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WOMEN OWN FIRST

— SEE SPORTS, A7

SENIOR SUPREMACY

Men's hoops wins last home game for seniors

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IT'S OSCAR TIME
JOAN RIVERS AHOY

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2005 SGA ELECTION COVERAGE

Bentley's a winner



Willie Bentley, Jr. was giving hugs to everyone yesterday afternoon when the vote totals were announced. His running mate, McClain Woolsey, chatted with supporters about celebration plans and the long campaign.

Proposed medical school praised

Hitt backs proposal, students welcome an on-campus facility

KATE HOWELL
Senior Staff Writer

The medical school that UCF President John Hitt is pursuing seems to have won the support of students on campus.

The school, which was proposed last fall, could help aspiring doctors and nurses embrace emerging medical innovations and technologies in the comfort of Orlando without having to pursue a medical education elsewhere.

In a presentation Jan. 27, Hitt told the Florida Board of Governors that the Burnett College of Biomedical Sciences, established by a \$10 million grant last year, would be the base of a medical college.

Hitt quoted from a study by the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement and a UCF-commissioned study by MGT of America that showed a critical shortage of doctors in Florida and that the problem will continue until a solution is found.

"We think the study shows it's a good idea, so we're going to move forward with a proposal," Hitt said in a news release. He added that UCF plans to present the board with a formal proposal within a few months.

Pappachan Kolattukudy, the dean of the Burnett College of Biomedical Science, said that a medical school would "obviously affect us." He said that while he is unable to rate the interest of students at UCF, a medical school in the area could easily compete with Florida's already existing medical schools. Students would have plenty of people to practice on, Kolattukudy said, as "Orlando has one of the highest patient populations in the state."

UCF's future medical students think a medical school is an excellent idea, even if it won't directly benefit them. Lakisha Springer, co-president of the UCF chapter of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students, said she would have "definitely" attended a UCF medical school if the option would have been available. Springer has already been accepted into another medical school, but she said the combination of a familiar location and her fondness for UCF would have tempted her to stay here if possible.

Usaima Siddiqui, secretary of UCF's Pre-Med American Medical Student Association, would also have applied for medical school at UCF had

PLEASE SEE MED ON A6

Current SGA vice president captures 68% of student vote

KATE HOWELL
Senior Staff Writer

Following three weeks of active campaigning Willie Bentley Jr. celebrated his birthday yesterday by winning 68.64 percent of the vote to be elected as next year's student body president.

Pavan Talakala, a three-time Student Government Association presidential contender, and running mate Winward Truitt came in second with 20.14 percent of the vote. SGA Sen. Keith Rea and his running mate, Sen. Joshua Edmundson, finished third with 10.71 percent.

"This feels great," Bentley exclaimed, after a leaping, hugging victory dance with his running mate, McClain Woolsey, as the vote totals were announced. He thanked his supporters as they hovered around him, grinning and slapping backs.

Bentley and McClain, who ran

on a campaign focused on their experience in both the legislative and executive branches, will have the chance to prove their worth beginning May 8, when they'll take over from current President Kevin Peters. Bentley is currently Peters' vice president.

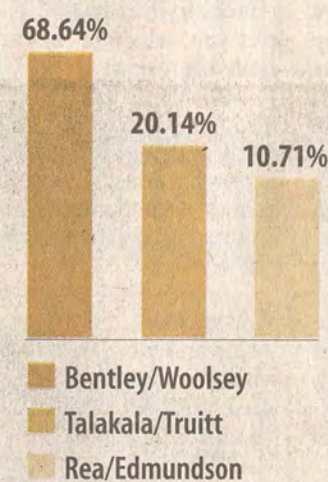
The first thing Bentley wants to do in the top office is show his help to his supporters. "I want to thank all the organizations who supported us and let them know we're there for them," he said.

Tonight, he said, he will celebrate by sleeping.

Elections ran smoothly this year with no official complaints filed, though there were a few arguments over choice booth positions outside the Student Union. The traditional food giveaways were in place, as were the fliers. But Bentley added something new with a promotional video, complete with celebrity endorsements. All day yesterday, Bentley's campaign played a video

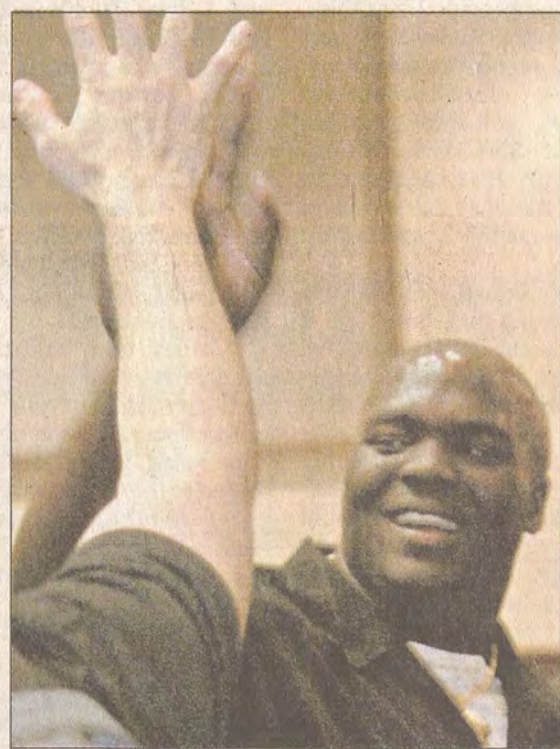
The results are in

In this year's presidential election, 7,367 people voted, including 38 people who voted for write-in candidates.



featuring football player Troy Aikman and wrestler Mick Foley expressing their support for Bentley.

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Bentley high-fives supporters minutes after he hears the news.

International students in visa limbo

NASEEM SOWTI
Senior Staff Writer

It took Chiew Koay a month and a half during last fall to renew his student visa. He was stuck in his home country of Malaysia, while his wife and his research waited for him in Orlando.

"It was a bit stressful," said the 30-year-old post-doctoral student of the School of Optics and Photonics. "Because if I couldn't come back, my whole research would be over and [my mentor] had to get new students to start over again." Things worked out for Koay though, thanks to his mentor Martin Richardson, a professor of optics, physics and electrical and com-



ADAM KRAUSE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Jamal Nayfeh says there is a lack of foreign students.

puter engineering in the UCF College of Optics and Photonics, and a few letters from the International Services Center that proved Koay is in fact a student at UCF. The long wait and the amount of paperwork and interviews

PLEASE SEE ORLANDO ON A5

Push on for same-sex benefits

Faculty contract has protection for gays, lesbians for first time

KARLA REYES
Contributing Writer

Having finally secured a change in UCF's anti-discrimination policy to protect gays and lesbians, faculty representatives who are wrapping up contract talks with UCF were told this month that the administration would not take the next step and consider extending benefits to the same-sex partners of those covered by the revised policy.

Members of the administration bargaining team said that while they were sympathetic to the request, they would not consider extending so-called

domestic partner benefits in the new faculty contract. They did indicate that they may consider the addition of such benefits in the future.

Nonetheless, faculty members welcomed the agreement to update the discrimination policy as an important first step.

The long-sought revision still must be endorsed by the Board of Trustees and ratified by faculty members, but it is expected to win approval as part of the final contract being negotiated by UCF and the campus chapter of United Faculty of Florida, the faculty union. The updated policy would prevent discrimination based upon "sexual orientation" and thus elevate gays and lesbians as a protected class alongside other minorities and those with disabilities, who are already covered by the policy.

The language in the collective bar-

gaining agreement would apply only to the 1,430 faculty members; it would not cover staff, administrators or students.

Jim Gilkeson, an associate professor of finance and chief negotiator for UFF, endorsed the need for change.

"The politics in Florida and Central Florida don't allow for that [sexual orientation] to be a central issue," he said, "but it's becoming increasingly difficult for schools to explain why they don't have a non-discrimination policy when most research schools and Fortune 100 companies have one."

It also affects faculty recruitment. "In my short time at UCF of just five years, I have served on six or seven search committees for new faculty in the Department of Foreign Language," said Keith Folse, a professor in that department. "I know of at least two

PLEASE SEE FIGHT ON A6

Around Campus

News and notices for the UCF community

Need a career?

The Engineering and Computer Science Expo Career Fair will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Engineering II Building.

For more information, contact Ann Marie Uskert at 407-823-6222.

And the award goes to . . .

The Leadership Week Awards Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

For more information, e-mail Dee Dee Demetry at ademetry@mail.ucf.edu.

Black History

The African American Student Union presents Black History Month closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Union Room 218.

For more information, e-mail Mackenzie Jordan or Leona Persaud at msc@mail.ucf.edu.

MCAT and LSAT

Kappa Kappa Gamma will sponsor a practice MCAT/LSAT test at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Communications Building. A room has yet to be assigned. The exam fee is \$10.

Register for this exam by calling the Princeton Review at 407-647-6010 or e-mail AdamH@review.com.

Scholarship pageant

The Asian Student Association will be hosting a scholarship pageant for Mr. and Miss ASA 2005 at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

For more information, e-mail John Pe or Tara Sczcepanski at tara_szccepanski@hotmail.com.

CNN correspondent

Award-winning journalist, author and civil rights activist Charlayne Hunter-Gault will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Pegasus Ballroom.

A reception will be held an hour before the presentation in the lobby of the Pegasus Ballroom.

Clothing Drive

The Orange County Sexual Assault Treatment Center is looking for donations of new clothes: socks, underwear, T-shirts and sweats in all sizes.

Drop boxes are located in the Education Building, Classroom Building I, the Student Union and the Library on Monday through Friday.

For more information, e-mail Melvinp43@aol.com.

Corrections

In Monday's issue, it was incorrectly reported that women's basketball won its second straight A-Sun regular season title. It was actually the third. Also, softball won four games this weekend, not three.

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 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition, and 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition.

Health center problems persist

Students complain about lack of quality service, weekend availability

NAOMI RINGER
Staff Writer

To some students, the Student Health Center offers an invaluable service — affordable health care and convenience. But it's also a point of contention among many students.

