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SAFETY

G-fiery, use their differences

SAINT RICHARDSON

SGA presidential and vice presidential candidates Adam Giery and Austin Smith come from two different worlds, but they both want to be in a position to benefit UCF students.

G-fiery, a social science secondary education major, is running for SGA president with Smith, a business major and an African-American studies minor. As vice president, Smith would act as the vice president of student services.

 aspiration, the entire campaign and platform is direct to students involved,
CELEBRATING MENTORS

Speaker raised in apartheid

PERRY JACKSON

The Martin Luther King Jr. black history celebration continued all Monday with the 11th annual Joseph C. Andrews Mentoring Breakfast.

People of all races came together to honor mentors who have a positive impact on students' lives and to celebrate mentoring programs.

This year's breakfast was a collaboration between the UCF Black Student and Staff Association and the Student Government Administration.

The African American Student Union also helped promote the breakfast.

“The theme of the breakfast is ‘Growing the Legacy.’ It’s important that we come together and make sure that the legacy isn’t just for ourselves it’s for all people to promote equality together,” AASA President Gene Parise said.

Patricia Pates, the director of Academic Developmental Research, has attended the breakfast and said she thought it was a significant event.

“A breakfast like this would not have even taken place within the United States all 40 years ago because we would not have had a room filled with faces of Hispanic descent, blacks of Chinese descent, women, dead blacks, never mind a room filled with people of all ages and races and lastly the words of a young woman who grew up in apartheid,” Pates said.

SIGA Office of Diversity Initiatives arranged for Nurse Practitioner South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu's daughter, to speak at UFC during the celebration this year.

The theme motivational Pate's to come and speak about the positive effects mentors can have on others.

"Growing up as a black girl in apartheid South Africa, there were very few people who had a greater vision than I did as a child," Tutu said. "They encouraged me to believe in myself and in the future of my country that this dream could be achieved by this generation, coming up."

"I think she was great, and she really motivated me to want to mentor someone," Tutu said.

Community college graduate student Abiola Abdallah presented King's speech "The Deep Meaning" after Tutu's message.

Abdallah said that her mentors had Handel Tutsi left, spoke to students about growing up at the apartheid of the previous era. About 300 people turned out for Monday's event in the Union's Pegasus Ballroom.

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In this image from NASA Television, the Columbus module is at the end of the robotic arm, ready to dock with the International Space Station. The station, after a slow start, has a Tom Corwin. Engineers are working on the station's docking ports that arrived last fall. Additional work on the station is needed to prepare it for Wednesday's space walk. A new module, the Columbus, will be attached to the space station, after a slow start, has a Tom Corwin. Engineers are working on the station's docking ports that arrived last fall. Additional work on the station is needed to prepare it for Wednesday's space walk. A new module, the Columbus, will be attached to the space station.

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Dr. John T. Washington was one of the first Black faculty members of the University of Central Florida.

He was one of the prominent instrumental figures in the development of the Office of Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Scholarship Program. Besides advocating for greater involvement in the UCF community, he was also an active citizen of the Greater Orlando Area. He held several positions, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Scholarship Program.

After his death in 1983, Dr. John T. Washington was honored by UCF with the use of his name on the Student Services Building (the breezeway).

FREDERICK McKinley JONES
INVENTED FIRST COOLING SYSTEM FOR LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

Frederick McKinley Jones was born on May 17, 1892, in Glenville, Ohio. By age nine, he learned to repair cars and dropped out of school by the ninth grade to support himself financially. He went on to serve in World War I as a self-made mechanic. After the war, he continued his work in various mechanical-oriented jobs. By the 1930s, he invented the refrigeration system that would revolutionize air travel and shipbuilding industries by providing a cooling mechanism. Over his career, Jones patented over 300 inventions, including those for air-conditioning units for military field hospitals and refrigeration systems for naval vessels. His most significant creation was the mobile refrigeration units that would be used extensively in the automotive industry.
**Meningitis student cleared to go home**

**RYAN PELHAM**

Christopher Taylor, the UCF student hospitalized with bacterial meningitis, was released from the hospital on Feb. 2, said Dr. Michael Deichen, associate director of Clinical Services for UCF Health Services. Deichen said that Taylor was feeling better when he spoke to him on Feb. 1.

UCF Health Services dispensed antibiotics to 15 patients, including 60 patients who received the antibiotics through a special clinic set up for the meningitis concerns, Deichen said. The Health Center also administered 70 meningitis vaccinations between Jan. 25 and Feb. 7, he said.

