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by Becky Jackson

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Spring 2010 graduates can rent their custom UCF regalia, order announcements and more from today until Wednesday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble by the UCF Arena.

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The Counseling Center is hosting "HIVentines Week," today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Health Center Annex. You can come as a couple or pair and have the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY

69° 53°

HIGH LOW

UCF outlines provost search

Committee proposes decision timeline

MEGAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A proposed timeline and position announcement were the key items on the agenda at the first meeting of the UCF provost search committee on Thursday.

Peter Panousis, dean of the College of Sciences and chair of the commit-

tee, emphasized that the search committee is not selecting the new provost, but providing choices for President John Hitt.

"The objective of this committee is to provide the names — typically, two to five candidates that we find suitable to be the next provost," Panousis said. "The names will be unranked and provided to

the president. He makes the final decision."

The committee approved the position announcement that will be sent out Monday and will be posted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on Feb. 19. The priority application date is set as March 25.

They also agreed on a four step process of



Hickey

searching for and narrowing down the pool of qualified candidates.

The first step is finding candidates and determining whether they do or do not meet the requirements for the position. Robert Lawless, senior

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'The names will be unranked and provided to the president. He makes the final decision.'

— PETER PANOUSIS
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES



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Miss UCF 2009, Dasha Gonzalez, crowns Sara York as Miss UCF 2010 Saturday night.

There she is ...

Contestants perform for scholarship and crown

AIMEE HOYT
Contributing Writer

Black and gold mixed with glitz and glamour filled the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union as Sara York was crowned the 2010 Miss UCF on Saturday night.

About 700 students attended "A Knight of Fame," the 2010 Miss UCF Scholarship Pageant, presented by the Campus Activities Board.

Thirty-five women auditioned for the competition. Sixteen were chosen to sing, dance and tumble their way across the stage.

Contestants were required to be full-time students, have at least a 2.5 GPA and have a talent that can be performed onstage.

"It is our mission tonight to find the

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Salaries of university presidents on the rise

Hitt ranked second in Fla. for highest salary

KIM SHELPMAN
Staff Writer

President Hitt is the second highest-paid public university president in Florida and he is ranked 32nd nationwide, according to a recent report by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The median base salary for public university presidents rose to \$436,111 in the 2008-2009 school year, according to the report.

This was an increase of 2.3 percent from the previous year.

President Hitt's base salary is \$463,500, more than \$27,000 more than the median. With his compensation package, including deferred compensation, retirement pay, club dues and money provided by the state for his car, Hitt's salary totals \$594,730.

The Chronicle also reported that in the previous four years, presidential compensation packages have risen by at least 7.5 percent each year. In 2005 the increase was 19 percent.

The UCF Board of Trustees gave its final approval to keep President Hitt's base salary the same at a meeting held Jan. 14.

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Scientists' discovery may prevent stroke

BILLIE JO ILES
Staff Writer

After almost four years of research, a team of scientists from UCF and Louisiana State University has discovered a way to guard against cell



death that causes brain damage during a stroke.

UCF assistant professor Sic Chan, a collaborator on the project, said the team focused on the mechanics of the glutamate neurotransmitter because it is critical in the brain development of adults and is involved in most aspects of normal brain function.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted by a blocked artery or broken blood vessel.

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Assistant professor Sic Chan joined UCF in 2005.

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Light problem addressed

Police give green light on shorter traffic signals

BILLIE JO ILES
Staff Writer

UCF students have been waiting too long for traffic lights to change, and the UCF Police Department plans to do something about it soon, police said.

Sgt. Troy Williamson of the UCF Police Department said the police have known about the long wait at traffic lights for quite some time, but it was a matter of getting the necessary people together in a meeting to discuss it.

"We all sat down: the Police Department, the Physical Plant, the Siemens people, Orange County Traffic Engineering," Williamson said. "We sat down at a meet-



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The UCF Police Department has met with the Physical Plant, Siemens and Orange County Traffic Engineering to discuss problems with traffic lights.

ing and told them, 'This is where our problems are and this is what's going on.'

Williamson said he and Sgt. John Moore went through a laundry list of problems during the meeting and walked out of it feeling 100 percent.

The representatives from Orange County and

Siemens acknowledged every issue presented to them.

"I feel like with certain lights, that every time I'm there, I know I'm going to have to sit for 10 minutes before it turns," said Claire Bader, a junior advertising/public relations major. "I

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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

It's time to get the cap, gown

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LOCAL & STATE

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Clouds halt final night launch of space shuttle program

CAPE CANAVERAL — Clouds prevented space shuttle Endeavour from blasting off Sunday on the last planned nighttime shuttle launch, delaying its trip with a final few building blocks for the International Space Station.

The band of low clouds started moving in from the north late Saturday. NASA counted down to the nine-minute mark, but the sky remained overcast, offering little hope of a lucky break.

NASA managers said they would try again Monday, when slightly better conditions were expected.

Endeavour is loaded with a new room for the space station, as well as an observation deck.

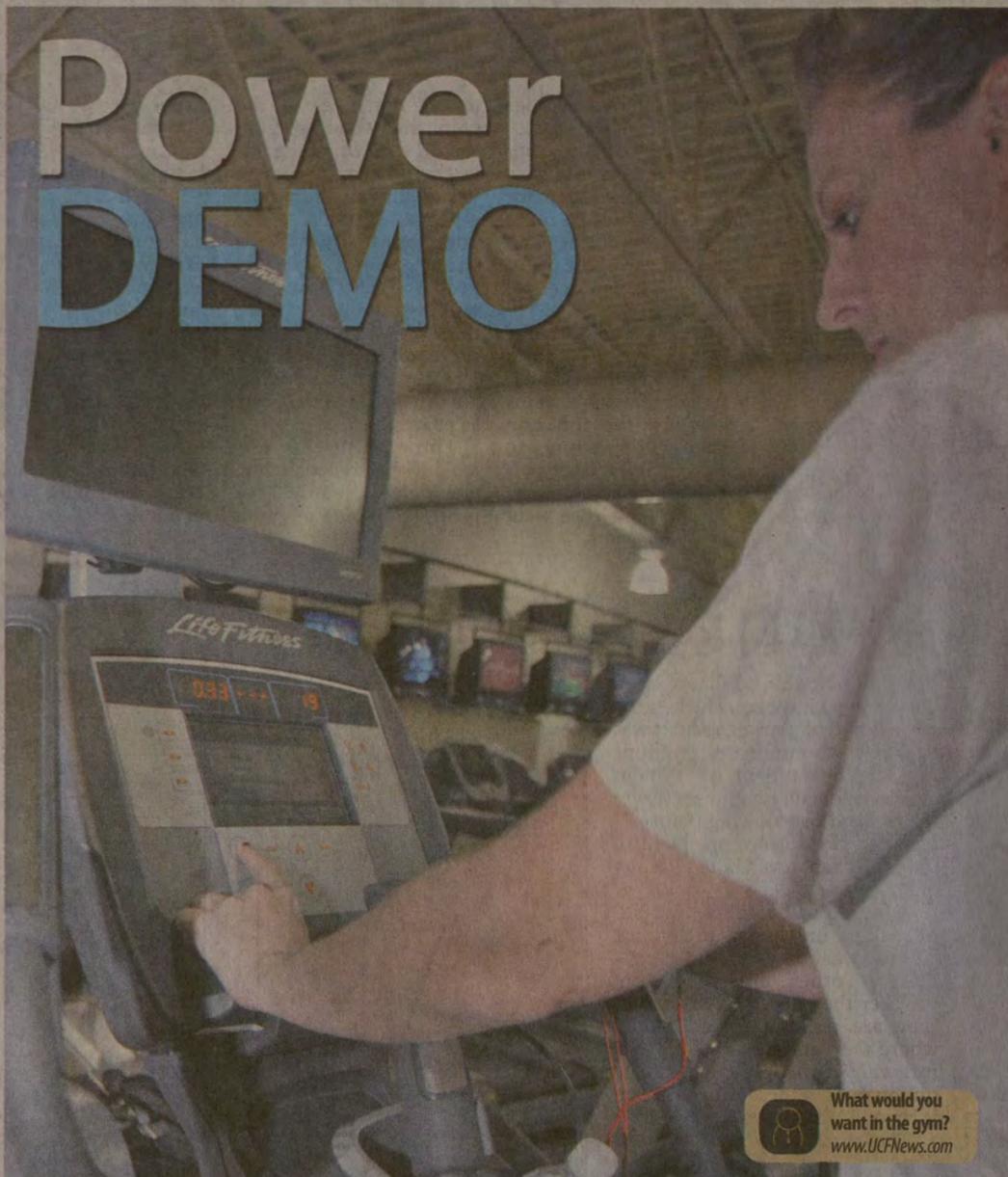
Launch time on Monday is scheduled at 4:14 a.m. That means the launch team will have to report to work right around Super Bowl time.

