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Lamda Chi Alpha wins programming award for third year in a row

□ The UCF chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha wins the Warren A. Cole Recruitment Program Award for outstanding programming during rush.

by JEFF HUNT
News editor

UCF's chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity was among four fraternities to be awarded the Warren A. Cole Recruitment Program Award during the fraternities international leadership conference.

The Beta-Eta chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha received the award for having the most outstanding operations in the areas of membership recruitment, chapter growth, publicity, and non-alcoholic programming during recruitment. This is the third year the UCF chapter has won the award.

"It's a pretty big honor," said Bill Pepler, president of the UCF chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha. "I think it makes it look like we're excelling in the fraternity rush process and encourages us to do even better next year."

However, the UCF chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha will have

a hard time topping the 55 new members recruited over the last rush in addition to setting a record for the quickest chapter to reach the 1000 member mark since establishing

Pepler credited his fraternities success on not just following the fraternities guidelines, but going beyond them. He alluded to "get-aways" in nearby Kissimmee and letters to prospective members, but failed to divulge anything else for fear of helping the competition.

"The chapter at Central Florida has proven itself as a leader on campus and within Lamda Chi Alpha," commented Fred W. Suggs, Jr., the Fraternity's international president. "By exceeding the minimum standards of the Fraternity, the members are offering outstanding fraternal experiences which emphasize leadership development, academic achievement, service, and fellowship."

Pepler also acknowledged Alpha Delta Pi's help with Lamda Chi's rush and said they were instrumental in organizing a reggae show during it.

The UCF chapter of Lamda Chi Alpha was established in 1971 and is now located across the street from UCF on Mendall Drive.

The Lamda Chi Alpha International Fraternity has 219 chapters and colonies on college and university campuses throughout the United States and Canada. They also have more than 215,000 initiated members since being founded 85 years ago.

It's official—UCF is Division I-A



photo/HUNT

The Golden Knights won't be facing many I-AA opponents like Troy State now that their petition to move to Division I-A in football has been approved. UCF will now be facing foes like FSU and Hawaii (both on their schedule this year). See page 8 for story.

Student Government Announcements: SG offers advice and info on campus activities

by SENATE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Special to the Future

Welcome back to the Legislative Corner of SGA! We're here to keep you updated with what's happening in YOUR Student Senate.

This week the legislative branch discussed many bills which dealt with changes in Student Government statutes, election reforms and funding for R.E.A.C.H.'s Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

The Senate is contemplating a Constitutional Amendment which will call for the Separation of Executive and Legislative Branches of Student Government (The

Vice President currently chairs the Senate meetings, this amendment would call for the Pro Tempore to chair the meetings.) If this Amendment is approved by the student senate, it will be voted on by the student body during the fall elections.

As you glance over these Senate issues you may find yourself wondering what do they mean. You may also ask the question "How do I benefit from Student Government?"

Student Government's mission is to serve YOU, by providing programs that cultivate and maintain student life.

The Student Senate is responsible for representing and funding clubs and organizations in need of assistance. We are here

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Please voice your concerns by stopping by the SGA office, call us at 823-2191, write to us at the World Wide Web Page, and we invite you to our Senate meetings at 7pm Sundays in the University Dining Room.

The Student Government column will become a regular feature for the fall semester. In addition, we hope to have a Greek column as well as a forum for the President of UCF and his department to keep you the student informed of the issues that affect your student life.

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The Central Florida Future has moved to a new location.

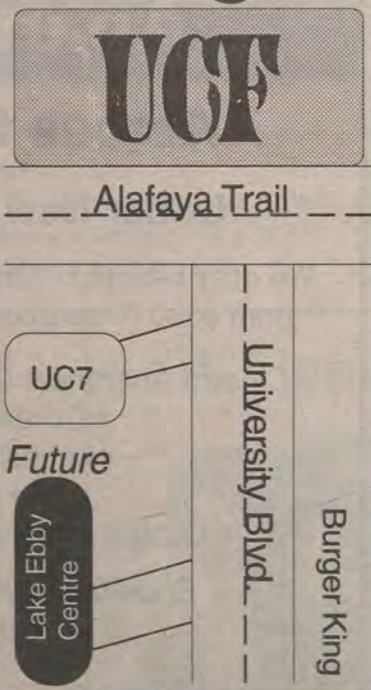
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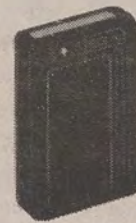
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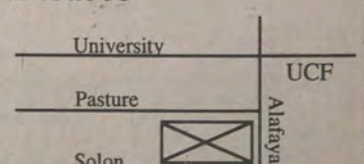
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-Vietnam through the Lenses: Its Scenery and Economic Activities, by Pham Luyen, Vietnamese-American Student Association, and Dr. Nicholas D. Hoan, Engineering Dean's Office

-Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health, by Eric Brown, Health Education Coordinator, Health Resources Center.

