Nightclub bust no surprise to many students

CARY GRAYSON STAFF WRITER

Four bartenders were arrested at HeadLight2, located on East Colonial Drive, in June for dealing illegal drugs. HeadLight2 American Bar and Grill, located on East Colonial Drive, is known to many students as one of the less respectable nightclubs near campus. Simply put, "it's ghetto," said junior Danzy Cardona, 21. Students like Cardona and junior Eden Mier, 22 visited the club a few times before leaving for good because of its low-class, drug-infested ambience and fairly frequent bar brawls.

While lacking a certain ambiance is not a felony selling narcotics and alcohol to underage patrons is.

The Sheriff's Office, the Florida division of Alcoholics Beverages and Tobacco, the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement raided the bar after documenting 24 illegal drug deals within the establishment between drug dealers and undercover agents since June 2001.

Jeffrey D. Martin, 43, owns the club and had signed a consent agreement insuring that the club would take action to prevent

Students fight to 'Keep Diane'

University's decision to dismiss professor angers many students

DANIELLE DEPARI STAFF WRITER

University officials decided this month to issue legal studies professor Diane Stadlin a notice of termination after they repeated-

ly threatened to dismiss her and her husband Tobi Remis, also a professor, on several occasions in the past.

Although faculty members would not comment on why they want Stadlin terminated from her position, students suspect that instructors professors are "trying to push her out."

Like many students, Trial

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Garnering gay rights

Stefan relates gay rights movement, will go further?

JASON IRSAY STAFF WRITER

A lejandro Zapata weighed only 120 pounds when he came to UCF his freshman year. He had always had problems gaining weight and was tired of being light. When he used anabolic steroids, he primarily wanted to put on some pounds. "Not really get bigger, I just wanted to gain weight," Zapata said.

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As Sports Illustrated reported, anabolic steroids have recently become a major issue in baseball, but athletes have been using steroids for decades to add muscle mass and boost athletic performance. While UCF's scholarship athletes do not use final performance-enhancing drugs, many popular students, particularly in fraternal organizations, to steroids to get bigger.

UCF head athletic trainer Darrell Conway explained that the NCAA's random drug test program keeps most athletes from using steroids.

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U.S. bishops turn attention to Hispanics
WASHINGTON — The United States' Roman Catholic bishops Tuesday approved a new pastoral plan to minister to Hispanics, a reflection of both the growing presence of Hispanics in the church and the complexion for their religious loyalties.

The annual meeting here of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been dominated by discourse of the year-long scandal caused by sexually abusive priests. But Tuesday, the bishops turned to another topic that is transforming the church which has long been dominated in the United States by the descendants of Irish, German and Italian immigrants.

The new ministry plan, entitled "Ecclesiastic and Mission: A renewed Pastoral Framework for Hispanic Ministry," calls for incorporating Hispanics into the life and activities of the church, to give them for leadership positions. Music, language and ritual books should be available in Spanish, and evangelization of the Hispanic population should be a major emphasis, the report said.

That emphasis on evangelization reflects a major problem the church faces. Even as Hispanic numbers are growing in Catholic parishes, many other Hispanics are leaving the church, often for Protestant evangelical congregations.

FBI report slams ATF
WASHINGTON — An internal FBI report has laid a scathing indictment of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is threatening to damage years of bridge-building between the two agencies.

Tuesday, some federal law enforcement officers and officials from both organizations struggled to de-emphasize the report and defuse the tensions.

The 11-page report made a point-by-point indictment about how the ATF should not be granted a free role in investigations involving bombs, firearms and explosives if it is absorbed into the Justice Department, a reorganization involving the creation of a Homeland Security Department.

The report charged that ATF agents are poorly trained, lack experience and show a "disregard for safety." The report uses as examples a few low-profile investigations around the country. But it also mentions troubles involving the Salt Lake City Olympics and the recent sniper investigations. ATF Deputy Attorney General John Ashcroft has hailed as a model of agency cooperation.

High court hears argument on dilution
WASHINGTON — Victor and Orlando, the case came to a head at Fort Knox, the Supreme Court, where the justices commented in protecting famous brand names. The report charged that the ATF has failed to professionalize its agents and has hired off-duty police to carry out raids.

According to Ed Christie, UCF's public relations chief, "HeadlightZ is a responsible vendor," and will "continue to work with and support the local agencies" in order to alleviate the problem.

Lientenant General Roberton of the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, who headed the sifting operation, disagreed. "I don't think they're complying," he said. "The occurrence of crime hasn't significantly changed since they've been involved.

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Penni: Students excluded from the decision-making process

Group responsibility policy did not go before committee for final vote

Penni also insisted that the students at those meetings were not an accurate representation of the on-campus student body. "It never appears on the agenda," he said.

"We've been to the committee meetings, and there, at most, four students at any given meeting," he said. "It isn't just a Greek issue," he said. "This affects all student organizations, Nobody wants to be punished as an entire group for the actions of only a few members."

Pastoral Framework for Hispanic Ministry

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Faculty stand could lend push to Orlando policy protecting gays

Rollins faculty resolution supports anti-discrimination position. Will UCF follow?

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The Faculty Senate has not taken a stand on whether the city of Orlando should add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination policies, but a faculty resolution could influence whether such a change is adopted by UCF, the Faculty Senate president said.

Michael Mullens, the senate president, said he has tracked the proposal for weeks, and expressed surprise that no faculty members have raised the issue. The measure—which has been passionately debated in Orlando City Council workshop sessions and full-page newspaper advertisements in the Orlando Sentinel—will be heard again by the council on Monday with a final vote on the matter scheduled for next month.

The faculty of Rollins College already has endorsed the inclusion of sexual orientation in the city ordinance. A similar stand by UCF faculty would add momentum both to the Orlando ordinance and to the growing movement to have sexual orientation added to a protect-
ed class in UCF's own anti-discrimination policy, Mullens said.

Mullens based his assertion on the Faculty Senate's past record. "Since I've been here, I don't know of any resolutions that the provost and the president haven't passed," he said. These resolutions have included a change that allows C-minus grades to receive Garden Rule credit, another requiring all minors to obtain a minimum of 18-semester hours credit, and the implementation of the plus-minus grading system.

