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Crews worked through the weekend to repair the sinkhole.

Campus closure

Broken water main on Valencia's West Campus forces shut-down

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A water main break on the west campus of Valencia early Thursday morning shut down the school for four days.

The pipe along Valencia Community College Drive broke around 7:30 a.m. Thursday. Classes for the day were cancelled as the water sup-

ply was turned off and emergency crews identified the problem.

Lyndon Brookes was on his way to school when he heard of the pipe breaking. "I saw workers trying to dig up what looked like a sinkhole," he said. "I didn't know what was happening until I came to class and the announcement was

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West Campus crisis

Gun incident leads to arrests, no injury

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Students and faculty had a brush with violence on the West Campus of Valencia College Thursday.

One male student was attacked by several other men in the lobby of Building 3. During the fight, a firearm fell to the floor.

Valencia student and staff writer for Valencia Voice, Thomas Skillman, was present during the fracas. He had limited view of the incident, but he did hear a girl shout 'He's got a gun' and hide behind a pillar.

"Her face was as white as a ghost," Skillman said. "I'll never forget the look on her face."

Skillman witnessed several people, including the suspects, running for the exits, before he took cover. The gun fell to the floor and quickly recovered by a Valencia staff person. Campus security and Orlando Police were on the scene within minutes.

The suspects fled the campus in a vehicle, driven by former Valencia student Rony Boyer. The car was stopped by Orlando Police and found to have an AK-47 assault rifle in the trunk, which Boyer claimed. Officers also found bundles of \$100 bills, totalling \$6,287. Boyer said the money was from his college aid and he intended to use it to buy a car.



Courtesy of OCSO

Rony Boyer



Courtesy of OCSO

Hudson Capi

Boyer, 20, was arrested, along with Hudson Capi, 23. Both men were charged with possession of a firearm on school property.

Valencia has issued trespass warnings against Boyer and Capi. Photos of both men have been given to campus security. No academic action will be taken against Boyer, who is no longer a student at the school.

In the aftermath of the incident, Valencia plans to look at ways to prevent non-students from maintaining a presence on campus.

"There will be a series of seminars and conferences," said West Campus Switchboard Operator Johanna Cardona, "to help us communicate better and to make the campus safer."

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Aging structures lead to pipe burst

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made that the school was closed.”

Campus security worked to de-tour motorists and inform students and faculty about the school closing.

Professor Andrew Alexander was told about the break while he was in class.

“It was around 9:00 a.m. when I heard of the pipe burst and the campus closing because of it. They said that it was a watermain pipe burst and there was no water in school.”

Student postings on Facebook originally attributed the damage to a sinkhole, but in fact the fracture was due to external stress by an existing apparatus.

“Old structure in the ground, an old storm drain, stressed and deteriorated the pipe,” said west campus

superintendent Lawrence Wainwright. “It had a small crack, probably for a month or two, and it just broke open.”

Contractors worked until 7 p.m. to re-route the main and patch the leak. A temporary fix, the patched pipe will eventually have to be replaced. Wainwright said the school will wait for the three weeks between the summer and fall semesters to complete the project, which will likely keep the campus closed for the entire break.

The campus water system was flushed for more than two hours on Thursday evening to rid the supply of contaminants. Samples taken from the water post-repair were sent to a biological lab to be tested for purity and safety. The water was declared safe on Saturday afternoon following a second flush of the system.

Precautionary flyers were posted on campus buildings issuing a precautionary boil warning to faculty, staff, and students, alongside notices announcing the closing of the campus through Saturday.

Though the water is safe for human consumption, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires signage alerting people on campus of the break and repairs to remain in place.

“The signs have to stay posted for awhile,” said Wainwright. “I’m not sure how long. But the samples were given the o.k. and we were very thankful to get that.”

The campus re-opened for classes and normal business on Monday.

Gun incident on West Campus

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The college has an alert system in place to notify students and faculty of any emergency on campus, as well as a lock-down procedure for the event of a gun incident. The system is supposed to send out notification of a crisis, updates on how the situation is progressing, and finally an all-clear. No such messages were sent out on Thursday.

