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### MAKE THE EASY DECISION: DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - SEE A10

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**Rising up** Junior Kristin Fisher goes from role

player to team captain - SEE SPORTS, AG



**Energy buzz** UCF receives \$800,000 to research energy efficiency - SEE NEWS, AZ

### Arrest

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# Sen. Pozin claims vendetta

### Impeached senator: 'There is no proof'

**CARLOS PINEDA** Editor-in-Chief

Impeached Sen. Jereme Pozin said the allegations made against him are false and that certain people have a personal vendetta against him.

"The alleged incidents of that day were blown completely out of proportion," Pozin said.

Pozin admits to consum-

ing alcohol at Knight islative Affairs in the Leg-Library during the U.S.- islative Branch, on July 15, Algeria World Cup match June 23, but said he only had two drinks.

Pozin said there was a four-hour window between the end of the game and him showing up at the Student Government Association office later in the afternoon. Senate The SGA

impeached Pozin, the deputy pro tempore of Leg-

with a 18-9 vote - with two abstaining votes — accord-ing to an SGA release.

"People are saying I'm acting out," Pozin said about his actions in the office. "At the American game, there was euphoria. We won, and we were so excited. Everyone was going crazy. I think people are mistaking the fact that me being excited



Accord-

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Pozin

removed.

"You have people with a personal vendetta that are waiting for any such incident to have me removed," Pozin said. "They're using this as an excuse."

Officials from SGA would not comment for this story.

Pozin said the testimonies released in the affidavit were a collaboration of certain senators. He said the testimonies were malicious and that this was their chance to remove him.

"It's extremely difficult," Pozin said dealing with the allegations. "Having your name dragged through the

PLEASE SEE POZIN ON A3

### Accident HICKS CROSS HEROAD

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ers used a hose and show the chickens off the road in





# **Uncover Thursdays**

Traveling in Europe just became easier and much cheaper with these pointers.

- SEE VARIETY, A8

### **Plus: Fine dining**

**Columnist Daniel Ralleo makes** 

# **Students and** faculty feel the impact of parking fees

Parking Services uses fees to pay mortgages on garages LILY MAXWELL

**Contributing Writer** 

Beginning in the fall, students, faculty and staff can expect the prices of their parking decals and fees to rise.

According to the Board of Trustees website,

on Jan. 14, the board voted and accepted an increase for parking and trans-

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phone. Just text the keyword UCFNEWS to 44636.

### **AROUND CAMPUS, A2 PRESENT YOURSELF ON PAPER**

Career Services will be offering students the chance to learn how to write great job application, cover letters and thank you letters. The event will be held today in Ferrell Commons, Room 185-C from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Career Services for more info.

### LOCAL & STATE, A2 **COMING STORM COULD SHUT DOWN CAPPING OF SPILL**

Rain set to move through the Gulf of Mexico could potentially halt the capping and monitoring of the oil spill. The rain has a 60 percent chance of forming a tropical depression or storm.

### THREE BOYS LEFT **ALONE WITH** FATHER'S BODY

According to sheriff's deputies, three young boys in Central Florida were left alone with their father's body over the weekend. The Departments of Children and Families is currently investigating.

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French cooking easy with a simple seafood recipe.

### **Inception review**

Matt Reinstetle reviews and rates the summer's must-see film.



portation fees.

Students will now pay \$44 for a general decal per semester and \$88 for an annual decal. For Fay

Branker, a senior creative writing major, the thought another of increase was ridiculous. "Don't

charge enough?" Branker said.

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Students like

Branker — who are renewing their decals, are not welcoming of the raise but will continue to drive, as they don't have other options.

"It's my only way to get to campus. I'm not too happy," said Kelly Gravedoni, a junior biology major.

Gravedoni goes to campus about three times

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS ON A4

### A Hollywood homecoming

### Celebration will have movie theme

### **CARLOS PINEDA** Editor-in-Chief

Last week, the Homecoming Executive Board announced the theme for the 2010 Homecoming -"Knights on the Big Screen: A UCF Homecoming Production."

According to Jamin Ghazi, the homecoming student director, the decision to release the theme was because homecoming lands earlier in the calendar. Homecoming will be Oct. 16-24 this year.

"[In] previous years, the homecoming hasn't normally been until later in the fall," Ghazi said. "It

is usually at the end of October or the first or second week of November. This year, it is happening the second week of October, going into the third week."

According to Ghazi, last year's theme revelation took place the first week of school during Pegasus Palooza.

If they had revealed the theme at the same time this year, registered student organizations would have roughly a week and half to get their team ideas to the Executive Board.

The theme was selected at the Office of Student Involvement retreat in late

That's finally when we all came to an agreement and loved the theme,"

May, Ghazi said.

Ghazi said. "It was one that we enjoyed and felt that would best work, especially now with such big movies [coming] out."

Other themes explored by the Executive Board included doing an aroundthe-world theme and an underwater theme.

The concern with choosing the right homecoming theme is what the RSOs and those involved can do with the theme, Ghazi said.

"You can do an under-

PLEASE SEE THEME ON A4



MICHELLE DAVIS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE The Homecoming Executive Board reveals the fall theme "Knights on the Big Screen: A UCF Homecoming Production" during orientation Thursday.

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### AROUND **CAMPUS**

### News and notices for the UCF community

### Learn communication skills

Career Services will be offering students the opportunity to learn the important skills needed for communication during the job search and how to stand out from other applicants by successfully presenting oneself on paper.

Writing great applications, cover letters and thank-you letters are just some of the skills people need to know for the job search.

The event will be held today from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ferrell Commons, in Room 185-C.

For more information contact Career Services at 407-823-2361.

### Movie night at Student Union

The UCF Office of Student Involvement and the UCF Campus Activities Board will be holding "Summer Movie Knights" at the Student Union on Thursday.

They will be screening the movie Nacho Libre, the story of a monk who moonlights as a luchador, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom.

Attendees will receive free nachos with their movie ticket.

For more information, contact Melanie Bullock at 407-823-3294

### LOCAL & STATE

### Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Storms threaten monitoring of BP's cap on oil leak

NEW ORLEANS Rain storms set to hit the Gulf of Mexico may become a threat to the monitoring of the under-sea seal of BP's ruptured oil well. Engineers are still working to completely plug the leak with mud and cement.

Scientists have been monitoring the cap for future leaks.

# SOME BRIGHT RESEARCH UCF gets \$800,000 for energy studies

### LEA ANNE CRITTENDEN **Contributing Writer**

The U.S. Department of Enerawarded UCF more than 800,000 for sustainable energy research on June 18.

According to a release on the DOE website, DOE selected 58 projects that help buildings become more energy efficient, and two of those projects are being conducted at UCF's Florida Solar Energy Center.

The first project will receive a grant for \$552,338 and the second project will receive a \$256,461 grant, according to Sherri Shields, the assistant director of communications for FSEC.