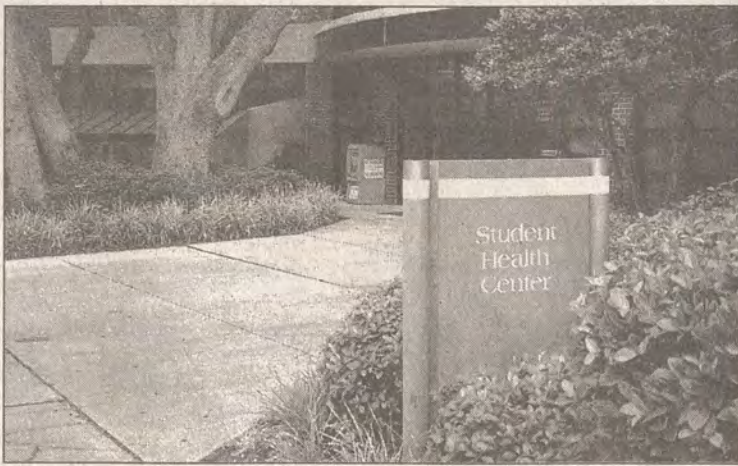
Christina Moore said the nurses didn't care enough. "Don't go," she warned students after her experience. Last semester she noticed a strange lump on her forearm and made an appointment at the health center. "They felt my arm and said it was caused by stress," she said. "They told me to put ice on it and relax. But a few days later it got worse."

Moore, a music education major, saw her parent's physician, who told her the infection was caused by bleeding underneath a muscle. She said the doctor gave her antibiotics and told her she would need surgery if the lump got worse.

The Student Health Center, which is part of Student Health Services, provides primary health care, psychiatric care, immunizations, pharmacy services, X-rays, women's health care and ultrasounds. The health center had about 87,000 visits last year, said Dr. Michael Diechen, associate director of clinical services for the Student Health Center.

Christopher Downing, a psychology major, wasn't happy about his experience at the center either. "The nurses are impersonal," he said. "They just want to get you in and out."

Despite complaints such as



The Student Health Center serves about 87,000 patients a year, most of them repeats.

these, the Student Health Center is nationally recognized. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care accredits Student Health Services. Less than 10 percent of college health centers are accredited by AAAHC, according to the Student Health Services' Web site.

Diechen said that all physicians are board certified, and their goal is to give students high-quality care.

The Student Health Center added Saturday hours three years ago to accommodate a growing need. "Polls of the students demonstrated a desire for services on Saturdays, and the process was fiscally achievable," Diechen said.

But students also need doctors on Sundays, said elementary education major Jenna Middleton.

Middleton wasn't planning to spend her Sunday waiting in a walk-in clinic. But one Sunday

last month, the doctor diagnosed Middleton with a torn ligament in her foot and left her with a hefty bill.

"I understand [the health center] is a very cheap service for students," she said. "But I spent \$200 when [the service] should've been available."

Middleton is like most students, according to Diechen. She doesn't have health insurance, but she would've paid about \$47 at the UCF health center: \$42 for an X-ray and \$5 for the doctor's visit.

Downing lives on campus and said Sunday hours are important for fast access. Although he owns a car, he said students who don't have a car are at a loss.

But there isn't a big difference between appointments made by on-campus students and off-campus students, Diechen said.

However, Diechen said cost and lack of "demonstrable desire" in student polls are pri-

mary concerns for opening the health center on Sundays. "We are interested in expanding services to students but have to be careful to offer only those services which we can afford and most benefits the student," he said.

Diechen said that "many years ago" the center acted as an infirmary and was open 24 hours but cut hours because of the "excess liability and costs."

He added, "At this time, Sundays do not appear cost effective."

Urgent Medical and Family Care on Goldenrod Road is one walk-in clinic that is open seven days a week. Medical assistant Carmen Armentros said, "We definitely see a lot of students on Sunday. But unfortunately, most don't have insurance."

Florida Hospital Centra Care is another walk-in clinic, located in Waterford Lakes. One secretary said there were many student appointments, but she didn't know if the number of students increased on Sundays.

The new health center building will allow the pharmacy to expand, and an urgent care clinic will be added. "We are also exploring the possibility of adding a sports medicine physician to our staff and leasing space to specialists, such as dermatology and orthopedics," Diechen said.

Students paid a health fee of \$6.60 per credit hour for 2004-2005, an increase of 60 cents from last year. The Office of Student Accounts said the fee for next year will be decided over the summer.

Police Beat

More fear and loathing in Pegasus Landing

AMBER FOSTER
Staff Writer

Stacey Henry was charged with possession of cocaine, trespassing and resisting an officer without violence after being reported to UCF police as "suspicious" Feb. 9 by a Pegasus Landing employee.

Henry said she did not have any identification with her, and she was told to write down her name and birth date. The information she provided was false, but the police database did turn up her correct information.

Officer Colin Cialella again asked her for her information, which she again gave incorrectly.

She said she was staying in Building 20 with a friend named Deion Sanders but was not on the lease.

Cialella issued Henry a trespass warning and asked her if she had a car on the property, which she did but said she was not driving due to a suspended license.

Thirteen minutes later, Henry returned and got into her car, which was parked in front of Building 23.

The officer approached her and told her to get out of the car. She did not move, so Cialella

opened her car door and asked her again.

Henry got out of the car and was arrested for trespassing.

Cpl. James Mangan found a bag of cocaine inside her purse, which she said belonged to a friend.

Henry said that she would cooperate in telling the officers where she got the cocaine.

Saturday night fight

UCF students Scott Mahler and Jeffrey Tuchkaper spent Feb. 12 in jail after complaints about a fight at the Academic Village apartments on campus.

Campus police officers met with three Resident Assistants and five other people when they arrived. The Resident Assistants told them that two men had left the scene and that many of the others had provided false identification in the past.

Mahler told Officer Ryan Clarke that he did not have any identification with him, but the officer spotted one in his wallet. The Texas ID turned out to be forged to make Mahler appear 21 years old. The ID number was valid and belonged to 29-year-old Texas resident James Earl Louder.

Mahler was placed under

arrest and charged with possession of an altered driver's license and possession of cannabis under 20 grams, found during a search incident to arrest.

Officer Matthew Fazi and Sgt. Dale Dennany spoke with Tuchkaper, who gave them permission to enter his apartment, where the two men from earlier had fled. As the suspect opened his door, Dennany saw Jason Atlas hide a plastic container of cannabis under a pile of clothes.

Tuchkaper refused to sign a consent to search form, but Dennany conducted a search incident to arrest in the area where Atlas had been.

He found a metal cannabis grinder with residue, Adderall and an electric scale with cannabis residue.

Tuchkaper said the desk was his and was charged with possession of prescription drugs without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis under 20 grams.

Making a mark

Jason Benoit, 21, was charged with one count of battery after allegedly pushing and choking his girlfriend Feb. 13.

Officers Robert Slavik and Donald Massey responded to a

report of an argument at the couple's Pegasus Pointe apartment at about 4:38 a.m.

The victim told the officers that she and Benoit started arguing because she went to sleep on a couch instead of watching a movie with friends in a bedroom.

Benoit was angry and began to yell. He walked out of the bedroom, and they kept arguing as they walked to the front door.

He allegedly pushed her in the stomach, and she grabbed his collar and said, "Don't ever touch me like that again."

They continued arguing, and Benoit then grabbed the victim by the throat and pushed her onto the ground, according to reports. She got up, grabbed him by the collar and went back into the house.

He told her he was calling the police. Police arrived. The victim decided against pressing charges.

Benoit told police that he pushed her off of him because she was holding his collar and that he had never grabbed her by the throat.

Officers took pictures of faint red marks on the victim's neck and chest area and took Benoit to the Orange County Jail for processing.

Nation & World

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

Jewish youth offered money to attend religious classes

MILWAUKEE — An Orthodox synagogue is offering \$150 to young Jewish adults to take classes about Judaism.

The money was promised to nine students who signed up for Lake Park Synagogue's "Learn, Earn and Lead" program if they attend five Friday night sessions.

It includes the regular Shabbat, or Sabbath, service in the sanctuary, a dinner, a discussion and a guest speaker on topics like spirituality in the Sabbath observance, meaningful Jewish prayer, atheism and what happens after death.

Offering money to attend religious education or services is part of a trend in which Orthodox Jewish religious leaders and educators liken the payments to scholarships. They are striving to deepen knowledge, answer questions, explore issues and counter the loss of religious and cultural identity that causes young Jews to assimilate into the general culture.

Bush, German chancellor call on Tehran to renounce nuclear arms

MAINZ, Germany — President Bush and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder insisted Wednesday that Iran must not have nuclear weapons but remained divided on how to coax Tehran into giving up its suspected ambitions for such an arsenal.

Both sought to play down the differences between the United States and Europe.

Bush made his nine-hour stop here during a trip to Belgium, Germany and Slovakia, where the president meets today with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Medicare prescription drug program will boost health costs

WASHINGTON — Within a decade, the government will end up paying a record half of the nation's medical bills, partly because of the new Medicare prescription drug program.

Officials from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Wednesday issued what they said was the first analysis of the impact on overall health spending of last year's Medicare law.

They found that overall, the growth in health care spending is expected to remain stable at about 7 percent next year and slow some to a 6.7 percent growth rate between 2013 and 2014.

As damage totals grow, more rain soaks Southern California

LOS ANGELES — Still more rain soaked Southern California on Wednesday, giving Los Angeles its wettest year in more than a century, after collapsing hillsides crushed homes, oozing mud blocked highways and a surging river carried away part of an airport.

The deaths of nine people had been blamed on the

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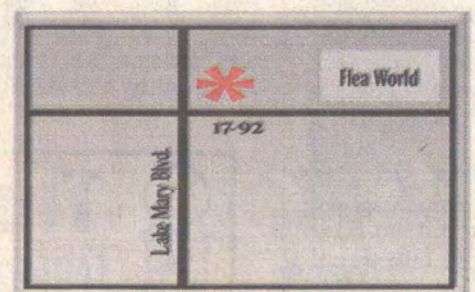
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Higher Education

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Professor compared Sept. 11 victims to Nazis

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A University of Colorado professor likened some Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist victims to a Nazi war criminal.

He said he didn't support the attack on the World Trade Center but thinks it was inevitable because of U.S. international and economic policies.

He wrote that some "technocrats" killed in the World Trade Center were like Adolf Eichmann, a high-ranking Nazi official who orchestrated the extermination of 6 million European Jews in the Holocaust.

University: Professor did not commit fraud over Moore visit

AKRON, Ohio — A University of Akron professor investigated for bringing controversial filmmaker Michael Moore to campus days before the presidential election did not commit fraud, a university committee has ruled.

The university received complaints from faculty members, parents and community members over the theater professor's use of a campus auditorium at no cost for a political speech.

