Parading their protest

Jaclyn Howe & Krista Zilizzi
STAFF WRITERS

This Saturday, when fraternity and sorority 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 28 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 2.5 to 2.8. The other change, which many Greek members consider more pressing, would allow university administrators to discipline an entire student organization for a 2.5. The other change, which many Greek members consider more pressing, would allow university administrators to discipline an entire student organization for a 2.5.

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

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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 11-foot tall mannequin named Tallahassee went up. It was inflated, of course, with the help of Greenpeace's solar bus called Rolling Sunlight.

Students who walked by the Student Union also noticed Orlando-based band Kynda set up on the stage in front of the Student Union. A sign on the side of the stage read, "Vote an iPod, not a doped".

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

This began UCF's first-ever "We the People" rally a day-long event that begun 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 Coalition of UCF (PCUCF), gave a voice to issues that have been virtually ignored by Florida's gubernatorial candidates, said senior Brian Gregor, the event's organizer.

This event included handouts and speeches from members of campus and national organizations, as well as local politicians.

Gregor said his goal in organizing the event was to "make people active." 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 they used to," Gregor said. By 1 p.m., Greenpeace's solar bus was meeting all of the event's electrical needs with solar energy.

Gregar announced this to the crowd, and a sign was put on the stage reading: "The electricity for this mannequin is brought to you by Solar Power."

Naturally, Tallahassee the inflatable mannequin 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 of marine 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 emblem of what happens in 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 so far of today, but the name says, we consistently strive to progress and become better," said Ryan Brownie, president of Free the Planet.

"Nicholas Alger, an environmental studies major from Rollins College, also came to promote his organization, Eco Rollins. He said he showed differences between protest events at UCF and Rollins because UCF is so much larger. "There's definitely a definite turnout here," Alger said, "and we definitely look forward to working with UCF in the future."

Some students human nature being what it is, and the event made a point to stop by.

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

Others simply stumbled upon it, and stayed.

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

Participating Florida politicians included senatorial candidates Tim Doyle, Jodi James and Marci Berger, who gave speeches and stayed to talk to students about their platforms.

Doyle, a Green Party candidate for District 31 in the Florida House of Representatives, said not enough students know about his issues. The former UCP political science and history student was eager to inform 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 Bush."

"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."

Gregor said he invited Republican organizations to Please See Activist on 6
Greens, SGA oppose Golden Rule change

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tors and advisors. "The bottom line is, they are going after organizations since they can't go after an individual," said Marcus Gould, director of special projects for SGA. "If they can suspend a student from social organizations or kick them out [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 the change actually will provide the clarity they need in handling issues of group misconduct.

"They are not going to deal with misconduct, and we can't pretend it's not there," said MacKown, said. "Since four roommates who all belong to the same fraternity go out drinking, it's not a group event."

Likewise, she said, administrators like herself cannot sporadically 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.

Greeks and student government leaders are not only frustrated with the vagueness of the new provisions, but also they say 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 Schiller.

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Group wants to promote awareness

SHELLEY MARMOR

The United Nations Association of the University of Central Florida (UNA-U CF) will host UCF's first United Nations Days in the Cape Florida Banquet room 310 in the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday.

U.N. Day is a national holiday celebrating the 56th 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-U CF President Nole Garey said.


Student organizations participating in the event include the Muslim Student Association, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, BEACH Peer Education and Free the Planet. These and other organizations will speak on a variety of issues applicable to their clubs, such as Diversity, Islam Awareness, Women's Rights, and HIV/AIDS.

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

Garey said 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 films when we're screening 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."

The central theme of the day is "Freedom from leaving home," according to UNA-U CF board member Mari Anderson.

"We've had this event before the 7 p.m. gubernatorial debate, 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 notified 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 in support for their candidates.

Democrat Karl Anderson was waving signs saying "Bush Fatso" 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 12-foot tall hunting bat smok­ing a cigar with a sign around its neck saying "Devious Jeb." Other Central Democrats had signs reading "Kids Don't Count With Jeb." "It just seemed to me that we were being targeted," Democratic demonstrator Rusty Lehman. "And we don't receive any credit."

Tom Procyk, a junior and member of NRGRL and Free the Planet, pumped up the crowd during an Open Mic session 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 cropped reformatted 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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Faculty forum to discuss board of trustees' future

Tiffany Repcek
Staff Writer

Concerned about the future of higher education, UCF's Faculty Senate is sponsoring an open forum on Amendment 11 at 5 p.m. today in the Student Union. If approved, Amendment 11 would reestablish a statement of the board of trustees that would oversee Florida's 11 universities while keeping a board of trustees at each institution. Gov. Jeb Bush dissolved the board of regents and appointed boards of trustees at each state university to put the decision-making bodies closer to the universities.

