Tough Tigers
No. 1 ranked Memphis runs away with victory against UCF

Great debate
Candidates square off at SGA presidential debate Tuesday — SEE NEWS, A2

Hitt vows to aid task force
Force aims to fight underage drinking

University officials and Orlando authorities are teaming up to fight underage drinking in the UCF area.

SGA completes 24 of 31 '07 platform goals

Faculty contacts can affect students
Candidates face off Tuesday

SHADIAH RICHARDSON

SGA elections are around the corner, and now the candidates have a platform to put their platforms before the students.

The SGA Presidential Candidate Debate will be held in the medium-sized room in the Rotunda West Building, starting at 7 p.m.

The debate will put the Logan Berkowitz/Braden Delanois and Adam Glory/Austin Smith tickets up against each other.

Both camps have been gearing up for the debate.

"We speak to organizations multiple times a day, and that gets us prepared to speak in a public forum," Berkowitz said. "We are very prepared.

Besides preparing to speak, the candidates also prepare for what they will speak about.

"Most of my preparation has just come to sitting down and reviewing my material and studying the issues," Glory said.

Once time is up a rule of change filed against the candidates for inappropriate a result that resulted in minor violations for both. These violations are not distributed at the event.

"Given the things that happened, and given that there were previous issues, it will be people individually to defend their actions on the previous occasion," Smith said.

However, Smith's running mate, Glory said, "We think he will get it together.

"Both candidates know that each other well enough to respond each other," Let's not forget our morals.

Delanois said that he believes that he will present himself in the violation issues and are going to use the things that are not going to move on after the voters want to focus on the candidates.

"We’re not going to move on after the debate, and all the issues want to focus on Delanois said. "Some things may come up that we are unable to cut off discussions if the discussion gets too combative, derogatory or off topic. The time limit also helps to control the discussion.

This year, the SGA Election Commission is partnering with the Central Florida Future to put on the debate. The future will be helping to facilitate the questions based on student concerns.

Metz and another election commission will help to form the questions. A microphone will be used for the closing statements.

"Our job is to be an unbiased party to oversee the election," Metz said, "This is actually a way for the students to see candidates on a first-hand basis and to understand their platforms."
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The alliance was created by Turkish and Spanish prime ministers after the March 2006 talks between Madrid and Ankara. It officially became effective in Madrid last month.

A senior Tunisian is scheduled to speak about U.S.-Sudan relations. and Kagame will discuss the importance of education in helping Rwanda rebound politically and economically from the civil war.

Judge Alton E. Wise, the board of some 400 refugees are living in a single tented area. The government has been providing limited protection for Darfur refugees in Chad. As many as 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced since the violence began five years ago.

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UCF aims to be climate neutral

Amanda Welch

When President John H. Passari
gned the College and Uni-
versity Presidents Climate
Committee one year ago, he
emphasized that the campus
would become climate neutral.
Since then, UCF has ad-
ressed the challenge through
debate, discussion, action, and
action. Despite being par-
ated, the university has
continued to move forward.
One component of the
committee's call for UCF to
integrate environmental
sustainability into its curricu-
ulum is the UCF General
Education Program's new
unit, which works to con-
vince students to develop
a commitment to environmental
protection and develop
ment.

Alyse Bernard, assistant
director of the UCF Arbor-
arium, developed a course
called service-learning for
sustainability for fall 2006.
Students will spend one
month in a class discussing
social justice, economic
development, and environ-
mmental protection and de-
velop proposals for projects.
Then they will be given mem-
bers and spend nine to 10
hours per week working in
field.

Bernard said she developed
the course to develop a
self-assessment rubric for envi-
rionmental issues between
academics and community.
The UCF Physical Plant has
even begun to implement
the program, following the
release of the pledge's guide-
lines.

The signing of the com-
mmitment set in place a policy
that all future campus build-
ings will be constructed accord-
ing to the U.S. Green Building
Council's Leadership in En-
ergy and Environmental
Design (LEED) standard.

UCF provides its archi-
technology with the LEED
checklist, which allows points
for each aspect of environ-
mental construction, said Peter
Newman, the director of
Facilities Planning. A build-
ing must score 33 out of a possible
40 points to reach a silver
status.

The checklist is divided
into six categories. One cate-

gory, called sustainable sites,
awards points for promoting
sustainability during the
construction process by using
alternative transportation,
protecting habitats and test-
ing light pollution.

A second category, per-

duction efficiency, encour-
gages the use of non-irrigating
plants, sealants and other
products, and daylight and
ventilation to lower energy
use.

The other categories
include water efficiency,
energy and atmosphere,
materials and resources, and
innovation and design.

"It's almost like a report
card score sheet," Newman
said.