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✓ **ADOPT AN ANIMAL**

The Orlando Humane Society Adoption Outreach Program is looking for a few good homes for some of their animals. They are making it easy by using their mobile adoption unit to visit various locations around town from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on certain days. This week they will be at



✓ **APPRENTICES AND MASTER ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR FOLKLIFE PROGRAM**

Expert practitioners of traditional arts and people with a strong commitment to learning and perpetuating Florida folk arts are encouraged to apply to the Florida Department of State's Folklife Apprenticeship Program. Master artists and prospective apprentices must apply as teams by Aug. 31. Selected teams will receive stipends as well as funds for travel and supplies. For more info call Bob Stone 904-397-2192.

Builders Square at 11100 E. Colonial Dr. in Orlando. For more info call 352-2059.

✓ **INDIAN RIVER LAGOON DAY**

A sampling of the Indian River Lagoon will move ashore at the fourth annual Indian River Lagoon Day on July 16 at the Melbourne Square Mall. This free attraction will feature turtles, birds of prey, snakes, alligators, fish, as well as a variety of other marine animals. There will also be sportsfishing exhibits and a fly-tying demonstration. More info at 407-984-4940.

✓ **ACCESS TO RECORDS CHANGING**

Beginning Aug. 1, a new transcript policy will be implemented at UCF. Two free transcripts will be available upon request, subsequent copies will be \$5.00 each. In addition, students can get unofficial transcripts through a variety of on-campus terminals including any of the KIOSKS and the online Grade Viewing system in the

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• On 6/23/95, a 19 yr. old white male from Oviedo, Fl. was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• On 6/22/95, a 24 yr. old white male was arrested and turned over to Student Affairs for possessing a stolen hang tag.

• On 5/31/95, a 33 yr. old white male was arrested for driving while his license was suspended.

THEFTS

• Eric W. Zaner of Bldg. 58 in the Lake Clair Apartments had his bike stolen from a bike rack outside his building between June 28 and July 3. The bike was valued at \$320.

• Jennifer Lynn Arnettof UCF Building Services reported that someone stole a blue Powerlite Blower from rm. #137 in the Visual Arts Building between June 20 and June 22. The blower was valued at \$175.

• Jennifer S. Ault had her parking decal removed from her car on June 26. Value was \$64.

• Steven Rodenroth had a black, leather organizer stolen

from the library on June 30. He also had credit card checks in the organizer that were forged and cashed. Total value undetermined.

• Donna J. Baumbach of the UCF/DOE Instructional Teaching Resource Center reported that over a period of three weeks, an unknown person entered suite 106 of the ITRC and removed a Mac powerbook, a Canon Xapshot, a digitizer, a H850 8mm video camera, a Tandy laptop, and an Alpha Smart. Total value approximately \$5000.

• Elaine Rae Simmons of Jostens Company reported that someone stole a 14 kt. gold pendant from a display case outside the bookstore around 2 p.m. on 6/22/95. Total value \$331.

• John Mc Intosh reported that someone broke into his locker in the men's lockerroom of the Education Building and stole \$52 in cash on 6/19/95.

BATTERY

• Michael J. Ortiz reported on 6/27/95 that an unknown individual struck him in the face during a dispute over a basketball game outside of Rec services. The perpetrator is identified as a 6' 2" black male, about 230 lbs., black hair and brown eyes with a fade haircut.

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Helms: "deliberate, disgusting, revolting acts" cause AIDS

Mister popularity is at it again. As reported by CNN, the Republican Senator from North Carolina, in an attempt to decrease federal spending for AIDS, said the disease was caused by "deliberate, disgusting, revolting acts." One can only speculate on the actual cognitive process employed by this intellectual giant as he came to this conclusion. Oh yes, the implication is quite clear; he, of course is alluding to AIDS being a gay disease.

And, naturally, being a Republican and being from North Carolina, a combination in itself akin to one deaf cousin breeding with a limping cousin that is endearingly called "tetched" by her mother, is a handicap that we have to consider. However, given even the handicap, a certain amount of education should be mandatory for anyone that has the power and clout that this man unfortunately has.

Did his brain reach capacity somewhere along the line, and any information after that was simply rejected with a message of "Disk full. Save to another disk?" I mean honestly, AIDS hasn't been considered a gay disease for nearly a decade.

Or perhaps this fine humanitarian actually is educated, and in his statement fully judges such acts as sex between consenting, married, heterosexual adults as disgusting while lesbian sex must be natural, because lesbians aren't getting AIDS. Perhaps he considers the assumed accidental infections from tainted blood supplies as "deliberate." Perhaps medical workers who unwittingly contract AIDS in an attempt to save lives are committing a "revolting act."