The professor said the university should have known that Moore would express a political view.

Black Caucus decries Penn State's response to racism

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The Penn State Black Caucus called on students, administrators and the university president to assure the safety of minorities, and claimed the school takes a halfhearted approach to racial tensions.

In December 2003, the caucus demanded the chairman of the university's College Republicans resign after he placed photos on his personal Web site of a white man in black face and another with a Ku Klux Klan reference.

In April 2002, some students received racist and anti-homosexual e-mails.

Student arrested after posting murder threat on Web

TOKYO — A university student has been arrested on suspicion of posting messages on the Internet saying he will kill students at a junior high school in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, police said.

The student posted the messages naming a school in Sendai's Izumi Ward and saying he will "kill all" or will stab to death three people in a class Tuesday.

The police suspect the messages were just a prank.

Students say professors should speak English well

FARGO, N.D. — A North Dakota State University student says he was forced to drop a physics class because the professor was hard to understand. He wants the school to fix the problem. Students often become frustrated with professors that are difficult to understand.

Another student disagrees, saying, "I've come to realize that college should prepare you to go out into the real world ... and that means working with people of different backgrounds."

Retired professor gets more than 14 years for shooting

PITTSBURGH — A retired university professor twice convicted of shooting at two police officers was sentenced Tuesday to 14 1/2 to 29 years in prison.

Edward Constant II received the same prison sentence when he was convicted the first time for shooting Mount Lebanon patrolman Daniel Rieg in the chest with a .44-caliber revolver and for firing at Rieg's partner during a May 2002 domestic dispute. Rieg was saved by his bulletproof vest.

The first conviction and sentence, handed down in April, were overturned on appeal when it was discovered that a judge's staffer had inappropriately communicated with the jury.

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President Bill Clinton, left, signed an agreement with Gao Qiang, China's health minister, for the Clinton Foundation to provide AIDS drugs to 200 children to help China battle AIDS.

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series of storms that started last week, including one man who was killed by a falling eucalyptus tree and a teenage girl crushed by rocks that crashed into her bedroom.

Clinton inks deal with China to provide AIDS drugs for children

BEIJING — Former President Clinton signed an agreement with China on Wednesday to provide a year's supply of AIDS drugs to 200 children to help Beijing battle the disease.

The program is part of a three-year, \$10 million deal reached last year between the Clinton Foundation and China's Health Ministry.

The Chinese government says an estimated 840,000 people nationwide have been infected with the AIDS virus. The U.N. AIDS agency says the number of infections could increase to 10 million within five years if urgent action is not taken.

No details were released about the pediatric drug program, including which children will be selected for treatment or where they live.

Clinton said he was impressed by China's response to the spread of AIDS.

Death toll in Iran quake rises to 500 as rescuers find more bodies

ISLAMABAD, Iran — Rescue teams using dogs and heavy machinery pulled more bodies from the ruins of flattened villages in central Iran on

Wednesday, and officials raised the death toll from a powerful earthquake to at least 500. The count was expected to rise even higher.

Teams were hampered by bad weather and the mountainous terrain, working in a cold, heavy rain after a night during which temperatures dropped below freezing.

Many survivors huddled in tents, trying to escape the chill, after the magnitude 6.4 struck early Tuesday, damaging some 40 villages with a combined population of 30,000 people and leaving many homeless. Rescue workers were still digging out survivors and bodies in the three most isolated villages.

Forensics end at ground zero with 1,161 victims still unidentified

NEW YORK — The medical examiner's office has ended its effort to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center site on Sept. 11, 2001, leaving more than a thousand victims unidentified.

The forensic effort failed to identify more than 1,100 victims or almost half of the 2,749 who died there, according to the Daily News.

Since the attacks more than three years ago, the medical examiner's office identified nearly 1,600 victims, although progress had slowed considerably in recent months. Since September, only eight victims have been identified.

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Science Spotlight

NASEEM SOWTI
Senior Staff Writer

By using adult stem cells, a UCF professor hopes to find a treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Kiminobu Sugaya, a professor at the Biomolecular Science Center, and his lab are the first to convert bone marrow cells of the patients to brain cells.

They do so by treating the patient's bone marrow cells "with a compound that erases their memory," explained Sugaya. These stem cells are then implanted into the patient's brain where they differentiate into neurons (nerve cells).

Adult stem cells, like embryonic stem cells, can differentiate into various types of cells. However, the advantage of using the patient's own stem cells is avoiding an adverse immune response.

The team has performed this experiment on aged or senile rats, which "behavior-wise imitate Alzheimer's disease," said Sugaya.

And the results are promising. "We have performed some behavior tests [on the rats studied], and we have seen improvements [in their behavior]," he said.

Roughly 4 million Ameri-

cans suffer from Alzheimer's disease. The disease makes it hard for people to remember, think and use language. It can also make them act strange or seem moody. After a while, people with Alzheimer's have a hard time with things like using the phone, cooking or handling money.

Symptoms of the disease emerge when nerve cells that process, store and retrieve information begin to degenerate and die. Sugaya and his team hope to replace these dying cells with new ones and prevent the progression of the disease.

According to Sugaya, once the patient's own stem cells are implanted into their brain, environmental cues of the brain tissue "tell [the cells] what to become."

Also, one of the pathologies of Alzheimer's disease is lower levels of brain chemicals. Sugaya believes the new neurons can fix that problem as well.

Sugaya estimates that human clinical trials of this study would begin within the next five to six years. "Working with adult stem cells is easier," he said. "There are no ethical problems, and we won't get any immune response."

The team is also looking into converting the adult stem cells to retinal cells, where they can be used to treat eye diseases such as glaucoma.

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Orlando attracts foreign students despite shortage

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at the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia haven't discouraged Koay from continuing his research in the United States.

But many international students seem to have been discouraged by the United States' new security checks. The word has been getting around: It is almost impossible to get a U.S. visa.

For the first time in 32 years, the number of foreign students on American campuses has dropped — by 2.4 percent, according to the latest edition of *Open Doors*, a publication about international students prepared by the Institute of International Education. However, "The drop in the number of applicants is more significant than the drop in their enrollment," said Peggy Blumenthal, vice president for educational services at the institute.

Graduate schools have suffered the most from this decline. About half of the 400,000 foreign students who come to the United States enroll in graduate schools.

"The pool of [international] applicants [at the graduate level] has gone down," said Jamal Nayfeh, associate dean of the UCF Academic Affairs Office and a professor of mechanical engineering for the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the area which is hardest hit by this decline.

Statistics show that first-time enrollment in the college has also dropped by 12.3 percent.

A survey of major graduate institutions conducted by the Council of Graduate Schools shows a 6 percent decline in new foreign student enrollment in fall 2004, a substantial drop for the third year in a row.

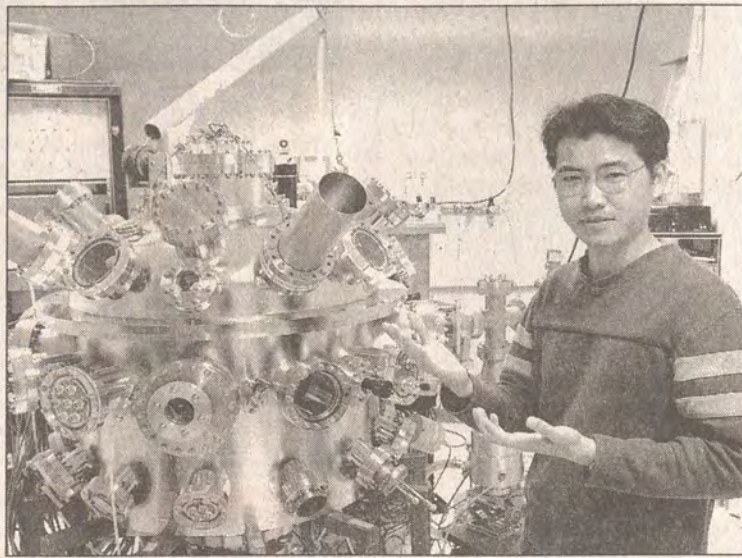
Underlying factors

The delays in granting or renewing the international student visas are mostly due to new initiatives implemented by the U.S. State Department and the Department of Homeland Security after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

SEVIS, a computerized system that tracks international students; U.S. VISIT, a system that registers arrivals and departures of all foreigners; and Visas Mantis, a federal program that performs security checks on foreign students and scholars who study any of the approximately 200 scientific fields that are on the government's Technology Alert List, are some of the things that each student and scholar needs to go through to get a visa, regardless of his or her admission or research status in the United States.

Ahmed Khalil, a visiting professor in the College of Optics and Photonics and a native of Cairo, had to wait three months to get his visa. "I had to give them the abstract of my research and all the details [for clearance]," he said. He added that the government is especially concerned with those who are involved in research concerning areas such as fusion, weapons or lasers.

There are also other factors taking away international stu-



Chiew Koay is an international graduate research assistant in a UCF laser plasma laboratory.

dent applicants from U.S. institutions. Aside from rising tuitions of U.S. institutions, other English-speaking countries such as Australia, Great Britain and Canada are increasing their efforts to recruit foreign students. "Those countries have been very successful [in recruiting foreign students] because of price and proximity," Blumenthal said.

In addition, countries like China are developing their own higher-education institutions and competitive curriculums to support graduate students at home. Almost "50 percent of students in India and China major in areas like engineering," Nayfeh said.

Another contributing factor, Richardson speculated, is the job prospects for foreign students. Foreign students have a slim chance of getting a job involving government contracts because they lack U.S. citizenship. But for those involved in "basic research with no military connection, funding a job shouldn't be a problem," Nayfeh said.

Consequences

Preliminary surveys show that the decline of foreign applicants is going to continue.

"[International students] fuel our research," Nayfeh said, noting that 45 percent of the graduate student body in the College of Engineering and Computer Science is international, half of which are from India and China.

At the College of Optics and Photonics, roughly half of the graduate and post-graduate students are non-resident aliens. For instance, seven out of 14 students at Richardson's lab are international students from Thailand, Korea, France, Malaysia, Germany and Japan.

Cultural diversity is another value foreign students bring to U.S. classrooms. According to Nayfeh, the international student body brings a new way of thinking to U.S. institutions. "They tackle things differently and bring diversity in the engineering culture," he said.

Blumenthal added that having international students in U.S. academic institutions will "make the classrooms better" because "most of these students are bright," she said.