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What would you want in the gym? www.UCFNews.com

Students can try out, evaluate new machines

CHRISTINA DEPARIS
Staff Writer

Students have the opportunity to demo cardio machines at the Recreation and Wellness Center to decide which equipment would fill the expanded fitness facility opening spring of 2011.

Treadmills, an elliptical machine, a spinning bike and other cardio equipment can be used and evaluated.

Five-question surveys are available on a table near the cardio floor.

"The survey has basic questions on the features," said Kim Halliday, RWC fitness coordinator. "Does it feel like a natural range of motion? Does it give an intense and effective workout?"

Halliday took the student staff of the RWC to the Athletic Business Conference in Orlando to demo equipment and narrow a list of preferred vendors.

Now those choices are available for students to try out.

Katie Blizzard, a freshman marketing major, tested the Life Fitness elliptical located near the survey table at the front of the cardio floor. She compared the existing elliptical machine with the demo.

"There are a lot more options, and the handles seem to be in a better position," Blizzard said. "I also like how it has an iPod connection that lets you control on the touch screen what plays."

The facility is heavy in terms of machines and light in terms of free weight.

"We are severely lacking in recreation space based on UCF enrollment," Halliday said.

The RWC gets 2,800 visitors during the week,



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA DEPARIS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Katie Blizzard keeps in motion on a demo elliptical machine on the cardio floor of the Recreation and Wellness Center Friday night.

but expects 3,500 once the expansion is complete, according to Jim Wilkening, RWC director.

Basic free weight equipment and equipment not available, like certain types of squat racks and free weight plate-loaded machines, will be in the new fitness area.

"We made all our choices and decisions based on a student survey done in 2004 or 2005," Wilkening said. "Students wanted more free weight space, cardio space and machine weight space, which is why we went so strong on fitness."

The expansion will add 60,000 square feet to the existing 80,000 square feet of space and cost \$21.7 million, he said.

The money came from two Capital Improvement Trust Fund allotments in 2006 and 2009.

"We knew we needed a couple expansions to be to do the things students wanted," Wilkening said. "We were fortunate to be able to combine the two allocations at one time."

RWC staff started on the master plan in 2005. The extension will add about 75 to 100 student employees.

LOCAL WEATHER

<p>Today PARTLY CLOUDY High: 69° Low: 53°</p>	<p>TODAY IN DETAIL Today: Ten percent chance of rain. Northeast wind around 9 mph. Tonight: Cloudy into the evening. Northeast wind around 5 mph.</p>	<p>Tuesday SHOWERS High: 70° Low: 49°</p>
	<p>Wednesday PARTLY CLOUDY High: 59° Low: 39°</p>	

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Interviews scheduled to take place April, May

FROM A1

consultant from Academic Search, will be helping the search committee in the process.

In the second step, the committee will meet and determine preferences they would like to see when considering a candidate for the third step. This will be done at the next meeting on March 29.

The third step involves conducting "airport," or preliminary screening, interviews. The committee will interview a maxi-

mum of 10 candidates who met the standards within the previous steps starting April 12.

The last step will be bringing the candidates to interview on campus. The number of candidates is limited to five and will be selected on the basis of their airport interviews and the input from references.

Interviews are scheduled to take place between April 21 and May 6.

From there, the committee will assemble the list of acceptable candi-

dates in an unranked order for Hitt's final decision.

Hitt met with the committee members briefly as well and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the committee and hopes to have the right person by commencement.

He expressed his belief that the timeline set forth by the committee is ambitious, but attainable and is glad to hear that the committee will continue to search until the right person is selected.

"I don't think we want

to get ourselves to the point that we are so concerned with wrapping this up that we compromise on the quality of individual we want," Hitt said. "It's so important that we have a strong and effective provost that I think we will keep going until we think we've got a worthy successor to Terry Hickey, who has done a marvelous job during his seven years as provost."

Hitt said that he was looking for someone who would have tenure as a professor. Someone with

experience at an institution with a medical school is also highly desirable, but not a requirement.

"I'm looking for someone who has demonstrated and has successful experience in line administration within a large and complex setting," Hitt said.

Andrick Lewis, student body vice president, sits on the committee and said he believes his part in the process is to find someone who is personable and keeps the students' needs in mind.

"I think it's my job to ensure that the incoming provost has a keen eye for catering to students' needs in terms of academics, student development and the whole array of student activities that we

have on campus," Lewis said.

The search is being paid for by the president's office, but the committee does not know how much the budget will be. Since the cost of airfare, hotels and food varies, the committee is prepared to pay whatever it costs, according to John Schell, vice president and chief of staff for UCF.

Information about the provost search committee can be found on the president's office Web site, where the provost position announcement and committee list can be found.

Minutes from this meeting will be posted after the March 29 meeting, once the committee has approved them.

Hitt turned down pay raise in Nov.

FROM A1

In November, the Board voted to give Hitt a pay increase, but he declined because of the bad economy.

He also declined in 2008 for the same reason, despite the Board's approval.

"President Hitt felt the time wasn't right," said Grant Heston, assistant vice president of UCF News & Information. "When it came up at the board meeting, he refused the pay increase before an actual figure was reached by the Board."

Hitt is not alone.

Many other public university presidents have declined raises and agreed to pay cuts to offset increasing tuition rates and state budget cuts, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"Because public university presidents play a visible role in defending their budgets from state cuts, many presidents don't want to be seen accepting raises, even with Board approval," said Jeffrey Selingo, editor of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

With budget cuts at UCF that have led to faculty layoffs and degree program eliminations, Hitt is still under scrutiny even after his pay refusal.

"Why should he have been offered any kind of raise when the same Board of Trustees said it was necessary to eliminate programs with strong student enrollment and lay off faculty members teaching full and overflowing courses?" said Patrick Murphy, president of the UCF chapter of United Faculty of Florida.

"Like football coaches, I wouldn't ask if university presidents deserve what they get paid in relation to other presidents, but whether they deserve the salaries they are pulling down in days where they are laying people off, furloughing people and raising tuition rates in these hard economic times," Murphy said.

The only public university president in Florida to earn a higher salary than Hitt this year is Florida State University's T.K. Wetherell.

Wetherell will receive a base salary of \$315,545.

With compensation benefits included, he will receive a total of \$695,877.

Judy Genshaft, the University of South Florida's president, ranks third in Florida.

Genshaft earns a base salary of \$395,000 and a total of \$591,639 after compensation, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Private donations, namely from



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President Hitt has turned down a pay increase on more than one occasion, due to the bad economy.

alumni, cover most of public university presidents' salaries and benefits.

Florida state law allows taxpayer dollars to cover only \$225,000 per institution, it also reported.



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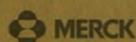
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New game warns of abusive relationships

MANUEL CINTRON
Contributing Writer

The pages of Zoe's journal may read like that of any other teenage girl.

Zoe, 14, likes drawing, religion, biology, acting and martial arts. She also likes to spend time with her friends.

Zoe, a character in a new online video game designed to educate children about violence and abusive relationships, has even found time for a boy, Jake.

"He's two years older than I am and different from any other guy I know," says Zoe in the game. "I haven't gone out with anyone before, but maybe this'll be the year."

But the year she thought she would begin a fun chapter in her life brought one of the hardest situations any girl could experience. She began spending less time with her friends and missing school, and some of her friends began to suspect her new relationship with Jake was unhealthy. Fortunately for Zoe, she isn't real.