UCF buildings also get
points because of campus
characteristics already in place.
The central chiller plant, which
lowers energy costs by using chilled
water for cooling needs, and the
aluminum roof on the plu-

Newman said.

After silver, there is the
silver standard, which is
comprised of 30 points and
then platinum at 40 points.
Newman said that the sil-
ver standard is considered
the minimum.

"When they forecast the
projects, we try to exceed the
silver, because we want to
have enough points to not
just pass when the LEED
review looks at it," he said.

Newman is the adminis-
trator director for Energy
and Sustainability, and said
one or two projects near
delivery will be certified.

The only project in
progress that won't reach the
silver standard is the Bio-
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because it was started before
the policy was put in place.
However, it will be LEED cer-
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range, Newman said. Securing
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WASHINGTON — Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and rent are taking a hit. Could the country be in recession?

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch recently caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economic weather is looking ominous now. The worry is that more people will lose their homes and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less."
MONDAY
FEB 11th
8:00pm
CAB Comedy and SGA Present MTV Real World "Rock the Vote" In the Pegasus Ballroom

TUESDAY
FEB 12th
7:00pm
CAB Comedy and SGA Present Late Night Players In Wackadoos

WEDNESDAY
FEB 13th
5:00pm
CAB presents our Spring Meet n’ Greet In the Memory Mall. Free t-shirts and other prizes!

OTHER EVENTS/GENERAL INFO

THURSDAY
FEB 14th
10:00am - 2:00pm
VUCF Get Carded presents “Life is Sweetest when Shared” Valentine’s Day event outside of the Student Union.

2:30pm
VUCF presents “Valentines Day Dance at The Bridge of Orlando.” Come out and earn service hours for dancing with the elderly. Please email your RSVP to VUCF_health@mail.ucf.edu. Meet/Carpool outside VAB at 2:00p.m.

SUNDAY
FEB 17th
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. VUCF presents an “Eco-Action” Water way clean up with Canoes at Soldier Creek. Meet/Carpool at VAB at 2:15 p.m.
Budget cuts postpone goals

Barbkewitz said that this administration was the first to really concentrate its efforts on bringing SGA to the students. Barbkewitz spoke about Main Mondays when he and the leadership would go and talk to students in general education classes. Barbkewitz also said that they had a table for their cabinet in front of the Student Union every Wednesday, which allowed students to come and voice their opinions and also ask questions. Barbkewitz said that he had never seen the level of involvement that he has this year. "It's not and should never be something insincere," Hollinger said.

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Hollinger calls impeachment hearing a ‘spectacle’

Before any of the impeachment proceedings began, Supervisor of Elections Cher­
yane Metz, SGA Adviser Christa Coffey, Student Body President Brandie Hollinger and other members of the exec­utive branch blasted the recent violations and the affidavit as being entirely political.

“Personally, I think at the rate we’re going, I don’t think we’re going to have an election,” Metz said.

Hollinger and Coffey’s com­ments echoed Metz’s.

“This is the most desper­ate thing I’ve ever seen in my life,” Hollinger said. “I don’t exactly believe the two cam­paigns. It’s a joke. It’s a thing to win out of control, I think it’s for friends and enemies.”

Hollinger called everyone involved to “stop this right now.”

“I feel like people are mak­ing a mockery, a spectacle, of what’s happening right now,” Hollinger said.

You really need to think about what you want your legacy to be when you leave here.

Members of the executive board, including three of the candidates — Gary Berkowitz, Delanois and Skandera — asked the Senate to put per­sonal feelings aside.

Jennie Hayes, internal affairs coordinator, said she considered resigning from her position because she did­n’t know if SGA was right for her anymore.

Delanois is unhappy with the situation as well.

“I’m really distancing myself from all this crap,” he said. “I think it’s all the student body’s doing, so they should be responsi­ble for that. They asked my friend of his, and they’re deciding to move on.

After each speaker, the crowd stood for a standing ovation. Not all the senators were there, though.

Collard didn’t agree with the outcome.

“If we’re supposed to look at this objectively, you don’t think of the consequences. That wasn’t one of the four persons who violates the law. And they [Hollinger and Coffey] did not do that.”

Shandera, who also subst­emmed one of the four affi­davits, said, “I was informed that an email was sent out through the vice president’s listserve and, basically, in the Golden Rule, it’s against the rules to send out political advertisements through the school server, and, basically, in my opinion, the leadership of SGA should be account­able for their actions.

He then moved to impeach Hollinger and Coffey’s com­mendation.

“I was disappointed that they disqualified the affidavit and its validity before it was reach the Senate floor,” Shandera said.