The meningitis clinic was based on a vaccination plan that had been tested at UCF in August 2006 to prepare for an outbreak of pandemic flu. The plan was based on the Dispensing/Vaccination Center model for distributing medicine.

“IT’s like an assembly line when you need to get out antibiotic quickly,” Deichen said. “We made use of the system, and it seemed to work well.”

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**iVote week rocks UCF campus**

The Campus Activities Board hosted an MTV Rock the Vote event on Monday, Feb. 11, in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union to kick off their week-long voting drive: iVote.

"Unfortunately, many students feel that it does not matter to them now, but what they don’t realize is the decisions made by elected officials will affect their daily lives, especially when they enter the voting force." Opening the event, CAB said, "It’s like an assembly line when you need to get out antibiotic quickly." Deichen said. "We made use of the system, and it seemed to work well."
Campaign signs feel the heat prior to debate

MATT MASSEY
9:30 

Two campaign signs for the Logan Berkowitz/Brandon Delanois ticket were burned last night, asking the student body what has already been a contentious UCF campaign.

One sign by the Recreation Services building, near the Student Union, was reduced to ash last week, and he said he didn't foresee an end to the problems.

"Every single day, it's a new thing," Berkowitz said. "It was ash to the ground."

Max Friedman, campaign manager for the Berkowitz/Delanois ticket, said that about 60 to 70 percent of their campaign signs have been vandalized with paint during the past week, and he and his candidate have yet to find the perpetrator.

"It kind of feels like an attack on them," Berkowitz and Delanois personally, Friedman said.

Opposing candidates Adam Giery and Austin Smith deemed that they or their campaign-controlled acts of vandalism.

"I don't know who is burning signs," Giery said. "Calling it a direct attack is insulting."

The Berkowitz/Delanois signs that were burned cost about $60 each, Berkowitz said, while the larger banners cost about $35. Giery printed his signs at roughly $50 each.

Berkowitz and Delanois said their campaign has also had a banner manhandled and thrown into the street and one sign proclaiming that they "want more parking on campus" altered with a marker to read: "We want to be able to travel to campus and get it a response."

Almost every single campaign sign got vandalized on election day. Friday, two Berkowitz/Delanois signs were burned off. But he said their campaign has experienced nothing close to burned signs.

As for the vandalism ex­perienced by his campaign, Smith said that it is an unfortunate aspect of most election campaigns.

"I don't know who is burning signs;" Smith said.

Both candidates called for the vandalism to stop and for the perpetrators to be apprehended.

"They did not deny it," Delanois said.

Both Smith and Giery said they felt the question detracted from the issues presented during the debate and did not merit a response.

"There were other, more important issues to talk about than my signs got burned tonight," Smith said.

Condom supply at UCF could triple

In terms of student, Delanois originally came to UCF as a social science major study­ning economics, but gave up his spon­sorship and entered the political arena to run for a championship.

"I just think the athlete was something that I didn't experience in my entire time at UCF," Delanois said. "I'm interested in being a leader."

"When I got to my spon­sorship you, they wanted me to think about the rest of my life," Delanois said. "What are my priorities in life — terms of being a success­ful person in life, in my career and beyond?"

The former student ath­lete took the opportunity when he was given by SGA and the University of Central Florida's Student Government Association (SGA) to form goals, the team said.

"I think they'll be surprised when they find out," Giery said. "It's probably just some drunks.

Gery also related claims made by the Berkowitz/Delanois campaign that it was their only signs that were being vandalized.

Smith said that he and his opponent rebuffed 15 signs, Giery said. "The only reason I can think of why our signs haven't been burned is because our signs are honey waxed."

Smith said that several of his and Giery's signs have been knocked over, with the leg­stamping the sign upside"

Don't hide

Nick felt the feeling. He couldn't hit the right note. Some things just didn't feel right and he barely made it through a recent staff meeting. Here he was again, ready for another meeting of his organization's board. He couldn't bear to hear of an improvement by everyone.

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Ticket wants to see change

Giery and Smith said that students should especially be included in decisions about increasing fees and tuition. "When fees are going to be increased or when tuition is going to be increased, the student body should be repre­ sented in what the money will be spent on, where it is going to go," Smith said, "and then they should be able to decide if they want to pay more for those services that are going to be provided."

Giery said he wants UCF to start taking a serious look at where the students' money is going. He also said that UCF could save money by making a lot of little changes to campus policies.

