Kirlew exonerated of charges

VP will serve final weeks of term

Politicians, professors debate status of civil rights

Homeland security seminar addressed implications of post-9/11 safety policies

Cutting the Cord

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As American troops fight for Iraq's freedom, some say American citizens are fighting a battle of their own to preserve their freedoms within the United States.

More than 20 politicians and scholars debated at the Los Baños Institute Symposium last week the question whether the war on terrorism has restricted Americans' civil liberties.

More than 1,000 people attended the symposium between Monday and Tuesday night to hear key state politicians such as Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist, Congressmen Tom Feeney, Ric Keller and John Mica discuss the implications that overlooking the nation post-9/11 has had on American citizens, civil liberties and local and state governments.

Congressional leaders mostly spoke about the difficulties they faced when creating homeland security policies.

The liberty versus security argument began as early as the Civil War, Feeney said. History demonstrates that the definitions of civil liberties changes with time and "what is reasonable as a search of your body or automobile or your computer, changes based on the threat of domestic security," he said.

Examples of safeguards that have been implemented include strict airport security that calls for metal detector scans and baggage searches by security officers.

Congressional leaders said although some Americans clamor for measures as too extreme, they said the government tries to design balanced policies.

Feeney acknowledged the effects extreme measures can have and recognized the need for lawmakers to act cautiously.

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Lawmakers: Gov. trying to design balanced policies

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Countries like Germany and Israel, where soldiers with guns are seen at airports and in the populace, encourage police-states, Fenney said. "The sad fact of the matter is if we’re not careful, America may be at that point where you’re going to see police officers with Uzi walking around everywhere, [in our schools], our churches, our libraries — which is some scary stuff.

Local officials’ concerns about the effects of Sept. 11 differed from those presented by congressional representatives. After Sept. 11 local governments had to implement anti-terrorism emergency units in place while taxpayers ended up paying the bill.

"A priority for federal funding in Orlando focused on assuring that police, military and training are in the hands of our first responders and we have done that," Dyer said. "We’ve yet to see any federal funding related to that.

Despite this fiscal freedon, Dyer said the heads of three Central Florida law enforcement agencies said they’d created better communication lines, not only at the local level, but also between federal and local agencies.

Before local agents sought information to the FBI for example and received little or no information in return, said Dyer, County Sheriff Phil Williams.

"The police chief had his kingdom and the fire chief had his kingdom and the electoral officials had their kingdoms and never really talked a whole lot," said Winter Park Fire Chief Jim Case.

While most of the speakers assuredAuditor General that they were careful to safeguard Americans rights, Orlando resident Andrew Mason said he doubted the congressmen’s concerns about preserving civil liberties.

"They’re talking about preventing a police state, they have one hand behind their back," he said. Besides Florida officials, organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and professors from UCF spoke at the symposium. (Two of the 11 panels focused on civil liberties, while six addressed different aspects of homeland security.

Kirvel vows to run for 2004 presidency

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Chairman Tyler Van Voorhies, who conducted the impeachment proceedings, "No evidence, no impeachment, no nothing. Let’s move on," Van Voorhies said.

Stoop said that he could not attend Thursday’s senate meeting that was to concern impeachment he had with the 19th U.S. District Attorney.

"I look forward to the senate meeting because I had some fraternal obligations which I felt were more important than attending the senate meeting," he said.

Stoop admitted he was unable to get the evidence he needed to proceed with the case, which included a videotape from a senate meeting where a group of students, who were security and public safety concerns forced senators to adjourn early.

"I tried getting videotape of the senate meeting and I guess it had been erased or tape swopped," Stoop said. He said he would challenge the senate’s decision to adjourn Kirvel.

"I’ve been a couple more weeks in office, so I’ve decided to let him finish out his term," he said.

Kirvel has maintained for the last two months that Stoop’s allegations were unfounded and politically motivated.

"This is a chapter of UCF history I wish wouldn’t have happened, but it was resolved in a manner I think was appropriate," he said.

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While spending riches on recognition?

MIKE RIEGEL STAFF WRITER

There are times, however, when the attention is not so positive. Stemming from her role as director of media relations at the University of Florida, Gray is very aware that handling negative publicity is sometimes an integral part of her occupation.

When there were five serial murders at UF, there were hundreds of media on campus and dozens of remote satellite television crews.

While her staff here at UCF has yet to encounter a similar barrage of attention from the press, Gray said she would be ready to field anywhere from 25 to 100 calls from media outlets on a normal day. ‘Someone has to be available to answer those questions,’ she said.

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UCF's media relations smallest in the state

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could offer educated insight into the different aspects of the war.

But do those efforts yield tangible results? Freshman Leah Benjamin, 18, thinks so.

"I've always been interested in engineering, and I've read a few different articles about how UCF has a quality engineering program," she said.

Positive media attention was one of the reasons Benjamin decided to attend UCF, she said.

Media relations is a worthy endeavor for a university to invest in, Gray said, and UCF has a cost-efficient department.

"When I was at UF, I had a staff of 22 full-time employees and 20 part-time employees [in media relations]," she said. "Here, I've got four full-timers and two part-timers."

Last year's media relations budget at UCF was $587,300, less than what the three other major universities — UF, Florida State and University of Miami — spend on their media relations departments.

"I don't think anyone can accuse UCF of spending too much on media relations," Gray said.

But not everyone considers media relation departments a priority in the education system.

Recently, the state's education department announced an expenditure of $700,000 for its public relations department. This move has raised the eyebrows of critics and parents in Broward County, where most teachers have resorted to buying their own classroom supplies due to a lack of funding.

"Allocations for public relations must be weighed against the context of informing the public about what UCF does," said Rosie Webb Joels, vice president of the UCF chapter of the United Faculty of Florida.

"The public already has an image of [UCF], and we shouldn't try to mold it," he said.

Each year, UCF spends about $3 million on public relations-related work, according to the vice president of University Relations, Dan Holienbeck.