The journalism department, located in Building 3, made the decision to lock down the entire department after the gun was spotted. Ken Carpenter, journalism

professor and advisor to the Valencia Voice, said he and his students sat “huddled in the dark” for over an hour, waiting for the all-clear from Campus Security that never came.

An email sent by West Campus President Dr. Falecia D. Williams to students and faculty was for many the first and only indication that a gun incident occurred on the campus. Williams explained the lack alerts as an executive decision and not a failure of the system.

“Because the gun was immediately confiscated and the suspects fled the campus, there was never a danger to students or staff,” he wrote. “As such our emergency communications procedures did not need to be implemented.”



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Companies clash for charity

26th Orlando event raises thousands for local causes

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Sun, fun, and a good cause were served up at the Orange Bowl Saturday as the 26th annual Charity Challenge took over the area.

Service industry companies from all over Orlando registered and donated in order to participate in the multi-pronged event.

"Charity Challenge was started in order to give young adults living in Orlando a way to connect with others by having fun while doing charity work," said founder Lee Constantine.

Tents covered the grass by the stadium as over 98 teams, 200 sponsors, and 150 volunteers roamed the area. People came out to

support the effort of raising money for over 80 different organizations while having fun.

In total there were six events; volleyball, obstacle course, tube racing, basketball shootout, canoe racing, and even tug-of-war. Participants were a mix of veterans and first-timers. The popularity of the event has significantly grown in terms of local companies getting involved and the young adults eager to be a part of it.

"It's not often you get to participate in something this fun, especially for a good cause," raved first timer Scott Navarro.

Amenities were a must have for a safe and fun day, when temperatures were in the high 80's. A gigantic pool was brought in to cool off those in need. Boy Scout Troop 200's tent took cash for their burgers, fries, and watermelon. The boys were taught how to handle money and work with customers. The money raised went towards funding a trip to summer camp in Georgia.

"It's communities helping communities, while feeling a sense of belonging to the city of Orlando, that makes this event so special," said Jose Mateo of Bonefish Grill, a contributor to the event for many years.

From a humble beginning of only four teams raising a thousand dollars, to one hundred teams with four million dollars raised to date, there seems to be no end to the term giving for the Orlando Charity Challenge.

To register your business for next year's challenge or to find more information:

www.charitychallengeinc.org



Thomas Skillman / Valencia Voice
Universal employees compete in a canoe race.



Shay Castle / Valencia Voice

Welcome leader Fina Sallee leads a tour of Valencia's East Campus.

Back to School

'Bigs' help 'littles' prepare for college

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida held an event on getting into college at Valencia East Campus on May 18.

Angie Ross of BBBS provided information on how to get into the school of your choice, calling her presentation the "Four Steps To College." Audience members were given the chance to win prizes by answering questions related to the

subject. The interactive game encouraged participation while still passing along pertinent information.

"My hope is to give everyone here the tools to get into college," said Ross.

Monica Negron, from Enrollment Services and Transitions of Valencia, gave a presentation on Valencia while the audience snacked on free pizza and soda.

Negron's presentation provided information on Valencia including: degree paths, honor programs,

student life, student services, steps to enroll, financial aid, and how to navigate the Valencia website.

"I found the presentations very interesting," said Scott Cadwell, big brother to Brandon Delfosse. "There is a lot I didn't know but I learned a lot."

Cadwell and Delfosse have been in the program together since last November. Delfosse, only in seventh grade, eagerly asked and answered many questions of the presenters.

"I think I am going to go to Valencia," said Delfosse, following a campus tour. "I want to become a geography teacher."

"Desarae is a junior at University High," said Colangelo. "I just wanted to help her get a head start on college."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida has been bringing mentors and youth together for 35 years in and around Orlando. The organization strives to help "at-risk youth overcome tremendous obstacles to develop into stable, successful adults," according to their website.

"Anyone can become a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters," said Kelley Fulgham, an organization representative. "To be a mentor we require that someone be at least age 21, make a 1-year commitment, and pass a comprehensive background check. Any child between the ages of 6 and 18 can join with legal guardian approval."