Yet a Faculty Senate resolution urging protection for gays and lesbians would not guarantee its implementation, Mullens said. Because of the controversy surrounding the issue, Mullens said UCF President John Hitt probably would seek other advice. "He would respond, but he might not approve it," Mullens said. "That's one that he would probably take to the board of trustees."

Mullens said other topics, such as the plus-minus grading system and Amendment 11, have occupied the attention of faculty lately.

Although the passage of a resolution supporting the addition of sexual orientation would add strength to the causes, faculty members do not see a need to get involved in the fight, according to Harland Chase.

Chase, a member of the Faculty Senate who sits on the steering committee, said faculty members have not brought the issue before the senate because they have not faced discrimination. "If they were being discriminated against, we would have heard about it," Chase said.

Naval Modani, an associate professor of finance and one-time president of the Faculty Senate, said the senate has not involved itself in the subject because it generally addresses only academic matters.

"The Faculty Senate doesn't get involved in politics," Modani said.

Modani agreed with Mullens that a resolution addressing either the city ordinance or the UCF policy could spur action. "The Faculty Senate does have a voice," Modani conceded.

Chase, who also serves as the faculty union president, added that the union, which is separate from the Faculty Senate, has tried to get sexual orientation added to UCF's anti-discrimination policy in the past. "In terms of the union, it is one of the issues that we have been pushing," Chase said.

He added: "From our standpoint, it is an issue of fairness and [inclusion]."

Thus far, the union's efforts to include sexual orientation have come up short, in part because of the union's uncertain future. "It is one of the things that the union wants added to the new contract," Chase said. "We don't know that we even have a new contract.

The faculty union's current contract expires Jan. 7, and the union's role in the state's soon-to-be-restructured higher education system remains unknown.

Whether the Faculty Senate issues a resolution or not, UCF already lags behind Rollins College when it comes to protecting its gay and lesbian employees from discrimination. According to Barry Modani, Senate faculty president of Rollins College, Rollins protects gay and lesbian employees, and has done so for the past 20 years.

"Gay and lesbian employees get partner benefits [at Rollins]," Modani said.

The Rollins faculty resolution supporting the proposed addition of sexual orientation to Orlando's anti-discrimination policy began with discussions last spring. Rollins College does not have a faculty senate. Rather, the entire faculty meets and makes decisions as a group.

"We have a very active diversity committee that collected signatures last spring supporting the gay ordinance," Modani said. "Over 120 of our fellow signed it out of 150 members. The student body asked the faculty to support it in September."

The faculty of Rollins felt that it could send a message with the resolution, Modani said. "We hope to pressure the city of Orlando," Modani said, "Rollins has a non-discrimination policy of its own, so we are fairly out in front on these issues."

Until UCF faculty members take a stand, UCF will not send a message of its own. Hitt recently said that no change in the city or campus policies was needed. Modani said he has not heard any discussion among faculty members about the topic, and does not know what stand, if any, the Faculty Senate will take. The next Faculty Senate meeting is Nov. 21. "I'm aware of no such discussion going on at this time," Modani added. "I think the Faculty Senate should discuss anything that deals with the quality of education."

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Steroids harden arteries, promote heart disease

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muscle-building effects of steroids, like anabolic androgenic steroids, mean promoting masculine characteristics.

However, there are other factors, including physical, psychological and environmental, that drive a typical workout warrior to take anabolic steroids, according to REACH peer counselor and steroid guru Steve Simmons.

Who is a person around, who he or she works out, and who he or she talks to all play a role in determining whether a person will take steroids.

"Many are naive about the effects of anabolic steroids. Maybe some things happened, they might not have been aware of what's going on," Simmons said.

"They go to a plateau point, and they can never move past it. Maybe they see the people they're with moving past it (the plateau point)." Self-esteem plays a very large role in the determination. "Many just lose curiosity of their own, body-image problems," Simmons said.

Conway attributed steroid use by non-athletes to societal pressure to look bigger and more attractive. Athletes have different motivations. "In an athlete, I'd say the performance enhancement of having bigger strength or speed, etc. leads to steroid use," Conway said.

Zapata said his friends in the fraternity influenced his decision to use. "It was definitely easier than, say, me asking somebody how to do it, and do it by myself, without knowing the right way, or the best way to go about it," Zapata said. "It was a lot easier with them being there to guide me through it."

Zapata saw a noticeable change from using steroids. "I went from 122 [pounds] to 175 in three and a half months," Zapata said. "It was definitely cool. My strength went up, like skyrocketed."

Zapata said he did not go through many of the serious side effects that often accompany steroid use. Men can experience shrinking of the testicles, redness or swelling of the testicles, breast development, increase in facial hair growth, change in menstrual cycle, enlargement of the clitoris and deepening of the voice.

Several side effects can strike users of either sex. Michael Deichen, associate director of clinical services at UCF Student Health Services, talked about the general dangers associated with steroid use.

"Hardening of the arteries, heart disease, liver damage, acne, hair loss and loss of control of temperature," Deichen said.

"There is no quality assurance," Deichen added. "There are phantom doctors prescribing unknown quantities."

Zapata said he received his steroids through the mail. "I got it from a guy in Gainesville," Zapata said. "He got it mailed to him, and then he mailed it to me. That's all I know."

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Powell: Students should stay aware of world events

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WASHINGTON

Staying out of other people’s business may have been an attractive foreign policy option before Sept. 11, especially to young people, but when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center last year they were forced to care whether they wanted to or not, Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

“We don’t live in an island anymore,” he said. “The United States may have two oceans, but it is not disconnected from any other place in the world. And our security rests on the overall security situation in the world.”

As the Cold War ended in the early 1990s, many Americans, especially college students, lost interest in world events. Powell spoke about the apathy during an exclusive interview in his State Department office as the Bush administration was trying to draft a resolution on weapons inspectors in Iraq.

“I had seen, in my first 17 years of life, eight years of war,” Powell said. “We read a lot in those days, followed current events. But again, that was in the old days when everyone was worried about getting drafted.”

Student apathy, not only about foreign affairs but also about domestic issues, has been an issue almost since 18-year-olds were granted the right to vote in 1971. A recent poll conducted by the Center for Democracy and Citizenship found that less than 21 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 24 cast ballots in the 1996 elections. Less than 50 percent voted in the 2000 presidential elections.

