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HEADING INTO THE FINAL STRETCH



NATALIA ZULUAGA / CFF

Republican Gov. Jeb Bush arrived on campus for Tuesday's gubernatorial debate, but bypassed students rallying outside the Union who were eager to address him.

Candidates ignore students, higher education

JASON IRSAY
STAFF WRITER

Jeb Bush and Bill McBride talked about nothing new during their final debate at UCF Tuesday, and they refused to talk to the hundreds of students who waited and watched outside the Student Union.

Excluded from the debate, students who lingered in front of the Student Union after the debate waiting for the candidates

to appear and speak to them left disappointed and disillusioned. The students participated in the "We the People 2002" protest. The Progressive Council, organizers of "We the People 2002," invited both candidates to speak.

"The debate was OK," said freshman Leann Fickes, 18. "I didn't think the candidates really got specific enough about issues I care about."

The candidates' refusal to address the crowd outside the Student Union particu-

larly angered Fickes. "I think it's wrong they didn't address the people out here."

"I just think that since they came to our school, our campus, we pay tuition and taxpayers pay for it, they should come out here and talk to the people in the Progressive Council, talk to the people who've been out here the whole time wanting to talk to them," Fickes said.

The rest of the crowd seemed to share

PLEASE SEE *Candidates* ON 4



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Democratic candidate Bill McBride made himself available only to reporters after the debate. Students screamed out chants trying to persuade the candidates to speak to them.

Parading their protest

Greeks refuse to build floats

JACLYN HOWE &
KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITERS

This Saturday, when fraternity and sorority spirit floats traditionally roll down Orange Avenue at UCF's annual Homecoming parade, there will be several visible absences and one very evident protest.

The Greek community decided Monday to pull eight of their floats from the parade, protesting what they call ongoing discrimination by the university's administration. Now, they will place one float in the parade, representing a combined protest of all 26 Greek organizations, and hand out fliers that state their reasons.

Specifically Greek members, as well as SGA leaders, are protesting two proposed changes to the Golden Rule — a compilation of several campus policies on issues such as free speech zones and student conduct.

The first change would raise the minimum grade point average requirements for student leaders from a 2.3 to a 2.5. The other change, which many Greek members consider more pressing, would allow university administrators to discipline an entire student organization if several of its members decide to misbehave together.

UCF officials argue that the group responsibility policy is necessary to address matters of student misconduct that have been increasing in number over the past two years, particularly within Greek organizations. Currently, no specific policy exists to handle misconduct within student organizations.

Last year, five members from a particular fraternity trashed a home with baseball bats and two other fraternities were involved in a physical brawl that included at least 30 members, which is why the proposed policy is not only appropriate but essential, said Bill Faulkner, the director of Student Leadership Programs, which oversees the Office of Greek Affairs. If it is approved, the new policy will hold all 270 student groups, as well as all UCF athletic clubs and intercollegiate teams, to the same guidelines.

The rule is the first of its kind at UCF to determine criteria for what specifically constitutes group behavior, Faulkner said. It also recognizes that an individual's behavior shouldn't affect an entire organization.

The proposed changes grew out of student recommendations throughout a year of Golden Rule Review Committee meetings that were open to all students and faculty members.

Greek leaders and student government officials argue that the proposed changes, which they fault for their vague wording, will leave them vulnerable to politically motivated discrimination from university adminis-

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Bush, McBride debate draws activists

Campus and national organizations speak, rally

SHELLEY MARMOR &
ANDREA MILAM
STAFF WRITERS

At 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, The Wildlife Advocacy Project's 15-foot tall manatee named Tallulah went up. It was inflated, of course, with power from Greenpeace's solar bus called Rolling Sunlight.

Curious students who walked by the Student Union also observed Orlando-based band Kynda set up on the stage in front of the Student Union. A sign on the side of the stage read, "Pot is an herb. Bush is a dope."

Most continued walking past until Kynda actually started playing, when a crowd that quickly grew to about 100 people started forming. A few even started to dance.

Thus began UCF's first-ever "We the People" rally, a day-long event that by noon was in full swing as mostly liberal activists and groups made their pitch to students while, inside the Student Union, preparations were under way for that night's live television broadcast from UCF of the third and final debate between Jeb Bush and Bill McBride.

"We the People," which was set up by the Progressive Council of UCF (PCUCF), gave a voice to issues that have been virtually ignored by Florida's gubernatorial candidates, said senior Brian Cregger, the event's organizer. This event included handouts and speeches from members of campus and national organizations, as well as local politicians.

Cregger said his goal in organizing the event was to "wake people up." He would like to see a similar event every election year.

"It's good to see people getting educated, and not having stuff shoved down their throats like in this debate," he said.

By 1 p.m., Greenpeace's solar bus was meeting all of the event's electrical needs with solar energy. Cregger announced

this to the crowd, and a sign was put on the stage reading, "The Electricity for this Show is Brought to you by Solar Power."

Naturally, Tallulah the inflatable manatee drew a crowd.

Susannah Lindberg, the Florida campaign director of The Wildlife Advocacy Project, said the group had issued Bush a report card last week regarding his support for manatee protection, and he received an "F."

"Florida wants to know where [the candidates] stand because it's a Florida issue," Lindberg said. "The manatee is an indicator of what happens to Florida's quality of life."

Organizations such as Rock the Vote, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women also participated. UCF groups on hand included the campus chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Free the Planet and UCF College Democrats.

"This is the most successful PCUCF event as of today, but as the name says, we consistently strive to progress and become better," said Ryan Browne, president of Free the Planet.

Nicholas Algee, an environmental studies major from Rollins College, also came to promote his organization, Eco-Rollins. He said there are obvious differences between protest events at UCF and Rollins because UCF is so much larger.

"There's definitely a positive turnout here," Algee said. "And we definitely look forward to working with UCF in the future."

Some students knew about the event and made a point to stop by.

"I came to hear the opinions," said senior Rishi Bagga. "I would like to see things like this more often, and hear more opinions expressed, even though they may not be my own."

Others simply stumbled upon it, and stayed.



NATALIA ZULUAGA / CFF

Greenpeace activists protested in front of the Student Union during most of Tuesday and right up to the time when the gubernatorial debate between Jeb Bush and Bill McBride began. Their signs and cheers questioned the candidate's position on environmental issues.



ADAM SHIVER / CFF

Non-partisan gubernatorial candidate Bob Kunst stands outside of the Student Union selling bumper stickers reading "No More Bushit" for \$2 to fund his campaign.

"I try to keep myself informed, but I'm not very politically active," said junior Suzy Guttler. "I think it's really impressive people are taking initiative to change society."

Participating Florida politi-

cians included senatorial candidates Tim Doyle, Jodi James and Marni Berger, who gave speeches and stayed to talk to students about their platforms.

Doyle, a Green Party candidate for District 30 in the Florida

House of Representatives, said not enough students know about his issues. The former UCF political science and history student was eager to inform them about his views, and the Green Party in general.

"Actually, I don't think the message has gotten out here," Doyle said. "There's not a valid campus Green Party."

Also present was non-partisan gubernatorial candidate Bob Kunst, who is helping to fund his campaign by accepting \$2 donations for bumper stickers that read, "No More Bushit."

"[I've raised] \$16,000 from the stickers, but if everyone who hated Bush bought one, I'd be a millionaire," Kunst said.

In his speech, Kunst said he was not invited to debate Bush and McBride because, "with my exposure, they're finished."

Cregger said he invited Republican organizations to

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"Did you know Florida is ranked 49th in education? Florida will be ranked in the top five when I'm elected."

—TIM DOYLE
Green Party candidate,
Florida House District 30

"You know as well as I do the ideas you represent on this campus will stay on this campus unless someone goes to Tallahassee."

—JODI JAMES
Democratic candidate,
Florida House District 31

"The two things I always told my 8th graders were to register to vote, and exercise that right ... one person can make a difference in changing this world."

—BARBARA DEVANE
Director of We All Count,
retired history teacher

"I commend all of you for being out here today, [and] I dare you to stand up for your issues."

—MARNI BERGER
Democratic candidate,
Florida House District 35

"Global Warming is about to kick Florida in the ass. We're here to urge all the activists to ask the candidates, 'What's your plan?'"

—Karl Riber, Greenpeace
co-director for Florida

"The counterculture is alive and well in America."

—NICHOLAS ALGEE
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"Acting locally is acting globally. When's the time to act? Now! So give the person next to you a hug because love can change the world."

—RYAN BROWNE
UCF president of Free the Planet

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Greeks, SGA oppose Golden Rule change

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trators and advisors.

"The bottom line is, they are going after organizations since they can't go after a single individual," said Marcus Gould, director of special projects for SGA. "If they can suspend an organization from social activities [and] they can't participate in recruitment and can't promote their organizations, it fails to exist."

Faulkner and Patricia MacKown, director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, both said that the change actually will provide the clarity they need in handling issues of group misconduct.

Said Faulkner: "We do deal with misconduct, and we can't pretend it's not there. While this kind of rule seems vague, it's more specific than what the Golden Rule says now, which is nothing."

By clearly defining coordinated group behavior, it also protects the organizations from being penalized for random acts by a few members. "There has to be a time, place and manner [to the behavior]," MacKown said. "Just because four roommates who all belong to the same fraternity go out drinking, doesn't mean it's a group event."

Likewise, she said, administrators like herself cannot spontaneously suspend entire student organizations based on a few members' misconduct without an appropriate hearing, unless they've done something to endanger the community.

"If that is the case, there has to be a hearing within three days," she said.

Greek members and student government leaders are not only frustrated with the vagueness of the new provisions, but also allege they have largely been excluded from the decision-making process, claiming administrators have not informed them about meetings or told them how to recommend changes.

"They think we are being ridiculous," said Jared Schiller, president of the Interfraternity Council. "So then offer us

some advice on how to go about this."

For now, Schiller and Panhellenic President Jennifer Brinn are convinced the best way to bring change is to unite their Greek organizations and make other students organizations aware of the proposals.

Said Schiller: "This is bigger than just Greeks. This is about all student organizations. We want to stick up for all student organizations, because I'm involved in more

will donate \$100 that they would have used toward floats to the Ronald McDonald House.

"We are trying to do something proactive here. We are not just a bunch of brats. We are not just about social activities," Schiller said.

This may be the first time that the Greek community stands united, but it is neither the most effective nor appropriate way to lobby for changes, MacKown said.

Student organizations have been given every opportunity to be involved in policy changes, she added.

In July, 28 Greek members attended a presentation on the proposed policy. "We told them, 'These are the rules that are going to affect you, tell me your feelings and concerns,'" MacKown said.

They did not express any concern at the time, she said, and they have not tried to set up any meetings to discuss their concerns since.

"I hate to see them miss Homecoming because of this — it isn't going to get them the impact that they want," she said.

"I still say go to the Golden Rule Review Committee meetings and bring up your suggestions so they can go through due process and recommendations," she said. "The way to get change is to go through the process."

Faulkner said that despite the protests, the proposed changes are not as extreme and unprecedented as they sound.

"Keep in mind, these are all minimal expectations, [things like don't steal, don't vandalize,]" he said, "We just can't ignore if an organization is involved in student misconduct."

Golden Rule Review Committee meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 316B, the last Wednesday of each month.

MacKown said an open hearing regarding the group responsibility policy will be held Nov. 4 before it goes to Tom Huddleston, vice president of student enrollment and development, for approval.

I hate to see them miss Homecoming because of this — it isn't going to get them the impact they want.

-PATRICIA MACKOWN
Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

than just a Greek organization, and so are many other [Greek] members."

Pulling all but one Greek float out of the Homecoming parade is a visible form of protest and the best way to make other students aware, Brinn said. Including the Greek contingent, last year's parade had 11 floats. Parade organizers said this year's parade still will have seven floats.

"We don't care about winning Homecoming. We're using our voices to voice concern for other student organizations."

The 17 fraternities and nine sororities

Candidates rehash same topics

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Fickes's opinion. Chanting "Ignore the Bus, Talk to Us", students and activists called for Bush and McBride to address them.

At the debate, broadcast live on nine NBC affiliates across the state, moderator Tim Russert chose topics that the candidates spoke about during their first two debates, held on Sept. 27 and Oct. 15.

Russert opened the debate with a question about gun laws, and in particular identifying guns with their owners as a way of deterring gun violence and catching perpetrators. McBride said he supports Florida's existing gun laws, while Bush expressed support for additional background checks at gun shows.

McBride said he might support additional gun laws. "If it would help, and it was proven by law enforcement,

the governor or any official would want to do that," McBride said.

The candidates took turns giving their views on familiar issues such as K-12 education, gun control and tax exemptions. Once again, the candidates did not address college education. The candidates, for the most part, ignored issues that directly affect college students.

McBride and Bush disagreed strongly about the class-size amendment, which would constitutionally limit the number of children in elementary classes. McBride supports the amendment.

"If it passes I will try to make it work," said McBride. "He [Bush] was going to thwart the will of the people."