There are also economic and political aspects to the presence of foreign students. They help fill various positions in research laboratories, and in their absence different U.S. compa-

nies may have to move their laboratories overseas, where there would be enough manpower.

Although American students seem to be the perfect choice for filling these empty slots, there are not enough of them applying to hard science programs at the graduate and post-graduate levels.

"We have a critical shortage of U.S.-born students in master's and Ph.D.-level engineering," Nayfeh said. "We make incentive packages and offer them more pay, but it's not enough. We cannot staff our research fields with American students only."

And attracting enough American students to make up for the loss of international students could take years.

There are 3 million engineering jobs in the United States, and this number is only going to increase within the decade. "If we are not producing enough [graduates], we either have to ship these jobs or bring in others," Nayfeh said.

Europe is already producing twice as many engineering jobs as the United States. International students can also add to the reputation of the United States by returning to their countries with a positive image of the U.S., explains Joseph Nye in his book *The Power Game*.

Short-term solutions

The U.S. government has been shortening the wait period for visa and passport renewals, sometimes by half. Also, the State Department has hired 151 more employees to interview foreign students in embassies around the world.

At UCF, the College of Engineering and Computer Science has developed agreements with some Middle-Eastern universities to create a consistent pool of applicants from that region.

The department is also stepping up its effort to recruit foreign students. "We always want to have the healthiest pool [of applicants]," Nayfeh said. "Since this pool has decreased, we have developed targeted recruitment. We make an offer to them ASAP and provide them with competitive packages." But not all students accept the offer.

They are also creating more incentives for American students to apply to their programs.

Fortunately, despite the drop in the number of foreign applicants, UCF has been able to fill up all the slots so far this year.

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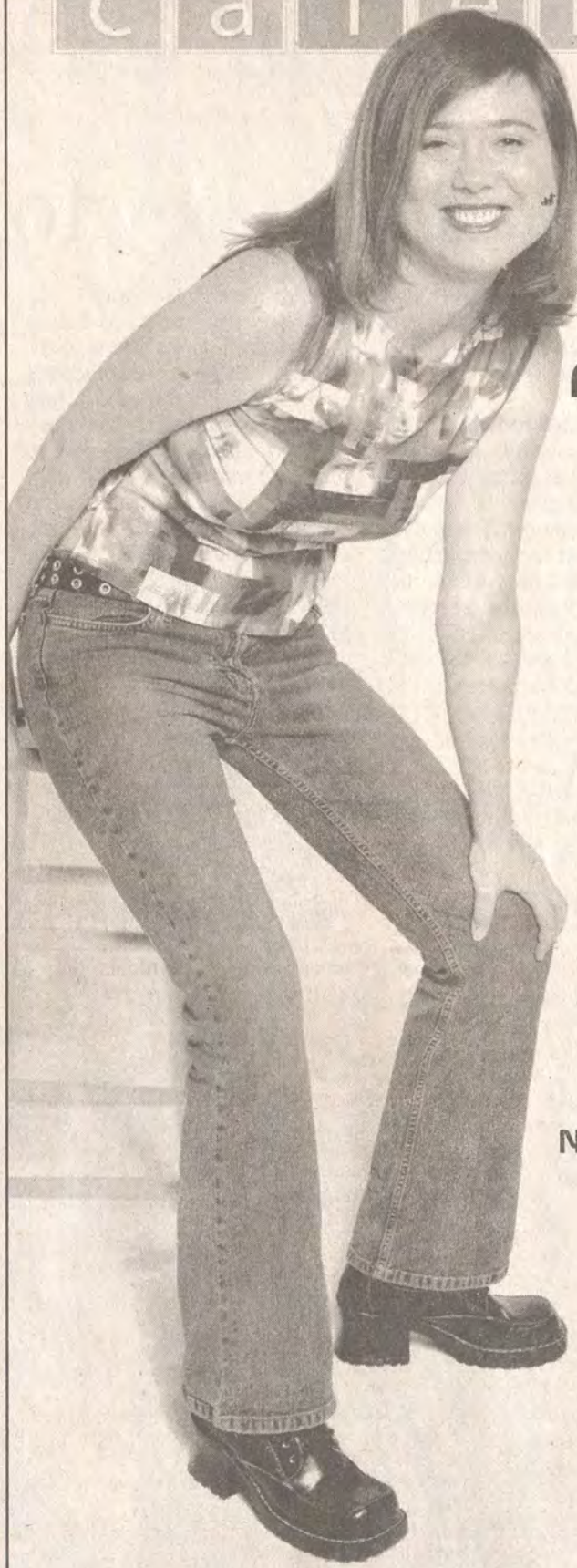
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Talakala says he won't run again

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ley. The plethora of signs all over campus led some elections officials to express amusement in the amount of money spent on campaigning. "We almost need to take a page from the federal government's book and allot candidates a certain amount of money to campaign," said Election Commissioner Craig Alles.

Not all votes were influenced by food. Jennifer Kura, a senior in finance and accounting, said she voted for Bentley based on his qualifications as this year's vice president. "I figure he has good experience," she said.

Though Bentley pledged to complete some of his and Peters' goals, including the addition of a dental clinic to the health center, Bentley has a few plans of his own.

Throughout his campaign, Bentley also promised his support in defeating block tuition and expressed some high-tech lobby-related ideas. McClain, in particular, is excited about the creation of a link from <http://my.ucf.edu> where students would be able to take polls and directly inform SGA leaders of their concerns and desires.

The two also have a few



CHARLIE BENTLEY / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Pavan Talakala lost his third consecutive run for student body president yesterday evening.

new tricks up their sleeves to tackle UCF's never-ending parking problems. They want to find "alternative" areas on campus to park and provide a shuttle or trolley system, like the one that serves affiliated off-campus housing, to take students around campus. Bentley said he is willing to restrict freshmen parking, but only as a last-ditch alternative.

Bentley and Woolsey also hope to solve another of UCF's longstanding concerns: the

fickle grading scale. Throughout his campaign Bentley has argued for a plus-only grading scale.

Ignoring criticisms from his opponents Rea and Edmundson, who said such a system is not practical, and from opponents Talakala and Truitt, who claim Bentley's plus-only proposal is an empty campaign promise, Bentley and Woolsey remain adamant that a plus-only system is feasible at UCF. "They do it at UF; we can

certainly do it here," Bentley said.

Policy changes and campus additions aside, Bentley's and Woolsey's foremost goal is to change the image of UCF's SGA. Bentley has repeatedly described this image as a "stigma" that keeps many students from relating to their elected student officials. Bentley said he is committed to widening the range of student participants and letting his classmates know that SGA is a place for everyone.

Justin Martineau, a political science sophomore, cast his vote for Rea and Edmundson because of their plan to create a business agency. "They're making sure we all have jobs after graduation. As a political science major I really need that," he said.

Jason Beaty, a senior in accounting, voted for Talakala and Truitt because of their grading scale, though he admitted "the Krispy Kremes didn't hurt."

Talakala said he will not run for a fourth time.

With 7,349 votes cast, more students voted this year than in any previous years, Election Commissioner Brent Fieser said.

Last year's initial vote total was 5,927; a runoff election generated 5,850 votes.

Fight for clause goes back 20 years

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occasions where an extremely qualified interviewee did not come to UCF because there were no partner benefits or even a non-discrimination clause."

"One of the things that we keep hearing about UCF is how we are striving to become a Research I university," he said. "One way to do that is to make sure that we get the best professors that are out there on the market. This seemingly little anti-discrimination clause will help us."

All of the universities that UCF has identified as peers, such as Georgia State University and the University of Louisville, already have a non-discrimination policy for employees that

includes sexual orientation. The University of Florida adopted a similar policy in 2003.

The faculty union's four-member bargaining team still was reviewing the 200-page document that includes the revised anti-discrimination language, along with faculty raises, a stronger sabbatical policy and more defined rights of academic freedom.

The document is the end result of an 18-month bargaining process that threatened to reach a formal impasse last month.

Its 32 articles will need to be ratified as a whole by a faculty vote, probably before the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 31, Gilkeson said. If one or more of the articles are not agreed upon, then the bargain-

ing starts up again where it left off last month.

The request to extend domestic-partner benefits was denied at the last bargaining session between the faculty representatives and administrators on Feb. 8. Statewide, none of Florida's public universities extend benefits to the same-sex partners of gay or lesbian employees. Nor do those employees benefit from the same leave policy extended to married heterosexual couples.

Dawn Trouard, president of United Faculty of Florida's UCF chapter, remains hopeful.

The addition of sexual orientation "was the right thing to do, and I guess it's proof that it is never too late to get it right," she said. "I'm hopeful we'll see —

sooner than later — domestic-partner benefits, as well."

On Oct. 23, 2003, the Faculty Senate approved the addition of sexual orientation to UCF's anti-discrimination policy; however, it was not approved by the provost. Gilkeson supports the addition of sexual orientation to the campus-wide anti-discrimination policy to cover everyone.

"UFF is not legally empowered to represent students, but I support it," he said. "I hope it leads administration to understand it's time to include everybody."

Said Trouard: "I hope the steadfastness of the bargaining team and our colleagues serves as a model for the students to keep fighting for those issues they believe in."

Med school location key to success

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such a program existed. "It's always easier to get into med school if you've been around the facilities," Siddiqui said.

According to Siddiqui, the key to competing with larger, more established schools, like the University of Florida, is the faculty. "We would need faculty who are not here to research but want to teach," she said. "Not that we need to be spoon-fed, just guided. New facilities are always nice. It'd be an amazing medical school."

Ricardo Gonzalez, a junior molecular biology and microbiology major, said he feels UCF's location is the key to a successful medical school. "It would be a top medical school centralized in a research-oriented campus in a large city with the state's top hospitals," he said.

He added that Orlando's hospitals see more patients and are staffed with more experienced people than UF's Shands Hospital and, therefore, would make superior teaching facilities. "Orlando's surgeons and physicians would be attracted to UCF's future mission to medical excellence," Gonzalez said.

Whenever a new addition to UCF is discussed, debates break out over where to put the facility. A possible UCF medical school is no different. "It should be built on campus," said Joan Gonzalez, the president of UCF's Pre-Professional Medical Society. "Having the school anywhere else would create a gap between prospective UCF med students and the school. Accessibility to students is very important to me."

Springer agreed, saying that any medical college

should be on campus, though she's "not sure where ... I think it should be associated with the undergraduate campus," she said.

Springer added that this association should be more than physical proximity. "There should be an office to act as a liaison between UCF's undergraduates and the med school. No guaranteed admission, just a little help with the process," she said.