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Surf team rides winning wave

LINDSEY ELMERBACH
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Troubled with a multitude of personal and academic challenges, the UCF Surf Club, under the leadership of President Jackie Lasco and Vice President and Treasurer Chris McCan, has risen above those difficulties by capturing two of the top spots in the men’s short board contest at the National Scholastic Surfing Association Eastern Championships earlier this month.

UCF’s wts qualified the 28-member team for the National Championships in June at the Lower Trestles in San Clemente, California.

Winning the NSSA East Coast Championships brings us to the spotlight as a real team for UCF and moves us to the level to be on the East Coast, said Surf Club Vice President and Team Captain Chris McCan.

Surfers claimed four of the top five spots in the men’s short board contest. Tyler Hoover captured first, Todd Frazier took second, Dan Tafnere earned third and Chris Fountain finished fifth.

Two UCF surfers captured two of the top three finishes in the women’s shortboard contest. Lauren McCall won first and Jackie Cook seized third place.

In the men’s longboard division, Chris Reeves secured a second-place finish. Kenny Richards took third and Chris McMann finished fourth.

Kenny Richards became Conference Champion in the men’s longboard competition and Josh Hoffman became Conference Champion in the body board competition.

UCF Surf Club has been riding high for nearly 30 years, with trophies displayed in Millicent Hall that date back to the 1950s.

Last year they placed 12th in the country and in 2001 they placed two teams among the top 10 in the nation.

But this year’s win in the invitational-only tournament, while bringing more than 400 of the region’s best surfers to Sebastian Inlet in Central Florida, was no less gratifying than their past victories.

Competing in the tournament were schools from as far away as Virginia, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and neighboring schools such as Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University and the University of Florida. Despite disappointing waves of only 2 foot glass with 3 foot sets, the team from UCF finished the first day ahead by 7 points and staved off their opponents to capture the title.
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Losing your security deposit or being overcharged for damages at rentals around UCF is quite common. Here are 5 steps to “secure” a chance of getting some or all of your deposit back and not be overcharged:

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✓ PICTURES
  o After you move out your belongings and clean, take dated photos of your apartment including bedroom, bath and common areas, even the inside and outside of cabinets and appliances. Photograph all furniture that was provided by the landlord.

✓ PAPER
  o Do a move-out inspection with the landlord, or at least, get a copy of your move-in inspection sheet before you leave.

✓ KEYS & ADDRESS
  o Get a dated receipt for turning in your keys, or mail them by certified mail. Do NOT ever leave your keys in your apartment when you move out. Avoid using a drop box to return them, if possible.
  o Leave your forwarding address, in writing. Be sure it is noted in your lease file, or mail it to the landlord within 30 days after you move out, by certified mail.

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Big problems under the big top

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dressed in a clown outfit beating a drum, provided the most distin-
guishing sound of protest. A sign taped to his back read: "Dolt
Drums, not animals."

Animals are forced to per-
form silly, meaningless tricks for
entertainment dollars," he said.

"As much fun as the circus
may seem to be for people, it is no
fun for the animals," said Wilson,
who became an animal activist in
1986 after seeing a slaughterhouse
video.

The fight for animal rights
attracted students as well, includ-
ing junior Jeryn Stuart, Stuart, 20,
became interested in combating
animal abuse after researching
the topic on the Internet.

"Elephants are our main con-
cern because they are socially
structured animals in the wild," she said. "I don't understand
how people can be tearing apart a fami-
lie structure like that and think it's
right."

AARF considers a circus be-
gin the most powerful weapon
against animal cruelty.

Wilson believes circuses use
animals because they cost less
than human performers.

Animals do not get paid to per-
form, and the food costs little," Wilson said.

Wilson points to U.S.
Department of Agriculture reports
— that have documented circuses
who have provided improper va-
tinary care to their animal per-
formers — as proof that animals
are regularly abused in circuses.

The Royal Hanneford Circus, which is
responsible for the animal perform-
ers in the Shrine Shrine Circus, was
cited at least three times by the
USDA for animal neglect.

November 2000, USDA
inspectors cited the circus for failing
provide adequate veteri-
ary care.

Eight months earlier, an ele-
phant in the circus tested positive
for tuberculosis. In February 1998,
an elephant in the circus mauled
through the audience causing
pain and injury.

"If they did care for the ani-
mas, then these animals would be
getting better veterinary care," Wilson said.

But what troubles AARF
members most is the tools that the
trainers use on the animals to force
them to perform. An example is the
bull hook, which is used to train the
elephants. Trainers also use whips
on horses and elephants.

"The Royal Hanneford
Center would not confirm or deny
the accusations of animal neglect.

"They have their own opinion,
and we have ours," said Jerry
Higgenson, president of the Shrine.

Other circus officials said the
profits benefited charitable or-
nizations, including the Shrine's
Hospitals for Children, which pro-
vide free orthopedic and burn
care to children under 18.

The circus is here mainly to
help the community by bringing
the handicapped, said Candy
Gillespie, a Shrine Circus staff
member.

Wilson was skeptical.

"A lot of people believe they are
doing a good thing, but the money
that is raised does not necessarily
help the hospitals. Instead it goes
to the Shrine organization," he said.

— Staff Writer Katrina Wagner
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Cuban government attacks librarians

**Picture 3**

A request for the renewal of the U.S. and British government programs and events. They also said they would not allow officials from the United States or Britain on the university campus.

Because the faculty protest at jamia Millia was not sanctioned by university officials, the move was considered to be largely symbolic. The boycott called for by the vice-chancellor in West Bengal, however, is expected to have more teeth.

**Book bondage**

The Cuban government's escalating crackdown on political dissidents has dealt a serious blow to the independent-library movement on the island, which has become a key source of information for Cuban scholars since the emergence in 1998. The movement's founders, focused on assessing the government's threat and vulnerability, said they were "working with a foreign power to undermine the government." A reference to their relationship with American diplomats on the island.

