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Politicisns, professors debate status of civil rights

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

Sheyla Niaves

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 Leon Levy Institute Seminar 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 and Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist.

Crist commented the implications that emerging the nation post-9/11 has had on American civil liberties and local and state governments.

Congressional leaders mostly spoke about the need for lawmakers to set aside differences to create 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 is a search of your body or your automobile or your computer; changes based on the threat of domestic security.”

Examples of safeguards that have been implemented include strict airport security that calls for metal detector scans and individual cities to outlaw activities that do not allowicia.

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

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Comic illustration by Adrienne Forrest @ UCF

The SHA Senate decided Thursday to clear vice president Jeff Kirlew of impeachment charges allowing him to finish the final weeks of his term.

Senators decided to drop the charges that former presidential candidate Jeff Kirlew held against Kirlew nearly two months ago after Streep failed to appear on Thursday's senate meeting.

Streep's charges alleged that Kirlew had provoked a demonstration at a senate meeting, made slanderous remarks about Kirlew's Kappa Alpha fraternity and insulted a student by telling her to vote for him because she was black.

The senate ultimately decided to forgo further investigation because Streep had not produced any evidence that the senate could examine.

Jeff Streep didn't file any evidence with us, and he was not here to present the evidence against Kirlew,” said Legislative and Judicial Review.

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Animal activists organize circus boycott at UCF

Natalie Rodriguez

Equipped with signs making accusations of animal cruelty, members of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida protested the 80th annual Bahia Shrine Circus outside the UCF Arena this weekend in an effort to convince circus-goers to consider other forms of entertainment that do not exploit animals.

The ARF, an animal rights group based in Pembroke Pines, Fla., works to inform the public of events where it believes animal cruelty occurs. The ARF also sponsors legislation in Tallahassee and individual cities to outlaw activities it says subject animals to inhumane treatment.

Saturday, the Bahia Shrine Circus was the group’s focus. ARF members claim the circus has a history of animal abuse and mistreatment.

The animal rights activists protested outside the UCF Arena with signs of alleged video footage of behind-the-scenes maltreatment of animals at circuses.

ARFT member Bryan Wilson, Please see Big on 8

Animal rights activists display images of abused and neglected animals outside the Bahia Shrine Circus at the UCF Arena on Saturday and Sunday.

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Natalie Rodriguez, Staff Writer

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Prepaid college may bankrupt

Supporters of Florida's prepaid tuition program, the largest and most financially successful in the nation, are growing concerned about its sustainability. The program, which was launched in 1996, allows parents to purchase college plans for their children at a price that is supposed to lock in the current cost of higher education. However, with the rising cost of college, some are questioning the viability of the program in the long term.

About 800,000 children have a prepaid contract that allows parents of all income groups to pay current tuition rates regardless of when their children plan to attend college. That's one out of every four children in the state. More than half of those come from families with an annual income of less than $50,000. A family can now prepay the cost of four years of university tuition for a newborn for about $8,200, or 94% a month. But that could jump to $1230, under the House plan, according to prepaid program officials.

The prepaid program has a reserve of $20 billion, but House Speaker Will Weatherford has said it could lose over $1 billion in that with the first year. If the program runs into financial trouble, local college administrators could cover contracts for students within five years of going to college. Others will get the prepaid plan back with a 50 percent discount. As state legislators wrangle over how much to raise public university tuition this fall, thousands of parents throughout Florida are worried that the cost of a higher education may soon spiral out of their reach.

The Senate is proposing a 7.5 percent, across-the-board increase. The House has suggested universities be allowed to set their own tuition increases, up to 12.5 percent, which would put the average student about $220 more a year. When Gov. Jeb Bush backed his budget recommendations to the Legislature in January he suggested an across-the-board tuition increase of 7.5 percent and then up to 5 percent more.

No Americans allowed

Fourteen vice chancellors in India, critical of America's aggression on Iraq, have agreed that their universities boycott all educational programs sponsored or financed by the American and British governments. The decision, which has already led to the cancellation of an electronics conference that was to take place later this month at the University of North Bengal.

A group of students, led by vice chancellor of the University of North Bengal, said the administrators of all 14 universities in the Indian state of West Bengal were uniting to protest the invasion of Iraq.

