Medical school gets accreditation

 SCHOOL

 Students GET THEMSELVES INTO HOT COCOA

 The UCF College of Medicine received the green light from the national accrediting body of medical schools to enroll its inaugural class of students.

 Tuesday night, Dr. Deborah German, dean of the College of Medicine, received an e-mail from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education informing her that the school had received preliminary accreditation.

 "This is the day we've been waiting for," German said.

 The school received a visit from the LCME in December that would determine the medical school's future.

 The school will begin accepting applications from undergraduate medical students in May 2008 for admission to the school in fall 2009.

 "Students should make every effort to apply to the school as soon as possible," German said.

 German and Austin Smith have two minor violations, and Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois have one minor violation. Three novice or minor violation disqualified candidates.

 More violations pending against both

 The candidates for the Student Government Association, Anjali Metz and John Berkowitz, and Brandon Delanois have one minor violation against them.

 Three minor violations or one major violation disqualified candidates from running in the election.

 To view the list of candidates, see the Thursday's Senate meeting or log onto our homepage at www.ucf tomorrow tonight.

 "The election candidates should focus more on their own campaign than on the competition," Metz said.

 "I think it's ridiculous and that the candidates should focus on their own campaign, not what the other is doing," Metz said.

 "The first hearing took place in the SGA office and was

 "The Election Commission decided not to give

 Charges for sending e-mails via his UCF account.

 The results of the investigation weren't available before press time.

 On Wednesday and Thursday, the Election Commission met to oversee four pending violations filed against Glenn Smith and three pending violations against Berkowitz/Delanois.

 The report states that the suspect in the robbery was a friend of the victim's roommate and that the suspect had a history of juvenile offenses.

 The student said that he ran down the hallway and, as he was running down the hallway, he looked back to see if anyone was following him.

 According to the police report, the student then heard what he thought was a "pop shot." He was unsure of the shot's direction.

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 Students' integrity questioned

 "He was proud to announce that we at the Central Florida Future will be working with the Student Government Association on the 2008 SGA presidential debate.

 "This year, not only will the questions be asked by the SGA itself, but staff writer for the Central Florida Future. We encourage all of you to send us your questions.

 Please send any questions you would like the candidates to be asked to Future.f@ucf.edu.

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 Here is your chance to make a difference around campus. Send your questions to the editor and help select the new president of the SGA."
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\"Amazing":
Hams talk the old-fashioned way — wirelessly

MEGAN GARARD

Practicing radio skills for upcoming competitions, exchanging technical information on the construction of amateur radio and assisting fellow members in studying for their FCC Amateur Radio License are all in a day's work for the Amateur Radio Club at UCF.

The club, open to all UCF students, but its staff advises Steve Dick, said the members tend to be from one college.

"The Amateur Radio Club is made up of mostly engineering students," Dick said, "but some other members come from an array of disciplines, such as emergency management, physics and business administration."

No special training or licensing is required for membership however, to enjoy full participation members are encouraged to acquire an FCC Amateur Radio Operator License. If a potential member does not know how to get their license, the club is there to help.

One purpose of the group's meetings is to prepare those without licenses for the FCC licensing test.

Amateur radio, also called ham radio, is an airwave- transferred communication that enables individuals, with each other, around the world, to contact each other, depending on the bandwidth, to transmit voice, music, pictures, or any other form of wireless information.

"It's as old as radio itself," said physics major Doug Maulkin, a member of the club. Since the form of communication requires neither electricity nor use of electronic towers, such as cell phone towers, to operate the radios, the operators use the uplink and downlink capabilities of the earth's atmosphere to contact each other.

"The Amateur Radio Club is a non-profit, non-commercial organization whose purpose is to provide ham radio education and fun," said John Szilagyi, president of the club.

"The Amateur Radio Club is a fun way to socialize with others who share the same interest in the technical aspects of radio and communication, also known as ham radio.

The club's meetings are every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Engineering I, Room 456A. The club's members include John Szilagyi, Doug Maulkin, Steve Dick, Jon Givens, and Ken Woods.

HAMMING IT UP

WHAT IS HAM RADIO?

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WHY DO YOU NEED A LICENSE?

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HIGHEDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

POLITICS

Colleges in politically divided states may have fewer minority member candidates for high-level jobs because the significant share of the senior categories is so small. The proportion of minority candidates for jobs that are most likely to lead to a college presidency is only 4 percent of the total, according to a new survey by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The survey found that minority candidates are particularly underrepresented at the most prestigious institutions. The survey also found that minority candidates are less likely to be offered jobs than non-minority candidates, even when they are equally qualified.

