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## Southern fried

Knights head to Southern Miss for key conference matchup — SEE SPORTS, A6



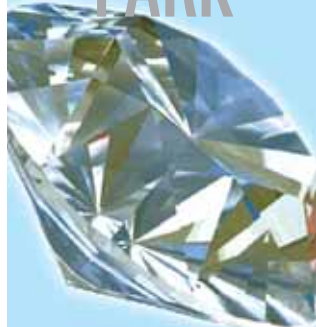
## About a Boy

The Young Wild Things tour with Fall Out Boy to stop at UCF — SEE VARIETY, A9



### ADVENTURE

## A DIAMOND IN THE PARK



While diamond hunting with his fiance, a Wisconsin man discovered a 3.9-carat stone at an Arkansas park. Eric Blake, 32, said he spotted the stone after he set down a bucket along a trail at Crater of Diamonds State Park. Crater of Diamonds is the world's only diamond-producing site open to the public, and visitors can keep the stones they dig up.

### FASHION

## WASH. OFFICERS WIN BEST DRESSED

According to a national trade group, Washington State Patrol are the best dressed state police officers in the country. The officers can be seen wearing a black bow tie and blue "Smokey Bear" hat. The patrol has been wearing the outfit for 70 years and was recently named America's "Best Dressed State Law Enforcement Agency."



### AROUND CAMPUS, A2

## UCF POLICE DEPT. HOLDS OPEN HOUSE TODAY AT 10 A.M.

The UCF Police Department is inviting students to attend its open house today from 10 a.m. to noon in the John T. Washington Center. The goal of the event is to achieve better student-police communication.

### LOCAL & STATE, A2

## CRIST URGES FEDS TO STOP GEORGIA FROM WATER-SAVING PLANS

Allowing Georgia to fight drought by slowing water flow into Florida would imperil commercial fishing along the Florida Panhandle, Gov. Charlie Crist argued in a letter to President Bush. Crist urged not to let Georgia move forward with water-saving plans.

### NATION & WORLD, A4

## BEIJING'S POLLUTED AIR MAY DELAY SOME OLYMPIC EVENTS IN '08

Beijing's polluted air is raising the likelihood that some Olympic events may be postponed, although special restrictions should keep the skies clear much of the time, the International Olympic Committee said Thursday.

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# Group calls for concealed weapons

## Some students want guns on campus

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A group of UCF students is calling for a change to allow students and faculty to carry concealed weapons on campus.

Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, a student-led organization, voiced its idea this past week. They

were joined nationally in the effort as students showing support for the group by wore empty gun holsters on campus.

The goal of the SCCC is to change legislation that would allow individuals who are legally licensed to carry concealed firearms to do so on college campuses, something that is currently forbidden at

most colleges.

Chris Brown, a University of Texas political science major, started the organization in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy in April 2007.

Since its creation, the group has grown to over 6,200 members nationwide, said SCCC media coordinator W. Scott Lewis.

"The issue of campus gun bans is something that has irked concealed handgun license holders for years," Lewis said, "but it took a tragedy like Virginia Tech to rally so many like-minded individuals together."

Joe Culotta, a 22-year-old management major, is SCCC's representative at UCF.

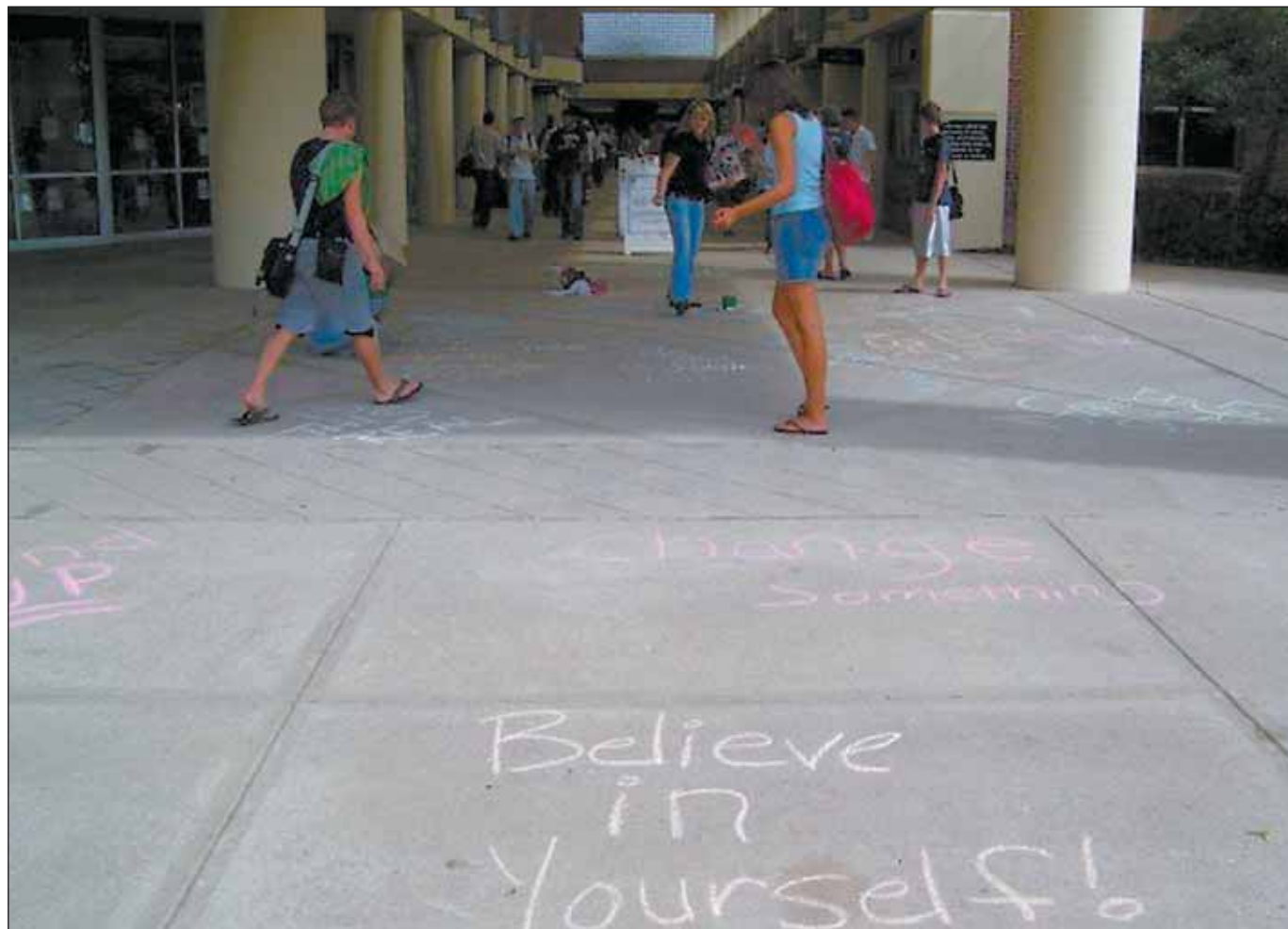
"One thing I want to make clear is that we don't want every student to be able to