Skandera was a Senator in the 39th Senate but not the 39th Senate, he also dis­agreed with the Senate’s vote.

“I feel like the leadership­ship of SGA is more con­cerned with its image than the interest of the student body,” Shandera said.

While several senators voted for the impeachment, the majority of the Senate voted against it.

“I am not convinced that Logan has committed a wrongful act that has hurt the student body,” said Tommy Crown, vice chair of Legislative and Judicial Rules Com­mittee.

Skandera called the charges a “joke.”

“If I vote on the student body vice presid­ent,”

Before the charges against Berkowitz, were brought before the Senate, they were brought before the Legislative and Judicial Rules Com­mittee.

The committee went through a process similar to that of the Senate. It heard the case and reviewed the affidavit.

Next, it voted on whether the case merited further investi­gation. Five senators voted for further investigation, and four voted against.

Out of the five senators who voted to further investi­gate, only one senator, Stephen Klore, said that voting against the investigation because facts and the allega­tions did not change between the committee meet­ing and the Senate meeting.

“T thought it would be a disservice to dis­miss this thing because of its implications,”

Because the Senate voted not to further investigate, the impeachment trial has ended. If they had voted to impeach Berkowitz, the Life commit­tee would have investigated the situation further. If Berkowitz had been impeached, then he would have been disqualified from running in the 2008 SGA presidential elections.
TIGERS 85 | KNIGHTS 64

Wrestlers

The UCF Men’s Basketball team scored two-to-three points with the Memphis Tigers for the entire first half Saturday.

Then, with the pressure defense and quick-strike offense that is their calling card, the Tigers delivered a knockout blow and showed exactly why they are the undisputed and undefeated No. 1 team in the country. The Tigers, propelled by a 6-0-second-half run, defeated the Knights 94-64 to extend their nation-leading home winning streak to 46 games and remain the only undefeated team in the nation in "The New York Times" AP Top 25 basketball rankings.

UCF (23-0 overall, 9-0 in C-USA) began the second half trailing by eight, but immediately cut it to six with three straight baskets, including a 3-point shot from forward Jermaine Taylor. Memphis (20-3 overall, 9-0 in C-USA) went on a 21-6 run over the next five minutes, then scored 14 unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

UCF (12-11 overall, 5-4 in Conference USA) began the first half by going on a 15-0 run to grab the lead up to 13 points, forcing UCF either get easy layups or force fouls. The Knights were 1-of-8 from 3-point range while Ashley Thornton recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Memphis also hit 1-of-14 from 3s in the first half.

After falling behind by 15 at 50-35 with 17:28 remaining, the Tigers never let the Knights back into the game, scoring 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting in the second half. The Knights couldn’t miss from the outside.

Women also lose to Tigers

Brian Murphy

BRIAN BURCH, Staff Writer

While the UCF Men’s Basketball team was winning with the No. 1 team in the nation in Memphis, the UCF Women’s Basketball team was battling the women version of the Tigers at the New UCF Arena. Despite a huge lead in the second half, the Knights couldn't close out the game, falling to Memphis 78-68 for their fifth consecutive loss.

UCF (11-11 overall, 5-4 in Conference USA) used a 22-12 run of its own to put the game out of reach, but that wasn’t enough for the Knights. They missed advantage in the second half, but that was enough for the Tigers.

After falling behind by 15 at 50-35 with 17:28 remaining in the game, the Knights (11-11 overall, 5-4 in Conference USA) went on a 25-6 run over the next nine minutes to tie the score at 56-56. But that was as close as the Knights would get the entire second half.

UCF is 1-of-14 from 3-point range while Ashley Thornton recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Memphis hit 1-of-20 from 3-point range with each other until a layup by Memphis’ Savannah Sanders in the final minute of the game.

The Tigers were able to hold their time, waiting for the perfect opportunity to attack, because they were getting a lot of easy points from their offensive rebounds. The Tigers dominated the boards early, grabbing 14 offensive rebounds in the first 10 minutes.

The Tigers then poured on, combining one of the nation’s quickest offenses with their tremendous press defense. After about six minutes remaining in the first half, Amber Allen regained the lead for the home team with a 3-point shot. After a pair of baskets and a make by Kerrelynn Richardson, the Tigers never let the Knights back into the game.

“I don’t think any of those shots were contested, and that’s the disappointing thing. We did not react to the shooters quick enough. We know who the shooters are and we’ve seen them slow sometimes. That’s kind of what happened tonight,” Williams said.

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Williams said, “That was the main reason we put her in. We needed energy, especially on the defensive end, and so Amber was inserted into the game. If there’s one thing we can count on Amber for, it’s defensive energy. That’s what she brings, and when she scores, that’s a bonus because she’s certainly a capable.”

