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FACE LIFT



While students were away, the Student Union got a makeover. — SEE NEWS, A6

THROWIN'



Knights' baseball jumps to a 5-6 season start with solid pitching. — SEE SPORTS, A9

Lyons and Co. score NCAA appearance

Basketball team faces tough opponent in first tournament match since 1996

ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

A week of wondering has finally come to an end.

The UCF men's basketball team will enter the NCAA Tournament as a 14 seed in the East Rutherford regional bracket. The Knights, who recorded 26 wins in their best season in Division I-A history, are set to face off against Pittsburgh (29-4) on Friday in Milwaukee.

"I thought they were on the verge of being a No. 1 seed if they won the Big East tournament, and certainly a No. 2 if they didn't," said UCF Coach Kirk Speraw of Pittsburgh. "Somehow they slipped to a No. 3 seed which is

very shocking to me.

"I think we're playing a team that is really a No. 1 or 2. I'm sure that they're sitting there wondering what happened. The season that they've had, with their rankings and RPI, I think they have a lot to prove."

Prior to Sunday's NCAA selection show announcement, rumors circled the men's basketball team that had them playing in cities from Denver to Raleigh against opponents from Providence to Wake Forest. The Knights were not predicted by anyone to face the Panthers. Pittsburgh, which lost to Connecticut in the Big East final yesterday, was thought by many to be a possible No. 1 seed.

"I think we're one of those

Men win A-Sun, see Sports, A8

teams that can beat anybody," UCF guard Dexter Lyons said. "It's been rough not knowing who we were going to play, but now we can go into game strategy."

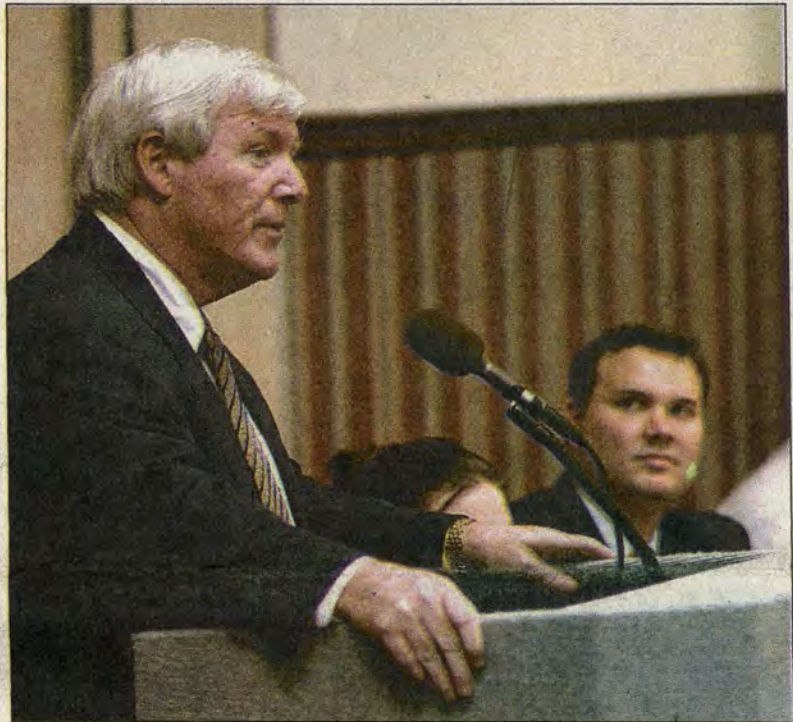
The 14 seeding is the best the Knights have ever been ranked heading into the Big Dance. UCF was last invited to the NCAA Tournament in 1996 when the Knights shocked the Trans-Atlantic Athletic Conference by beating Mercer in the final round of the conference tournament. That year the Knights were a 16 seed, and eventually lost to the University of Massachusetts in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"A lot of guys are sitting at home and wishing they could be

PLEASE SEE A-SUN ON A7



Members of the men's basketball team celebrate their placement yesterday in the NCAA Tournament at a rally in the Student Union.



UCF football Coach George O'Leary, left, takes questions from students at the March 4 meeting of the SGA Senate as Shane Juntunen, the SGA's assistant director of student affairs, looks on.

Coach O'Leary vows to wake a 'sleeping giant'

HEIDI A. DE VRIES
Senior Staff Writer

Football Coach George O'Leary made his intentions clear March 4 in his first face-to-face meeting with the student body.

"UCF is a sleeping giant," the new coach told the SGA Senate during its final meeting prior to last week's Spring Break. "Athletically, it needs to wake up."

O'Leary spent 30 minutes taking questions from students, who were lured not only by the coach's visit but also by a free buffet that preceded the meeting. After O'Leary left, the Senate also defeated a measure that would have placed ropes around the Pegasus seal in the Student Union, and agreed to fund a campus visit by a controversial speaker on abortion.

But it was O'Leary who packed the room. He reiterated his emphasis on academics, saying that he has placed all of the football players in two hours of study hall per day, although he recognizes that "some could use a lot more." However, he knows his purpose is to make the football team a winning one.

"I'm here for us to be competitive," he said, adding that the Mid-American Conference in which the team now competes allows for only two teams to earn bowl appearances. UCF moves into Conference USA in 2005.

The biggest problem he faces is in-state recruits who leave Florida to play out of state, not those who head to schools such as the universities of Florida and Miami, O'Leary said. To counter those defections, O'Leary said he would be scouting for players not just in Florida but also in Georgia and Louisiana. He further promised a "wide-open offense."

But it's not just players who make a difference, he said. Fans are integral to success. "Noise helps the team," he said, encouraging those present to attend games. He also addressed particular students in the crowd, saying, "I saw a guy who should be playing when I came in," referring to Willie Bentley Jr., the line-man-sized SGA vice president-elect.

In other business, the Senate discussed the permanent placing of ropes around the Pegasus seal in the Student Union. Sen. Olu Aduloju introduced a resolution to protect the seal, saying it's disrespectful to walk across it. "Up at FSU, if you walk on their symbol, somebody will punch you," he said.

Spencer Calder, a 20-year-old Asian Studies major at FSU, agreed that not many people walk on the 'Nole symbol. However, he doesn't agree that it's such a big deal.

"We're right here next to the state's Capitol building. The state seal is in the lobby, and you have to walk over it to get to the elevators. Same with CIA headquarters and the Oval Office in the White House," he said. "We recognize that if someone built a flat symbol on the floor, it's meant to be walked on. We just don't really do it out of respect."

Most senators shared that sentiment.

"Resolving to put barriers back around [the seal] is almost counter-productive," Sen. Keith Rea said.

Sen. C. Hunter Singh compared the resolution to another form of free speech. "The only thing worse than burning a flag is telling people they can't do it," he said.

PLEASE SEE FAMOUS ON A7

Knights traveled far and wide on Spring Break, and they brought back stories and photos with them. Here's an assortment of moments they experienced.

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"While walking out to the beach, my friends and I passed a screened-in hotel room porch. On the porch was a girl wearing just a big shirt straddling a guy backwards. She looked at us sheepishly, said "hi," waved, and kept moving on top of the guy."
—BRANDON HARDIN, 22

ST. AUGUSTINE

"I went to St. Augustine. I just needed a week off to get re-energized for the next six weeks."
—CHRIS KINTNER, 20, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

KEY WEST

"I took a catamaran out on the ocean, just me and some fraternity brothers. I fell in because I was goofing around on the sailboat, and I got dragged behind the boat. It was fun though."
—NICK MEROLLE, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATOR

UCF MAIN CAMPUS

"It is a glorious Monday morning. The sky is a radiant blue. The warm sun shines down. Spring is in the air. And here I sit in my office in the Communication Building grading papers..."
—KYLE PHILLIP TAYLOR, INTERPERSONAL COMM. PROFESSOR

Poet compelled by oppression

Marjorie Agosin spins tales of hardship and injustice

BRIAR ALEKSUN
Contributing Writer

In 1939, Marjorie Agosin's grandparents immigrated to Chile from Europe to escape oppression from the Holocaust.

On March 3, the Jewish-Chilean author, poet and human rights activist spoke to UCF students and faculty about creativity, human rights and life under an oppressive regime.

"Everything in life is a story — we all have stories to share," Agosin said before sharing her experiences growing up in Chile and witnessing the people of her country suffer from extreme hardships, political injustice and human rights abuses.

Chile at first gave freedom and refuge to Agosin's family. "They created a home,"

PLEASE SEE REFUGEE ON A7

Spike TV looks to UCF for game show contestants

HEIDI A. DE VRIES
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Spike TV will be at UCF Thursday seeking contestants for its *Most Extreme Elimination Challenge* show, in which participants compete in goofy mental and physical contests such as running across floating logs and hurling themselves against a Velcro wall.

Auditions will be held at noon Thursday on the Memorial Mall between Classroom Building I and the Health and Public Affairs Building. Those selected will be filmed March 26-28 at Universal Studios for an episode to be broadcast April 22.

The episode will launch the third season of the second-highest-rated show on the self-proclaimed "First Network for Men." In addition, it will be the first time the show has been filmed on American soil.

The segments of *Most Extreme Elimination Challenge* currently being broadcast on Spike TV are taken from a Japanese television show, *Takeshi's Castle*, which aired in the mid-'80s on the Tokyo Broadcasting System. Rather than dubbing the Japanese dialogue into English, the audio for the show has been rewritten to accompany the original Japanese video footage.

The show runs like "a combination of *Fear Factor* ... [and] *Iron Chef*, with a touch of *Mystery Science Theatre 3000*," David Schwartz of Spike TV said. Though the final cut of this first American-filmed episode will be a secret, the episode will involve "having fun," said Scott Fishman, the episode's director and producer.

Though auditions already have taken place at Universal, the show is looking for-

PLEASE SEE SHOW ON A5

Around Campus

The press and civil rights

The *Orlando Sentinel* will host a forum on how the media has covered the civil rights movement at 10 a.m. today in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

The forum, titled "The Press and Civil Rights: Covering the Movement, Then and Now" will feature panelists Clarence Page, Eugene Patterson and Moses Newson. The forum will be moderated by Keith Woods of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

The *Sentinel* will hold professional development workshops for journalists and journalism students later in the day. Call Keisha at 407-823-2741 or visit <http://www.brownblackandwhite.org> for more information.

Catch a ride to 'Rally in Tally'

Students can catch a free ride from UCF to Tallahassee Wednesday to join the "Rally in Tally" protest by students from around the state against the possible end of the Bright Futures scholarship program. A bus provided by the Student Government Association will pick up interested students at 6 a.m. at the Student Union, returning at 6:30 p.m. Free food and drinks will be provided. To reserve a seat, e-mail strainor@mail.ucf.edu or call 407-823-2193.

Florida donors get their due

"Get Carded," a college awareness program that educates Florida campus communities on organ and tissue donation, was recognized March 4 as a top-five finalist for Nonprofit Campaign of the Year in the PR Week Awards competition in New York City. "Get Carded" builds awareness for donation through special events, ongoing promotion and presentations to student organizations, faculty and staff. Call Lesley Ann McMillen at 407-303-3633 or e-mail Lesley.Moorman-McMillen@translife.org for more information.

True artists premiere *True West*

True West opens at UCF's Conservatory Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

A classic ode to sibling rivalry, *True West* tells the story of two brothers house-sitting for their mom.

The play will be directed by Tad Ingram of Broadway fame.

The show continues through March 28, with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

To purchase tickets, call the UCF Conservatory box office at 407-823-1500. Tickets are \$10. Group, senior and student rates are available. Visit <http://www.theatre.ucf.edu> for more information.

Let us know

The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition, and 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition.

West: Blacks not yet truly equal

MORGAN MOELLER
Staff Writer

With his sermon-style speech delivery, Cornel West met a diverse UCF crowd on March 4 to discuss race and democracy in the 50 years since *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The Student Union's Pegasus Ballroom was filled to capacity as extra students stood against the walls to hear West speak. West tackled the connections between Americanism, racism and capitalism, connections he believes have not disappeared since the Supreme Court outlawed segregation in public schools.