Bush countered that the amendment would hurt the state's economy. If voters approve the amendment, Bush said, "I will have to first of all consider raising taxes."

"The problem with this amendment is it will diminish the quality of our teachers," Bush said.

Again, the candidates gave their opposing viewpoints on gay adoptions. Bush opposed allowing gay people to legally adopt children, while McBride supported it, saying that Florida's laws banning gay adoptions amount to discrimination.

Toward the end of the debate, Russert asked each candidate to identify the one thing they like most about the other. McBride answered first. "I like his mom," McBride said, referring to former First Lady Barbara Bush, who has been campaigning in the state for her son and attended the debate.

Bush responded, "I admire his service to our country," referring to McBride's service in the Vietnam War.

After the debate,

McBride, who is running in his first campaign and trails the more-experienced Bush by 5 percentage points, 49 percent to 44 percent, in the latest opinion polls, expressed confidence in his chances of upsetting Bush.

Although only two weeks remained before the election on Nov. 5, McBride said, "I think we have plenty of time" to catch up to Bush.

"I think what I'm going to be talking about, and continue talking about, is a big voter turnout," he said. "If we have a big voter turnout, from Pensacola to Key West, I think we win."

However, the candidates' lack of interest in the concerns of UCF students may perpetuate the voter apathy so typical of college students.

After neither candidate spoke to the students gathered outside the Student Union, Fickes said, "I don't support either candidate."

Mayor announces gay rights public hearing

ADAM ROSCHE
STAFF WRITER

Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood announced Tuesday that the City Council finally will vote to decide whether to add sexual orientation as a protected class to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance. The council will hold a public hearing Nov. 18, with a final vote Dec. 2.

Hood also ended her long silence on the contentious measure, stating that she felt no additional protections for gays were needed. The city's anti-discrimination policy already protects Orlando residents against discrimination based on race, color, gender, age, religion, disability and national origin in areas such as housing, public accommodation and employment.

If the gay-rights addendum is approved, it would prohibit employers from turning away gay job applicants and prevent them from denying promotions and raises to employees because they were gay.

"[Hood] placated the entire community and lied to us," said Debbie Simmons, a committee member of the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee, which pushed the measure after Hood advised gay and lesbian advocates to organize and bring the matter to the city. "She never had any intention in supporting this initiative."

Simmons said Hood will try to kill the initiative again by allowing opponents from outside the city of Orlando to speak at the Nov. 18 hearing. Only residents of Orlando should be able to voice their opinion on an issue that only concerns the city, she said.

Alan Chambers, the executive director of Exodus International, a group that believes homosexuals can convert to heterosexuals, said he agreed with Hood's opposition to the measure. "It sets a very dangerous precedent ... in that it leads to possible passing of future pro-gay legislation," he said.

The outcome of the council vote is anything but certain. Both sides agree that lobbying will continue to be intense.

Simmons and members of UCF's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Union hope to gather students who will speak in favor of the change at the Nov. 18 hearing.

"We are going to need a huge amount of people to help support the act," Simmons said. "If they're able, come to the hearing and tell their stories of discrimination, whether personal or someone they know."

Asked whether UCF should adopt a similar anti-discrimination measure in its campus policies, President John Hitt said the university already is a tolerant place and that no further protections for gays were needed at UCF.

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Group wants to promote awareness

SHELLEY MARMOR
STAFF WRITER

The United Nations Association of the University of Central Florida (UNA-UCF) will host UCF's first United Nations Day in the Cape Florida Ballroom, room 316 in the Student Union from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday.

U.N. Day is a national holiday celebrating the 57th birthday of the formation of the U.N., a bi-partisan international peacekeeping organization. The daylong event will feature guest speakers, informational presentations from members of student organizations, and

three traditional Filipino dance performances by the Filipino Students Association.

"We're having this event to commemorate the anniversary of the U.N. and to promote awareness about the U.N. — its policies and practices," UNA-UCF President Nole Garey said.

Featured U.N. Day speakers include Dick Batchelor and Robert William Farrand. Batchelor, a former Florida state senator, served as the U.S. delegate to the 2000 U.N. Geneva Human Rights Conference. Farrand is the former U.N. Ambassador to Bosnia.

Student organizations participating in the event include the Muslim Student Association, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, REACH Peer Education and Free the Planet. These and other organizations will speak on a variety of issues applica-

ble to their clubs, such as Diversity, Islam Awareness, Women's Rights, and HIV/AIDS.

"[UNA-UCF wants to] promote awareness about the issues of the international community that also affect the UCF student body," Garey said.

Garey said most students have little to no information about international issues, and hopes U.N. Day will make them more aware. She also said many students either do not know the role of the U.N. or have misconceptions about its role in the international community.

"There will be times when we're tabling outside the Student Union, and students will come up and ask what the U.N. is," Garey said. "We want to break people out of their bubble and make them aware of the world that exists outside of Florida."



NATALIA ZULUAGA / CFF

The other side of Democrat Mari Anderson's sign read: "Texas Cocaine Fratboy, Go Back To Texas."

Activist groups push anti-Bush messages

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attend, although none showed up until about 45 minutes before the 7 p.m. gubernatorial debate.

Republican Susan Schaffer, a non-student, said she was not aware of any invite to "We the People." She and other Republicans showed up to support Bush just before the debate started.

Most organizations at "We the People" promoted anti-Bush messages, to which the crowd applauded. But as the start of the debate neared, both students and non-students began turning up to show support for their candidate.

Democrat Mari Anderson wore signs saying "Buck Fu\$h" and "Texas Cocaine Fratboy,

Go Back to Texas." Anderson said she has similar signs in her yard at her Titusville home, and admitted that she is somewhat of a "public nuisance."

Other overt anti-Bush protesters came equipped with a 15-foot tall inflatable rat smoking a cigar with a sign around its neck saying "Devious Jeb." Other Central Florida Democrats had signs reading "Kids Don't Count With Jeb."

"It just seems like Jeb is giving to corporations, and giving them tax breaks," said Democratic demonstrator Rusty Lehman. "And we don't receive any cuts."

Tom Procyk, a junior and member of NORML and Free the Planet, pumped up the crowd during an Open Mic ses-

sion with a poem comparing Bush to Hitler.

"[I hope this event will] raise the awareness that there are alternative ideas out there not conveyed in the mainstream media," Procyk said. "People would like these ideas, but they are just not aware of them."

As the televised debate started, many students went inside the Student Union to watch it due to technical difficulties with the large outdoor screen. Halfway through the debate, however, a crowd reformed outside after organizers finally got the big-screen projection to work.

"Besides the technical difficulties, it's been great," Cregger said. "We'll know on Nov. 5 if it was worth it."

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University searches for new leader

DANIELLE DEPARI
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Committee hires consulting firm to research candidates for provost

The search is on to replace departing provost and vice president Gary Whitehouse now that President John Hitt has appointed a panel headed by M.J. Soileau to identify candidates.

Soileau, the vice president for research, said he is looking for someone who knows how to build a university. Soileau will chair the search committee of 32 looking to replace Whitehouse, who announced he is returning to teaching at the end of the current academic year.

Whitehouse has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs for the past 10 years. "This is three times the average time," said Soileau. "People have a comfortable level with him. But it will be good for the university to have a fresh approach."

The committee last week placed an advertisement for the position in three academic journals: *The Chronicle for Higher Education*, *Issues in Black Education* and *Issues in Women's Education*.

That advertisement seeks a candidate with "[a] proven record of broad, progressive, administrative, budgetary, and strategic planning experience; demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and public service; a global perspective in curriculum design; and an understanding and knowledge of trends and issues in higher education is desired."

Hitt created the search committee, which includes faculty, students and staff, when he sent out a broadcast e-mail on Oct. 15. Each college made recommendations. Prominent members include Geraldine Ferris, Judith Albertson and SGA President Marco Peña — all members of the UCF Board of Trustees — and William Merck, UCF's vice president for administration and finance.

Several groups also nominated members for the committee, including the department of Academic Affairs and the Student Government Association. After all nominations were made, Hitt added five more people to ensure the group is as diverse as possible.

The committee hired a consulting firm, A.T. Kearney, Inc., to help with the search. Soileau said the firm does a background check on each candidate, checking credentials as well as primary and secondary references. Soileau said that the firm has conducted similar searches and has a network of people it can contact to ask if they are interested in the job.

The committee has encouraged faculty members to nominate people who they think could fill Whitehouse's shoes. Soileau said it is a more honorable way to apply for the position and those nominated can apply without looking bad to their current employer.

Soileau said that Whitehouse is very collegial and open in his decision-making process. He added, "He is appreciated by the campus community. He is very meticulous and open with the budget. He chairs the budget committee and is very inclusive in his discussions. He is known for his famous FYI e-mails."

Committee meetings are open to all, although meetings will not begin until the spring semester. The committee hopes to reduce the list of candidates to a small group by Jan. 1. Finalists will receive campus tours in the spring.

Soileau said a new provost should be interested in the university as a whole. He will have to

“It will be easy to find someone, but hard to find a good someone.”

—M.J. SOILEAU,
Chairman of the search committee



WHITEHOUSE

deal with everything from students to contracts. The provost is responsible for the daily operations of the university.

Although the committee has

yet to identify any candidates to replace Whitehouse, Soileau does not anticipate any problems in finding a replacement.

"It will be easy to find some-

one, but hard to find a good someone," he said. "UCF is an attractive place to be, though, because we are still building. A new provost would be part of that."

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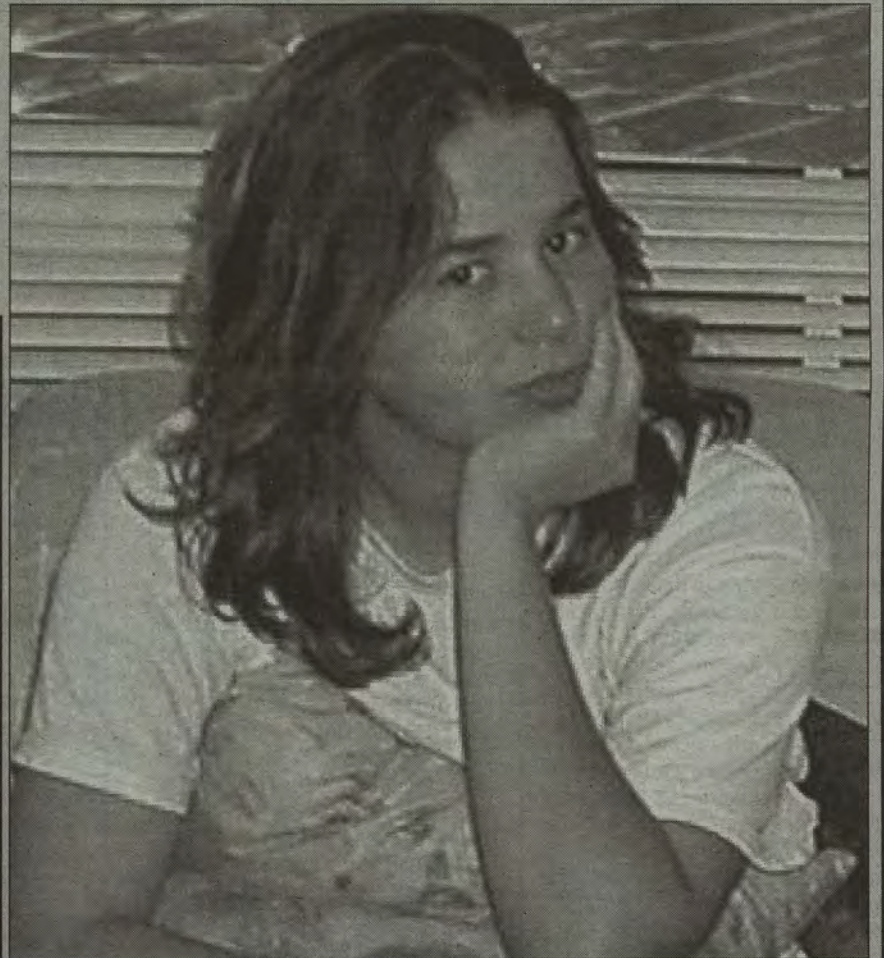
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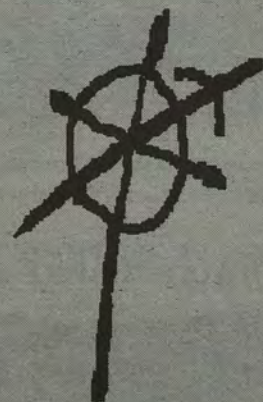
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What's News—

In Business and Finance

U.S. Airlines Still Struggling

The skies over the U.S. aviation industry are growing even stormier.

Weighed down by the weak economy and increased security and insurance costs since Sept. 11 of last year, nearly all the major U.S. airlines have posted losses for the third quarter, except Southwest Airlines, which has grabbed market share from other airlines with its potent combination of low costs and low fares. Saying cost-cutting can't keep up with its plunge in revenue, American Airlines parent AMR Corp. posted a third-quarter loss of \$924 million. The carrier also told Boeing Co. that it wouldn't take delivery on any new airplanes in 2004 and 2005, marking the second time in two days that a major U.S. carrier cut its deliveries. Delta Airlines canceled orders earlier.

