pm.
The Democratic National Convention and all those now calling for its cancellation may have underestimated the power of presidential frontrunners to maintain their hard-won advantages in the state of Florida. We as voters should realize that our state has not been cast in the role of a punchline.

Our problems are not merely those of other states. While the DNC has emphasized how in Florida there is a record turnout among the 18-29 age group, much of this has been due to concerns over social issues and the prospect of college students receiving a tax break for voting. It is among this age group that the state's lower per capita income is concentrated.

The young and educated are not the only ones who will be affected. In the past, the Florida Democratic Party has been led by candidates who have emphasized social issues over more traditional ones, such as economics and foreign policy. This has led to a situation where the party's base is well-organized, but its appeal to the broader electorate is lacking.

The Florida Democratic Party has a history of strong candidates, but they have struggled to translate their appeal into victory. In recent years, the party has faced challenges from both the Republican Party and third-party candidates. It is clear that the party needs to do more to appeal to a wider audience.

In short, the state of Florida is important to both parties, and the DNC's efforts to increase turnout are a necessary part of the campaign. However, the party also needs to do more to appeal to the broader electorate, and to ensure that its candidates are successful in the state.
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5. Required to work on weekends
6. Used for dating
7. A type of cookie
8. A form of insurance

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2. The capital of Australia
3. A type of cheese
4. A type of bread
5. A type of fruit

DATA ENTRY

4. A type of cheese
5. A type of fruit
6. A type of bread
7. A type of cookie

ECONOMICS

2. A type of cheese
3. A type of fruit
4. A type of bread
5. A type of cookie

ETHICS

1. A type of cheese
2. A type of fruit
3. A type of bread
4. A type of cookie

FINANCE

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11. A type of cookie
12. A form of insurance

PHYSICS

3. A type of cheese
4. A type of fruit
5. A type of bread
6. A type of cookie


tuesday puzzle:

medium level

1. A type of cheese
2. A type of fruit
3. A type of bread
4. A type of cookie

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