Some individual universities in the state have taken even bolder steps. Faculty members of Jadavpur University, in Calcutta, signed a letter stating they will refuse to participate in all American government projects, and will even turn down endowed U.S.-financed scholarships and exchange programs.

Last month, more than 100 professors at Jamia Millia Islamia, in New Delhi, angry over the war in Iraq, signed a petition.

Kirkle vows to run for 2004 presidency

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

Streep said that he could not attend Thursday's senate meeting that is to a prior commitment he had with the 18th Army Alpha fraternity.

"I'd like to stay up to the senate meeting because I had some fraternal obligations which I left more important than attending the senate meeting," he said.

Streep 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 upset, showed Kirlew to a demonstration forcing senators to adjourn early.

"I tried getting videotape from the senate meeting, and I guess it had been erased or taped over," Streep said. He said he would not challenge the senate's decision to absolve Kirlew.

"The only has a couple more weeks in office, so I've decided to let him finish out his term," he said.

Kirlew has maintained the last two months that Streep'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.

"For those individuals who saw impeachment as a way from keeping an incoming student body president, I hope those individuals do not make that same mistake again," Kirlew said.

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Lawmakers: Gov. trying to design balanced policies

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Countries like Germany and Ireland, where soldiers with guns are seen at airports and in the population, have lower crime rates. Police say it creates a sense of security.

Despite the fact that the force is if we're not careful, America may be at that point where we're going to see police officers with guns walking around everywhere, in our schools, our churches, our libraries — which is some sort of control.

Local officials' concerns about the effects of Sept. 11 differed from those presented by congressional representatives. After Sept. 11, local governments had to impose emergency powers to conduct counter-terrorism units in place while taxpayers ended up footing the bill.

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

Despite this fiscal binder, Dyer said the heads of three Central Florida law enforcement agencies said it could create better communication lines, only not at the local level, but also between federal agencies.

Before local senators sent information to the FBI for example and received little or no information in return, said Davenport 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 Jerry Wells.

While most of the speakers assured audience members that they were careful to safeguard American secrets, Orlando resident Andrew Mason said he was concerned. The congressman's concerns about preserving civil liberties.

While they're talking about preventing a police state, they have one hand behind their back the other.

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.

Spending riches on recognition?

Mike Riegel

Staff Writer

There are times, however, when the attention is not so positive. Stemming from Purple-Crusoe, an online directory ofstudent relationships at the University of Florida, Gray is very aware that handling negative publicity is sometimes an integral part of her occupation.

Along with the cases there were five sexual murders at UF; there were hundreds of media on campus and dozens of remote satellite television outlets that followed the story.

While her staff here at UCF has yet to encounter a similar barrage of attention from the press, Gray said, "We will 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.

UCF professor Hassan Jabara's recent arrest was one of the first controversial incidents Gray has handled at UCF. Orlando Sentinel reporters, among others, called Gray's office to search for the university's official response to his arrest.

Gray's and her staff also make out-bound calls and reach out to media outlets about the outstanding achievements of UCF faculty, students and alumni.

After the war in Iraq began, media relations sent a list of UCF professors that

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For more on how to contact the University of Florida's Purple-Crusoe site, go to the home page of purple-crusoe.com.

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Wireless network to complete by fall

Hartman said: While many universities across the state are experimenting with their own wireless networks, the EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research issued a report that wireless connections in classrooms may serve as a distraction to students.

“While cellular phone inter­ruption in the classroom can, to some extent, be managed, the distraction of incoming e-mail may be a greater challenge. Students using laptops during class may be taking notes, but access to a wireless LAN makes it possible for them also to read and send e-mail,” the report said.

Senior Vice President Sokolof sees the report notes that, so far, distractions in the classrooms have not been a cause for major concern. The report states that only about 21 percent of institutions noted problems with students accessing non-permi­nent content during class.

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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."

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 $887,500, less than what the three other major universities — UF, Florida State University, 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 relations 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 schools can't afford summer courses, and in Palm Beach, 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.

James Katt, instructor in the School of Communication, agrees with Gray's assessment.

"The public nature of the university and its massive size are essential reasons for maintaining a public relations department, he said. "The public already has an image of [UCF], and we should try to mold it," he said.

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Surf team rides winning wave

LINDSEY ELLERBACH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With eleven individual hon­
ers and a team championship, the UCF Surf Club once again proved its East Coast dominance when it captured top honors at the National Scholastic Surfing Association Eastern Championships earlier this month. This placed the UCF Surf Club in first place in the East Coast Division.