Visit bbbscfl.org for information.

FSU sells academic freedom for \$1.5 mil

Koch industries 'gift' to university is clearly more biased than balanced

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The academic integrity of Florida State University is in question due to a donation it accepted from the ultra-conservative Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation.

The \$1.5 million "gift" was intended to create and maintain positions for professors who will promote the ideals of free market and anti-regulation, as part of a program called the Study of Political Economy and Free Enterprise (SPEFE.)

A 12 page "memorandum of understanding" between the university and the organization outlines the objectives of SPEFE and the establishment of an advisory board to oversee its effectiveness. The board will conduct annual evaluations of the program to determine if their agenda is being properly advanced. They reserve the right to pull the funding or demand the release of professors who are not performing to their standards.

Many critics view the deal as a blatant and egregious affront to academic freedom, but others,

like Valencia College economics professor Jack Chambless, see it as a welcome chance for balance.

"I think it opens up a good question: 'Is there enough balance between free market libertarianism and liberal socialistic teaching?' I do not think there is," Chambless said in reference to college classrooms.

Chambless disagrees with a public university entering into such contracts, but supports the principals behind the deal. His classes promote free enterprise, which he says adds balance to the traditionally liberal arena of higher education.

"My class will lean more towards free market perspective, because I believe history supports free market economics," he said. "I think of it as balanced because so many other classes lean in the other direction."

A balanced education is the hallmark of academic freedom. The classroom should be a place where multiple viewpoints are presented and discussed freely and the students are ultimately left to draw their own conclusions from the evidence presented.

OPINION

The intent of the foundation is the key to determining whether or not ethical boundaries have been breached. Stanley Fish framed the questions eloquently in his recent Opinionator piece, "Sex, the Koch Brothers, and Academic Freedom."

"Is the foundation funding the study of free-market economics — a perfectly respectable academic subject — or is it mandating that free-market economics be promoted in the classroom?" Fish wrote. "Is it a gift intended to stimulate research the conclusions of which can not be known in advance, or is it a gift intended to amplify a conclusion — free-market economics is good; regulation is bad — the philanthropists have already reached and want to broadcast using Florida State University as a megaphone?"

The latter seems, unfortunately, to be closer to the reality of the situation, with professors' paychecks contingent upon their bias.

Chambless regards bias as an unavoidable part of the academic experience.

"I'll be the first to admit all professors are biased and my bias comes out in the classroom,"

he said. "As human beings it is impossible to not allow our bias, consciously or subconsciously, to come out. Any professor who says they are not biased is being disingenuous."

The Koch brothers, as businessmen, are not beholden to a moral standard of objectivity. But the administration of Florida State is. By agreeing to the demands of an outside entity in exchange for money, FSU is undermining their academic integrity and violating students' right to a balanced education.

Professor Chambless may be trying to "actively balance out the system" by introducing open bias into the classroom, but what he is really doing is abdicating his professional responsibility to remain as impartial as humanly possible.

Biases are present enough in classrooms without attempts to insert them purposefully. Doing so does not result in a more "balanced" environment, only a more divisive atmosphere less conducive to learning.

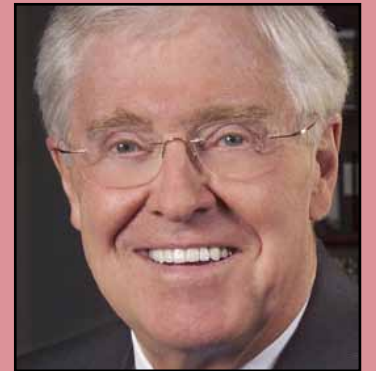
I urge both Professor Chambless and Florida State University to try harder to achieve true balance in their instruction. Your students deserve better.

For the complete memorandum of understanding, go to:

<http://tampabay.com/specials/2011/PDFs/fsucontract.pdf>

FSU guards against repeat of Koch fiasco

By Katie Sanders
The Miami Herald



Courtesy of Koch Industries
Charles Koch.

