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Rocking the vote

Weeklong Vote event concludes with iRock concert — **SEE NEWS, A2**

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**Jeff Corwin visits campus**

STEPHANIE DE SOUSA

Wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin will bring his expertise to UCF for a free lecture, question-and-answer session and book signing tonight from 6 to 8 in the Student Union's Pegasus Ballroom.

Corwin, an Emmy award-winning winner, has traveled the world studying and helping animals in their natural habitats. In 2005, he challenged to Larry Ring in the adventures began when he first encountered what is still his favorite animal, the meerkat.

“I used to try to visit my favorite animal, the meerkat,” Corwin said on CNN’s Larry King Live. “And I was running through — about 6 years ago — I was running through some lumps, and at the bottom was this curled-up meerkat with aScala, walking a towering, just a few lumps, and I grabbed it..." I reached out and grabbed it. It grabbed on to me and I walked with it. That was the beginning of Jef’s love of the animal. And my grandmother died. He’s my grandmother’s name..."

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As bad as it was — 16 others Friday — it quickly became clear that Thursday's carnage was less than the initial reports. Investigators recovered 48 bodies and six shriveled, double-bagged human remains. But many of the corpses were still boiling.

It took no more than two minutes from the first 911 call for campus police to enter into the Cole Hall, then less than the time required of those students to get an ovalization that shifted the three students and the gunman were dead, two more were mortally wounded and sur-
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VERMONT - Authorities say a homeless man was killed in a hit-and-run while trying to push a bicycle across US 441 in Apopka on Friday night.

A police officer who responded to the scene said a Geneva woman died in Seminole County near Orlando after she failed to make a curve.

On Saturday, a West Palm Beach woman was driving on Interstate 95 when witnesses said she failed to make a curve at the wheel, crossed the median and hit the man.

Also Saturday, a man from Fort Lauderdale was shot to death as he was driving a truck after stopping into traffic along Highway 11 in Highlands Coun-

Saturday afternoon, one person died and two were seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash on Country Road 47 in Marion County.

Check back to LOCAL IN 2A
Campus housing finds ways to conserve energy

ANNA WELCH

Thousands of UCF students are competing throughout the month of February in an energy conservation battle.

The second annual Energy Conservation Competition pits on-campus housing buildings against one another for scholarships and other prizes in a race to lower energy usage.

"People can learn that just a bit of individual effort can make a huge collective difference," said Jeff Novak, the associate director of Housing and Residence Life.

Residents are competing against several other buildings offered by UCF’s Student Government Association. At the end, 50 winners will be awarded $200 each.

In order to promote fairness in the competition, the total housing was divided into three zones, said Jason Friedfeld, vice chair of SGA’s Scholarship Committee.

The zones make the same lines and Academic Village are the second zone, and Radnor campus housing make up a third zone.

Within each zone, each winning building will be chosen based on the difference between Feb. 1 and March 1 meter readings. The winning buildings will be announced the day after Spring Break, said Stacy Radnor, marketing specialist for the Physical Plant.

The residents of each building are then given a two week period to turn in a short report documenting one week of log.

"It’s not mandatory," Radnor said. "Whenever hands it in, hands it in, and we pick free that.

SGA and Energy and Sustainability will select 30 winners from each building, and Housing and Residence Life will throw prize parties for the winning buildings.

"They all knocked on my door, said Jeff Novak. "They can’t take that knowledge with them and share it with their peers and family members and have a bit of energy conservation for the future."

"The goal is that students carry on the practice of energy conservation in their home life," he said.

"We have been going from building educating the students on energy conservation and engaging them in related activities."

"It’s a month-long event," she said, "not just a competition."
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Veronicaibiluz YOCTEATHE With the International Space Station weekend. Astronauts wrap up work aboard space station.

HOOYTON - The 10 astronauts aboard the linked space shuttle and space station wrapped up work on Sunday and got ready to say goodbye.

With the hatch between the two spacecraft scheduled to be sealed around midnight, the crews rushed to finish activating new racks to hold the next Columbus module and packing the shuttle for the ride home to Earth.

