UCF's fighting men return to campus

Soldiers missed showers, good food, television in Iraq

PATRICIA XAVIER
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As the summer term winds down, students study for finals while others trickle in from vacation or internships to prepare for the new semester. Among the mix this fall will be dozens of UCF students and faculty returning from war in Iraq. Last week friends and family greeted about 100 soldiers, including several with ties to UCF, who had spent nearly six months overseas.

First Lt. Christopher Byrne, 24, of Delta Troop 10th U.S. Cavalry, returned home July 15 to start his senior year pursing engineering at UCF. Byrne joined the Army so he could get a college education, but ended up putting that education on hold seven months ago when he said the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, was called to Iraq.

Though the pressures of engineering pale in comparison with battlefield stress, Byrne, a platoon leader, said he was never afraid. "Fear spreads like wildfire in combat. I had to remain calm," he said.

Over the course of the war, Byrne interacted with the civilian population routinely and said the reactions he saw were mixed, but mostly positive.

"The Iraqis are a great people," Byrne said, "very social and appreciative of our presence. Some men there cried when they saw us and said they had been waiting 12 years for us to come. The Iraqis either loved us or hated us. A lot had to do with whether we bolstered their village or destroyed their home or not."

"I can't comment on the stuff we found, but ask any Iraqi if the end justified the means and please see Soldiers on 4.

Senior breaks a barrier as first black Miss Florida

NATALIE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

In Miami Thursday morning, UCF senior Ericka Dunlap prepared to make her dreams come true by filling out a few forms. She's hoping to be Miss America soon, and a lawyer not long after. Both dreams are closer to being realized after Dunlap recently won the Miss Florida pageant, becoming the competition's first black winner.

"It's so wonderful for me to be the first person to set the precedent," Dunlap said. "It's wonderful in the sense that it's 2003 and people are still making firsts."

On a platform of cultural diversity, she'll head to Atlantic City, N.J. this fall to compete in the Miss America pageant.

Dunlap began competing in pageants as a child, spurred on by a supportive family. She takes the Florida crown from 2002's Patricia Xaver.

Please see Winner on 10

Campus Crusade for Christ founder
Bright, 81, dies

MARY ROURKE
LOS ANGELES TIMES (KRT)

William R. "Bill" Bright, who founded Campus Crusade for Christ on the University of California Los Angeles campus in 1951 and built it into an Evangelical Christian movement with branches in 191 countries, has died. He was 81.

Bright died Saturday at his home in Orlando of complications from pulmonary fibrosis, said Steve Chapman, a spokesman for Campus Crusade.

The dedicated leader's religious service and a family tradition of supporting Republican candidates found expression in the Christian Embassy he established in Washington, D.C., in the early 1970s for prayer and Bible study. Critics said it was an attempt to organize a Christian coalition. Admirers applauded Bright as a visionary.

Please see Relocalated on 5

An assist from students for a community in need

NATALIE RODRIGUEZ

When assistant professor of psychology Steven Berman came to UCF's Daytona Beach campus in August 2001, he brought with him a drive to help the needy.

Back at Florida International University in Miami, he'd devised a workshop to help disadvantaged teens develop problem-solving skills. He said the program gave them a sense of direction and purpose. In Central Florida, he was
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Relocated to Orlando, empire was first effort to form religious right

FROM PAGE 1

His tightly run Campus Crusade was singled out for the success as the largest organization of its kind by USA Today in 1990 and the most efficiently managed of its kind by Money magazine in 1989 and again in 1990.

"Bill Bright was a catalyst," said David Neff, editor of Christianity Today magazine. "Not only for Campus Crusade but for other programs he launched.

During his 60 years as head of his organization, Bright expanded his empire to include a film and video division that created a feature on the life of Jesus. It was produced in 1979 and translated into 700 languages. He added more than 60 other offices to his original campus crusade, each one aimed to convert members of a special-interest group, from athletes and executives to the military and prison inmates. In 2000 his offices grew to 20,000 and his annual budget was $430 million.

Bright built his organization with the help of a pamphlet he produced and freely reached to college students. It was called "The Four Loves," and Bright considered it his most important tool.