For example, he said he wants to pay students' rent around campus instead of paying money on art. Giery also pointed out that money is being wasted by having building lights on well after business hours, even inside locked buildings.

"We need to start revolu­tionizing how we spend our money rather than continu­ ing to waste it," Giery said. He said he believes if UCF changes what it spends its money on, it will leave more money for what he and Smith consider to be important changes.

Although Giery and Smith have many more goals planned than Logan Delanois and Ryan Brandon, Giery said that they can get their work done. "(Giery and Smith) focus on things that actually can be accomplished by an SGA president," said Travis Martin, the vice chair of the Legislative Judicial Rules Committee and has sat on the scholarship committees.

"I am also the longest­ running candidate," Giery said. "I am also the longest­ sitting member on the Financial Allocations for Student Life Board."

Both candidates said that their differences are mainly social differences, which he feels get too much attention in the UCF community.

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Giery said the differences between himself and Smith are mainly social differences, which he feels get too much attention in the UCF community. "I am the first education­ major ever running for student body president," Giery said. Giery's work in SGA, he said, makes time for his other passion: teaching. He teaches two days a week at Lake Howell High School and said he is very proud to be in edu­ cation.

"I really like golfing," Giery said. "I was going to try out for the UCF tennis team."

Giery took a backseat to Golfing work in SGA, but he still makes time for his other passion: teaching. He teaches two days a week at Lake Howell High School and said he is very proud to be in edu­ cation.

"Golf is fun," Giery said. "I'm not blaming anyone for their platform, but it really is a major issue at UCF, and it needs to be addressed." Giery said. "Social segregation is a major issue at UCF, and it needs to be addressed." Giery said. "Social segregation is a major issue at UCF, and it needs to be addressed."

Both candidates said that many of the issues on their platform have been on past candidates' platforms and have been problems for stu­ dents for a long time. Giery and Smith said that these problems are still around because they have not been properly addressed by SGA.

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"If it's spending its money to improve the student-teacher ratio at WKU, then I'm for that," Berkowitz said. "But we need to be able to go against the grain and make these changes." Giery defended his goals.

"Take it seriously," Norvell said. "Why are we still talking about asbestos in the building?" Giery and Smith said they had 60 platform goals, while Berkowitz and Norvell said they had 15.

"If you don't have goals, you're not doing your job," Norvell said. "You need to be able to go against the grain and make these changes." Giery defended his goals.

"A lot of our points are making small changes," he said. "We're making things run better."

The debate went into an open forum portion for the last 15 minutes, allowing members of the audience to ask the candidates questions.

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In-state undergraduate tuition will rise 8 percent

About Bright Futures

In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The Florida Lottery funded scholarship rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding for them to pursue postsecondary educational and career goals in Florida.

According to a Jan. 25 article in the St. Petersburg Times, Bright Futures may be the target for the stagnant tuition rates. The article said Florida’s legislators agree.

The board voted to raise tuition rates - about 8 percent next year, which will amount to $866 more per year for full-time students and an additional $32 million per year for universities. Thirty percent of this additional revenue will support need-based aid, while the remainder will fund academic program improvements and bursar and remittance costs of faculty members.

At the Florida Board of Governors meeting held Jan. 23 and 24, board member Gary Stein wa­­s voted the situation in perspective. He pointed out that Florida ranks 50th in the nation for need-based aid but not middle-income range - the ones who make too much to get need-based aid but not enough to pay for college out­­right - that really want things to stay the same," said Marti Galin, a Republican state rep­­resentative and chair of the Florida House of Representa­t­­tives Committee on Postsec­­ondary Education, in an Orlando Sentinel article.

"I don’t think it should be hard to get scholarships, but I just get annoyed when I hear people complaining about the possibility,” she said. "That’s still a lot of money to get to go to school.”

Anderson said he also acknowledges the need for the budget cuts but that Bright’s bill will only make the situation worse by placing greater burden on the middle class. "Bright Futures allows a lot of students to go to college, and it’s a middle-class student,” Bright Futures is the program you look to,” said Anderson, who called Bright Futures “one of the largest middle-class entitlements in the state.”

"It’s the families in the mid­­dle-income range — the ones who make too much to get need-based aid but not enough to pay for college outright — that really want things to stay the same,” said Marti Galin, a Republican state representative and chair of the Florida House of Representa­t­­tives Committee on Postsec­­ondary Education, in an Orlando Sentinel article.

Anderson also recognized the need for a reimagining of the program in his current form. "I feel that Bright Futures is not a sustainable program the way it is,” Anderson said. "It does need to be fixed, but exactly it needs to be fixed, I cannot see.