As part of a UCF program titled "Brown, Black and White: A Community Reflects on *Brown v. Board*," West was a featured speaker in a series given by influential individuals who have helped change the way America thinks about race relations in a post-segregationist-era society.

West, a professor of religion and African-American studies at Princeton University, has also taught at Harvard University. A prominent voice on African American advancement, West earned a doctorate from Princeton and has authored several books including his best-selling book *Race Matters*.

UCF President John Hitt gave opening remarks at the lecture, calling the *Brown v. Board* decision a "watershed moment ... the most important Supreme Court decision of the 20th century." In deference to that historic moment, Hitt noted that the enrollment of blacks and all minorities at UCF is growing both in percentage and in numbers.

West took the podium quoting — "The unexamined life is not worth living" — and adding some historic words of his own. The *Brown v. Board*



Cornel West talks about the standing of blacks in American society March 4 in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

decision showed that "the examined life is painful," West said. In his address, West examined the events leading up to, and the reactions and progress following, the landmark decision.

West spoke of the white supremacy ideologies that are, according to him, ingrained in us all, black, brown and white. He also spoke about the importance of black leaders, the role of the black church that he described as "indispensable," and even hip-hop.

A question-and-answer session after West's speech touched on timely topics including the media's role in the American psychology and the coup d'etat in Haiti.

In response to a question from an employment lawyer on affirmative action, West said, "We have to fight on a variety of different fronts ... we

have to turn more of our attention to quality education among the young people so that we have enough candidates to actually be subject to affirmative action, because if we don't have enough folks in the pool who have met the minimum qualifications, we are going to have a challenge even deeper than a debate over affirmative action."

Asked to identify the biggest race-related issue for universities and colleges, West replied, "The biggest issue I think is that we must forever attempt to be in contact with each other's humanity ... in the end it's really that quest for humanity that's at the core of all of us, you know?"

One student directly challenged Hitt, who sat in the front row of the lecture. The student said that before he enrolled in graduate school, he

had never been required to do community service and that none of his professors had ever really explained the concept of affirmative action. "Here's my challenge to President Hitt," he said, "that all programs have community service ... more education on race relations," at which point his voice was overpowered by enthusiastic clapping by the audience. Hitt did not have a chance to respond.

Perhaps one of the most important questions that West was asked was, "Will black people ever be delivered [from racism and white supremacy feelings]?" West responded, saying, "Will black folk ever be free? Don't look good! Don't look good at all, I ain't gonna lie ... I plan on dying fighting for it, but I know black people not gonna be free when I die, at all here, or around the world."

Students fire new volley at Bush about Iraq

RACHEL BECK
Staff Writer

To mark Saturday's one-year anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq, Campus Peace Action is sponsoring "Mission Not Accomplished," a series of events and speeches designed to educate and gain support for pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq.

"Mission Not Accomplished" was named in reaction to a banner reading "Mission Accomplished" that was posted as President George W. Bush landed on the USS Abraham Lincoln on May 1. Later that day, Bush announced to the nation that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.

The symbol for "Mission Not Accomplished" is a Mission Accomplished banner with a "Not" stamped in the middle.

"It is to remind people that we are still at war — we have not accomplished our mission," said Emily Ruff, a member of Campus Peace Action who coordinated the events.

In a military briefing given on March 22, 2003, Gen. Tommy R. Franks listed Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's eight military objectives for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the war in Iraq: (1) to end Saddam Hussein's regime; (2) to eliminate Iraqi weapons of mass destruction; (3) to capture and drive out terrorists from that country; (4) to collect intelligence about terrorist networks; (5) to collect intelligence about a global network of illicit weapons of mass destruction; (6) to end sanctions and to deliver humanitarian support to Iraqi citizens; (7) to secure Iraq's oil fields and resources, which belong to the Iraqi people; and (8) to help Iraqi citizens create a representative self-government.

Since the end of the war, Hussein has been captured. Last week Iraqi governing council members signed an interim constitution, which will lay the groundwork for a permanent constitution, future elections, and eventual self-rule in Iraq.

Although Operation Iraqi Freedom began nearly a year ago, U.S. troops remain in Iraq. Ruff said "Mission Not Accomplished" will raise awareness of this.

"A lot more is going on that the media is not portraying," Ruff said. "Many soldiers have died since the war started. This is not something we should take lightly as a country or as a community."

At 7 p.m. Tuesday in Math and Physics Building Room 260, "Mission Not Accomplished" will show the documentary, *Uncovered: The Truth About the War in Iraq*, which features Robert Baer, David Corn and Joe Wilson. Director-producer Robert Greenwald teamed up with Moveon.org, an organization designed to bring ordinary people into politics, to make the film. It includes 25 government experts speaking out about the war.

That screening will be preceded by the film, *Aftermath — Unanswered Questions from 9/11*, from the Guerilla

News Network. *Aftermath* is a documentary narrated by hip-hop artist Paris, and featuring interviews of nine people answering questions about Sept. 11.

At 7 p.m. Thursday in the same room, speakers from the American Civil Liberties Union and Amnesty International will discuss the Patriot Act, human rights and Iraq.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, a carpool will caravan to downtown Orlando for "Bring Them Home/End U.S. Occupation of Iraq," a demonstration to mark the one-year anniversary of the war's start. Orlando Direct Action, an activist and educational group, will host the demonstration, which is co-sponsored by RadioActive, a progressive radio program on WORL 660 AM, and the Green Party of Orange County. Participants are asked to gather at Bumby Avenue and Colonial Drive from noon to 2:30 p.m. The demonstration will call for an end to the war and to bring U.S. troops home.

Week in Science

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Fossil find brings new species to list of human predecessors

Another species has been added to the family tree of early human ancestors. Scientists report that long before *Homo erectus*, there lived a primitive hominid species named *Ardipithecus kadabba*. *Kadabba* fossils were found in what is now Ethiopia and are dated 5.5 million to 5.8 million years ago. This would make the newly-recognized species one of the earliest known human ancestors, perhaps one of the first to emerge after the chimpanzee and human lineages diverged from a common ancestor some six million to eight million years ago.

Elderly Japanese get help from new robots

Japanese companies are marketing robots to help care for the aged. Japan is looking into robots for elderly care. Three of these robots are: a human washing machine with a rinse and dry cycle; a robot suit with a motorized and battery-operated pair of pants to help the aged move around; and Wakamaru, a three-foot-high speaking robot used by working people to keep an eye on their elderly parents. With high labor costs and anti-immigrant sentiment of Japan, some politicians have even suggested exporting some of the elderly to neighboring countries.

Red jungle fowl genome completed

The first avian genome is now available to scientists worldwide. The genome of the red jungle fowl, the ancestor of domestic chickens, was assembled by a team at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. This genome is comprised of about one billion DNA base pairs — the human genome is three billion base pairs long. Recent outbreaks of avian flu have helped scientists learn even more about how genetic variations may play a role in susceptibility to different strains of the disease.

Human embryos created from frozen ovaries

Doctors have successfully created human embryos using eggs from a frozen ovary. This technique could help cancer patients who lose the ability to have children due to chemotherapy drugs and radiation. With this technique women can remove and freeze parts of their ovaries before undergoing treatment. Once the body becomes clear of chemicals after the treatment period, the ovary tissue is transplanted under the skin and is expected to begin to function again and produce eggs.

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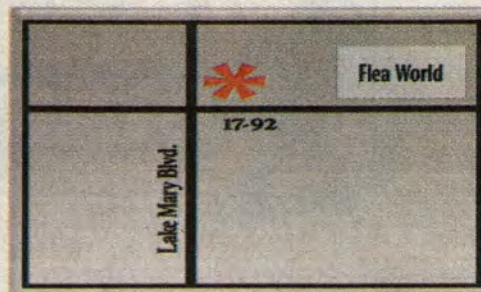


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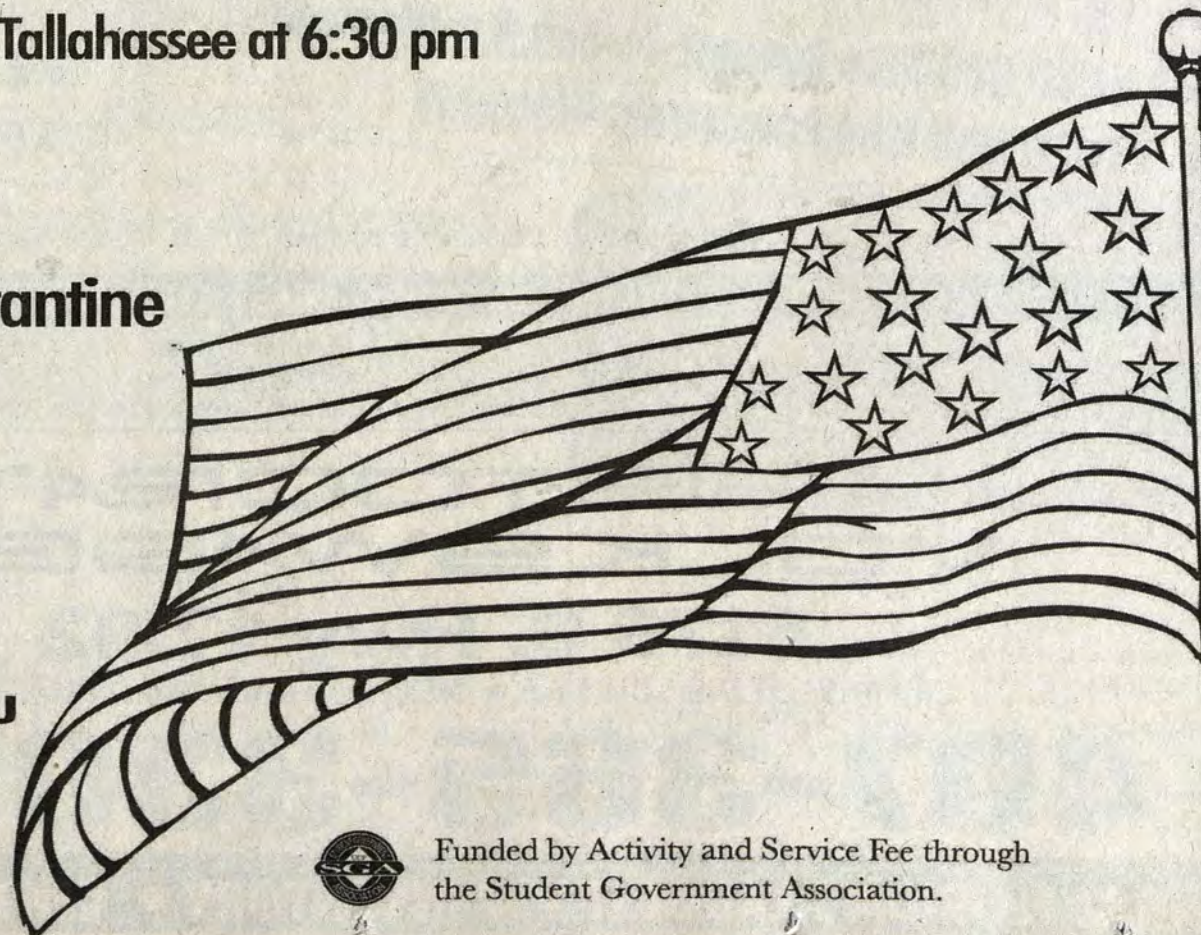
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200 dead, 1,500 hurt in 10 Madrid bomb blasts

MADRID, Spain — 200 people were killed and at least another 1,500 injured when a series of terrorist bombs ripped through trains during the Spanish capital's morning rush hour Thursday.

Government officials quickly blamed the bombings that occurred three days before national elections on the Basque separatist group ETA, which has waged a bloody 40-year campaign for independence. A letter to an Arabic-language newspaper in London later claimed the attacks were carried out by the al-Qaida terrorist network but provided no evidence.

The letter was signed by the Abu Hafs al Masri Brigades, which is linked to al-Qaida, and has falsely claimed responsibility for other attacks.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia visited hospital after hospital. "Whoever did this are vile, cowardly murderers," the king said in an address to the nation.