Third-quarter losses also were posted by Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines, America West, Delta Air Lines and UAL Corp., the parent of United, the nation's largest carrier. UAL faces a possible bankruptcy-court filing if it doesn't raise fresh capital. UAL has said it plans to reapply for \$1.8 billion in federal loan guarantees after having agreed in principle with its unions to chop \$5.8 billion in labor costs over five years. Delta said this week it will cut 7,000 to 8,000 more jobs to stem its losses; the No. 3 carrier soon will have cut 18,000 jobs, or 23% of its work force, since Sept. 11 last year.

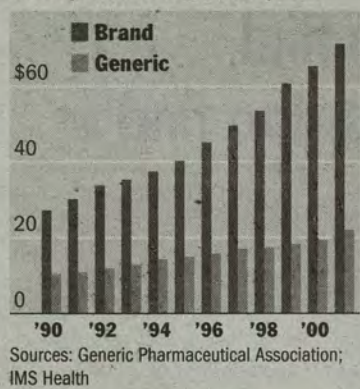
FDA May Speed Generics to Market

The Food and Drug Administration is planning a new rule to help generic drugs get to market sooner, seeking to ease one of the long-standing complaints against brand-name drug makers.

The White House-proposed rule will limit drug makers to seeking a single 30-month delay before a generic competitor can be introduced after a patent expires; until now, some pharmaceutical firms have received more than one 30-month delay in connection with the same medication. The proposal, on which the Food and Drug Administration will now seek public comment, also seeks to curb the ability of drug makers to file "frivolous" patents with the FDA, a move that can tangle the ability of a generic rival to come to market.

Paying the Price

The average cost of brand-name drugs has gradually outpaced that of generic rivals, leading to more pressure for Washington to clamp down on brand-name prices.



The move, two weeks before congressional elections, puts the big pharmaceutical companies under sudden attack from a president they have staunchly supported. The \$160 billion pharmaceuticals industry is one of the Republican Party's strongest supporters. Mr. Bush opposed legislation passed by the Senate in July that included provisions similar to key parts of his new proposal.

The rule is subject to public comment before becoming final, and likely will be strongly opposed by the big drug makers.

AOL Lags Rivals In Online Ads

America Online's woes may be giving online advertising a bad name.

AOL says its ad revenue is likely to plummet 41% this year. In most industries, as the largest player goes, so go its brethren. But in online advertising, after a miserable 2001, it appears to be the opposite situation this year.

Most forecasters predict online-advertising sales will be flat or only slightly down, compared with last year's \$7.2 billion total, itself off 12% from 2000, according to eMarketer. Considering that those numbers include AOL's \$1 billion decline, the stable industrywide data suggest other players are making up for AOL's declines.

ESPN, for one, says its Web ad sales have increased by a double-digit percentage. The Wall Street Journal, published by Dow Jones & Co., says Web ad sales are up 24% in the third quarter. New York Times Digital says advertising is up 30% this year for three reasons: prices

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Ready for Radar? Fuel? Fix?

Spunky Magazine Editors Buck Weak Economy, Line Up Offbeat Titles

By MATTHEW ROSE

Maer Roshan probably could have landed a cushy editing job at a top publishing company after his employer, Talk magazine, closed its doors in January. Instead, the dapper 35-year-old is out touting a business plan for an irreverent general-interest magazine.

On a page headed "Key Issues," the one at the top of the list reads: "Isn't this a bad time to launch a new magazine?"

The advertising market is still deep in recession. Sales on cluttered newsstands continue to fall. Subscribers are harder to come by than ever. But Mr. Roshan is confident he can buck the odds and pull together the financing necessary to launch his new magazine, Radar. He has pulled together several cover mock-ups and prototype pages, as well as a 74-page business plan. He is close to finalizing partial backing from American Media Inc., the publisher of the Enquirer, the Star and other pulpy supermarket tabloids.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, the No. 2 editor at the now-defunct Industry Standard is starting up a food magazine, tentatively called Chow. In New York, Alan Light,

Against the Odds

Despite falling magazine sales and an advertising market still mired in recession, some entrepreneurial editors are launching new magazines in coming months.



◀ Radar

- **CREATOR:** Maer Roshan, former editorial director, Talk
- **LAUNCH DATE:** Three test issues beginning March
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Young, urban professionals
- **CONTENT DETAILS:** Serious but irreverent reporting on pop culture and current events

Good Music (working title) ▶

- **CREATOR:** Alan Light, former editor in chief, Spin
- **LAUNCH DATE:** First half, 2003
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Music fans, 30 years old and up
- **CONTENT DETAILS:** Music reviews, profiles and features, photo essays



most recently editor in chief of music magazine Spin, hopes next year to launch a music magazine for adults, which he is calling, at least for now, Good Music. Other ideas being pitched to publishing companies by magazine veterans include Fuel, a stylish automotive magazine for young men, and Fix, a magazine about addiction.

"It's true in many ways, working on a magazine is like blacksmithing—there doesn't seem to be a lot of need for it right now," says Jane Goldman, the former Industry Standard editor, whose fresh spin on the food magazine is to pitch it to people younger than the competition's readers.

A mix of quixotic optimism, entrepreneurial spunk and the eternal hope of stumbling on another

InStyle or Maxim keeps publishers cranking out new magazines, even in a bleak economy. While not quite matching the record pace set in 1998, 540 new magazines came to market in the first nine months of 2002, according to a University of Mississippi tally—beating the 519 titles launched in the year-earlier period. The number of launches grew despite a pullback by corporate publishers from new ideas, especially those with circulation under one million.

Anne Kreamer, who launched Nickelodeon magazine for Viacom Inc., and John Ellis, the media and technology columnist, are looking for publishing partners for a monthly called Fix, which would offer support for people trying to kick

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College Tuition Soars, but Aid Grows, Too

By JUNE KRONHOLZ

Tuition at public colleges just took its biggest jump in a quarter century.

The College Board, in its yearly survey of higher-education pricing, said tuition at four-year public colleges and universities is up 9.6% from a year ago, or about seven times the rate of inflation. Private-college tuition grew 5.8%, and tuition at community colleges rose 7.9%.

Student aid also increased, to \$90 billion, almost triple what it was a decade ago. More than half of that money is in the form of loans that must be paid back. But a bigger slice than ever also is coming in the form of merit scholarships for high-scoring, high-GPA students.

The New York-based College Board took pains to portray college as a good investment and a bargain. More than half of all students attend schools with tuition of less than \$5,000, it said, and it pegged the lifetime earnings of a college graduate at \$1 million more than the overall earnings of someone with only a high-school diploma.

But the jump in public-school tuition, to an average of \$4,081 a year, is unusually large, even after adjusting for inflation. Tuition now accounts for 19% of state-university

Price Jumps

Price increases for average undergraduate tuition:

Four-year public college:
2002-2003.....\$4,081
Increase.....▲+9.6%

Four-year private college:
2002-2003.....\$18,273
Increase.....▲+5.8%

Community college:
2002-2003.....\$1,735
Increase.....▲+7.9%

Source: College Board

revenue, up from 13% two decades ago. State funding accounts for about 36% of revenues at public colleges, down from 45% in 1980.

Public and private colleges both attribute rising tuition to jumps in faculty salaries and to rising technology and construction costs as students demand cutting-edge computer labs, high-speed Internet connections and increasingly lavish dormitories, labs and fitness centers. Ballooning financial aid is another cost that schools pay for by raising tuition for other students.

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have dropped, the ads have gotten bigger and flashier, and advertisers are recognizing the Internet as a good way to reach people while they are at work.

Martha Stewart Could Face Charges

The Securities and Exchange Commission has informed Martha Stewart it intends to recommend filing civil securities-fraud charges against her in connection with her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in late December, people with knowledge of the matter say.

The move signals that government authorities are close to bringing their case against Ms. Stewart after months of probing her role in the scandal at ImClone, a once-highflying biotech company founded by her friend Samuel Waksal. A representative for Ms. Stewart, who built a media empire around her flair for cooking and decorating, had no comment.

Dr. Waksal has pleaded guilty to a raft of insider-trading and other charges, and prosecutors said they were continuing to investigate whether he tipped off others, including family members and an individual who sold \$30 million in the biotechnology company's shares.

U.S. May Require Backup Wall Street

Thirteen months after the Sept. 11 attacks temporarily shut down the stock market, federal regula-

tors are considering a plan that would require the nation's biggest banks and securities firms to establish backup facilities hundreds of miles outside of Manhattan as a hedge against a major catastrophe.

The plan, which suggests that securities firms might have to locate backup offices as much as 300 miles away from New York, is aimed at keeping the financial system running in the event of a massive terrorist attack or other disaster, according to a New York Federal Reserve official. Currently, most existing and planned backup sites are within 20 to 30 miles of New York City.

Odds & Ends

McDonald's Corp., which has been struggling amid the glut of U.S. restaurant competition and perceptions of poor service, said it will sharply pare back new restaurant openings in 2003 ... AT&T Corp. reported revenue at its key consumer unit tumbled 26%, as long-distance sales continued to be hurt by competition from e-mail and cellphones.

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a range of unhealthy habits. The nation's 20 million alcoholics, 12 million prescription-drug abusers, 14 million users of illicit drugs and 23 million cigarette smokers trying to quit are a ready-made audience, Ms. Kreamer says.

A former Details magazine editor, Tim Moss, says he decided to go ahead with his idea of a "wickedly stylish, fun" car magazine while having drinks in an East Village bar. He still thought it was a good idea the next morning. Car makers, after all, spent \$1.23 billion on magazine ads in the first nine months of 2002.

Mr. Light wants to launch his music magazine in the first half of 2003. "It would have been easier to get the cash in boom times, but that

would also have been built on an advertising premise that would have been yanked out from beneath us," he says. "It is twice as much a vote of (investors') confidence that they put any of their money in at a moment like this."

Of all the projects percolating, Mr. Roshan's may be the boldest. A fixture on Manhattan's magazine circuit, Mr. Roshan was deputy editor at Primedia Inc.'s New York magazine before being tapped as Talk's editorial director. Radar is intended to be a biweekly, covering news and culture, a combination of Vanity Fair and the defunct Spy, in the style of the gossipy tabloids.

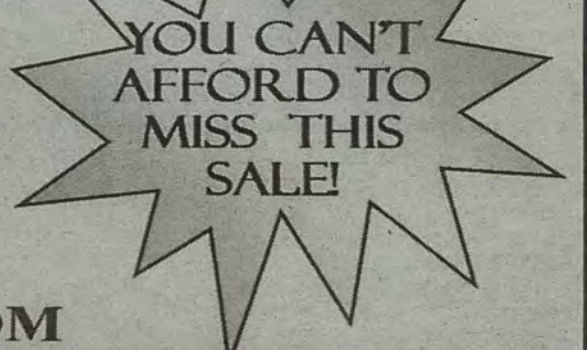
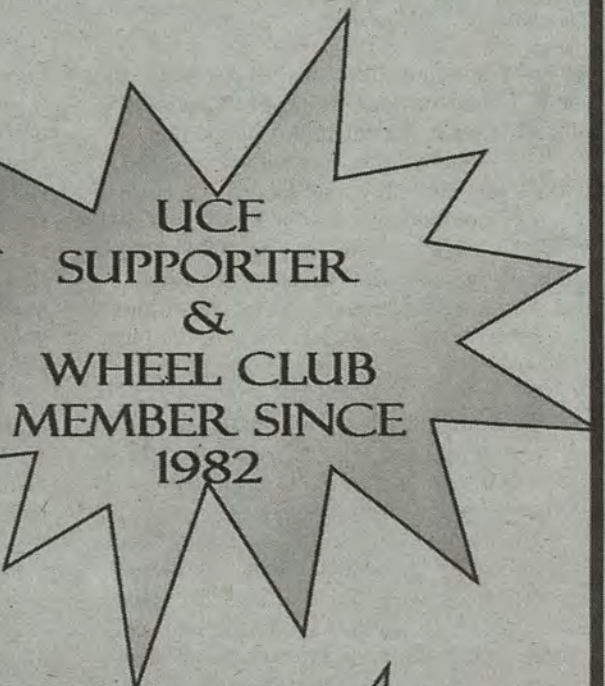
General interest magazines have struggled in recent years because they don't have a natural base of advertisers, who prefer to

buy ads in magazines with obvious readers. Drug companies like to advertise in health-related titles, clothing companies in fashion magazines. Mr. Roshan says Radar's subject matter will be broad-based, but it will have a narrow reader target of young urban professionals, a desirable advertising demographic. Starting circulation will be about 200,000.

Mr. Roshan has commitments from other backers for half the roughly \$15 million in launch costs; he is hoping to publish three test issues beginning in March. "It still might not happen," he adds. He and Mr. Light often meet for what Mr. Light calls "Magazine Launchers Anonymous" meetings—"to check that we are not completely out of our skulls," Mr. Light says.