And God knows, anyone that would allow an AIDS baby to come to term probably falls into the full category of committing "deliberate, disgusting, revolting acts." Hold on, Senator Helms, for your own line of thinking just suggested an abortion. Helms, abortion. Just being able to use those two words in the same sentence thrills me.

It's just a damn shame that abortions can't be retroactive. I've never advocated violence, and I am one of the ones who find proponents of violence neolithic throwbacks. But this man tries my ethics.

It honestly escapes me that a man that holds his ignorant, hateful views can go to work everyday without being shot. Granted I would not be the one to shoot him, but if I were anywhere in his vicinity, I wouldn't be able to control my urge to spill a cup of McDonalds coffee in his lap. Or better yet, hire 20 or 30 gay men to wear HIV+ t-shirts and follow him around blowing kisses. Maybe the shock and disgust would give him a heart attack. We can only hope.

•Pat Fox, Opinion Editor



Good riddance to net fishermen

Last Friday night at midnight, the net ban officially took effect. It's about time. Seven months after about 70 percent of Florida's voters agreed that net fishing caused enough damage that the process should be outlawed, the law finally took effect. Common sense would dictate that the fishermen that would be the target of this legislation would make some kind of financial or career preparation.

From the sounds of it, they prepared themselves only for a fight. Several months ago, 24 counties all got together in a coalition and somehow found the gall to ask the state to give them money to offset the losses caused by the demise of their fishing careers. At that time, Gulf County Commissioner Warren Yeager said, "We strongly feel that if the general public makes a policy such as the net ban, then the general public has the obligation to support programs offsetting the negative impact." They wanted the taxpayers to provide retraining, job help and equipment buy-backs! Apparently that didn't work too well. At least the state had sense enough not to fall for that one.

But the fishermen didn't stop there. Their next step was to attempt a court injunction to prevent the ban from taking effect. This failed as well. A clear-thinking judge said that the fact that some businesses would suffer was no reason the law shouldn't take effect.

Throughout all of this, the battle cry, "That's how we've always done it," was somehow supposed to convince us that it's still the right way. What dangerous thinking. It has always been my experience that when someone justifies actions with "That's how we've always done it," it's probably not a good way of doing it. Let's face it, even a rat will stop going down the same hall of a maze when there's no longer food there, after a while. But no self respecting rat would go on with the same routine seven months after the last reward.

Apparently net fishermen have less intelligence than rats. There are a number of social lessons to be gotten from this. First, behaviors like this cast serious doubts about the natural superiority of humans. The lower animals at least allow themselves to go through a natural selection process that allows old, useless behaviors to die away via starvation.

Secondly, we should never have enough sympathy for business that it allows us to cloud our thinking about the environment. Even Captain Picard is, at times, willing to risk the lives of a few to save the many. Great man Picard. If our society weren't willing to make sacrifices like these, we'd still be strip mining coal throughout the nation, clear cutting forests, using leaded fuel and fluoro-carbon propellants.

I have to wonder why it is that these people have kicked up more hay than all the other industries have. It could have been a lot worse for them. They should think about the fact that the voters didn't demand restitution for all the damage to the ecosystem they caused. The only reason they don't have to pay

Lynn Goldsmith
GUEST COLUMNIST

restitution is because they are a bunch of worthless Florida Crackers. If we had been talking about any other profitable corporation, like Exxon or even *The Orlando Sentinel*, for that

matter, we would have forced them to pay for the correction.

One fisherman was seen on the news bo-hoo-ing that his grand-daddy had been a fisherman, and his daddy had been a fisherman, and he'd been a fisherman all his life. And now the state wants him to do something else, and what the hell is he going to do. All he knows how to do is fish. What a baby.

Another lady was seen lamenting the fact that the fish market that she'd had for 39 years was now going to be empty. She went on for a while about how the fishermen didn't have the money to retool their boats or to buy larger boats and were unable to go out deeper into the ocean. It seems to me that as expensive seafood is, and with such a minimal investments they've had, if they don't have a savings account in the bank to cover the expense for their own re-tooling, that in itself should be some kind of clue that the business they're fighting

so hard to keep wasn't all that profitable.

What about a Commercial Loan? Are they such bad business risks after nearly 30 years of being in business that a bank won't loan them the money they need to re-tool? And doesn't that also tell us that this industry isn't worth saving?

And to the gentlemen, and I use that term loosely, who doesn't know what to

do: try truck driving school. It only takes six weeks before you're on the road to success.

It doesn't take the intelligence of Einstein to drive a truck. Granted, however, it may in fact take more intelligence than these people have.

I don't think I'm jumping too far in my conclusions here. After all, the big news on Friday night was about how these "Real McCoy" types were threatening all sorts of violence if the Coast Guard tried to enforce the ban. I wasn't terribly surprised by that. After all, any run of three generations that hasn't managed to acquire any new skills would no doubt resort to physical violence. But wait, hold on to your hats. They threatened to burn their nets in protest.