The U.S. Interests Section in Havana has openly supported the independent libraries, providing them with thousands of books over the past four years. Delgado said there were 162 libraries operating throughout Cuba, most consisting of small book collections in the backrooms of someone's house. The libraries are viewed as a threat by the Cuban government, since many house political books and journals that are not available in public libraries and which it deems counterrevolutionary.

The movement's founders, Berta Mexidor and Ramon Delgado, both former university professors, fled to Miami last year, claiming harassment by Cuban authorities. But until last month, Cuban officials had mostly left the movement alone.

The government says the librarians were arrested for their political activities, not because of their book collections. But critics cite the routine seizure of books intended for the libraries as a sign of the government's disinterest in the movement.

**Homeland security priorities**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to offer fellowships to graduate students, Under Secretary Charles E. McQueary told members of a House Appropriations Subcommittees on Homeland Security in a detailed budget request for the 2004 fiscal year.

McQueary, who was confirmed this week as head of the department's science-and-technology division, provided the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security with a detailed budget request for the 2004 fiscal year.

McQueary's unit will administer the bulk of the department's research-and-development funds to universities and corporations. Included in his request is $80 million for homeland-security fellowships and university programs.

McQueary said the department will establish universities centers to add to the homeland-security research-and-development effort. However, he did not provide details on how those centers would be chosen or how much money each would receive.

Rep. Martin G. Sabo, the senior Democrat on the subcommittee, asked why Congress should support a homeland-security fellowship program that is relatively small, when similar programs at other agencies are much larger.

McQueary, a former defense contractor who received a fellowship from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration early in his career, said the department wanted to see how heavy demand was for the program and, if necessary, would return to the subcommittee seeking a larger amount in the future. Since the appropriations process for the 2004 fiscal year will not end until after the 2003-4 academic year has begun, the fellowship program would probably not be in place until the following year.

Much of the science-and-technology division's efforts have focused on assessing the government's current homeland-security capabilities and determining the breadth of existing federally financed research projects relevant to homeland security that are administered by other agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Energy.

To that end, McQueary detailed how the agency would spend its requested $805 million for biological countermeasures, $817 million for radiological and nuclear countermeasures, $86 million for threat and vulnerability tests and assessment, and $18 million for chemical countermeasures. The department plans to spend about 10 percent of its total research-and-development budget on basic research, the type most commonly conducted by universities.
OUR STANCE:

Iraq needs U.S. help now most

N ow that the war is almost over, the United States needs to act properly to ensure the sustainability of Iraq as an independent nation and rebuild the many international bridges it has burned through the march to war. The United States will have to invest a substantial amount of time and money in Iraq without help from the rest of the world. Thus, the United States must back any and all representatives of the Iraqi people as they strive to rebuild their land.

Unlike the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, where America won a relatively easy victory over the Taliban, and then largely deserted the country, the United States needs to stabilize Iraq and help it build a democratic government. We cannot hit-and-run Iraq like we did Afghanistan.

The U.S. leaders must act in a manner that puts the world at ease. We angered many nations by waging war against Iraq without the support of the U.N. Security Council. We need to mend ties with former allies, such as France, Germany and Russia, and reassure these countries that their opinions still matter to us. The United States must demonstrate a willingness to act in a multilateral fashion, as opposed to the unilateral approach it took regarding Iraq.

More importantly, the United States needs to ensure the rest of the Arab and Muslim worlds that this nation has not waged war on Islam. The war with Iraq came against the wishes of the leaders of the Arab and Muslim worlds.

Many Arabs and Muslims do not trust our country because they feel that we declared war on the Islam religion rather than on Iraq's tyrannical dictators. How the United States acts in regards to Syria, Iran or any other Muslim nation on President Bush's hit list, and how it handles Iraq after the war, will have a huge impact on the way Muslims around the world perceive the United States.

Besides helping Iraq rebuild its infrastructure and transition to democratic government, the United States should step down its rhetoric toward the Muslim world. Rather than threatening countries like Iran and Syria, our nation should step back and try diplomacy as a way of resolving differences. Rushing into another war is not the answer.

OUR STANCE:

Public is giving peaceniks bad name

W ell before the United States launched its war with Iraq, peace activists had organized a diplomatic solution to the crisis with Iraq. As war neared, the activists organized themselves and protested in major cities around the world, marching for peace. These modern peace activists opposed war, and for expressing their concerns, they received labels that defiled their logic.

Our hawks, combating themselves pro-American and other positive adjectives, manipulated the public's perception of the anti-war activists. Naturally, if war supporters portray themselves as pro-America, then war opponents must be anti-American. Almost overnight, pacifists became terrorists because they did not support a pro-war empire. The anti-war faction became further marginalized and smeared as a result.

Recently, as UC-Irvine's pro-Iraqi, Campus Peace Action, have tried to practice their constitutional right to free speech. A few peace activist students have tried to silence them. Members of Campus Peace Action have been targeted as targets of many pro-Iraqi rallies and verbal threats.

It seems that the public, in its support of war, does not want to hear any opposition to its views. People have not only tried to silence peace activists, but also celebrities who have voiced opposition to war. When a member of the Eddie Chicks made disparaging comments about President Bush, the public and the press demonized the country-pop trio.

Filmmaker Michael Moore was booed off the stage at the Academy Awards for criticizing President Bush as Moore delivered his verbal jabs while accepting an Oscar for Criticizing the War. It is absurd how the United States acts in regards to Syria, Iran or any other Muslim nation on President Bush's hit list, and how it handles Iraq after the war, will have a huge impact on the way Muslims around the world perceive the United States.

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Letters to the Editor

Good-bye, Cypress Gardens...

Dear Editor:

Tolerance is the American way

After reading Alex Batxock's story "Iraq for peace," published April 18, and subsequently his support rally in behalf of Campus Peace Action, I have to ask the organizers, participants and anyone following the following question: "Why do we want to expose our nation's support for a American war, when we are just put down the voices of our peers?"