"Winning this tournament means that we are still the best college team on the East Coast, continuing our winning tradition for the fifth straight year," said Surf Club president Dana Sansone.

UCF's Surf Club has been rid­
ing high for nearly 20 years, with triumphs displayed in Millican Hall that date back to the 1970s.

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 invi­
tion-only tournament, while it brought two schools from as far away as Virginia, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and neighboring schools such as Florida Atlantic, University of Florida State University and the University of Florida, did not come without 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 of Florida State University and the University of Florida. Despite disappointing waves of only 2 foot highs with 5 foot sets, the team from UCF fin­ished the first day ahead by 7 points and stared off their oppo­nents to capture the title.

UCF's win qualifies 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 in the spotlight as a real team for UCF and makes us the team to beat on the East Coast, said Surf Club Vice President and Team Captain Chris McCann.

UCF surfers claimed four of the top five spots in the men's shortboard contest. Todd Fowler captured first, Todd Fowler took second, Dan Guthrie secured third and Chris Fountain finished fifth.

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

In the men's longboard divi­sion, Chris Breeses secured a sec­ond-place finish. Kenny Richards took third and Chris McCann fin­ished fourth.

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

Shore surfing is not consid­
ered an official sport at UCF the Surf Club pays for much of its own equipment, training and competi­tion fees with the money they raise through monthly parties and concerts at the Liquid Cellar.

Their next concert will be held Saturday April 19 at the Liquid Cellar. UCF Surf Club meet­ings are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Underground Els, located between the Liquid Cellar and University Surf & Swim.

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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: “Drum
beating is not abuse.”

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
1996 after seeing a slaughterhouse
video.

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

“The animals are our main con-
cern because they are socially
structured creatures in the wild,”
she said. “I don’t understand
how people can be tearing apart a fami-
ly structure like that and think it’s
alright.”

AAFF considers a circus bey-
cont 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 vet-
inary care to their animal per-
formers — as proof that animals
are regularly abused in circuses.

The Royal Hawaiian 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.

In December of 2000, USDA
investigators cited the circus for
failing to provide adequate veteri-
ary care.

Eight months earlier, an ele-
phant in the circus tested positive
for tuberculosis. In February of 1999,
an elephant in the circus rampaged
through the audience causing panic
and injury.

“If they did care for the ani-
ma, these animals would be
getting better veterinary care,”
Wilson said.

But what troubles AAFF
members most is the tools that the
trainers use on the animals to force
them to perform. An example is the
drum hook, which is used to train
the elephants. Trainers also use whip-
s on horses and elephants.

Members of the BAFF Shriners
Center would not confirm or deny
d the accusations of animal neglect.

“They have their own opinion,
and we have ours,” said Jerry
Higginbotham, president of the Shriners.

Other circus officials said the
profits benefited charitable
organizations, including the Shriner
Shrine 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
people to the show, specifically to
tear down 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.

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Cuban government attacks librarians

The Cuban government’s continuing crackdown on political dissidents has dealt a serious blow to the independent-library movement on the island, which had become a key source of information for Cuban scholars since its emergence in 1998.

More than a dozen independent libraries were among the 36 dissidents sentenced on Monday to prison terms of 12 to 27 years, according to Gladys Delgado, director of the library movement. The dissidents were convicted of “working with a foreign power to undermine the government,” a reference to their close 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 102 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 of Representatives committee at a hearing last Thursday.

This was McQueary’s first appearance before Congress, and university advocates have been watching for signs of how those in academia could play a role in the research-and-development efforts of the new agency.

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 $10 million for homeland-security fellowships and university programs.

McQueary said the department will establish university centers to aid in 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 2004-05 academic year has begun, the fellowships 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, like the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Energy.

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Tolerance is the American way

Alan Johnson, a UCF's political science major...
Must See TV and other world matters

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"I want my Toward Freedom TV!"

No doubt this is what one of Iraq's citizens must have been thinking to themselves last Thursday, when President George W. Bush, not Saddam Hussein, appeared on their television sets to speak to a newly liberated population.

That, or they were thinking about the looting.

Bush, having been struck down by what appears to have been on their minds, they are now being introduced to one of the most stylish ideas of democracy and freedom we have enjoyed our entire lives — the boob tube. For a nation of people long confined by tyranny, that have experienced only their regime's propagandistic imagery, there's now a whole new set of propaganda for them to delight in.