SPORTS

Beijing Olympic Games

Two more suspects arrested in Beijing death

Chinese police arrested two more suspects in the assassination of former Premier Li Peng on Thursday, two days after the murder of Bei Jing's mayor, who was found dead in his office.

Li Peng was a key figure in the Chinese Communist Party and served as premier of China from 1988 to 1990. He was later forced to resign after being accused of corruption.

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LIU YIN
Candidates few steps away from disqualification

Attended by several SGA members, including Glory’s opponent, the meeting in SGA’s Small Room was held by President Logan. She presided over the meeting with the help of election commissioners and political science professor John Hughes.

“Because of the election statute that requires the president of the Student Senate to ensure that election commissioners and political science professors are present for any reason,” Glory said, “the Election Commission’s responsibility is to ensure that election campaign activities are fair, not to kick people out of the race for forgetting to put a statement at the end of Facebook messages.”

The Election Commission was organized to make sure it is a fair election for all parties. Hughes said, “I realize exactly what is in the statutes, but I think the Election Commission’s job entails more than reading the statutes word for word. It should not constitute them being eliminated from the entire election for something so miniscule.”

Hughes’ ideas were understood but did not seem to change everyone’s mind. “I agree with Sean, but we cannot ignore the statutes,” said Connie Delgado, another election commissioner.

With so many different topics and opinions being tossed around, the hearing was not without some anger and tension.

“Val was the most heated bower I’ve ever seen,” Glory said. “I think they are very passionate about their positions.”

Smith said that he may appeal the accusation that was voted a non-violation. Glory said she will appeal the two minor violations.

With various hearings such as this one being held, the spotlight on SGA will only get brighter.

“It is an embarrassment for SGA as a whole,” Glory said. “SGA is one of the finest organizations. This is not by any means what 1 or anyone else intended on happening. It is just not good for the organization.”

Now, Glory said, it comes back to who SGA represents.

“I don’t think anyone wants to see anybody out of the race for any reason,” Glory said. “The election should be decided by the students.”

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Mc McCabe was brought to UCF by Patricia MacDonald, a director for the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

"Faculty are copping out by using Turnitin.com, some students are working on the academic integrity project for 18 years," McCabe said. McCabe reported to have been working on the academic integrity project for 18 years, performing his first survey in 1999.

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While unsure of how many applications they will receive, German said she hopes to receive thousands.

"This is our chance in Central Florida to create something bigger than all of us," German said.

The College of Medicine will make history with its first class, according to the American Association of Medical Colleges. Each student will receive $32,000 in tuition and $20,000 in living expenses for each year they are in medical school.

Currently, 22 out of the 40 Pathways have been filled by members of the Central Florida Medical Alumni Group. UCF President John Hitt said that the ability of the UCF College of Medicine's first graduating class to enter the medical field without debt, unlike many other medical school graduates, should be a big draw for applicants.

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Taylor reaches milestone while Knights cruises to 14-point victory

BRIAN MURPHY

UCF’s Men’s Basketball head coach Eddie Smith snapped short of calling his tenth game against Marshall as Wednesday night a must-win game, but there was no doubt amongst his players.

Riding a three-game losing streak with a meeting at top-ranked Memphis on the horizon, the Knights had to get a victory. It wasn’t pretty, but the Knights got what they needed to beat the Herd 77-63.

“We lost the last three games,” guard Jermaine Taylor said, “so we knew we had to be on our game to get this win. We know that we can beat the No. 1 team in the country with four (straight) losses, it would’ve been frustrating.”

Taylor did the most to ease his team’s frustrations with a career-high 34 points, which helped him become the 14th Knight in program history to score at more than 1,000 points for his career. He is the 14th Knight in program history to score at least 1,000 points.

“After coming off an eye-popping performance in Battle 4 Atlantis, which helped him earn a spot on one last shred of the 2008 MLS-eligible list, it wasn’t even known I had been called to congratulate me. I thought we were worn out a little bit, mentally and physically, but we got through that.”

Marshall (11-10 overall, 3-5 in C-USA) went up by as much as seven when guard Mark Evans hit a 3-pointer, which put the Knights at 25-18 late in the half. But then UCF started to feel its rhythm as it sealed the ball on a 9-4 run. Taylor scored seven points in the final three minutes of the half, and a cutting layup by Dave Noel gave the Knights a 43-30 lead.