Ricardo Gonzalez thinks a

UCF medical school could remain associated with the undergraduate campus without the two being together. "It should be built at the hospital's site. This maximizes the medical students' proximity to patients and experienced doctors," he said. Gonzalez went on to say that medical research should be based at UCF, "but for hands-on, practical doctoring, only a hospital can offer the genuine experience."

Still, UCF may have some

competition, as Florida International University also wants to build a medical school at its Miami campus. Springer summed up the general feeling among UCF students saying, "No way should FIU get a school over UCF."

The medical school at Florida State University has just been accredited, becoming the second school in the state university system — after the University of Florida — to have an accredited medical school.

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Defense key in making tourney run

Women looking to sweep remaining A-Sun games

MATT DUNAWAY
Senior Staff Writer

The most important passenger Coach Gail Striegler put on the bus yesterday when the UCF women's basketball team left for Troy was not an individual.

It was a mindset, a defensive mindset. "Our defense is what has been carrying us all season," Striegler said after sweeping Gardner-Webb and Campbell last weekend. "And it's what will have to continue to carry us if we want to make the NAAs."

With the No. 1 seed already locked up, UCF (17-7, 15-2 A-Sun) faces Troy (10-13, 9-7 A-Sun) today for an 8 p.m. tip looking to keep a seven-game winning streak going and remain focused on maintaining dominance in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

The Knights are an astounding 14-1 in 2005, and many say that the setback to Jacksonville (5-18, 2-14 A-Sun), the bottom team in the conference, should not have happened.

However, UCF remained focused with their eyes on the prize, not allowing one loss to turn into a streak of losses.

For that effort, the Knights are now receiving

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Golf falls after last week's win

Brown leads struggling team at Mercedes-Benz tourney

ANDY VASQUEZ
Staff Writer

After a solid start to the 2005 spring tour, which included a win in last week's UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate, the UCF men's golf team went to Ponte Vedra, Fla., looking to continue its solid play.

The Knights fell short of their expectations at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship near Jacksonville, finishing 11th in a field of 17.

UCF freshman Preston Brown from nearby Jacksonville was the Knight's most solid performer, finishing in a tie for 19th in the individual competition. Brown made a run for medalist honors in the final round on Tuesday, as he shot a 3-under-par 33 on the front nine to get to 2-over on the tournament.

However, Brown struggled on the back nine, shooting a 4-over-par 40, and fell out of contention.

UCF started the final round on Tuesday in a tie for eighth, then went out and shot its lowest round of the tournament with a 10-over-par 298. Despite shooting their best round, the Knights ended up losing three spots on Tuesday, as

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ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

Some people like to think that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. I like to think it's the sincerest form of jealousy.

The good folks over at the USF Oracle proved that to me last week. I often refer to USF athletics as our slow-witted little sister to the west. If that's the case, then the Snore-acle is the Future's inbred pet turtle.

Normally I'd never call out another paper unless I was involved in one of my notorious friendly bets with another sports editor. But the Bore-acle's news editor decided to get a ruler and try to measure his prowess against mine.

In the Oracle's Feb. 16 issue, he wrote: "Nobody likes the Olsen twins, so why not take pot shots at

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Senior guard Gary Johnson, accompanied by his mom, was cheered by the 1,322 fans in attendance during Monday night's pregame farewell to the men's seniors.

Men's basketball's trio of seniors played their final home game at UCF

Walking away as winners

ANDY VASQUEZ
Staff Writer

Monday was Senior Knight at the UCF Arena, as seniors Marcus Avant, Gary Johnson and Kingsley Edwards were honored at the Dungeon for the final time.

Avant is still out with an ailing back, but the experienced backcourt of Johnson and Edwards finished up their home careers in style, as UCF (18-9, 11-7 A-Sun) defeated feisty non-conference opponent South Dakota State (9-18) 82-72.

Johnson scored a career-high 25 points, which included four first-half 3-pointers and 10-of-13 shooting from the free-throw line. Edwards had another solid performance as he narrowly missed his second triple double of the season with 10 points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

The seniors were reflective after their last home game as Knights but focused on the important week ahead.

"I didn't really think I was going to get too emotional," Johnson said. "But then I looked up and saw that banner that we won last year and know that we are trying to go get another one. It feels good. We're going to try to make some noise from here on out."

UCF is in full control of its destiny, as the Knights can clinch a share of the regular season title this weekend with wins over conference leader Gardner-Webb and the A-Sun's worst, Campbell.

"I know we were just excited," Edwards said. "Excited and sad at the same time because this is our last game at home. But we still have a lot of work to do. We're going to enjoy tonight, but tomorrow we've got to get back to work."

The work starts tonight in North Carolina, as UCF faces conference leader and nemesis Gardner-Webb (15-10, 12-6 A-Sun). The Bulldogs, who have a half-game lead over UCF in the A-Sun standings, beat the Knights on Dec. 2 in Orlando when UCF squandered a 10-point lead by scoring only 20 points in the second half.

UCF comes into the matchup playing its best basketball of the season. The Knights have won three in a row and seven out of their last eight games.

"I think it's very big," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said. "I think that you want to be playing your best basketball at the end of the season. Our approach has always been to work things and prepare our team to be playing the best in February. Hopefully we're doing that again. I think our record in February through the years has been pretty good. This isn't any different than that."

The Knights have, in fact, been playing their best basketball late in the season for some time now. Since the 2001-2002 campaign, UCF owns a 27-12 record in the months of February and March, including a 5-1 mark in this month.

"I think in February and March everybody knows every game is under a magnifying scope because you need that game to move on," Johnson said. "Everybody is starting to fulfill their roles. It's easier to know what's expected of you to go in there instead of trying to come out and do more than what you can really do."

In order to beat Gardner-Webb tonight, Speraw said that the Knights will have to get tougher on defense inside, something UCF struggled with on Monday night against South Dakota State.

In their first-ever meeting with UCF, the Jackrabbits put the Knights on their heels early, grabbing a 24-



Avant



Edwards



Johnson

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Two games remain in conference play



From left to right, seniors Gary Johnson, Kingsley Edwards and Marcus Avant were honored before Monday night's home game for their time at UCF. The win over South Dakota State was the last home game at UCF for them.

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22 lead late in the first half. The Knights went on a 15-6 run in the final minutes of the half to take the lead and took a 30-37 lead into intermission.

UCF seemed to be in control throughout much of the second half, but South Dakota State would not go away, exposing the weak UCF interior defense. The Knights allowed 22 points in the paint to the Jackrabbits in the second half.

The Jackrabbits had cut the UCF lead to 68-62 with just under five minutes remaining when Josh Peppers, the A-Sun Player of the Week, was fouled. He made his first free throw but missed the second, which Anthony Williams tipped in to give the Knights a 71-62 lead.

On the ensuing possession, the

tough UCF defense resulted in an Edwards steal. He split two defenders at the top of the key and skied for a two-handed jam, electrifying the previously subdued crowd.

Edwards then stole the inbound pass and dished to Williams under the basket for the layup and a 75-62 UCF lead and seven unanswered UCF points in only 28 seconds.

With UCF up 82-72 and only 15 seconds remaining, Johnson and Edwards left the floor at the UCF Arena for the final time, drawing a standing ovation from the 1,322 in attendance.

UCF held on to the 10-point victory, which wasn't important to their record but did a lot for the Knights' psyche.

"We knew it would be a challenge mentally to focus and be ready to step up for this challenge," Speraw said. "It was good to see Gary come out and

shoot the ball with confidence."

Johnson, who has struggled lately, found his rhythm early, making four of five 3-pointers in the first half and only turned the ball over twice. Hopefully, Johnson will be able to take the momentum from Monday's solid performance to Gardner-Webb tonight.

If the Knights are able to defeat Gardner-Webb tonight, they will face the worst team in the A-Sun, Campbell — with a share of the regular season championship only a victory away.

There really aren't words to describe the freakishly bad season that Campbell has had. The Fighting Camels are not only the worst in the A-Sun, somehow trailing 10th place Stetson by eight games, they are among the very worst the entire country has to offer.

The Camels make consistent

appearances in the Top 5 of ESPN.com's Bottom 10 Power Rankings and have recently climbed to as high as third place. Their 20-game losing streak, the second longest in the NCAA this year, adds to their resume.

UCF blew out Campbell 90-72 at the UCF Arena on Dec. 16, and there is no doubt that the Knights should do it again, this time at Campbell. To win, UCF will have to avoid its habit of playing down to lesser teams.

Despite Campbell's horrible record, the Knights must take the Fighting Camels seriously.

Just over two weeks ago, conference leader Gardner-Webb barely escaped Campbell 64-62 at Campbell. If the Knights can defeat both those teams, they will return to Orlando on Sunday as A-Sun Regular Season Champions.

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Votes received by UCF women's basketball in the latest AP Top 25 poll.

1

Votes women's basketball received in the AP Top 25 poll last week

1

Games women's basketball has lost since the beginning of 2005

55.4

Points per game allowed by the women's top-ranked Atlantic Sun defense

151

Combined blocks by UCF women's hoops

Who's hot

UCF women's basketball, proud owners of three consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference regular season championships.

Who's not

UCF men's tennis, which lost its A-Sun opener to Troy and had its recent match against Georgia State rained out.

Top seed locked up for regular season A-Sun champs

FROM A7

five votes in the ESPN Top 25, up from the one vote a week ago. A big part to UCF's success has been its defense.

UCF owns the stingiest defense in the league, only allowing 55.4 points per game. That feat puts the Knights at 25th in the nation.

A big reason why teams aren't scoring many points on the Knights is that a lot of shots are contested. UCF is seventh in blocking in the country, with 6.3 blocks per game, and is ranked 13th in shooting defense by holding the opposition to 35 percent shooting from the floor.

Center Ali Roberts and forward Shelby Weber rank 27th, blocking 2.4 shots each per game.

UCF isn't too shabby on offense either.

It is ranked second in the A-Sun, hitting close to 42 percent of its shots and is deadly from behind the 3-point line, canning 30 percent of its triples.

On the perimeter, guards Celeste Hudson and Francine Houston led the backcourt. The duo is combining just over 20 points a game and has buried 85 of the team's 121 3-balls.

If teams elect to take Hudson and Houston away from the UCF

attack, the guards go inside to Roberts and center Takira Allen. That duo is also averaging slightly over 20 points per game.