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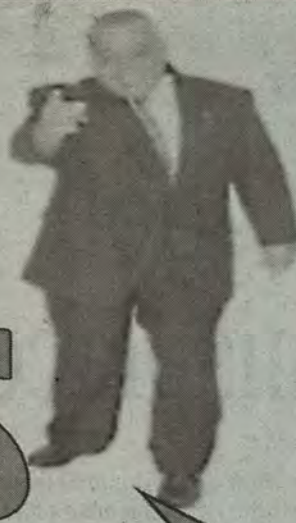


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OUR STANCE:

Higher education deserved center stage at debate

The debate between Jeb Bush and Bill McBride held in the Student Union on Tuesday was nothing more than a staged political event. The pretense for WESH Channel 2 and the *Orlando Sentinel* holding the debate at UCF was that education occupied such a central role in the governor's race, that UCF would be a natural place to hold it.

Sadly, the organizers opened the debate to relatively few people, mostly the candidates' supporters and influential people within the university. Furthermore, while education did take center stage at the debate, college education received no attention.

With an event of this enormity, college topics such as rising tuition costs and the uncertain future of the Bright Futures Scholarship program should have received some attention. If UCF students had been included in this UCF event, they would have demanded that the candidates address these issues.

As it turned out, the final gubernatorial debate simply rehashed the previous two debates, yet this time, the made-for-TV event

featured a celebrity moderator, Tim Russert. The candidates did not answer any new questions, but rather regurgitated the same responses they gave last week. Gun control, K-12 education, taxes and gay adoptions — the debate unfolded like a re-run of sorts.

Bush and McBride did not talk about the issues that UCF students hoped they would. They wanted to hear the candidates' plans to protect the environment, expand health care and improve higher education. Instead, what they got was a televised version of last week's radio debate with seemingly vague questions and even more ambiguous answers.

Both candidates had the opportunity to reach out to college students and show that they truly value their opinions and votes. Both candidates could have spoken to the large crowd of students who waited and watched the debate outside the Student Union. Unfortunately, both Bush and McBride chose to ignore the students.

The candidates managed to answer one question for the entire student population without saying a word to them. Do politicians care about a student's vote? Certainly not.

OUR STANCE:

Activism is good, but protest misplaced

When our editorial staff recently called for activism, we never expected so much. An entire day of speakers, signs and demonstrators hovered outside the Student Union all day Tuesday. Hundreds of students watched a live telecast of Bill McBride and Gov. Jeb Bush debating for office. Meanwhile, the Greek organizations and student government leaders waged their own protest. But theirs will come in the form of a float — or rather, the absence of eight floats.

We commend their decision to become active, and applaud their example of unification, but it's unfortunate that their protest is neither effective nor necessary.

Their refusal to build Homecoming floats for the parade on Saturday won't halt a proposed change to the Golden Rule that will allow university officials to discipline their entire organizations if several of their members decide to misbehave at once.

It won't convince administrators to involve them in the decision-making process that they claim they have been excluded from.

Instead, it will put a damper on what should be a day of celebration and friendly competition for Greek organizations, and disappoint an entire community that turns out to see the remarkable floats and spirited mem-

bers from Greek organizations.

If the Greek members had researched the matter further, they might have discovered that they could attend the monthly Golden Rule Review Committee hearings to suggest changes and voice their concerns.

They should have expressed their opposition at a meeting in July that invited 28 Greek members to a presentation regarding the guidelines and stipulations of the group disciplinary policy.

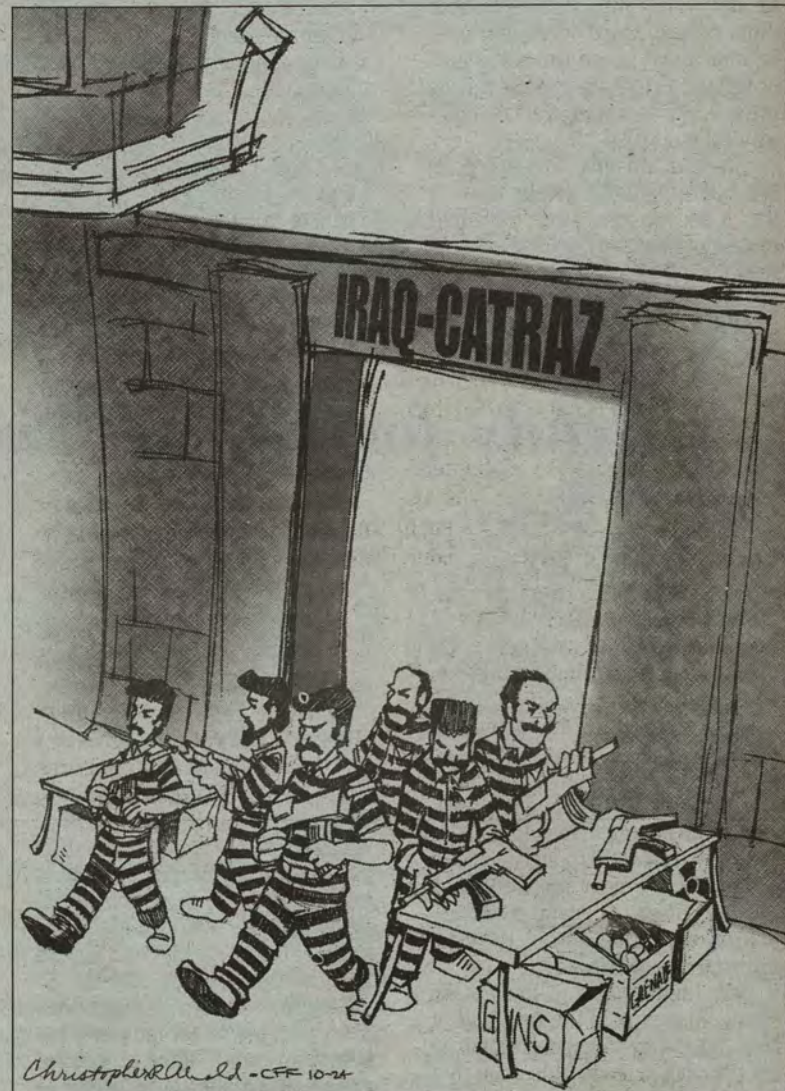
Greek members have had ample opportunities to voice their concerns, but have not done so, and therefore have no grounds to blame the administration for their resistance now.

To protest what they deem an unfair rule, Greek members want to flex their clout by sabotaging an event meant to honor the entire university. They then plan to pass out fliers explaining their decision to ruin the parade.

Greek members should also realize that the Golden Rule deals with enforcing appropriate behavior, and as members of the UCF community, they should abide by that policy. A minimal rule stating that they will be punished if they fight, trash homes with baseball bats or terrorize the community is not unacceptable. It's the kind of standards the rest of society already lives by.

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."

—ALEXANDER HAMILTON



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Letters to the Editor

Views expressed here are not necessarily those of *The Future*

More policing needed in 'Greek Ghetto'

As a student living in the "Greek Ghetto," I could not agree more that a greater police presence is needed regarding your article, "Which agency should patrol 'Greek Ghetto?'" by Rachel Zall published Oct. 21.

I believe if you research the police archives, you will find the problem of crime in this area more widespread than people think. There have been other muggings and criminal incidents in this area that have gone unreported by your publication.

In addition to greater police presence, there is also a need for improved lighting. The

area around Alexander and Napiers Circle has terribly poor lighting. More streetlights need to be installed in this area for safety concerns.

Beyond Greeks, this area is home to a number of international students and their families. It concerns me that these children and fellow UCF students are endangered because of "jurisdiction." Police are still police regardless of where they are located. Safety for UCF students is not an unreasonable request.

—DANIEL SIEGEL

Peña's protests for student panel stem from personal misconduct

I wonder why Marco Peña suggests that students should make up conduct panels and pass judgment regarding other student conduct violations, "Peña: Tilt conduct panel toward students," by Sheyla Nieves published Oct. 17.

I wonder why he suggests having SGA appoint or elect the student representatives.

Could it be that it is because SGA is made up of several members of his fraternity and undoubtedly, being that he is the current student body president, he will have some influence over the selection of persons to his panel?

It is essential that student conduct panels include staff and faculty members, as they are also part of the UCF community. If it were up to Mr. Peña, he would personally select the conduct panels.

The conduct hearings regarding Mr. Peña are sealed records, and we will never know what the panel finds. If the conduct panel has ruled on his conduct violations, then apparently noth-

ing has changed. He is still the president of the student body, and to my knowledge, he has not received any restrictions on club or organization participation.

It appears to me that Mr. Peña's statements regarding student conduct hearings are merely a way for him to target them. His motive now is that they are passing judgment on his own case.

If restrictions are placed on Mr. Peña, and he is removed from office and other organizations on campus, he will argue the unfairness of these panels and cite the statements he makes now.

I can bet that if Mr. Peña did not have to sit before this panel — and he has before in the past for other violations — then he would not be addressing this issue and would not be concerned with it.

—ADAM CASEBOLT

Control, alt, delete...

MENTAL DOODLES



CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD
STAFF WRITER

Imagine never having to use three of the most dreaded words in the English language ever again — control, alt, delete.

It's easy if you try.

At least IBM thinks so, which is why they recently unveiled their plans to develop computer technology that can self-diagnose afflictions and treat them simultaneously. If and when such attempts prove successful, computers would then be able to essentially heal themselves.

As someone who freely admits himself a wannabe computer nerd, I can only say, "Hurry up already!"

Yes, I spend much more time than I probably should working on a computer — at home, at work and at school — perusing news sites, creating artwork, tinkering with digital video and emailing family and friends. The computer is that toy that grew up alongside me. Flatscreen panoramic monitors, CD and DVD burners, printer/fax/copier/ice-maker combination machines — I feel like releasing a good old-fashioned "Tim the Toolman Taylor testosterone-induced roar." Who's with me?

Unfortunately, as anyone who spends his or her time similarly might attest, a good portion of that time is playing tech support, which in my case, is not a pretty sight. My own brand of computer assistance begins with a tried and true method referred to as "restarting." It is an ancient

remedy, a contemporary of trephination and leech-bloodletting, but which survived them.

Usually, that works. I say again, usually. If it doesn't, then I must reach deeper into my little bag of tricks. I ask myself what my father might do in the same situation. At some point thereafter, I end up on the floor fumbling around in some inaccessible corner, flashlight in my mouth, playing with whatever cables I can find.

Hours later, after jiggling anything I can find on the computer that is "jiggleable," I'll remember that my father is the same man who is convinced that duct tape, peroxide and a steady regiment of "walking-it-off" are cure-alls for whatever ails you.

I also recall that whenever he does have computer problems, he usually calls me. This never seems to work for me, however, as my line is always busy. I had no idea I'd become such a popular person.

Now, being the fairly literate person that I consider myself, I understand that different cultures all over the world deal with problems in very different fashions. Whereas we rely on switches and science, there are people who subscribe to dancing and chants.

However unorthodox a method might seem, there will inevitably come a time when one is eager to try anything. Let me assure you now, however, that swearing belligerently at your computer does not work. I know, because I've tried. In fact, I've tried it a lot. And it has never worked. Not once.

There are definite advantages to having a machine that could repair itself. It has quite a bit of potential for saving user time and thereby increasing productivity. That, in turn, could effectively reduce stress levels and promote longer, calmer and happier lives.

Granted, there is a flipside to this vision of the future IBM offers us. The one readily apparent detriment to self-healing computers is that a relatively steadfast crutch would be lost. The computer has, in fact, become what the canine was for our parents and grandparents — a universal scapegoat. Your professor didn't get a paper on time? Must have been a problem with e-mail, because we all know you sent it. Missed a deadline at work? Must have been because your hard drive crashed and you're still recovering files.

Of course that is most likely a non-existent problem when offset by your newfound productivity. The dilemma not as easy to overlook, however, would come in the form of the killer robots this evolving technology could lead to. They are coming, don't you worry. And once this new technology is in place, it won't be easy to defeat them.

But I'll more than likely be long dead by that time.

At present I am sick of staring at my reflection in a blank screen, struggling at midnight to retrieve a file that is needed by 7 a.m. but unable to extract it from deep within that hunk of chips and processors, buried within plastic and metal. And all the while it knows how much I need that material — oh yes, it knows — it won't cooperate, but it knows.

It knows that the sooner I can retrieve those files, the sooner I can get to bed and steal a few hours of sleep before my deadline. It knows all of these things, and yet all it says in that voice I cannot forget, "It's...not...my...fault..."

So let's hurry up and make this technology a reality. I need my sleep, and am even willing to risk the killer robots.

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Where has all the spirit gone?

HORSE WITH NO NAME



JOEY MYERS
STAFF WRITER

As I sat at the football game this past Saturday, the only thing I felt was shame. I was embarrassed to be a Golden Knight on that night.

No, I'm not griping about our loss to Toledo. It was a great game, and Toledo was a formidable foe. The reason for my shame is the lack of enthusiasm at this university.