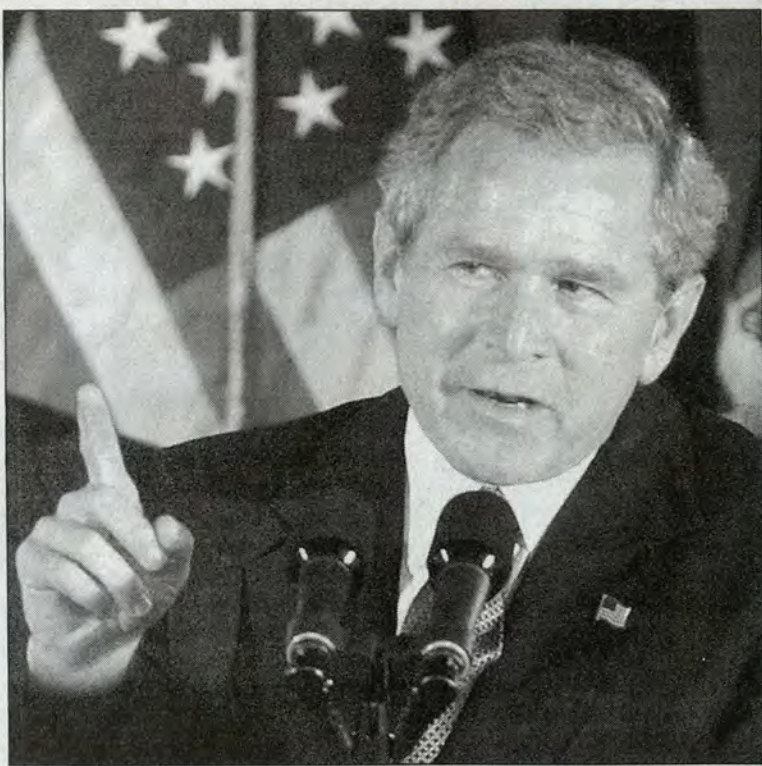
Spain's interior minister was quoted on the Web site of the newspaper *El Pais* as saying officials are investigating the possibility of al-Qaida's involvement.

Kerry moves to unite Democrats, answers Republican attacks

WASHINGTON — Surrounded by Senate Democrats in the Capitol, Kerry refused to take back comments from a day earlier, when he called Republicans "the most crooked ... lying group I've ever seen."

In response to a furious backlash from Republicans, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Kerry said: "I have no intention whatsoever of apologizing for my remarks ... There is a Republican attack squad that specializes in trying to destroy people and be negative. I think the president needs to talk about the real priorities of our country."

The new Bush attack ad portrays Kerry as eager to raise taxes and weak on national security. The ad contends that Kerry's plan for his first 100 days in the White House would raise taxes by \$900 billion over



President George W. Bush speaks at a campaign fundraiser in East Meadow, N.Y. on Thursday.

10 years. It also accuses Kerry of wanting to "delay defending America until the United Nations approved."

Kerry does want to repeal the Bush tax cuts for taxpayers earning more than \$200,000 a year. The \$900 billion is derived from the estimated cost of his health care plan. Bush campaign officials assumed that if the plan costs that much, Kerry would raise taxes that much to pay for it.

"He's going to have to pay for it somehow, and that's by raising taxes," Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman said.

Bush campaign officials said they have no plans to pull an ad, titled "Stronger, Safer," that uses images from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to promote Bush's candidacy, despite criticism from some of the victims' relatives.

Some college graduates go back to school after finding no work

Mark Skiffington, a senior engineering student at Marquette University, isn't looking for work. He's going back to school. So is Cynthia Zimmerman, a Marquette senior majoring in accounting.

"I was looking for a job in the fall, but now I have decided to get my master's" degree, Zimmerman said. "Most of my

friends have decided to go back, too."

With three months until graduation, college seniors are facing a job market that appears to be marginally better.

The outlook, according to two national surveys, improved over the past two years. Companies surveyed said they plan to hire 13 percent more new graduates than last year. However, job seekers might be competing with '03 graduates after two years of declines.

"The market is still saturated with candidates from last year," said Robin Pickering, a spokesman for Manpower Professional in Milwaukee.

Like manufacturers, some banks, engineering firms and other employers are exporting jobs to China and India. Those moves will further cut down on the number of openings, said Philip Gardner, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University.

With the modestly better outlook, some students are returning to class next fall or working as interns.

College career counselors are advising students to broaden job searches geographically and think creatively about how to use their skills.

Show seeks UCF students for unusual stunts

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ward to the unique group of contestants that a UCF-focused audition will attract.

"The 18- to 24-year-old crowd is just very willing. Their enthusiasm level is high and a lot of them are so excited to be on the show," Fishman

said.

To hold the campus audition, the station needed a school sponsor, which it found through the UCF Film Club. The club's president, Drew Reiber, said the auditions "presented an opportunity for students to make contacts and gain experience."

Club members will be given the opportunity to volunteer with the production team and will also be looking to draft additional volunteers.

"Most of our officers are film majors, but this really benefits any students that are interested in the process," Reiber said.

Ask a doc



NHUNG TRAN, MD
UCF Health Services

I wanted to know if it is OK to take prenatal vitamins when you are not pregnant. I have been taking them about a year because I heard they have the optimal amount of vitamins, but I wanted to know any negative side effects. Is a multivitamin better for a college female than a prenatal one?

The American Dietetic Association and other major medical organizations agree that if you eat a balanced diet you get all the required vitamins and minerals. However, a supplement may be beneficial if:

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- You smoke
- You drink alcohol excessively
- You are trying to become pregnant or are pregnant
- You eat a special diet due

to food allergies or intolerance to certain food

- You are a strict vegetarian
- Your body can't absorb food properly due to some medical conditions

Having the right balance of vitamins and minerals in your body is essential. Lacking some vitamins and minerals can lead to conditions as night blindness or anemia, but on the other hand too much of some vitamins and minerals can cause toxic reactions.

Food sources are more beneficial since they are more complex. They give you a variety of nutrients and include many vitamins and minerals, fiber and other substances called phytochemicals, which a pill cannot provide.

If you choose to take vitamins, avoid those that claim "megadoses," because they may provide too much of one element. For example, too much niacin can create liver

problems. Also vitamins can interfere with medications that you take (i.e. vitamin E and K are not recommended if you are on blood thinning medications).

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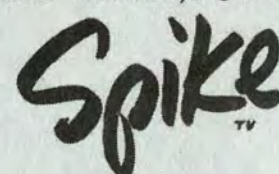
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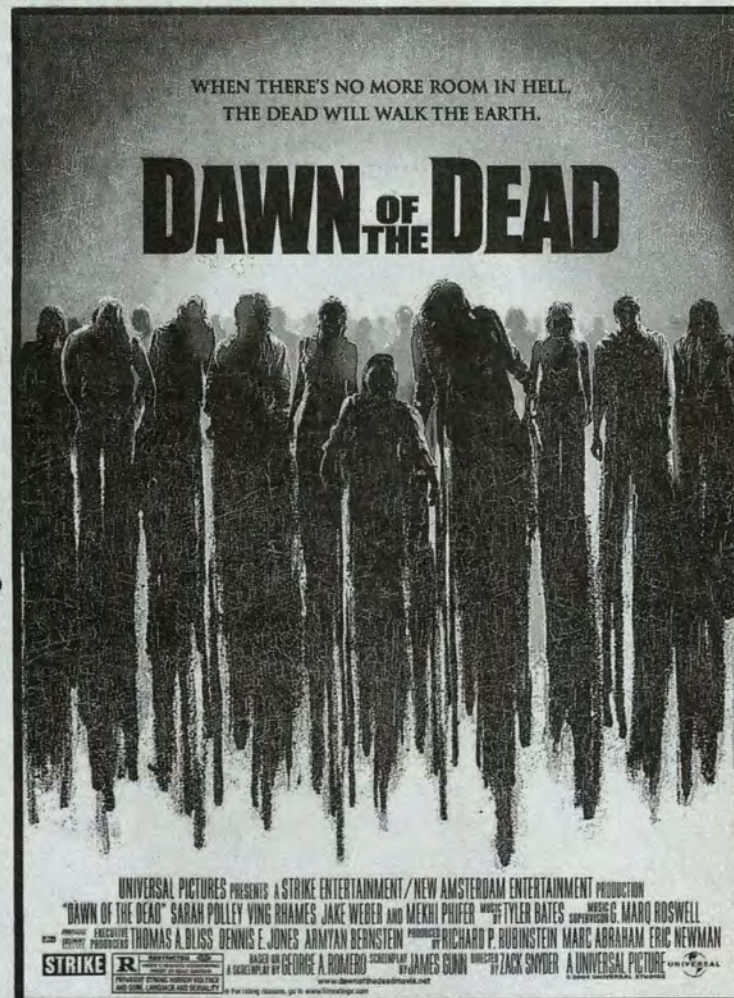
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Students take a love of nature downtown, Student Union gets a face lift

A coalition of UCF clubs wrapped up the two-week Unplug 2004 campaign, aimed at disconnecting students from technology, by taking a bike ride from the Student Union to downtown Orlando and back March 6.

Eight students made the round trip. At right, the Student Union Food Court was remodeled over the break to include more school colors in the design. The left half of the photo is the new Food Court.



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Refugee seeks peace through her stories

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Agosin said. Agosin described a childhood of happiness and joy, surrounded by simple things, not material things. Her family had little money and they were outsiders but "they were intellectuals," as her mother often assured her. They were also strong believers in their democratic government and believed in the strength of their nation created by President Salvador Allende.

However, on Sept. 11, 1973, the presidential palace was bombed and Allende was killed along with an era of political change and social transformation. "Augusto Pinochet and his military forces, with the United State's full consent, overthrew my country, destroying the rights we had struggled for," Agosin said.

"The brutality and violence of Pinochet's regime forced refugees to seek freedom or be exiled," Agosin said. Husbands, brothers and sons "disappeared," leaving loved ones to fend for themselves. Agosin's family came to the U.S. thinking the move would only be temporary. "I understood that my life would be changed forever," Agosin said.

After losing her sense of identity, sense of place and language, Agosin said writing poetry helped reestablish her bond with Chile. Agosin has published 16 books of poetry, most of which depict the lives of those who suffered during Pinochet's regime. "Poets believe they can change people through poems," Agosin said.

While attending graduate school, Agosin began collecting woven tapes called "arpilleras." Women who had lost their exiled husbands, brothers and sons created the arpilleras, or "cloths of resistance." Arpilleras are made with needles, thread, cloth and clothing — sometimes the clothing of the missing person. According to Agosin, "The arpilleras represented the only dissident voices existing in a society obliged to silence."

"Each of the arpilleras tells a story," Agosin said pointing to a few. "You will see abduction, another woman chaining herself, another shows a woman being tortured at a stadium."

"All they have is their story," Agosin added.

Many of the arpilleras have small text narratives. Some simply ask, "Where are you?"

"Gender and creativity intersects when women make their private pain into political action," Agosin said. "The power of it [arpillera] is the collectivity."

Agosin's personal collection of arpilleras, most of which were discreetly smuggled out of Chile, will continue to be on display through March 31 in the UCF Library.

"The arpilleras confront us with something very powerful: the past," Agosin said. "Chile could be a mirror for all of our lives, our lives in the U.S."

Following Agosin's lecture, many students talked enthusiastically about her. "I thought her speech was very educational, very interesting," Sarah Cohen, a creative writing major, said. "I liked what she said about turning silence into activism because it relates to present day issues."

Charlie Pooser, an English literature major, said after the lecture, "It's good that the university will bring such eminent writers to the university. I wish they would do it more. I'd rather see six speakers than six oak trees planted near the gazebo."

A-Sun champs move on to NCAA

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where we are," Lyons said. "They wished they could have grabbed another board or made another shot or stolen another ball. I'm just so excited about this."

The men earned a spot in this year's NCAA Tournament after defeating Troy State 60-55 in the final game of the Atlantic Sun tournament last Saturday in Nashville. The victory marked the last conference game at UCF for seniors Roberto Morentin, Josh Bodden, Rob Ross and Lyons.