Though such numbers persist, Powell believes that Sept. 11 and the recent debates on a possible war with Iraq have had a profound effect.

“Al/Q comes Sept. 11 and they realize. My heavens, there is something out there. It isn’t called communism. It isn’t called fascism. It’s called terrorism. For the first time since 1812, the United States was attacked on its own shores by a foreign enemy.”

This was sobering and it was visual. Everyone could see those towers fall and the plane crash in Pennsylvania, over and over.

“Suddenly we saw there was an enemy. We had a name; a face and we were determined. Do you go after this enemy? Do you build a coalition? And for the past 4 months it has come back into our consciousness.”

Instead of focusing on one geographic area, Powell said students should keep an eye on the world as a whole.

“You can’t turn your back on the rest of the world,” he said. “It’s hard to separate out and say ‘watch this or watch that.’ College students, regardless of where they’re headed in life, have an obligation to keep themselves informed on all major issues. They should read broadly and read deeply. But they shouldn’t become so concerned with one area that they don’t see how it connects to other countries or other issues.”

The secretary believes that students who have any doubt about the repercussions of taking an isolationist stance should see the implications of terrorism, whether they’re in Moscow, the Middle East or a Ball field.

“Suddenly those things aren’t real,” he said. “It makes people say ‘if it happens there, it can happen here.’”

Though it is often seen as a moderate in the conservative Bush administration, Powell said the clash of ideas and beliefs is the path to building a consensus.

“Out of that clash of ideas and personalities and egos and people comes compromise,” he said.

“We had an election [Tuesday] with strongly held views from all parts of the country. Negative ads, positive ads, screaming, shouting, noise, the polls, when do they announce them. It goes on and it’s suddenly an election. People speak and they’re conveying the American consensus.”

Recent campus protests against a war in Iraq underscore the fear many students have that American foreign policy, and the war on terrorism in particular, are being used as little more than devices to flex the nation’s military might.

But America can’t detach itself from the world, Powell said.

“It is in our interests to help nations of the world move toward a democratic path and put in place a solid economic system, so they can be our friends and not our adversaries,” he said. “We have no designs on anyone’s people. We have no designs on anyone’s country. We don’t want to steal resources. We don’t want to occupy People trust us to solve their problems. They all come to the U.S. to help solve their problems.”

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, also cites a moral obligation in America’s status as a nation of nations.

“What is the American major­ity these days?” he said. “In 20 or 30 years it might not be white males or white females. It’s going to be people of color. And by color, I mean Asians and African Americans and Hispanic Americans. And what does the majority mean? It’s beautiful. It’s wonderful. There’s no place on Earth like this. You can under­stand how what happens in the world effects us in every imaginable way. You can have Miami be a Hispanic city or find Latin American communities in the Midwest or go to Providence, Rhode Island, and find more Cape Verdians living there than in Cape Verde. And somehow we don’t find each other. We have our problems, but there is no place in the world like this.”

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Tean President Joshua Grosshans, would like to see Sudia stay. He and other stu­dents have created T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan “Keep Diane in” in effort to save the professor’s job.

Students also have created a petition, will appeal to President Hill and have booked a time slot with radio station WUCF to protest the professor’s termination.

Kia Marta, president of Phi Alpha Delta, UCF’s Pre­law Fraternity, said Sudia’s methods of teaching may be unconventional, but thinks she is a valuable professor to the university.

“Having taken three courses with Diane, I found her teaching goes beyond books and lecture,” Marta said. “She speaks of her experiences and puts into perspective a career in law.”

Grosshans said: “I am outraged. Sudia is the best professor in the entire department. She is not the easiest, but she takes the time to listen and talk to stu­dents.”

Sudia, who recently reached the Trial Team to first place in a recent com­petition at Yale, has taught at UCF for four years and practiced law for eight years. She serves as both an adviser and professor to stu­dents in the College of Health and Public Affairs. Sudia and her husband, Remis, founded the Trial Team at UCF.

Political science major Wendy Nichols calls the facul­ty’s decision to dismiss Sudia “ridiculous.”

“I have no idea why UCF would want to get rid of such a great teacher,” she said. “Diane Sudia’s class has def­initely been a beneficial part of my education at UCF and I think she is a great teacher.”

Sudia could not com­ment about the situation pending litigation on Friday.

Students launch campaign in form of T-shirts, media appearances
Meet SCC President Dr. E. Ann McGee, Faculty, Department Chairs, Deans, and Vice Presidents and learn about teaching opportunities at Florida’s fastest growing community college! SCC is hiring full-time and part-time faculty to teach day, evening, and weekend classes at Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Oviedo Campus, and Hunt Club Center. Part-time faculty will begin in January 2003; approximately 30 full-time, tenure-track faculty will be hired for August 2003.

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What's News
In Business and Finance

Rate Cut Helps Only Some
Christmas is coming early for some borrowers, thanks to the Federal Reserve’s decision to slash rates.

By dropping the federal funds rate by a half percentage point to 1.25%, the Federal Reserve is trying to encourage businesses to step up their capital spending, and prod wary consumers to keep their wallets open even more widely.

The move should cut payments on many home loans, home-equity lines of credit, adjustable-rate mortgages and some credit cards. The gains for consumers won’t be universal, however. Savers, for one, will see some returns outside besides other interest on money-market funds and certificates of deposit.

But auto companies are likely to care 6% a deal to some people who previously couldn’t qualify because their credit wasn’t good enough, says Art Spinella, president of CNW Market Research, noting that only half of the people who seek 5% loans currently qualify. Car makers are also likely to start offering 4.5% financing on loans that makes it a year in years instead of five.

credit-card holders won’t get any rate relief. More than half of all credit-card accounts are variable, and even many holders of variable-rate cards won’t see a positive change. Roughly 25% of all variable-rate cards have a floor below which their rate can’t fall, according to CardWeb.com. Moreover, credit-card rates have been edging up all year. Average credit-card rates hit 14.76% in October, according to CardWeb.com, up from a low of 14.2% last December.

Big Three Refocus On, Uh, Cars
After years of focusing on profits from sport utilities and pickup trucks—and largely ignoring their traditional car lineups—the Big Three auto makers are getting serious about cars again.