Dating violence is a problem faced by one out of every three teenagers, according to a poll conducted by the Family Violence Prevention Fund and Liz Claiborne Inc. The study shows that roughly one in four teens reports victimization through technology and that nearly one of every two teens in a relationship reports being "controlled, threatened, and pressured to do things they did not want to do."

It is exactly this issue that drove The Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC) to create the game *RePlay: Finding Zoe*. *RePlay* is a single-player game intended for children between 8 and 14 years old and takes place in a fictional community where Zoe and

her classmates attend middle school.

When Zoe's friends become aware of her disappearance, the player, who in the game is Zoe's classmate, must navigate throughout the small town looking for her while combating gender stereotypes, sexist remarks and hurtful comments in general.

The object of *RePlay* is to find Zoe and interact with as many of her classmates as you can while overcoming their gender role beliefs and convincing them to join your search for Zoe.

"While the gaming medium teaches some important skills, they are usually played in isolation from adult supervision and critical discussion of their story content," Wendy Komiotis, executive director of METRAC, said. "The violence and sexism in them often remains unchallenged."

In *RePlay*, the goal of the story is to prevent sexism and violence against women.

The game not only encourages players to confront unhealthy and abusive treatment of women, but it teaches them how to do so. Players must walk through the community

setting on a single, winding road where other children are walking. It is impossible to go around someone in the game. You can either return the way you came and find another route, or, as the game intends, engage them in conversation.

Unfortunately, the issue of abusive relationships is not limited to teens. Abusive relationships and violence toward women are global issues which transcend ethnic, racial, age and geographic boundaries.

According to The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in five college females will experience a form of dating violence.

Fernando Rivera of UCF's College of Sciences is aware of existing violence against women on college campuses. He was enthusiastic about the new approach being used to target such a serious issue early in a child's socialization.

"Children in today's age deal with more serious issues than ever before, and they form ways to cope with it," Rivera said. "If you can find a way to frame the issue in a way that helps them absorb the mes-

sage, all the better."

According to the UCF Police Department's online crime database, there were eight instances of forcible sex offenses committed both on campus and in residential facilities between 2004 and 2006.

Rivera said he believes the figures are underreported.

Rivera said that with a large student population and a ratio of 55 females to 45 males, it'd be optimistic to think that sex offenses occur as little as those numbers suggest.

James Hobart, the founder and co-owner of Knight Creative + Marketing in Orlando, said that while he shares the enthusiasm for educating children through new mediums like video games, he is skeptical of their effectiveness.

Hobart is concerned that, while video games are beginning to pick up where other progressive media left off, there is still a strong element of victimizing women permeating the culture.

"Shows like *The Sopranos* come to mind," Hobart said.

With games like those

in the *Grand Theft Auto* series rewarding violent behavior - including toward women - he said he thinks video games have a lot to answer for.

"Their popularity, however, is a result of how entertaining kids find them," Hobart said. "If they're not doing something bad, they may not find it fun."

Hobart fears that *RePlay* has good intentions but may be too direct of an approach. He suggests creating first-person shooter games advocating better behavior in the subtext may be more effective.

"If I was 10, 11 or 12 and was given the choice between *Finding Zoe* and *Halo 3*, I'd know what I'd choose," Hobart said.

Tiffany Rurut, a senior finance major, said she's never experienced dating violence herself but is never distant from it through friends and peers.

"It's not uncommon, but you hear about it, and you almost always know someone," she said. "Especially as a girl, it's something you don't want to hear."

Rurut agrees that targeting children and educat-

ing them about the subject is a good example of utilizing the media to advocacy's advantage. She also thinks other elements of the media are culpable.

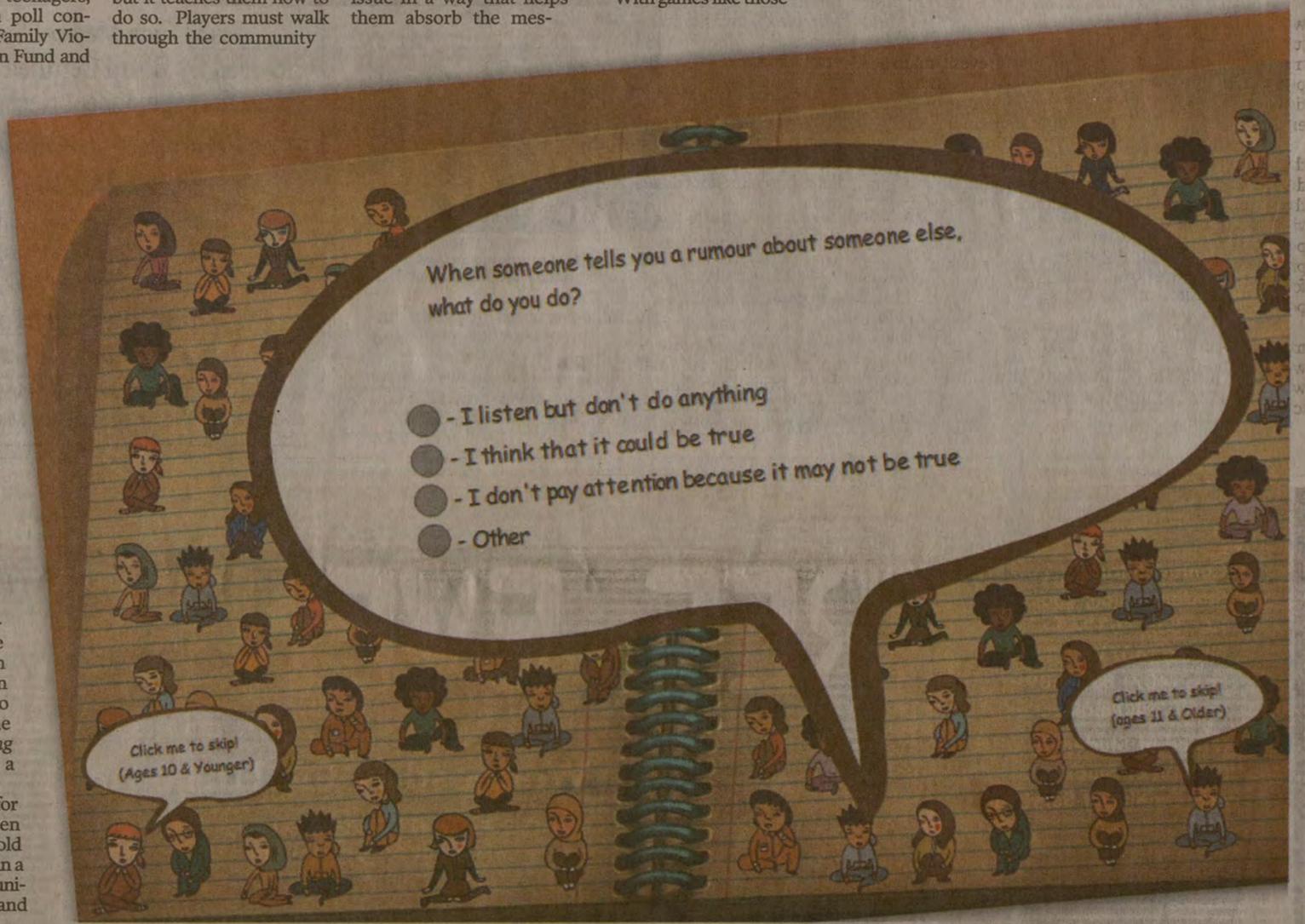
"Girls may see things like this on TV and think, 'Yeah, it's okay that this guy is acting like a jerk; I can take it because that girl took it,'" she said. "It's really just a shame."

Like Rivera, Rurut thinks the target age of the game is when children begin to notice these behaviors, want to feel older and combine these two to begin emulating what they see.

Heather Daneshgar, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, believes that the game is a step in the right direction, but she shares some of Hobart's concerns. Unlike Hobart, however, her primary concern wasn't children's attention span.

"I think the game might risk making light of the issue," Daneshgar said.

She said she worries that children may associate it with gameplay, instead of what she says it really is, "an ugly truth."



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ideal UCF Knight," said Dasha Gonzalez, Miss UCF 2009 and a senior micro & molecular biology major. "She should be dedicated to our community and its betterment, talented and able to entertain, articulate and ready to represent her university with poise and pride."