"It was as though an unseen hand reached out and put the case and led me," said Bright in an interview of 1968.

That same force led him to Sunday school classes at the church and to a born-again religious conversion. At the time Bright made a "contract" with God that promised, "I will serve you.

The following year, 1949, he entered Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He soon transferred to Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., but kept his confessions business going.

"I thought he was becoming a fanatic," said Vonette Zachary Bright, his sweetheart back home in Oklahoma. She sent her love letters exalting on his new faith, and eventually he persuaded Vonette to follow his lead. They married in 1951 and three years later they co-founded Campus Crusade. Bright helped the seminary and closed his easy business.

As Bright's crusade grew, he attracted high-profile supporters, Johnny Cash and Dale Evans among them. He also drew criticism from high-powered voices.

Graham, the leading Evangelical preacher, complained publicly in 1974 when Bright opened his "Campus Crusade Christian Embassy" in Washington, D.C. That it was an attempt to organize Christians into a political bloc, a tactic Graham opposed.

Jim Wallis, the editor of Sojourners magazine for religious, political and social issues, told The Dallas Morning News in 1968 interview that Bright's embassy was "the first effort to form the religious right in America.

Bright kept his embassy open despite criticisms, but he backed away from political activism.

Graham, whom Bright always described as his friend, said in a recent interview Sunday that Bright "has carried a burden on his heart as few men that I ever known. A burden for the evangelization of the world."

Bright moved his headquarters to a new complex in Orlando in 1986, after a slow-growth initiative in San Diego County Calif, prevented from expanding from his longtime base in a converted resort hotel in Avocado Springs. He had wanted to add a 1,000-acre university and a 750-acre industrial park.

From Orlando, Bright continued to travel on business some 300 days each year.

He wrote his first novel, "Blessed Child," after 100 or so books and booklets on Christian living. And in 2001, following his terminal diagnosis, he appointed his successor, Steve Douglass, who had been a Campus Crusade staff member for more than 30 years.

Bright is survived by his wife, Vonette; two sons, Zachary and Bradbury, a sister, Florence Skinner; a brother, Forest, and four grandchildren.
There's war when you hear about anti-war protests in the U.S. from the guy next to you in the coffee shop. They drink in what looks like a Phoning home was rare, he diers and helping advance the Iraqis would China - average letter took at least three weeks, and a package helicopter his unit used in battle often invite us into their homes where we went. The Iraqis would tell you that America quickly forgets for his next mission: starting decision in going better added that more needs to be done. Politicians did. We just followed orders.

Despite those grievances, Byrne said he missed home and that being away allowed him to realize just what he had. He said he missed the freedom and that he missed Orlando's nightlife. He did manage to keep in touch with loved ones through mail and e-mail, though.

"Missed my girl, my cat, my couch, my TV, all the little things we take for granted as Americans. You don't realize how much you have until it all gets taken away. The mail seemed to be delivered by donkey across China — average letter took at least three weeks, and a package a month."

Posing home was rare, he said, because there were so few available phones in Iraq. Occasionally he would get to borrow a journalist's cell phone for a quick call.

Now home, Byrne says he looks forward to returning to school. His goal is to pursue a master's in management and develop and sell real estate when he leaves the Army. Apart from the windfall of arrivals this month, UCF saw one of its soldiers return back in May Capt. Kevin Cochie returned after spending two and a half months in the Iraqi desert. Cochie, 32, is already preparing for his next mission: starting graduate school at UCF studying industrial engineering.

The Ohio native flew a Chinook: MI-8MT, a dual propeller special operations helicopter, while in Afghanistan, where he was one of the first soldiers deployed after Sept. 11. His highly classified mission in Afghanistan took him across the country, where his unit helped destroy vital Taliban strongholds. After spending a lot of time fighting the Taliban, Cochie was reassigned to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom, until Baghdad fell on April 9. Because he worked with "special ops," Cochie's assignments were usually done very quickly and involved what he calls the best-trained personnel in the military.

While in Iraq his unit handled specialized missions with more definitive targets than regular forces. Cochie said although the Iraqi military is more organized than the Taliban, they are still under-trained, under-equipped and nowhere close to the level of American and allied forces.