American auto makers are on tap are some so old they’re now aging, in which case they tend to drive and vehicles that tend consumers will identify as standard wagons, even if the car more common.

As Asian and European car makers try to land in the SUV and truck segments, Detroit is betting it will be easier to boost slim profits by cutting costs on cars than by

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The 41.2 4.1% of Americans who lack health insurance spans a wide range of incomes, possibly by household income.

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Fleeing From Fast Food

Jaded by Patty Burgers, Diners Make Switch To Healthier Choices

By Shirley Leung

America is losing its taste for fast food.

In various counties to woo customers, McDonald’s Corp. has revamped kitchens to serve better food, hired se­ cret shoppers to upgrade service and added more than 60 temporary items—such as a chicken flat­bread sandwich and chocolate banana shake—to jazz up its menu. The company is even investing in other kinds of restaurant formats to capture consumers’ shifting tastes.

But this fall, hit it the pricing panic button. The nation’s No. 1 burger chain poured $30 million into advertising its first national value­in­five years to trumpet eight­items for $1 each. The move forced No. 2 Burger King to follow suit with an 11­item menu at 99 cents each. And the country’s reaction? A big year.

Proli­Landre­son, a 52­year­old student in Chicago, says he hasn’t been to a McDonald’s, Burger King or Wendy’s in four years. He says he doesn’t like the food or the atmos­phere. “Burgers and fries can go down the drain,” says Mr. Landre­son on his way to have lunch at Pol­h­ly Sandwich Works, a Chicago sand­wich chain.

McDonald’s recently issued a profit warning reflecting a continu­ing trend of declining profit in seven of the last eight quarters. The news came a day after Digi­go PLC, Burger King’s parent company, said a proposed buyout group, led by Texas Pacific Group, was bail­ing out of the $2.3 billion private­l­ag because of soft sales at the 11,500­unit chain. Wendy’s International Inc., the nation’s No. 3 burger chain, also has announced it is lowering the top end of its 2002 earnings outlook partly because of weaker­than­expected sales.

Among factors dragging down traditional fast food are con­cerns about its high fat content sparking lawsuits against the fast­food players. Plaintiffs accuse the industry of making them obese and susceptible to diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. Meanwhile, the emerging category of “quick casual” restaurants—in­cluding chains such as Chipotle Mexican Grill (majority­owned by McDon­ald­si), Cost and Pan­era Bread—are attracting more custo­mers. As many as 50% of fast­food pa­trons eat at such chains, which generally have higher­quality food but no table service.

Quick­casual customers spend about $5 to $10 per average check as opposed to fast food’s $3 to $4 aver­age check, according to food­con­sulting firm Technomic Inc.
The research firm Techno­mic Inc. found a surprising trend among quick­casual consumers. Industry experts had assumed the category attracted aging baby boomers who could afford higher­priced meals. In fact, quick­casual concepts appeal largely to 18 to 35­year­olds. About 19% of fast­casual customers are in this age bracket—a demographic


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Unique opportunities for UCF undergraduates
Can Tablets Help Cure PC Makers?

After a decade of disappointment, some of the biggest personal-computer makers have the time for tablet computers to arrive.

Seven versions of slate-shaped computers which Microsoft has dubbed the Tablet PC were unveiled recently by Hewlett-Packard Co., Fujitsu Ltd., Motion Computing Inc., Toshiba Corp. and Microsoft Corp., the model's software architect. Aimed primarily at corporate customers and "mobile executives," the Tablet PC is essentially a high-octane laptop computer loaded with Microsoft's Windows XP software—but one that also lets users scribble notes by hand on a slate. Some models come with attached keyboards that can be extended and folded over to make the machine look more like a writing tablet than a traditional PC.

The stakes are high for Microsoft and its hardware partners. Many PC makers have been suffering, Read a review of Tablet PCs online at ptech.wsj.com/ptech.html. Brought through a nasty downturn. They are searching for a new growth engine, and the Tablet PC will command a higher profit margin than standard desktop PCs, they say. Some suggest that Tablet PCs face a tough sell, however. Since 2000, the world market for "subnotebook" computers, the category into which most Tablet PCs fall, has shrunk 6% a year. Cash-strapped corporate buyers also may shy away from the Tablet PC's price, starting at just under $2,000, compared with $1,800 for the average laptop. IBM Corp. and Sony Corp., pulled pen-based computers off the market earlier this year after sluggish sales, and Dell Computer Corp., haven't agreed to make a Tablet PC.

The first pen-based computers in the early 1990s, such as Apple Computer Inc.'s Newton and a device from AT&T Corp. called 900, were panned for being too expensive, having mostly monochrome screens and inaccurate handwriting-recognition software. But new handwriting-reading software is more accurate, and Tablet PCs are cheaper, more powerful, having longer battery life and sport crisp, full-color screens.

By Staff Reporters Pu-Wing Tam, Rebecca Buckman and Gabriel Kahn

What's News—In Business and Finance

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Will Tony Soprano Hijack the Emmys?
The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is threatening to move the Emmy awards show, a celebration of network television, to cable channel HBO. After the huge broadcast television networks refused to pay for next year's rights to broadcast the program.

That the ultimate promotional bash for traditional broadcast television could go to a cable rebel is yet another sign of the changing Hollywood landscape. For years, the networks wouldn't even let HBO in the contest; recently they have been humiliated that HBO, well known for its mob hit "The Sopranos," has walked away with so many prizes.

Blackberry, Nokia

Will Team Up

Research In Motion Ltd., maker of the BlackBerry wireless e-mail device, has reached a deal with cellphone maker Nokia Corp. to put BlackBerry technology on Nokia phones around the world.

Nokia will license the software for an undisclosed fee. Research In Motion will also collect an undisclosed portion of the monthly fee subscribers using the new phones pay to their service providers.

Joining forces with the world's biggest cellphone company "offers large revenue potential" for Research In Motion, said a Research spokesman. Having already deeply penetrated the corporate wireless e-mail market in North America, the company chose a collaborative approach for a world-wide rollout. "To continue that momentum in a closed or proprietary way would be unrealistic," the spokesman said.

Research In Motion said Thursday it will cut about 16% of its global work force and lower discretionary spending in an effort to streamline its operations, reduce expenses and achieve profitability.