Florida’s legislators agree. At the Florida Board of Gover­­nor­s meeting held Jan. 23 and 24, board member Gary Stein put the situation in perspective. He pointed out that Florida ranks 50th in the nation for tu­­ition and fee rates — about $5000 compared to the nation­­al average of $6200 — to the nation for student-faculty ratio — 31-to-1 versus a national average of 25-to-1 — and 43rd in the nation for need-based aid.

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**Knights see good and bad of sweeps week**

**Patrick Brewer**

It has been feast or famine for the UCF Women's Tennis team in their dual-match events so far this season, and this past weekend was no exception.

UCF's two wins are both 7-0 shutouts, and likewise, its two losses are also 7-0.

In their two matches over the weekend, the Knights explored both ends of the spectrum: a shutout loss and a shutout victory.

Saturday, the Knights were privy to a 3-0 blanking at the hands of No. 22 Florida State in Tallahassee.

The Seminoles dominated the Knights, particularly in the top half of the singles lineup.

But UCF's team of Kenza Belbacha and Azara Yakimchenkova was the closest to upsetting anyone from Florida State.

Belbacha gave Senita Westa a run for her money, but ultimately fell 6-2, 6-4, while Yakimchenkova dominated the second set of her match but lost to Aria Remyrneri 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

Belbacha and Yakimchenkova also teamed up to give the Knights their best shot in doubles action, as they pushed the match to a tie-break, but still lost 87-79.

The Knights had one day to make things right against the Knights, when their season-high 7-0 win Sunday.

UCF Women's Tennis team in its four dual-match events so far this season.

UCF stayed in Tallahassee to take Florida State to open play Thursday.

**Softball takes 2nd place**

**Melissa Hetherer**

The UCF Softball team concluded the UCF Tournament, with a 4-0 loss to Kansas and a second-place finish overall Sunday at the UCF Softball Complex.

Despite the loss, Gillispie said in a press release: "Their first loss of the season as the Knights fell 4-0 to Kansas and a second-place finish overall." The Jayhawks blank Knights in tournament championship.

The Jayhawks struck first with a run in the top of the first inning. Two walks and a throwing error from third baseman Hillary Brain allowed Kansas' Lily Potof to cross the plate and put the Jayhawks up 1-0.

The Knights had Kansas scoreless until the top of the fifth when the Jayhawks posted a five-hit, five-run inning that would put the championship out of UCF's reach.

"We know that we are a better team than what we showed today against Kansas," Renee head coach Lauren Gillispie said in a press release. "Their pitcher did a great job against us and we would like to congratulate them on a great tournament. We are just looking forward to our next opportunity on the road." The Jayhawks' 4-0 win gives them the championship.

Senior Allison Kime picked up her first loss of the season as the Knights fell to 3-2 on the year.

Despite the loss, Kime recorded a season-high seven strikeouts, which is the most since Lauren Gillispie became head coach in 2009.

**Yotio's journey made of the finest Ivory**

**Brian Murphy**

UCF freshman forward Jean Michel Yotio has had a journey to his current days of playing college basketball in the U.S. He grew up in the largest city of Africa's Ivory Coast, Abidjan. He was forced to deal with tragedy at the age of 7, when his father contracted an illness and died. He might have been cured in other areas of the world, but Yotio said that there was just not enough good, high-quality medical care in the economically strapped country to save him.

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Yotio, who was a star player for Abidjan's biggest club, Forward Jean Michel Yotio has had a journey to his current days of playing college basketball in the U.S. He has grown up in the middle of the Ivory Coast Civil War, been away from his family since 2003, become an important player for the Knights in their past 5 games in 4 days during the Hawai'i Paradise Classic.
FAMU wins only 12 games in 5 matches versus Knights

In the five singles matches, with both Yatchkina and Belbacha posting 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Fifth-inning barrage dooms Knights in UCF Tournament

The Knights allowed five runs on six hits.

UCF's Brock Sakey dominated Bethune-Cookman's Christian Cruz 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 spot.