"We were hoping for a 13 seed," said Bodden, a senior forward. "There's a chance anything can happen. Pittsburgh is probably the best No. 3 seed in the history of the tournament."

We're just going to have to play the best we can no matter what."

Most of the UCF players took a few days off this week for Spring Break, but once Thursday rolled around, it was business as usual. Speraw resumed practice Thursday, despite having to move his teams to locations other than the UCF Arena.

"I'm just happy we're in the tournament," junior Marcus Avant said. "We're not going there just to make a trip. We're going there to win. It's going to be a tough game and Pittsburgh could have been a No. 1 seed, but we're a good team, too."

The men also took some time to support the UCF baseball team Friday night, as they were all smiles during the 11-0 Knights' victory over Gardner-Webb. The men were paying the

baseball team back for its support in Nashville at the A-Sun tournament last weekend. Speraw showed off his arm before the game as he threw out the first pitch.

The Knights will resume full practice this week, and are treating their match up with Pittsburgh like any other.

"Our record shows that we play great basketball," Lyons said. "The seeds are out. It's time to play ball. It's the dream for all of the great guys on this team. We've been waiting on this all week. It's time to go to work."

As for Bodden, Lyons, Morentin and Ross, they'll keep hoping that they can push their last game as Knights back one more week.

Said Lyons: "If you're hungry, you've got to go get it."

Famous Roe never had abortion

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The resolution was struck down, 13-21.

Senators also overwhelmingly supported a bill to fund a campus visit by Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade, which is the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made abortion legal. The campus groups Rebuilding on a Conservative Cornerstone (ROCK), Students for Life and Catholic Campus Ministries are bringing McCorvey to campus on April 9.

McCorvey went public with her identity as "Jane Roe" in the 1980s, a decade after the 1973 court decision. She was granted

the right to have an abortion under the decision, which legalized abortion under the larger heading of a woman's right to privacy.

Because the case dragged on for so long, McCorvey never went through with the abortion, and instead gave her child up for adoption. In the years since, McCorvey has become an anti-abortion advocate, traveling in support of overturning the court ruling.

Her appearance in the Computer Science Building Room 101 will be open to all students.

McCorvey's visit will cost the Senate \$3,500, of which \$1,000 already has been allocated to ROCK for an event that

never took place.

Sen. A.J. Ansari was the only senator to vote against the bill, saying that McCorvey would not be talking objectively about the abortion issue, but would be pushing her pro-life stance.

Heather Smith, the president of ROCK, disagreed. "This woman has been on both sides of the fence with the abortion issue ... it's [an event] that every student, regardless of major, can learn and benefit from."

The Senate also accepted the resignation of Sen. Ben Reid, creating an open seat representing the College of Business Administration. SGA President Brian Battles will appoint a replacement.

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The Student-Athlete Advisory Council will hold another student-athlete date auction from 12-2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 outside the UCF Student Union. SAAC tried to hold an athlete auction on the Thursday prior to Spring Break, however afternoon rainstorms put a quick end to that. The event will feature athletes from football to track and field.

Upcoming

Baseball hosts Wagner at 6 p.m. tonight and tomorrow at Jay Bergman Field... Women's golf heads to Bradenton today to compete in the USF/Waterlefe Invitational... Women's tennis takes off for the Lone Star State tomorrow to face Houston... Men's basketball travels to Milwaukee to take on Pittsburgh in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Quotables

"I promised coach that we would win this thing before it was over."

— GUARD DEXTER LYONS ON THE A-SUN TOURNAMENT VICTORY

"I might get him a new tie or something."

— LYONS ON WHETHER HE'S MADE ANY NEW PROMISES TO COACH KIRK SPERAW

==== NCAA BOUND ====

Dexter Lyons and the UCF men's basketball team take their A-Sun championship into the first round of the NCAA Tournament this week

A-SUN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
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ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

Give me a break

Even I don't want to be on vacation with me

Does anyone know what torture is?

Torture is a week alone with me. I know this because that's who I spent Spring Break with. I finally understand what all of my ex-girlfriends have been yelling about.

I spent most of this past week with a pesky cold. Maybe it had something to do with the damage I did to my immune system celebrating last Saturday night after our men's basketball team punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

I wish I could have been in Nashville for the Atlantic Sun tournament, but I make as much money as a 400-pound hooker with a peg leg. Nonetheless, I'm still glowing a week later.

Because I was left in Borelondo to be tortured by millions of random thoughts, I am going to share them with you. Why? Because I can.

UCF plays Pittsburgh in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. I watched these guys play in the Big East tournament last week. I'm not saying they're lousy, but I was more impressed by the basketball scenes in *Air Bud*.

Was there anything funnier than ESPN commentator Ann Meyer trying to pronounce Will Bakanowsky's name during last Saturday's A-Sun final? She sounded like Arnold Schwarzenegger trying to pronounce "California" with a vice grip on his crotch.

I saw a photo of Vince Gill at Friday night's semifinal game against Belmont. Me thinks Mr. Country Music Star should stop watching basketball games and start playing a few himself. Put the cupcake down, Vince. It's called the Atkins' diet.

Stetson guard E.J. Gordon told a buddy of mine two weeks ago that he doesn't care for me. Know what else Gordon doesn't care for? Scoring against UCF. Gordon couldn't hit a buffet table if he fell off of Rosie O'Donnell. I can't wait until we move to Conference USA. I'll miss playing Stetson about as much as I'd miss a kidney stone.

Everyone who truly deserved to win A-Sun "Coach of the Year" honors, please take one step forward. Not so fast, Don Maestri. Troy State's coach has as much business winning that award as *Kangaroo Jack* does winning an Oscar. I can live with Kirk Speraw not receiving that honor, so long as a nice contract extension takes its place.

The Orlando Magic's management is trying to turn things around for next season by making big personnel moves. I have an idea that will put 1,000 more fans in the Orena every game next year. Sign Dexter Lyons.

The UCF softball team has spent the majority of March on the road. How is a guy supposed to violate a restraining order if his ladies aren't even around?

Our baseball team outscored Gardner-Webb 18-1 this weekend, despite not hitting a single home run. Even California doesn't have this big of a shortage in power. But this is coming from a guy who had to hit from a tee against the softball team. I love UCF baseball, because if I didn't Burt, Clark would eat me.

The UCF Arena played host to a high school robotics competition this weekend. At least I think it was a robotics competition. It might have been a giant advertisement for birth control.

Seriously, though, with all of the problems in sports right now between steroids and sex scandals, it really means something to watch a team of guys as great as our men's basketball team do what it's doing.

It doesn't matter if they win or lose in the first round this week.

They're champs in my book.



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After returning from the A-Sun tournament in Nashville, Tenn., the UCF men's basketball team celebrated their first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1996 with their fans outside the UCF Arena March 7.

'We're going dancing, baby!'



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COURTESY TODD DREXLER

More than a hundred of UCF's devoted fans welcomed home their A-Sun champions last Sunday at the UCF Arena. Above, the men's basketball team celebrates victory with the UCF fans in Nashville.

FRITZ LORISTON
Senior Staff Writer

UCF's Robert Ross epitomizes college basketball.

The 6-foot-7-inch senior, who possesses the best jump shot on the men's basketball team according to his teammates, accepted his role all year long, Coach Kirk Speraw said.

He has battled injuries, academic ineligibility, and resentment for spending much of his final year on the bench. When his number is called upon, the senior offensive specialist from Brooklyn, N.Y., leaves it all on the court.

Facing top-seeded Troy State in the championship game, a team that eliminated UCF from contention a year ago and also halted the Knights' longest winning streak earlier in the season, Speraw went against the grain and chose Ross' offense over Marcus Avant's defense.

Ross courted a season-high 21 minutes and stroked a trio of three-pointers, including consecutive buckets midway through the second half, as it appeared the Knights were out of gas. It was just the push needed as the Knights defeated Troy State 60-55 at the Curb Event Center on March 6 to lay claim to the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We don't really care about who gets the fame," said Dexter Lyons, who walked off with a

net around his neck and a "Most Valuable Player" trophy in hand after an 18-point performance in the championship game. "We care about who gets the job done. That's my boy. He knocked down two crucial three-pointers. We talked about it the whole night and I told him that he saved us. He was on ESPN more than I was."

But the irony here is that this is also what this UCF basketball team is all about.

After the regular season finale, Speraw said that this year's squad was by far the most unselfish and talented team he had the privilege to coach in his 10-year tenure at UCF.

His team, which was projected no higher than fourth in the preseason polls, backed up his statement convincingly during the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.

Behind terrific defense for three consecutive days, including holding defending champion Troy State 30 points below its season average in the championship game, the Knights advance into the Big Dance for the first time since 1996, where it drew Marcus Camby-led No. 1 UMass.

Unlike the '96 Knights, however, this bunch does not have an 11-18 record. Led by Lyons, Josh Bodden and Roberto Morentin, this year's Knights are not happy with just crashing the show. They are looking to

A-Sun tourney recap

Thursday, March 4
Quarterfinals

No. 1 Troy State defeated No. 8 FAU 85-82

No. 2 UCF defeated No. 7 Jacksonville 71-63

No. 3 Belmont defeated No. 6 Mercer, 71-63

No. 4 Georgia State defeated No. 5 Stetson, 55-47

Friday, March 5
Semifinals

No. 1 Troy State defeated No. 4 Georgia State, 63-62

No. 2 UCF defeated No. 3 Belmont, 64-62

Saturday, March 6
Championship

No. 2 UCF defeated No. 1 Troy St., 60-55

PLEASE SEE LYONS ON A11

Closing seconds prove fatal to women's season

Two last-second free throws against UCF gave Lipscomb its first-ever A-Sun championship

MATT DUNAWAY
Senior Staff Writer

Even though the UCF women's basketball team tied for the regular-season title, the Knights went into the Atlantic Sun tournament as the No. 4 seed.

The Knights dismissed Mercer 73-58 in the first round behind five players scoring in double figures. Forward Takira Allen and guard Celeste Hudson tallied 15 and 14 points respectively. Hudson scored all 14 of her points in the second half.

"Early in the first half I was struggling and trying to find my game," Hudson said. "At halftime

coach told me to relax and not rush my shot. That's what I did. I built some confidence, and we were able to go on a run."

In the semifinals, UCF had to deal with a pesky Stetson squad who upset top-seeded Belmont in the first round. For the second straight day the Knights pulled away after a close first half for the 64-52 victory.

"It wasn't a pretty win, but I told the kids in a locker room any win at this time of the year is a good win," Coach Gail Striegler said. "Our kids fought hard, and really showed a lot of determination."

PLEASE SEE BILLINGS ON A10



Junior center Ali Roberts shot 60 percent from the field in Saturday afternoon's last-second loss to Lipscomb in the A-Sun finals. Roberts finished the game with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

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Baseball keeps on winning

Bergman's bunch wins 5-of-6 in first two A-Sun series

FRANK KOSHEL
Staff Writer

While most students were celebrating Spring Break, the Knights baseball team was taking care of conference foes Lipscomb and Gardner-Webb, compiling an impressive 5-1 A-Sun record early in the season.

UCF took two out of three from the Lipscomb Bison in Nashville with lots of extra baseball throughout the series.