Chris Castro, the DOE campus ambassador, said the first grant is an automated building energy simulator, known as EnergyPlus TM. UCF created the software a few years ago, and it's supposed to record live data in the buildings and show where the campus' largest energy consumption is.

Castro said that this could help UCF save money and reduce the amount of energy used. "DOE is looking for break-

through technologies that will make [UCF] buildings more efficient, reduce energy consumption and save money," Castro said.

By using the software, the new variable refrigerant flow air conditioning system can then be used to investigate building energy use in both new and existing build-ings, and it would provide the information needed to improve the baseline efficiency of commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment and the building as a whole.

"The results of this research will provide architects, engineers and building owners the ability to accurately and reliably perform building energy simulations," Shields said.

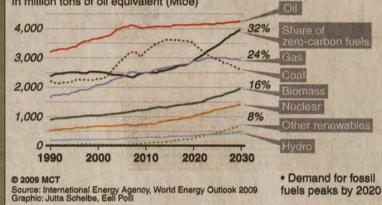
The second grant will focus on the air-flow system. That money will go toward the testing of energy-efficient condensers, which ing of the air conditioning units, but it could also allow the campus to save excess energy. "Previous tests of a high-efficiency fan and diffuser, developed by researchers at FSEC, have shown to reduce overall condenser power by 4 percent," Shields wrote in an e-mail. "Evaporative pre-cooling (cooling the air that surrounds the air condi-

### **Primary energy demand**

Global energy use is set to fall in 2009 for the first time since 1981 as a result of the financial and economic crisis.

World's demand, by fuel

In million tons of oil equivalent (Mtoe)



tioner condenser) is known to improve efficiency. This project will combine these technologies."

The technology is expected to show a 20 percent reduction in annual energy use and a 30 percent reduction of energy use at peak time, which is roughly 4 p.m., the time when the temperature is considered to be the hottest.

The first project is a three-year project that started July 1, according to Shields. The second project is also expected to take three years and is scheduled to start at the end of July.

The first year will involve development of the equipment and lab testing, the second year will consist of testing the equipment and further development, and the final year will involve deploying and testing two units in existing houses, Shields said.

"[UCF] is the largest leading energy university in Florida. We are the largest and most active state-supported energy research institute in the nation," Shields said.

According to U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu,

resourceful technology for the future.

"Energy-efficient commercial buildings will help our country cut its carbon emissions and energy costs, while the training programs will upgrade the skills of the current workforce and attract the next generation to careers in the emerging cleanenergy economy," Chu said in the release.



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Retired U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen will make the final decision on whether or not crews will evacuate. An evacuation could delay work for two weeks.

The rain set to move through the Gulf has a 60 percent chance of forming a tropical depression or storm. Evacuating ships could take several days and booms used to soak up oil could be carried into sensitive wetlands by the storm.

BP is aiming to close the leak by early August. The cost of dealing with the oil spill has cost an estimated \$4 billion.

### Three young boys left alone with father's body

BUNNEL - According to sheriff's deputies, three young boys in Central Florida were left alone with their father's body in their trailer home.

Flagler County sheriff's deputies found 24-yearold John Jason Uriarte lying on his mattress on Monday.

One of his sons was curled up next to him.

Uriarte's 6-year-old walked down the street to tell neighbors that something was wrong.

Uriarte never woke up after going to bed on Friday night.

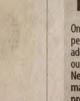
The oldest boys fed his younger brothers and watched television with them during the two days.

The Department of Children and Families is currently investigating the case

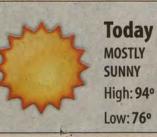
The children's mother, Lisa Uriarte, said the children are now staying with their great-grandfather.

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### LOCAL WEATHER



# **TODAY IN DETAIL**

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'f you know of any information you or your organization would like us to include, send an e-mail Events.CFF@gmail.com

# **Bilingual orientation a helpful alternative**

erally attend.

inck said.

"Nothing changes about

the student program, but

the parent program is for

Spanish speakers," Meun-

### ANGELE MARAJ **Contributing Writer**

Incoming students with bilingual backgrounds have an alternative way to introduce their families to UCF.

The Office of First Year Experience offers two bilingual orientations per year for incoming UCF students with Spanish-speaking family members — one for the summer session, and one for the fall.

Directed by Sophie **Cortes-Thomas** and Daniel Meuninck of the FYE, the program began in 2006 when a committee was formed that saw a need for orientations directed toward bilingual, Spanish-speaking families.

"We saw that our largest minority population was Hispanic," Meuninck said. "Also, we try to benchmark ourselves against other schools. FIU and FSU were both holding bilingual sessions. We saw a need in the Central Florida area, and so we piloted it the first year to see if we'd get a good

response.' They did. Many parents who attended the sessions said that they may not have otherwise attended if the orienta-

tion was presented solely in English, and they were grateful for the option.

**Bilingual** orientations are mostly for the sake of the 40 parents who gen-

Two O-Teamers who are fluent in Spanish are assigned to the family orientation to translate the presentation of any offices that do not have a Spanishspeaking representative and to answer any questions that parents might have. "We've found that a lot of parents who attend can actually speak English quite well," Meuninck said. "But assimilating the information allows for them to comprehend it a lot better."

The bilingual orientation itself has changed in some ways since the first session in the summer of

In the beginning, the presentations consisted of members of different offices around UCF coming to the orientation and merely lecturing the information they wished to impart in Spanish.

As of the most recent orientation, though, every PowerPoint presentation is translated, and the attendees are given parent handbooks that are written in Spanish.

At present, turnout rates are fairly successful, and FYE has no plans to establish any further alternative orientations for bilingual families

They did, however, say they would be open to such an idea if a need for it became apparent.

For now, though, attend-

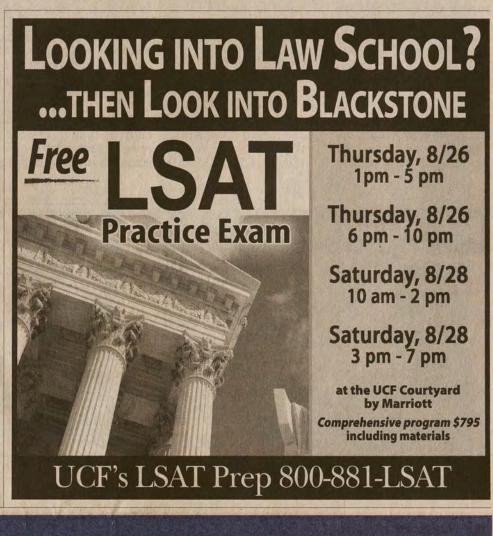
ing parents are pleased with the results.

Martha Blanco, mother of incoming student Luis Blanco, said she would definitely recommend the bilingual orientation to other Spanish-speaking families.

"It was good and wellexplained," she said as her son translated. "They really make sure that you understand everything.