"I wouldn't want to have the task of trying to scout us," Striegler said. "I've said since day one I think, hands down, we are the deepest team in the conference."

Then there are players that have great individual games for the Knights and that can flip the switch at any time.

Guard Claudia Johnson scored a career-high 18 points, nailing five of her six 3-pointers in the second half of an 81-40 thumping of Campbell.

"She's not on a lot of teams' scouting reports," Striegler said. "CJ can really light it up and will make teams pay when she is left open."

Another diamond coming off the bench is forward Keunta Miles. The sophomore scored 7 points in eight minutes in the 64-57 victory over Gardner-Webb on Thursday night.

Even though Miles is only averaging close to 10 minutes per game, she has proven to be deadly, hitting close to 60 percent of her shots.

"Keke is just instant offense," Striegler said after the GWU game. "She has been moving so well

without the basketball, and that's a big part of why she is getting so many open looks on the interior."

After the trip to Troy, the Knights head to Nashville to finish the regular season against streaking Belmont (13-10, 8-8 A-Sun) and defending league champion Lipscomb (13-10, 10-6 A-Sun).

Scouting Troy

The Trojans come in tied for fourth place, knowing a win against UCF along with other events around the league could leave Troy in a tie for second at the end of the night.

Troy is led by last year's A-Sun Freshman of the Year, Laura Lee Holman. The super sophomore for Coach Michael Murphy tops the Trojans' offense, averaging 13.5 points per game.

Holman is getting help from fellow backcourt mate Amy Lewis, who is posting 12.8 points per game, and inside threat Alecia Jones, who averages 11.3 points per game.

UCF has a slight advantage in the all-time series, 6-5. The Knights won the first meeting this season, 55-43, between the two schools. Troy is 6-1 this season at Trojan Arena, but UCF has had success there in the past, knocking off Troy on Valentine's Day a season ago.



Forward Keunta Miles is averaging 3.7 point per game off the bench.

Hoegberg shaky in inconsistent team performance

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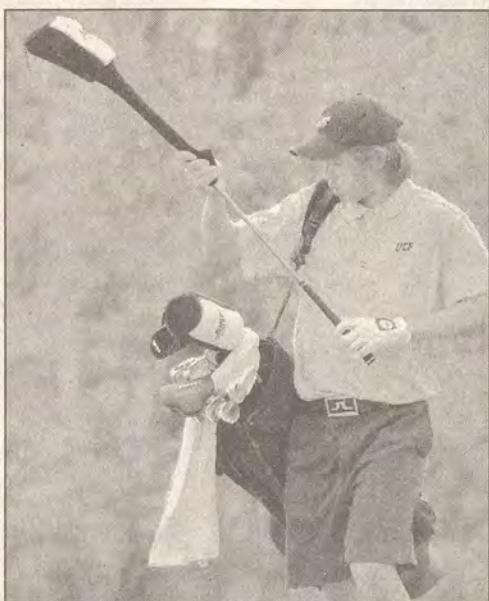
everyone else seemed to be scoring their best.

Florida carded a tournament-low, 8-under-par 280, in the final round to win by 3 strokes. Coming into the final round, the Gators were in fourth place, trailing Alabama by 6 strokes. They made up that deficit on Tuesday with the help of Matt Every, who shot a 1-under-par 71 in the final round to clinch medalist honors.

For the second straight week, senior Andreas Hoegberg was the only golfer in UCF's starting five who was not a freshman. The victorious lineup from last week traveled to Ponte Vedra but did not play as consistently as they did in Orlando.

Brown played the best golf for UCF with rounds of 76, 73 and 73. Ben Leong put together a solid performance, finishing tied for 28th.

The rest of the team had disappointing performances. A week after earning his



Freshman Ben Leong continued his consistent play with a tournament score of 223 at the Mercedes Invitational.

first ever medalist honors, Hoegberg shot a second round 78 to fall from contention this week. He finished in a tie for 32nd.

Freshman Giwon Suh has been erratic to start the season, mixing brilliance with his struggles. Suh never really found his game this week and finished in a tie for 65th at 14-over-par.

The most puzzling performance of the week came from freshman Chris Anderson. After struggling in the fall, Anderson came back from winter break playing some great golf. In his first collegiate event at the Gator Invitational he finished in a tie for ninth.

After a mediocre performance last week, in which he finished 37th, Anderson had a week to forget at the Mercedes. He followed a first round 80 with rounds of 84 and 90 to finish 88th.

Anderson and the talented Knights will look to get back on track next month when they travel to Tallahassee to compete in the Seminole Intercollegiate March 6-8.

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GO KNIGHTS!

Rodriguez knocks off Wildcats

Baseball wins another as bats start working

JEFF SHARON
Staff Writer

As Spring Training starts throughout the state, the story in Orlando may not be A-Rod, but rather Ray-Rod.

Ray Rodriguez surrendered three runs (two earned) on five hits and struck out a career-high seven batters in six innings to earn his second career win in as many starts, helping the Knights knock off 1-4 rival Bethune-Cookman 6-5 at Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona.

The game was a back-and-forth dogfight for most of the evening, with UCF taking three solid leads and Bethune fighting back each time, but in the end, it was Derek Abriola who had the last laugh, getting out of a two-on, one-out jam in the bottom of the ninth to preserve his first save and UCF's eighth victory of 2005.

UCF opened the scoring in the top of the first, taking a 1-0 lead on a RBI single by Ryan Bono that scored Matt Horwath. After Bethune rallied to tie the game in the bottom of the inning, UCF would open up a 4-1 advantage with two in the second and one in the fourth.

In the second, UCF got the first two batters of the inning on base, before a sacrifice fly by Justin Mahon and a Matt Ray RBI single knocked in Chandler Rose and Marshall Bernhard. Bernhard would also score in the fourth on a Ray sac-fly.

Bethune again rallied with two in the fourth to pull within 4-3, but again UCF responded with single runs in the fifth and sixth, on RBI singles by Bernhard and Bono. The Wildcats would plate another pair in the eighth against UCF hurler Brian Brooks, but it would not be enough, as Abriola



First baseman Ryan Bono is tied for the team's top batting average at .343.

slammed the door in the ninth for the Knights.

It was another banner day for Bernhard, who went three-for-four with three singles and a run batted in, scoring twice. The senior from Fernandina Beach is now tied for the team lead in hits, and is tied for second in RBIs.

Rodriguez is now 2-0 with a 2.30 ERA and is tied for second on the pitching staff in strikeouts.

Notes

UCF has now won 53 of 70 all-time against B-CC ... The victory was No. 1,099 for Bergman, who is now tied for 21st all-time with ex-Arizona State Coach Jim Brock in NCAA annuals ... Derek Abriola still has not given up a run in five and one-third innings of relief this season ... The win was UCF's first road game of the season after nine straight at home to open 2005 ... It was the longest home stand to start the year in UCF's Division I history ... The Knights left nine more runners on base, bringing the total to 42 over the past four games ... UCF and B-CC hook up twice more this season ... The next match-up will be next Tues-

day at 6 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona ... UCF has a three-game set with Monmouth (New Jersey) at Jay Bergman Field this weekend.

Around the A-Sun

A-Sun teams are a combined 57-19 to start the season at press time ... JU leads the way at 7-1, followed by Lipscomb and Campbell at 5-1 ... UCF is currently tied for sixth at 8-2 overall ... The Knights are currently the only A-Sun team ranked nationally in the polls (No. 26 in Collegiate Baseball Newspaper) ... Gardner-Webb pitcher Zach Ward was named Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week after tossing a complete game no-hitter against Akron last week, striking out 11 Zips ... Stetson's Chris Johnson won A-Sun Player of the Week honors with a .769 clip (10/13) in a three-game set against Illinois State, with six doubles, a homer, and seven runs scored ... Non-conference action this week includes FAU taking on Big Ten foes Michigan, and Purdue and Jacksonville squaring off against USF.

Rugby leaves Charleston in the dust

Women dominate against old rival

JESSICA DOWLING
Contributing Writer

The UCF women's rugby team defeated the College of Charleston this weekend to advance to the South quarterfinals.

The women continued their winning streak with a 39-7 victory, advancing them to No. 1 in their conference. Charleston, which has stopped UCF from advancing to Nationals in the past, was outplayed on their dusty home field. It provided a spirited, even chaotic game, but UCF held together against the disorganized play.

Superior in scrums and lineouts, UCF used its muscle to



UCF women's rugby wins one of many lineouts against Charleston.

push down the field and score on breakaways and out of scrums. A tired Charleston gave UCF more scoring opportunities in the second half,

when UCF finalized its 32-point lead. The women will take a squad to Athens, Ga., this weekend to play in the South territory quarterfinals.

Baseball's back. Too bad the Cubs still bite.

FROM A7

them? For examples of this, look no further than the trusty UCF Future. The columns seem riddled with schlock regarding the sports editor's lack of a love life and his affinity for said twins. On four occasions in the past two years, the sports editor has used the twins, so I guess this works."

On top of that, he said that sports columnists are clichéd. If I'm clichéd, then our opinions editor Shannon Mau is mobbed by women. I know I shouldn't answer this twit's attempt to use my name to get more readers, but I had to say I was actually flattered by his cheap shot. After all, this is the first time that anyone has written an entire column based on my writing. So I say thank you to the good people at the Horrible — er, Oracle — and remind them to keep reaching for sub-par student newspaper status.

With that out of the way, on to my Thursday tirade ...

Spring training is here, and I'm loving every second of it. Saturday I'm heading to Jupiter with Papa Redbird for a VIP autograph session with the future World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. I'd also like to take this time to say that if one more person asks me to get an autographed syringe from Mark McGwire, I will seriously be a day away from purchasing a rifle and planting myself on the roof of the Student Union.

But with the joys of a new baseball season also comes the

continuing steroid scandal revolving mostly around Barry Bonds' bulbous head. At his latest press conference this past Tuesday, Bonds picked up where he left off last season, denying any use of illegal performance-enhancing substances. You know what? I believe him. Until someone walks up to me and holds a picture of Bonds — or McGwire or anyone else for that matter — using steroids, I am going to continue enjoying the greatest sport ever created.

The thing I'll enjoy most this season is how badly the Cardinals are going to spank the Cubs. The Cubs shouldn't even have spring training. Dusty Baker should pack his team of hacks in a van and take them to the zoo to give them a little joy before the season starts. Greg Maddux is a fossil. Kerry Wood can't even spell the word "healthy." Mark Prior is starting to look overrated — just look at all of my fantasy baseball teams from last year if you need proof. No one on this team will hit more than 35 home runs. I have a better chance of ending up on the cover of Playgirl than the Cubs do of finishing even 10 games behind the Cards.