There is only one thing I can say about the students of UCF — they suck.

UCF sports marketing made a huge attempt to get the students behind the team and get to the game. They created a buzz, they created t-shirts, they created pins, bumper stickers and prize contests. It was advertised all over the radio and all over campus. The turnout was pathetic. While there were some great fans cheering on

the Knights, the larger crowd hung around in the parking lots, guzzling beer, watching other football games on portable TVs, making plans to go to downtown clubs and bars. Most were too drunk and too selfish to even set foot inside the stadium to catch a single play. There were thousands more that did not even bother to make the drive to the game at all.

What is wrong with this university? We have no tradition, no pride. What will it take to muster some pride among UCF students? What does UCF have to do to earn a little support? Do we have to beat it into them, or rather, out of them?

I feel for the Pride and Traditions committee. I also feel for the athletes on this campus.

Who appreciates the cheerleaders, the dance team, the marching band and the players?

I know I do. I know there are others, but I might be the only one, and there is only so much cheering and hollering I can do as one person.

Every other distinguished university in the state supports their fellow students through the blistering heat and torrential downpours at home football games. We, on the other hand, cannot be bothered.

Then, when we lose a football game, I hear people slamming on football Coach Kruczek and the football team, talking trash about plays, calls, games and players they never bothered to watch.

A lack of school spirit is something you would expect at a small university, or a community college. It's not something you should see at a university with nearly 39,000 students.

No wonder we don't receive the same respect that universities like Florida and Florida State do. No wonder Floridians grow up becoming hard-core Gator supporters or religious Seminole fans instead.

Why would they grow up dreaming of becoming a Knight when no one is there to tell them all the great reasons they should be? It is we, the UCF students, that make this school what it is. And we've made a spiritless waste of space.

A decade from now, I would like to say, with pride, that I was a Golden Knight.

But even a decade, I fear, won't garner the support we need and our athletic program will never get the respect it deserves.

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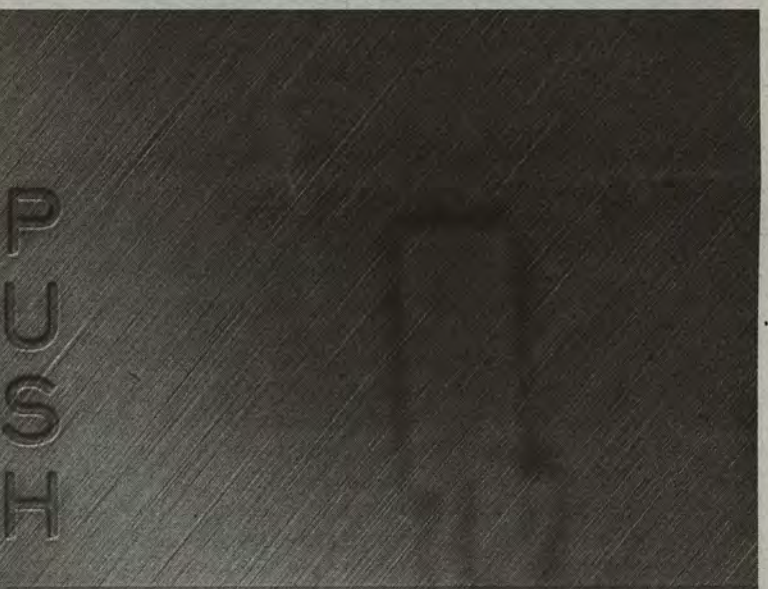
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UNZIPPING A RIVALRY

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming games tend to have a rich tradition of two things: pageantry and an easy win. During halftime the homecoming court gets marched out and honored. Before and after some poor weakling of an opponent gets pummeled by the home team, giving plenty of chances to cheer on the special occasion.

UCF's homecoming opponent, Akron, seems to fit the bill. The Zips are a dismal 1-6, 0-3 in the Mid-American Conference, giving up an obscene 40.6 points a game.

And this is the same Akron team UCF crushed 57-17 at the Citrus Bowl last season. Yet there's a little something extra to this game that makes what happens on the field a little more important: a rivalry.

"Coach (Kruczek) told us they're a much better team than we played last year even though their record doesn't show it," said nose guard Larry Brown. "I don't really know if it's a rivalry, but we're going to have fun."

The bad blood

between these two teams is well documented. Three years ago UCF went up to Ohio to play the Zips. They left stunned, smarting from an embarrassing 35-24 loss. Then in last year's game, which occurred the very week UCF announced its entrance into the MAC, Zips Coach Lee Owens told his team to give the Golden Knights "a brass-knuckle welcome." The Zips then proceeded to dance on the UCF loco at midfield of the Citrus Bowl prior to the game. And oh yeah, they're MAC East Division foes too, which is enough motivation for a team desperately needing conference victories.

"I remember the brass-knuckle comment they made," Brown said.

"We're just going out right now to try to get us a win and do our best."

UCF's offense should have a field day against Akron's nonexistent defense. The Zips' run defense ranks amongst the worst in the country, giving up an

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MIKE MABRY Center of 'The Moat'

Center Mike Mabry has been a mainstay for UCF

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

The faces around him have changed. If graduation didn't take a teammate away, injuries did. Players like Steve Edwards, Willie Comerford and Garret McCray have come and gone through UCF's offensive line the past two seasons. But Mike

Mabry has been there every game, caring only about one thing: winning.

"We got to win, that's how I grade myself," Mabry said. "If we don't win, then it doesn't make a difference."

The senior has never failed to start a game at center in his

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Center Mike Mabry (65) has started every game since he came to UCF.

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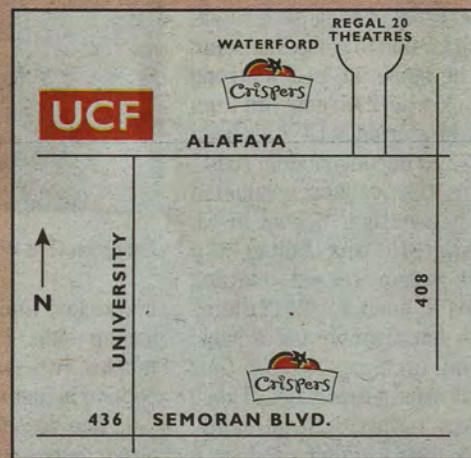
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CHRIS PILINKO

From walk-on to starter

Linebacker Chris Pilinko came to UCF with no guarantee of becoming a Golden Knight

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

During the second quarter of UCF's home game against Toledo last weekend, linebacker Chris Pilinko limped off the field. He favored his right ankle, which kept him out of the last home game and has bothered him for the better part of year. Yet two plays later, Pilinko was back in and making a drive-stalling tackle on third down.

"Knowing that you got to go out there and get it done, it's not really an option to come out of the game," Pilinko said. "You got to play."

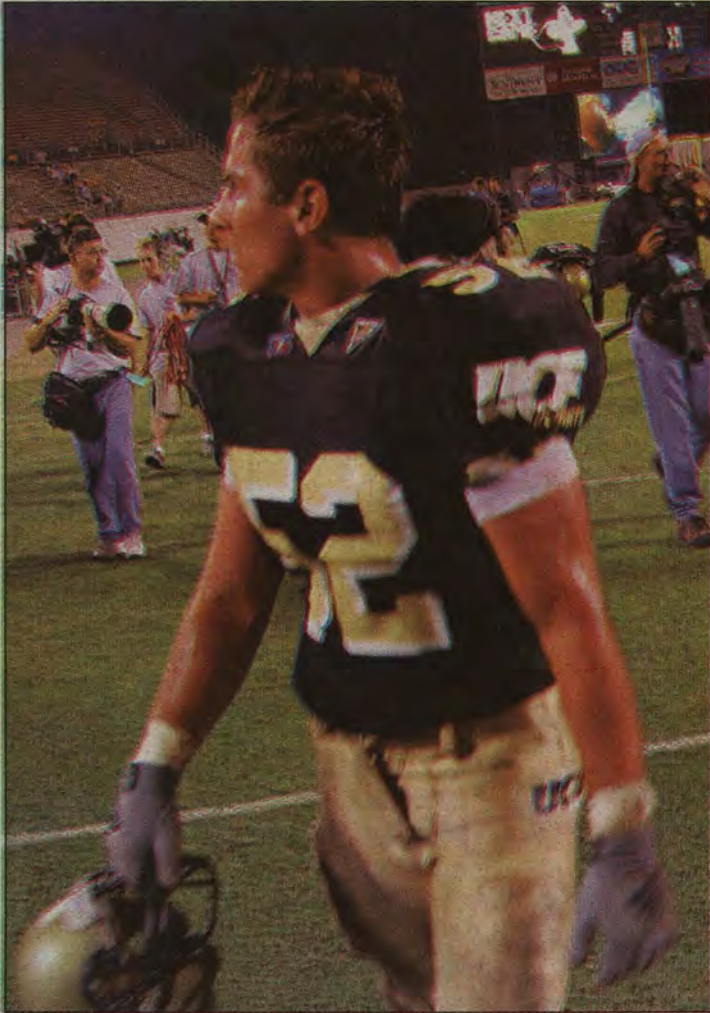
It's hard to expect Pilinko to willingly stop playing after it took so long for him to get to this point. Sure he starts at UCF's strong linebacker position now. But from where he started at UCF, it's been a long and unconventional road.

In 1998, Pilinko graduated from Nease High School in St. Augustine. He was coming off a superb senior season, earning team MVP honors with 121 tackles, an interception and a sack. He had even rushed for four touchdowns offensively. Those numbers earned him all-county honors. But it didn't produce a football scholarship.

So Pilinko arrived at UCF with no guarantees of becoming a Golden Knight. But he did, as a walk-on, and ended up redshirting for the 1998 season. But that one year of sitting out didn't get him on the active roster the following year. He again saw no action in 1999, spending the year on the scout team. Still, he used the time to his advantage and won the team's outstanding defensive scout team player award.

"He's got something inside there," said defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio, who doubles as linebacker coach. "He's had to fight for every inch of everything he's ever gotten out of this program."

In 2000 he finally cracked the active roster, and he spent the next two years as a back up in the linebacker corp. This year he broke into the starting lineup. Injuries made him particularly valuable last season, allowing him to start one game at middle



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Linebacker Chris Pilinko has struggled the past two seasons with an ankle injury.

linebacker and another on the strong side. He registered 27 tackles, two sacks and an interception in just seven games.

The reason he played only seven games: an ankle injury. He suffered it during UCF's homecoming game against Louisiana-Monroe. He comes into this year's homecoming game against Akron with a similar problem. Bone chips in the ankle forced him to miss UCF's home opener against Liberty, but he's returned for the past two games. Still, he's limped off the field more than a few times in both contests.

"If he's going to push through things, he always plays in pain," D'Ottavio said. "If he can go at all he's going to try and go. He enjoys playing the football game and he comes out with a purpose each and every day."

That kind of toughness helps to make Pilinko a leader on this Golden Knights team. He's one of only three seniors on the starting defense, along with defensive end Elton Patterson and cornerback Asante Samuel. Though he isn't a vocal player, his willingness to play through pain and the scrappiness he's shown to rise from walk-on to

starter sets an excellent example for UCF's young defenders.

"I think it rubs off on the other guys," D'Ottavio said. "Anytime you have a guy that plays hard and lays it on the line every day the other guys see that."

Last season the Orlando Touchdown Club honored Pilinko when they gave him the Stuart Stripe Award. The award is given to player who exemplifies undying commitment to a goal, perseverance through all obstacles, dedication to the team, academic achievement and dependability on and off the field. It'd be hard to find a better description of Pilinko's five years as a Golden Knight.

Pilinko has had a solid season thus far. In five games he has 33 tackles, tied for seventh on the team. He's also forced one fumble. But perhaps most impressive considering his humble beginnings, he's started every one of those games.

"It's definitely gratifying," Pilinko said. "I know after the season I'll look back and it will be a good accomplishment. But right now I'm just trying to go out there and play as hard as I can and help this team win games."

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Knights shut out Belmont, climb above .500

TOM ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

The UCF men's soccer team improved to 6-5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Atlantic Sun Conference with a 3-0 victory over the Belmont Bruins on Sunday afternoon.

Sophomore Xavier Delgado got things going for the Knights when he scored off Tobias Kronberger's feed just over a minute into the match. The next goal wouldn't come for either side until the 75th minute, when UCF freshman Juan Pablo Giraudo scored his fifth goal of the season

on a shot that hit the crossbar before finding the back of the net.

Senior Sherwin Sargeant scored his first goal of the year about three minutes later to finish the Knights' attack for the day. Freshmen Billy Judino and Adrien Gessen picked up assists.

The shutout was goalkeeper Ryan McIntosh's second of the season. He recorded seven saves. Giraudo's goal gave him the team lead with five. Belmont dropped to 4-7-2 overall and 2-4-1 in the A-Sun. The Golden Knights are back in action when they host conference foe Mercer at home at 7 p.m. Friday.