Additionally, coalition forces are printing an Arabic-language newspaper for Iraqis to enjoy — although it is quite likely those books in Olbiet will not translate well.

And while a newspaper's role in democratization is substantial, television is where it's at today. Not only has television documented contemporary history; it has influenced it. It was television, after all, that thwarted Richard Nixon's first attempt at the presidency. It was television that helped Bill Clinton charm much of the MTV generation. It was television that recorded the Kennedy assassination and the first moonwalk.

And it was television that asked who wanted to marry a multi-millionaire.

So as the coalition now foists television on to Iraqis citizens, just what will this proverbial idiot box reveal to them about its new masters?

The people of Baghdad recently have been seen celebrating the influx of coalition forces, jubilant over the demise of Saddam's regime. But when the day is done and they retire to the golden and slumber recliners they earlier pilfered from the Iraqi Army's Triple-S office — what awaits them?

Must See TV.

Though disorienting at first, they are sure to master the ways of the channel surfer.

By this time, they will have become witness to the awesome idiocy that is Geraldine Rivera and struggled to comprehend how something like "Crunk Yankees" could get put on the air. They will thank Allah for TiVo, but will quickly learn what we already know — that despite 964 four-channel networks, there is never anything to watch.

Error 101

Microsoft warned of flaws in some of its software this week. According to CNN.com, that makes 13 total warnings issued so far this year. Not bad, I suppose, considering that each day I try to operate Microsoft, I get three times as many warnings and failures.

The most serious of the recent warnings concerns Java applets and the Virtual Machine — which, incidentally, is what I call my computer, since it virtually is a machine, except for that lack of working things.

As I understand it, the most recent bugs affect the Microsoft VM's ability to run Java applets on Windows, while at the same time affecting Proxy Server 2.0 and ISA Server via a denial-of-service bug.

Because the Bytecode Verifier does not correctly guard against malicious code during an applet's load, an attacker can slip his or her own code into an unsuspecting user's system, thereby hijacking it.

However, in order for an attacker to succeed, the victim would have to be lured to a malicious Web site or open an e-mail of the like. The cross-site scripting attacks on Microsoft Indexing Services for Windows 2000 and Windows NT affect varieties of server-side software, thereby making the victim vulnerable to malicious code through Web site perusal.

Okay, so I lied. I really don't understand it. Any of it.

But apparently, the affected VM is a component of Windows 6.0, Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0, from Service Pack 1 on, Windows 2000, Windows XP and probably whatever Windows is coming out next week.

Basically, what this means is if you don't have a little apple on your computer, and you're hooked up to the Internet, you better hope you didn't make enemies with any nerds in high school and you better watch your accounts closely. It might be time to think different.

Otherwise, someone might be stealing your identity soon.

I just hope whoever steals mine makes better use of it than I have.

Finally...

Recently a team of British researchers posed the theory that some peoples' resistance to certain brain diseases was evidence of cannibalism long ago.

Supposedly, cannibalism in ancient times spread the diseases, which in turn required successive generations to adapt in order to survive.

This begs the question: what good is it to possess a genetic anomaly to prevent brain disease when you live in a cannibalistic society? Perhaps a better mutation would be the ability to turn one's flesh into steel.

Oh, wait — that was Colossus from the Uncanny X-Men.

Yield pro quo, Clarissa.

Governing (Christopher Arnold can be reached at clarissa@ucf.edu)

Letters to the Editor

Protestors guaranteed the right to be stupid

This letter is regarding the article "Taking for granted" by Alex Babcock, published April 10.

TheSans Sion shouldn't have had the green flag and then hopped back in it as a protest gesture. As a student and American, I hope they express themselves. I certainly hope in the sanctity of their dorm rooms or in the privacy of their classrooms. Surviving the world's current state is tough, horrific, and stressful, but I disagree with the idea that one should express oneself. A riotous crowd is the result of licence between democracy and anarchism. The American government wasn't built on the notion of why the &.

If a band of paper patrons want to participate in the democratic process, they can organize their own rally, hire a speaker to play drums, draw posters, paint signs, put up a billboard, write a letter to the editor of a local paper, or organize a certain distance between roads and sidewalks.