There are times that I really wish that there were words to describe certain facial expressions more accurately. There just isn't a description for the expression I got when I heard that. Suffice it to say that I was tempted to go to the docks and cruelly taunt these idiots into burning their nets. I had a brief fantasy about then throwing my hands up in surrender and exclaiming, "I guess you guys really showed me!"

But the icing on the cake was when I heard the follow up clause in their ill fated threat...to burn their own boats. My expression could only be described as the deer in the old headlights routine, as my brain tried to process what it thought it heard, but was certain it could not have heard. But I heard it.

That just explains everything doesn't it?

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Take me out to the Magic game

I'd like to wish a belated congratulations to the Orlando Magic for making their way to the NBA Finals: You all pulled Central Florida together into one pulsating blob of people with "We Believe in Magic" signs taped on the back of our cars. Your excellence instilled a sense of pride and cohesiveness to the community and a genuine hatred towards the Houston area that is sure to last for generations. I know this because I attended game three's Magic Watch Party in the O-rena.

11,000 people, give or take two, flocked to the O-rena to watch our beloved Magic play on the scoreboard. (Of course, the game was in Houston. They weren't literally on the scoreboard.) Unfortunately, the clarity of the huge screen wasn't that great. It was sometimes hard to tell the difference between Anfernee Hardaway and, for instance, the ball. But it didn't matter. All that was important is that the fans supported the team and had a great time.

It was just like a real game except for the fact that there was no actual team. The Magic announcer was there, as was Stuff the Magic and Possibly Radioactive Dragon. The Magic dancers entertained the crowd during time-outs, and *The Orlando Sentinel* had a remote-controlled blimp that was large enough occasionally to eclipse the scoreboard. But, overshadowing all of the others, the peanut salesman who looks like O.J. Simpson was there too.

He has to be the coolest guy

on the planet. If you've never seen him, I'll give you a brief description: He looks like O.J. Simpson. Thankfully, he uses his famous appearance to promote social well-being and to restore America's faith in the Judicial System. He does this by holding up signs that say, "Jury pool running dry," and, "For Sale: One white Bronco, slightly chased." Is this country great, or what?

Orlando's pride in the Magic was obvious. The crowd cheered wildly when the Magic scored and called for the

David Swartz Jr.
A LITTLE TWIST

amputation of Robert Horry's legs every time he made a three-pointer. Even towards the end of the third quarter, when the Magic appeared to dismantle, the crowd

still held hope and didn't give up. They applauded, chanted "De-fense," and shouted at the inanimate scoreboard. They even yelled every time the Rockets attempted a free throw. I was hoping that an official would hand a cellular phone to Kenny Smith and say, "Excuse me, Mr. Smith, but fans in Orlando are attempting to distract you by screaming really loudly." That would have shaken him up for sure.

Just like any sporting event, there was a small group of people who thought that they were morally obligated to try and start The Wave. Those people were right in front of me, and they were unbelievably bad at getting The Wave started; they periodically jumped from their seats looking as if they were subjects of an electro-shock therapy experiment; then they stood for a while, went "whooh!" and sat down again. They repeated this procedure about 1298 times. They didn't even know WHEN to start the wave; picking some of the most inappropriate times, such as during *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Towards the end of the game, the suspense was intense. The Magic somehow managed to come within three points of tying the game. The crowd was glued to their seats. Actually, the crowd was glued to the floor, because the floor to the O-rena was the same texture as flypaper. In fact, there were still fans there from last sea-

son who haven't yet been able to free themselves from the vile mixture of soda, syrup and beer.

But it wasn't meant to be. The Magic lost game three and then game four, making a disappointing end to a spectacular season. Now the players can relax for a few months and Shaq can get back to his normal life as an actor, rapper, spokesperson, writer, NASCAR driver and Secretary of Commerce. And I'll bet that the O.J. look-a-like guy is available for party appearances during the off-season. GO MAGIC IN '96!

"Excuse me, Mr. Smith, but fans in Orlando are attempting to distract you by screaming really loudly." That would have shaken him up for sure.

An ounce of abuse prevention

Love has always amazed me in many ways. No one can define it quite the same way, and each person you love is never the same. I mean, what is love? Old stories

fill our heads with ideas like "love conquers all," "love the one you're with," and the worst rumor yet, "until death do us part." The scary thing is that love is not always pretty, love does not always offer the Cinderella story fatale, and love can hurt.

Now there are many ways love can hurt, and we all seem to justify these many hurts in different ways. But there is one hurt that I am not easy on justifying, or accepting, and that is spousal or partner abuse. Sure you have heard it before, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. But the thing is, I feel we need to stand up against the violence and stop the cycle.