I have the same question because it is insane. How do students side the students for almost the nation have a sound of 300 supporters. The comparison is shocking when you consider that the current "student crowd" present into the rally, the one we went there, "tell support our troops while fighting and bring the army, no matter what the reason," in "Florida." Those who say nothing are enough to the military and any talk on American war.

I did not want to disturb the students who organ- ized the event, because they own political movement, though it may conflict with my own. I did want to support the students and speakers the following of figurehead Americans whose defiance of our nation has not waged war on Islam. The war with Iraq came against the wishes of the leaders of the Arab and Muslim worlds.

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MORE ABOUT

Peace demonstrators didn't rain on pro-troop rally

I am writing in response to Alex Batxock's article "Iraq for peace," published April 18. I would like to set the record straight regarding what happened during the Pro-Troops rally last Tuesday.

As a co-organizer and officer of the event, I believe that Mr. Batxock's article, although partly true, misrepresented what actually took place. Mr. Batxock states, "A couple demonstration described their rally as a pro-war effort, and they didn't support our nation's military."

In fact, I want to thank Campus Peace Action for helping our efforts. Instead of a rally, they provided a base of support that brought three people together. Campus Peace Action just proved that they are not using the military in their anti-war efforts, and I fully support them in their cause and allow them to continue to do what they can to further support our nation and troops.

Mr. Batxock suggests that you report the real news of the anti-war movement and the pro-troop peace people. More about on our unit.

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"Be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." -WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
**Letters to the Editor**

**Protestors guaranteed the right to be stupid**

This letter is regarding the article "Taking for Grants" by Alex Babok, published April 3.

The soreness should have kicked in after the demonstration butts in the typical rally last Sunday. The restlessness of today's "guarantine" movement in America is a different than the "freedom" movement we witnessed in 1960. The traditional American citizens can't tell the difference between "freedom" and "guarantine." The latter is more appropriate.

The first amendment allows every American to express themselves. This guarantee is the cornerstone of American citizenship and the core of "freedom." Freedom does not mean the right to express any view, whether right or wrong. Freedom of speech is not the same as freedom of expression. Freedom of expression includes the right to publish, but it does not include the right to publish lies.

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Team game brought Romanian Bradu to U.S.

MATT BETHON
STAFF WRITER

For many college students, the first year is full of many challenges, especially academically. The transition from high school to college level courses is often a difficult one. But not for Catalin Bradu.

Bradu is a Romanian All-Conference tennis player, growing up in Romania challenged his mind. His first two years of school here were a breeze. He was a member of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team as a freshman.

"It is much more intensive there," Bradu said. "Like what I studied there in seventh or eighth grade you study here in college. Especially the sciences. Physics, math and chemistry you start studying from a really low grade."

Bradu, now a junior, admits that while he may have had an easy time hitting the books, learning the English language was a different story. Though he had studied the language intensively in Romania and became pretty familiar with it, he still had to learn his mind to think in the language.

"I had to study a lot of the language," he said. "At the beginning I was translating everything in Romanian and solving problems and stuff."

"He also had to learn to adjust to the culture. He didn't like American at first, and contemplated moving back home.

"Everything is different and much more civilized," he said. "It's much more..."
No. 14 FSU sneaks by the Knights

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struck out. Pysha Simmons walked, loading the bases. The Gators then went to their bullpen, replacing starting pitcher Veronica Davis with Kera Ross, who entered the game with a 14-3 record and 1.05 ERA.

Ross immediately struck out Capp, but then everything went downhill for Jacksonville State's ace. She gave up a RBI single to Green and walked Linda Oakley, narrowing the lead to 5-4. She immediately got ahead of Lindsay Bush 0-2, but Bush battled back to even the count before hitting a sharp line drive single to left field to tie the game. With the bases still loaded Shinkhoster singled to right field, scoring Nikki Green and giving UCF a 6-5 win.

"This was a huge win for us," Coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said. "They came through when they needed too. They can use that later on in the season if they're down. Now they know they can come back."

The win was the seventh time this season that UCF has won in its last at bat. Bush sparked at the plate, going 4-for-4 with three RBIs. Capp picked up the win and improved to 14-16, striking out seven. Ross got the blown save and the loss, dropping to 14-4.

In the second game the Knights used Taylor Sawyer's arm and glove to put together a 5-0 win. Sawyer pitched the complete game and struck out six, but it was her quickness in the field that proved to be her most valuable trait on the afternoon. In the third inning the Gamecocks loaded the bases with no outs before Sawyer retired three straight batters to get out of the jam. She fielded a trickling ground out and flipped it home before Tracey Smith could score, and then struck out the next two JSU batters.

In the fifth inning with a runner on, Sawyer caught a line drive off Jessica Ford's bat and threw to first for the double play. She then made an incredible catch one batter later when Veronica Davis smoked a line drive right at her head. Sawyer finished the game with six strikeouts, two putouts and six assists. She improved to 13-10 on the season.

"She had a heck of a defensive game," Luers-Gillispie said.

The Golden Knights got all the offense they would need in the fourth inning when Jen Whiteley launched a home run to left field. UCF pushed its lead to 6-0 in the fifth when Lindsey Bush picked up her fourth RBI and fifth hit of the day off of a single. The Knights added three more in the sixth inning off a Whiteley RBI double and a mammoth two-run homerun by shortstop Stephanie Best.

"We showed a lot of character coming back in that first game, and it gave us all the momentum going into the second," Sawyer said. "Everyone really came together."

The wins overshadowed two tough losses to nationally ranked Florida State earlier in the week. The Knights dropped both games of their doubleheader to the 14th ranked Seminoles by a combined score of 4-1. Luers-Gillispie said that the two tough losses didn't dampen the team's confidence.

"I think it really helped their confidence to know that they could play against anybody," Luers-Gillispie said. "They showed it in that first game."