As a fellow American, I agree that some young individuals are taking the fight to the streets. They have a right to be angry that American, and American politicians, can continue to perpdelirious, and I don't think they should be saying the words on the flag. It's a freedom for America to be different. It's a freedom for America to be different. It's a freedom for America to be different.

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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 in often a difficult one. But not for Catalin Bradu. After years of intensive studying as far back as junior high, everything comes kind of naturally.

For Bradu, an Atlantic Sun 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

**Tournament time**  
3 A-Sun Tournaments begin Wednesday

**Jon Kutilek**  
STAFF WRITER

The UCF men’s golf team is gearing up for the Atlantic Sun Championship, which begins Wednesday and runs through Friday at the Indigo Lakes Golf Club in Daytona Beach.

Coach Nick Cillian is hoping for good things from the entire team as the Knights prepare to compete against some of the best teams in their conference. They have been practicing all season for this championship, and

**Sadie Sham**  
STAFF WRITER

This week the UCF men’s tennis team is looking to make history by winning the Atlantic Sun Championship for the first time. The Knights have finished in second place four times, including last season when Georgia State upset them in the championship match, 4-0.

But according to Coach Bobby Cushman, this is their year.

"I have a lot of faith in these guys. I think we can win it."

**Sadie Sham**  
SENIOR WRITER

They've been there before. They know the kind of battle they are in for and understand what it takes to win it. They did it last year, and they will attempt to repeat this week as the Atlantic Sun Champions. They have proven that they are a strong team and can accomplish their goals.

At the beginning of this season, the UCF women's tennis team set out to gain a national ranking and have succeeded in doing so. As Of April 4, the Knights were No. 66.
No. 14 FSU
sneaks by
the Knights

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struck out, Pysha Simmons walked, loading the bases. The Gamecocks then went to their bullpen, replacing starting pitcher Veronica Davis with Toria Ross, who entered the game with a 14-5 record and 1.05 ERA.

Ross immediately struck out Cupp, but then everything went downhill for Jacksonville State's ace. She gave up an RBI single to Green and walked Lindy Oakley, narrowing the lead to 5-4. She immediately got ahead of Lindsay Bush 2-2, 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, Shinhosker singled to right field, scoring Nikki Green and giving UCF a 5-4 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. Cupp 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 in 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 ball and flipped it home before Slaney Smith could score, and then struck out the next two JSU batters.

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Belmont takes A-Sun series from UCF

At least they 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 that things began to unravel for earlier.

For the second straight start, the previously solid Taylor Cobb got the nod. After Ryan Bour hit his team-leading fourth home run of the season in the top of the ninth inning, Cobb gave in, allowing four runs on nine hits in the bottom of the frame.

Dan Suvic got the Knights first win when UCF shortstop Jon Cooper nailed him with a relay throw when attempting to get him out at third base. The ball ricocheted into the stands, allowing Suvic to score. Belmont got the other run on wild pitch.

Cobb two batters later.

UCF battled back in the top of the third with a Dee Brown Hill single, but two batters later Cobb allowed three runs and was gone having pitched just 3-2/3 innings and giving up five runs (four earned) on four hits and four walks.

The Knights'. forked closer with a sac fly by Brown in the fifth, but the Bruins responded with a run in the seventh. Then came the eighth inning which was once again kind to UCF.

After Bour double with two outs and Clay Timpner walked, Rick Wallace and Drew butera knocked them in with back-to-back base hits. Ryan Boos then pinch-hit and brought home Wallace with a single of his own that knotted the game at six.

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

Will Tucker got the win in relief for the Bruins, improving to 2-1. Von David Storchbach got the loss for UCF, falling to 3-4.

As with most conference series, Saturday consisted of two seven-inning contests, and lastly the first game meant a complete game from Mark Michael. The senior 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 counterpart didn't even better, as Shane Bass and Tucker combined for a four-hit shutout at UCF Fall I and just for a season-high straight games.

Michael retired the first 11 batters he faced and needed just 27 pitches to do it, but gave up consecutive doubles to Jason Soukup and Brown in the fourth inning.

That proved to be all the scoring necessary as the Knight bats hit little against the Belmont duo. They got two on with two outs in the sixth and seventh innings, but neither Ryan Boos in the sixth nor David Mann in the seventh could get the big hit to the game.