Astronauts plan to leave Monday after a nine-day visit to the international space station. Astronaut Daniel Tani, who arrived on Feb. 11, 30 days ago, - - will leave ahead of the shuttle.

Tani expects to have mixed emotions when he comes to leave. He moved into the space station in October and has stayed two extended months because of fuel glare trouble that bumped Atlantic flight from December to January.

"I’ll be living here on the station, it’s comforting. It’s fun, it’s exciting. The view of the course," Tani said Friday. "But obviously, I want to get back and say my family…It was the only mission was marred by the death of his 96-year-old mother. She was diagnosed with cancer just before Christmas."

He said he packed together a tip sheet for future space station residents who might want to work with a family tribal, while they’re in orbit, essentially.

Flight Director Bob Dompierre said he could not be more pleased the Atlantis visit. The two crews installed the new European lab, Columbus, and conducted three space walks to hook it up and do other space station chores.

Atlantic and its seven-year crew will leave Wednesday at Capsa Canaveral, Fla., for the backup touchdown site in California. NASA and the Defense Department had them out of harm’s way for four months - down an allaying swap satellite

Church services after prayers for victims, families of Hill DUKAL, Ill. - Churchgoers are remembering the victims of the Northern Illinois University shooting rampage with prayers and support for the school and its families.

At First Baptist Church of Normal, a service was held Thursday in NIU’s hometown, as a crowd of several dozen people who attended a memorial service Wednesday night processed in.

The Rev. Joe Sanders delivered prayers for the families of victims and relatives of the 20 young students and wounded in the attack.

"We’ve never seen this before," Sanders said. The rev’s son, Jordan, is a student at NIU. They were among thousands of students and wounded in a lecture hall before taking his own life.

In Chicago, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., was joined in a vigil by Oak Brook, Ill., and Lynwood Christian community leaders, and the Rev. John L. Poteat, son of Daniel, was killed in the shooting.

The Rev. Doug Callison said the congregation prays for victims of uncertain violence.

The Rev. Movey Sanders declared the church, "Our church is a historic building to become a new and democratic state" backed by the U.S. and key European leaders - but fiercely contended by Osama and Al Qaeda.

Across the capital, Muslims, nervous during the weekend riots, were back in the streets, fired guns into the air and waved red and black Islamic flags in jubilation at the birth of the world’s newest country.

Serbian President Boris Tadic rejected by saying his country will never accept Kosovo’s "unilateral and illegal" declarations of independence.

LHOKOR, Indonesia - President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said his country must try to "neutralize" Pakistan that the fight against Islamic terrorism in their own was not just America's. But India, Zealand, balanced authorities under President Muhammad, who round power in a 2009 milli­on-dollar plan, will become a key U.S. ally, after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, for the wide­spectrum skepticism among American officials.

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- What fees must I pay when the loan is disbursed?
- What is the Annual Percentage Rate (APR)?
- What will my estimated monthly payment be?
- What is the total amount I will have to repay?
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- What will happen if I am late with a payment?
- Will my loan be sold to another lender?
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India program to enlighten
NATALIE COSTA
Staff Writer

A new program initiative in the College of Sciences aims to promote research that will yield new light on India’s political economy, culture, technologies and history.

Anil Deshpande of Deshpande Inc. and his wife, Chitra, have endorsed the new India Program at UCF.

The program is meant to bring prominent speakers to enlighten students and the Central Florida community on matters of political importance.

Roger Handberg, chair of the Political Science department, and John Hitt, special assistant to the president for Global Perspectives, serve as the liaison coordinators for this new program.

"Indian people are a silent minority in terms of visibility in Florida," Handberg said. "India is entering the global community in a way they haven't done before, and this program is in recognition of that."

The India program is an effort to be more global and adhere to the international focus as conceptualized by UCF President John Hitt, said Peter Panevsky, dean of the College of Sciences.

Deshpande has provided an endowed fund of $50,000, and the state legislature is expected to add additional $10,000 through appropriations.

Berna said that UCF decided to endow this program because India is one of the main local poles along with China and Japan. This program will "build a minority base in terms of India." The annual theme in the College of Sciences will serve as "a world class resource center on India." Deshpande said he is aware of the growing importance of India economically and internationally.