TALLAHASSEE — Stung by widespread criticism of its unusual contract with a conservative billionaire donor, FSU has turned to its faculty for guidance on avoiding such fiascos in the future.

On Monday, a group of faculty leaders planned their approach for a review of the university's contract with the Charles G. Koch Foundation, which gives the foundation the right to screen candidates for two positions in FSU's economics department in return for \$1.5 million over six years.

The arrangement, signed in 2008, is believed to be the only one of its kind and has been slammed as an attack on academic freedom. University hiring is traditionally the purview of faculty and administrators and off limits to outside influences.

"What we realize now is that there may be some proposals that require an even more formal outside faculty review," said Eric Walker, English professor and past Faculty Senate president.

Walker was a member of the Faculty Senate's steering com-

mittee when the arrangement was finalized. He said he does not remember a discussion of the Koch contract.

Barron often likens the arrangement in the economics department with Beethoven, said Sandra Lewis, current Faculty Senate president. In a meeting last week, she said he used this example: If someone was endowing a chair in Beethoven studies, and wanted you to be sure that there were Beethoven scholars and there were Beethoven classes being taught, is that the same as wanting a free market economy program as part of the economics degree?

"One is purely political and the other isn't," Lewis said.

She hopes the yet-to-be-appointed committee will complete its review by mid-July.

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Is your downloaded music legal?

Four ways you may be unknowingly violating copyright

By Jeff Shedden

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Many people have iPods and other digital media players, but how much of the content on it is really legal? There are some people who have huge libraries of songs that came entirely from legal sources, like iTunes. Many others have content that came from more questionable sources. Here are some copyright laws you may not even know you are breaking.

1) CD Ripping

It wasn't until fairly recently that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) gave in and stopped fighting people who rip their own music to put on personal mp3 players. It's now okay to take music from a CD you own and put it onto an mp3 player that you also own. But did you know that it is NOT legal to rip a CD that someone loans you to your mp3 player?

It is also illegal to let someone else copy your CDs or rip them to their mp3 player. Similar laws applied to copying cassettes in the 80s. Even George W. Bush enjoyed listening to The Beatles on his iPod in 2006, before the music of the Fab Four was available legally on iTunes.

Conclusion

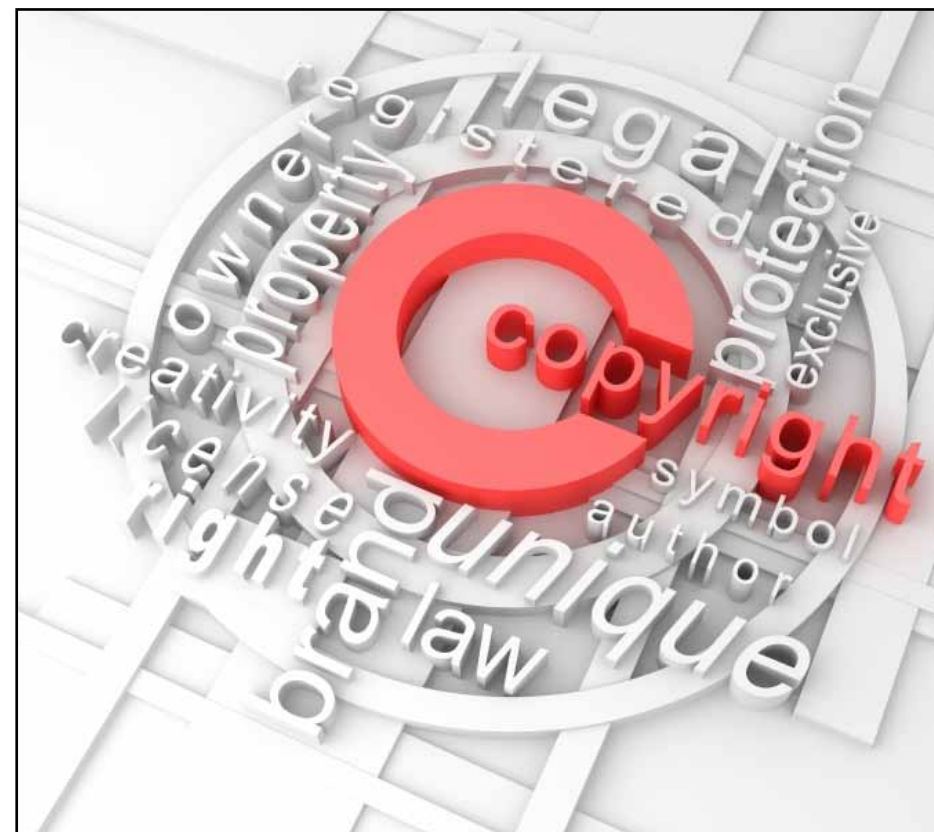
The RIAA going rarely goes after anyone for committing any of these infractions, with the exception of file sharing. The laws exist because the entertainment industry really doesn't want you to be entertained for free.