Michael took a hard-look less despite his fourth straight complete game — all seven-inning games — and fell far to 9-2. Bass got the win, making him 6-2 as well.

Finally everything worked in harmony in the third game, as UCF got 15 hits and won, 18-4. The Knights had gone just 2-8 in the first three innings of their previous three games.

The Knights got a run in each of the first three innings of starter Alex Rizos and seven over the final three innings of Brown and three relievers. The biggest outburst was a four-run sixth, where UCF scored on two walks from Wallen with a home run; Brown RBI double with two outs and a wild pitch.

Brower (3-for-4, four RBIs), Bear (4-for-11, four RBIs), Suvic (3-for-8), three runs scored, Wallace (4-for-8), butera (4-for-8), two RBIs and Dave Lambert (4-for-10, two RBIs) all had solid offensive series for the Knights.

Overall UCF finished the weekend 25-15, 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 puts the Knights, two-time defending conference champions, in seventh place with a home series against Evpatoria Florida State coming up this weekend. Only the top six teams make the A-Sun Tournament. They also take on South Florida, a town that has beaten them in Tampa twice over the past two weeks, at home Thursday.

Chad, Brian Battles

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Florida Who's Who

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Andrew James
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Omar Carmona-Sánchez
Paige Morgan
S. Anne-Marie Wolff
Thomas Weichart
Timothy P. Love
Tolasade Ajayi
Veronica Marie Scott

**Notes**

Brad Wetherby moved past pitching coach.

Craig Connors into sixth place on the school's all-time strikeouts list with two in Friday's game. The interim starter now has 205 strikeouts.

Brown has a 19-game hitting streak. She has a career-high seven hits in
Men's golf finishes third at Wofford Invite

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University, and the Knights have the vivacity and endurance to help attain all," Andreas LeConche, to such an idea of taking home the championship this week in Deland. 

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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. 50 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 Brada and Gabriel Strangberg have the vitality and endurance to help attain wins in the singles category. Brada is 15-3 overall playing at the No. 1 spot while Strangberg is 13-5 at No. 2. In doubles play, the duo of Brada and classmate Antonio Sierra are 15-4 overall at the No. 1 spot. Also impressive is the tag-team of sophomore Simon Jaeger and senior Augusto Saumura who are 11-5 at the No. 2 spot. However, Cushman 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 you can't ask for too much," Cushman said.

Fresh off of their first taste of defeat in about three months, those 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 runs through Saturday at the Mandy Stoll Tennis Center & Cummings Tennis Center in Deland.

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Brada looking for revenge in tourney

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Women's tennis looking for 6th title in 7 years

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according to the ITA Omni Hobbs Collegiate Tennis Rankings. This week they will vie for an A-Sun Championship to complete their second goal. UCF (12-6) finished its regular season with a singles match winning streak. The Knights hope to continue that run of victories this week.

The Golden Knights have regained the talents of senior Mariele Gannaum, who was forced to the sidelines for part of the season by illness. Since returning, she has recovered her No. 1 playing spot. Julie Nenadsas, known as the "Go-to Guy," will add enthusiasm and excitement to the week's battles. She is 15-4, mostly winning at the No. 2 spot and recently garnered the title of A-Sun Player of the Week. Junior Anna Westin should also add to the strength of the team.

UCF's doubles teams should be strong with the duo of Pamela Ferronitis and Perastakis and Oli Lucarz and Westin, which have been impressive during regular season play.

The Knights have proven that they can overcome challenges and accomplish goals. Their never-saydie attitude and desire to be successful should lend them to yet another A-Sun victory. A win would be the Knights' sixh conference title in seven years.

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UCF baseball bolstered 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-foot-5, 270-pound lineman 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 front.

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 remaining offensive lineman to start in all 12 games for the Knights last season.

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

Sevin kicked for Kilgore College in Texas last season and finished No. 2 in the Southwest Junior College Conference with a 46.2-yard average. UCF is looking to fill the void left with the graduation of Ryan Flinn. Last season Flinn finished with a 41.8-yard average and was named a Second-Team All-MAC selection.

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Four intramural sports end this week

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 Darrin Mathis barely beat Matt Broek 2-1. Carlos Rivas won the 157-pound weight class. Darnell Mathis barely beat Jacob Dombeck. Chad Donbeck won his class 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh beat Jacob Dombeck 6-1. Finally in the heavyweight division John Flinn defeated David Goldstein in the finals 7-5. Moving up to the heavyweight class Anthony Rybosh be
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 contracting representatives and building buzz from small labels like 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 major label, record-selling superstar.