"(India) is a major minuscule at UCF," he said. "We listen to our students.

"They want to be exposed to our (core) audience," Berna said. "We listen to our students.

Deshpande conceptualized the goal of this new program.

"This will bring prominent to understand the Indian system of government better than we do now," Panousis said. "This program is meant to educate the government better than we do.

"We believe the economy is the future,'" Panousis said. "

Jehlen said that and getting to play around the design of the shell is a luxury few teams have time.

"Many teams only have a semester to pull off the whole task, while we have the entire school year from September until the competition in April," Jehlen said.

This year, the event will be held in Madison, Wisc. from April 25-27.

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The design of the shell is wind to the overall performance of the vehicle. A lightweight, aerodynamic design can help the vehicle move more quickly and more efficiently. Top speeds at previous events have been around 60 mph, while the world record is 170 mph.

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Car uses manpower
MICHAEL DENNIS
Contributing Writer

When it comes to Human Powered Vehicles, these guys are definitely off the beaten path.

Engineering majors from all over the country, including UCF participants in the Human Powered Vehicle Contest (HPVC), boasted every year by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), are designing and building vehicles that can help the vehicle move more quickly and more efficiently. Top speeds at previous events have been around 60 mph, while the world record is 170 mph.

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Protesters want equality

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Corwin is just one of the
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The Office of Undergraduate

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Jeff Corwin’s Father’s Day message.

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BACK ON TRACK

UCF falls again to Marshall

By Ryan Bass

The last time the UCF Women's Basketball team faced Marshall, it took a half-court desperation shot by Angelina Mealing to send the game into overtime, where the Knights had to open the lead to 65-50 with 2:20 remaining, but Marshall connected from the free-throw line to send the stretch to seal the victory.

We came out with a lot of defensive energy to start the second half, Williams said. "We just hit a little bit of a lull in the second half and we couldn't recover from that. It was a hard-fought game and I'm really proud of our basketball team. I think we took a real step forward tonight."

Emma Cannon recorded her fifth double-double of the season for UCF with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

UCF's head coach for Williams said in a press release, "We just have to learn to put it all together. But our players are gaining good experience and learning new things every day."

Down 55-52 at the half, UCF used a 7-0 run to take a 42-38 lead with 6:05 remaining in the game. Sparked by Hart, Marshall went on a 27-0 run of its own to open the lead to 65-50 with 5:22 to play, but UCF wasn't done yet. Marley White, who had scored 15 points in the game, scored seven of the Knights' next nine points to make it a two-possession game with 2:30 remaining, but Marshall connected from the free-throw line to make it a three-possession game.

"We did a good job of taking care of the ball tonight," UCF head coach for Williams said in a press release. "We just have to learn to put it all together. But our players are gaining good experience and learning new things every day."

Men's basketball bounces back by beating Owls

Bryan Murphy

Soft voice

The UCF Men's Basketball team was not on top of its game earlier this season but has picked up its play in recent games and the Knights were able to hold on to defeat Rice 71-64 on Friday night.

The Knights let leads disappear and had to battle through tremendous foul trouble as well as poor shooting from 3-point range and free throw line, but they were able to hold on at the end for a 65-55 victory. This time, the Knights didn't overlook the Owls, but the win certainly didn't come easy. The Knights let leads disappear and had to battle through tremendous foul trouble as well as poor shooting from 3-point range and free throw line, but they were able to hold on at the end for a 65-55 victory.

The Knights Gliub overall, as Conference USA's game opened the second half with a 10-point lead, but trouble with their post players developed quickly. Center Kayrick Zonderwire was picked up his third foul within the first 30 seconds of the half and forward Tony Davis got his third foul at 1:29 and forward James Rishard was in even more of a foul trouble with his fourth foul with 9:00 to play.

With their team playing interior players on the bench, the Knights were forced to play the next five minutes with forward Andre Thornton at center and guard Mike Battle at power forward.

Before the win, the Owls (8-9 overall, 0-8 in C-USA) grabbed eight offensive rebounds. Speraw said that lack of rebounding was not only due to foul trouble, but also a couple of sluggish practices on Thursday and Friday and the absence of the Knights' tallest player.