The bottom line is, nobody is going to be kicking your door down because your girlfriend dumped you and so you've made an "Emoiest Emo Mix" CD to listen to while driving around, but it helps to be aware, just in case you ever need to cover your butt.

2) Downloading

Pretty much everyone is aware that it is illegal to download copyrighted content that doesn't belong to you, but not a lot of people know that it's also illegal to download copyrighted material that DOES belong to you.

If you bought a CD, but don't have the technological know-how to rip it to your mp3 player, it seems like it should be okay to just download it from Bittorrent instead, right? However, the RIAA does not distinguish between a download of owned and unowned songs. This is a demonstration of copyright laws being weird and almost arbitrary. As far as copyright law is concerned, it is very important that the rip was made from your own CD.



3) Mixtapes

This form of copyright violation has been around for decades. Believe it or not, a mixtape or mix CD counts as a derivative work and is considered illegal. This is the concept behind collections like "Now That's What I Call Music!" in which each track is individually licensed.

4) Used CDs

Don't panic, because it's perfectly legal to buy and sell used CDs. But what you may not be aware of is that if you sell a CD, you're also required to destroy any copies you might have made. This doesn't just mean a CD-R disc, but also any mp3s you may have ripped to your computer or mp3 player.

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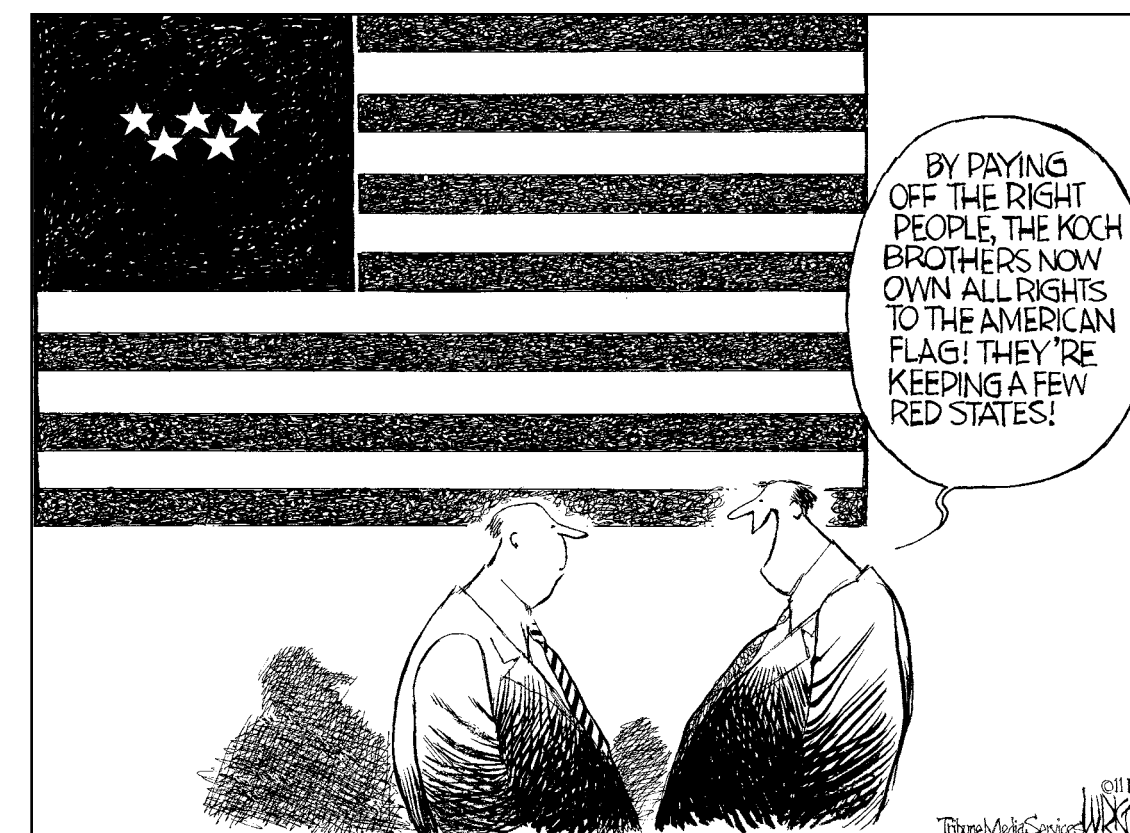
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When in 'Rome'