When you are searching for Mr. or Ms. perfect, it can be a lot like shopping for a new car. Finding a car that looks swell and drives nice should not be the only prerequisite for shelling out a lot of cash. You should get a background check, an automotive checkup and check out the price. And the same holds true for love. In so many words, the price of your love can cost you quite a bit and still have the potential of stalling out on the highway. My point is, get the potential person checked out.

There are warning signs with abusive partners. For example, a lot of abusive partners came from abusive homes. More often than not, abuse is a learned behavior. Studies have stated that as many as 50% of males that witnessed domestic violence in the home will become abusive themselves.

Whereas, the same proportion of females will become victims. This is why domestic violence has been designated a cycle.

Another common symptom of an abuser is jealousy, possessiveness and isolation. Generally speaking, a small amount of jealousy, and I mean small, is normal in certain situations. But unreasonable jealousy or possessiveness involves power and control. If your mate dictates the clothes you wear, dislikes your friends, or is super sensitive concerning friends of the opposite sex, or the opposite sex in general when it concerns you, keep your eyes open. Granted, we all have

Melissa Mc Sween
GUEST COLUMNIST

those feelings at one time or another, but the issue to watch is power and control. People tend to think a jealous lover is cute, a sign that the other

person cares, but this may not be the case.

Another point to remember is, be wary of the partners who fall in love within three days, and decide that you are their everything. It is akin to love at first sight, but much more dangerous, because abusers work hard at getting the partner for themselves, but often change dramatically in attitude and personality after the conquest. You need to get to know the one you are with.

I am not refuting love at first sight. I am, however, suggesting that careful consideration of your choice in partners can save a lot of grief. When I worked at a shelter for battered women, I learned that an abuser can wear many faces, many personalities and many social class statures. I also talked with a lot of women who felt that their partner was Prince Charming—in the beginning. It wasn't until later, through counseling and education that they saw the signs and symptoms of the abuse. Some abusers are reputable and well-liked in the community, but a monster at home. And remember, domestic

violence is not love; it is hate.

As Cinderellas and Prince Charmings of the '90s, we cannot always abide until death, and love cannot always conquer all. If you don't believe me, get educated. Know the warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse, do-

mestic abuse, or any other area that might concern you with a partner. Domestic abuse involves so much more than physical abuse. One's emotional well-being and happiness are also at stake. The signs are sometimes subtle, but studies show that partner abuse increases in intensity through time.

Most importantly, spread the word, no more violence. It hurts me, you, the family and friends! We all deserve all the love in the world, but it should not cost us our health, wealth or happiness. Get to know that new partner, and determine your own needs—before you get stuck with a lemon.

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PACing in Washington

Joseph R. Nadeau
NOT-SO-LIBERAL

In recent years, lobbyists, lobby groups and political action committees (PACs) have been scrutinized and have become targets of public resentment. What are these groups, and what did they do to deserve such ignominy?

To paraphrase a dictionary definition, lobbying means to solicit or influence the votes of members of a legislative body; it also involves influencing the actions of legislators. In his book *How Organizations Are Represented In Washington*, Lewis A. Dexter says that lobbying also includes "efforts to solicit members of Congress about nonlegislative matters over which they have control."

Considering how lobbyists exert *their* control, they have, for the most part, earned our animosity. They ply politicians with trips, perks and fancy meals; political contributions from PACs stuff politicians' coffers. Lobbyists buy state legislators and local politicians tickets to football games, basketball games and the Daytona 500. Add to this our belief that lobbyists have so much influence in the government that we the people are rarely, if ever, heard.

We don't need much more information than that to get hopping mad about politics-as-usual. That special interest groups are buying political influence should infuriate us and make us wonder just where "our" government went wrong. After all, there's no law requiring politicians to accept lobbyists' perks and gifts.

According to Myriam Marquez of *The Orlando Sentinel*, President Clinton urged Congress to stop taking lobbyists' perks and proposed a campaign-finance

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reform bill in January this year. Meant to limit contributions from political action committees to congressional candidates, the proposal died because many Democrats (notably those in the House) didn't want to limit how much money PACs give to their campaigns.

But it's not just the Democrats, folks. For example, in 1992, a campaign finance reform bill passed, but it was vetoed by then-president George Bush. So, you see, it's politicians in general. As I've said in a previous column, they don't have image problems for nothing.

If anything good comes out of President Clinton's term, it should be a campaign finance reform bill that passes and is obeyed across the board.

The influence of lobbying groups could use some paring down, with the exception of the National Rifle Association's. The NRA does stand for our best interests. Other groups, such as the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), also wield clout in Washington. If a good, comprehensive campaign-finance reform bill passed, their members would have to buck up and adjust to having fewer opportunities to sway politicians. And, get this—there's even a group called Common Cause that lobbies Congress for campaign finance reforms.