The boards act independently of one another and have responsibilities previously reserved for the board of regents. UCF's Board of Trustees has the ability to create new programs, hire or fire faculty members, construct new roads and buildings or increase tuition costs.

"We have big problems on the campus, so we generally listened to the forum," said President John H.活下去.2000,000,000

We get a lot more scrutiny of our operation month-by-month, " said President John H.活下去.2000,000,000

The efficacy of contraceptives varies, but not all methods are equally effective. The effectiveness of a contraceptive method is the likelihood of achieving pregnancy while using that method. For example, the oral contraceptive pill is 99.5% effective, meaning that 5 out of every 1,000 women using the pill would become pregnant each year. Other methods, such as condoms and spermicides, are less effective, with failure rates ranging from 10% to 20% per year.

The exact effectiveness of each contraceptive method depends on how it is used and how well it is used. For example, a woman who uses a condom correctly and consistently each time she has sexual intercourse will have a lower failure rate than a woman who uses a condom incorrectly or inconsistently.

Contraceptives can be divided into two main categories: hormonal contraceptives, which work by preventing ovulation or thickening cervical mucus to prevent sperm from reaching the egg, and non-hormonal contraceptives, which work by blocking sperm from entering the cervix or by changing the lining of the uterus to make it less hospitable for sperm to fertilize the egg.

Non-hormonal contraceptives include barrier methods such as condoms, diaphragms, and intrauterine devices (IUDs), as well as non-hormonal pills. Hormonal contraceptives include oral contraceptives, injections, implants, and vaginal rings.

Amendment 11, which has been dubbed the Education Amendment, was authored by U likely to be used by the college's faculty and staff, said Sen. Robert I. H.活下去.2000,000,000

Cook said academic freedom, which may be subject to the same pressure by board members, also concerns many faculty members. He said professors worry about the board's approval of issues or support for things that happen in class.

Another worry among faculty is that some trustees—typically drawn from the ranks of local business leaders and those with political connections—are unqualified for the powerful positions they hold and could misrepresent what a research university such as UCF does.

Cook cited September's UCF Board of Trustees meeting, at which a presentation was given about new research and discoveries by UCF faculty on the Aztec culture. After the meeting, Cook said a continued board member approached the presenters. The board member did not understand the project's purpose, which was to advance knowledge about and understanding of the Aztec culture.

Cook said that Amendment 11, if passed, would keep the benefits of the board of trustees, but reduce the number of members.

"It's nice to have a local group advocating UCF (but the Board of Trustees) will continue to do that under Amendment 11," Cook said.
University searches for new leader

Committee hires consulting firm to research candidates for provost

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In Business and Finance

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U.S. Airlines
Still Struggling

The skies over the U.S. aviation industry continue to be a stormy
environment. Weighed down by the weak economy and increased
security and insurance costs since Sept. 11 last year, nearly all the
major U.S. airlines have posted losses for the third quarter, except Southwest
Airlines, which has grabbed mar-
ket share from other airlines with
its lower prices, fuel surcharges, low
and low fares. Saying cost-cutting
can't keep up with its plunge in reve-
nu, American Airlines parent
AMR Corp. posted a third-quarter
loss of $806 million. The carrier also
told Boeing Co. that it wouldn't take
delivery on any new airplanes in 2003 and 2004, marking the second
time in two days that a major U.S.
carrier cut its deliveries. Delta Air-
lines canceled orders earlier.

Third-quarter losses also were
posted by Northwest Airlines, Con-
tinental Airlines, America West, Delta Air Lines and UAL Corp., the
parent of United, the nation's largest carrier. The losses raise a possi-
ble bankruptcy-court filing if it
doesn't raise fresh

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big pharmaceutical companies un-
der sudden attack from a president
which the Food

New rules are likely to be strongly opposed
by the big drug makers.

AOL Lags Rivals
In Online Ads

America Online's woes may be
growing online advertising a bad

AOL says its ad revenue is likely to
plummet 40% this year. In most
industries, as the largest player
and current competition's readers.