Rowers do well in Boston

The UCF women's crew team took seventh and 12th places at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last weekend.

The UCF varsity 8+ finished seventh on Saturday with a time of 17:59.49, while the lightweight 8+ took 12th in 19:17.44 on Sunday.

Lehigh won the varsity event followed by West Virginia and Louisville. The Riverside Rowing Club finished first in the lightweight event followed by Radcliffe, Princeton and Wisconsin.

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Penalties could make for an ugly game

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eye-popping 205.1 yards per game. That'll give UCF running back Alex Haynes a good chance to make up for missing the better part of two games with a high ankle sprain. Also expect to see even more of running back Dee Brown after he turned in his best game against Toledo.

"I like Dee Brown, I like him a lot," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "He's not a burner, but very effective. He catches the ball well and he blocks well. I don't feel like we drop off a whole lot with him in the football game."

Akron's passing defense is worse. They're giving up 236.6 yards in the air and have allowed 15 touchdowns. They've also picked off just three passes and recorded a measly five sacks. Against a UCF offensive line that's given up just one sack in four games and one of the country's better passing attacks, expect a whole lot of big plays. This is the kind of game in which wide receiver Doug Gabriel and quarterback Ryan Schneider break records.

Of course Akron does have an offense of its own. The Zips are right behind UCF in terms of passing yardage, getting nearly 300 yards a game. Sophomore Charlie Frye has emerged as one of the best signals callers in the MAC. He's thrown for 1,906 yards and 11 touchdowns, and sports an efficiency rating of 141.7.

"Defensively we're going to have to step up and stop Charlie Frye," Kruczek said. "He throws it around and runs around. He's the guy."

He's also very liberal with whom he throws to. His top two receivers, Miquel Irvin and Matt Cherry, have 30 and 29 receptions apiece. Third receiver Morris Ellington has 18, and running back Brandon Payne has 26. Plus the Zips can get creative, using wide receiver/quarterback Nick Sparks. Sparks has 19 catches and a receiving touchdown on the year, and completed 8-of-10 passes with a throwing touchdown.

The Zips also have two capable running backs in Payne and Bob Hendry. Hendry, the starter, has 476 yards on the ground and five touchdowns. Payne has 269 yards and three scores. Even Frye is mobile, running for 111 yards and four touchdowns. As a team the Zips average 158 yards per game and have 14 rushing touchdowns. They should continue to have success against UCF's soft run defense, which gave up 300 yards on the ground last week against Toledo.

Their one big special teams threat is kickoff returner Matt Carters. He's averaging 24.7 yards on 24 returns. Akron has allowed two punt returns for touchdowns, so don't be surprised if UCF return man Asante Samuel doesn't run one back.



Quarterback Ryan Schneider and the Golden Knights are carrying a 2-4 record into Saturday's game against Akron (1-6).

JOE KALEITA / CFF

But the big thing to expect in this game is plenty of penalties. Not only do both teams typically see lots of yellow flags, but also the intensity of this potential rivalry is liable to cause some heated exchanges.

"It ought to be an interesting football game," Kruczek said. "I'm

sure there's going to be some heated encounters between the two teams. I'm going to talk to my guys about walking away from it."

UCF desperately needs to beat this Akron team for a conference win and expect nothing less. The Zips will have no way of stopping an

ever-improving UCF offense. And if they try to dance on the midfield logo again, they might be in for a surprise.

"We're going to have Knightro out (at midfield) looking for them," Brown said.

UCF 55, Akron 20

Mabry hopes to have a future in coaching

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two-year UCF career. Only left tackle Brian Huff has done the same over that period. After losing Edwards and Comerford last season, injuries hit the line hard early this year.

Right tackle Kyle Watkins missed most of two-a-days, pushing senior Garret McCray into a starting role. When right guard Taylor Robertson went down with a sprained knee against Arizona State, McCray slid over to guard and Watkins regained his starting spot. Then just as Robertson got healthy two weeks ago, McCray blew out his right knee in practice, ending his collegiate career.

The effects of all this missed time up front showed. In UCF's first two games, the Golden Knights allowed eight sacks and rushed for just 98 total yards. But in the past four games, opponents have sacked quarterback Ryan Schneider just once and the Golden Knights have averaged 122 yards on the ground.

"We've finally been able to get everybody kind of gelling and working together as a unit," said offensive coordinator Robert McFarland, who also serves as offensive line coach. "Every ball-game we're getting better. That's all you can ask."

Mabry has been a big part of that turnaround. At 6-foot-2, 295 pounds, he has helped stabilize the line since he transferred to UCF last year. One of many players to come to UCF via Southwest Mississippi Community College,

he starred at the junior college level. An all-region and All-Mississippi Junior College player, he garnered team offensive MVP honors.

With those accolades on his résumé, UCF brought in the Dayton, Texas native to replace Chris Lorenti. He proved a solid pick-up, recording 97 knock-downs.

"Mike's a coach on the field, he directs the offensive line and he gets five guys going in the right direction," McFarland said. "He's a fierce competitor and brings a lot of positives to us in the way he handles his business."

As the center and a senior, Mabry finds himself in a natural leadership role. He has stepped up and taken that responsibility after serving as team captain at SMCC. And along with the other senior linemen he has helped carry on a tradition started last season, calling the offensive line "The Moat." The nickname is a play on the Golden Knights nickname, meaning the line protects the quarterback just like a moat protects a castle. The team has had t-shirts done and distributed to the linemen.

Mabry's playing days at UCF will end with this season. Once he graduates he'd like to stick around as a graduate assistant and eventually become a coach. It's fitting that he wants to stay in football, considering he never seems to miss a game as a player.

"I love to compete," Mabry said. "I love football so much, I couldn't see myself doing anything else the rest of my life."

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It's all about the shutout



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Jackie VanLooven (left) has started 73 of 78 games in her four-year career at UCF.

Jackie VanLooven leads a defense that has produced nine shutouts this season

CHARVI MAGDAONG
STAFF WRITER

In soccer, like in other sports, there is the type of person who likes to take the glory for scoring the goals. Then, like Jackie VanLooven, there is the type of person who likes to deny goal-scorers their glory.

As a senior on UCF's women's soccer team, VanLooven remains a stable component of a defense that continues to shut opponents down. While the Golden Knights' offense might put up numbers ranging from one to nine, the defense rarely sees any number other than zero, producing nine shutouts. No opponent, except for ranked teams Florida State and Duke, has scored more than two goals on UCF.

One exception, Jacksonville, did it too, handing UCF its first A-Sun loss this season. The Dolphins defeated the Golden Knights 3-2 on a goal with 48 seconds left in the game. However, VanLooven sat that game out because of a high ankle sprain suffered at the Troy State match.

"She's an awesome leader," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said. "She's been our captain for two years. She sacrifices her body day in and day out, running through people. She's a great tackler. Going up for corners, she's a threat in the air."

VanLooven said playing defense is a selfless job. In 78 games in her career, she started 73, scoring three goals and one assist. She had one game-winning goal to her credit, against Alabama A&M during her sophomore year. However, her favorite memory as a Golden Knight came her freshman year, when UCF made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Golden Knights lost 8-0 to No. 3 North Carolina in Chapel

Hill.

"Getting manhandled by UNC," VanLooven said, "but it was an honor. Playing in that stadium with such a history. Every girl growing up wants to play soccer at UNC, Chapel Hill."

VanLooven started playing soccer around the age of 5, but her athletic talents led her to volleyball and golf. At Lake Mary High School, she was selected as the Most Valuable Defensive Player her senior year for her role in helping the team win the 6A Florida State Cup. For volleyball, she set the Lake Mary assist record. VanLooven earned the school's Outstanding Athlete of the Year twice.

"I chose soccer because it was my passion for the longest time," VanLooven said. "I loved playing volleyball. I could jump and set, but there were girls 5'10 with that same ability who were way up the totem pole. I wasn't prepared to have to beg, plead and really scrape it together when my heart was really with soccer."

A communications major, VanLooven hopes to pursue something in the area of public relations, but her love of soccer keeps her attached to the game. For an internship last spring, she helped out in the sports information department at UCF, covering men's and women's soccer. She saw how press releases were handled and worked with preparing media guides.

This winter, VanLooven is coaching at Winter Springs high school as an assistant varsity coach and wants to see if that opens any doors.

"With how things are going this year, I've been getting more confidence with my play," VanLooven said. "I might look into the WUSA, or hopefully they look into me."

After graduation, wherever soccer takes VanLooven, hopefully it isn't too far from home.

"I'm such a homebody," VanLooven said. "I'm not planning to, but I don't know that I'll look for anything far away. If something presents itself, I may have to go somewhere else. But I live in Florida. I love my heat and humidity."

Seniors score in final home game

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STAFF WRITER

Four seniors scored on senior day to beat Samford 5-2 in the Golden Knights' home finale at the UCF Soccer Field on Monday afternoon.

"Goal production was great," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said. "Five goals, we were probably unlikely not to have a couple more. Overall, senior day, it was a great way to end our home regular season."

While the upperclassmen provided the firepower, all of the assists came from underclassmen. Amanda King started the scoring 16 minutes into the game. UCF's defense cleared the ball from its half with a long pass to freshman sensation Jennifer Montgomery, who took the ball up the left flank of the field. After she beat her defender by cutting back toward the center, Montgomery crossed the ball to King, who scored her fifth goal of the season.

Right before halftime, Nicole Cieslak gave UCF a 2-0 advantage. Following a UCF corner kick, Samford was able to clear its zone, but the ball fell to Courtney Baines, who sent the ball back on net. Cieslak took the ball out of the air and headed it past Bulldogs' goalkeeper Crystal Royall. With six seconds left in the half, Cieslak threatened again, but the half ended with the same score.

The senior striker eventually got her second goal of the game at the 55:24 mark of the game. With 10 goals on the season for Cieslak, she tied Laura Dryden for ninth place for career goals with 27. Ansley Gascoigne and Sara McDonald accounted for UCF's remaining goals.

Sophomore Pam Mattheus dribbled through a couple of Samford players and crossed the ball to



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Senior Amanda King (11) scored her fifth goal of the season Monday.

Gascoigne, who lifted the ball into the back of the net for her fourth goal of the season. McDonald's goal came off a penalty kick.

Both of Samford's goals came in the last 10 minutes of the game from Marion Wagner. Two minutes apart, Wagner headed passes off a throw-in from Adrianna Zertuche and off a corner kick from Allison Provine.

"You hate to give up goals at the end of the game and you want to preserve the shutout," Cromwell

said. "But I played everybody and when you're making too many subs, assignments get lost. That's what happened on the corner kick. No one challenged. That shouldn't happen."

The Golden Knights return to action on Friday, traveling to Miami to face the Hurricanes. UCF has a 13-4 record, while Miami is 9-6-1.

"I've been looking forward to this game all year long," Cromwell said. "Miami's a team that we're going to compete very well with. It will great for our momentum and confidence to get a win down there."

On Sunday, UCF meets A-Sun opponent Gardner-Webb in North Carolina for a 2 p.m. match. If the Golden Knights finish their conference schedule undefeated, UCF has an opportunity to regain the top seed going into the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

"Right now, we're sitting pretty good in the conference," Cromwell said. "We have two more games to solidify our bye, so that's what we're looking for. I don't necessarily care for first or second, because both get byes in the conference tournament. But, we can still be first if FAU beats Jacksonville and we win."

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1:30 a.m. The top five finishes starting from fifth to first were: Fearsome Foursome with 970 points, Club U with 995 points, Funky Chickens with 1000, BCM Maction with 1005 points and our winner with a 50 point win, Big Gulps with a total of 1055 points. The Big Gulps, Jonathan Harris, Christopher Arnott, Lisa Goble and Diana Keesler, won a

free dinner and viewing of a show at Medieval Times. They placed fourth in Knightrobball, tied for third in Dodgeball and placed second in the track relays. The Big Gulps were tied with the Alcoholics, Michael Pilla, Joel Levenson, Karen Steinmertz, and Shereen Shaikh, for first place with 445 points after the indoor events.

The Big Gulps dominated the outdoor events. They finished first in Pajama Relay, and tied for first in Melonball. Before the final event the Big Gulps were winning by 10 points over BCM Maction, Benjamin McBride, Jeremy Reagans, Christie Harden, and Lindsay Miller. The two teams tied for first in the final event, Dizzy

Relay each scoring 150 points, making the final scores Big Gulps 1055 and BCM Maction 1005.

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7 Mary 3 comes home for UCF Homecoming

Band to perform after Spirit Splash

JASON IRSAY
STAFF WRITER

Friday's Homecoming performance by 7 Mary 3 will mark a homecoming of sorts for the band as well; the ten-year-old band got their big break in Orlando when their song "Cumbersome" received its first radio airplay on WJRR in 1995.

Ten years on the road have made the band wise, tough and humble, according to lead singer Jason Ross. In a phone interview, Ross talked about the music industry, life on the road and what UCF students can expect at Friday's concert, among other things.