Rhetoric aside, there don't seem to be many cut-and-dried methods to clean up the mess in Washington. However, part of that cleanup involves reducing the will of special interest groups and restoring the will of the people to its rightful place.

EDITORIAL RESPONSE:

"The influence of lobbying groups could use some paring down, with the exception of the National Rifle Association's. The NRA does stand for our best interests." I certainly understand that to be your opinion. But is it an opinion shared by all Americans? Certainly not. That is, in fact, what makes a special interest group a special interest group. As far as I'm concerned, the whole country could go without guns.

And in this short discussion, I think we can begin to understand why changing the lobby system hasn't yet happened. If the special interest groups didn't represent someone, they wouldn't be in business. And naturally, whenever we talk about them, we're all very anxious to see the ones we disagree with eliminated. Myself, I think the AMA has no business there, and I think that any lobbying on behalf of business should not be tolerated.

My slant happens to be that legislation should *allow* business and *protect* citizens, and therefore the ACLU is a good example of what I think should be allowed to stay.

Perhaps the solution is to set up guidelines to allow special interest groups to present their information. Why not allow a certain amount of time for each group to address the body? Equal time regardless of monetary holdings. Then let the whole body decide what is best for its constituents.

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LETTERS TO

CLEO

by JEFF DETHUIN
Staff writer

Letters to Cleo first burst onto the music scene with the tongue-twisting hit "Here and Now," which was featured on Giant Records' *Melrose Place* soundtrack and on their debut album, *Aurora Gory Alice*. The song contained the unforgettable jumbled vocals of Kay Hanley singing, "the comfort of a knowledge of a rise above the sky could never parallel the challenge of an acquisition in the here and now."

"We really thought that the *Melrose Place* soundtrack would go by without incident because there were so many established bands already on it. When our song ended up taking off out of that soundtrack and exposure, it was like an added bonus," said Letters to Cleo.

Letters to Cleo is named after a childhood friend and pen pal of vocalist Kay Hanley. The two lost contact when Hanley was 13, and now Hanley only has a batch of returned letters and a band named after her childhood friend.

Letters to Cleo began as the new

wave band, Rebecca Lula, in 1988. Vocalist Kay Hanley was invited to the band as a backup singer by distant cousin Greg McKenna, but quickly surpassed him and took over as lead vocalist. The band first released a self-produced cassette, *Sister*, in 1991. The next year, they went to the semi-finals on WBCN's Rock 'n Rumble. They then went on to win multiple nominations in Boston Phoenix/WFNX Best Music Poll. Their 1993 release of "Here and Now" and "Rimshack" on a CherryDisc 7" led to *Aurora Gory Alice*. Constant exposure led to a major label deal with Giant Records.

Although the debut album was originally released on Boston's independent CherryDisc Records, the band pushed Giant Records to re-release the album and for a tour to support the album before going into the studio to record their major label debut. The move payed off with a top 10 modern rock hit, "Here and Now."

As for the name *Aurora Gory Alice*, guitarist Greg McKenna said, "One night we were playing a college in upstate New York. Me and [guitarist Michael Eisenstein] went on a beer run. While we were driving back, we saw the Northern Lights and



courtesy/GIANT

Greg, Scott, Stacy, Kay and Michael are Letters to Cleo.

cracked open a beer to watch it. So we thought *Aurora Borealis* could be a good name, but since we didn't want people to think we were astronomy geeks, we changed it, and it stuck."

The band is now poised to release their second album, *Wholesale Meats and Fish*. The album will be available in stores Aug. 1, and their new single, "Awake" will be released to radio Jul. 18.

"*Wholesale Meats and Fish* was just a sign we saw late one night when we pulled into New York to play a gig. It was

originally an idea for the title for the first album, so we brought it back for this album," said Letters to Cleo.

The band can be seen on tour with *Sponge* and *Our Lady Peace* on Jul. 14 at the Edge. "The tour idea began at a radio festival in Dallas. We met the guys from *Sponge*, and we all got along really well. We were both in the same situation. We had a song on the radio but couldn't get an opening act on any of the big summer tours. So that day we began tossing around the idea of touring together, and it all seemed to come about right away."

The CD Horizon the hottest reviews this side of the border



Octopus
The Human League
EastWest
Grade: B+

From their initial hit, "Don't You Want Me," way back in those lost '80s, The Human League has come back in classic fashion and have added more pulsating rhythms to their already long list of synthesizing gems.

The League's GH album defined their poppy success, but *Octopus*, with 9 tracks, turns them in a fresh direction. Still upbeat and snappy, their new album has more of a rapid pace than past albums. Ringing, heart-piercing tracks like "These are the Days," and "Tell Me When," are defining of their new edge (*Octopus* was produced by Sisters of Mercy's Ian Stanley), but "One Man In My Heart" and "Filling Up With Heaven" still encompass that flavor that helped us fall in love with them.