"There's no fight," Cochie said. "It's such a uphill fight, and that's exactly how we want it to be. We really did nothing but validate our training. Especially the unit I'm in. We're well-funded, we have the best equipment, and the most sophisticated helicopter in the world."

Cochie credits the Chinook helicopter his unit used in battle with protecting the lives of soldiers and helping advance the United States position in the Persian Gulf. The helicopters, which are used as assault aircraft, are built to handle specific, targeted missions by special operations ground forces. The helicopters have bigger fuel tanks, digital glass cockpits and integrated radios.

"It's phenomenal, it's so advanced, and the system is so incredible, I just can't say enough about it," Cochie said.

Despite recent criticism of the government's handling of intelligence relating to Iraq and weapons programs, Cochie said President Bush made the right decision in going to war.

Cochie said his unit depended solely on intelligence information to complete its missions, and noted that information changes daily, and keeping up with those changes was a challenge for everyone.

Regardless of politics, Cochie said he believes the work he did was about saving lives.

"Even if I didn't agree, I would have gladly marched to my orders. To a military man, you have to set political views aside and follow orders. Once you get into the combat zone, you are fighting for a lot of things, but bottom line, you are fighting for the guy next to you. That's why soldiers fight. They fight for other soldiers. We live in the greatest nation in the world. We are so lucky to be free — not oppressed — it's worth fighting for."
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Mayor applauds demise of raucous student celebration

The first building was demolished this month, and two others will fall by the end of the summer said Amy H. Huse, a senior and the student government president. Another seven, four buildings will stay up for the academic year, until students' leases expire. The university structures will be torn down to be replaced by parking garages or new apartments. They are too derelict to repair, she says.

The town's mayor, Charles (Chip) McWhorter, said he is pleased to see the buildings go. An ordinance passed last year prohibits "unsightly" buildings and the hosts of large celebrations are charged for police overtime, but this bill was not on the agenda. "They want no parties. For students to say that is a real step forward in history."

Governor seeks audit of U. of Tennessee president's spending

The president of the University of Tennessee has been flying high during his first year in office, and the state's governor is calling him a landlord.

Gov. Phil Bredesen last week asked for an investigation into President Philip Shumaker's use of a university airplane and credit cards for personal expenses, as well as the purchase of at least two no-bid contracts to people the president knows.

"You don't just sweep it under the rug or say, 'I've got great confidence in you,'" the governor said at a news conference.

"Let's give this up. If he has not done anything wrong or if he has done something wrong that he can easily correct, I don't want him there, and I want a clear changing of the tide for the next few years.

The Democratic governor, who is the ex-officio chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, urged Shumaker to reimburse the university for any "questionable" expenses and asked the board to appoint a committee to look into Shumaker's financial dealings.

Shumaker is one of the highest-paid college presidents, with annual compensation of $315,500.

The board's vice chairman, R. Clayton McWhorter, has asked the university's internal auditor to examine Shumaker's expenses, as well as contracts for consulting work, and said he expects to receive the auditor's findings by August and then will appoint a board committee to review them.

Shumaker did not return telephone calls seeking comment last week, but he issued a brief written statement. "I have appreciated the governor's recent counsel on this matter over the past few weeks," he said, "and we have some work to do to review all of those issues with designated members of the UT Board of Trustees.

The questions began flying this spring when the university announced plans for a new airplane to replace the university's 25-year-old King Air 200 that had been used for travel.

Local reporters examined the president's use of the plane, and discovered that he had made 187 flights on it since becoming president, in June 2002. He also "flung that warm, pathlit colors and other expenses to university credit cards," but could not document that they were solely for university business.

State lawmakers and reporters have particularly questioned Shumaker's frequent trips to Louisville, Ky., where he has been settling his divorce, and to Birmingham, Ala., where he visited Carol Z. Garrison, president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Garrison was president of the University of Louisville when Shumaker was its president, and he said they are "very good friends."

Shumaker said last week that he would reimburse the university $5,264 for some of the commercial flights. He said he also had eliminated his university credit card.