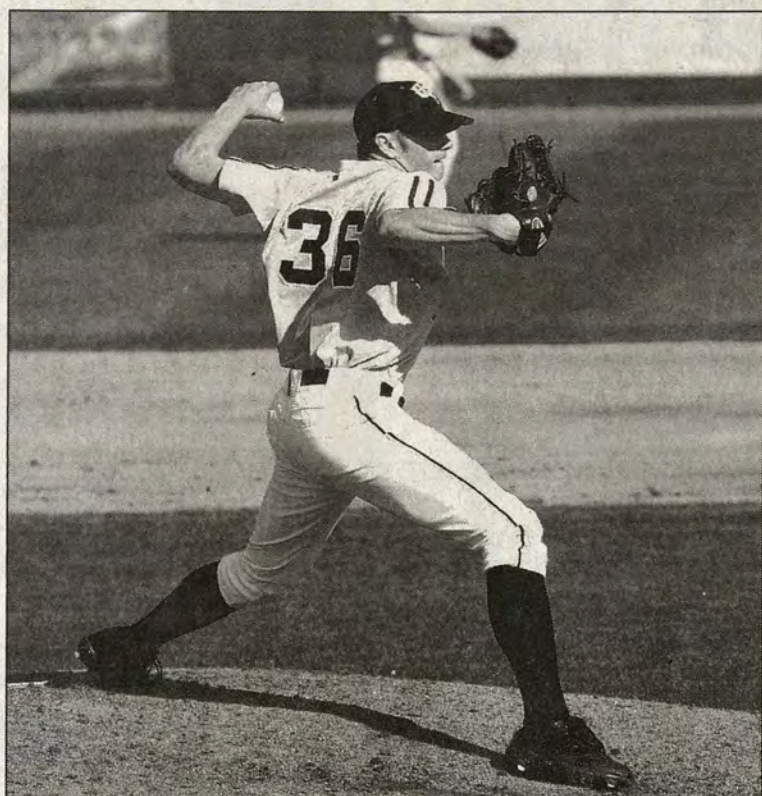
"I don't think the players felt like they played as well as they are capable of playing," UCF Coach Jay Bergman said of the Lipscomb series. "We didn't play too well offensively; I thought we pitched well all series."

The Knights (14-4, 5-1 A-Sun) opened the with a 4-1 game, which was called after six innings due to rain. Matt Fox struck out six batters, giving up an unearned run in the third on an infield single by Lipscomb first-baseman Kyle Jackson, giving Fox his fourth win of the season.

UCF gave Fox some run support early with Dee Brown driving in David Mann in the first inning for an early 1-0 lead. UCF added another run in the second and two more runs in the third by sacrifice flies from Ryan Bono and Drew Butera.

The Knights lost 4-3 in game one of Saturday's doubleheader, after a walk-off home run by Lipscomb rightfielder Nathan Sensing that gave reliever Tim Bascom his first loss of the season. Pitcher Kyle Bono struck out eight batters in five and two-thirds innings, cruising along until an error by defensive replacement Jon Cooper opened the Lipscomb floodgates for three runs to send the game to extra innings.

UCF took the lead in the fifth inning with a Chandler Rose single that scored Kevin Richmond and a David Mann double



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Junior southpaw Jaime Douglas pitched four scoreless innings Saturday against Gardner-Webb for his first career victory. Douglas walked three batters and struck out two.

down the left-field line that scored Rose.

UCF would come back in the second game of the doubleheader with a 5-2 extra-inning victory, giving the Knights a 2-1 series win.

With the score tied 2-2 in the eighth inning, outfielder Dee Brown came through with the clutch go-ahead RBI, coming through with a sac-fly that scored senior David Mann. Jon Cooper and Drew Butera knocked in two insurance runs, allowing reliever Darren Newlin to get his first win of the season. Newlin came into the game in the fourth inning in relief of starter Taylor Meier and pitched four and third innings of scoreless baseball, giving two hits and striking out five. UCF's 11th win of the season marked Bergman's 1,055th career victory, ascending him to 24th place on the all-time NCAA wins list.

The Knights gave the hometown fans a very satisfying sweep of the Gardner-Webb Diamond Dogs to improve to 14-4 on the season.

"We pitched well the whole three games," Bergman said. "Fox was outstanding, Kyle did a great job, we got some timely hits and played good defense, turned four double plays in the last game. Pitching and defense will win you games; pitching and defense and offense will win championships."

The Knights' pitching was dominant, allowing only one run the entire series. Fox improved to an A-Sun best 5-0. Starter Kyle Bono pitched his first complete-game shutout to become 2-0 and left-handed starter Jaime Douglas got his first career win. The bullpen also pitched well, allowing one run over six innings of relief.

"None of [my pitches] were in top shape. None of them were the greatest I could throw them, but the combination of them kept [Gardner-Webb] off balance," Fox said.

UCF did well offensively in the series, scoring 18 runs on 26 hits.

"We wanted to put in on

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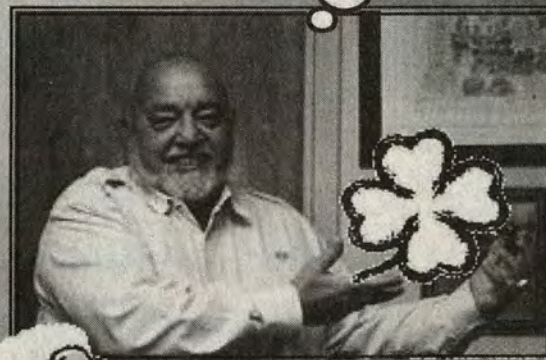


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Tennis continues to dominate doubles

NATHAN CURTIS
Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams found success during Spring Break, as they both finished the week 2-1 and picked up big victories.

The first stop for the men was on Wednesday evening before the break began, when they went to Coral Gables to take on their in-state rivals the Miami Hurricanes.

Ranked 34th in the nation, Miami polished off UCF as the Knights fell without scoring a single point. The only victory that UCF netted in the match was in doubles play. Simon Jaeger and Joel Allen came out swinging with a 9-8 victory against Tim Krebs and Colin Purcell. Unfortunately the other two pairs of Knights didn't even come close, and the Hurricanes blew away with the doubles point.

No Knights won in singles, but a couple of them made Miami work for the victory. Allen tried desperately to give the Knights something to cheer about as he battled Purcell to three sets but inevitably lost with

the score of 6-4, 4-6 and 6-4.

Paul Ramy took Jeremiah Fuller to three sets in the sixth spot, but lost 4-6, 7-6 and 10-7.

The win gave Miami a perfect 8-0 record and left the Knights still waiting for their first victory against the Hurricanes after six games against them.

The first match that truly mattered for the men came on last Monday when the Knights played conference foe Georgia State. UCF made it count as it improved to a 4-0 record in the A-Sun by defeating the Panthers 5-2.

UCF won all three doubles matches against GSU. Jaeger and Allen teamed for the 8-4 victory against the Panthers' Miha Lisae and Jaime Rodriguez in the first slot. The combos of Antonio Sierra and Catalin Bradu and Ener Gursoy and Gabriel Strangberg also defeated their opponents by the scores of 8-3 and 8-5 respectively.

UCF didn't waste the fast start as four of the six Knights won in singles play as well. Sierra defeated Albano Franco in the first position 7-6 and 6-3.

This was the first time the two teams went head to head

after the A-Sun championship of last year, which the Knights also won. The win on Monday knocked the Panthers down to an even 1-1 record in conference play.

The final game for the men's team last week came on Wednesday afternoon at the UCF tennis complex against University of Tennessee - Chattanooga. It was a shortened match, meaning no doubles play, but that didn't stop UCF from making short work of the Mocs by besting them 5-1.

With last week in the books, the men find themselves perfect in conference play and just one game below .500 on the season. They also have the momentum as they are victorious in four of the past five matches.

The women's week began on Tuesday against the Yale Bulldogs. Early doubles troubles put the Knights in a tough spot that they couldn't recover from, as they were bitten by the Bulldogs 5-2. Only one pair of Knights, Meghan Rosario-Hunter and Pamela Fernandez, came away with a doubles win when the pair beat Olivia Nix and Christina Alford 8-3.

Thursday saw the Knights return home and take on the Eagles of American University.

Thursday also saw the greatest Knights victory of the season as they swept the Eagles with a crushing 7-0 victory. Ola Luczak and Pecastaing kicked things off with an 8-3 victory over Kristina Georgieva and Katarina Kollava.

Singles play started again with Pecastaing winning 6-2 and 6-4 over Georgieva. The rest of the match went smoothly as every Knight won and won big, logging at least one 6-0 victory over her opponent.

Penn State looked to bring the Knights down on Friday afternoon in Orlando. Unfortunately for Penn State, UCF could not be defeated, even in the 4-3 squeaker against the Nittany Lions.

The Knights once again swept doubles play.

Pecastaing and Luczak won 9-7 against Leigh Merryman and Megan Marton. The doubles point proved to be the game breaker as the singles matches were split 3-3.

With the victory, the women improve to 7-4 on the season.

Billings scores 10 off the bench in final game as Knight

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Again it was Hudson who caught fire in the second half scoring 19 of her 21 points in the second half knocking down five three-pointers. Allen posted 15 points of her own in the paint.

"I've seen Celeste get hot like that about five times this season, and when she does that there really isn't anything you can do to stop her," Striegler said. "Credit our kids, though, for getting her the ball and making stops on the defensive end of the court."

For the second-straight season, Striegler and her girls made a run to the championship game. However, UCF fell short in a tough battle for the A-Sun's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament 64-62 to conference newcomer Lipscomb.

UCF (17-13) came out firing on all cylinders, and took a 17-7

lead on a lay-up by forward Ali Roberts with 7:28 to go in the first half. Roberts would finish with her first double-double of the season, posting 15 points and 11 rebounds.

But the Bisons chipped away and cut the lead down to 33-28 going into the locker room.

Lipscomb (20-11) would open the second 20 minutes on an 8-3 spurt, and even the game at 36 on a lay-up by guard Keirston Head with 17:25 remaining. Head was one of three Bisons to finish in double figures, posting 10 points off the bench.

The two teams fought tooth and nail. The Bisons would take a 45-42 lead on two free throws by tournament MVP Katie Beth Pate. Pate equaled Roberts totaling 15 points and 11 rebounds.

But the Knights did not get discouraged and scored five straight points to retake the lead

47-45 on a triple by Hudson with 10:03 left. To go along with 20 points, Hudson would finish with 11 rebounds and seven assists on her way to the all-tournament team.

Over the last 10 minutes of the game the lead would change hands with neither squad having an advantage of more than two points.

For the 10th time in the game the score was tied, and the teams went into the final 30 seconds at 62. The Knights had a chance to take the final shot of regulation, but senior forward Adrienne Billings overshot Hudson, giving Lipscomb one last chance.

"You knew that they were going to get the ball to Boynton or Pate," Schneider said. "She [Boynton] penetrated baseline, and I thought Shayla [Smith] like she has done all year long took a good charge."

But a charge was not the call. Smith was called for a block with 2.5 seconds left. Boynton calmly stepped to the free throw and knocked down a pair. Boynton was named to the all-tournament team, putting home 13 points.

UCF had one last chance, but Hudson's half-court heave fell short of the basket.

The Knights have all five starters returning next year, and only lose Billings to graduation.

"Coming back next season we've got a solid nucleus returning," Assistant Coach Schneider said. "We've got a few players that were injured [Courtney Stroud and Jeralynn Campbell] that are coming back next year. They're going to make a solid impact along with some players that we have signed."

"We will without a doubt be back in this championship game next year."

Fox remains unbeaten, leads Atlantic Sun pitchers with fifth win

FROM A9

them and show them that we are the best team in the conference," catcher Ryan Bono said, who went 3-for-8 in the series with four RBIs.

Game one of the series was an offensive explosion for the Knights as UCF routed Gardner-Webb 11-0. UCF pummeled Bulldog ace Joey Siak, who was 3-0 with a 1.27 ERA coming into the game. Siak was jumped for six runs in the first inning and exited after only two innings, giving up eight runs.

Game two of the series and

first game of the doubleheader was a much tighter ballgame than game one, but it was a game that UCF was always in control of, as the Knights won 2-0. Sophomore right-hander Kyle Bono was dominant, tossing a four-hit shutout in which he did not walk a single Diamond Dog. The big hit of the day came from second-baseman Kevin Richmond, who drove in the first run of the game in the second inning with a double off pitcher Jeff Long.

Game three was another solid victory for UCF, winning handily 5-1. Douglas earned his

first win of his college career, giving up only three hits. Darren Newlin pitched three innings for the save, giving up only one earned run on Bulldog catcher Nathan MacDonald's RBI single. Centerfielder Clay Timprer went 2-for-3, extending his hitting streak to 16 games.

This past week brought with it the first two doubleheaders of the season for UCF, something Bergman is not particularly fond of.

