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## Slipping away

UCF leads for most of game only to lose in final minute — SEE SPORTS, A9



## Mapping Maya

Advanced tech leads to accuracy in mapping landscape — SEE NEWS, A2



### Fight

## ELMO ATTACKER IS NOT TICKLED

Elmo was not tickled — he was in a tussle. Police in Central Florida say a man dressed as the *Sesame Street* character was attacked at a music store, but he was able to fend off the attacker. The costumed man had been hired to perform as Elmo at a children's event, but police say the attacker began throwing punches at Elmo. The performer fought back, even breaking a few fingers on his attacker's hand.



# Lusk takes SGA stage again

## Maligned Sen. takes over elections

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SGA Sen. Will Lusk, who was found in violation of major campaign statutes in September 2009, was appointed to be an elections commissioner for the upcoming Senate elections in late July 2010.

Lusk was found in violation of attempting to bribe and blatant disregard of elections statutes, accord-

ing to a *Future* report in September 2009.

Lusk appealed the election commission's decision, but the SGA Judicial Council upheld the violation in October 2009.

"I felt that there were a lot of things that went wrong, such as no disclosure of evidence," Lusk said. "Evidence was used against me in the elections violation hearing that I didn't even know existed."

During the elections, Lusk made a phone call to Casey Jo Cooper, the vice chairman of the College Republicans at the time.

Disagreements about the unified ticket arose, leading to a discussion where Lusk asked if she would change her mind about the endorsement if everybody bought college Republican memberships.

PLEASE SEE **LUSK** ON A6

### AT A GLANCE

- During the SGA Senate elections in September 2009, then-Sen. William Lusk was found in major of major campaign statutes in his campaign.
- Lusk appealed the decision, but the SGA Judicial Council upheld the violations in October 2009.
- After being appointed as the elections commissioner by Student Government Association President Michael Kilbride, Lusk was confirmed by a unanimous vote in the Elections and Appointments Committee and then confirmed by the SGA Senate in a 33-1 vote.

### Arrest

## MAN PAINTS HIMSELF A TARGET

A Cheyenne man who doused himself with white latex paint in hopes of avoiding a police Taser was hit with the stun gun anyway. The Taser chase happened when Cheyenne police went to Brian Mattered's house on a domestic violence call. When police arrived, Mattered thought they'd use a Taser on him, so he hastily covered himself in paint and told officers that if they shot him with the stun gun, he'd die.



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## The shelves game



UCF has adhered by the law that requires students to receive their textbook list with their schedules online since July 1, 2008.

CF ARCHIVE

# Bad bookkeeping

## New textbook policy stymied by poor communication

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Lawmakers are helping students save money by passing a new textbook provision within the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

However, lack of commu-

nication between UCF students, professors, the on-campus bookstore and the off-campus competitors prevent this new policy from really doing its work.



The new textbook provision will make it easier for students to find cheaper books.

It was only a matter of time before officials attempted to help decrease the amount of money students pay out of pocket for their textbooks. With the annual average expense of course supplies at

PLEASE SEE **OFF-CAMPUS** ON A8

# Senate candidates preparing for election

## Campaigners push to inform

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On Thursday, students met some of the candidates who may soon face the responsibility of deciding how to spend nearly \$15 million of students' Activity and Service Fee money.

The Student Government Association Senate's meet-and-greet outside the Student Union gave students a chance to interact with candidates to learn about their campaign platforms and where they stand on issues impacting the UCF community.

The event hosted a handful of the candidates for the Senate, which has 56 elected seats across 13 different colleges and majors.

Greater support for student organizations and more government transparency were common themes among the campaigners.

Tyler Rits, who is running for College of Sciences Seat 9, wants to see less favoritism toward select student organizations as well as more money toward religious organizations and UCF's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

He also expressed interest in developing a service similar to Grub Taxi that would offer students food delivery from local restaurants during late nights.

"Drunk driving is a real problem at UCF," he said. "A lot of it is for fast food."