A mix of quixotic optimism, en-

AOL will start up a food magazine, tentatively called
Chow. In New York, Alan Light,
most recently editor in chief of mus-
ic 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 compa-
nies by magazine veterans include
Fuel, a stylish automotive maga-

Good Music (working title)
CREATOR: Alan Light, former editor in chief, Spin
LAUNCH DATE: First half, 2003
TARGET AUDIENCE: Young, urban professionals

CONTENT DETAILS: Serious but innovative reporting on
car culture and current
events

Radar
CREATOR: Maer Roshan, former editorial director,
Time magazine

LAUNCH DATE: Three test issues beginning March
TARGET AUDIENCE: Young, urban professionals

CONTENT DETAILS: Serious, but innovative reporting on
culture and current events
College Tuition Soars, but Aid Grows, Too

By Jane Rosske

Tuition at public colleges just took its biggest jump in a quarter century. The College Board, in its yearly survey of higher-ed-ucation pricing, said tuition at four-year public colleges and universities is up 6.4% from a year ago, or about seven times the rate of inflation. Private-college tuition grew 6.8%, 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 before is coming in the form of merit scholarships for high-scoring, high-GPA students.

Price Jumps

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Four-year public college tuition for the nation's public colleges rose 7.9%.

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 student centers. Ballooning financial aid is another cost that schools pay for by raising tuition for other students.

What's News—

In Business and Finance

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-highly successful biotech company founded by her friend Samuel Waksal.

The SEC 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 in-house analyst, who sold $1 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 far as 300 miles away from New York, is aimed at keeping the financial sys-


tem running in the event of a massi-


tive terrorist attack or other disas-


ter, according to a New York Fed-


eral Reserve official. Currently, most existing and planned backup sites are within 30 to 50 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. The company, which reported revenue at its key customer unit tumbled 9%, as long-distance sales continued to be harmed by competition from e-mail and cellphones.

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a range of unhealthy habits. The nation's 25 million alcoholics, 12 million prescription-drug abusers, 14 million users of illicit drugs and 22 million cigarette smokers trying to quit are a ready-made audience, Mr. Kreamer says.

A former Details magazine editor, Tim Moss, says he decided to go ahead with his idea of a "wickedly stylish, funny" 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, spend $1.23 bil-

lion 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 of beneath us," he says. "It is never as much a vote of [investor's] confidence that they put any of their money in it as a moment like this."

Of all the projects percolating, Mr. Roshan says, "Radar's" may be the boldest. A fixture on Manhattan's magazine circuit, Mr. Roshan was deputy editor at Fhm 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 Defunkt Spy, in the style of the gossip tabloids.

General interest magazines have struggled in recent years be-

cause 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 nar-

row reader target of young urban professionals, a desirable adverti-

sing demographic. Starting circula-

The College Board, in its

tion will be about 200,000.

Mr. Roshan has commitments from other backers for half the roughly $10 million in launch costs he is hoping to publish three test is-

sues beginning in March. "it still

might not happen," he adds. He

and Mr. Light often meet for what

Mr. Light calls "Magazine Launch-

ers Anonymous" meetings—to

check that we are not completely

out of our skulls," Mr. Light says.

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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.

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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 govern-

ment authorities are close to bring-

ing their case against Ms. Stewart after months of probing her role in the scandal at ImClone, a once-highly successful biotech company founded by her friend Samuel Waksal.

The SEC 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 in-house analyst, who sold $1 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 far 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 30 to 50 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. The company, which reported revenue at its key customer unit tumbled 9%, as long-distance sales continued to be harmed by competition from e-mail and cellphones.

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OUR STANCE:

Higher education deserved center stage at debate

The debate between Jeb Bush and Bill McFride 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’s 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 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, faces and gay adoptions—the debate unfolded like a re-run of sorts.

Bush and McFride 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 an 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 this debate outside the Student Union.

Unfortunately, both Bush and McFride 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 Stand:

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 demonstrations hovered outside the Student Union all day Tuesday. Hundreds of students watched a live telecast of Bill McFride 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 organization if several of their members decide to misbehave at once.

It won’t convince administrators to involve them in the decision-making process; 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 members 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 opportunity 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 getting into the community, they should abide by that rule.

A minimal rule stating that they will be punished if they float, trash homes with baseball bats or terrorize the community is not unacceptible. It’s the kind of standards the rest of society already lives by.

Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.”

—GEOFFRIE HANSON

Letters to the Editor

More policing needed in ‘Greek Ghetto’

As a student living in the ‘Greek Ghetto,’ I would not agree more that a greater police presence is needed regarding your article, ‘Which agency should guard Greek ghetto?’ by Rachel Flat published Oct. 21.