For more information on bilingual and other types of student orientations, please contact the office of First Year Experience at 407-823-5105 or visit http://fye.ucf.edu.

The FYE office is located in the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services, Howard Phillips Hall, Suite 218.



# Add Some Disney Magic To Your Next Celebration!



Receptionist Ana Zuniga sits her desk in the First Year Experience office. FYE has offered bilingual orientation since 2006.

# Pozin says he was sober

### FROM A1

mud and to be hearing different news stations, newspapers — it's not an easy thing for anyone to accept."

Pozin said he has tried to stay away from the news outlets regarding his investigation.

"I know what the truth is, and having your name slandered and dragged around is not the easiest

thing in the world," he said.

The Legislative, Judicial and Rules committee is currently in the discovery process of the impeachment proceedings, during which it will review evidence and interview witnesses.

The Senate will meet July 29 for a removal hearing regarding the affidavit and decide if Pozin should be removed from his position.

According to Pozin, a lot of the information concerning the investigation of his actions is hearsay.

"There is no factual basis to any of the claims," Pozin said. "People could say 'Oh, he was intoxicated in the office' so this is your perception that I was intoxicated, that is your opinion. There is no proof."

Check UCFNews.com for more coverage of Pozin's impeachment.



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# Students unhappy over price

### FROM A1

a week and currently spends approximately \$100-\$120 for a three-semester permit.

Some students, like Les Harris, a junior history major, have suggestions as to how to make prices lower.

"I honestly think it's high as it is," Harris said. "I'm from Michigan, so even there our decals ... [are] still cheaper, like \$25, but the tickets are high. So I think it should be vice versa."

The prices for parking and transportation access are determined through a process.

"A recommendation is made by a Student Fee Committee and the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee," Christine Dellert of UCF News and Information said. "They review the decal and fee prices and make recommendations to the vice president for Administration and Finance. It then goes to the Board of Trustees for a vote."

The Board of Trustees is composed of business professionals from within the Orlando community as well as Student Government Association Preside Michael Kilbride.

"The prices for Parking and Transportation fees increase every year," said Ryan Retherford, coordinator for the Faculty Multimedia Center. "Obviously, parking services has more costs to operate."

The fees are increasing to pay for the price of transportation access, such as the shuttles, and the upkeep of garages and surface lots.

Garages, which cost more money than normal surface lots and metered parking sites, cost about \$5.5 million per year, while the surface lots maintenance can cost from \$50,000 to \$300,000 annually based on what is needed, Dellert said.

Dellert said the university pays for the garages like a mortgage. They go through a debt service and pay off pieces of the price each year.

Dellert said this is because the department is self-sufficient.

"Parking and Transportation Services does not receive any money from the state and, instead, receives its funding from fees, decals and citation payments," Dellert said.

Faculty and staff, though

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President still not happy about the price raises, are more or Parking accepting.

"Nobody likes it, but nothing's cheap, so you have to just accept it. Nothing stays the same," said Hal Mendelsohn, a UCF librarian.

With more than 53,000 students, there are more than 16,500 parking spaces, which is a main concern for students and faculty.

"A lot of times, we pay more for our parking than staff or students, but yet there are fewer actual parking spaces, you know what I mean?" Retherford said. "And they certainly sell a lot more faculty decals than they have spaces."

Depending on pay grades, faculty and staff pay different amounts.

Retherford, who has a higher pay grade, is required to purchase a more expensive tag.

"It's hard to find parking, and then you have to pay more to have difficulty finding parking," Gravedoni said. "I don't think it's very fair."

With the prices and difficulty of finding space on campus, alternative ways of getting to campus are being chosen.

"I'm actually going to start riding my bike," said Megan Leslie, a sophomore environmental studies major.

Leslie will be living in the new Sterling Center across the street from UCF this coming fall.

She said that riding her bike will help cut costs and parking problems. In addition to bikes and

carpooling, UCF's free shuttle service, which

costs about \$5.1 million, is used often. "With 34 buses, the shuttle system has served PARKING SDRVIGES

Parking and Transportation Services are increasing parking permit fees for the 2010-11 school year, which comes after the Board of Trustees' approval.

more than 2 million riders since it started in 2002," Dellert said. "The valuable service saves riders gas and money, reduces the number of cars on campus and helps the university reduce its total greenhouse gas emissions."



Knightro helps showcase the new homecoming theme Thursday to incoming freshmen in front of the Student Union.

# Theme choice important

### FROM A1

water theme, but how many skits can you get out of doing an underwater theme?" Ghazi said. "One of the biggest factors that we always keep in mind when we decide the theme for the student body is: 'Is it something that they can take apart and pull different elements from?' "

Another positive aspect of revealing the

theme Thursday was that freshmen would be able to see the theme in front of the Student Union.

Ghazi said the selected homecoming knights will remain the same from the year before.

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# **USDA reconsiders employee ouster over remar**

### **BEN EVANS Associated Press**

WASHINGTON Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Wednesday he will reconsider the department's decision to oust a black employee racially over tinged remarks after learning more about what she said.

Vilsack issued a short statement early Wednesday morning after Shirley Sherrod, who until Tuesday was the Agriculture Department's director of rural development in Georgia, said she was pres-

sured to resign because of her comments that she didn't give a white farmer as much help as she could have 24 years ago.

Sherrod said her

remarks, delivered in March at a local NAACP banquet in Georgia, were part of a larger story about learning from her mistakes and racial reconciliation, not racism, and they were taken out of context by a

blogger who posted only part of her speech.

Vilsack's statement came after the NAACP posted the full video of Sherrod's comments Tuesday night.

"I am of course willing and will conduct a thorough review and consider additional facts to ensure to the American people we are providing services in a fair and equitable manner," Vilsack said.

The Obama administration's move to reconsider her employment was an absolute reversal from hours earlier, when a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said President Barack Obama had been briefed on Sherrod's resignation after the fact and stood by the Agriculture Department's handling of it.

But growing calls for the administration to reconsider the decision put pressure on Vilsack, who stressed that the decision to ask for her resignation was his alone.

The NAACP, which initially condemned Sher-rod's remarks and supported her ouster, later said she should keep her job. The civil rights group said it and millions of others were duped by the conservative website that posted partial video of her speech on Monday.

The white farming family that was the subject of the story also stood by Sherrod and said she should stay.

"We probably wouldn't have (our farm) today if it hadn't been for her leading us in the right direction," said Eloise Spooner, the wife of farmer Roger Spooner of Iron City, Ga. "I wish she could get her job back because she was good to us, I tell you."

As Sherrod reached out to media to plead her case and more people came to her defense, the administration faced criticism that officials nervous about racial perceptions overreacted to her comments and made her a political sacrifice amid dueling allegations of racism between the NAACP and the tea party movement.