Odds & Ends

J.C. Penney's profit nearly quadrupled in its fiscal third quarter, and the retailer boosted its full-year outlook after unusually cold weather forced reluctant consumers back to department stores in October. America Online's programming chief quit his post after less than a year, another sign of turmoil at the online giant.

By Jay Horwitz

Fleeing From Fast Food

Continued from Previous Page that typically consumes the most fast food.

"I'm spending more money to stay healthy," says Maggie Thompson, 27, a chef's teacher who frequents Quizno's. The upscale sandwich chain has about 1,800 U.S. units where sandwich prices are between $6 and $7.

Indeed, the price wars actually may be backfiring on traditional fast-food stories. Burger King, with 18% of U.S. burger market share, and its sales are weak because the price war is dragging down the whole fast-food category. The chain adds that it is losing customers to McDonald's, whose Big 'N Tasty and McChicken sandwiches, selling for $1 each, are twice as large as any sandwich on Burger King's 49-cent menu.

Wendy's says it doesn't see its steep price cuts as a problem. It says its 99-cent menu has been profitable for 13 years because customers buy full-price items in combination with the discounted items. McDonald's says it sees no sharp drop in demand for its burgers, fries and other fare. "Twenty-two million customers a day tell us that Americans still believe that McDonald's is a welcome part of their daily meal options," says Mike Roberts, president of McDonald's USA.

Even so, McDonald's is investing in upscale chains such as Chipotle and British sandwich chain Pret a Manger. Wendy's also has diversified with coffee shops, chain Tim Hortons and Mexican chain Raja Fresh. And just last month, Jack in the Box Inc. announced it is entering the convenience-store business with its own brand.

The fast-food chains say they are also offering healthy options such as salads, baked potatoes or yogurt. In September McDonald's said it would use different oil to reduce the trans fatty acid levels in its fried foods. Earlier this year, Burger King introduced a veggie burger.

What is your opinion on the collaboration between Research In Motion and Nokia, and how it might affect the media and telecommunications landscape? Please provide your insights.
Opinions
Thursday November 14, 2002

OUR STANCE:

Time for faculty leaders
to lead by example

UCF faculty members, this one is directed toward you. You may not have suffered discrimination based upon your sexual orientation, but many people have. Many gay people who have not yet lost their jobs worry that revealing their sexual orientation could cost them their careers and livelihood.

Thus far, you have remained silent on the anti-discrimination policy that Orlando's city council is currently debating. You have yet to take a stand on UCF's own anti-discrimination policy, which does not include sexual orientation.

As leaders of the UCF community, you bear the responsibility of helping to set the university's policies and agenda. President Hilt and the rest of the administration listen to your suggestions. When you pass resolutions, the administration almost always approves and implements them.

Whether or not you have faced discrimination, you should call upon President Hilt to protect people from discrimination based upon sexual orientation by passing a resolution supporting both the proposed change to Orlando's policy and a change to UCF's policy.

Although you certainly face many issues, the anti-discrimination question facing both UCF and the city of Orlando should take precedence over most of them. Amendment 11 is behind you, the spring semester is still a month and a half away, but this issue is happening now.

Just because discrimination has not happened yet at UCF does not mean it will not in the future. Why would you wait for such discrimination to occur, when UCF could easily change its anti-discrimination policy and prevent it from occurring in the first place? UCF should add sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination policy as soon as possible. A pre-emptive measure, in this case, is the wisest one.

In the greater picture, you should use your role as leaders to promote the ordination now before the Orlando City Council. Follow the lead of the Rollins College faculty by supporting the proposed ordinance. Your unified voice on this issue can give momentum to a noble cause. Orlando should protect all people from discrimination, and you can help make that goal a reality by voting your support.

perdue · southern pride and history. They say the flag embodies something that appeals to the nation, you should call upon university's policies and agenda.

The old flag prominently featured the red-and-blue Confederate battle cross, while the new flag had only a small image of the old flag near its bottom.

Perdue promised to hold a referendum to allow Georgians to choose between the old flag and the new one, and win the election by capturing the votes of rural, white Georgians. Perdue appealed to the good old boys, and captured Georgia's highest elected office.

Sadly, so many people cling to the Confederate flag as an emblem of Southern pride and history. They say the flag embodies the spirit of the South, as if that is a good thing. Truly, what the Confederate flag stands for is a corrupt, racist uprising that failed, and the lives of far too many young men 140 years ago.

What exactly are Confederate sympathizers proud of? They should not celebrate the legacy of slavery and racism, nor should they look fondly upon the Confederacy's failed attempt at sovereignty. The Confederate flag embodies the racism and rebellion of a misguided part of the country that tried to hold onto an institution - slavery - that lasted far too long.

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30 seconds to fame
15 minutes of shame

MENTAL DOODLES

Christopher Arnold
STAFF WRITER

I hate Andy Warhol. There, I said it.

It was, after all, Warhol who claimed everyone in the future would have his or her 15 minutes of fame. And it is Warhol I found myself thinking of this week, as the television station I was watching began to run one of those "breaking news" banners at the bottom of its tally bars.

It caught my attention, naturally, and so I focused solely on the picture, which shows a new item of the utmost importance—war with Iraq, perhaps?—would warrant such an interruption, and so I watched.

"Winona Ryder jury is deliberating."

Confused, I was certain I had missed it. So I waited, because, like all good stations, they usually scroll the news items two or three hundred times before you read it.

"Winona Ryder jury is deliberating—that's right, you read it correctly the first time, you idiot."

Ok, so there are several problems I had with this—this first being that the jury was still deliberating. They hadn't come to a decision, mind you. Arnold Palmer, though, on our own lives, who knows about the proposed increase in golf fees, which would probably drive anyone to drugs. Each has, like the mythical Phoenix, risen from the ashes that were their careers to be reborn in the news through drug abuse.

Her supporting cast is equally as unimpressive. Let's not forget co-stars Gary Busey, "(Slap Shot 2: Breaking the Ice)," Nick Nolte, "(The Golden Bowl)", and Robert Downey, Jr. ("Chaplin")—although, to be fair, Downey spent time on "Ally McBeal," which would probably drive anyone to drugs. Nolte's mug shot is even replacing his other "Mr. & Mrs. Robinson press kiss"

Now, far be it from me to not pay homage to the legends of this industry. You see, the way was paved by "The Trial of the Century" staring that actor of Horatio Algerian-stardom and co-star in "(Naked Gun)" a.k.a. Simpson, you remember him, don't you? The best acting he ever did was struggling to get that glove on his hand. He was on trial for and acquitted of murder after which he vowed to not rest until he found the real killer. His sources must have pointed towards Tiger Woods or Arnold Palmer, though, because he seemed to spend an awful lot of time on the golf course afterwards.