"Personally, I don't like doubleheaders. You're playing three games within 24 hours," Bergman said. "We have pitch-

ing depth, and I don't think the seven-inning game really allows our pitching strength to show up. The seventh, eighth and ninth innings are the three most crucial innings of a ballgame, and they just take them away from you. In a doubleheader we only had 12 innings at bat; that's only a little over one game."

UCF takes on another A-Sun team today when Wagner comes to town. There are no doubleheaders scheduled for this three-game series. Freshman Taylor Meier (1-0) will likely start for the Knights in the opener. Game-time is 6 p.m.

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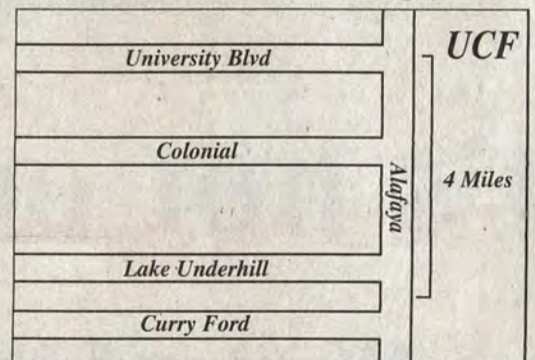
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==== NCAA BOUND ====

Lyons garners A-Sun tournament MVP honors

FROM A8

dance. "Everybody knew they had top man up and play three games in four nights," Lyons said. "It's hard to do. You have to get some sleep in there once in a while. We had a meeting with all the guys and we said if we really wanted this, then we have to go get it."

Even tough Speraw shook things up a bit when he decided to go with Ross instead of defensive-minded Marcus Avant down the final stretch, the Knights (25-5) remained true to the game plan that propelled them to their best record since joining the Division I-A level: relentless defense, opportunistic fast breaks and a selfless-by-committee offense that gets the job done.

The Knights set the tone from the start of the tournament when Josh Bodden scored 20 points to lead four players in double figures as the Knights recorded a 71-63 victory over in-state rival Jacksonville.

The Knights overcame poor shooting from three-point land, hitting just five three-pointers on 18 attempts. Morentin was

the second-leading scorer with 16 points. Lyons and Gary Johnson rounded out the group, scoring 13 and 12 points respectively.

Advancing to the semifinal against Belmont, which handed the Knights one of three conference losses, Lyons and Bodden combined for 46 points, including 30 in the second half, for a 64-62 advantage.

"The Belmont game really set the tone for us," Lyons said. "We beat them on their home court. The fans up there were saying that we were overrated. We knew we had the momentum going into playing Troy State."

Lyons scored UCF's final points in the semifinal, first tying the game at 62 and then converting a pair of free throws with just 36 seconds remaining to break the tie. Belmont had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds, but the A-Sun's top-ranked defense forced the Bruins to a pair of missed shots as time expired.

Lyons had drained a shot as time ran out in the first half that built momentum heading into intermission. The Knights, who did not trail after the eight-

minute mark despite the score being tied on four occasions, opened the second half with an 11-2 run to overcome a five-point deficit.

That victory propelled the Knights against their arch nemesis in the league, the top-seeded Troy State, the country's leading outside-shooting team.

"No one expected us to win," Lyons said. "And what did we come out there and do? We proved them wrong."

The Trojans, who halted UCF's 14-game winning streak in front of a sellout crowd at the UCF Arena, had a 13-game winning streak of their own heading into the game after eliminating 11th-seeded Florida Atlantic and fourth-seeded Georgia State.

"Troy State wasn't doing too well, but they maintained their composure and came back and won," said Lyons, who finished behind Troy State guard Greg Davis in the A-Sun "Player of the Year" race. "It was just business as usual. They beat us last year. They took something from us. It left a bad taste in my mouth and I knew we had to get them this year. They came in our packed house, our first sellout ever, and beat us. That made me upset.

There was no way I was going to let my team lose that game."

The Knights started the game on an 8-0 run behind a pair of threes from Avant and Lyons, while holding Troy State scoreless in the opening five minutes.

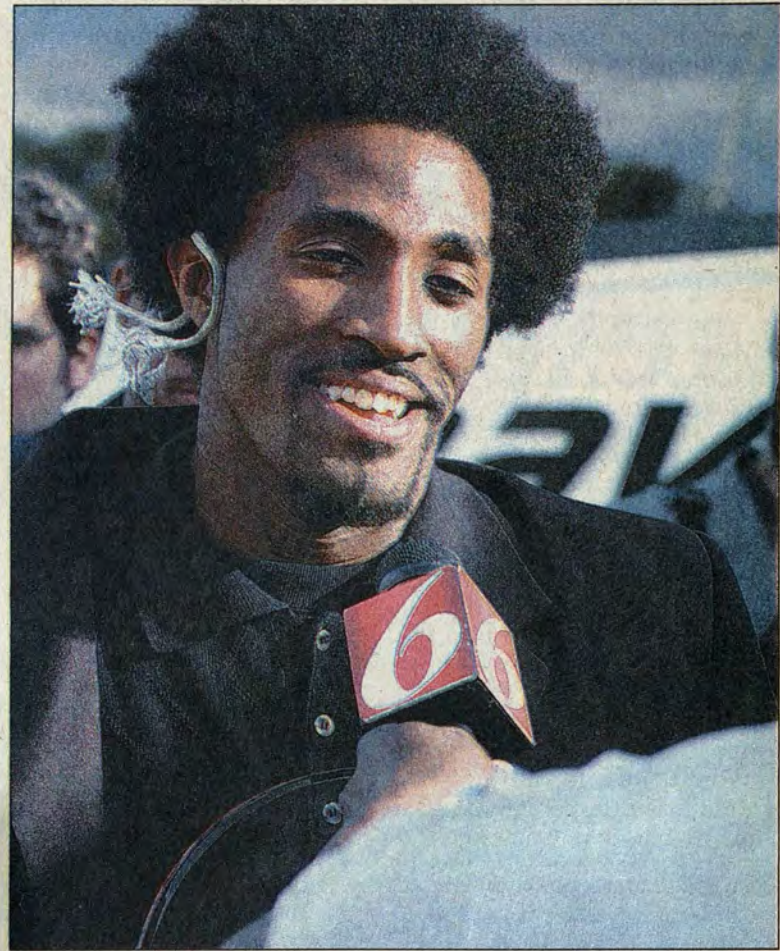
The Knights never trailed, but it wasn't because of its defense. It was because of a coaching decision. Speraw knew he had to fire all his shots to escape with a win and he did.

Despite all, in the end it came down to basics. Troy State missed four free throws in the last 2:03. UCF converted 7-of-8 in the final minute.


"I'd rather take my team to the dance than get MVP of the regular season," Lyons said. "The regular season doesn't mean anything. If you're going to the tournament, then your season just started."

Davis, who led the country with 8.4 assists per game, was forced to score as the Knights' defense swarmed the passing lanes. Davis did finish with a game-high 22-point performance.

Said Lyons: "We're going dancing and they're going home to watch us."



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Guard Dexter Lyons took time to sign autographs and talk with fans and media about being named A-Sun tournament MVP. Lyons averaged more than 19 points a game in the tourney.




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OUR STANCE

Lame elections no excuse for apathy

What UCF students will find in the realm of politics as they return to their studies or nurse hangovers today is exactly what they left behind a week ago.

John Kerry leads the polls and will undoubtedly become the Democratic presidential candidate nominee. Buddy Dyer is still the mayor of Orlando. Every city commissioner up for re-election won by at least a 20 percent margin.

Is this a big win for good, honest politicians who deserve to lead our city and country into a better, brighter tomorrow? The better question is: Who cares?

Students missed the fun of being a part of the political process this year because a lot of them were out of town. A *Future* online poll showed that over half of the campus left town for at least some of Spring Break. The poll wasn't specific enough to show if they were gone on Tuesday, but it's a safe bet a lot of them were.

The end result is exactly what MTV and other youth-oriented organizations have been combating for over a decade — voter apathy among the youth.

Students already have shown a lack of interest in politics, at every level. The recent Student Government Association elections last month are a perfect example. Though voter turnout was high compared with years past, less than 15 percent of the campus voted.

The state-level election wasn't

much better. Florida's Democrats turned out in trickles to the primary polls, with only about 710,000 of the 4 million registered Democrats voting — about 18 percent.

Why does this matter? Because voting is an important part of life, something too few American young adults get.

In the 2000 presidential election, only about 36 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted, compared to about 60 percent of all Americans.

The reason the voter turnout for last week's primary was low is pretty obvious — there wasn't much reason to vote. John Kerry effectively won the nomination the week before by forcing out his only remaining significant challenger, John Edwards. The only two candidates still actively campaigning against him, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton, both have little chance of winning the nomination short of Kerry's sudden death.

Students would have a hard time coming up with Kerry's name if asked who the front-runner was. They didn't care who he was to begin with.

So why don't young people vote? It's not because they don't relate to middle-aged and older candidates, because the students at UCF didn't care when people their age were running, either.

It must be that young people don't care what the outcome is. In the SGA election, it seemed a forgone conclusion, anyway. Kevin Peters, with plenty of SGA

experience and the endorsement of incumbent Brian Battles, was the favorite to win.

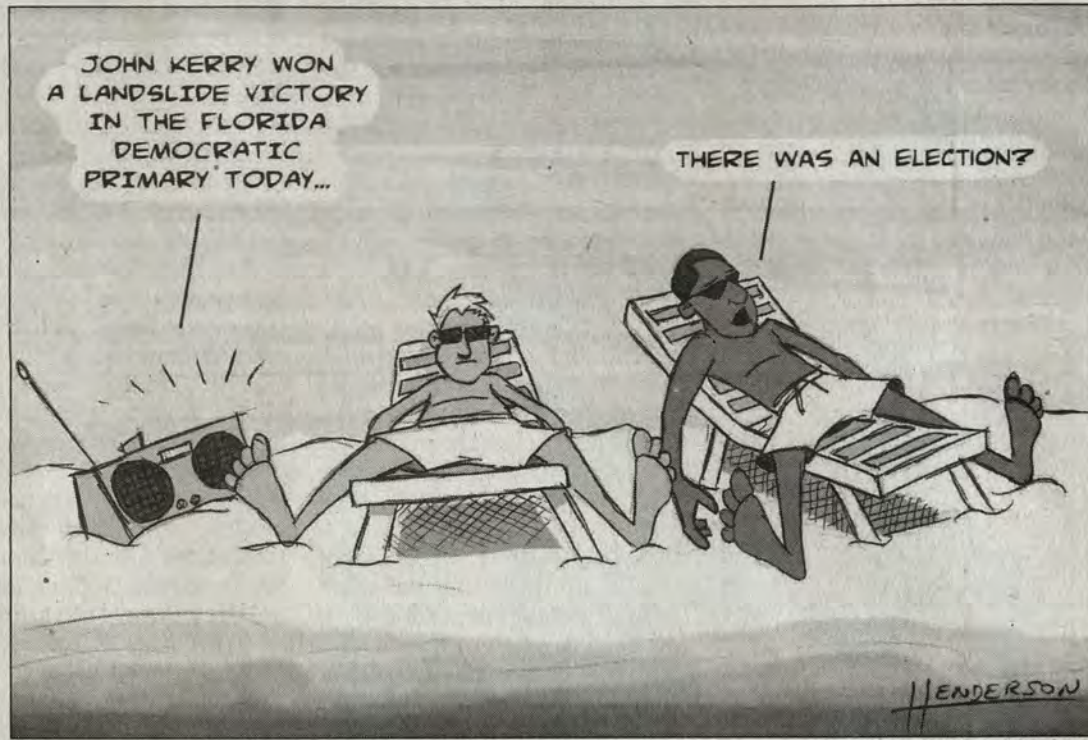
Mayor Buddy Dyer also had the odds on his side, and won as much of the vote as the other four candidates combined. The other contests went to the incumbents, too.

Seeing an election turn out like it did in Orlando can give people who didn't care before the reason they need to remain apathetic. Things didn't change, so the election was a waste of time.

This year students will get a very real chance to change their own lives by voting, though. Jobs will play a big role in this election, and every college student should care about the job market. It hasn't grown nearly as quickly as the Bush administration has predicted it would, meaning fewer Americans entering the work force have a place to go.