One MLB question I have, though, is who in the bloody blue heck do the Boston Red Sox think they are talking trash to anyone? Trot Nixon is calling out Alex Rodriguez as an overpaid underachiever. Aside from having a cool baseball name, who is Trot Nixon to call out anyone? Nixon is like the Carrot Top of

pro baseball. He'll always have a job, but he's just not that good. Am I defending A-Clod and the Yankees? Certainly not. Am I still bitter about last year's World Series? Absolutely ...

The Dallas Cowboys just signed Drew Bledsoe. Remember when the Cowboys were good? ...

Anna Kournikova apparently had a homeless stalker who swam across Biscayne Bay nude and ended up in her neighbor's yard screaming, "Anna! Save me!" That's the last time that I share any of my Valentine's Day plans with anyone ever again. ...

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to my favorite Miami Dolphin of all-time, Reggie Roby, who passed away this week at the age of 43. Growing up in South Florida, I met a lot of Dolphin players. I asked Dan Marino for an autograph one time, and he told me to get lost. Mark Duper once yelled at me for running on his lawn. But when I worked at Larry's Ice Cream in Coral Springs, Roby came in one time and not only left me a nice tip, he stayed and talked to me for a few minutes. I asked him dumb things, like how far he could kick a ball, but he enjoyed it and I appreciated a humble athlete who wasn't too good to talk to a 15-year-old kid.

People may say he was just a punter, but to me he was a nice guy.

Thanks for the talk, Reggie.

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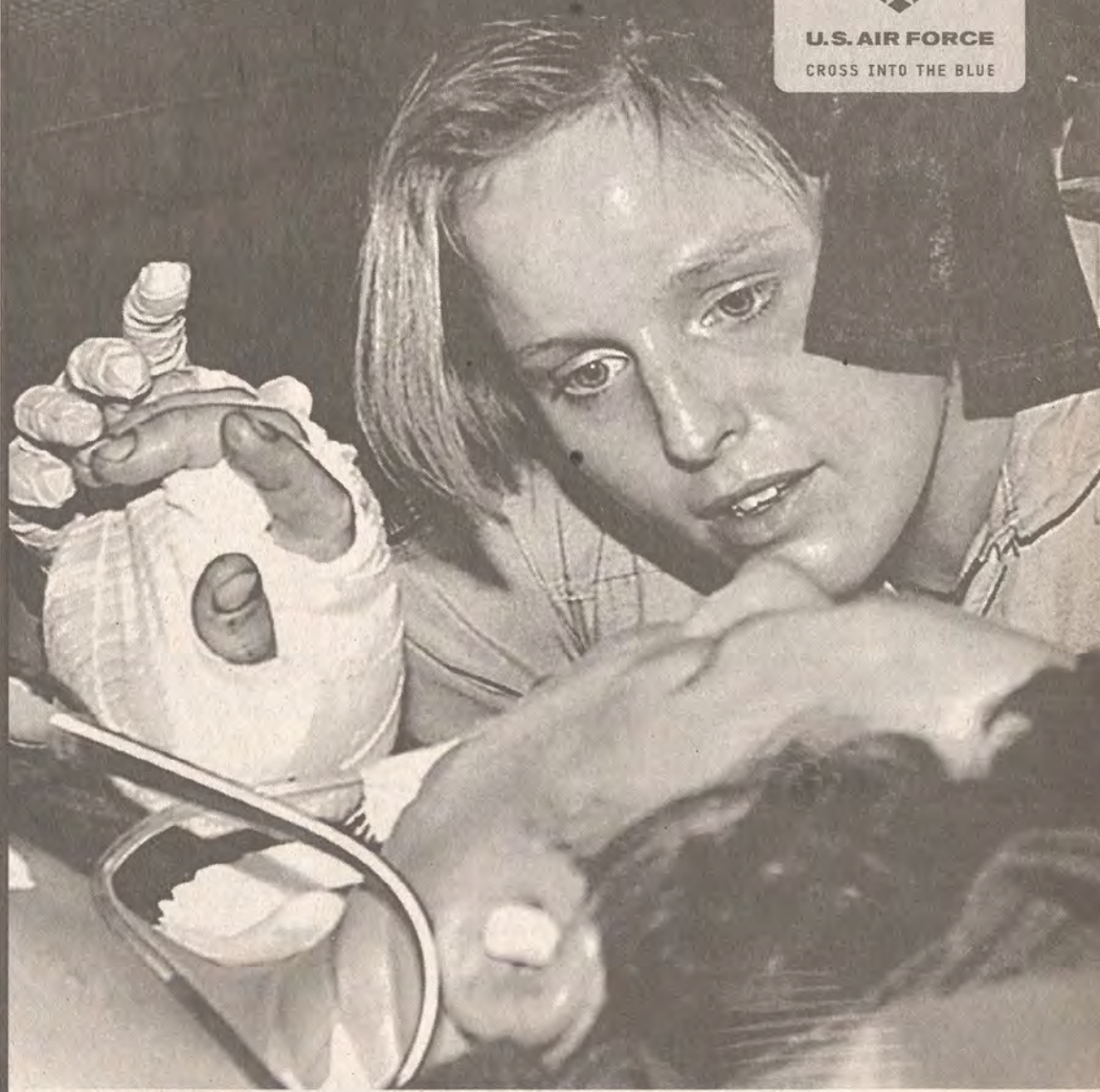
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OUR STANCE

Fight for gay rights not over

Gay and lesbian faculty members have a reason to celebrate — they are now part of a protected class.

Even heterosexual faculty can be happy with the situation. Some gay and lesbian teachers were turning down jobs at UCF because of the lack of partner benefits and lack of a complete discrimination policy.

To add “sexual orientation” to the anti-discrimination clause in the newest version of the faculty contract is a step in the right direction. This means that gay and lesbian professors will be more likely to teach at UCF and that those who do teach here will have an official reason to file complaints if they are looked over for raises or promotions because of their orientation. But it’s only a step.

The clause is a victory for the United Faculty of Florida. UFF, the faculty union, has been fighting for the addition of gays and lesbians as a protected class for about 20 years now. Other comparable universities have continued to add similar policies over the years.

It has been long overdue at UCF. Yet the conservative town of Orlando wasn’t conducive to adding protection for those with “alternative lifestyles.”

UCF President John Hitt said in fall 2002 during an open forum that UCF is friendly to gays already, and an updated discrimination policy is not needed.

However, Hitt is likely pressured by outside political forces.

With the backlash against gays and lesbians that was evident in this year’s election (with 11 states adding a ban of gay marriage to their state constitutions), it’s a brave move for the UCF administration to add the clause to the contract.

Now, after a long fight, UCF faculty members who are discriminated against for their sexual orientation have legal protection from the university.

Students and other university staff members still have no official protection.

This needs to be fixed. Students and other staff members are in need of such protection. Staff members have no official avenue of complaint — and have no legal recourse if they’re looked over for promotions, raises or other professional matters.

There is overt discrimination against gays and lesbians on the UCF campus. With students, it’s heard in hallways and classrooms. It’s also felt by some, like the two gay UCF students who said they were beat up because of their sexual orientation at a party near UCF about two years ago.

Gender is still listed in standard non-discriminatory clauses. However, a gay man is much more likely to experience discrimination than a heterosexual woman.

Even in universities, where discussion and thinking about, open discrimination can be found.

On Tuesday, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas dismissed a complaint filed by a gay student about a professor who said gays save less money for the future than heterosexuals.

Also on Tuesday, students and faculty at Pennsylvania State University held a rally for anti-discrimination recognition. Penn State students have a history going back to 2002, when homosexual students received threatening letters.

Discrimination is a reality at college universities, and UCF is not an exception. The UCF administration is to be commended for discussing the possibility of adding sexual orientation to the discrimination clause.

The battle is not fully won, though. All the articles, including Article 6, which discusses the changes to the discrimination clause, still need to be ratified by faculty members and the Board of Trustees.

With hopes that the Board of Trustees accepts the proposed contract, it will be time for students and staff to step up and complete the work started with the contract.

Until everyone at the university is protected by a sexual orientation anti-discrimination clause, the victory is not complete.



UCF STUDENTS PREPARE FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

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READER VIEWS

Process of elimination

On Tuesday, the candidates for SGA presidency were trying to convince students to vote — ostensibly for their own gain. Two contrasts are shown outside the Student Union:

Keith Rea’s booth: Simple light blue and black colors, some pencils on the desk with their campaign logo on them, a few flyers, and a laptop. Simple, humble, understated.

Pavan Talakala’s booth: Encased in a bright Domino’s Pizza booth. Complete with ... wait ... what’s that ... free pizza!

What’s come on Talakala, what are you trying to do? Since when has essentially buying votes been an OK thing to do? Now, of course, Talakala would say, “You don’t have to vote for me, I’m just trying to get people involved in the voting process.” It’s noon, and you’re giving away pizza. I think the motive is pretty clear.

Talakala lost my vote on moral grounds. And as for the Willie Bentley Jr./McClain Woolsey campaign, take some (OK, most) of those signs down, and I’ll give you more credit. A sign every 12 feet? Beating me over the head with your campaign is not going to help.

I know the psychological principle involved. Adam Smith termed it the “familiarity principle” — what you’re exposed to the most, you tend to like the most. Well, Bentley, I don’t appreciate my SGA president manipulating me before he’s elected. Wait until afterward, OK?

So Rea got my vote, by process of elimination. He’s the one who has not done something annoying or morally corrupt. Winning a campaign on the basis of, “I’m not the other guy!” only worked for Kerry ... oh wait.

— RUSSELL BREWER

Not struggling for accreditation

I am appalled at the headline “Struggle for accreditation” [Feb. 17] which is a complete lie.

The UCF Department of Music is way above the standards of the National Association of Schools of Music. NASM representatives told faculty and students that they were very impressed with the program.

Why has the student newspaper turned into a tabloid? Headlines have become just untruthful words to catch people’s attention. I don’t think the editors of the paper understand the

ramifications of this headline.

This weekend the music department is having music auditions for future students. Do you think talented musicians and parents around Florida and the United States would want to come to the UCF music program if the student paper, which will be available to them at UCF, at surrounding businesses and online, says we are in a “struggle for accreditation?”