New album has distinct soundtrack-like vibe



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Some of the most intriguing records of late have been film scores by the Chemical Brothers, Daft Punk, and Trent Reznor. The next record to be added to this list is "Rome".

At its core, "Rome" is a tribute to Italian westerns' film scores, especially the work of Ennio Morricone ("The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly"), but it goes deeper than echoing a handful of familiar sounds and techniques associated with the genre. The album, titled for the location in which it was recorded, teems with wide screen atmosphere, piling on loping drums, gorgeous string arrangements, and bluesy guitar solos.

Much like the Foo Fighters' latest effort, "Wasting Light", "Rome" was years in the making and recorded in a straight to analog format without the use of any computers or modern recording technology.

If it was not for its contemporary voices, particularly White's, "Rome" could just as easily have been mistaken for a genuine soundtrack to an old western. From start to finish, the album provides a beautiful backdrop to past generations' visions of panoramic vistas and blood stained betrayals.

New 'Pirates' movie sails on shallow water

Fourth installment will impress die-hard fans, still falls short of box-office hype

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Bust out the swords and pirate hats, and get ready to sail the high seas in search of a secret treasure. The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean, "On Stranger Tides," franchise finally hit theaters.

We've followed the story of Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) for nearly a decade now, through all of his trials and tribulations as the trouble-making pirate who seems to be stuck in the middle of all the action. His story continues

as he fights to find the Fountain of Youth before his rivals.

Always the man to narrowly escape capture and run from the law, Sparrow finds himself in the company of Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) who seems to have converted himself into a highly regarded citizen, highly different than the ruthless pirate he once was. He too wants to find this Fountain of Youth, and starts his own quest.

Meanwhile, Sparrow runs into another old time friend and love interest, Angelica (Penelope Cruz), who claims to be able to help Spar-

row find the fountain. The two set sail. To Sparrow's dismay, he realizes that the pair isn't in control of the ship, but that he is aboard Blackbeard's (Ian McShane) ship, Queen Anne's Revenge. Sparrow doesn't know whether to trust Angelica or to fear her two timing behavior. She also reveals that Blackbeard is her long lost father. This further sets Sparrow on edge.

The team tries to work through their issues as they search for the ultimate prize, fighting everything that stands in their way.

"It's one of those movies you just go see at midnight because you've followed it for years," said Miguel Rosa, a movie patron.

Although many eager individuals came out for the midnight showing of "Pirates", it didn't completely live up to the hype. Being the shortest film of all four, running around 20-30 minutes shorter than the rest, it seemed as though the story line wasn't strong enough in this particular installment to run as long as the others. With the loss of many of its previous stars, such as Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightly, some of the star quality was lost as well. It seemed to be missing many of the dynamic relationships and character development that the previous films were in abundance of.

"It was good. I haven't watched the other movies in a long time," commented Sarah Ulmer, Valencia College student.