I can't stand "Words," but I've listened to "John Cleese: Is He Funny?" unconsciously. The title seems to have nothing to do with the instrumental, so I guess it's a tribute.

•Derek Krause



The Bends
Radiohead
Capitol
Grade: B

Angst did not die with Kurt Cobain. Radiohead is one of the few bands that can make misery sound beautiful. Particularly cool are the title track, with its enchanting melody, and "Planet Telex," which combines a Smiths-like guitar riff with a Lennon-esque melody.



Producer John Leckie (*Ride*, *The Stone Roses*) perfectly captures what is best about the band—beautifully structured guitar parts and Thom Yorke's achingly poetic vocals. *The Bends* should cement Radiohead's reputation as one of the more compelling rock bands around today.

•Mike White



Blonder and Blonder
The Muffs
Reprise
Grade: A-

It doesn't get any better than this, one of the best CD's to come out this year. If you like crunchy guitars with lots of screaming over the top, this is for you. Each song is perfectly crafted, complete with a memorable melody and tight arrangement. Some people will probably compare this group to Hole because of singer/guitarist Kim Hattuck's raspy screeching, but unlike Ms. Love, Hattuck can actually sing when she wants to. The perfect psycho pop album.

•MW

Poverty's Paradise
Naughty By Nature
Tommy Boy
Grade: D-

Do you know how annoying it is to hear "OPP" on the radio? Imagine listening to a barrage of more pointless anthem drudgery from a monotonous boring rapper who's outgrown his welcome. *Poverty's Paradise* is a hell-a-fide joke on the commercial crap they call hip-hop.

•DK



If *Apollo 13* wasn't enough check out next *Future* for a chance to see *Universal Pictures* next summer blockbuster, *Waterworld*.

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Cubs hold onto their six-game winning streak by sweeping Port City

□ All-star selection Pedro Valdes' sacrifice fly Sunday night helped the Cubs improve to 8-0 at home against Port City this season.

by TIM SPRINGER
Staff writer

The Orlando Cubs (10-11) welcomed the Port City Roosters (8-12) to Tinker Field for a four game series before the all-star break. The Cubs had yet to lose to Port City (Mariners) this season and continued to have their number as they extended their winning streak to six games by sweeping the Roosters.

Game one of the series was a tight one until Ed Larregui ended the Roosters hopes as he blasted a two-run late-inning homer to give the Cubs a 5-3 win.

Game two was suspended due to rain Friday night with the Cubs leading 1-0 and resumed Saturday night as part of a doubleheader. The Cubs offense was helped by designated hitter Larregui, who went 3-5

and all-star Robin Jennings who added a homerun and two RBI's. David Hutcheson picked up his sixth win of the season as he pitched eight strong innings allowing one run and striking out five. Central Florida native Jason Varitek, hitless in three trips to the plate, was ejected in the sixth inning for disagreeing with the homeplate umpire's idea of a strike. The Cubs went on to win 7-1.

In game three the Cubs picked up right where they left off. A seven-run first inning gave the Cubs a comfortable lead and allowed pitcher Ben Burlingame to work a flawless five innings as he struck out three and picked up his fourth win of the season. Defensive wizard Chris "Petey" Petersen went 3-3 with a homerun and three RBI and Robin Jennings added a homer and three RBI's as the Cubs went on to pound the pitching staff with the top team ERA in the Southern League 10-1.

The final game of the series was an tremendous turn around for Port City pitching. After giving up 22 runs in the first three games, the Roosters sent Matt Wagner to the hill hoping the batting practice the Cubs were taking off the three previous starters would not be repeated. The Cubs didn't pound him

like they did the rest of the Rooster's staff, but the sacrifice fly by all-star Pedro Valdes was all Cub's pitcher Amaury Telemaco would need as he put on a clinic. Telemaco struck out 11 and gave up just two hits in seven innings work increasing his record to 5-4.

The Cubs, riding a six game win streak, have moved from last to third place in the Eastern Division and are currently three games behind, the division leading and first-half winner, Carolina Mudcats (Pirates). "Right now we're on all cylinders," manager Bruce Kimm said. "I hope this [All-star] break won't hurt us."

Many players have contributed to the Cubs run at the division lead. Pitcher Ottis Smith leads the team in ERA (2.74) and Terry Adams has picked up 15 saves.

Offensively Jennings, Larregui and Valdes are leading the way, but output from Petersen, Darron Cox and Ken Coleman is making it tougher on opposing pitchers as they pitch around the Cubs top hitters. "It's good to be winning again," Coleman said. "We started off [the second half] kinda slow, but we're startin' to come around."



photo/HUNT

Robin Jennings (above) and Pedro Valdes represented the Orlando Cubs at the Class AA all-star game this week.