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

In addition to greater police presence, there is a need for improved lighting. The area around Alexander and Kapern Ottis (sic) has a number of students and their families. It occurs to me that these children and fellow UCF students are endangered because of ‘police force.’ Police are still police regardless of where they are located. Safety for UCF students is an unenforceable request.

—DAVID SERGE

Péa’s protests for student panel stem from personal misconduct

I wonder why Mr. Péaac suggests that students should make up conduct panels and pass judgment regarding other student conduct violations. Péa’s ill-conceived panel would be more like a student conduct board, where student conduct board members would have some influence over the selection of persons to his panel.

It is essential that student conduct panels include staff and faculty members, as these members are also part of the UCF community. It is also up to Mr. Péa to select the students.

The conduct hearings regarding Mr. Péa are a need, and we will not know until the panel finds. If the conduct panel has ruled on Péa’s conduct violations, then apparently tasting has changed. He is still the president of the student body, and to my knowledge, he has not removed any restrictions on club or organization participation.

It appears to me that Mr. Péa’s statement regarding student conduct hearings are a way for him to target them. He makes it clear that they are passing judgment on his own case.

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

I can bet that if Mr. Péa did not have to do it before this panel, and he has no need in the past for other violations, then he would not be addressing this issue and would not be concerned with it.

—ADAM CARRASQUI
Control, alt, delete...

Mental Doodles

Christopher Arnold
Staff Writer

Imagine never having to use three of the most dreaded words in the English language: over again — control, alt, delete. It’s easy if you try.

It’s the only way to do it’s so why is it that they never actually deploy 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 “Harry up past Saturday.”

Yes, I spend much more time than I probably should working on a computer — at home, at work and at school — pursuing news sites, creating artwork, distributing files, playing music and emailing family and friends. The computer is that tool that grew up alongside me. From those panoply panmanicum monitors, CD and DVD burners, printers facsimile copiers maker combination machines — I feel like seeing a good-old-fashioned “Dennis the Menace” from “Tooth and Two-esterose-Influenza now.”

Who’s with me?

Unfortunately, as anyone who spends his or her time similarly might attest, a good portion of that time is playing video games with a tried and true method referred to as “restarting.” It is an ancient remedy to a contemporary of totalitarian and love-blighting, but which survived them.

Usually, that works, so I say again, unless 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 rum­bling around in some harmless corner, flashlight in my mouth, playing with whatever cables I can find.

Hour’s later, after jiggling anything I can find on the com­puter that’s “jiggledata,” I’ll remember that my father is the same man who is concerned that street tape, peon and a steady regiment of “walking-off” are marvels for whatever ails you. I also recall that whenever he does have computer problems, he usually tells me that this never seems to work for him, however, as my line is always busy, I had no idea I’d become such a popular person.

Now, being the fairly literate person I consider myself, I understand that different cultures all over the world deal with prob­lems in very different fashion. Whereas we rely on witches and science, there are people who subscribe to dancing and chanting. 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 whatever helplessly at your comput­er does not work, I know, because I’ve tried. In fact, I tried it a lot. And it has never worked. Not once.

Unfortunately, as anyone who spends his or her time similarly might attest, any good portion of that time is playing video games with a tried and true method referred to as “restarting.” It is an ancient remedy to a contemporary of totalitarian and love-blighting, but which survived them.

Craigslist, there is a flood to this vision of the future the IBM offers us. The one readily apparent detriment to self-loading compu­ters is that a relatively small amount of slang would be lost. The computer­er has, in fact, become what the canary was for one parents and grandparents — a universal scavenger. Your professor didn’t get a paper on time! Must have been a problem with an 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 the content is a non-existent problem when offset by your newfound productivity. The dilemma not as easy to over­come, however, was 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 likely be dead by that time.

As I presented — my method of staring at my reflection in a blank screen, subduing at midnight to retrieve the files that is needed by 7 a.m. but unable to extract it from deep within that heap of chips and circuits, and processors, buried with 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 spend a few hours of sleep before my deadline. It knows all of these things, and yet it all is in a voice I cannot repeat: “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 that felt was shame. I was embarrassed to be a Golden Knight on that field.

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 — there is nothing.

UCF sports marketing made a huge attempt to get the students behind the team and get to the game. They created a buzz, they charged, they created pin- bumber stickers and pete contest. 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, and planning big 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. They’re too blind to see that more than did not even bother to come to the game.

I feel for the Pride and Tradition committee. I know that they were supposed to be a Golden Knight on that field.