But the lives of our revered celebrities are not limited to their legal troubles, nor to the museums that are consuming all things Hollywood and all the fashionistas, we somehow demand the happier moments in their lives as well. Don't judge you can find one right now, starting that former Fly Girl, Jennifer Lopez—or J-Lo, as I believe she calls herself these days. This current darling of the media can be found on practically every tabloid, magazine and news show having recently announced her engagement to a regular in Kevin Smith movies, Ben Affleck — or has it? Daddy? — didn't need her for that purpose any longer.

And while there is a great number of people who live vicariously through their favorite celebrities and indeed, all things celebrity, there are exceptions—that nameless person desperately trying to achieve their own star status, the current vulture, through which to attempt this in that guise known as the reality show, is it a quick shot at stardom? Then try your hand at "Survivor" or "Fear Factor." The "Real World" or "30 Seconds to Fame."

Reality shows. I guess that's right, just the other day, after all, I was on a Marquesan island in a luxury penthouse with complete strangers eating pig intestines for the heck of it.

It is frightening how impressed we are with this cult of celebrity and how easily it can impress upon us its values and characteristics. If we could spend less time living through these people and focus on our own lives, who knows what we could accomplish? But then again, if we were actually working towards some greater goal, we might have missed getting that first glance at the pool. B. Leck bought for Joll-O.

Another time, perhaps.

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UCF faces Jacksonville in A-Sun Championships

Tournament Time

Auburn awaits UCF in the NCAA Tournament

Kent State's Cribbs questionable for game against Golden Knights

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Tom Alexander

High expectations are difficult to deal with, and no one knows that better than the UCF men's soccer team. After being named preseason favorites to win the Atlantic Sun Conference, the Golden Knights struggled at times, but managed to post an 8-7-3 overall record. However, UCF Coach Bob Winn's squad came through in conference play and the Knights' 5-2-1 conference record has put them right where they've wanted to be all year: in the conference tournament.

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When UCF lines up on defense at the Citrus Bowl this weekend, they could face a 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard passer. Or better yet, a 1,000-yard rusher and passer. Though Kent State makes its first ever trip to Orlando sporting a disappointing 3-7 record and just 1-5 in the Mid-American Conference, it does have one of college football's most intriguing offensive players.

Quarterback Joshua Cribbs, just a sophomore, already has two 1,000-yard passing and rushing seasons under his belt. He's only the second player in F-A history to accomplish such a feat in back-to-back seasons.

"He's a fabulous kid with the ball in his hand, making plays with his legs," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "I had the opportunity to watch him against Marshall on TV, and he made one option run that was like he blinked his eyes and he was 80 yards into the endzone!"

Just one problem: he might not play. During Kent's game last weekend, Cribbs re-aggravated a hamstring injury that forced him to miss a game last month. That will not only take a lot of sizzle out of an interesting match-up of division rivals, but cripple a Golden Flashes team so heavily reliant on Cribbs.

Of Kent's 3,678 total offensive yards, Cribbs accounted for 1,872 of them. That means the Golden Knights will have to rely on the rest of their offense to pick up the slack next weekend when the Golden Knights and their supporting staff gathered Monday at Froggers sports bar in Oviedo to await the announcement of the bracket. When ESPN announced UCF's destination, the cheers could be heard throughout the bar. UCF's road trip to the University of Mississippi in the second game, at 7 p.m. Saturday for the right to advance to the third round of the tournament.

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Kristy Shonka

The UCF women's soccer team on Monday learned it would travel to Tallahassee to face Auburn in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Women's Soccer Championships. The Golden Knights square off against the Tigers at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Seminole Soccer Complex.

Host Florida State plays the University of Mississippi in the second game, at 7 p.m. The winners play at 1 p.m. Saturday for the right to advance to the third round of the tournament.

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Newcomer Giraudo leads Knights' offense

JUAN GIRAUDO

TOM ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Baseball is America's pastime. Football is America's passion. In Argentina, where Juan Pablo Giraudo was born, soccer is both.

"It's a custom in Argentina that your first gift is a soccer ball," Giraudo said.

The Golden Knights' leading scorer this season, Juan Pablo Giraudo, was born in Buenos Aires and spent his first 10 years of his life in Argentina. Giraudo started playing soccer both with his friends as a young child, and fondly recalls going to the stadium on Sundays to watch soccer matches. His love for the game is such that he still follows his favorite players and teams every Sunday now that he is stateside.

Giraudo and his family moved to Miami when he was 10 years old, and he continued playing soccer through middle school and high school. It was while playing at Sunset High that he met current Golden Knights coach Pablo Vasquez and Xavier Delgado.

Giraudo scored nine goals and had 11 assists his senior year at Sunset, but upon his graduation, he was faced with a difficult situation, one that led him to take a year off from the game that he loved and attend college at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami.

"I wasn't sure if I was ready to leave home, maybe stay a year more with my parents. It was hard leaving the rest of my family in Argentina and I didn't want that to happen again. But I felt like after a year I matured and was ready to go," Giraudo said.

After that year at FIU, Giraudo decided he wanted to play soccer again. He had heard of the good experiences his old high school teammates were having here at UCF and decided to come to Orlando. That decision has worked out well for both Juan and the Golden Knights.

"I'm really enjoying it here. There's not one guy on the team that I can say something bad about. We're always together; it's like a new family, therefore it makes me feel at home," Giraudo said.

Please see Giraudo on 18

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Confidence builds after second-half surge

Knights score 31 unanswered points Saturday

The problem had reached epidemic levels. It was well documented, no longer just a road woe but on display at the Citrus Bowl two of the past three home games for everyone to see. Over and over again, UCF had gone into halftime with a lead or within one score only to see the game get away from the Knights in the third quarter.