Contestants were judged on private interviews, lifestyle, fitness, talent, swimwear, evening wear and a final onstage question.

Except for a few of the women, most had never competed in pageants.

"A lot of the times the girls come in [to auditions] not really knowing how serious the pageant is," said Samantha Nemeroff, a senior event management major and Spectacular Knights and CAB director. "Unlike Mr. UCF, she could go on to Miss Florida with the chance of becoming Miss America."

When the pageant kicked off, contestants danced a choreographed number to "Fame" as Gonzalez took center stage.

While many of the women chose to serenade judges and audience members during the talent portion of the competition, others took a different approach.

Alejandra Kato spiced things up with a flamenco dance, and Nicole Salce, the winner of the interview portion of the competition, donned a fuzzy pink bathrobe and slippers for her "Guys and Dolls" performance.

Natalia Vighetto, a former competitive gymnast, was the non-finalist talent winner with her acrobatics-infused dance routine.

"It's not just a talent



Sixteen women competed in the 2010 Miss UCF pageant Saturday night. The competition opened with a song and dance performance of "Fame." All finalists won scholarship money, free textbooks and a class ring.

show," Nemeroff said. "It's not just 'Hey look at me, I'm pretty'—it's about your integrity and really representing your school."

Mr. UCF 2010, Michael Newman, read an original poem about the perfect woman before the onstage interview segment of the pageant began.

During this time, contestants were given a chance to positively push their platforms. Sara York, the newly-crowned Miss UCF and event management major, wants to work with nonprofit organizations after graduation.

"Crafting a vision, creating a future, for me, is all about promoting self-confidence in today's youth," York said.

She goes to local youth organizations and makes vision boards to help children materialize their hopes and dreams, she said.

As Gonzalez prepared to pass on the title and the crown to her best friend, she said, "Holy gua-

For more photos of the pageant: www.UCFNews.com

camole! It's been a year already."

She said she's had the opportunity to let the community know "who and what UCF stands for."

York also took home the audience favorite award after Knight-Thon's fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network determined the winner. Audience donations totaled more than \$1600.

Veronica Livesay, executive director of the pageant, said, "It takes parents and it takes role models to help these students develop."

Livesay is celebrating 25 years of working with Miss UCF pageants.

Kelly Cox, Jacqueline Boehme and Lauren Murphy were awarded first, second and third runners-up, respectively. All finalists won scholarship money, free textbooks for a year and a class ring.



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7pm SGA Senate Meeting. SU 218

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Research published in leading medical journal

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It is the third-leading cause of death in the United States, according to the National Stroke Association Web site.

"During a stroke, the glutamate becomes abundant outside the nervous system and is released at high levels," Chan said. "The NMDA receptors [that regulate the entry of calcium into the nerve cells] will lead to over-stimulation, and that can lead to too much calcium influx, or calcium overload. Calcium overload is bad for the cells."

The research team discovered that they could protect brain cells against stroke injury in lab mice by injecting them with a powerful compound that blocked death-associated protein kinase 1, the enzyme that signals cell death by attaching to NMDA receptors.

It could take 10 or more years before the compound becomes approved for use on humans though, Chan said.

"It involves a lot of money and resources, obviously," he said. "Once a compound has been found in a laboratory setting, to move ahead, pharmaceutical companies will need to come in and help take it to the final stages."

The team's findings have been featured on a number of medical Web sites and were published in *Cell*, one of the leading bio-



Assistant Professor Sic Chan and a team of researchers investigate how to develop a drug to combat strokes.

medical journals in the world.

"We are publishing quite a bit in Orlando, as far as I know," Chan said. "So with everything we're doing, we're attracting future collaborators."

Ph.D. candidate and biomedical sciences major Cherine Belal was also on the research team and said that the experience was very exciting for her.

"It was amazing," Belal said. "With research, you struggle a lot; you have a lot to think about, have meetings, go to them and then when you get the results it's like, 'Wow! Oh my gosh, we're getting somewhere.'"

Belal has been surrounded by people her entire life who have

impacted her decision to pursue a career in biomedical sciences. Her father is a neurosurgeon, her mother is a doctor and when she was a child her aunt was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

"I was young and didn't understand what she had," Belal said. "You're just sitting there, and then she starts shaking with tremors and moving weird. So then once I asked what was wrong with Auntie, I found out it was Parkinson's."

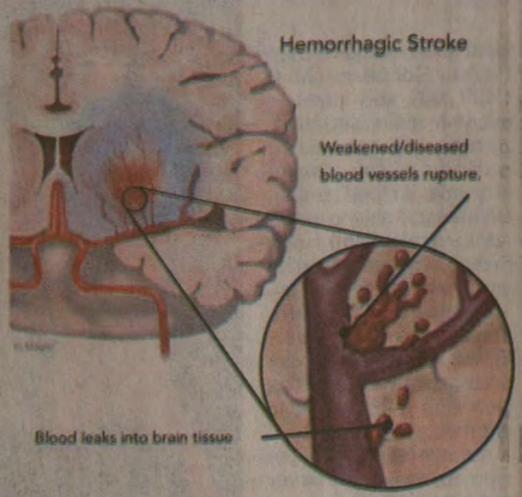
Parkinson's, Alzheimer's disease, and strokes result from calcium overload and brain cell death.

"Once we find out the mechanisms by which excess toxicity is triggered,

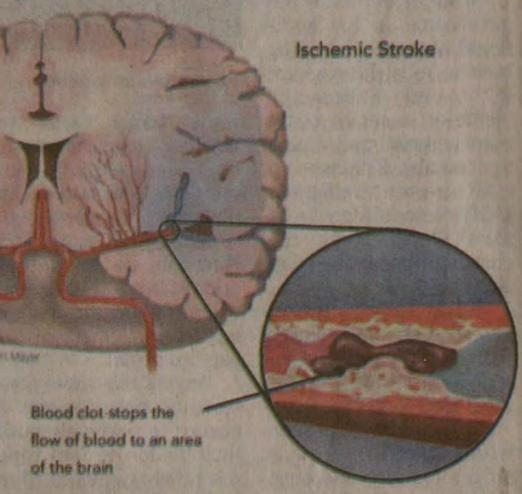
we can apply this same drug to those diseases," Chan said.

Senior biology major Terri Furbish said she also witnessed firsthand the damage neurodegenerative diseases can do to someone when a close friend's grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"She went from owning a little shop in New Smyrna one year, to being in nursing home care where she couldn't take care of herself and didn't know who she was or my friend was," Furbish said. "It's a sad series of diseases because people forget who they are and they have loss of control and all that stuff," she said. "I can't imagine losing that



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kind of control."

The project was started by LSU professor Youming Lu, a former associate professor at the UCF Burnett School of Biomedical Sci-

ences in the College of Medicine. It was funded by The National Institute on Aging and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

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Traffic control systems fail to communicate

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don't know if there's a reason why there is such a long wait for the lights, but I would like to wait less."

Senior finance major Peter Camarata said the peak hours when classes get out are the worst.

"In off hours and late at night there are only like three cars leaving," he said. "But during around 4 or 5 — the big class ending times — that's usually when it's really annoying."

In the next few weeks, however, students should start to notice a change.

Many of the traffic troubles students are encountering root from an adaptive traffic control system installed and run by Siemens Traffic Solutions called SCOOT, which stands for Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique.

"Basically [SCOOT] looks at how many cars are coming through an intersection each day at a certain time of day, and then it goes, 'Well, yesterday I had this many cars, today I've got this many cars, so I need to change my times to allow that many cars to get through,'" Moore said.

The problem, he said, is that there are three different SCOOT systems — one for UCF, one for Alafaya and one for Uni-

versity — and none of them are communicating with one another.

"The lights, according to SCOOT, are supposed to talk," Williamson said. "The ones on campus, originally what I was told, were supposed to talk to the ones on Alafaya. Well, they don't."

One of the biggest problem areas is at the intersection of Gemini and University, where students are trying to leave campus.