Does boxing really need an undisputed heavyweight champion?

RINGSIDE

RICHARD ERIC KARMAN

Boxing has outgrown its bristles. The days of one champion representing the entire sport remains in black and white footage, shot on super eight film. Its evolved and so must its champions. The claim of being the undisputed heavyweight champion is no longer necessary or wanted.

The heavyweight division is the only weight class where boxing promoters focus on this outdated claim, only matched by the consumption of cola as a cure-all for whatever ails you. It need not be. But for some unknown reason the moguls who run boxing feel it is necessary to unify the three major boxing organizations: the WBA, WBC and IBF in to one champion.

Three governing bodies dictating one fighter, who he should fight and when and where is ridiculous. Promoters do not wear fedoras anymore, and fighters have scrapped deep-knee bends from their training regimens. The 1950's are over, and boxers have more power and bigger bank accounts than ever. And the number of rubber-stamp boxers have diminished with each six-figure purse.

Case in point, Riddick Bowe. He was the last undisputed heavyweight champion back in 1993. The WBC ordered him to fight a top contender. Bowe refused and protested the decision by dumping the WBC title belt into a trash can. Great copy for photojournalists, bad move for Bowe. The WBC stripped him of the title. Bug deal, he had two other titles.

Just weeks ago the IBF stripped George Foreman of its title after he refused to give Axel Shulz a rematch. Although Foreman won a controversial decision, he would later state his next opponent would likely be Michael Moorer, the man he defeated to win the WBA and IBF titles. And before that it was the WBA, taking back its title from Foreman because he wouldn't fight its top contender.

Now the IBF wants Shulz to fight Francois Botha for the belt. Who did Botha fight? Where did he come from? Why is he getting a title shot and not former IBF and WBA champs Moorer or Bowe? All questions can be answered by the Vinnie Barbarino theory: What...where...why? It is this reasoning why the titles cannot be uni-

fied.

The necessary evil of a committee is required to set-up a title fight, but three? Definition of committee: Ten people doing the job of one. Three committees? A title fight negotiation turns from big business to a city commission meeting. Forget who should fight who. Tardiness and poor attendance force such geniuses to reschedule or conference call. And though they gather in a tobacco-free office, plenty of smoke is still being blown.

Too many people are in bed, and there is not enough blanket to go around. Each boxing organization has its own set of rules, ranging from who can stop the fight (a referee, a doctor or both) to mandatory title defenses. But even if promoters can agree on these stipulations, sooner or later it all comes down to money, and no one can agree on that. One would think the leaders of boxing could add. Three champions triple the number of title fights, resulting in crowded hotels, packed casinos and financial bliss for everybody. Ultimately, there are no losers. There is more exposure for the sport, its participants and more enjoyment for the fans.

The finances at stake are staggering. Pay-per-view revenues, clothing and commercial endorsements, it has no end. But unlike most athletes, boxers deserve every penny of their mega-purses. They face death or brain damage (prolonged death) each time they step in to the ring. They should be rewarded.

The last successful undisputed heavyweight champion reign was Mike Tyson's. The main reason why

Tyson was able to keep all his titles and all the boxing organizations happy was because of his long-term contract he signed with HBO. There were no pay-per-view gazillions to negotiate for every fight. No egos had to be checked at every title defense. And no promoters whispered from the side of their mouths, yes, mouths. One for each face.

The sport has been manipulated by people with big hair who smoke bigger cigars, but more often they are being told by fighters to stick their tobacco someplace else. And it was a long time coming. Three boxing organizations demand three champions. More money, more ego, more opportunity. And that is what makes boxing great.

Golden Knights' petition to become Division I-A football has been approved

by JASON SWANCEY
Sports editor

Shirley Whitacre, the Membership Coordinator for the NCAA, gave the Golden Knights the good word last week. She announced that UCF's petition to be classified as Division I-A football has been approved and will take effect September 1, 1996.

"This notification reflects the fruition of a lot of hard work from a lot of different people," said UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan. "We are grateful to those who worked with us hand-in-glove to make this goal a reality. To receive the official notice concerning reclassification from I-AA to I-A is a significant step for the athletics programs here at UCF, and to do so

more than a year in advance is gratifying."

UCF met all criteria necessary for the move including averaging at least 17,000 in home attendance one year in over a four-year span prior to the move to Division I-A. UCF also had to play in a stadium that seats at least 30,000; have a schedule comprised of at least 60 percent I-A competition over a four-year period beginning with the first year at the Division I-A level.

The Golden Knights football team plays in the Florida Citrus Bowl, which seats 70,000 people, and they averaged 22,950 fans per game at home last season. Also UCF's football schedule is set through the 1999 season with at least seven Division I-A opponents each season.