With the wins over Jacksonville State, UCF improved its overall record to 37-25, but more importantly, 14-3 in Atlantic Sun Conference play. The Knights hosted Atlantic Sun rival Jacksonville University on Sunday in a doubleheader. Details will be in Thursday's edition of The Future.
Belmont takes A-Sun series from UCF

At least you won the third game of a series. That was about the only positive that came out of an otherwise disastrous weekend for the UCF baseball team.

The Knights traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to take on Atlantic Sun foe Belmont, already losers of two straight. They promptly dropped the first two games of the series in completely opposite ways before bringing it all together for the third and final game to salvage what was left of yet another disappointing conference series.

The series opened Friday with UCF losing a high-scoring 7-6 ballgame in the bottom of the ninth inning, then building things to un reel for easier.

For the second straight start, the previously solid Taylor Cobb got rocked. After Ryan Bum hit his team-leading fourth home run of the season to put the Knights up 1-0 in the second inning, Cobb gave back two runs in the bottom of the frame.

Dan Stovall got the Beams first run when UCF shortstop Jon Butera and Bear double with two outs and brought home Wallace with a single of his own that knoled the game at six.

But UCF could do no more damage, and men on first and second one out in the bottom of the ninth. UCF Coa ch Jay Bergman brought in bullpen ace Kyle Bono to face Stovall. The Belmont first baseman hit the first offering from Bono into shallow right field, just in front of a diving Brown, for the win.

Will Tucker got the relief in relief for the Beams, improving to 2-1. Von Daniel Erdmett earned the loss for UCF, failing to 3-4.

As with most conference series, Saturday consisted of two seven-inning contests, and likely the first game was a complete game from Mark Michael. The sen ior did his thing again, going the whole way for the Knights and giving up just one run on three hits and two walks while striking out four. Unfortunately his counterparts did even better, as Shane Ham and Tucker combined for a four-hit shutout at UCF 1-0 and lost for a season-high fourth straight game.

Michael retired the first 11 batters he faced and needed just 22 pitches to do it, but gave up consecutive doubles to Jassen Varpool and Stovall in the fourth inning. That proved to be all the scoring necessary as the Knight bats did little against the Belmont duo. They put two on with two outs in the sixth and seventh innings, but neither Ryan Bono in the sixth nor David Mann in the seventh could get the big hit to the games.

Michael took a hard-luck loss despite his fourth straight complete game — all seven-inning games — and fell to 6-2. Bono got the win, making him 8-2 as well.

Finally everything worked in harmony in the third game, as UCF got 15 hits and won 10-4. The Knights had gone just 2-3 in the final three innings of Friday and Saturday and three relievers. The biggest outburst was a four-run first, where UCF scored on Bono doubles from Butera and Bear and a wild pitch.

Berti Lincoln Nichols was mostly solid outside of a three-run ninth inning, going six innings and allowing four runs on seven hits and two walks. He retired the first and got the win, moving to 2-0. Bono got tagged with loss, falling to 0-2.

Bono (5-for-10, four RBIs), Bear (6-for-11, four RBIs), Timpner (3-for-8), three runs scored, Wallace (4-for-8), Butera (4-for-10), two RBIs, and Dave Lambert (3-for-10) all had solid offensive series for the Knights.

Overall UCF finished the weekend 2-3, but just 8-7 in the A-Sun. Belmont, on the other hand, is just 17-13 overall but owns a 13-8 conference record. That suits the Knights, two-time defending conference champions, in seventh place with a home series against Jacksonville Florida State opening up this weekend. Only the top six teams make the A-Sun Tournament. They also take on South Florida, a team that has beaten them in Tampa twice over the past two weekends, at home 7 pm Thursday.

Notes

Schriitcher moved past pitching coach Craig Conant into sixth place on the school's all-time strikeouts list with two in Friday's game. The senior now has 264 K's in 166 1/3 innings, second all-time UCF.

Brown has a .9-game hitting streak ...

Butera tied a career-high with three hits in
Pulled their weight and contributed to successful streak

Men’s golf finishes third at Wofford Invite

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want to perform their best to help boost team morale, among other things.

I am very optimistic about our chances in the championship. We have been playing solid golf lately and I expect us to perform very well against the best teams in our conference," Cilibrard said.

The Knights are especially looking forward to such A-Sun opponents as Jacksonville State, Florida Atlantic and Campbell. UCF has struggled against all three teams this year.

Team members Jonathan Fransson, Andreas Hoegberg, Kevin Kahle, Matt LeCorche, Sonny Nikkhem, Ben Osbruch, Barry Rod and Stefan Wistur are all very optimistic about their chances in this year’s tournament, as they try to get UCF back to the NCAA regional tournament for the first time since 1996.

Last year at the A-Sun Championships the Knights finished in fourth place behind Jacksonville State, Georgia State and Campbell. Only 10 shots separated the top four teams, while Stetson finished fifth, 15 shots behind UCF.

The Knights are coming off a third place finish over the weekend at the Wofford Invitational in South Carolina. They shot a 387 in the weather-shortened two-round event, finishing just seven strokes behind champion UNCW-Wilmington. Whittorf, a freshman, had UCF’s best finish of the tournament, finishing in a tie for fourth with a 144. Root was right behind him with a 146 in a tie for seventh.

Hoegberg, a member of last season’s A-Sun All-Freshman team, finished two shots behind Root in a tie for 14th. The Knights entered the week looking to tie for the lead after winning the first round after shooting an even-par 288.

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USF ends Knights’ 17-match streak

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all he said.

With their current record (17-0) and level of play this season, the idea of taking home the big win doesn’t seem that far-fetched. The Knights just snapped a 17-game winning streak after losing to No. 30 University of South Florida on Saturday in their final regular season match of the season. This was the first time the Knights saw defeat since Jan. 25. Better for the Knights to have ended the streak during regular play instead of this week.