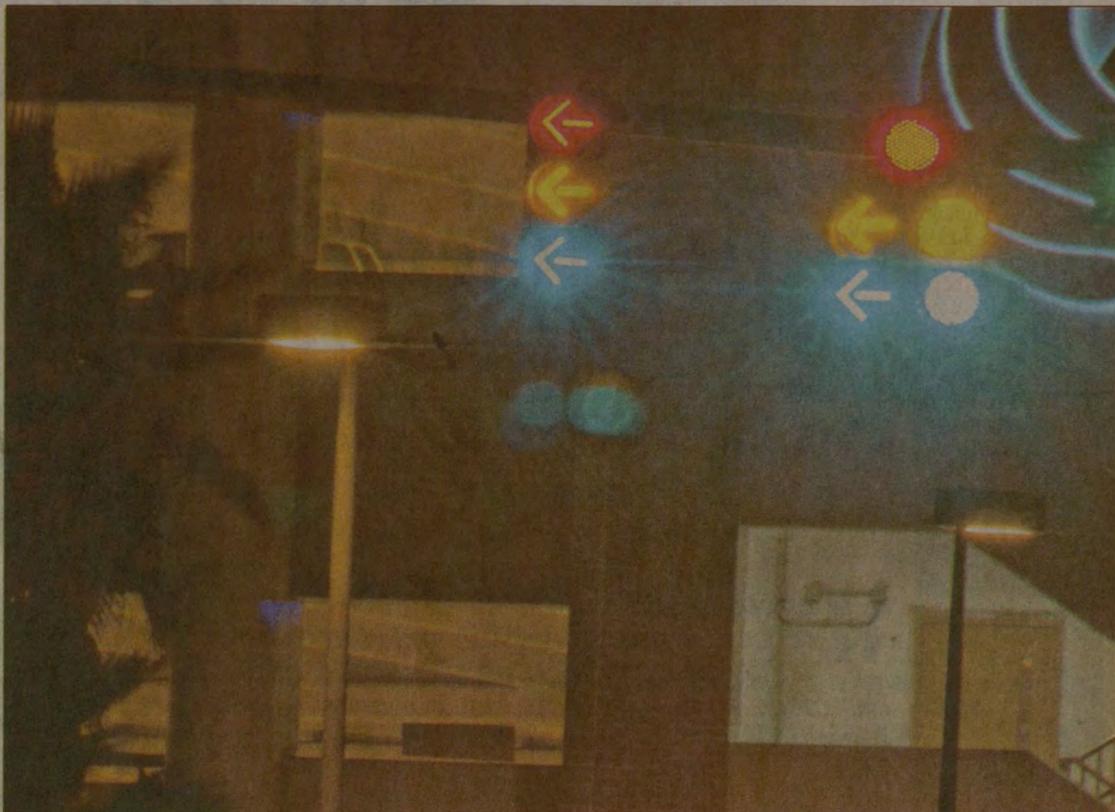
Both Bader and Camarata park in Garage A on a regular basis and said they have to account for the extra time they have to wait in line for the light at Gemini to change.

"I know how bad it is," Williamson said. "We know how bad it is — 10 seconds and only six or seven cars through. We're definitely looking at that intersection as a priority."

Another problem area that was addressed in the meeting was the recently added left-turn lane going from University onto Alafaya.

Many times people in the right left-turn lane are unaware that they can't go straight into the university, and they end up cutting other people off in order to do so, Moore said.

The plan, he said, is to fix this by moving the



While traffic lights at UCF adjust individually due to the Split Cycle Offset Optimization Technique, none of the single intersections work with each other on campus.

"skate" lines over, which are the short lines that indicate where a car must go as it turns.

"All of it is being worked on," Williamson said. "We should see positive results probably within the next two weeks. And if we don't, we'll go after them again and say, 'It ain't fixed.'"

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Jelling the Knights

Mealing is UCF's floor general

ANDREW KENNEDY
Staff Writer

Her coach and teammates call her "Jelly" and rely on her for leadership and clutch shots. She's been able to provide leadership and has made some big shots, but not even Angelica Mealing knows exactly how she got the nickname Jelly.

"Honestly, I've heard so many different stories, but I've just had the nickname since I was a little girl," Mealing said. "I guess it just stuck with me, and it's kind of catchy."

One thing her coach and teammates do know is that Mealing came to UCF with plenty of talent and the ability to play right away and contribute at a high level.

"When she first got here, I thought she was a really good player, and her handles are what stood out to me," junior guard Chelsie Wiley said. "She can basically do any move that she wants with ease, and she can control the team real well."

Mealing has played an important role on the UCF women's basketball team for the past three years now: she's the point guard and coach on the floor.

"She's the one that brings us all together and controls the tempo and tells us all where we need to be," Wiley said.

Head coach Joi Williams, who began her career at UCF the same time Mealing did, calls Mealing the only true point guard on the UCF roster. Williams saw leadership qualities in Mealing from the time she first recruited her.

"I actually recruited her at the previous school I coached at, Murray State," Williams said. "It was kind of ironic when I got this job and she was here. We identified her as a floor leader when we recruited her and somebody who really had the potential to be a good floor general and run a team."

"She is certainly a player that I think has grown over the past few years, and I think the sky's the limit for her."

Mealing started her basketball career playing high school ball for Avondale High School in Georgia. There, she was named all-state three times and led her team to a 30-3 record and state championship her

More basketball photos are at: www.UCFnews.com

ANGELICA MEALING



Position: PG
Height: 5-7
Class: junior
Ppg: 5.7

Mealing has been a cornerstone for a Knights team that won the C-USA title in 2009.

senior season before being nominated for the McDonald's All-America team.

"In high school everybody knows you," Mealing said. "My dream was to carry that on and come to college and to continue to do the same thing and be recognized at one of the highest levels of playing basketball."

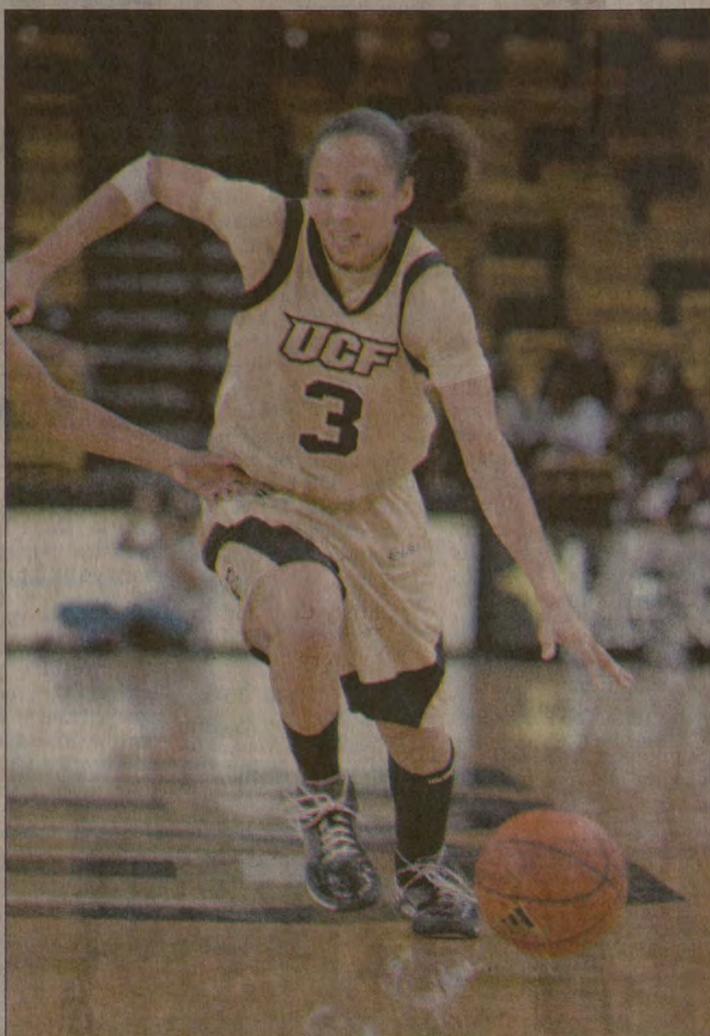
Now, in her third season, Mealing leads the team in assists at 3.8 per game, while playing just more than 22 minutes a game.