In the clip posted on BigGovernment.com,

Sherrod described the first time a white farmer came to her for help. It was 1986, and she worked for a nonprofit rural farm aid group. She said the farmer came in acting "superior" to her and she debated how much help to give him.

"I was struggling with the fact that so many black people had lost their farmland, and here I was faced with helping a white person save their land," Sher-

rod said.

Initially, she said, "I didn't give him the full force of what I could do" and only gave him enough help to keep his case progressing. Eventually, she said, his situation "opened my eyes" that whites were struggling just like blacks, and helping farmers wasn't so much about race but was "about the poor versus those who have."

The two-minute, 38second clip posted Monday by BigGovernment.com was presented as evidence that the NAACP was hypocritical in its recent resolution condemning what it calls racist elements of the tea party movement. The website's owner, Andrew Breitbart, said the video shows the civil rights group condoning the same kind of racism it says it wants to erase. Biggovernment.com is the same outfit that gained fame last year after airing video of

workers at the community group ACORN counseling actors posing as a prostitute and her boyfriend.

In his original statement on the matter Tuesday morning, Vilsack said he had accepted Sherrod's resignation and stressed that the department had "zero tolerance for discrimination." Later in the day, after Sherrod spoke to the media about the intention of her comments, Vilsack sent out a second statement that said the controversy surrounding Sherrod's comments could, rightly or wrongly, cause people to question her decisions as a federal employee and lead to lingering doubts about civil rights at the agency, which has a troubled history of discrimination. Sherrod said officials

showed no interest in listening to her explanation when she was asked to resign. She said she was on the road Monday when



ASSOCIATED PRESS / UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE An undated photo provided by the United States Department of Agriculture shows USDA official Shirley Sherrod. Sherrod is at the center of a racially tinged firestorm involving the Obama administration and the NAACP.

USDA deputy undersecre-tary Cheryl Cook called her and told her to pull over and submit her resignation on her Blackberry because the White House wanted her out.

"It hurts me that they didn't even try to attempt to see what is happening here, they didn't care," Sherrod said. "I'm not a racist. ... Anyone who knows me knows that I'm for fairness."



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Tuesday after making a pitch to Major League Baseball to help her fight childhood obesity. She announced that MLB and the

MLB Players Association will team with the White House in the Let's Move campaign, which promotes exercise and healthy eating for America's youth. "To the entire MLB Players Association and all 30 players who

Association and all 30 players who agreed to be part of the public service advertising campaigns, it just means so much to these kids to see you guys joining in this," Obama said at Oriole Park at Camden yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles. "Your voice means so much more to them than anything we could say."

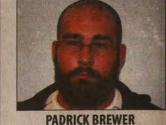
After the formalities, dressed casually in a print top, white pants and sneakers, Obama joined members of the Orioles and Tampa Bay Rays in a clinic for kids from local baseball teams. Obama participated in all three stations for about a half-hour, playing catch, throwing grounders and shouting encouragement to the children.

Obama showed she knows her way around a baseball field.

Before the session, she threw a few pitches in the bullpen to Tampa Bay ace David Price and was clearly pleased with her performance. Then, after joining the kids on the field, Obama displayed her defensive prowess, deftly deflecting a high throw from one of the youngsters that was headed toward her face.

Price said the first lady's pitching arm isn't bad.

"She tried her own conventional grip and didn't really throw it where she was trying to," Price said. "Then she tried the four-seam grip, which we're all AGAINST ALLODDS



Staff Writer

# Returning Heisman a pathetic display from USC

Nearly six months ago, Reggie Bush was part of the Cinderella story New Orleans Saints, helping his team to a Super Bowl victory and, ostensibly, bringing much-needed pride back to the city on the Gulf.

But Bush was never fully accepted as part of that journey, at least not in the eyes of the sports media.

Since the summer and fall of 2006, Bush was the headline of the NCAA's investigation into the University of Southern California.

That investigation, which was later coupled with another one of USC basketball star O.J. Mayo, hung over Bush's head, and his name was never mentioned without the qualifier of "who is under investigation by the NCAA."

That all came to a head when the NCAA levied sanctions against the school in June.

A month later, and we have USC's childish and bitter response.

The school will be taking down murals of both Bush and Mayo and will send back its copy of the Heisman Trophy that Bush won in 2006.

teaching, and she threw it much better. She did well."

Hours later, wearing an Orioles jersey with the No. 44 on the back, Obama passed up the opportunity to put her fastball on display. Instead, she stood between two youths who shared the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch before Baltimore's game against the Rays.

### COLLEGE



### NCAA INVESTIGATING UF, UNC PROGRAMS FOR VIOLATIONS

Southern California was slapped with a two-year bowl ban last month. Now North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida are acknowledging that the NCAA has taken a look at their athletic departments.

All four situations appear to involve possible wrongdoing involving athletes and agents.

Is the NCAA suddenly cracking down on this sometimes-seamy side of college athletics?

Rachel Newman-Baker, director of agent, gambling and amateurism activities for the NCAA, won't go that far. But she said the organization believes it is making progress.

"I think people are kind of tired of sitting around and watching some of these abuses, and so I think you're starting to see that there's more and more people that are willing to talk," she said. "I do think we have been able in the last couple years to develop much stronger information related to potential violations. ... People understand that something will be done with that information, and they feel comfortable sharing it."

The NCAA clearly welcomes help from would-be whistle-blowers, in part because relationships between agents and college athletes are so difficult to police.

# Junior battled injuries, position change to become team captain

### NICOLE SAAVEDRA Staff Writer

After more than a decade of coaching collegiate volleyball, head coach Todd Dagenais expected to run into some special players.

As he enters his third season at UCF, he's found one in outside hitter Kristin Fisher.

"When you coach 10 to 15 years, you run into some special kids along the way," Dagenais said. "They are all really special in different ways and every 10 to 15 years, you hope to get one or two where there is something really unique about them. These are the ones that beat the odds, the ones that are the proverbial *Rudy*-type story, and that's what Kristin is."

After arriving on campus in 2007, she had surgery to repair a torn ACL she sustained during her senior year of high school and ended up redshirting her freshman season. Six months of recovery and rehab later, she was back on the court — at the same time Dagenais took over head coaching duties.

"It's funny, because my first day back was [Dagenais'] first day, so it's very ironic," Fisher said. "It was an interesting day for me. I hadn't played in over a year, and getting back on the court was something that I had wanted to do for a long time. The nerves and excitement combined into what made for a pretty interest-

### f ing day." , Not only was Fisher trying to

had to get over the mental roadblocks that are part of bouncing back from injury.

"I would honestly say that it's taken me until halfway through last season, probably through the spring, to get back to where I was," Fisher said. "It took me a while just to get back to where I was comfortable, where I didn't think about it, where I was playing where I thought I should be playing, playing normal again. From my injury to being able to play again, it took six months, but to actually get back to normal and be able to be comfortable and get in the groove it probably took a couple of years."