Whether the president wins again or Kerry wins, the economy will matter, because the candidates will be talking about it. Whoever gets to be president will have to address the matter if they want the support of the people and of Congress, another branch of government that answers to the people.

Regardless of whether you care about the person in office, you should care about the issues, because everyone wants a decent job and a decent chance at a happy life. Don't let that chance slip by in November. There won't be a Spring Break to use as an excuse this time.



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READER VIEWS

Indie tactfully jabbed at Christianity

The recent indie issue that poked fun at Christians ["Star Tract: Deep Space Christ," Feb. 26] aroused the ire of a few readers. While I can appreciate why they are upset, namely because they feel you have attacked their tribe, there's a difference between satirical and chauvinistic humor.

In my opinion, the indie's articles were appropriate and did not cross into pejorative name-calling or tribalistic attacks. The authors were having fun with what they perceive as humorous aspects of Christian culture, and although we might question the humor of the articles, I don't think the responses found in Reader Views were warranted.

—GORDON WORLEY

Kerry has not won already

In reference to the story written by Alex Babcock in the *Future* ["Kerry turns to Florida," March 4], I have a few comments.

Babcock claims that Kerry is "all but certain to win the Democratic presidential nomination" in his piece. I am not sure where they teach such blatant lack of objectivity at UCF, but I wish to point out why this is inaccurate. First, Kerry has only received a little over 700 delegates so far, and he needs over 2,000 to receive the nomination.

[Editor's note: This letter was submitted before the March 9 primaries. Kerry now has 2,162 delegates, mathematically guaranteeing him the nomination.]

Second, it is not "time now to support Kerry." For some of us, Kerry is just another Bush, only lighter. Kerry voted for the controversial Patriot Act. In fact, of all the candidates, Dennis Kucinich is the only Democrat who voted against this insane infringement on our civil liberties.

Third, Kerry voted for the invasion of Iraq even though Kucinich claimed there was no credible evidence to support the idea that Iraq was a threat.

Kucinich is the clear choice for college students who don't want to see their peers shipped off in wars to occupy countries with large oil deposits or natural gas such as Afghanistan. Kucinich is also the clear choice for people who want to end drug prohibition. In the interest of fairness and accuracy, Kerry has also signed on in support of medical marijuana. However, only Kucinich has said that he supports decriminalization of marijuana.

—ANTHONY LORENZO

Unplug2004 was about peace

I would like to thank you for your recent interest in our event, Unplug2004 ["Unplug events help students get natural," Feb. 26, and "Unplug 2004 preaches freedom from tech chains," March 1].

Emily Ruff and I are both very proud of the turnout and local participation. We have worked with many student and community organizations to put together workshops and events. At first, I didn't have a short explanation as to what the real message is. Suddenly, last week, in my bliss, it came to me: It's about peace. Peace with yourself, with nature, your neighbors and your community. It is a lack of patience, understanding and compassion that leads us to violence, hatred and war.

So, let's start from scratch, because the current system is [expletive]. Dennis Kucinich, the only presidential candidate who has a vision for peace through education, has been ignored by American media. Why? Because he is a dreamer? Unplug was intended for dreamers and to inspire those who are too afraid to dream. Wake up!

As you wrote in the editorial, Unplug may offer "freedom" that you never knew existed. Well, I think you were dead on.

Keep dreaming UCF! And vote for Dennis J. Kucinich for president.

—MATT DE VLEGER

Irrationality on campus

The pro-God, pro-Bible letters to the editor of the *Future* continue to baffle me. In the face of overwhelming scientific and philosophical evidence invalidating such primitive notions as a supreme being, eternal life, divine cre-

ation, divine inspiration, angels, devils, demons, heaven, hell, sorcery and other meaningless gobbledygook, otherwise rational people continue to accept this nonsense as real.

Clearly, our nation finds itself sharply divided over the reality and applicability of these concepts, especially in that agent of force called "government."

I have talked privately with members and leaders of at least two religious groups on campus about the idea of a public panel discussion of these ideas. They have replied receptively, but so far we have not made a firm commitment to a day, time, location and publicity for this event.

This letter is a public invitation to the religious organizations on campus to co-host such an event with the Objectivist Club, the only campus club to my knowledge that is openly non-theistic. Club leaders interested in sponsoring this event should write UCFOBJectivistClub-owner@yahoo.com to exchange ideas and make plans.

—LUTHER SETZER

Hate in Bible is unconscionable

I would like to thank the writer of "The Whole Story" (Reader Views, March 4) for further strengthening my point that the Bible has problems. He agrees the Bible exaggerates when he says, "Jesus says you must hate your family and is against peace. The underlying principle of this is that we must love Jesus more than anything else in life. Do you judge someone because they exaggerate?" This shows the Bible exaggerates and is misleading.

If the Bible really meant to say what Christians want it to say, then why doesn't it? Why doesn't the Bible just say, "You should love your family, but you should love Jesus even more?" The people who wrote the Bible knew good and well the meaning of the words "love" and "hate." God is supposedly all powerful and all knowing. Surely this God could have made a Bible that didn't have to be interpreted and twisted around in order to understand it! I find it amazing how Christians will twist facts and information, including their own Bible, in order to support their faith.

The writer also helps prove that God is immoral. He said: "The Lord God orders killing, even infants and unborn children. God ordered these killings in each instance because people had disobeyed him, and the penalty for disobeying God is death." There can be no reason worthy of killing infants and children. Regardless, God kills them anyway, just because their parents disobeyed him. This means people born in cultures or religions that don't believe in the Christian God, they're going to suffer.

If Christians cannot see how horribly immoral this is, then they are blinded by their faith to the point of absurdity.

—CHARLES EUGENE

Offender gave police permission

This letter is in response to "Equality in the law, please" [Reader Views, March 4], whose author responded to my rebuttal, "Police are doing their jobs."

You asked, "What gives [the police] the right to arrest me? His badge? All humans are created equal, are they not?" You also claimed, "Nothing gives anybody [the] special right to have power over another."

It's interesting (and somewhat laughable) that you should say that, considering that you willingly gave police officers the right to have power over you. I'll explain: If I'm not mistaken, I believe you stated that you are living in the dormitories of UCF. If this is the case, then you would have, at some point in time, signed a housing contract. This contract, aside from barring you from carrying weapons and other illicit substances such as marijuana, also gives Resident Assistants and police officers the right to search your home with reasonable suspicion, which you willingly provided.

Your unwillingness to acknowledge another's authority to monitor the actions of society makes you either a utopian idealist or an anarchist. Either way, you are being unrealistic. Then again, you have stated that you smoke

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OUR STANCE

Don't rely on attack ads for the truth

With the presidential primary season soon coming to a close, campaign ads are now blasting into America's homes, full of anger and spite.

In the hope that their message will reach you before you do your own homework, the George W. Bush and John Kerry campaigns are making things easy for you — you don't even have to get off the couch, let alone change the channel to a news station, to find out what they have to say.

But what candidates have to say in their ads can be a problem. No matter how informative an ad may seem, and no matter how much you can learn from hearing 30 seconds of what that candidate has to say, it's never the whole truth. Sometimes the truth is made more concise due to time and money constraints, and sometimes the truth is spun so wildly that it barely resembles the truth by the time it's on your TV screen.

Bush and Kerry's ads are no exception to this. You may have noticed that despite implications to the contrary, their camps are in a fighting mood, and they've brought out the big guns early.

In one ad the Kerry campaign claimed that 200,000 veterans would be cut off from the health care system under Bush.

Though based somewhat in

truth, the way it's stated could be seen as misleading. What is actually happening is that Bush has made a proposal for the 2005 budget that includes raising prescription drug co-payments from \$7 to \$21, which is expected to force 200,000 veterans to give up their health coverage and go to other health plans.

In a Bush attack ad on Kerry, which opens in living rooms nationwide soon, the Bush team calls Kerry's past into question, saying that though Kerry claims he would defend the country, he is actually hypocritical in his stance concerning our defense. The ad refers to Kerry's vocal opposition to the Vietnam war and, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, says that Kerry wanted to seek United Nations approval before "defending America."

What the Bush ad states is also based in truth. Kerry did oppose the Vietnam war, and he did favor U.N. intervention before going to war. What the ad does is paint those acts in a bad light. It makes Kerry's reliance on the U.N.'s diplomatic process seem like he doesn't want to defend America, which isn't true. His numerous medals for his valor while fighting in that war would seem a testament to his willingness to fight for his country. His service in

Vietnam would seem to more than balance out his opposition to the war, a view that was shared by an overwhelming majority of Americans as the war drew to a close in the early to mid-'70s.

What campaign ads like those do is rely too much on Americans taking the lazy route for information — namely, finding out about candidates by sitting on the couch during commercials.

Americans need to find out about the candidates by looking for answers themselves. Researching candidates' voting histories, and reading up on their past performance in office and learning about their platforms, is the best way to get information. If you're only reading the facts, it's hard for someone to tell you what to think.

Don't rely on Web sites to give you straightforward information. Many sites are geared toward only one end of the political spectrum. A site operated by a political party or partisan political action group would be a bad place to get straightforward information. If you must get your political information on the Internet, use legitimate news outlets or official government data listing Web sites. Use your head and you'll be doing the voting, not just voting the way someone tells you to.

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READER VIEWS

FROM A12

pot, so I can't really imagine that reality would be your forte.
 As far as your Resident Assistant's hypocrisy is concerned (providing alcohol to minors and then turning you in for smoking weed), feel free to turn him in to the police as well. Maybe then we could have two people complaining that the police are harassing them for "no reason."
 — MATHEW RIDDELL

Severity, humanity and common sense

Regarding the person who smoked pot and got caught ["Feeling harassed, not protected," Feb. 26]: To deny an existence of severity is to deny a fundamental rule of the humanity you so passionately defend.
 Nothing about being human exists in black and white — hence you are entitled to your opinions of courtesy versus anger towards your convicts. As for law, consider the terms associated with their disregard: misdemeanor, felony, offense, federal offense, first degree and premeditated. This list includes more words than we have for types of snow, and each one clearly affirms the acknowledged existence of a continuum of criminal "severity."
 The point is, the officer did not treat you like a murderer, and the officer did not treat you like a jaywalker. Considering how many crimes we each commit a day (traffic, media piracy, so on), you should be pleased that, in the one time you were caught, you were not prosecuted to the full extent allowed in your situation.
 It was indeed the officer's own sense of "severity" in regards to your crime that kept you from being arrested, or receiving any number of other consequences more severe than the one you "suffered."
 — ROSE BENEDICKS

Let's get positive, just a little please

It is a paradox that I am writing to request your paper be a little more positive because this letter itself is a complaint.
 I enjoy looking at the *Future* every Monday and Thursday because it is my school's newspaper. I support my school, therefore I will support its newspaper. In addition, the school that I went to last year was much smaller and the paper was non-existent.
 Every Monday and Thursday I make my way to the newspaper stand and grab a copy of the paper, but have recently found myself disappointed with the content. The paper is exactly what the media is slowly becoming, negative. It seems as if it would be the end of the world to report about something positive or give credit where credit is do.
 After the March 1 edition, I can conclude that the paper thinks that George W. Bush is the worst president to take office, Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* is a ridiculous story and John Hitt is the most separated president from the student body in the country. These views are what is ruining America. It seems as if it would be the end of the world to actually give credit to something that you weren't adamant about.
 We all have our personal beliefs, but the view that the *Future* so boastfully distributes on a weekly basis is beginning to become repetitive and old. I would love to see an "Our Stance" article that actually gives credit to someone in a leadership position or an event at our school or in our country.
 I love having a school newspaper. I just wish it could overcome the stereotype of being so negative.
 — MATT IMMERFALL