UCF has a strong, experienced group of players who will no doubt fight to the finish. Juniors Catalin Bratu and Gabriel Stryknberg have the stability and endurance to help attain wins in the singles category. Bratu is 15-4 overall playing at the No. 1 spot while Stryknberg is 13-5 at No. 2. In doubles play the duo of Bratu and classmate Antonio Sierra are 15-4 overall at the No. 1 spot. Also impressive is the last team of sophomore Simon Jaeger and senior Augusto Saulo who are 11-5 at the No. 2 spot. However, Cilibrard believes that everyone has pulled their weight and will contribute to an A-Sun victory.

"People have stepped up in certain matches and helped out, but everyone has contributed and that’s what we do," Cilibrard said.

Fresh off of their first taste of defeat in about three months, these Knights should be hungry for a victory that the program has never experienced before.

The A-Sun Tournament, hosted by Stetson University, will begin this Wednesday and run through Saturday at the Mandy Stoll Tennis Center & Cummings Tennis Center in DeLand.

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Bratu looking for revenge in tourney

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was a shock at the beginning, but now I’m used to it. Everything is routine to me." Growing up in Romania, Bratu started playing tennis at a young age. He was ranked No. 17 in Romania’s under-division. He chose to come to America because he wanted the chance to be a part of a team.

"Tennis over there is really an individual sport, here it’s team," he said. "I like being on a team much more, I don’t like traveling alone!"

Bratu has been one of the catalysts behind the Knights’ recent 17-match win streak. He has an individual record of 22-6 this year, and has teamed up with teammate Antonio Sierra to post a 19-6 doubles record. He is looking forward to the upcoming A-Sun Tournament as a chance to take revenge on conference foe Georgia State, who upset the Golden Knights in last year’s conference finals.

"We’re already kind of taken revenge by beating them this year at their place," he said. "It was a pretty good win for us but not enough. We still want to take revenge in the tournament. We’re ready for it."
UCF football bolsters roster with junior college additions

UCF Coach Mike Kruczek announced Friday an addition to the 2003 recruiting class with the signing of offensive lineman Adam Toeniskoetter from De Anza Community College in California. The 6-6, 310-pound Toeniskoetter played defensive tackle last season at De Anza, but is projected to play guard for the Golden Knights. He is the fourth offensive lineman recruited by the Knights, who are looking to replace three starters across the offensive line. Toeniskoetter is also the second offensive line recruit in two years from De Anza, as former teammate and current UCF player David Ashkinaz also played for the Lumberjacks. Ashkinaz, who plays left guard, is the only returning offensive lineman to start in all 12 games for the Knights last season.

Toeniskoetter is the second junior college player to be inked by UCF following the traditional signing period, as the Knights have also added punter Scott Sevin to their roster.

The most exciting 4on4 flag football tournament took place last Monday night in the Rec Center. With eight weight classes left excitement started building for those twelve wrestlers. In the 149-pound class Anthony Fyock came out of nowhere beating Chad Dombeck and then starting a winning streak in the heavyweight class, beating Ryan Flinn. Last season Flinn finished with a 41.5-yard average and was named a Second-Team All-MAC selection.

College football

Four intramural sports end this week

Wrestlemania

The annual intramural wrestling tournament took place last Monday night in the Recreation and Wellness Center. It didn’t have quite the same atmosphere as WWE, but it was definitely entertaining. With eight weight classes came eight winners. In the lightweight division, 141 pounds, John Martin took out Chris Pelatti in the finals 10-2. With only five contenders in the 149-pound weight class, Darren Mathais barely beat Matt Breck, 3-2. Carlo Rivera won the 157-pound weight class, beating Jacob Dombeck, 4-1. Finally in the heavyweight division 184 pounds, John Martin took out Chad Dombeck, 4-1. Congratulations to all eight winners.

It’s tourney time

March Madness is over, but the intramural sports tournaments are just getting underway. Floor hockey sand volleyball, four-on-four flag football and softball all finish their tournaments this week. Get out to the fields, or into the Rec Center to watch your favorite teams and root for the underdogs in our upcoming tournaments.

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Behind the music industry
Find out who could be the next groups to rock across America

JEFF JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Before 2002 and the advent of the Florida Music Festival, rock musicians indigenous to The City Beautiful had a tough time convincing representatives from large record companies Atlantic and RCA.

For a new band, gaining the attention of label reps is the opportunity of a lifetime and an integral step in the process of becoming a multi-platinum, record-selling superstar.

FMP creator Sean Perry had this in mind when he started the music conference last year.

Aiding prominent label representatives for three days to meet and seek the city’s considerable talent pool in a flurry of performances and parties — all within walking distance of each other in downtown Orlando — gave independent artists and managers a chance to socialize with the music industry in hopes of landing a future record deal.

While the reality is that most bands at the FMP do not go on to be the next Matchbox 20 or Creed, it is almost assured that a few get signed each year.

So what exactly were this year’s label representatives looking for? This is the question that was on the minds of all aspiring artists and managers alike during the weekend showcase.

The answer has much to do with genre, talent, age and song craftsmanship — but necessarily in that order.

Label representatives use the festival as a litmus test to see how audiences respond to a band and their stage performance. Sometimes, a band’s well-received festival performance can lead to a coveted record deal.

Last year, music industry veterans Steve Robertson of Atlantic Records worked with native Florida band Standstill, signed them to a demo deal and was considering a larger contract.

After seeing their performance at the FMP, he was convinced of their talent.

“The FMP is a good proving ground for bands that I am interested in,” Robertson said.

Students turn up volume, brain power

Will turning on tunes increase your GPA?
MIKE RIEGEL
STAFF WRITER

The sound of studying is changing. Many students are discovering the old philosophy of tranquility and silence is not only less appealing, but even counter-productive.

“When the music comes on, so does my brain,” said freshman Brad Flaherty, 18, seated at one of the open study areas on the second floor of UCF’s campus library.