There was still one more challenge left for Fisher to overcome: a position switch. In high school and for her club team, Fisher played middle back, but she was asked to move to outside hitter for her collegiate career. She began to concentrate on improving her passing and defense as well as her service and receiving game.

"It took a long time to get it. People think you can just switch so easily, but it's very different," Fisher said. "Being in the middle you have to pass, but middles also have so much responsibility with Kristin Fisher battled injuries and a position change after joining UCF.

KRISTIN FISHER



FRESHMAN — 2007 The Clearwater High School grad had to redshirt her freshman year due to an ACL tear she suffered during her senior season.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN — 2008 Appeared in 22 sets and 18 matches. She totaled just eight kills and eight digs for the season.

SOPHOMORE — 2009 Totaled 359 kills in 30 matches and led the team with 24 service aces. She also tallied 254 digs.

having to block. After playing middle in high school, middle in college is a whole different level. I give a lot of respect to them."

After recording eight kills and eight digs in her first college season, Fisher morphed into the team's second leading attacker in 2009. Her eight double-doubles

PLEASE SEE FISHER ON A7

Nothing shows remorse and understanding like tearing down pictures of school heroes.

The Trojans had no problem with Bush's conduct — proper or otherwise — while he was in uniform.

They felt perfectly fine to exploit the young man for financial and athletic gain.

Back then, it didn't matter if he had done anything improper.

They didn't care. But now that Bush is gone and the NCAA has taken its sweet time in figuring out where the Bush saga went wrong, USC is finally starting to care.

In a memo Tuesday, C.L. Max Nikias, who will be the school's new president, announced USC will return one of sports most prized awards.

This dog and pony show is pathetic, and it smacks of insincerity.

The cat got caught with the canary, and now the cat is trying to tape the head back on the bird and show that everything is as it should be.

If Bush was dumb for allegedly taking money and other gifts while at USC, then the school is dumber for thinking sending back a piece of metal shows anything but ignorance.

Debate always rages about whether college athletes should be paid, whether a scholarship and some money for books, board and food is enough compensation for students who drive millions of dollars in universities' coffers.

# Fisher puts program first

### FROM A6

helped propel the team to a 15-17 record, its best finish since 2003.

Dagenais said Fisher's impact on the program will last long after she exits. She's become more than a key attacker on the court. She's also helping her teammates in the practice facility as well, even though they might one day take her spot.

"What makes her special, if I was to really coin what makes her special, here is a player that maximizes her athletic ability and has players that are taller and more athletic behind her," Dagenais said. 'Yet, instead of viewing them as a threat, she's the one that's training them. Can you imagine an NFL quarterback training the rookie quarterback? Can you imagine the NBA point guard training the guy that's going to take his job? That's what she does.

"It's going to be tough to unseat her because of her experience, but she knows it could happen, and yet she goes through her business knowing that the program's viability in the future takes precedence over her own glory."

Fisher's continued to work on her game this summer, only this time, she's competing on the sand instead of in The Venue.

She's reached the gold round with partner Tory McCutcheon at a beach tournament in Siesta. It was her second time playing in the event. In 2009, she won silver with partner Sara Rex. She also won a co-ed tournament in her hometown of Clearwater and has been competing in the beach series, which she thinks will help her indoor game.

"Beach is all about shots, so having that and playing that, you learn so much more about the game," Fisher said. "Once you get back to indoor, your vertical is higher because you've been jumping on sand, and you can play longer and you've learned shots that you — that I — haven't learned before. I think that definitely helps indoor."

This will be Fisher's last season of college volleyball. She'll be applying to nursing school in December but hopes to continue to participate in open gym.

Dagenais is pretty confidence she'll succeed. After all, she's overcome more than her fair share of adversity and taught everyone some valuable lessons in the process.

"I think the lessons that Kristin Fisher teaches people transcends volleyball," Dagenais said. "This is a life lesson, and she applies herself so well in every facet of her life. She's a great player, a great leader, a great student and above all that, she's a great friend and a great daughter.

"She's the kind of kid where I take my daughter and say, 'Grow up and be like that. Look at Kristin, grow up and be like that, and you'll be OK."

### Bush saga black eye for USC

### FROM A6

If anything USC has proven those athletes should be paid.

The quaint notion of playing for a school, building loyalty and getting an education is a sham, but that is not news.

Big-time college athletics are big-time financial boons for universities, and those schools could not care less about the young men they exploit on the way to making millions.

The system works. The schools get their

money, the NCAA gets to preach its bankrupt moral authority and the athletes get screwed.

And everything is fine, until five years down the road when the NCAA decides to penalize a school after all the offenders have left on their merry way.

But USC is the big loser in all of this, and not just because of the sanctions.

The school showed it has no investment in its student-athletes.

And if it wants to save money, here's an idea for the next mural: When you have finished painting the would-be hero, next to him put an administrator looking the other way.



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# Football Four Knights make C-USA preseason list

### RYAN BASS Sports Editor

Add another preseason accolade to UCF star defensive end Bruce Miller's list.

Tabbed by many media outlets as a preseason All American, Miller relieved news Wednesday that he was named preseason Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year after a vote among league coaches. If he won the award it would mark the second consecutive season he was named the top defensive player in the league.

Miller is not just one of the top defensive players in the conference, but the country. He leads all players nationally with 27 sacks and 44 tackles for loss in his career.

In addition to Miller, three other Knights received the honor of being named to C-USA preseason teams.

Running back Brynn Harvey, offensive lineman Jah Reid and cornerback Josh Robinson also made the list.

Harvey had a stellar sophomore season, running for 1,109 yards and 14 touchdowns. He had five 100-yard rushing games, including a season-high 219 yards on 42 carries against Memphis on Oct. 3.

The junior suffered a leg injury during the first scrimmage of the spring, but he hopes to be back in time for fall camps.

Head coach George O'Leary said Harvey would likely return after



Brynn Harvey was one four Knights to be named to the C-USA preseason All Conference team. He joined Bruce Miller, Jah Reid and Josh Robinson.

the nonconference portion of the schedule.

Reid, one of the top players on the offensive line for the Knights, also got some recognition from the league.

The 6-foot-7, 326-pound right tackle started all 13 games last season and was tabbed as a first-team All Conference player. He has continued to improve parts of his game every season and is a good fit in the Knights' running and blocking schemes

blocking schemes. Reid made 10 starts during his sophomore season and 14 appearances his freshman year with UCF.

The final Knight to be awarded preseason C-USA honors was sophomore cornerback Josh Robinson.

As a freshman last season, Robinson shattered records and looked comfortable in the UCF defense, logging six interceptions and 14 pass deflections.

He was named to the Freshman All America team.