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culties meant that his parents could not afford to send him to the United States to compete in basketball. Yotio battled with UAB's Lawrence Kinnard for a rebound during the Knights' season. Yotio's lack of playing time was largely due to an injury he suffered the previous season at Montverde, averaging 16 points per game on a team that went 30-0 and finished the season ranked as number one in the nation. Yotio missed his entire junior season with a blood disorder that he had, so when I got on my own here, I could see my family has always been a big part of my life. Thorton said it has been crazy to watch Yotio, who came to UCF as a high school student, become a valuable player. Yotio's oldest brother, Aurelien Yotio, told the Orlando Sentinel, "This is my dream. That's why I'm here. We don't have enough money and supplies, so basketball is my way of making it." Yotio's oldest brother informed him that his sister, Dr. Olilia, had died. Yotio said she only wanted to do was go home and attend her funeral, but the trip was too expensive, so he stayed behind with the team. Yotio's inability to return to his home left him feeling depressed, but he said he handled the death of his mother, who told him several times to go to the hospital. Thorton said his time at UCF has been a great experience. "I could see my family has always been a big part of my life. Thorton said it has been crazy to watch Yotio, who came to UCF as a high school student, become a valuable player. Yotio's oldest brother, Aurelien Yotio, told the Orlando Sentinel, "This is my dream. That's why I'm here. We don't have enough money and supplies, so basketball is my way of making it." Yotio's oldest brother informed him that his sister, Dr. Olilia, had died. Yotio said she only wanted to do was go home and attend her funeral, but the trip was too expensive, so he stayed behind with the team. Yotio's inability to return to his home left him feeling depressed, but he said he handled the death of his mother, who told him several times to go to the hospital. Thorton said his time at UCF has been a great experience. "I could see my family has always been a big part of my life. Thorton said it has been crazy to watch Yotio, who came to UCF as a high school student, become a valuable player. Yotio's oldest brother, Aurelien Yotio, told the Orlando Sentinel, "This is my dream. That's why I'm here. We don't have enough money and supplies, so basketball is my way of making it."
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Larry Hughes scored a season-high 40 points and LeBron James added 26 points and 10 assists as the Cavaliers beat Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic 118-111.

The Cavs were without three of their top players, and nearly lost two others in a 30-point drubbing Sunday night to the Denver Nuggets. So the Cavaliers tried until Monday morning to fly to Orlando before giving up on a five-game home stretch.

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"I get frustrated when he doesn't get the ball," Van Gundy said. "But these games you have to focus on what I need to do to help our team win, which got to do what's right for the team."

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Hughes led the way, scoring 23 in the third quarter on 10 of 11 shooting, including 2 of 3 behind the arc. He had 12 points and nine rebounds as the Magic scored 24 points and nine rebounds. But that's what's right for the team.

"To me, it's a matter of us doing it," Van Gundy said. "But this game we had to focus on what I need to do to help our team win, which got to do what's right for the team."
Injured Zednik recovers in hospital while Panthers return to practice

TIM REYNOLDS

CORAL SPRINGS — With minds still occupied by teammate Richard Zednik's gruesome neck injury, the Florida Panthers returned to practice Tuesday morning seeking to regain a needed sense of normalcy.

As the Panthers skated for the first time since the acci-
dent that instantly became one of the NHL's dominant topics, Zednik remained hospitalized in a Buffalo hospital, still in intensive care.

AP sources believe he didn't suffer any long-term burns or nerve damage, and one surgeon described Zednik as "very lucky."

Zednik was expected to be released from intensive care Tuesday.

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A significant amount of blood immediately began pouring from the 5-foot-11, weighing 180-pound ice as Zednik skated to the Panthers' bench, desperate for help. His carotid artery - which pumps blood to the brain - was cut, and emergency surgery that night at Buffalo General Hospital probably saved his life.

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In a special first-time occasion, the GSA Senate had a debate with the Student Government Association to determine the winner of the presidential debate between the presidential candidates.

We thought it was appropriate to do this for the first time, and it was the winner of the debate that the candidates would bring forward as the winner of the debate. We thought it was the best candidate who had the best ideas, and we thought it would be the best person to lead UCF into the future.

After witnessing the debate, we can only declare that Glery and Smith is the winner. Both tickets performed well, and there is no doubt that either running mate is a winner.

We judged the candidates at the debate based on their answers to three main areas: 1) campus community and campaigns, 2) student experience and past accomplishments, and 3) supporting Green Fee initiatives. We were impressed by Glery and Smith’s promotion of change. It was remarkable to see the unity between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

We also noted that Glery and Smith shared the same goal of being a decision-maker in UCF history. Their candidate will be a major voice in UCF history.

The goals are clear from the onset of their campaign. The "Your Plan" series, which focused on the need for a presidential candidate to have a clear plan for the future of UCF, was refreshing. It was understood that one candidate didn't have a plan and the other had a good one. It was refreshing to see the difference between the two.

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