FMF creator Sean Ferry had this in mind when he started the music conference last year.

Airing prominent label representatives for three days to meet and see 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 FMF 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 walk-off-received festival performance can lead to a coveted record deal.

Last year, music industry veteran Steve Robertson of Atlantic Records worked with native Florida band Stanboli, signed them to a demo deal and was considering a larger contract. After seeing their performance at the FMF, he was convinced of their talent.

“The FMF 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 in 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 focused 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 Mentari 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 Mozart experienced an increase in brain wave activity. 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 someplace loud to go and study,” said sophomore Jessica Lowe, 19.

Knightscape’s prime time
Thursdays are filled with gags and hilariously concocted stunts

ALEX BARCOCK STAFF WRITER

Live on the Web Thursday night, a UCFS student vomited and lost a bet. He owed his challenger an apology and his respect, a man deserves when you can keep down a blender full of coffee grounds, cocktail weenies, Tabasco sauce and several other unidentified ingredients from a 7-Eleven.

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

Broadcasted every Thursday night from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., “The Manly Oracle,” a show that combines Jackass-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 “puke up” Poptop soup—a disgusting concoction from the show’s “fast kitchen,” Hinckley estimated that he could take down something worse, and keep it in his stomach.

Freshman Steve Alexander, 19.

Instead of drinking coffee and Mountain Dew by the gallon, the right music will help me stay awake and study longer. In extreme cases you do what you’ve got to, but a good CD can take the edge off.

—MIKE WARREN Staff Writer
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To enroll in a program, let friends and family know about the decision to quit on a certain date and ask for their help and support.

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Some studies show that 70 percent of college-age smokers say they want to quit, and you may whatever 10 percent have tried to quit in at least once.

Quitting smoking is very difficult for most 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.

Prepare for your visit to quit by removing cigarettes, ashtrays, etc. from the home, office, or car. Ask others not to smoke in your presence.

Educate yourself about the environment and stop smoking. Prepare the environment to avoid smoking triggers that you associate with smoking. Avoid alcohol because drinking lowers inhibitions and can cause relapse.

There are a variety of nicotine replacement products, and you may be a good candidate for these if you have a habit of smoking within half an hour of waking in the morning.

Summarize a plan to avoid triggers that you associate with smoking. Avoid alcohol because drinking lowers inhibitions and can cause relapse.

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The anti-smoking cessation program is an oral medication that decreases both craving and withdrawal symptoms. It is available by prescription as Zyban or Wellbutrin and must be started one to two weeks before the quit date.

Ask for help and support from friends and family. Often they will be helpful and supportive. Ask others not to smoke in your presence.
'Oracle' boasts the largest of the radio station's casts

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known on-air as Steve Knievel, consumed a similar shingle on a previous one. As the show's "stuntman," 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.

Featuring through gold rimmed, brown-tinted glasses. Steve Alexander mentions that the show he drank consisted of locally purchased, years-old half chocolate and toothpaste.

Senior Tom Alexander, 21, Steve's brother, co-founded "The Manly Oracle" at the start of the Spring 2003 semester.

As he bids, he says the show's late night timeslot appropriately safeguards the public from their lower human nature.

Lowering the further into the depths of tastelessness will be a pornographic film review and a weed of the week, hardening back to the Saturday morning TV show "Fay Wee's Playboys," but with a twist.

The show's week was "manic," and upon attendance listeners were encouraged to take a drink. Thoroughly the show involved plenty of alcoholic consumption. If the listeners paid attention.

the walls in Knightcast's singie-room filmmakers. Steve and Turner continually recite the script, which he uses to try getting guests on.

The cast has already interviewed the voice of Space Ghost from Cartoon Network's "Space Ghost Coast to Coast. They also talked to Bruce Campbell, a horror genre movie star. Laconia's current wish list includes Kevin Smith and Carrot Top.

Tonight through, the show focuses on what event Knievel now says was a mistake. The drink is ready to go, after fighting with the blender, still too thick to be stirred. While it looks like a light brown milkshake, it smell like the black speckles of coffee grounds that make up most of its consistence.