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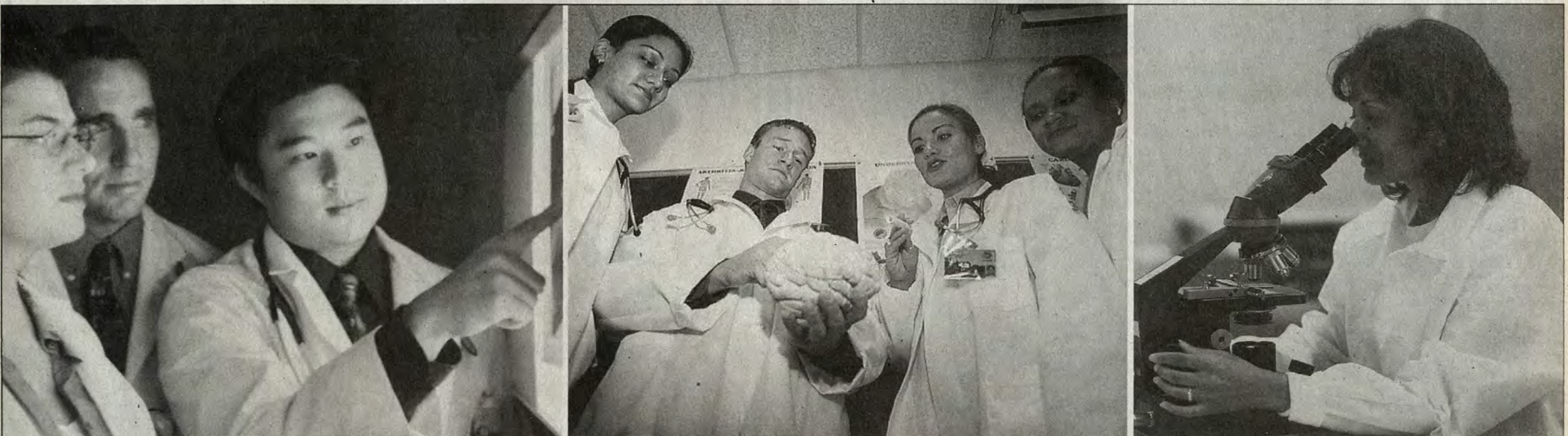
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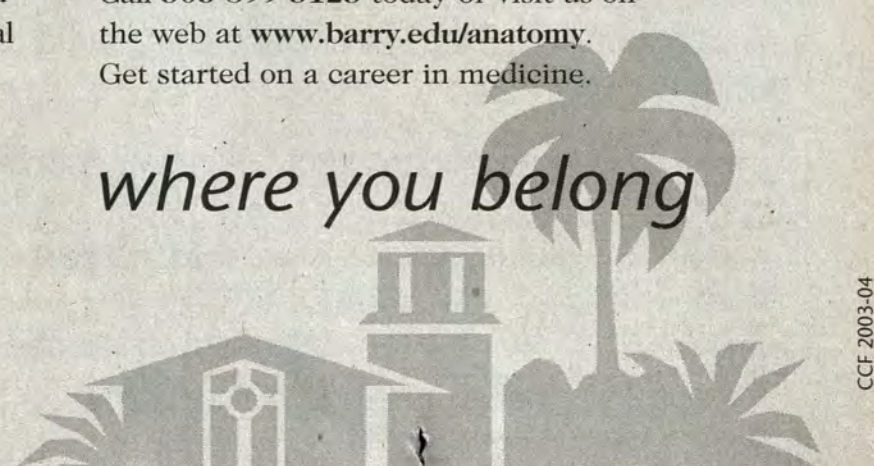
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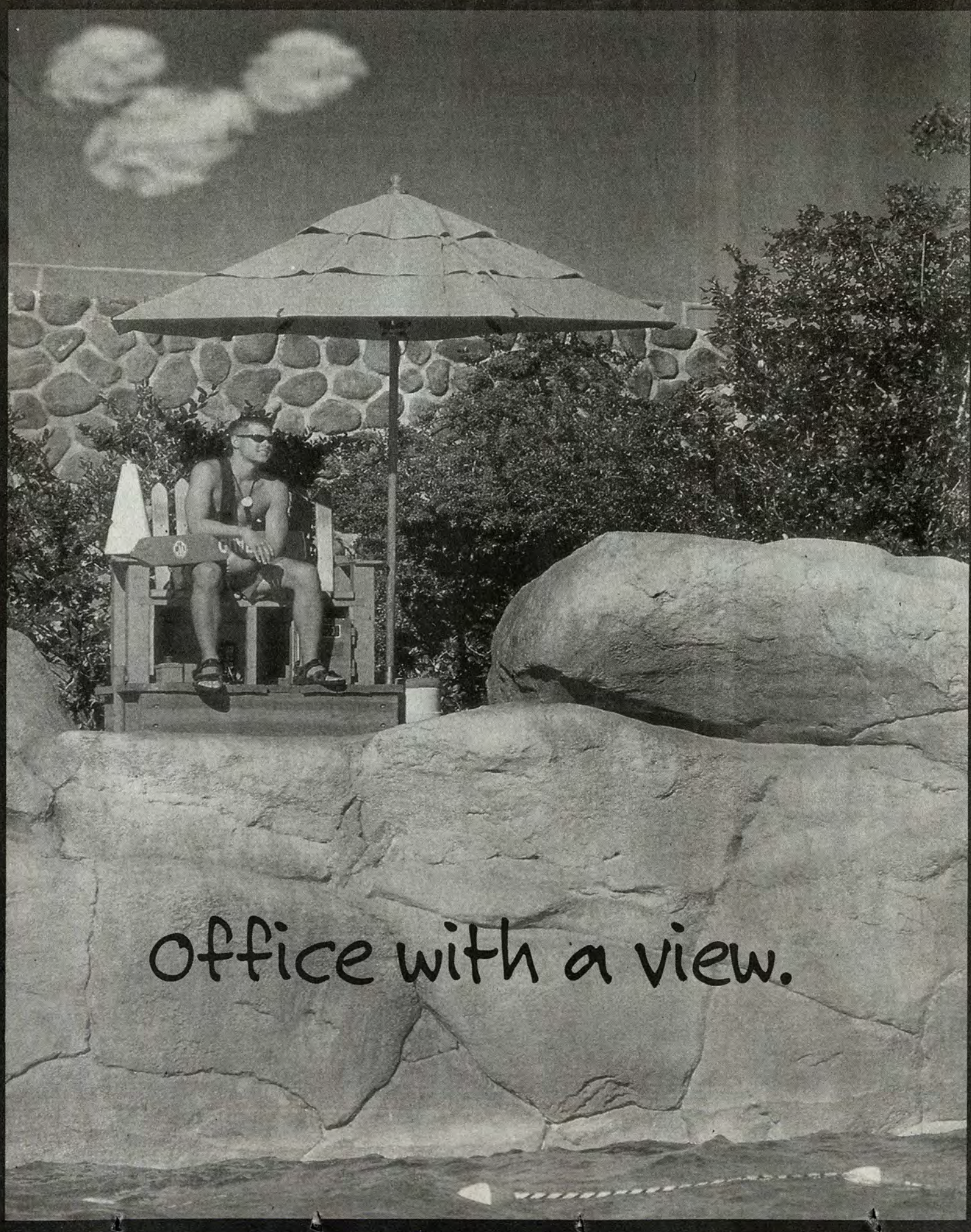
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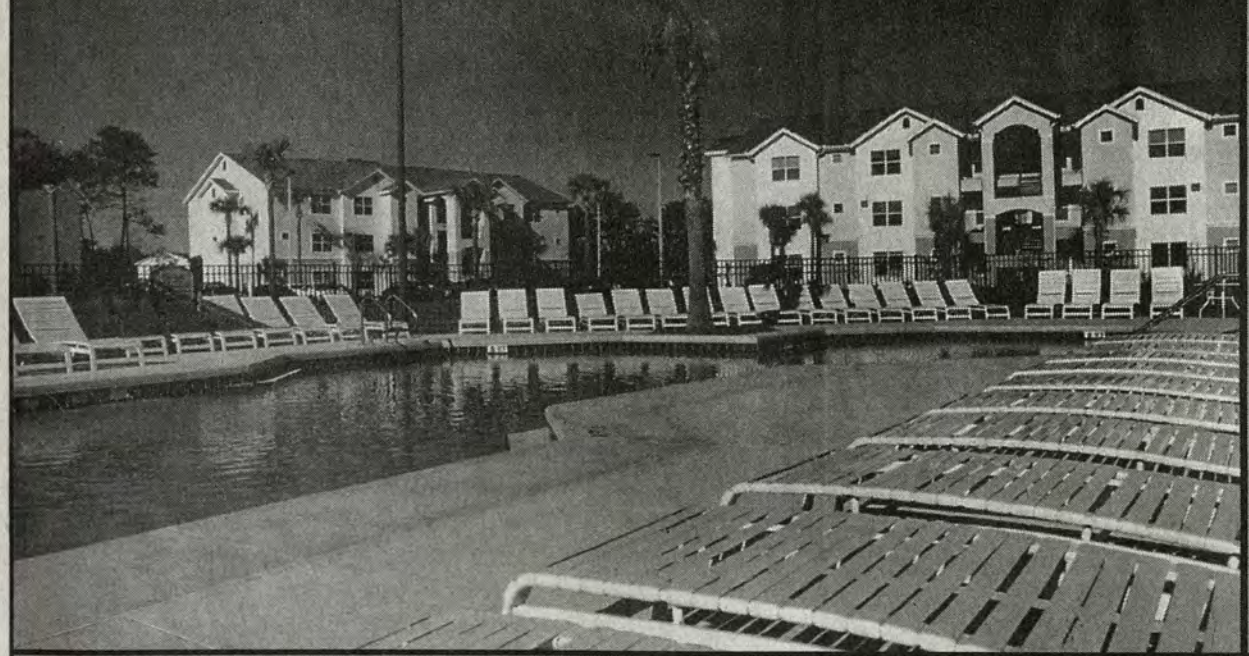
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Monday, March 15 **1-3pm CAB Comedy Committee Amateur Knight Tryouts** in the Student Leadership Program Conference room, Student Union 208 ● Tuesday, March 16 **1-3pm CAB Comedy committee Amateur Knight Tryouts** in the Student Leadership Program Conference room, Student Union 208 ● Wednesday, March 17 **6am SGA Rally in Tally**. Take a bus trip to the state capital fight for the Bright Futures Scholarship and have your voice heard. **11am-2pm VUCF Get Green, Get Lucky**. St. Patrick's day event on the Student Union Patio to promote organ and tissue donation ● Thursday, March 18 **7-9pm VUCF Masquerade Ball** to end Racial Profiling in the Live Oak Room ● Friday, March 19 **10am VUCF Helping Hands Volunteers**. Volunteer to shop with the elderly at the Fashion Square Mall. Contact Carolina Tannhauser at Fairyfly7@aol.com for details. **2pm SGA Sports Day: UCF Baseball vs. Stetson** ● Sunday, March 21 **12pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts Culinary Series: Sushi Knight** at Fusian Restaurant. Sign up in advance in SU room 208 ● Monday, March 22 **7pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts Culinary Series: Pastry Knights** at Natura Coffee and Tea. Sign up in advance in SU room 208. **8pm CAB Speakers Committee Presents the "Great Debate: Heads vs. Feds,"** The Debate to Legalize Marijuana in the Cape Florida Ballroom ● Tuesday, March 23 **9pm CAB Comedy Committee presents Amateur Knight 2: Judgement Night** in Wackadoo's ● Wednesday, March 24 **10am-4pm CAB Special Events presents Make Over Bus Tour** on the Student Union Patio ● Friday, March 26 **6pm EKCEL Etiquette Dinner** at the Marriott World Center. Seating is limited. **6pm SGA Sports Day: UCF Baseball vs. Stetson** ● Saturday, March 27 **9pm-2am Late Knights: Bright Lights, Big City** in the Student Union. This month's Late Knights features an interactive version of the movie "Chicago" brought by CAB Cinema, casino games, free food and much more.

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Not ready to see your **Bright Futures Scholarship** axed by the state? Then sign up to attend the **Rally in Tally** on March 17. After meeting in the Student Union at 6am a bus will head out for the state capital and leave Tallahassee at 6:30pm. Free food and beverages will be provided at Sloppy Joe's. RSVP to strainor@mail.ucf.edu.

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