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

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Homecoming games tend to have a rich tradition of two things: pageantry and an easy win. During halftime the homecoming court gets paraded 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 37-17 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 average of 261.6 yards a game. The Zips’ defense has been shredded in the last three games, giving up 155, 122, and 115 points. And this week against Akron? The Zips have an average of 263.7 points allowed per game. 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 three years with UCF. He has been a mainstay for 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."
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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 tore his right ankle, which kept him out of the last home game and has bothered him for the entire part of year. Yet two plays later, Pilinko was back in and making a drive-stalling tackle on third down.

"Knowing that you get to go out there and get it done. It's not really an option to come out of the game," Pilinko said. "You go 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 side 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 all-conference honors. But it didn't produce a defensive scout team player there, "said defensive coordinator Bill D'Ottavio, who doubles as a linebacker coach. "He had to fight for every last thing of everything he's ever gotten out of this program."

In 2000 he finallyscratched the active roster, and he spent the next two years as a back up in the UCF locker room. This year he broke into the starting lineup. Injuries made him particularly valuable in the locker room, allowing him to start one game at middle linebacker and another on the strong side. He registered 27 tackles, two sacks and an interception in just seven games.

"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 Shirley 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 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 registered seven sacks, three of which he played a leader on this Golden Knights team. He's been a mainstay for three seasons of starting defense, along with defensive end Elton Patterson and cornerback Ansine 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.

"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 Belmont, climb above .500

Tom Alexander Sports Writer

The UCF men's soccer team improved to 6-4-2 and 3-1-1 in the Atlantic Sun Conference with a 3-0 victory over the Mercer Bears on Sunday afternoon.

Sophomore Xavier Delgado got the game winner for the Knights when he scored off Tobias Kruegerbein'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 Defoe Shabani scored. Delgado scored his fifth goal of the season on a shot that hit the crossbar before finding the back of the net.

Senior Wessingh Sargent scored his first goal of the year about three minutes later to push the Knights' attack for the day. Freshmen Billy Sutphin and Adrian Goicoechea picked up an assist each.

The shutout was goalkeeper Ryan McNeil's second of the season. He recorded seven saves. Girandola's goal gave the team lead with five. Belmont dropped to 3-1-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the Atlantic Sun. The Golden Knights are back in action when they host 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 17:25.49, while the lightweight 8+ took 12th in 18:17.44 on Sunday.

Leight won the varsity event followed by West Virginia and Louisiana. The Riverside Rowing Club finished first in the lightweight event followed by Radcliffe, Princeton and Wisconsin.
**Penalties could make for an ugly game**

"Defensively we’re going to have to step up and stop Charlie Frye." Krueck said, "He throw it around and runs around. He’s the guy." He’s also very liberal with whom he throws to. His top two receivers, Michael Brin and Matt Cherry, have 30 and 29 receptions apiece. Third receiver Morris Elliott has 18, and running back Brandon Payne has 28. Plus the Zips can get creative, using wide receivers and quarterback Nick Sparks, Sparks has 19 catches and a receiving touchdown on the year, and completed 14-of-22 passes with a throwing touchdown. The Zips also have two capable running backs in Payne and Bob Hendry. Hendry, the starter, has 247 yards on the ground and four touchdowns. Even Frye is mobile, running for 113 yards and four touchdowns. As a team the Zips average 188 yards per game and have 14 rushing touchdowns.

They should continue to have success against UCF’s soft run defense, which gave up 200 yards on the ground last week against Toledo.

Their one big special teams threat is kick returner Matt Carteux. He’s averaging 24.7 yards on 24 returns. Akron has also pumped two punt returns for touchdowns, so don’t be surprised if UCF return man Anante Samuel doesn’t return one back.

*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," Krueck 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 Akron 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.

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**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 loss­ings Edwards and Comerford last season, he hopes to hit the hard line hard early this year.

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

"But 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 86 total yards. But in the past four games, opponents have averaged 122 yards on the ground." We’ve finally been able to give everybody the kind of work and working together as a unit," said offensive coordinator Robert Marfurt, who also serves as offensive line coach. "Every ball­game we’re getting better. That’s all year long.

Mabry has been a big part of that turnaround. At 4-foot-10, 265 pounds, he has helped stabilize the line since he transferred to UCF last year. One of many play­makers in UPS’ Southeastern Missis­sippi Community College, he starred at the junior college level. An all-region and All­Mississippi Junior College player, he garnered team offensive MVP honors.

With those accolades on his résumé, UCF brought in the Dayton, Ohio native to replace Chris Lorenzi. He proved a solid pick-up, recording 57 knock­downs.