Although there were some mixed reviews, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" had its moments. For those who have kept up with the series, it's a must see., but newcomers should not make this their first.



Courtesy of Walt Disney

Captain Jack Sparrow faces off against Blackbeard, a new foe in the newest "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie.

Knights storm Thundering Herd

UCF beats Marshall to clinch 4th seed in C-USA tournament

By Bryan Levine
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Regular season is over for the Knights, ending just as good as it started with a pair of huge wins against the Marshall Thundering Herd this weekend.

The Knights began the season with a bang, sweeping the Siena Saints at home by a combined score of 36-6 with the help of their strength and precision batting. They beat the Herd in the same fashion. The wins were a welcome change for the Knights, who couldn't have started the three game series any worse. They were four hit and shutout by the Thundering Herd's pitching staff, led by starter Aaron

Blair, who went six strong innings, struck out six and only allowed seven Knights to reach base.

"Just overall we seemed a little bit slow," said coach Terry Rooney after Thursday night's loss. "We just didn't seem to have that extra step, that extra pitchers, really in all areas." With a final score of 6-0, the Knights needed to bounce back the next night if they wanted to end the season on a winning streak.

"You want to be playing your best baseball at the end of the season, and I feel like we have been to be honest, prior to tonight," said Rooney. "Its important to get a win here this weekend."

They countered Thursday



Pictures care of Russell Griner
Johnathan Griffen receives praise rounding the bases and heading home.

night's disappointing performance with the come back of the season.

Ahead 7-6 headed into the eighth, on Saturday night, UCF closer Joe Rogers was torched for four runs by Marshall. The Knights responded in a huge way in the bottom half of the inning. With a combination of patience at the plate and clutch ball placement, UCF plated six in the inning on three hits and three walks. The Knights matched Saturday night's 13-10 thriller with a dominating win on senior night, 8-1. Senior Chase Bradford shutdown Marshall; hurling seven innings, allowing one run and fanning nine batters. Brad-

ford wasn't the only senior who showed up big.

First baseman, Jonathon Griffin had a field day in his final game at Jay Bergman Field, with two big fly's giving him 16 on the season. Griffin's 16 homers makes him the team leader in that category. He also led in hits with 54.

D.J. Hicks was another huge contributor this season, leading the team in RBI's, 59, and batting average, finishing just under the .350 mark. Hicks was honored as a Dick Howser Trophy semi-finalist, given to the best hitter in the Conference-USA. The Knights finished the season with

Conference USA 2011 Tournament Schedule

All games televised by CSS

Wednesday, May 25

Game 1 (5) Memphis vs. (4) UCF: 9:00am

Game 2 (8) UAB vs. (1) Rice: 12:30pm

Game 3 (6) Houston vs. (3) East Carolina: 4:00pm

Game 4 (7) Tulane vs. (2) Southern Miss: 7:30pm

Thursday, May 26

Game 5 (4) UCF vs. (8) UAB: 9:00am

Game 6 (5) Memphis vs. (1) Rice: 12:30pm

Game 7 (7) Tulane vs. (3) East Carolina: 4:00pm

Game 8 (6) Houston vs. (2) Southern Miss: 7:30pm

Friday, May 27

Game 9 (5) Memphis vs. (8) UAB - 9:00am

Game 10 (4) UCF vs. (1) Rice - 12:30pm

Game 11 (6) Houston vs. (7) Tulane - 4:00pm

Game 12 (3) E. Carolina vs. (2) Southern Miss: 7:30pm

Saturday, May 28

Championship Game: 7:00pm



Pictures care of Russell Griner
Johnathan Griffen swinging into action for the UCF Knights.

an overall record of 36-20 and a conference record of 12-12. The .500 conference record was good enough for a fourth place finish in the conference and the four seed in the conference tournament in Pearl, Mississippi. With the fourth seed, the Knights drew fifth seed Memphis Tigers. The

Tigers also had a 12-12 record in conference and an overall record of 29-25.

These two teams are very familiar with each other as they have squared off this season three times already. The Knights won the season series 2-1 including an extra inning victory in Memphis.