"We just did a horrendous job in practice of boxout -ing and rebounding, and I knew that was going to be another area. Because the Owls could hurt the Knights because they play so hard," Speraw said in a post-game radio interview. "That's a situation where Stanley Billings, not having him available really hurts us."

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Knights start sunny, then stumble in Paradise

MELISSA HESSDORER  
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The trend continued for the UCF Softball team this past weekend at the Hawai'i Paradise Classic. Despite winning their first two games of the weekend, the Knights dropped two of their next three games—a typical trend the softball team has faced for the past few years.

Regardless, the Knights went 2-3 through the first three days of the tournament defeating Long Beach State on day one. They faced out of conference opponents to back-to-back Kentucky and BYU on day two. That was followed by a loss to Long Beach State on day three.

UCF got things started Thursday with a 4-2 victory in 10 innings over Long Beach State. The win didn't come easy, however, as neither team would muster a run through the first eight innings of play. Long Beach State grabbed the first run of the game in the top of the ninth inning when Whimmy Bradshaw scored from third off a Lacy Tyler ground-out.

The Knights responded right back, however. Freshman Tiffany Lane would score from second on an RBI single up the middle from Breanne Javier to tie the game at 2-2. Two more runs would cross the plate for Long Beach State in their half of the tenth inning, but a four-run 10th inning from the Knights would seal the 5-3 win.

Lane recorded her first career home run with a three-run shot in the 10th to help give the Knights the win. Allison Kime earned her third win of the season with a complete-game effort. Kime allowed three runs on eight hits and had three strikeouts.

With the win, the Knights were set to play Kentucky in their next game Friday. Senior Lindsay Dean started the inning off with a big hit, but was left on base to end the inning. Four more hits and three runs scored in the inning helped the Knights take a 4-0 lead.

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Hurricanes had already won the previous two doubles matches to take their nonconference play high as No. 10.

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New Orleans – Look up in the sky! It's a plane! No, it's Dwight Howard – super slam dunk champion.

A red rose trailing behind him, Orlando's man of steel muscled up Superman and won perhaps the best dunk contest, detonating the most creative, in NBA history to claim an estimable All-Star Saturday.

Using a variety of props as well as teammate Jameer Nelson, Howard scored perfect 50s from judges on his first two dunks before the contest was turned over to fan voting for the first time in the final round.

Fans, too, picked the 6-11 Howard, who dis­ pelled an old dunk myth by proving that big men can fly high.

"It's really for the big men," Howard said. "Everybody always says, big men can't jump and big men don't look good dunking. I just tried to add a little bit of my personal­ ity. With me being so tall, I knew I was going to be able to jump high."

For the other year, Minneso­ ta's Gerald Green would have walked away with his second straight dunk crown, but he was upset by the undeniably poetic Howard, whose performance had fans at the Alamodome to stand up with something.

Howard had everything going for him, from his socks after removing his court shoes, to his jersey to reveal an "S" on his chest. Even his socks were upstaged by the crowd standing, cheering Howard on for so many years as the game's high risers seemed to climb up and placed a cupcake with a single candle in it on the back of the rim. Green soared in and pulled out a box of cupcakes, taking down a torry left-hand dunk.

"My first thought was going to take the cupcake, but it and then finish it," Howard said. "I thought he would have won with that.

In the second round, McGinn sat on the top step of the ladder and handed the ball off to a rising Green, who crashed another dunk. That's when Howard stripped off his blue Magic jersey to reveal an "S" on his chest. As the crowd roared, he tied the cape around his massive shoulders.

"I didn't have time to get the telephone booth," he quipped.

Nelson placed a piece of tape to mark Howard's takeoff spot, and after a running start from near mid-court, the Magic's main man took off just inside the free-throw line and fired the ball down with authority.

In the final round, Green performed two acrobatic dunks, one in only green sneakers after removing his sneakers. But neither of those could top Howard's last efforts. First, Howard bounced the ball off the floor, tapped it left-handed off the backboard and dunked with his right hand. For Howard's finale, Nelson affixed a miniature Orlando backboard to the rim and balanced a ball on it.