7 Mary 3 came together back in 1992, at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. Ross formed the band with bassist Casey Daniel (both Orlando natives), guitarist Jason Pollock and drummer Giti Khalsa, while they attended school. They signed a record contract after Ross, the youngest member of the band, finished college.

Ross does not regret finishing his degree, and encourages other college bands to do the same.

Along the way, Ross said the band has learned a lot. The most important lesson they've learned?

"Everything that comes around goes around," Ross said. "You can fall in favor or out of



7 Mary 3 will perform at the reflecting pond following Spirit Splash on Friday.

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favor; it just depends on the mood of the audience."

Ross said 7 Mary 3 was heavily influenced by the rock music of the early 1990's.

"When I was 18, certainly I would be remiss not to mention Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, everything that was happening," Ross said. There was a musical revolution when I was getting out of high school."

"It was something that probably will never happen again," he added.

Ross shared his views on the current state of the music industry.

"It's a very volatile time," Ross said. "I wouldn't want to trade shoes with anybody who's trying to get signed right now."

"It's really tough out there; but at the same time, we're going through a period that, ten years from now, will be seen as a real revolution in the music industry with the technology that's available to consumers," he continued.

Ross touted the greater expo-

sure that people have now to different types of music, a result of digital music and file sharing. "Coming to terms with the digital age is going to be the most important thing that happens in the music industry," Ross said.

Ross said he has mixed feelings on file sharing. He understands the position of artists who oppose it, yet does not personally oppose it.

"I think one of the things that

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Who is Knightro?

JULIE MONHEIM
STAFF WRITER

He's one of the most mysterious characters on campus. Everyone wants to know who's hiding behind that golden armor, but the identity of Knightro, UCF's mascot, is kept confidential.

In fact, only a handful of people actually know who plays the part of Knightro. The cheerleaders and coaching staff, along with a few close family members are enlightened.

Everyone else needs to be kept in the dark, according to Linda Gooch, Team Knightro's head coach.

"It's all a part of the

mystery," Gooch said. "We don't want people to think of Knightro as a person."

But it's not just one person who wears the Knightro costume anyway. Since the demand for appearances has increased drastically in the last four to five years, Gooch said playing the role of Knightro has become a team effort.

One senior, one junior, and two freshmen rotate costume-wearing duties. These rotations become particularly important at football games, where the students are required to take a break at the end of each quarter.

"We were even discussing the possibility of

hooking Knightro up to an I.V. at the Arizona State game if it ended up being a hot one," Gooch said.

Although Knightro lucked out at the rainy game in Arizona, some home games have been just as hot, and wearing the 30-pound costume can take its toll on the students.

"Hot, humid weather requires more frequent breaks for the students," Gooch said.

In addition to running around in the heat at football games, Knightro also makes appearances at community and campus activities. He

PLEASE SEE *Four* ON 23

A bit Rowdy

KRISTIN DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

"Left! Right! Left! Right!" At home baseball games, the Rowdy Knights can be heard long before they are ever seen. They chant these words in an attempt to distract and annoy UCF's opponents as the players anxiously shift their feet back and forth in the batter's box.

In the midst of the noise and chaos that surrounds a UCF sporting event, the "Rowdy Knights" can be found in the center of the action. These sports enthusiasts take pride in heckling the other teams, promoting school spirit, increasing attendance at events and competing to be the loud-

PLEASE SEE *Students* ON 25

8 Days a week

Highlights of the cultural calendar

SHELLEY MARMOR
STAFF WRITER

Thursday, Oct. 24

UCF Faculty Art Exhibition

One of the most popular exhibits the UCF Gallery hosts all season opens today through Dec. 8. Various works of art created by the UCF faculty, such as drawings, photographs, digital media and sculptures, will be on display in the Visual Arts Building, art gallery. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

Friday, Oct. 25

Spirit Splash

7 Mary 3 will rock UCF this year at Spirit Splash. Come cool down and take a swim in the Reflecting Pond with hundreds of other spirited Homecoming students. The Campus Activities Board will distribute free Homecoming goodies to encourage school spirit for Saturday's football game. Students will meet at 3:30 p.m. at the Reflecting Pond to kick off the Homecoming festivities.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Homecoming Day

Homecoming Day starts at 11 a.m. with the downtown parade on Orange Avenue to Church Street. Then, at 4 p.m., the UCF Knights play the Akron Zips at the Citrus Bowl. The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during the halftime show. The party continues at 7 p.m. on Church Street with musical act Three Doors Down. The first 5,000 UCF students get in free with a valid UCF ID. Admission for everyone else is \$20.

Sunday, Oct. 27

'FAME: The Musical'

"FAME," the story of high school kids attending a school for the performing arts in New York, concludes its run at 2 p.m. today at Stage 1 of the University Theatre Building. This Broadway musical is about those who try to follow their dreams. For ticket information, contact the UCF Theatre box office at 407-823-1500.

Monday, Oct. 28

13th Annual International Fair

UCF's most popular campus cultural event features students from countries all over the world. The Procession of Flags will begin this event at the Barbara Ying Center at 9:30 a.m. The actual fair will follow at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Pegasus Grand Ballroom. Food and performers from different cultures will be on display. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

CAB Movie: 'Seven'

Sloth, Wrath, Greed, Envy, Gluttony, Pride and Lust. This 1995 psychological thriller is about a man who commits murders themed after the Seven Deadly Sins. The cast includes Academy Award winners Kevin Spacey, Gwyneth Paltrow, Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman. The film starts at 9 p.m. in the Student Resource Auditorium and is free.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

The Anniversary

Well-known for its good music and melodic rhythms, this indie band has been touring relentlessly since the release of its 1999 album "Designing a Nervous Breakdown." Now the members are back with their follow-up album, "Your Majesty." Catch their live show for \$10 at club Social with the opening act Burning Brides. This show is for all ages and the doors open at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31

CAB Movie: 'The Shining'

Get your Halloween night warmed up with Stanley Kubrick's 1980 masterpiece of psychological horror, "The Shining." This movie, which stars a famously ax-wielding Jack Nicholson, is sure to prepare anyone for a night of ghouls and goblins. The film begins at 9 p.m. at UCF's Wired Cafe and is free.

Band returns to roots, rocks again

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people don't realize is, for bands like us that aren't on MTV and aren't on VH1, and this, that and the other, the internet is a very important source of getting our music out there, so file sharing is really important to us and we don't really have a problem with it."

"But at the same time, when you are on MTV and you are on VH1, and you're one of these bigger bands who's being compensated at such a high level, they see every MP3 that's being downloaded as income [lost], and rightly so."

Ross said he wishes music fans that download music for free would return the favor.

"I mean, if people want to download my music for free, that's fine, just it would be great if they could just send me a little e-mail saying, 'Hey I'm John so-and-so, and I own a landscaping business, come over and borrow my lawnmower anytime you want', or 'I'm John the lawyer, and if you need law services, I'd be glad to do it for you.'"

"But that's not the way the world works," Ross said. "People want everything for free. I want stuff for free, so I'm not going to hold these kids accountable to something that is basic human nature."

Ross said that most of the people who download music support the music in other ways, such as going to shows and buying merchandise.

"For the most part we've had great success with our fans sharing our music with people over the net, and exposing us to people," Ross said. "If you can make a living playing live shows, it doesn't matter as much to you."

Ross said major changes would take place in the music industry in the near future.

"We're in the very beginning of a revolution. Legislation that is happening right now is going to impact music in an unbelievable way."

The front man made the analogy of music as a commodity.

"The fact of the matter is that if you put an act on MTV, and you put it in high rotation, you're going to sell records," Ross said. "It's just like seeing a commercial for toothpaste."

Ross said that great music fans suffer from current music industry practices.

"The kind of fans who support that level of band, the Wilcos of the world, they're the ones really getting screwed here. Those are the loyalist fans. Those aren't the flavor of the month fans. Those are the people who seek out great music. It's a shame that they're the ones who are getting the short end of the stick."

Ross said 7 Mary 3 wants to return to its roots.

"I think for our band right now it's really important to reinvent ourselves in the mainstream and create another plateau. We've gone through our creative, artsy period. We're kind of back to just wanting to rock again, really straightforward, so that's our

goal for the next record."

Ross talked about life on the road. He said the band's attitude toward touring has evolved as they have matured. When they first gained popularity, the band loved touring.

"I think in the earliest, in '95 and '96, when we were really hitting it hard, and we were so young, there was a brief period of time when we were playing a lot of shows with people that we listened to growing up, that we were really big fans of," recalled Ross. "That was a definite time where you felt like you were kind of living a dream."

"That kind of wears off after a while. It becomes more of a survival issue. I think that's where we're at right now."

"Being on the road is increasingly more difficult the older you get, but it's also more important. There's a period of time where you might consider doing something else. If you make it through that time, the road's really all you've got left. That's not a bad thing."

"Experience on the road is



I think people in Orlando support us really well, so I think it's going to be a great show.

—JASON ROSS
Lead singer, 7 Mary 3

probably the single most important thing that goes on in the band. I mean, it's different everyday. There's different people, there's different experiences, there's, at this point — from doing it so long — there's friends that you've made that you only see if you're on the road."

That road brings 7 Mary 3 back to Orlando on Friday. After learning about the gig, and how it will go along with Spirit Splash, Ross offered his thoughts on the concert.

"It should be a good time then. My experience playing shows like this is people are either really into it or they could care less because they're already so drunk that it doesn't really matter who's playing," Ross said.

"Hopefully we'll find a happy medium in between and people will get excited about it, and we'll have a great time. Our policy is, basically, we'll play the same show for 50 people as we would for 5,000. We're going to bring as much energy as we would in any other situation. We're not going to curtail it...I think people generally, in Orlando, support us really well, so I think it's going to be a great show."

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A hopping good time at Froggers

DONNA T. SCHUMAN
STAFF WRITER

King George and his royal family were on their way to dine when a Warlock turned the family into frogs. The family traveled to a warmer climate knowing they would never survive the cold winter as frogs. The prince, still seeking a place to dine, decided to create a place of his own. That is how Froggers Grill and Bar was born, or so reads the legend on their menu.

This Florida-beach themed sports bar offers a variety of appetizers, salads and entrees all for under \$8. The food categories offered consist of hamburgers, fajitas, pasta and several seafood dishes for vegetarians.

The original Froggers Grill and Bar was opened by George Hakim, Jr. seven years ago in the Rosemont area. There are now four locations owned and operated in the Central Florida area.

One of these locations is the Oviedo location, which opened in 1993. Oviedo residents Rick Hayne, Frank Joyce, Mike Lougee and Gary Nossaman purchased this Froggers in 2001.

They decided to take this opportunity and make it work said Nossaman. Froggers is a place that is "fun for everyone," he added. Lougee stated that the owners' goal is to be the "first choice" for

casual dining and adult beverages in Oviedo and the surrounding area.

Nossaman, Froggers co-owner and general manager, said Froggers is unique because it caters to all types of people.

"We can have 10 different people come in together and order something they like instead of being tied town to one type of food," Nossaman said.

The Light Lunch Special is one of the specials offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and consists of soups, salads and sandwiches. Happy hour is everyday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., in which 35 cent wings are sold from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. But Happy Hour doesn't end there. It starts back up again at 10 p.m. until close. Dollar draft beers are also offered everyday from open to close.

Customers seem to be enjoying the atmos-

phere and food.

"This is my first time here and the service and food have been great," said Scott Kotyk, 22, who was on vacation from Canada.

In addition to these specials, the Oviedo location has DJ Mad Mike entertaining the crowd from 9 p.m. to close every Saturday. Froggers also hosts an adult-gated theme party every two months.

"We had a beach party in July and are planning a Halloween party for October 26," Nossaman said.

Mad Mike entertains the crowd with



DONNA T. SCHUMAN / CFF

Kathy Moore, a five year employee of Froggers, serves Scott Kotyk, 22, his lunch. Kotyk is vacationing from Canada and enjoyed his first time dining at the Oviedo restaurant.

games such as trivia, twister and the limbo, added Nossaman.

"We play 'Name that Tune,' but the guest that guesses right has to come up and sing the song," Nossaman said.

Prizes, such as t-shirts, hats and free shots are offered to the winner.

But Froggers isn't only for party-lovers. Sports lovers can enjoy watching the games every Saturday and Sunday on the Oviedo Froggers' two big screen TV's and its 21, 19-inch TV's.

"We play every televised game available on those days," Nossaman said.

There is always something to keep one

entertained in Froggers. Even while waiting for food in the dining area, there is a complete assortment of video games and six dartboards to keep patrons occupied.

"You have to see it for yourself," Nossaman said.

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Four students play the role of Knightro

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visits hospitals and attends community service events.

The students also practice once a week. Much of practice time is spent discussing who's going to appear where. The team views tapes of previous events to critique the appearances. They also practice their walks and rehearse interactions with other mascots.

One mascot that Knightro used to interact with was UCF's very own Glycerin, but Gooch said just like college students, mascots' relationships are often unstable.

"Last year Knightro and Glycerin decided to cool it a bit and maybe date some other people," she said. "But they kind of fall back on each other, like if they don't have a date for Homecoming, they'll get together."