Low interest rates may prompt changes in loan consolidations

Record-low interest rates have made borrowers who consolidated their student loans several years ago — and locked in what are now considered low rates — wish they could do it all over again. But under federal law they get only one chance leaving many disgruntled borrowers to call their congressional representatives in recent weeks to complain that they too, want to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Responding to that pressure, some Democratic members of Congress are leading a push for legislation that would allow borrowers to consolidate their loans multiple times. Reps. Bruce L. EnLOW, of Connecticut; Danny K. Davis, of Illinois; and David Wu, of Oregon, have each introduced bills.

Loan consolidations let borrowers combine several student loans into one and lock in a single interest rate. This month, that interest rate fell to a record low of 5.1 percent. Consolidating loans for a second time could mean substantial savings for some borrowers, especially those who combined their loans three years ago when rates were around 8 percent. For example, a $25,000 loan repaid over 20 years at that rate would cost about $15,000 more than the same loan balance at 5.1 percent.

"It would provide tremendous relief," said Leslie Shillman, Rep. Wu's press secretary. "The point here is to make student-loan debt more manageable and college education more affordable."

The legislation introduced by Wu has 32 co-sponsors and several controversial provisions, including one changing loans long made by Republicans. Last year, lobbyists for Sallie Mae and other lenders pressed the Bush administration and Republican congressional leaders to change the interest rate on consolidations from a fixed to a variable rate, to make loan consolidation a less attractive option for borrowers. After coming under a firestorm of criticism from advocates for students, college lobbyists, and Democratic lawmakers, the administration and Congress dropped the proposal.

The bill from Wu is a compromise of sorts: it would create a variable interest rate for consolidated loans, but would cap the rate at 4.5 percent, said Cameron Johnson, a spokesman for Rep. Wu. Officials with Sallie Mae declined to comment on whether they would support a cap on the variable rate that is set at such a relatively low level.

Another contentious provision of Wu's bill would eliminate the "single-holder rule," a long-time target of loan-consolidation companies, who hope to lure borrowers to consolidate multiple student loans with their current holder, to make loans with more than one holder, in which case they can refinance them with any lender. Elimination of the rule would be a bonanza for loan-consolidation companies, which hope to lure borrowers away from established lenders. The more-established lenders have been fairly quiet about the consolidation proposals being discussed, but it is unlikely that they would let the single-holder rule die without a fight.

Congress considers measures to curb illegal file sharing

A bill introduced July 16 in Congress to curb copyright online music and video piracy would set jail terms of up to five years, accompanied by fines of as much as $250,000, for even exploring a single file of copyrighted material, thereby increasing jail time and fines for offenders. Currently, such violations of copyright are usually considered misdemeanors.

Democratic Reps. Howard L. Berman, of California, and John Conyers Jr., of Michigan, introduced the bill. Another bill — the Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003, HR 2756 — would establish an "Internet Use Education Program" in the office of the associate attorney general. The program would educate the public, educational institutions, and corporations about using copyrighted material on the Internet.

That bill, introduced last month by Berman and Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican, would direct the Department of Education to help schools and colleges comply with copyright law.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also would be required to develop a program to discourage copyright infringement. In addition, the bill would permit copyright owners to see those who pirate material, even if the owners hadn't failed to register their work with the U.S. Copyright Office.

That bill is expected to be discussed and voted on next week in the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. And the legislation may be revised to include elements of the bill that was introduced on July 16, a House aide said.

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Cochie said he is just happy to be home, and he missed a lot of regular things he didn’t have in Iraq, like good food, showers, workouts and television.

While he is happy to be home, he said making the adjustment from combat to school will be a challenge. Despite that, Cochie said he will be disappointed if he doesn’t leave graduate school with a 4.0 GPA.

Even while setting new civilian goals for himself, Cochie said he constantly thinks about friends and comrades who lost their lives and those who are still in battle.

“It’s hard not to want to be with your friends that are still over there (fighting the remnants of the Iraqi regime),” Cochie said. “It’s tough. It’s a very hostile environment and will take some time to handle. It saddens me whenever a soldier loses his life. I’ve lost 12 close personal friends in combat since 9-11, including my best friend. It’s hard not to want that, but in the same breath for me, personally, it’s nice to have a lifestyle change. Living in those harsh conditions in the desert wears you out. Right now I’m just excited about school.”