"It's in the air," Howard said. "The right side, picked the ball off instantly and Coleman. He then only had to wait for fans to text message a result he had perhaps the best dunk contest in NBA history.
Five Knights score at least 10

Five Knights scored at least 10 points, as the Owls fell to 8-15 and 2-8 in Conference USA (8-15 overall, 2-8 in C-USA) with the visitors reeling in a 72-62 home loss to Southern Miss—led by forward Jermaine Taylor, who finished with 20 points and seven assists. Mike O’Donnell, who was heavily double-teamed on Saturday night, scored a game-high 19 points, but the Owls were outrebounded again, and the Knights limited the Owls to just 37.1 percent shooting on 19-of-51 attempts.

Forward Jon Hall sank a basket and two free throws, and after Noel was fouled by Zondervan, he made the subsequent free throw to make the score 55-51 with 1:56 left in the game. The Owls were able to cut their deficit to five, but the Knights went on a 14-10 run of their own to pull ahead 65-56. The Knights were just 5-of-12 from the free-throw line.

The Owls had gotten to the lead in the first half and the first 11 minutes of the second half, but the Knights were able to focus on their defensive end of the floor, and the Owls were outrebounded 38-29 in the game. The Owls scored in the final two minutes of the game, but the Knights were able to get the Owls to the foul line and the Owls were unable to make their final two free throws.

The Knights limited the Owls to just 34.1 percent shooting for the game, including 20 points from the 3-point line. The Knights will now return home for a Wednesday meeting with East Carolina (8-15 overall, 2-8 in C-USA), which would earn them a valuable first-round bye in the conference tournament next month.

To retain that seed, the Knights have to play consistently on the road this season in the nation’s finest 16 games, bringing the Owls into the game.

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scored 15 unanswered points, capped off by a fist basket to take a 37-29 lead with 1:37 left in the break. UCF then turned with a 24-0 run of its own to pull ahead 28-19 with 4:20 until halftime. Marshall extended to lead to eight with 3:34 left in the half. After Hal sexy put back and pass into 36-29 with one minute left in the half, the Owls were able to get back into the game with an 11-7 run of their own to pull ahead 46-44. The Owls were able to get to the foul line and the Owls were unable to make their final two free throws.

The Knights had 11 games entering its meeting at East Carolina, which was the highest attendance in the Conference USA, which puts the Knights at 16th on UCF’s career-points list. Jermaine Taylor is second in the nation’s finest 16 games, bringing the Owls into the game.

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Central Florida Future

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BEN BAND

Most of what I write for this column is based on ideas that I have gleaned from my own experience, observations, and conversations with others. However, I am also aware of the importance of providing a platform for students to express their opinions and share their experiences. Therefore, I encourage all students to submit their own contributions to the Student Senate page and to participate in the decision-making process by attending the regular meetings and voicing their opinions.

The Student Senate page is a valuable resource for students who want to stay informed about current events and issues affecting the campus community. It provides a forum for students to engage in meaningful dialogue and to work together towards a better future for UCF.

READER VIEWS

Altering St. Johns OK, specialists in charge

Painting this committee as conspirators attempting to secretly open new land for development is a wealth of empty opinions. They are not working alone; they are working on behalf of the people of St. Johns. The St. Johns community is divided on this issue, but the committee is working on behalf of the people who live and work in the area.

Their efforts are aimed at ensuring that the new development will be sustainable and environmentally responsible. The committee’s work is guided by state and federal regulations, as well as input from stakeholders and the public.

We should support the committee’s efforts, rather than denigrating their work. Instead, we should be grateful for their commitment to making St. Johns a better place to live and work.

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Food ethics not catered to at UCF

Students at UCF often struggle to find food options that suit their dietary needs. While the university offers a variety of food options, including vegetarian and vegan options, there is still room for improvement.

One student said, "I am a vegetarian, and it can be difficult to find food options that meet my dietary needs. I wish there were more options available, especially during peak meal times." Another student echoed this sentiment, saying, "I am vegan, and it is frustrating to have so few options available to me. I hope the university will consider expanding its food offerings to better cater to the needs of all students."
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