In the first half, Memphis was able to get its early lead at 83-0 of a 1-2-4-Ballay lineup with 11-30 left. The Tigers and the Knights entered next-hand-neighbor with each other until a layup by Memphis’ Savannah Sanders in the final minute of the game.
Northwestern Mutual

The Knights won three of their four games in 2008, including a 14-0 whitewash of Central Arkansas on Saturday night at the UCF Softball Complex. Central Arkansas struck in the top of the first inning when a Brittany Bearden double scored Natalie Smith from first. The Knights wasted no time in tying the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the inning. After freshman Tiffany Lane reached base on a fielding error, the sole second baseman, Meritts (Connecticut) put down a sacrifice bunt that moved Lane to third. An error by Smith scored Lane to tie the score.

After shutting down the Bears in the second inning, the Knights added six runs in their half of the second to go up 7-1. Four hits and two runs for the Knights in the inning, including a three-run Jayvee two-run triple to right-center field, and three errors helped put the Knights up by six.

UCF added another run in the bottom of the third and then RBI doubles by Cat Gillispie and Cassie Kime helped put the Knights ahead 9-1. The Knights were up 10-1 in the fourth when a three-run triple by Gillispie and a sacrifice fly by Allison Kime helped put the Knights ahead 13-1. UCF added another run in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Gillispie.

At the plate, Javier went 3-for-3 with three runs batted in. The Knights added six runs in their half of the inning, including a Breanne Lane reached third, after a sacrifice fly by Gillispie. The Knights added six runs in the fourth inning to bring the game out of reach for the Jayhawks.

The Knights defeated a tough Kansas team 5-2, thanks to a four-run fifth inning. Allison Kime grabbed her second win of the season, striking out seven Jayhawks. Kime shutdown the Kansas lineup throughout the game until a seventh inning two-run home run from Val Chavies brought the Jayhawks within three. Kime and Ashley Van Byn each had two hits each for the Knights.

The Knights went on Friday, trying their opening game against Illinois State, only to get tagged with their first loss of the season in the day to Illinois. Kime came on her first win of the season in a 5-4 victory over both teams, and went for a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. The Knights were led in scoring by O'Donnell, who had 17 points, Davis and Davis chipped in with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

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UCF's Tia Lewis puts up one of her 12 shots against Memphis in the Knights' 78-68 loss...
Dark cloud looms over SGA race

By TINA GIESER and FRANK SMITH

The St. Johns River Water Management District operated its new intake at Feburary's end. As the river's salinity levels. This is not just a test of the river's health; it is also a test of the region's stewardship. If we fail, we risk losing one of our most precious resources. If we succeed, we can turn this crisis into an opportunity for progress. Let's work together to ensure that the river flows for future generations.

Water crisis is serious business

Days pass, and a crisis that started in February, particularly Central Florida, spreads, and the more we talk about water, the more we realize we are in a war, and the more we realize the war is not over.

The Washington Post recently reported that the St. Johns River, which flows through Orange County, is under threat from pollution, including sewage and agricultural runoff. This is just one of many problems facing our region that must be addressed.

According to the St. Johns River Water Management District, the river is facing a “critical” level of pollution, with levels of nutrients and sedimentation reaching crisis levels. The district is working to clean up the river, but it will take time and resources.

The Florida Legislature has passed legislation to address the crisis, but the funding is not enough to make a significant impact. The state must invest more in the river's health and the health of our communities.

We cannot afford to ignore this crisis. We must act now to protect our water supply and our way of life. Let’s work together to ensure that the St. Johns River flows for future generations.

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Our STANCE

Try Knowledge, you just might like it

By TINA GIESER and FRANK SMITH

A new report from the National Endowment for the Arts found that Americans spend an average of $29 million in art purchases each year. The report also found that 50% of Americans go to museums at least once a year.

Despite these findings, many people still believe that art is only for the wealthy or for people who have a certain level of education. But the truth is, art is accessible to everyone.

Whether you are a professional artist or just someone who appreciates a well-crafted piece, there are many ways to get involved in the art world.

Find a local art gallery or museum and check out their exhibits and events. Many galleries are located in downtown areas, and they often have free admission.

Consider taking an art class. There are many options available, from painting and drawing to photography and sculpture.

Volunteer at a local museum or gallery. This is a great way to learn more about art and meet other people who share your interests.

If you are interested in creating art, take a look around your home for inspiration. Many artists find inspiration in everyday objects and experiences.

Remember, art is not just for the rich or the academically inclined. It is a part of our culture and our heritage, and it is something that everyone can appreciate.

So why wait? Take a step into the world of art and discover what it has to offer. You might just find that you love it!
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