And it seemed ready to happen again. Up 14-7 against Mid-American Conference wunderkind Buffalo after two quarters, the Golden Knights promptly began the second half with an interception and a fumble leading to 14 unanswered points and a 21-14 deficit. But this time things ended up differently.

"A lot of guys were on the sidelines, Assato Samuel, Elton Patterson, myself, we were all telling ourselves to see ourselves winning," wide receiver Ivery Goodkins said. "Instead of just trying to hang on, actually start seeing ourselves as winners. And once you put that vision in front of you everything just starts to click."

It worked. On the ensuing possession, UCF's vaunted defense bucked down and got back to business. Quarterback Ryan Schneider quickly and efficiently picked apart the Bulls porous defense, hitting wide receiver Luther Huggins from 8 yards out for a game-tying touchdown. That capped a drive that lasted just six plays and two minutes.

During Buffalo's next drive, UCF's struggling defense finally got a reprieve. Free safety Peter Sands stepped in front of pass and returned it 50 yards to the Buffalo 12-yard line. UCF scored two plays later on a tight end sweep to Michael Gaines.

"It was real big," sophomore linebacker Chad Mascoe said. "Buffalo was gaining momentum but fortunately Peter was kind of just hanging around and made a big play."

Those two scores spurred the Golden Knights on to their most complete half and half of football this season. The offense put up 17 more points, a total of 31 unanswered. And the young defense didn't allow another first down or route to yielding just 38 total yards in the second half.

Why UCF has struggled so much coming out of the halftime locker room leaves coaches and players stumped. "In the Golden Knights' five losses this year, they've lost at halftime three times. Yet Arizona State, Toledo and Syracuse all used sloppy UCF play and power running games to dominate the second half and come back for a victory."

Over the past two seasons, UCF has been outscored 151-99 in the third quarter. Conversely, over that same time period, the Knights have blown out opponents 176-83 in the first quarter and 104-84 in the second. In the fourth quarter they've played tighter but still have a 138-112 edge.

"We got that second half fever," head coach George O'Leary said after a recent loss to Syracuse, where UCF blew a 21-10 halftime lead. "I don't know what it is. They came out with more intensity than us. They wanted it more than us."

No one pinpointed exactly why the Golden Knights have come out so lackluster in the second half. But after mounting a comeback in the third quarter and finishing the game so strong against Buffalo, UCF can take away some much-needed confidence at a pivotal stretch of the season.

"For the first time all year, defensively we did what was required. They have to come out of it feeling pretty good about themselves whether Buffalo was a quality loss or not," UCF Coach Mike Kruczek said. "And offensively I tell my guys all the time that only people that can stop this offense is yourselves. From that standpoint I think confidence is huge coming out of this football game."

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Kuhlman and VanLooven lead a strong defense

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ble to understand.

"We're just happy to finally know where we're going and who we're going to play," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said.

The 25th-ranked Golden Flashes (18-4-0) have not played Auburn (13-4-0) this season, but do lead the series 5-0 with the last win coming in 1997.

They have played this season at the Seminole Soccer Complex.

"I'm looking forward to Florida State," Cromwell said.

"We're comfortable there. We've..." said senior Nicole Cieslak said.

"This coach recruited all eight of us," senior Nicole Cieslak said, "so we never got to play for her so now it's revenge time. She left us and now we're going to beat them."

Classmate Jackie VanLooven said she knows Kuhlman is better for

"We felt deserted," VanLooven said.

Well, in came Cromwell and four years later she and Richter's final recruits have led UCF to the most successful season in school history. The Knights' 18 wins are two better than the school's previous best.

The Knights advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Cromwell's first year, but they lost in the first round of the A-Sun Tournament the next season and went 8-1-3 last year. VanLooven and Cieslak said that wasn't enough to get any kind of chemistry.

"The past two seasons the Knights have worked to build team chemistry and it has paid off. They are 32-10 over than span with two A-Sun Championships. This season's team has a good mix of upper- and underclassmen. Freshman Jennifer Montgomery and senior Cieslak have dominated on offense, while seniors VanLooven and..."

Kuhlman and VanLooven lead a strong defense

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the Knights don't look too far ahead to potentially
glorious post season next weekend against Miami, the Golden Knights should notch another conference victory.

UCF 35, Kent State 13

Müller holds the top seed with conference's best offense

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EMILY WATTS

Watts lights up competition

When starting outside hitter Leyre Santalla Sante went down with a sprained ankle Friday against Jacksonsville, a freshman became the Knights' featured hitter.

Emily Watts came to UCF as a backup setter. So far this season she has seen time at right side, as well as at setter against Jacksonsville. Watts had a career match as she became the go-to player without Sante. The freshman registered her first triple-double in the Knights' first Atlantic Sun Conference loss of the season. Watts tied a career high with 17 kills and set new career marks with 11 aces, 21 digs and six total blocks.

"Emily is showing her maturity as a player with the numbers she posted tonight," UCF Coach Meg Colado said after Friday's game.

She followed up that performance with another career match on Saturday. Watts led UCF with 21 kills as the Knights beat Stetson to clinch the top seed in the A-Sun Tournament.

Watts ranks in the top five on the team in assists, kills, digs and blocks per game.

"She is a very high level player and a very mature player," Colado said.

Watts has played volleyball since she was in fourth grade. Her mom was a setter at Kansas State University and she helped guide her daughter's interest.

"My mom coached a grade school team and she helped with a fifth-grade clinic and I went and played with the fifth graders," Watts said.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Watts said it didn't take much to hook her on UCF.

"I knew everything here [at UCF]," Watts said. "The campus, the girls, the coach. Meg does a really good job of recruiting. I just emailed her and talked to her. She kept in contact with me. I made one visit and loved it."

That contact has worked out well for both Watts and the Golden Knights. Watts has been a key contributor all season.

"She is a good player now and is going to be a great player before she leaves here," Colado said.

This season she has helped the Knights to a 19-11 overall record and a 10-1 A-Sun record. UCF looks to defend its conference title next weekend as it hosts the A-Sun Championships.

"I love that everyone gives us their best game," Watts said. "We always get the best out of teams we play against."
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Automobile thefts up in college communities

DENISE BLOOM
STAFF-WRITER

Although UCF is ranked as the second safest campus in the state, students like junior Desiree DeAngelius, 20, aren't feeling secure lately. She lives in an off-campus apartment in Jefferson Commons, one of many student complexes that is regularly plagued with cases of car theft.