Even without Glycerin, Knightro has a lot of help. "Team Knightro" consists of the four students who wear the costume, the escorts, who follow the mascot around at the events, and the coaching staff, which trains the students.

"It really does take the effort of the entire team," Gooch said.



Knightro will make appearances at each UCF Homecoming event throughout the week.

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With four different students playing Knightro, things can get confusing. The team works hard on creating a uniform persona for Knightro.

"You've got four different walks, four different ways to sign a signature, and four different gestures," Gooch said. "We try to work on doing everything the same because Knightro is one character."

Even though Knightro is just one character, coaches sometimes think of him as a person.

"I might say we're going to have Knightro at this event, even if I'm talking directly to the student who's going to wear the costume," Gooch said. "It's as if he is a different person."

The students who play Knightro take

their jobs seriously. Once they put on their costumes, it's as if the character possesses them, Gooch said.

But, many of the students are not as outgoing as the character they play.

"He's such a wild and crazy guy, you'd think the students are like that, but some of them are the shyest people you'd ever meet," she said.

To play Knightro, students have to go through an audition process. This year twenty-five students tried out for the part. They had to perform a skit in front of judges and also participate in an interview session.

For the skit, students were given a bucket and a mop and told to create a scenario. Gooch said this was training for them because Knightro often creates his own skits.

"Sometimes he'll reach over and grab something on the sideline and suddenly it becomes a trumpet, and he'll start playing in the band," she said.

Gooch said it's important that those who play Knightro are quick-witted and dedicated. So far this year, Gooch said she's been lucky.

"We've been so fortunate because they have amazing school spirit," she said. "They really do bleed black and gold."

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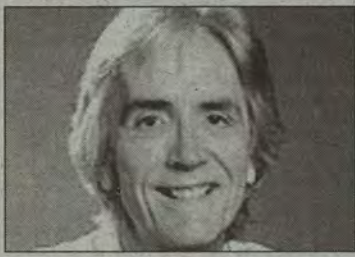
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vital parts (except for an artery, but the position of the nail kept the artery from hemorrhaging); he's fine now. A few days later in Santa Clarita, Calif., an errant nail went through construction worker Jorge Hernandez's eye socket, into his brain, but he remained conscious and didn't realize what had happened until he looked into a mirror; he's fine, too.

Can't possibly be true

- In September, Washington state Sen. Joe Zarelli acknowledged to The Columbian newspaper that he had collected \$12,000 in unemployment benefits in 2001-2002 without declaring that he was also being paid \$32,000 a year as a senator, but he blamed the state bureaucracy for not catching him and explaining to him why that was wrong. Sen. Zarelli said he "had no clue" that he was supposed to report his legislator's salary.

- Medell Banks, a retarded, poor black man from Butler, Ala., is serving a 15-year sentence for manslaughter as a result of his confession that he killed his newborn baby in 1999, despite strong evidence that there was never a baby in the first place. While in jail in an earlier incident, Banks' estranged wife claimed she was pregnant, hoping for lenient treatment, but refused to be examined except cursorily by a local doctor who said he thought he heard a fetal heartbeat. When Mrs. Banks' "baby" vanished, authorities assumed it had been born and killed. (Mrs. Banks had been sterilized four years earlier, and doctors say she remains sterile.)

Also, in the last month ...

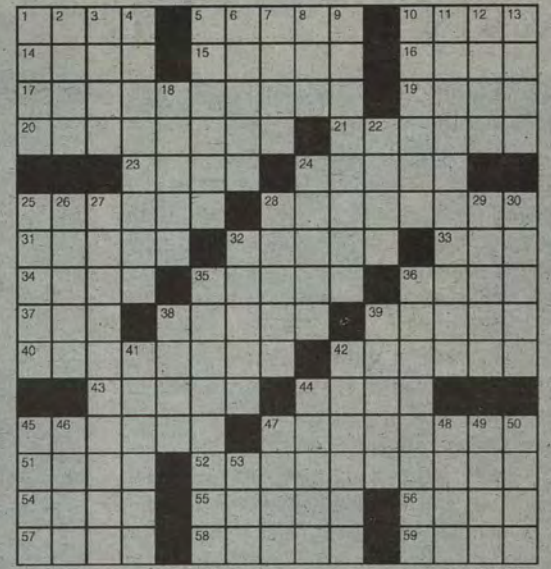
A 25-year-old man in scrubs was arrested at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and charged with sexual assault for fondling women after telling them that he was a "lactation consultant." And at a meeting on Oct. 8, citizen J.T. James angrily threatened to initiate a lengthy recall campaign against all five Salinas, Calif., city council members, apparently unaware that all five are up for re-election on Nov. 5. And Montana Republican U.S. Senate candidate (and former salon owner) Mike Taylor angrily withdrew from the race after his Democratic opponent ran attack ads that Taylor said made him look gay.

Recurring themes

As News of the Weird has reported, sometimes workers accidentally fire their nail guns into their heads, and often they survive just fine, thanks to skilled surgeons (and luck). In August, Denver firefighter David Lilja's gun kicked back, propelling one 3 1/2-inch nail through his jaw and another through his cheek, but they missed

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Colorful horse
 - 5 Sneezing powder
 - 10 Precipitation
 - 14 A single time
 - 15 Gian-___ Menotti
 - 16 Boundary
 - 17 Australian parakeet
 - 19 Exult blatantly
 - 20 Salad green
 - 21 Blacksmiths
 - 23 Kennedy and Williams
 - 24 Woody spine
 - 25 Pick-me-ups
 - 28 "Love Songs" poet
 - 31 Schnoz
 - 32 ___ de menthe
 - 33 Vegas lead-in
 - 34 Envelope abbr.
 - 35 Snivel
 - 36 Plug prongs
 - 37 Snitch
 - 38 Stores
 - 39 Ninny
 - 40 Illegal pitches
 - 42 Glossy fabric
 - 43 Without conclusion
 - 44 River sediment
 - 45 Emissary
 - 47 Tholepines
 - 51 Protest-singer Phil
 - 52 Beach game
 - 54 Unruly kid
 - 55 Ms. DeGeneres
 - 56 Fencer's tool
 - 57 Amounts
 - 58 Paper units
 - 59 Ownership document



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- DOWN
- 1 Dressing gown
 - 2 Burden
 - 3 "Back in Black" rockers
 - 4 Denial
 - 5 Catch-of-the-day fish
 - 6 Talons
 - 7 Impel
 - 8 Ala. neighbor
 - 9 You should be embarrassed!

- 10 Best score ever
- 11 Epinephrine
- 12 Frankenstein's gofer
- 13 Current events
- 18 Put up
- 22 Firefighter's sprayer
- 24 Adolescents
- 25 Winter Palace autocrats
- 26 Waiting in the wings
- 27 Robin Hood's home
- 28 Stumbles
- 29 Cyclist Armstrong
- 30 German city
- 32 Combination of tones
- 35 Every time that
- 36 Make final preparations
- 38 Editorial directive
- 39 Linger
- 41 L'chair and prosit

- 42 Warning devices
- 44 Oregon's capital
- 45 Lofting tennis shots
- 46 Light beige
- 47 Earthenware crock
- 48 Part of Batman's garb
- 49 "Revolutions of the Viaducts" painter
- 50 Huskies' pull
- 53 Bullfight cheer

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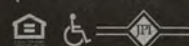
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Students strive to make UCF opponents miserable

FROM PAGE 20

est group of UCF fans in the stands.

Senior David Taylor said the Rowdy Knights enjoy aggravating other teams, yelling their heads off, and just going completely crazy cheering for UCF.

Club members seem to have pledged to make life miserable for UCF's opponents.

"When they react to the things we say, that's when we know we've gotten into their heads," said Taylor, the group's treasurer.

Taylor said he has heard people say that UCF is one of the most difficult places to play due to the crowd's enthusiasm. "I take a lot of pride in that," he said.

The club was started by junior engineering major Adrian Moore, who basically corralled about eight of his friends to attend games together and sit in the same section each time. To give themselves an identity, they had bright yellow shirts printed with the words "Rowdy Knights" in black letters. That original group has since grown to about 30 members.

Moore said he came up with the idea after attending his first UCF football game against Georgia Tech, which had a similar student fan club that called itself "The Swarm."

The Rowdy Knights are diehard UCF fans dedicated to doing anything in order to show support for UCF teams.

And boy do they take that seriously. For a baseball game last year against the University of South Florida, group members created bull-shaped pinatas and encouraged fans to "bash a bull" to prove their loyalty to UCF.

At an away basketball game at Stetson, the Rowdy Knights took it upon themselves to provide their own halftime entertainment, with one of their members running several laps around the court waving a large UCF flag.

Senior Greg Connell, the group's current president, said the Rowdy Knights also have helped him make new friends.

"I came from a high school out of state and when I came here as a freshman, I felt lost," he said. "Now, students who may not have many friends and are interested in sports have a group of people who they can go to games with and have a good time."

Added freshman computer science major Chris Mesa: "Being a Rowdy Knight is definitely one of the most fun things I have done, and I want others to experience this as well."

The only requirement to become a member is a \$10 dues fee each calendar year to cover the cost of the signature yellow shirts worn to all sporting events. Although the group has applied in the past for SGA funding, so far it has been refused with the exception of minimal office sup-

plies, Moore said.

Although Moore had been trying to establish the Rowdy Knights as an official campus club since the fall of 2000, they were not given that designation until earlier this year, when they were formally recognized by the Office of Student Activities and SGA. Members are proud that their club has functioned so long with little outside funding.

Moore said it's important to represent UCF not only at home games, but at away games as well.

"We have gone on many road trips together including football games at Clemson, Georgia Tech, Alabama and Penn State. One time we even drove to Marshall and back on only five hours of sleep."

Junior Kelly Higginbottom, a criminal justice major and the

group's vice president, said the best aspect of the club is its diversity.

"It gave me a chance to hang out with different people and cheer on UCF with others who love it just as much as I do."

Connell said he hopes the Rowdy Knights one day will have several hundred members - enough to become an intimidating presence at UCF home games.

"It is a growing school, and so are its athletic traditions," he said. "We get a chance to play a part in helping UCF reach new levels."

"Some people believe we act the way we do for attention, but there's more to it than that. We act this way to create an atmosphere. We're just trying to show support for our team, win or lose."

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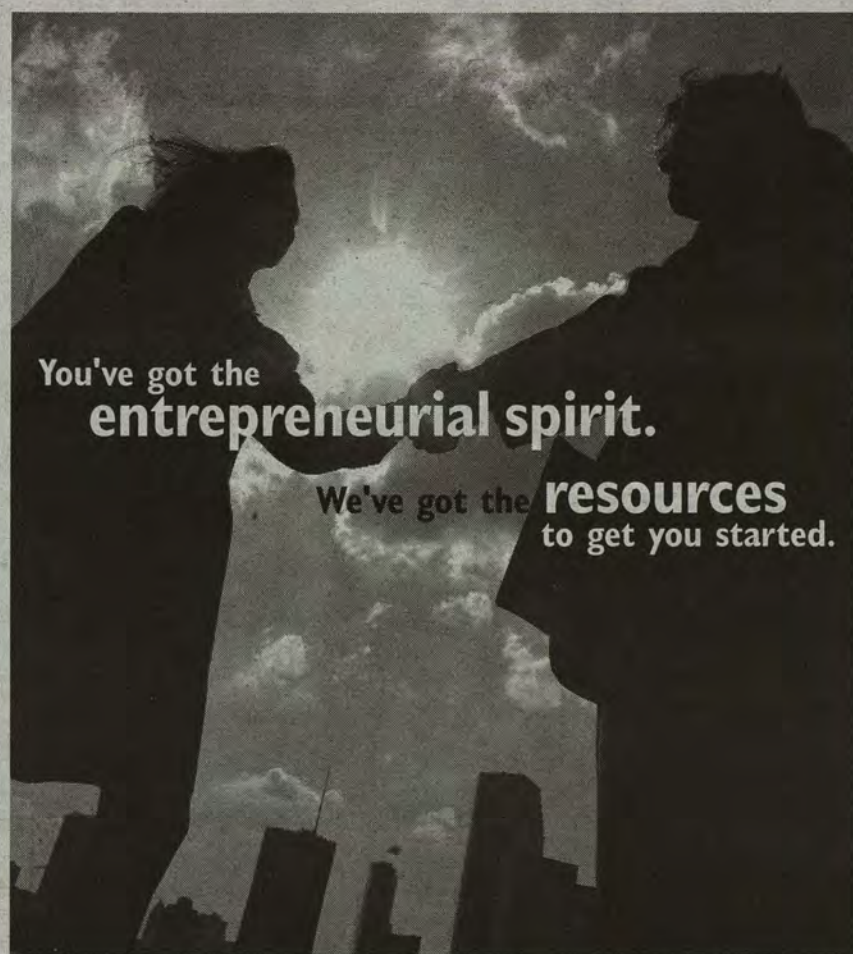
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