But Mealing really burst on to the scene when she made a 3-pointer from near half-court against Marshall her freshman season to send the game into overtime.

Since then, Mealing has had a knack of hitting big shots for the team.

"That's what we call her, 'the clutch player,' because when we need a point, we just give it to Jelly," Wiley said. "Jelly and I always practice shooting the most half-court shots, and she beats me every time."

Mealing had another similar big moment in her sophomore campaign when the team played Wake Forest. In part of a 19-point performance, she hit a game-tying 3-pointer to once again save the Knights from a regulation loss and send the game



GEORGE OEHL / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

UCF junior Angelica Mealing drives to the basket in a game against Bethune-Cookman early in the season. Mealing and the Knights have won two straight and three of their past five games.

to an extra period.

"The thing about Jelly is that she's a competitor, she wants to win and she's a risk-taker," Williams said. "I think that sometimes people look at that as a bad thing, but in her case, it's a good thing. She's willing to try some things and do some things that people normally might not."

"I kind of like that in her. I like her courage and the fact that she'll fight to win."

Despite experiencing some big individual moments, Mealing still savors winning the conference championship last year as her greatest moment at UCF.

"The half-court shot is probably No. 2," Mealing said. "I'd have to say winning the [conference] championship of course is No. 1, but the half-court shot was still pretty cool." Repeating as conference champs

has always been on the minds of Mealing and her teammates this season, but the Knights have got off to a slow start, posting just a 6-12 record this season.

"My goal is to win another championship or two," Mealing said. "We have two years left with the same team, so I don't see why we couldn't."

The Knights still have a lot of games left on the schedule, and a late run in the conference tournament is not out of the question. Mealing and her teammates know they have the potential to pull it off.

The Knights have put together back-to-back wins in their past two conference games with wins over Marshall and East Carolina.

Saturday against ECU, Mealing played the entire game and led the way with 14 points, four assists and two steals in the 60-50 win.

Sports briefs

Mealing, Cannon lead UCF to wins

Women's basketball

Coming off a win over Marshall on Thursday, the Knights (6-12, 3-6 in C-USA) took a 60-50 win at home against East Carolina on Saturday, marking just second time this season the Knights have won consecutive games.

Against ECU (17-6, 6-4), point-guard Angelia Mealing led the team in scoring with 14 points and added a team-high four assists, while shooting 5 of 13 from the field.

"Coach always tells us that basketball is a game of runs, and they made runs, but we handled ourselves with poise," Mealing said. "We made the last run in the game that counted the most."

Junior Emma Cannon came up big for the Knights as well, posting eight points along with 10 rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

In a 56-47 win against the Thundering Herd (13-9, 5-4), junior Chelsie Wiley led the way for the Knights, pouring in 17 points. Wiley was 3

of 9 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Junior forward D'Nay Daniels stepped up her production as well, finishing with the only double-double of the game with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

"We worked hard for this and needed a win very badly just to try and get the momentum going," head coach Joi Williams said. "We wanted to start February out in a positive way. February is a time of year when you have to grind it out, and our kids were focused on taking possessions and trying to win those. Our defense was pretty good, and rebounding was what won the game for us."

The Knights have won three of their past five games after beginning the season 3-10. They will go on the road to take on UAB on Friday and Memphis on Sunday.

—BRANDON RIBAK

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SOFTBALL CHECK OUT THURSDAY'S CFF FOR A SEASON PREVIEW

New faces ready to shine

UCF welcomes four freshmen, three JUCOs

CARLOS PINEDA
Staff Writer

Seven newcomers will make their debut in a Knights uniform this weekend, joining 10 returners for the 2010 season.

Freshman pitcher Kazandra Holiday joined the program from Bermerton, Wash. Although she picked up pitching later on in her softball career, Holiday won many awards in high school.

Holiday was named to the All-Kitsap County All-Star team in four consecutive years and added the All-Olympic League honors to her list of awards.

She set two records her senior season, claiming the single-season strikeouts and career strikeouts records. Holiday struck out 236 batters in 2009 and 664 in her four-year tenure.

"We have a little more control with the two seniors (Ashleigh Cole and Kristina DeMello)," Holiday said. "Having some backup pitchers like the two juniors that are going to work their



TINA RUSSELL / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The UCF softball team returns 10 players and brings in seven newcomers, including three junior college transfers for the 2010 season, which opens Friday.

way up as seniors next year, and I have my way as a sophomore."

Marissa Menendez comes to UCF from Tampa, playing softball and volleyball at Chamberlain High School all four years.

UCF head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said Menendez is one of the anchors on the team will play at first base.

"Great glove, great feet," Luers-Gillispie said. "She learned the position, never played it before, but she's

learned the position this year. In practices, she has really stepped up and done a great job."

In 2009, Menendez was named All-Western Conference and Florida High School All-State first teams. She was also named the Prime Time Player of the Year that same season.

In her freshman year, she received the Rookie of the Year honor and the following year won the team's Best

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Schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MEMPHIS

WEDNESDAY

7 P.M. (AWAY)

The Knights last played Tuesday and picked up a 67-56 win against ECU. The Tigers are 16-7 so far this season.

TULANE

SATURDAY

4 P.M. (HOME)

After Wednesday's road contest against the Tigers, the Knights return home to take on the Green Wave (7-15, 2-7).

SOFTBALL

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FRI. - SUN.

(AWAY)

Playing in nearby Clermont in their season opener, the Knights will take on Oklahoma, UCLA, Tennessee, Georgia and Chattanooga.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UAB

FRIDAY

8 P.M. (AWAY)

Winners of three of their past five, the Knights will take on the Blazers, who lost four straight before Sunday's game against Rice.

MEMPHIS

SUNDAY

3 P.M. (AWAY)

The Tigers are 13-8 overall and lead C-USA with a 6-2 record.

MEN'S GOLF

GATOR INV.

SAT. - SUN.

(AWAY)

The Knights begin their season at the Gator in Gainesville for the fifth time in the past six years.

WOMEN'S GOLF

QDOBA INV.

SUN. - TUES.

(AWAY)

In the fall, the Knights picked up a second-place finish and a third-place finish in four events entering the Qdoba Invitational in South Florida.

Junior college transfers highlight newcomers

FROM A8

Offensive Player award. From Lakewood, Calif., Arielle Palafox looks to fill up the gap left by Breanne Javier at first base. Palafox said playing at the collegiate level is faster paced and more competi-

tive than travel and high school softball. At Lakewood High, she earned the All-Moore League First Team honor, along with the team's Most Valuable Player award in her senior season. For Lindsey Palusis, she served as the team manag-

er in the fall before earning a spot on the team. The junior attended Florida Community College at Jacksonville. Last season, she played and led her team to the state championship. Palusis is an Orlando native and lettered in soft-

ball and weightlifting at University High School. She served as her team's captain for three consecutive seasons. Another Tampa native, Ashley Schmitt, enters her first season with the Knights in her junior year. Schmitt spent one season at Hillsborough Community College before transferring to Santa Fe in Gainesville.

beginning of the season is going to be our hardest competition," said Schmitt, referring to the NTC Elite Invitational. "We have nothing to lose so we're just going to go out there and do the best that we can."

The final of the team's new players is Tawny Swan, out of Gilbert, Ariz. Swan enters 2010 in her junior season, having played at Scottsdale Community College. The outfielder was named to the 2009 NJCAA Division II Preseason All-America Third Team and led her team in 10 offensive categories.

Freshman Sam Soltis comes to UCF from Plantation, having attended American Heritage High School.

In 2008, Swan hit .512 and was named to the All-Regional First Team and All-ACCAC Second team.

Last season, the pitcher finished with a 19-3 record and a 1.19 ERA. Schmitt was selected to the All-Mid-Florida Conference second team.

Soltis was a three-sport athlete, playing volleyball and cross-country in addition to softball. The catcher helped guide her to team to the 3A Florida High School State Championship three out of her years.

All of the award-winning newcomers look to add something to the team in the 2010 season when they step on the field in their UCF uniforms.

Schmitt said she does not believe that it is about one player but instead of how an individual can work with the rest of the team for the common goal. "The tournament at the

In 2005, Soltis won the Iron Man of the Year Award and the Offensive Player of the Year in 2007.