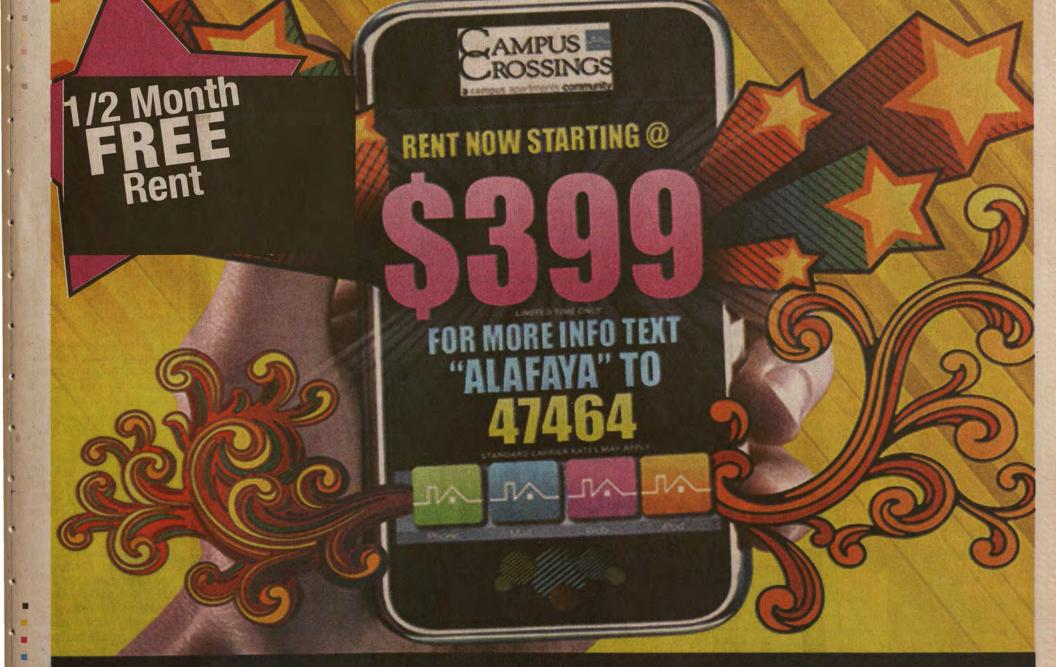
The six interceptions tied for the lead in the nation among freshman players and also broke UCF's record for a freshman at five, which was set by former Knight Joe Burnett in 2005.

UCF had four all-conference picks, which was the most among any teams from the C-USA East division.

They trailed both Houston and Tulsa for the most players on the list. Both had five named.

The Knights will kick off fall camps in August. The first game of the season will be against South Dakota on Sept. 4.

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# Nolan's Inception takes your mind on a journey

MATT REINSTETLE Staff Writer

If you haven't seen Inception yet, stop what you are doing and go see it because it is a mind-bender of epic proportions.

This multi-layered film is an à la carte offering of espionage, action and a psychological thrill ride.

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Not only is this one of the most visually striking films of the past decade, it has a near perfect plot that will be dissected and analyzed by film students for years to come.

Writer/director Christopher Nolan (*The Dark Knight*) has delivered again. He's brought not only another hit to theaters, but he's also brought the best movie of 2010.

Inception is also being released in IMAX, and if you have the extra cash, see that version. It immerses you into the film, and Hans Zimmer's score makes the seat rattle.

I applaud Nolan for not using gimmicky 3-D when there were scenes that he easily could have used it.

Inception is about Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio), an extractor who goes into people's minds and steals their ideas in their dreams for the highest bidder. A corporate head (Ken Watanabe) presents Co with a job, not of stealing an idea, but of implanting one into a corporate rival's head. The problem is that implanting ideas, called inception, is difficult because the deeper you go into the mind, the more unstable the dream gets. Nolan's story is so lay-ered that it makes his previous work, Memento, seem like child's play. Multiple viewings of the film are recommended to fully get and appreciate all of the intricate details of the story. While CGI is used, Nolan uses it sparingly, opting for practical effects whenever possible. Some of the memorable visual effects scenes are done on revolving sets reminiscent of Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, with the actors hanging from wires in full sized sets.

# his weekend

TODAY **RJ Harman**, **The Soul** Birds w/ **The Crane** Brigade @ BackBooth 8 p.m. \$5 - \$6 FRIDAY **Andy Matchett** and The Minks w/Peter **Baldwin**, The **Equines** @ BackBooth 8 p.m. \$3

SATURDAY Ron White @ The Bob Carr Performing Arts Center 10 p.m. \$44.75

# EUROPEFORLESS

Variety

European trips don't have to burn a hole in your pocket EMRE KELLY

Photo Editor

As a student, the only thing more exciting than having money in your checking account is going to Europe.

Having lived in Europe for a number of years, here are some tricks I've found for making sure you still have a positive balance when you return home to Orlando. Unless you have military family

Unless you have military family overseas, have friends in a European country or have work connections, your requirements are pretty simple: flight, train and miscellaneous money.

Munich's famous Hofbrauhaus offers beer, food and the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world. Hofbrauhaus is also the home to the annual Oktoberfest, which is held in the fall.

Europe, you really have no other sleep. If you time it right, you'll get



Rug w/ Mouse Fire, Clock Hand Strangle, Wilbur @ BackBooth 8 p.m. \$4 - \$6

Unexpected Company @ The Social 9 p.m. Free SUNDAY Mike Posner @ Scoop Lounge 9 p.m. \$10 - \$15

Wildlife Jambando @ The Plaza Theatre 4 p.m. \$5

Ponderosa, The Anderson Gang w/ Guests @ BackBooth 8 p.m. \$5 - \$6 Fortunately for UCF students, a direct flight out of Orlando to most European nations will have one layover, followed by a much longer flight. Bring an iPod.

Booking this flight at least six months in advance will save you a hefty amount of cash and provide you with the time to apply for your passport. This first leg, though, is the least of your concerns.

If you were to stay in Europe for two weeks and randomly stay in regular hotels in each country, your final bill would run into the thousands. Playing the lodging game smart has its benefits: miscellaneous money.

We'll talk about this later.

If you want to enjoy the drinks, food, culture and attractions of way than to pay for them. There are no coupons, free tickets or discount prices. Absolutely everything is paid for in cash.

Seeing as how you'll be on the train more than you care to think about, a Eurail pass is ideal for tourists. Eurail.com is the only way to purchase these tickets from the U.S.

According to the website, traveling 15 days within two months of train time on a "Global Pass" will run you 515 Euros, roughly \$660. This includes all countries within the European Union and, in the long run, will be incredibly cheaper than buying tickets at the train station.

More information can be found at Eurail.com.

When you're on that long haul from Berlin to

Munich for six hours, get some the rest you need while on the train, giving you time to see the city and saving you the cost of a hostel. In Munich, you'll want that

In Munich, you'll want that extra money for when you visit the Hofbrauhaus. To provide some perspective, the Oktoberfest you've seen in movies and on TV shows can be seen here in the fall.