“We got really close last year. We wanted to play Division I football,” senior Ashley Van Ryn said. “So we know that it’s feasible.”

Senior Allison Kime added, “We have a lot of great players and really have to be the best.”

 softmax set to take field today

MELISSA WEBER

This season, the UCF Softball team doesn’t have any sting in its step. cleanly smothered, what you see is what you get. Period.

After dropping off, what we are was any respect last year from Conference USA. So, we really have to be on top of our game in the conference. There isn’t going to be a single team that we can take lightly.

The Knights, piled to finish second in the preseason conference poll, are on this year that they can do the best.

“We got really close last year,” senior Ashley Van Ryn said. “So we know it’s feasible this year. We believe in the team that we have that we can get the job done.”

Senior Allison Kime added, “We have a lot of great players this year, so I expect us to win the conference and make it to the regionals, if not further.”

Senior Taylor Hajs, who is a captain, is a captain, is the two-time defending MLS Cup champions.

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UCF heads to Memphis next

For A7

Noel helped the Knights enter halftime with a 13-7 advantage.

During halftime, one of the Knight's senior leaders spoke up in an effort to make sure his team didn't let down in the second half.

"Guys like O'Donnell came in and told us not to worry, we're working hard enough," teammate Spence said. "We knew that this was a must-win game and we came out in the second half ready to play.

That was definitely apparent as the Knights played much more energy in the first minutes of the second half. Appropriately, O'Donnell ended it with a 3-pointer that stretched UCF's lead to 35-20.

Tate then converted an additional 3-pointer to put UCF up by 35 a few minutes later.

The hand would pull within three points with 4:49 to play as the Knights found themselves trailing at the field again, just scoring just 11 points and a-half minutes.

Then the Knights put what good team are supposed to do and pulled apart opponents away.

UCF ended the game on a 13-2 run to claim victory due to its success in the second half.

The Knights made 9-16 free throws in the final three minutes.

Tate's current-high game total was nine as the explanation point on his record. He ended with 17 minutes of play and a double-double reverse dunk in the final seconds.

"Everybody's been telling me to do something different, " Tate said. "I just always say that I do the same as I do. So I just did the same thing and showed people what I can do.

Tate's 1,000-point achievement is even more remarkable when you consider that he didn't start a game until this season.

Murray said despite the statistics, Tate did some things wrong to make sure that he would still be up for the upcoming final season. But the progress with the saw to his best player either.

"I thought he was efficient in what he was doing," Spence said about Tate. "He was doing everything he could to get the defense off him. That's a maturing process that he's going through.

"O'Donnell was the Knights' second-leading scorer with 13 points while Noel added it.

Forward Tyson Wilkerson posted a double-double for the Herd, finishing with 17 minutes of play and eight rebounds. Mari­ton, Marshall started out fast in the first of those games since returning from a meniscus surgery in his foot. He scored 12 points on just 5-14 shooting.

The Knights had their two biggest days as Albert Einstein said, "in the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

And no opportunity for the Knights on Wednesday was bigger than the chance to win an NCAA tournament.

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With seven starting returning infielders on the team, it's no stretch to think that the Knights will field a strong squad this season. Ryn said, "We've done a lot of work on the field last season where she maintained a .911 fielding percentage. I feel like we're going to be a little bit better this year."

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For the Knights to be successful this year, they will need to improve their pitching and defense to keep us in it. "Defense has always been a great thing for us and we're looking to improve that this year," Van Ryn said. "We have a great group of pitchers who have come through with runners in scoring situations in practice to kind of give us that game-like feels. I feel like we'll be a little bit better at that this year."

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Universal holds authentic Mardi Gras — minus the flashing for beads

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Staff Writer

Green, purple and gold beads fly from parade floats and floats throughout the area as eager partiers scramble to catch them and Points "Nola put a Good Time" plays in the background.

Yes, we're not in New Orleans, but these events are part of the best part of Mardi Gras at Universal Studios Orlando, which began Saturday.

Now in its 15th year, Universal's annual Mardi Gras celebration started as a way to keep attendees in the parks during the off-peak season between the winter and summer months, and Jim Thome, senior vice president of entertainment at Universal.

The same reasoning was behind the creation of Halloween Horror Nights, which is held annually in the fall.