Do you know that those few words in the paper have ruined the work of many faculty members and students that have gone the extra mile to get the UCF name out to talented musicians around the country?

Something needs to be done about this disservice to the music department and UCF.

— ASHLEY CHAVARRIA

Editor’s note: Headlines refer to the entire story, not the first two paragraphs. While the music department easily received accreditation, as the story noted, most departments in the school are, indeed, struggling for accreditation.

Throwing up a block

Lately many articles against block tuition have landed on the pages of your newspaper [SGA rallies support for block-tuition movement, Feb. 21]. I agree that block tuition would unfairly cause many students undue strain, but the ways that your paper presents that argument are doomed to failure.

For instance, in his opinion titled “Jeb Bush is the reason U Can’t Finish,” columnist Nathan Poekert wrote, “Some juniors and seniors might be ambitious enough to attempt 15 credit hours in a semester. In the College of Business Administration, this is risky. In the engineering program, it’s suicide.”

However, in my graduating (Fall 2004) semester in the College of Engineering, I completed 18 hours, got five As and one B, while working on a research project and conducting a job search, and I still managed to have enough free time to keep me a happy, well-adjusted college senior.

I was lucky in my lineup of courses, professors and how my workload fell, but it is possible

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OUR STANCE

Bush unifies front against Iran, Syria

On his most recent trip to Europe, President George W. Bush is singing a much different tune than he has in years past. No recruiting allies for war, no begging NATO for military funding. Instead he has been performing a peaceful diplomatic public relations tour.

In every city he has visited, Bush has been surrounded by protesters marching down streets and carrying signs labeling him as “No. 1 Terrorist” and a “War Monger.” While these protesters may have a legitimate case against Bush and the invasion of Iraq, they have nothing to say regarding the current situation in Iran.

On Monday, Bush spoke directly to the European Union in Brussels and stuck primarily to the issues concerning the Middle East. Bush told EU leaders, “America supports Europe’s democratic unity for the same reason we support the spread of democracy in the Middle East — because freedom leads to peace.” He also went on to say that “America supports a strong Europe because we need a strong partner in the hard work of advancing freedom in the world.”

This promotion of a united Europe and a diplomatic America is music to Europe’s ears, as tensions between the two have risen since March 2003.

Bush has taken a much less hostile tone with the European Union in regards to their nuclear weapons negotiations with Iran. It seems that this time Bush is willing to give the diplomatic process a chance before taking any action. In fact, Washington has kept out of the Iran talks altogether, which shows that it does indeed have some faith in the E.U. — a sharp contrast to the Iraq situation when America disregarded many of Europe’s opinions and decided to invade.

The President has been very busy mending relations on this trip. So far, Bush has individually met with Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, all of whom had publicly bashed the President in years past.

Bush and Chirac met on Monday evening and discussed the Syrian presence in Lebanon. Since the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, tensions have been very high in the war-torn country. Both agreed that the country needed to be free of foreign oppression. The united effort will be much more effective in comparison to a U.S.-only military effort.

Yesterday, Bush met with Schroeder. They both decided to put Iraq behind them. The two also agreed that the Iran nuclear

weapons program was a situation that needed attention immediately.

“We absolutely agree that Iran must say no to any kind of nuclear weapon, full stop,” Schroeder stated during a joint news conference. “They must waive any right to the production of them.”

At the same press conference, Bush reassured European skeptics that war plans are anything but imminent. Bush stated that “all options are on the table,” but he stressed that “diplomacy is just beginning” and that “Iran is not Iraq.”

Wednesday, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, while speaking on Iranian state television, warned that America would pay a heavier price than Tehran if it interfered with the Islamic republic’s independence. Khatami went on to say that his country would never disavow its right to master nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

While the Iran situation continues to become more complicated and Lebanon becomes restless, Bush has decided to take a peaceful route. His trip through Europe has been very successful in unifying the front against Iran’s nuclear weapons program and Syria’s occupation of Lebanon — all of which will greatly benefit the already ailing U.S. military.

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READER VIEWS

FROM A10

ble to do what your column hints at as impossible.

Instead of generalizing that it's difficult for some upperclassmen to attempt 15 hours, perhaps you should conduct some actual reporting to find out just how many students that would effect (both negatively and positively; block tuition would have benefited me that semester).

—STEVE GIOVENCO

Not this girl

I don't think you have control over the ads that are printed in the *Future*. However, I have to express my disgust with the ad for a Fat Tuesday celebration that ran on the back page of the paper last week.

It shows a woman in her panties and says that women will do just about anything for beads.

And hey! Men get free beads when they go to this club! But girls, you're gonna have to really work for them once you get inside.

In other words, guys should come hang out and lay back while the girls should flock to the club to eagerly strip and pleasure the men inside in exchange for beads. So women should prostitute themselves at a club with unknown men ... in exchange for plastic beads.

That really says something about the values of American society! This is why I don't go to clubs.

—CHLOE SMITH

Fewer trees will mean more parking



COMMENTARY

NATHAN POEKERT
Staff Writer

If Willie Bentley, Jr. wins the SGA presidential election, (and he probably will), many future freshmen at UCF might not be so happy with his election.

To solve the apparent parking problem, Bentley proposes that freshmen, who live on campus, either have limited parking, or not be allowed to have automobiles at all.

The idea isn't anything that college students haven't dealt with already. Many freshmen at schools in Florida aren't allowed to have cars.

At first, I was excited about the concept. My mouth savored at the idea

of being able to park in the lot next to the Libra dormitories again.

After considering the issue, however, I realized how different my year would have been had freshmen not be able to have cars or park on campus.

First off, I would be a lot fatter had it not been for the fact that many times, I have unsuccessfully searched for parking so had to settle for a spot at the Arena. The half-mile jog to Business II allows me to get a good cardio work-out.

Secondly, one of my best friends is a freshman with a pretty awesome car. For one reason or another, he enjoys bussing people around everywhere. I've saved lots of money on gas from his chauffeur services.

Finally, the lack of parking is actually a good way to meet girls. Here's a tip: Wait outside a classroom and look for a hot girl leaving. Offer to drive her to her car in exchange for her parking spot. If you do this, however, make sure you don't stare at her cleavage or have

a huge grin on your face when you ask. You might notice her clutching onto a mace can while you drive her.

I drove around campus yesterday and noticed a couple things about our parking situation. There are parking spots out there. We are just too lazy to use them. We can't expect to be able to park right next to wherever our classes are.

Prohibiting freshmen from having cars might also limit their ability to even go to UCF. Some freshmen might have to work through school in order to pay for their tuition and/or books.

If the Board of Trustees does not pass the proposed plan to limit freshmen parking, than the only answer is to provide more parking for us. If building more parking garages is too expensive, and will take too long, then my answer is to just chop down some trees and make a dirt lot.

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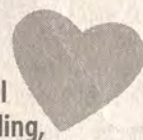
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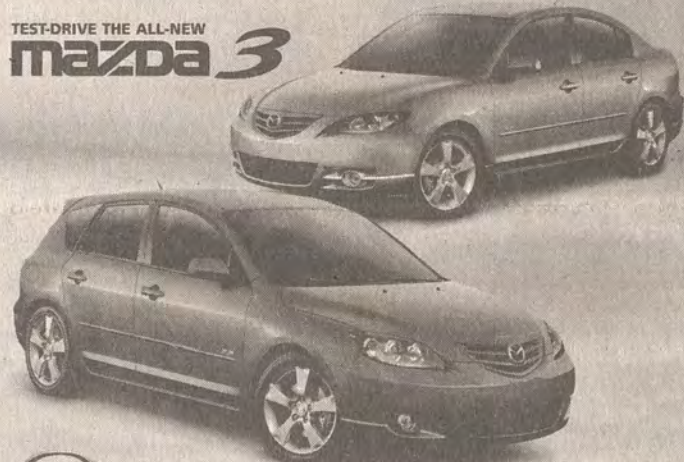
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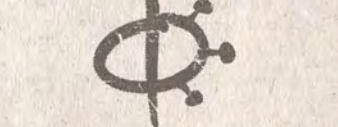
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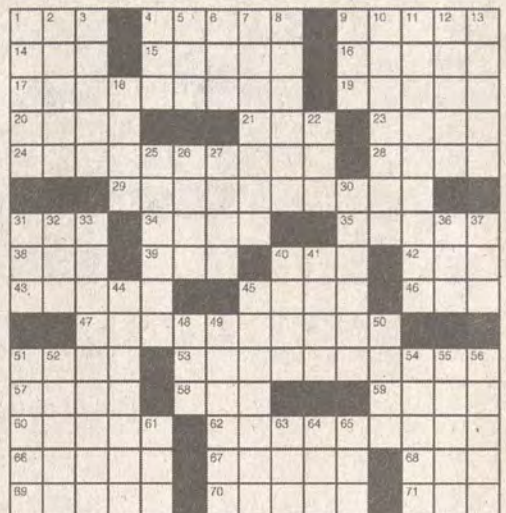
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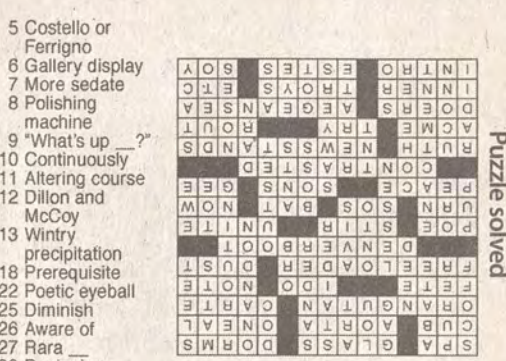
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20 Outdoor gala
21 Altar vow
23 Musical symbol
24 Moocher
28 Gold powder
29 Parking ticket enforcement gadget
31 *Annabel Lee* poet
34 Mix
35 Merge
38 Large vase
39 Call for help
40 Flying mammal
42 This moment!
43 Serenity
45 Male progeny
46 Holy cow!
47 Measured against
51 Justice Bader Ginsburg
53 Places for papers
57 Top point
58 Endeavor
59 Resounding defeat
60 Movers and shakers
62 Cyclades setting
66 More central of two
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69 Host's lead-in
70 Adlai's 1956 slate-mate
77 Rara_



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5 Costello or Ferrigno
6 Gallery display
7 More sedate
8 Polishing machine
9 "What's up _?"
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11 Altering course
12 Dillon and McCoy
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1 Treat with derision
2 More free from adulterants
3 Grow less
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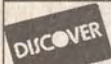
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