With headphones still covering one ear and Linkin Park pouring from the exposed speaker, Flaherty explained the seemingly ironic notion of going to the library in search of a good environment.

“All the resources are here [in the library], but I can’t sit in silence and read about biology without yawning or nodding off every few minutes,” he said.

Without being aware of it, Flaherty was helping to corroborate what author Don Campbell wrote in his book, “The Music Effect.” Campbell, a faculty member at the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colo., has conducted extensive research into the effects music has on different age groups, including college students.

Campbell’s studies found that students who listened to the classical composer before engaging in various IQ tests scored higher than those who didn’t listen to any music.

While Linkin Park and Mozart may not be comparable styles of music, Campbell says the musical genre is not the most prominent factor in determining the overall effectiveness.

Campbell asserts that simply hearing the melody and organizational patterns of music will activate portions of the brain that normally go unused during “quiet study sessions.”

Memory, both long and short-term, also increases as a direct result of listening to music while studying, and many people will associate a particular song with a specific memory.

“Maybe instead of the library, we should have some place loud to go and study,” said sophomore Jessica Lowe, 19.

Pushing the limits of good taste

Knightcath’s prime time

Thursdays are filled with gags and hilariously concocted stunts

ALEX BARCOCK
STAFF WRITER

Live on the Web Thursday night, a UCF student won a bet and lost a battle. He owed his challenger an apology and the respect a man deserves when he can keep down a blender full of coffee grounds, cock­tail sauce and a handful of other random ingredients from a 7-Eleven.

This challenge occurred not in a dorm room or at a frat house, but at Knightcast studio, home of UCF’s official student-run radio station.

Broadcasted every Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., “The Manly Oracle,” a show that combines Jackson-style stunts and Saturday Night Live sketch comedy, is known for its extreme, and sometimes gut-testing, spectacles.

Junior C.J. Hinckley, 21, could have easily kept his mouth shut and avoided the displeasure of drinking the blender-full of mess. As the show’s legal counsel, Hinckley usually gives the cast advice on how to avoid lawsuits. He also helps write and record sketches that play periodically throughout the show, but he’s never done a stunt before.

After watching a cast member “pulp up” Pulp Soup — a disgust­ing concoction from the show’s “Best Kitchen” blasts, Hinckley thought he could take down something worse, and keep it in his stomach.

Freshman Steve Alexander, 19,
THIS WEEK

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7 pm VUCF Canned Food Drive at UCF Baseball game vs. USF, Jay Bergman Field.

Wed Apr 16
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Sat Apr 19
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Studies show that 70 percent of college-age smokers say they want to quit, and like you, more than 60 percent have tried to quit at least once. Quitting smoking is very difficult for many smokers, given the highly addictive nature of nicotine. In addition, the repetitive behaviors that become associated with smoking have been reinforced countless times, even in a relatively young smoker. Fortunately you are at UCF, where a full slate of smoking cessation services is available. First you should schedule a visit with me or another Student Health Services provider to review the steps to becoming smoke-free.

Set a definite quit date. Often a meaningful date such as a birthday or anniversary provides increased motivation. Quitter support for smoking cessation, let friends and family know about the decision to quit on a certain date and ask for their help and support. It is helpful to enroll in a formal smoking cessation program. There is a free Nicotine Anonymous program at Florida Hospital. Please call (407) 303-7292. "Break the Chain" is another successful smoking cessation program. Please call (407) 394-6590 ext. 5550.

Prepare the environment by removing cigarettes, ashtrays, etc. from the home, office and car. Ask others not to smoke in your presence. Recommend a plan to avoid triggers that you associate with smoking. Avoid alcohol because drinking lowers inhibitions and can cause relapse.

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‘Oracle’ boasts the largest of the radio station’s casts

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known-on-air as Steve Keisvel, consumed a similar shuffle on a previous show. As the show’s host, Alexander wears a red, white and blue headband, a silver dollar on his right hand and a vest made from duct tape. Something he says took him two hours to make while working at Target.

Feasting through gold-rimmed, brown-tinted glasses, Steve Alexander mentions that the shaker he drank consisted of locally printed, year-and-a-half old chocolate and toothpaste.

Senior Tom Alexander, 21, Steve’s brother, co-founded “The Manly Oracle” at the start of the Spring 2002 semester.

As he broker, he says the show’s late night slot appropriately safeguards the public from their lowbrow humor habit.

Leveraging further into the depths of tastelessness will be a pornographic film review and a weed of the week, hardening back in the afternoon. Tonight’s show “stuffed” plenty of alcohol consumption.

If the listeners paid attention.

And now one fine the walls in Knightnell’s single-student facility. Storage, studio and production all in this small space.

The studio fills the front office in a building that otherwise could be a pornographic film review.

Just north of the Recreation and Wellness Center, “The Manly Oracle” broadcasts from a brick structure marked with a plain black-and-white sign reading “Knightnell Center.”

Within its unremarked glass doors, a cast of about eight characters, or so it would seem, is on this week’s even.

Other members include co-host junior Evan Turner, 21, and junior “Speedy” Mike Robbins.

Not only does the show have the biggest cast of the 40 or so stations on Knightnell, Tom Alexander claims it also has the highest ratings, with about 40 regular listeners.

For Internet radio. Tom Alexander says, this is phenomenal.

“So you’re feeling a little queasy already, am I right?” Tom Alexander says to Hinckley as he prepares the nearly toxic beverage he’s seen consume.

Complementing the live banter between Alexander and Turner are regular entertainment reviews by Steve Alexander and junior Noel Bartoo, 21.

Bartoo, along with junior “Doctor” Corey Cochran, 21, writes for the show. Cochran also handles interaction with the fans through chat windows on a computer at the back of the studio, opposite the main desk where Tom Alexander and Turner man the microphones.

“Alexander’s Oracle” public relations director and Tom Alexander’s girlfriend, senior Melissa Lancia, 20, sits next to Cochran during the show. She manages promotions for the show, e-mailing fans and trying to get guests on air.