"Mike’s a coach on the field, he directs the offensive line and he gets guys going in the right direction," Marfurt said. "He’s a fierce competitor and brings a lot of positives to us in the way he handles his business." As a 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 a hard time doing anything else the rest of its life.

**Managing money for people with other things to think about.**
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 stabilizing 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 49 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 leader going up for corners, she’s a threat in the box.”

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 3-0 to No. 8 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 award.

“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 a career in the arts. 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.

“If there are things that are going to be 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 to some places, but I’ll live in Florida. I love my heat and humidity.”
Big Gulps score big in IM Sports Fest

1:30 a.m. The top five finishers starting from fifth to first were: Fearsome Foursome with 970 points, Cub U with 885 points, Funky Chickens with 806, BCM Macon with 1005 points and our winner with a 950 point win. Big Gulps with a total of 1055 points. The Big Gulps, Jonathan Harris, Christopher Arnott, Lisa Goble and Diana Keeler, won a free dinner and viewing of a show at Medieval Times. They placed fourth in Knightroball, tied for third in Dodgeball and placed second in the track relays. The Big Gulps were tied with the Alcoholics, Michael Pillia, Joel Lovenson, Karen Steinmetz, and Sheeran Shahid, 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 Macon, Benjamin McBrady, Jeremy Reagans, 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 Macon 1045.

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Mary 3 comes home for UCF Homecoming

Band to perform after Spirit Splash

JASON IRBY
TOY WRITER

Friday's Homecoming performance by 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 "UMberstone" received its first radio airing on WHYE in 1995.

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

"You have to take the good with the bad," Ross said. "If I were to give the kids of today advice, I would tell them to stay out of the business. It's a tough business."

On campus, Youth of Today is a busy band, according to lead singer Jason Ross. The band was formed in Virginia and has been playing around the country. Ross formed the band with bassist Casey Daniel (both Orlando natives), guitarist Jason Gooch and drummer Gimi Khalula, while they attended school. They signed a record con-
tract 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. "If you can fall in favor or out of favor, it just depends on the mood of the audience.

"If Mary 3 is heavy, it's heavy on 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. "It was 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 now," he continued.

Ross touted the greater exposure that people have now to different types of music, a result of digital music and file sharing.

"Coming to forms 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 please see Band on 21

Who is Knightro?

JULIE MONHEIM
STAFF WRITER

He's one of the most mysterious characters on campus. Everyone wants to know who's behind that golden armor, but the identity of Knights, 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 Groch, Team Knightro's head coach.

"It's all a part of the mystery," Groch 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 anymore. Since the demand for appearances has increased drastically in the last four to five years, Groch 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 booking Knights up to an LV at the Arizona State game if it ended up being a hot one," Groch said.

Although Knights fueled out of the laundry 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," Groch said.

In addition to running around in the heat at football games, Knights also make appearances at community and campus events. He

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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 butler'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 loudest.

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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 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 MTV 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 lawn mower anytime you want,' or 'I'm John the lawyer, and if you need law services, I'd be glad to do it for you.'

"That's not the way the world works," Ross said. "People want everything 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 five 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 import 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 Wilsons 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 that seek out great music. It's a shame that they're the ones who are getting the short end of the stick."

Ross said Mary 3 wants to return to its roots.

"If it's ever our band right now it's really important to revitalize ourselves in the mainstream and create another plateau. We've gone through our creative, ours periods, and 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 '94 and '95, 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

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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 down to one type of food," Nossaman said.

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

Mad Mike entertains the crowd with 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.

Prices, such as leashes, 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, 14-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.

The Oviedo Froggers is located at 27 Alafaya Woods Blvd. The other locations are 4420 N. Pine Hills Road in Ocoee, 1112 Town Center Blvd. in Hunter's Creek and 110 S. Clark Road in Ocoee.

Froggers is open 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday hours are 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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 appearance. They also practice their walks and rehearse interactions with other mascots.

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

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

Even without Glyerin, 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 events, and the coaching staff, which trains the students.

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

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

“Sometimes 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 shiest people you’ll 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.

“Eventually they 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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Students strive to make UCF opponents miserable

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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 judged this style of misrule as the most enjoyable and different from any other way of showing support for the Knights.

"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. "It's a lot of pride in that," said Taylor.

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 Swarms.

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 bell-shaped pinatas and encouraged fans to "bash a ball" 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 Moss: "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 supplies, 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." said Connell.

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's 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."

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