According to a Hofbraeuhaus worker, it is one of the most heavily visited locations in Munich and provides plenty of opportunities for tourists from all over the world to interact.

From there, run over to the hostel you (hopefully) booked months in advance. This shouldn't cost you more than 30 Euros or about \$38 per night.

Obviously, in places such as these, miscellaneous money applies. You're in Europe, so you need to drink real beer and eat whole foods throughout the day. Powerbars and chips won't cut it, so when you wake up in the morning, run downstairs to the local bakery and find a decent breakfast.

You're going to need the fuel and a good pair of shoes because the amount of walking to be done will surprise you.

In Europe, just as anywhere else, there are some free, outdoor gems that can be found.

Some of the most noticeable are Germany's rubble hills. The most well known of these can be found in Stuttgart, called the Birkenkopf.

After the bombing of the city during World War II, rebuilding efforts forced its residents to pile the rubble into a 1,677foot hill with a monument placed at its summit.

The path that winds to the top is mostly covered in trees, but once at its summit, pieces of buildings and architecture can be seen.

architecture can be seen. The view provided by these hills is second-to-none, and its historical significance is invaluable.

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One of the keys to successfully enjoying and comprehending *Inception* is to understand the film's

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MELISSA MOSELEY/ ASSOCIATED PRESS Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Cobb in Christopher Nolan's Inception.



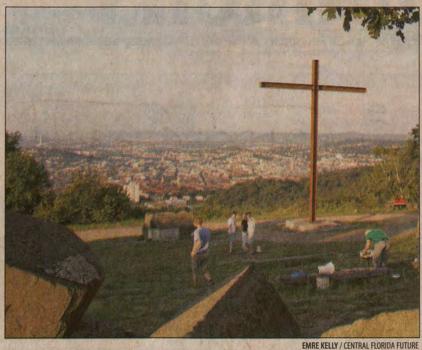
# Euro trip is one not soon forgotten

Not only do you get away from the expensive cities and bars, but you also experience something very few people have or ever will get a chance to.

Also near Stuttgart, you can find the Mercedes-Benz factory, which builds a majority of the company's models and provides free tours of its production plant. Entrance and the tour costs 8 Euros, a little more than \$10. The same applies to the Porsche museum and factory, provided you pay a nominal fee of 8 Euros.

When you return home to Orlando, people will ask you about the big experiences: the Eiffel Tower, Berlin and Madrid.

What you'll never forget, though, are the small memories that led to an incredible, affordable and positive trip that will have you returning time and time again, possibly even for a job after graduation.



A trip through Europe can offer a plethora of scenic vistas, such as one of the rubble hills in Stuttgart.

## Musical score gives film another character

### FROM A8

universe and what Ellen Page's character, Ariadne, represents to the audience.

Ariadne is recruited by Cobb to be the architect of the dream and must learn the rules of how this world operates. She is the introduction to this world that the audience needs.

The dreams are set in the present in realistic locations.

Fantasy dreams wouldn't work in this film because the target could easily tell that he is in a dream, and then the game is over.

DiCaprio does a solid job, but the acting really shines in the supporting cast, mainly with Joseph Gordon-Levitt ((500)Days of Summer) and Tom Hardy (RocknRolla).

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Gordon-Levitt and Hardy shine though a sea



Leonardo DiCaprio, right, and Marion Cotillard shine in Christopher Nolan's Inception, in theaters now.

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shown on the screen. While some might complain of the film's 148minute runtime, the viewer gets engrossed into the film, and the time flies by. With Inception, Nolan

has solidified his place as one of the top directors in Hollywood.

# COLLEGIATE COOKING CHRONICLES Broaden tastes by giving dishes some French flair

French cuisine indisputably sets the bar for the rest of the world. Known for the liberal use of cream and butter to make decadent sauces, French cuisine is centered on the use of fresh and seasonal ingredients.

A meal in France can be as simple as a baguette spread with Brie cheese or as elaborate as a sevencourse meal with dozens of ingredients.

However, there is one common theme to the preparation of any cuisine: Butter.

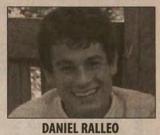
Butter is my absolute favorite ingredient to cook with. I don't care if I have to loosen my belt a few notches (or just unbutton my jeans altogether), butter provides some of the best flavor, in my opinion.

Now, which kind of butter do you purchase?

I prefer unsalted butter, because it allows you to control how much salt is in the dish. However, if a recipe calls for unsalted butter, it is wise to follow protocol and use it.

When I was in France studying gastronomy, I was amazed at how simple all of the dishes appeared. The French are huge on using seasonal ingredients, so what you eat depends entirely on what season it is and where you are geographically in the country.

One of my favorite and easiest French meals to prepare is a variation of Julia Child's Scallops



Columnist

### Provencal.

Imagine how impressed your parents will be when you tell them you effortlessly prepared an "oo-lala" worthy meal.

### Scallops Provencal

1 lb fresh bay or sea scal-

lops 2 shallots, minced 2 garlic cloves, minced 1/2 stick of unsalted butter

1/3 cup of dry white wine

1/4 cup flat leaf Italian parsley, chopped

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1/2 lb angel hair pasta

Dry the scallops and sprinkle them with salt and pepper and toss them in flour. Add the shallots and butter to a 10-inch to 12inch non-stick skillet and sauté until soft. Add garlic and flour coated scallops. Sauté for four minutes on each side or until scallops brown.

Turn up heat to high and add white wine and let it reduce until the sauce coats the back of a spoon. Cook pasta and toss with scallops and fresh parsley.



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# **DUI not worth** money hangover

his summer there's been a lot of talk about alcohol, and we'd like to continue the conversation because, hey, it's 5 o'clock somewhere.

Bars serving minors, bros icing bros and the unfortunate alleged incident of a drunken senator have made us question if all the money used on public awareness for the effects of alcohol has been well spent.

All right, so we know those public service announcements are an utter joke and a waste of money, but the aforementioned situations make us worry, especially seeing as how the fall semester is near.

You've heard it plenty of times before from your parents, teachers, brochures galore and probably from this paper at some point or another, but seriously, bro, don't drink and drive.

Drinking and driving is perhaps one of the most selfish things one can do.

You're putting your own life at risk (because we're sure there's someone out there who doesn't want to see you kick the bucket just yet), and you're putting the lives of those driving in the vicinity of you at risk. Granted, when you're

under the influence, these things don't necessarily cross your mind, hence that whole "impaired judgment" thing.

Planning ahead can circumvent any bad calls, though. A little strategy and

some forward thinking can go a long way.

Before going out, you and your friends can draw straws to see who will be the designated driver or just introduce a rotation: Each week a different friend steps up.

Add it to the sacred friend code if you must.

And if you all slip up and end up using those straws to sip your fruity cocktails, call a cab.

Calling a cab also works for the lone wolf.