The Knights will open their season this Friday at the NTC Elite Invitational in Clermont.



GEORGE OEHL / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Sophomore Alexis Rodriguez won in singles and doubles to help the Knights top Jacksonville University 4-3 Saturday.

Tennis tops Jacksonville

FROM A8

Women's tennis UCF women's tennis downed Jacksonville University 4-3 on the road Saturday to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Jenna Doerfler edged Fernanda Carerro and Iva Jaresova 9-7. Sophomores Christy Core and Andrea Yacaman rolled to an 8-2 victory against Veronique Spencer and Virginia Iwinski.

Freshman Allison Hodges also rolled to a straight-set singles victory, defeating Carrero, 6-1, 6-2.

The Knights will head to Tallahassee next weekend to take on Florida A&M.

In singles, Rodriguez and Doerfler each picked up straight-set wins.

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OUR STANCE

CBS shouldn't stiff-arm ads

The Super Bowl is a time to indulge in your favorite fried foods while screaming at your television. On this special American holiday, you are able to embarrass yourself and your waistline without feeling guilty.

This year though, CBS is infringing upon your day of edible debauchery with contemplative commercials. Despite pleas from advocates who support abortion rights, CBS is running an ad from the evangelical group Focus on the Family.

The ad from the anti-abortion group reportedly features University of Florida's golden boy Tim Tebow explaining how he would have been killed had his pregnant and ill mother listened to her doctor's recommendation of an abortion.

Super Bowl Sunday is a day for fun and frivolity. It is not the time to discuss complicated and controversial topics such as abortion. This is the world of advertising though; if you have the money, then you should be able, and are able, to pay to be part of the most-watched sports event in the U.S.

Unless CBS tells you otherwise. Besides initiating the heart-wrenching thought of a world without the precious Tebow, CBS is offending an entire group of people by accepting the anti-abortion ad while rejecting a different controversial commercial.

ManCrunch.com submitted its racy but less depressing ad for Super Bowl Sunday, but they were ultimately rejected by CBS executives.

The dating Web site for gay men submitted a short, funny ad that had two men in football jerseys for opposing teams yelling at the television before brushing hands in the snack bowl. Once their hands touch, they go into a fiery, obviously fake, make-out session while their other friend looks bewildered. The commercial is harmless.

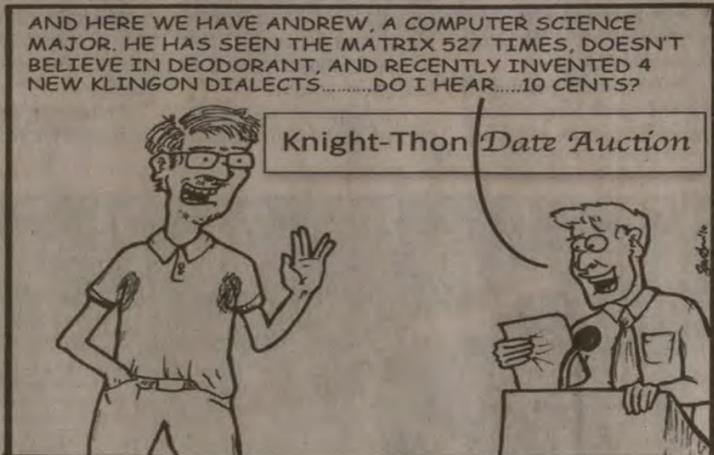
It doesn't seem like the Super Bowl would be the best place to advertise for a men-seeking-men dating site, but at least its commercial sticks with the carefree attitude associated with the event.

Since CBS decided it was necessary to run the anti-abortion ad, it should run the ManCrunch commercial too.

Abortion is a much more controversial topic, so we are not sure why CBS rejected the dating ad. If you are going to run one politically charged ad, then it is only fair to run both.

The *New York Times* reported that CBS questioned whether ManCrunch even had the almost \$3 million needed to pay for the Super Bowl ad. ManCrunch isn't as popular as other dating Web sites like Match.com or E-Harmony, so the doubt seems reasonable. It is not enough of a reason to ban an ad though.

If the Web site really didn't have the funds necessary, then there is an advertising agent making a big bonus off of this successful publicity stunt. Since CBS rejected the commercial the dating site has been receiving tons of free attention with more than 500 links on Google.



ZACH GREATHOUSE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Do not expect UCF's help post-graduation

At 23 years old, graduating from the University of Central Florida with my bachelor's in philosophy and a double minor in women's studies and political science was not only the highlight of my academic career, but of my life.

Never in my entire existence had I felt such clarity or purpose, and it was because I received an education I was passionate about. I learned theories and ideologies I could take with me outside of the classroom and actively put them into practice.

I felt this way not only because I graduated with a 3.9 GPA and a clear plan to get into law school, but because I knew when I walked across that stage that I had done something meaningful with the previous four years of my life. When I was immersed into the wonderful world of academia, I made a commitment to myself to make it count. And I did.

Utilizing all my access, privilege and opportunity to the fullest extent, I completed an internship with Sen. Bill Nelson, acted as a liaison for the women's studies program alongside Kathleen Oliver, was a professor's assistant for Introduction to Philosophy Honors alongside Jennifer Lisa Vest, an instructor's assistant for Third Wave Feminism alongside Leandra Preston, was vice president of our campus National Organization for Women as well as program coordinator for Animal Safehouse.

Four months after graduation, I was still committed to continuing my role as a member of UCF's academic community, so I volunteered to help facilitate the New Women's Studies Faculty Reception on Sept. 21, 2009.

During this time, I was facing the worst financial bind I had ever experienced. I had been in and out of Career Services, was seeking guidance from past professors and advisers, sifted through every classified ad and online career site I could get my hands on and still, nothing.

Therefore, after the reception, I took some time to introduce myself to



ARIELLE SCHWARTZ
Guest Columnist

President Hitt in order to express the lack of guidance and interest in my well-being that his very university demonstrated post-graduation and pre-law school.

When I told him about my past academic endeavors, including my major and minors, he suggested that, although it was "great" I took courses that were meaningful or interesting, perhaps I should have chosen a path with more economic demand.

He then directed me to send him an e-mail reminding him about our conversation so he could offer some assistance.

In my e-mail, written Sept. 21, 2009, I wrote to President Hitt as someone with great respect and prestige at one of the biggest universities in the nation asking for some guidance.

I was so distraught that I was starting to feel that UCF did not have any concern for my success or well-being because I am no longer paying tuition.

I did not want to think that the academy to which I have devoted the past five years of my life had become such a business that they could not help one of their alumni even when she is attempting to give back what she has gained from her education there.

I had immense regard for President Hitt's role in making UCF what it is today, and this was why I decided to approach him with this request, fully aware of how incredibly busy he must be.

The bottom line is I have yet to receive a response. Have students become just another commodity for a multi-million dollar industry? And when there are students like me who actively learn something and take advantage of the resources provided, I am told that I should have majored in what — business?

I can only assume that my lack of status on the hierarchical totem pole of academia is not prestigious enough to deserve a follow-up. Or President Hitt was just too busy.

READER VIEWS

NorthView is no good for the neighborhood

Tch, tch. CFF - getting your reporters and editorialists to get the facts, not just grab for a new "facility" that will sate commercial thirsts is a tough job. Try to live up.

Excerpt from the HOA of the residents of Carillon:

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"Fiction? Fact?"

"The impact of the NorthView project on our neighborhood will be far less than the previous Winn-Dixie store and the allowable commercial uses. The existing Winn-Dixie store and the approved commercial site plan for the property across Lockwood Boulevard consist of approximately 108,000 square feet of retail space. The NorthView project con-

sists of approximately 630,000 square feet, including the student housing units, retail uses, student religious centers, and multi-story parking garages.

"The 600-bed student housing complex will involve college students coming and going at all hours of the day and night.

"The NorthView developers say they want to be good neighbors and have a collaborative relationship with the Carillon community. The words of the NorthView developers do not match their actions.

"The Association attempted to negotiate with the NorthView developers regarding our community's concerns months prior to the County Commission meeting, but the NorthView developers were not receptive to such efforts. The NorthView developers have refused to remove, or even reduce the size of, the student housing component of the project.