carry on campus," Culotta said. "We only want those that have earned concealed weapons permits."

Currently in Florida you must be 21, be able to demonstrate competency with a firearm and be a U.S. citizen to get a permit. You can also be deemed ineligible for a number of reasons, including a felony conviction, a conviction for a misdemeanor crime

PLEASE SEE GUN ON A2

## Don't step on people's feelings



Positive drawings covered the sidewalk outside the John T. Washington Center on Tuesday. The messages were written as a way to help fellow students get through their day.

# Using the power of CHALK

## Students inspire with positive notes

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Several students drew on the sidewalk just outside the John T. Washington Center on Tuesday, conveying positive messages to help passers-by get through the day.



Shelby Glasgow, Brad Pettitt, Ian Kramer, Julie Frost, Natalie Finkel-

stein and Benjamin Smith, wrote the messages in hopes of inspiring people.

"We just want to make people happy," Glasgow said. "Well, everyone has just been so stressed out lately because of midterms, so we just wanted to spread a positive message, and we were also really interested to see what people would do with it."

Messages such as "Express yourself" and "You are beautiful" were written on the sidewalk.

"I drew 'Compliment a stranger' [because] I was trying to get

people to do a good deed and to do a good act toward somebody they don't even know, because that person might need it that day," said Pettitt, an 18-year-old freshman theater major.



The group received permission from the Student Government Association to draw on the sidewalks, then she and her friends picked the area outside of the John T. Washington Center because of the high student traffic.

Later that day, the group

PLEASE SEE CHALK ON A3

# Group asks for higher tuition, greener campus

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Eco-Advocates, a campus environmental group, in partnership with the UCF Arboretum and the Sustainability Alliance, is taking the battle for environmentally sustainable practices at UCF to the next level.

Joining the ranks of other colleges in the state, the group is moving forward with their initiative to pass the Green Fee.

The Green Fee is a student fee intended to generate money for sustainable efforts, such as the use of solar energy, to reduce energy consumption.

Eco-Advocates is proposing a fee of 75 cents per credit hour per student, amounting to about half a million dollars each semester for the Green fund.

"It's less important as a fee and more important in that students are so engaged in the debate over global warming and energy independence that they're willing to invest in their future by investing in their campus," said Jason Misner, the Florida organizer for the Southern Energy Network.

The money would go directly into a fund that would be overseen by a Green Fee subcommittee under the sustain-

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### GREEN FEES

#### WHAT IS THE GREEN FEE?

The Green Fee is a proposed fee of 75 cents per credit hour taken. This amount could generate about half a million dollars for environmental issues each semester.

#### WHAT DOES IT GO TOWARD?

Installation of solar panels, improvement and expansion of student gardens and creation of local, organic food purchasing plans.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Students are looking to collect 5,000 signatures in order to get a referendum on the Green Fee.

# People carjacked at nearby housing

## Two victims robbed in morning attack

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A UCF student and another person were carjacked at the Collegiate Village Inn apartments on University Boulevard Wednesday.

Early in the morning, two suspects driving a newer-model, silver Honda Civic carjacked a 1995 red, Honda Civic with Florida license plate number J464AV, said Cpl. James Roop, spokesman for the UCF Police Department.

The suspects were described as two men between 6-feet and 6-feet-5-inches tall, Roop said.

The police have requested the community's assis-

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# Person injured in hit-and-run near UCF

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The UCF Police Department is asking for student help in a hit-and-run case.

The incident occurred on Monday at about 6:35 a.m., said Cpl. James Roop, spokesman for the UCF PD. The police said the victim was injured but not killed.

Police said they suspect that the vehicle was a late-model silver Honda Civic driven by a woman in her early 30s.

"I have an optimistic view on the suspect being identified, due to the early hour," Roop said, "and more than likely, that person uses the campus on a normal basis."

Anyone who may have seen the accident is being asked to assist police regarding case number 2007-4422. The contact number for UCF PD is 407-823-5555. The Community Relations office in the John T. Washington Cen-

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