As you're lying face down on the bar, attempting to figure out just how you're going to get up from the bar stool, try to muster enough drunken slurred words to ask the bartender to call a cab, if he or she hasn't already done so at that point.

Yes, cab fare adds up, but compare that to the very real cost of a DUI: insurance, court fees, classes and lawvers.

By then, when all is said and done, you're looking at about \$20,000 worth of fees, all in the name of getting hammered.

Not to mention the cost of potentially getting kicked out of school or losing your job as a result of a DUI.

And of course nothing beats a house party.

It's cheaper than going out, and if everyone brings a pillow, they can just crash at your pad and stain your carpets with various bodily fluids.

Even a lost security

deposit or steam cleaner rental is less than the cost of a DUL

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In times of economic hardship, there's really no need to burden your wallet with the cost of a DUI.

Still not convinced? Try www.textataxi.com, change your Facebook to "someone come get me at [insert bar name] because I'm messed up beyond all recognition," or just pass out in an alley somewhere.

It will make for a hilarious story later.

There are just so many options and alternatives that make it so easy to not drink and drive. It's hard to fathom why someone would do so.

If you're that lazy and irresponsible, then perhaps drinking isn't for you.

Despite the typical American attitude toward drinking, drinking doesn't always have to be about getting wasted beyond belief. Alcohol can be a means to simply wind down, relax and have some fun with friends.

In other words, it's OK to drink without getting incredibly drunk.

If all these options aren't for you, we hear there are plenty of nice people at those Alcoholic Anonymous meetings

So, before you head out to the bar, ask yourself: "How can I not be a drunken fool tonight?'

Your friends, family and future self will thank you for it.

# Catch the happiness fever and help others

**JERRIANN SULLIVAN** 

**Guest Columnist** 

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Being happy is a lifetime goal for some people.

The interest in the individual's desire to become and stay happy is so great that researchers at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology did a study to see if they could track the spread of happiness

Earlier this month, the Los Angeles Times explained how the team researched the project and reported the findings.

They took data from the subjects used in the Framingham Heart Study, which was a long-term research project that tested subjects every two years using emotional and physical exams. Specifically, each subject was asked to describe themselves as either content, discontent or neutral.

The important part of the study, though, is how the researchers found that the subjects' altered emotional states depended on the emotions of the people that they came into contact with.

To determine this relationship, researchers plugged the data into a traditional infectious-disease simulation that was modified to reflect emotional spread rather than infectious spread.

This is significant information for several reasons.

As a college student, you come into contact with hundreds of peo-



This might sound like advice from a kindergarten teacher or something that your mom would say, but it is still useful.

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If how happy one is directly influences how happy one's contacts are, then it makes sense to try to be happy. Especially if your contacts can also influence your emotional

state. I am not saying a world of rainbows and sunshine is necessary, but at a time when our country is still in two wars, millions of people are out of work and the national debt is in the trillions, it makes sense to not add any additional stress on those around you.

A great place to ditch your unhappy, possibly nasty, emotional state is online.

Not only is it annoying to scroll through status updates or Web comments that belittle and humiliate others, but it can also damage the emotional state of those around you.

Expressing your opinion is your right, but name-calling is unnecessary and embarrassing to watch.

Another good piece of informa-tion from the study is the longevity of the happy "infection."

A feeling of contentedness lasts about 10 years. If you happen to catch a discontent infection it only takes five years to recover.

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# **Food safety bill** needs BPA ban

e can't seem to understand why any bill titled "food safety bill" would be so hard to pass.

We enjoy food, we need it to survive, and we want it to be safe. Is that really so much to ask?

Apparently, it is.

The food safety bill in the Senate proposes new authorities to the Food and Drug Administration and will mark the first serious reform of food safety laws in 70 years.

According to a Washing-ton Post article, 76 million people are sickened by bad food in this country every year, 300,000 go to the hospital and 5,000 die.

So now that those numbers have scared you, you're thinking, "Well what's the hold-up? Let's get this bill passed, and let's get it passed quickly."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein's decision is what's stopping the bill.

She proposed that the bill include measures to ban a controversial chemical called bisphenol A, or BPA, from food packaging.

In the world of common sense, this seems perfectly reasonable, especially when you find out what BPA is and what it does to our bodies. Unfortunately, common

sense isn't always a staple of American government.

Through poor animal testing, BPA has been linked to a whole mess of disorders, including cancer, obesity, brain disorders and behavior disorders, heart disease, and reproductive problems.

This gross chemical is found in certain plastics, but researchers worry about it being used in food and beverage packaging.

These aren't empty scare tactics either.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have estimated BPA is in more than 93 percent of Americans' urine, and since BPA is a synthetic form of estrogen, this is raising eyebrows and concerns about infant development.

This is the part where you shiver in fear.

Naturally, the big, bad food manufacturers and business interest groups promised to retract their support for the bill should it include a ban on BPA. We're not surprised.

These are the same groups that will keep any chemical regulation reform from happening.

We hope they're the first

ones to get cancer as a direct result of BPA in the body. Are these lobbyists under the impression that they, and their families, are immune to dangerous chemicals in food? Or it is that they just don't care?

These groups aren't fooling anyone when they say it's about economic growth, and that's why the ban shouldn't exist. We know it's about money, money, money. As last year's health care

debate showed, the best interests of Americans have been sold out to corporate interests for far too long.

The bill could easily be passed without the BPA ban, but we hope that it doesn't in that case.

Framing this issue as Feinstein delaying the first food safety bill isn't giving the full story. The bill is needed, but so is Feinstein's amendment. We hope despite pressures from other senators and food health groups, Feinstein will stick to her guns.

Without the BPA banning amendment, the bill's purpose becomes moot.

It shouldn't be passed simply so it can only do a certain amount of good. It should be passed once it has every measure that can ensure safety of our food.

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The number of people you consider to be contacts could quickly add up between your classmates, teachers, parents, friends, co-workers and colleagues in clubs and organizations. There is also the fact that you could be considered a contact to all of those people, too.

If people can really catch emotions like diseases, then try to be

Since the content emotional state lasts longer, you might as well get in the habit of being happy and surrounding yourself with similar individuals. If done early and often enough, you might be able to avoid the discontent emotional state for quite some time.

Don't fret, even if you can't escape those gloomy moods, they'll vanish faster than the happy ones.

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JADON STRINGFELLOW Computer engineering, freshman "I feel that if what they said happened, then they made the

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**JASON WASHINGTON** Athletic training, freshman

"I think that's what they should have done, because with those actions, he doesn't represent UCF's student government well."



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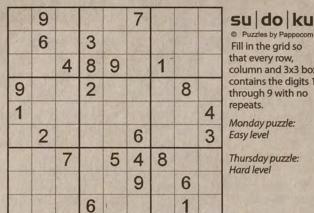
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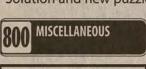
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