"The NorthView developers stated the project would only have 584 student beds at the Planning Commission, then increased the number to 600 beds at the County Commission."

And there's more! Check HOA site for real info and lay off the "gloss" of new and convenient facilities please.

— L. BLASDEL

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Ever wish that your iPod couldn't fit in your pocket?

Every year, oceans of gadget junk are pumped out to the tech market. Thousands of boring desktops, gimmicky cell phones and generally dull devices are produced, marketed and sold to easily impressionable, perpetually unsatisfied consumers across the globe. However, on rare occasion, a fledgling tech company creates a product that redefines innovation itself, a product that forever changes the way we think of computing and communication.

The iPad is not that product.

For the cave dwellers out there who haven't heard about it, the iPad is Apple's newest device, introduced late in January and set to be released sometime in April. With the same gorgeous and flavorful design as the iPhone and iPod Touch, the iPad joins Apple's portable tech family as the obese, deficient younger brother.

At first glance, it looks like a ground-breaking device and a true game-changer, but upon further investigation, it becomes apparent that Apple's new baby is nothing more than an iPod with a larger screen.

The first and foremost problem with the iPad is this notion that it is the absolute best way to experience the Internet. Apparently being able to see an entire page without scrolling is something of a big deal, as if using the scroll wheel on a mouse or pressing the down button is a task too difficult for the average computer user. What Apple isn't telling you is that the browser on the iPad doesn't have Flash support, which means you won't be watching any Hulu or listening to any Pandora stations. Of course, you can always waste your money, time and disk space on an app that lets you do what you can do on a normal computer for free.

So you've just downloaded Pandora Radio from the App Store — problem solved right? Not really, because every time you need to do something other than listening to Pandora, you have to exit the application. The iPad, like the iPhone and iPod Touch, is not capable of multitasking. Multitasking means exactly what it sounds like it means: It's the ability to do more than one thing at once. It's being able to surf the Web while chatting on AIM. I'm only explaining this because multitasking is so common in computers that the average, not-so-nerdy computer user might not even think about it. Without the ability to do more than one thing at once, the quality of user experience declines significantly regardless of how high the quality of the applications on the device. It's simple.

Software limitations like these are big problems, but the bigger issues with the iPad lie under the hood.

Most computers have a few standard ports for connecting displays and peripheral devices, such as cameras and music players. The iPad has no standard ports; instead, there is one pro-



BEN BADIO
Columnist

proprietary docking port. It's the same port on the bottom of the iPhone. If you want to upload pictures from your camera or take music from a different media player you'll need to buy Apple's over-priced connection changers. The iPad is too revolutionary to use the standard USB that practically every peripheral device on the market uses.

Most computers have two main input devices: a keyboard and a mouse. At this point you might be giving your newspaper the stink-eye, because you're probably saying to yourself, "Well duh, Ben Badio, it's a tablet! It's not supposed to have a keyboard and mouse!" Well some call that an innovation, but it's really just another limitation. No matter how cool it seems, having to touch the screen with your fingers weakens the overall computer experience.

Those of you planning on buying iPads or other tablets can expect serious wrist cramping and finger fatigue, not to mention sore fingertips from poking a piece of glass over and over again. When it comes to ease and precision of use, the keyboard and mouse combo always prevails. It's just the way computers are supposed to be.

So yes, the iPad is a brick with Internet, but please, don't blame Apple. It's not like Apple is doing something that has never been done before. Keyboard-free touch-enabled devices have been attempted by a number of companies. In the early 2000s, a number of PC manufacturers tried to market tablet PCs running a special version of Windows XP. They failed to sell a significant number of devices. Back in the '90s, a touch-enabled device called the "Newton" was produced and unsuccessfully marketed by none other than Apple. The iPad is not their first attempt.

The reason these tablets fail is that a tablet is not a very functional device. The tablet market is a mirage. Tablets seem like the future because they aren't conventional, but what many don't realize is that those typical conventions are what make computers so easy to use. Tablets don't do anything a typical notebook can't do, but they can't do a lot of what a typical notebook can do. What you get with a tablet is an in-between device. It's a missing link in the evolution of the computer that should remain missing.

If you are really looking into buying an iPad, I suggest getting a netbook. Netbooks, with their compact sizes and low prices, are the true future of mobile computing. For less than \$499 you can find a netbook with Wi-Fi, a 3G connection, a high-capacity hard drive, a couple USB ports, a VGA port for displays, and best of all, a keyboard and mouse.

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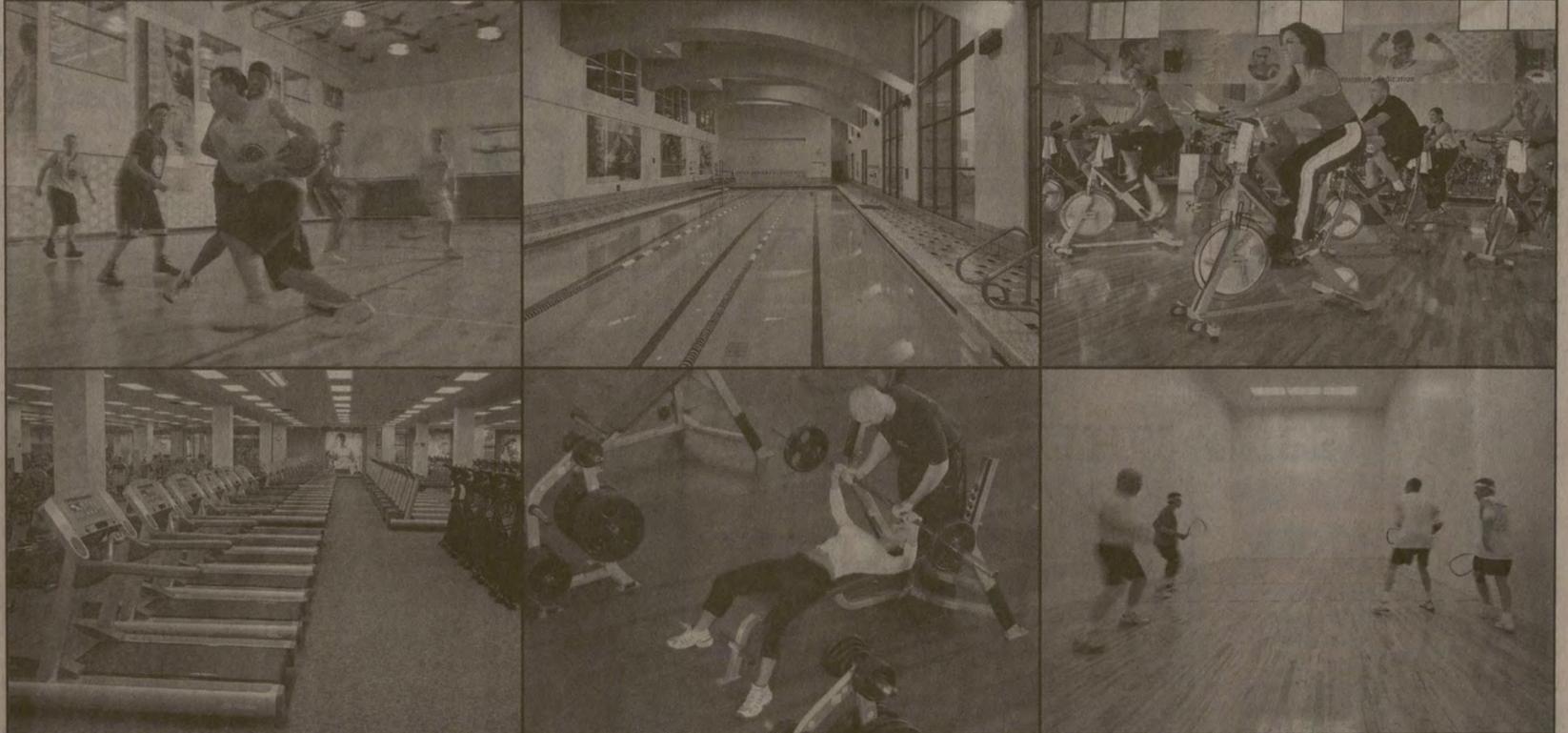
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