"Although I am not scared for my personal safety, I am scared for my car's safety," she said.

Over the past couple of weeks, a rash of car thefts has apartment complexes and Orange County officers on alert—warning students about incidents and ways to safeguard their vehicles.

Apartment complexes are usual targets of car theft because of the high volume of cars in a concentrated area, according to commander Roland Lacroix of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

"We distribute fliers with the purpose of informing students," Lacroix said. "It means there has probably been a few car thefts in their immediate area and we hope to increase awareness."

Awareness and precaution can help reduce the number of car thefts, Lacroix said.

"Students should remove all valuables from the backs of their cars and make sure they lock up," he said. "Do not leave anything in plain view that could be of interest to the thief."

Apartment complexes also have a solid defense to combat these thieves, said resident manager Gary Rutcho, 21.

"We ask the resident to report any suspicious behavior," he said. "Because they live there, they are used to the usual surroundings and happenings. Your neighbors can be your best defense."

DeAngelius is aware that car theft is happening in her neighborhood, but doesn't know if she can stop worrying about her car even if she follows the preventative measures.

"If my car was stolen or damaged, I might have to deal without a car for weeks," she said. "I'm not sure how I would manage, you become used to the independence and convenience a car brings."

Camaraderie Lauren Masilano, 20, can relate.

"Although my car isn't what many people would consider valuable, it's still mine," she said. "I don't know what I would do if it was stolen."

Drivers keep their eyes off the road

CRYSTAL ESPINOSA
STAFF-WRITER

Attempting to drive a stick shift car while talking on her cell phone and changing CDs are only a few of the distractions junior Emily Goldblatt, 20, encounters daily.

"Everyone says that they are perfect drivers and aren't so distracted as to the point of being dangerous," she said. "But to be honest, it is dangerous to drive with all those distractions," Goldblatt said.

New York law enforcement believes that cell phones pose a dangerous threat to drivers, the main consensus among UCF students is that there are bigger distractions than cell phones.

"When I'm on my phone, I'm still looking around," said junior Bethany Rothede, 21. "I'm still a defensive driver, always looking in my rear view mirrors and such. But when I'm dipping in my purse for something like a cigarette or changing a CD, I look away from the road."

Freshman Armando Izaguirre, 18, claims that changing the radio station is more distracting for him than using a cell phone.

"The radio itself is a distraction for me because I don't have one specific radio station that I like," Izaguirre said. "So I constantly spend time changing the station and..."

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If you enjoy Greek, Italian or Mediterranean-style food, Elijah’s Grill is the perfect spot for you.

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Vegetarians can also eat well at Elijah’s. The hummus and falafel sandwiches are an excellent choice for under $8. For an appetizer, homemade stuffed grape leaves are available. Veggie subs and a falafel platter are also available.

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The menu prices, all under $8, are already affordable for people on a limited budget. However, Elijah’s offers daily combo specials. For about $9 you can get a sub, fries and a large drink. Elijah’s also offers various corner specials.

One of the more popular items on the menu is the gyro sandwich.

Abraham cooks the gyros and all the food with the customer’s health in mind. “If you prepare them differently for the quality of the customer, there is a lot less grease left on the meat,” Abraham said.

The gyros are available with chicken or the more traditional lamb meat. Elijah’s delicious cucumber sauce tops off every sandwich. The salad, as well as all of the food, is homemade.

Offering the customers friendship and nutritious food is important to Abraham. He understands the need to eat healthy, especially for those in school. “I am not concerned with the money. It’s about giving the people good food to eat,” Abraham said.

When you walk into Elijah’s, it becomes obvious why the restaurant is so successful. The overly friendly Abraham and his wife, Elena, greet you almost instantly, when you walk in the door.

Abraham opened the original location four years ago. The restaurant, then called Louie’s Deli, found a strong following with students and workers from Winter Park’s industrial area. For the convenience of his customers, Abraham recently added a code entitled make the roads safer; soane students and workers from Winter Park’s industrial area.

Elijah’s recently opened another location at 1131 Virginia Avenue.

PLEASE SEE Friendly on 23

Cell phones, radios common distractions while driving

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That’s distracting. You tend to take your eyes off the road when you are changing the station and a couple of times while doing that I’ve almost hit the car in front of me or made a mistake with a light and turned.”

A study conducted by the University of North Carolina Highway Research Center agrees that cell phone distractions are minor compared to other potential interferences.

More than 25 percent of drivers reported that they were distracted by things outside the car, 11 percent by adjusting the radio or CDs and 10 percent by passengers in the car.

Freshman Brandon Keilman believes that he was almost hit by a woman who was too busy yelling at her children in her car to stop in time. “I actually had to roll for ward one time to keep her from hitting me,” he said.

Nevertheless, some people still question why cell phones have been the only thing banned if they only make up 1.5 percent of the distractions, as drivers report. Sgt. John Moore said it has everything to do with reaction time and defensive driving strategies.

If something happens while driving, you need both hands quickly on the wheel to respond and hand-held phones don’t allow you to do that, Moore said.

Moore believes that the biggest law only for drivers at UCF are cell phones and wants Florida to pass a law that strictly allows only the use of handsfree while driving.

Although Florida has not passed any law regarding the use of cell phones while driving, the Florida Highway patrol has recently added a code entitled driver distraction to place on crash reports for data entry.

The officer includes the code and a narrative of the causes of the accident, such as a person being dialing a number on their cell phone, looked off the road, and hit another car.

Even with the new provisions limiting restricting cell phones to make the roads safer, some students feel they are not enough. “When I pull up to a stop light, I’ll pull eyeliner on, and then when it turns green I’ll go,” said freshman Kanja Walters, 18. “I mean what are they going to do, ban eyeliner? You can’t ban everything.”
Friendly and fun, Elijah’s feeds all

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moved to the North Forsyth Road location.

However, location is never an obstacle for Elijah’s faithful customers. “Some customers drive all the way from the Geneva and Oviedo areas to eat here,” Abraham said.

Some UCF students may have already tried Elijah’s food without even knowing it. As Louie’s Deli, Elijah’s Grill catered food for the UCF Bookstore.

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Lead stories

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