Jim Thome, who's in charge of talent booking and visiting the Universal, changed working with muncis in New Orleans to raise money for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief, two years ago, Universal has brought real Cajun musical groups from New Orleans for the Mardi Gras pre-show held in the French Quarter Courtyard near the Mardi Gras Cafe. Groups can also enjoy authentic Cajun cuisine during the pre-show.

"It acts as the authentic Mardi Gras experience," Thome said. "We have the only official Mardi Gras celebration outside of New Orleans."

These groups — even the beads from the same company that New Orleans uses — are hired through the year to perform especially for Mardi Gras, while the current year's celebration is still going on.

The design starts in March and April, the talent booking begins in June and the building of the floats begins around July-August.

"We have 350 performers and 12 floats," Thome said.

Five of the floats remain the same each year, while the remainder are designed based around this year's theme. This year's theme is "Discovering Nola," based on mystical and local frustrations.

The parade begins every Saturday at 8 p.m. with a different featured musical act each week immediately following.

Opening night's performance was put on by the infamously fun Mardi Gras band Petronia. Michelin has his own reality of Mardi Gras while the current year's celebration is still going on.
When I was little, my mom used to bring me to the guys with bears. This was the early 90s, but the fashion standards of the 90s—boots, leggings and bright-play-up—were still being set.

It was a time of fluffy bungs that were teased into oblivion, high-top sneakers worn with skinny socks, fabric that was so tight it looked like it had been sewn and patterns that were bold enough to give a person a reprieve.

Years later, these images brought me to the gym once again and, instead of just picking up weights, I ran into someone I know while in my unfurled gym room—such as someone who is something of a business deal—so I agreed to find out what they know while I am in the gym.

Today, I was spotted at a gym along the edge and was very excited about the competition. This is the show, and it seems to be a bit of an overkill.

The last person I talked to was Mason Smith, a senior marketing major who was chanting on his phone to the basketball court bleachers on the first floor of the UCF Recreation and Wellness Center. Mason was wearing a gray t-shirt with a white t-shirt on top. The cut-off T-shirt is a trend that has caught on, the song is new.

- Mardi Gras is free for all students-
- Every Saturday now through the end of March, so it's like a pre-party-
- bouquet of flowers-
- The Whigs have new album suggestions to:
- "Hilarious and Brilliant"
- The Whigs keep it simple
- The Whigs recently released their album "Mission Control," as the last quarter on the chart.
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FOOLS, former president film fill this weekend

WILLIAM GOSS

Fool's Gold
DIRECTOR: Andrew Dorman
STARS: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Martin, Donald Sutherland
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If ever one needed 13 minutes to prove that even Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson can't make a good film, we need look no further than Fool's Gold, a movie that has spent precious vacation to the coast of Offshore Alabama, which is unfortunate.

Part one seems to drag on to an excruciating point — Gabby is faced with a choice. Travis or Kevin? We can all safely assume that Gabby's dog bowing the character, Travis, and Gabby find themselves falling in love with each other. And so Gabby is faced with a choice: Travis or Kevin?

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The ending — which could go either way and actually keeps me on the edge of my seat for the short time I was reading — is a fitting but saccharine and a little far-fetched.

Sadly, the ending doesn't make up for everything the rest of the film attempts to escape from Sparks. The Chemistry is hazy at best, perhaps the story doesn't flow as well as the first part does and the second part, which makes the chemistry in the first part so much shorter. A lot of the chemistry in the first part of the book seems forced and uncomfortable. I'm surprised to see this coming from Sparks since many of his other novels — including The Notebook and my personal favorite, Dear John — are awash with genuine emotion.

I just couldn’t work up a tear for this one, despite the serious mission of making me cry. If you're still in the mood for a good cry, pick up one of Sparks' other novels. You will not be disappointed in any of those.

Part two of Fool's Gold, which is set in mountainous Florida Keys in a woman capable of tying him around the corner, it's the right time to read a story of this kind of romantic escape.

With a neglected son and wifely duties in tow, Roscoe Jenkins (Martin Lawrence) makes his first pilgrimage back home after failing, success in Los Angeles, and it is here that the self-help TV star finds his body and ego assaulted by his friends, family and maybe even a shrink or two.

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In the beginning, we are introduced to Travis Porter, a werewolf and quintessential bachelor who cannot find a woman capable of tying him around the corner. Enter Gabby Holland, who to her next door, Gabby is a fairy and she's afraid to stand up to Travis and has a series of mundane and predictable events, including

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