Tonight Alexander and Turner turn away from their desks and toward Knightcast. It's time for a drink.

a chant: "Chug! Chug! Chug!" rises up in the room, as Alexander says, as he cheers the student who drinks from his cup. One come down, fit to go.

Speakers on the show do a lot for publicity. Tom Alexander says. As the stuntman, 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 Jacksonville, he insists 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 moves outside. 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, bouncing ideas around.

Hour 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 just like family.

The show rolls on, with occasional replies for the IDs, provided by rock songs. Sounds of the music and all of the sound effects the show employs come from Steve Alexander's personal laptop, which he also uses to both record and edit the content of the show.

This week earns him the secondary title of show producer. Back from one of few breaks during their two hours on-air, Steve Alexander does his pornog­rady review, something he says he done from his room Richey.

During the review, with Knievel only-about a fifth of the way through his pitch he loses. Monous streams from his head, his chin dips with the consensus he has slowly choked down and his head leans so close to the trash can the cast supplied him with that his brown paper towel bib droops from his collar into the trash.

Robins holds a video camera in his lap, which he uses to document the event. The cast members have compiled almost a movie's worth of footage from their stunts. Steve Alexander says. No one hopes to see any make a tape from it, all to help them get exposure for the show and maybe some day get a shot on ESPN or TV.

After the gagging, Steve Alexander forces Hickley to recite a compulsory speech and officially declare Steve Knievel as his master. Hickley begrudgingly recites the speech, and then heads to a bathroom down the hall to vomit.

Returning with a clean face, Hickley proclaims that he's not sorry to do it. "Tonight, they're not sorry to do it," he says. "They're not sorry to do it." Hickley is handed the job he has to do.

"They won't compete," Hickley says. He promises she's not sorry to do it. "They won't compete," Hickley says. He promises she's not sorry to do it. "They won't compete," Hickley says.

Steve Alexander says, "He's a really, really easy person to work with."

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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 specific intertwining of different conversations.

Our focus 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.

Overall, the idea was an interesting one that could have potential, but it may not be the best option for everyone.

On campus, the lounge is a way to hangout into study lounge will captivate the students between my classes, so I use it to study during the breaks. Students at CSULB can even rent CDs from the DJ's catalog and listen to them in private study rooms that come with comfortable and 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.

"It definitely goes to [a musical lounge]," said Freshman Mia Milito. "I do a lot of studying with friends, so to have a fun environment, I definitely go there.

Mia is not the only one who enjoys the lounge. Many students have found it to be a great place to study and socialize.

But not everyone agrees. Some students feel that the lounge is too loud and disruptive. "I have to study during the breaks between my classes, so I need a place to be quiet," said Senior Casey Best.

"With finals approaching, I need a quiet place where I can study," said Senior Sam Johnson.

Despite the mixed reactions, the lounge has become a popular spot for students to hang out and study. It has even become a source of revenue for the college.

"The lounge has been a success so far," said College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. John Smith.

While the lounge has its critics, many students have found it to be a valuable resource. "I love the lounge," said Freshman Alex Garcia. "It's a great place to study and hang out with friends.

Overall, the lounge has proven to be a great addition to the campus community. It has provided a space for students to relax and study, while also adding to the overall atmosphere of the college.

Label representatives find young musicians more marketable

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Devin Wright, a representative from BMG 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 captivate the audience.

While a spellbound 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.

Michaele Oakes, a representative from the largest independent label in the country, Interscope Records, does not rest on audience reaction to determine talent.

"Most of these conferences are filled up with industry people," he 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 contributes to the making of a star. Now, more than ever, youth is a greater commodity in the realm of rock and roll.

"Music is a personal passion," Robertson said.

Because of marketability, Robertson prefers to have a band of musicians in their teens do 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 don't want to be pigeonholed into one genre. "I'm not looking for the '90s rock band," said Robertson. "I'm looking for something different.

"Mostly, Orlando is known for its pop and girl bands, such as 'NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys,'" Wright said. "That is why the IFM is being put on, to demonstrate that there is good music in the south-east 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 music acts, but now I would say pop and R&B," she said.

Regardless of genre names, money, not music, seems to be the deciding factor for label representatives.

They are looking for groups with the most potential investors for their company and are not willing to take many chances when it comes to signing a band.

"I am not looking for the band that is going to sell hundreds of thousands of records," Robertson said. "I am looking for the group that is going to sell millions," Robertson said.

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