The cast has already interviewed the voice of Space Ghost, from Cartoon Network’s Space Ghost Coast to Coast series. They also talked late to Brooke Campbell, a horror genre movie star. Lancia’s current wish list includes Kevin Smith and Caroll Spin.

Tonight though, the show focuses on what even Hinckley now says was a mistake. The drink sits ready to go, after fighting with the blender still too thick to be served. While it looks like a light brown milkshake, it smells of coffee grounds that make up most of its consistence.

“Steve Alexander and Turner step away from their desks and toward Hinckley. It’s time for a review.”

A chant of “Chug! Chug!” rises up in the room, as ink stains the sink. Hinckley takes a sip, and the room walls for a reaction. “Aight,” says he, as brown tan to his lips. One come down, bil to go.

Stunts on the show do a lot for publicity, Tom Alexander says. As the shaman, Steve Alexander has endured baseball bat beatings, been pelted with eggs on Halloween, pretended to lose control in a Wendy’s and suffered three concussions.

Though his stunts are Jackson-like, he boasts that none have been attempted on the popular TV show- turned- movie, and he always checks to be sure before he performs a new one.

A pre-recorded sketch about a psychic pizza delivery group plays on-air. To prepare for the show each week, the cast holds several meetings, where they write and record.

Even when they’re not all together, Tom Alexander says members of the show constantly hang around with each other, bonding over food and music.

Four of the show’s cast members, Tom and Steve Alexander, Cochran and Turner, grew up together in New Port Richey, Florida. They’ve known each other for over 10 years, and now, with the rest of the cast, they get along like family.

The show rolls on, with occasional requisite for the DJs, provided by rock songs. “Some of the music and all of the sound effects the show employs come from Steve Alexander’s personal laptop, which he uses to both record and edit the content of the show.”

This week, Alexander enunciates the secondary title of show producer

“Back from one of 12 breaks during their two hours on-air, Steve Alexander does his pornography review, something he says is his own brain child.

During the review, with Hinckley only about a fifth of the way through his pitcher he loses it.

Mousos streams from his face, his chins drop with the con-

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CSULB students turned music hangout into study lounge

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The UCF Student Union, while it could certainly be considered "loud," is not a source of musical noise, but rather a fantastic intertwining of different conversations.

Our lounge, at least one college that has embraced — or stumbled upon — a similar idea.

California State University at Long Beach in an effort to invigorate the student experience, added a lounge for students to listen to music that is requested and played by a DJ.

Orlando representatives from CSULB can even rent CDs from the DJ's catalog and listen to them in private study rooms that come complete with portable CD players. To help pay for the added cost of the lounge, CSULB charges a small fee for both the requests and the CD rentals.

"I definitely go to a music lounge. If UCF had a place like that on campus," said freshman Ryan Veres, 19. "I have to study during the breaks between my classes, so I might as well be entertained while I do it.

With finals approaching fast and students looking to gain an advantage on the most stressful portion of the semester, some are turning towards their respective CD collections.

"Instead of drinking coffee and Mountain Dew by the gal­lon, the right music will help me stay awake and study longer," said sophomore Mike Warren, 19. "To eliminate noise you do what you’ve got to, but a good CD can take the edge off."

While many students endorse and enjoy listening to music while they study, it's still not the most effective method for everyone.

"I get distracted way too easily, especially if there's a lot of background noise from a television or stereo," said junior Tara Hanigan, 25.

"Yeah, I start singing and lose focus," said 24-year-old senior Danielle Flint, agreeing with Hanigan. "I need a quite environment to really concentrate and learn something."

Both in his research and his book, Campbell makes allowances for people with varying study habits. He claims that everyone is capable of determining their own optimum methods for learning and he avoids making blanket statements about what is best for everyone.

"His focus is how listening to music is a large part of the human condition, and not necessarily the academic distraction it was once believed to be.

Label representatives find young musicians more marketable

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Devra Wright, a representative from RCA Records with seven years experience in the music industry, agrees with the importance of watching a band's performance on stage.

"The first thing that draws me to a band is the music and how the songs affect me," she said. "The live show is important because they have to be able to deliver the music in a way that will excite the audience.

"While a sold out audience is a key ingredient to an entertaining rock show, not all music industry scouts trust the crowd's reaction in a competitive festival environment."

Michelle Oakes, a representative from the largest independent label in the country, TVT Records, does not rely on audience reaction to determine talent.

"Most of these conferences are filled up with industry people," she said. "And they would not respond differently to a good song or bad song because they do not want to show their cards to other industry people."

"Besides, the performance of quality songs, another factor that contributes to the making of a star. Now, more than ever, youth is a precious commodity in the realm of rock and roll."

[Musical] is a young person's business," Robertson said. "Because of marketability, Robertson prefers to have a band of musicians in their teens or early twenties. "This way you can have a long career with them if they are a hit act," he said.

Wright says that musicians in their twenties have the energy to make it in the music business. "Young bands just want to play all the time, but some older bands don't have the drive to play because they are burned out," she said.

A concern of many breaking bands is originality. With music too extreme to fit into a rotation on mainstream radio, some artists wonder if their creative sound will hinder label interest.

But many music scouts agree that they come to the PMG to find groups with a more youthful, cutting edge sound.

"Mostly, Orlando is known for its pop boy and girl bands, such as *NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys," Wright said. "That is why the PMG is being put on, to demonstrate that there does exist that great music in the southeast region.

Wright says that the music industry's tastes have changed over the past few years.

"Originally when I first started [scouting music talent], I probably would have said I was looking for pop rock acts, but now I would say punk and emo," she said.

Regardless of genre names, money, or music seems to be the deciding factor for label representatives.

They are looking for groups with the most potential investment for their company and are not willing to take many changes when it comes to signing a band. "I am not looking for the band that is going to sell hundreds of thousands of records. I am looking for the group that will go on to sell millions," Robertson said.

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