PLEASE SEE **SUPPORT** ON A7

### More Coverage

A complete rundown of SGA Senate hopefuls.

PLEASE SEE A7

## AROUND CAMPUS, A2 HITT TO HOST OPEN FORUM FOR STUDENT QUESTIONS

UCF President John Hitt will be hosting an open forum on Sept. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the Student Union. All students are welcome to attend.

## LOCAL & STATE, A2 MAN SUES BAR FOR SERVING HIM TOO MANY DRINKS

A 73-year-old Bradenton-area man who crashed his motorized scooter after too many drinks is suing the bar that served him. He is seeking more than \$15,000 in compensation.

## MAN DROWNS WHILE ATTEMPTING BIRTHDAY BET

Authorities say a South Florida man who bet \$50 that he could swim across a canal behind his house drowned while attempting the feat. His body was found just after 4 a.m.

# Architecture program sets its foundation

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As of this semester, Central Floridian would-be architects can earn a bachelor of design in architecture without ever straying too far from home.

UCF and Valencia Community College have teamed up to offer the four-year degree, which can be completed from UCF's Valencia West campus location.

"The architecture program's been in planning for over five years," said Craig Tidwell, special programs manager for UCF

Regional Campuses. "University of South Florida has its program, but there never was one for Central Florida."

Students interested in earning a master's degree can look into the University of Florida's College of Design program based in UCF's Center for Emerging Media in Downtown Orlando.

The long-awaited program, which was expected to have 25 students but ended up with 41, has been designed to emphasize the integration of architectural design with the natural



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Though the recession has caused a dip in architecture jobs in the residential market, non-residential jobs are expected to grow.

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# Support for organizations common platform

FROM A1

A double major in political science and psychology, Rits is involved with the Honors College, LEAD Scholars and the Philanthropic Committee of Delta Upsilon. He also lobbied in the Hawaii Capitol when he was involved in his high school's student government.

He said he shares a similar platform with Sarah Waters, one of two candidates for College of Health & Public Affairs Seat 5. Waters is a legal studies major whose involvement includes treasurer of Phi Alpha Delta and the Mock Trial Team.

She proposed putting a bimonthly report online so students can see where the money are being spent, as well as the idea of placing suggestion boxes on campus to encourage students to bring their ideas forward.

Senate President Pro Tempore Josh Miller is serving his third term on College of Arts & Humanities Seat 4, looking toward extending his run to a fourth.

He said he sees an advantage in serving on the legislative branch through being able to working with multiple issues impacting the UCF community.

"I love working with the [registered student organizations] personally," he said. "You work with numerous different issues."

Many of the candidates are running unopposed due to a low number of declarations of candidacy.

"We're the largest student body in Florida, but for Senate, there's no competition," said Rachel Brill, who is running for a second term on College of Undergraduate Studies Seat 2.

Brill, an interdisciplinary studies major, is running to increase awareness of the

major through initiatives such as the foundation of an interdisciplinary studies club. She acknowledged very few people stopped to talk to her during the meet and greet because of a lack in awareness of what IDS is about.

Peter Evangelista, a psychology major running for College of Sciences Seat 7, is also running unopposed, but he said he still wishes to get his face known through active campaigning.

"I'm just continuing to campaign and campaign strong," he said. "If I see someone run against me, I'll have to step up."

Despite the overwhelming majority of unopposed candidates, the races for seven seats face opposition.

The most contested race is for College of Sciences Seat 2, in which three candidates are running. One of the candidates in that race, Tyler Smith, attended the meet and greet.

Smith, an active member and former president of the UCF chapter of NORML, is running to advocate for student rights and free speech on campus.

The former senator said he wants to meet with every organization represented by the College of Sciences to give them a say in his platform.

"When I met with [student organization leaders], they said, 'We never met our senator before,'" he said.

Smith thinks even though candidates may say they are for more involvement for students, they do not follow through when elected. He urged students to make informed decisions when they vote.

"We hope people don't vote based on pizza," he said, referring to the free pizza given out by SGA candidates during elections.

Thomas Hellinger, run-

## SGA SENATE CANDIDATES

### Arts & Humanities

- Seat 1 — Clarice Warrick
- Seat 2 — Joseph Bishop
- Seat 3 —
- Seat 4 — Joshua Miller

### Medicine

- Seat 1 — Fernando Gonzalez
- Seat 2 — Daralys Lopez

### Nursing

- Seat 1 — Mary Roberts
- Seat 2 — Anthony King

### Sciences

- Seat 1 — Jordan Land
- Seat 2 — Jill Ginsberg; Melissa Dangler; Tyler Smith
- Seat 3 — Darren Kaplan
- Seat 4 — Michael Burzynski; Arielle Bardzell
- Seat 5 — Samantha Krantz
- Seat 6 — Rebecca Bormel
- Seat 7 — Peter Evangelista
- Seat 8 — Lauren Evans
- Seat 9 — Tyler Rits; Dylan Stafne
- Seat 10 — Kristine Rowsey

### Business Administration

- Seat 1 — Matthew Patterson
- Seat 2 — Samantha Friefeld
- Seat 3 — Michael Moesch
- Seat 4 — Luiz Centenaro
- Seat 5 — Rhodane Brown
- Seat 6 — Jason Khiani
- Seat 7 — Alan Hardman
- Seat 8 — Jason Bryant

### Health & Public Affairs

- Seat 1 — Cortez Whatley
- Seat 2 — Maggie Gilson
- Seat 3 — Brittany Lane
- Seat 4 — Erica DeSanti

Seat 5 — Sarah Feasel; Sarah Emily Waters

### Undergraduate Studies

- Seat 1 — Kyle Besley
- Seat 2 — Rachel Brill

### Education

- Seat 1 — Chelsea Roman; Brooke Sheetz
- Seat 2 — Abbe Sander; Sydney Shapiro
- Seat 3 — Wes Jones
- Seat 4 — Eric Katz

### Hospitality Management

- Seat 1 — Erica Adamo
- Seat 2 — Rebecca Cohen
- Seat 3 — Jereme Pozin

### Engineering

- Seat 1 — Caitie Shields
- Seat 2 — Patricia AuBuchon
- Seat 3 — Michael Altfield
- Seat 4 — Thomas Hellingner; Alejandro Caicedo
- Seat 5 — Drew Pope

### Regional Campus

- Seat 1 — Roman Compte
- Seat 2 — Santiago Ossa

### Graduate Studies

- Seat 1 —
- Seat 2 — Sergio Tafur
- Seat 3 —
- Seat 4 —
- Seat 5 —
- Seat 6 —
- Seat 7 —
- Seat 8 — Yuan Chang

### Undeclared

- Seat 1 — Evan Weiss

ning for College of Engineering Seat 4 on the Student Unity Movement ticket, is also interested in supporting students' rights.

He believes programs offered by UCF should not be eliminated without consent from students and faculty and that students should be able to vote on the imposition of fees.

"I think all these students have as much of a say in this college as the administra-

tion," he said. "We're all a part of this campus."

Other candidates hope to see impact in different areas.

Arielle Bardzell, running for College of Sciences Seat 4, said she wants to create an awareness of organizations that are not well known to students on campus.

Her opponent, Michael Burzynski, said he wants to look at ways to lessen the

financial burden of attending college, such as the cost of textbooks.

Roman Compte and Santiago Ossa, who represent the regional campuses, said they want to implement more resources from the main campus at regional campuses, which Compte said accounts for 10 percent of the student body.

"A lot of regional campus students are separated from UCF," Ossa said.

Michael Altfield, who is running for Engineering Seat 3 and recently made headlines for bicycling from Tybee Island, Ga., to San Francisco to raise green awareness, presented a simpler priority at the meet and greet.

"My biggest point is getting people to vote," he said.

Voting for the main elections will open Monday at 8 a.m. and close Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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