Reserve Officer Training Corps office manager Betty Martin said she is not surprised Cochie set such high goals for himself. She said she is proud of all the young men and women who have sacrificed their safety.

“Kevin is one of the best young men I’ve ever met,” Martin said. “It’s been through a lot. That’s what I love about my job — every day I witness the best of America’s kids, people like Kevin who have accountability, character, respect, courtesy — all of the wonderful characteristics of American life. Kids who go through all this, kids like Kevin, are a cut above the rest. They aren’t ordinary people, they are extraordinary people.”

Another reason Cochie is happy to be home is the support he has received from family, friends, his community in Ashland, Ohio, and strangers.

“The overwhelming support for the soldiers has been absolutely awesome. Every time I got back from Afghanistan in early 2002, anywhere I am, anytime I’ll be in my uniform and someone will pick up my lunch, or people just go out of their way to say thank you. It’s been really nice.”

The Iraqis are a great people — very social and appreciative of our presence. Some men there cried when they saw us and said they had been waiting 12 years for us to come.

—1ST LT. CHRISTOPHER BYRNE of Delta Trp 101st US. Army C/1, engineering major
UCF students earn credit while helping teens avoid drugs

It's good training, good exposure to a population that they wouldn't normally deal with. It gives them training in group therapy.

—STEVEN BERNER

A Bahena, director of the local farmworkers association, Berman and colleague Robert Kenneye formed a group to carry out workshops in Pierson.

Four student volunteers from the Daytona Beach campus and the two instructors started making weekly visits to Pierson on Saturdays during the spring semester. The main goal of the visits was to try to give teens in the town a wider view of life by showing them their capabilities and potential.

The Pierson project is actually run by his students, Berman said. He and other professors simply help supervise. "That way students get a really nice experience," he said. "It's good training, good exposure to a population that they wouldn't normally deal with. It gives them training in group therapy," he said.

While helping the Pierson community, and giving valuable work experience to his psychology students, Berman's also gaining from the experience. "It's good for me because it's a research project," he said.

The UCF students teach groups of teens how to achieve goals in their lives by figuring out what problems they have and finding ways around them. As the teens' parents cultivate and harvest ferns for a living, so do their children. When the children aren't working, Berman says he hopes they can use the skills they learn through this program help them avoid trouble, whether it's pregnancy or drugs.

"We put them in small groups and talked about what they were, what they wanted out of their life, and identified certain problems in reaching their goals," Berman said. From there the UCF students began working on problems solving skills to aid the disadvantaged teens to make better choices about their lives.

Berman said he has a personal affinity for working with Hispanics, because his wife is Hispanic. "I married a Colombian woman and we're bringing up our kids bilingual."

He immersed himself in the Hispanic community because of his attraction to their culture and because "they are a population very much in need that may benefit from the type of work that I do," Berman said.

Both graduate and undergrad students help in the program — Berman extended the program to his undergrads because he needed more bilingual students to help out. The teens at Pierson all speak English, but their parents do not. In order to help relations with the parents, Berman needed his students to be able to talk to them as well as their children.

In the spring semester, he had two groups of Pierson teens participating in the project, from middle school and high school.

The UCF undergrads involved in the project could earn credit for their work, or just consider it volunteer work. All graduate students worked without school credit.

Berman plans to continue running the Pierson project through the fall semester. He also plans to visit Apopka this fall to further his work with farm workers of Central Florida.

"The more students I can get, the bigger the program can be and the more services we can offer to the migrant farm worker community," Berman said. He added that the Florida Farmworkers Association could most likely use volunteers in a variety of ways.

"Bilingualism is a plus, but not a necessity," he said.

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Winner pushes cultural diversity

The 21-year-old says she prepares herself by focusing on what is important in her life — the home helps her to get the most out of each experience, despite the intensity and anxiety a competition brings. "If you're prepared, then you're going to be OK," Dunlap said.

Dunlap, an Orlando native, said her platform of cultural diversity is inspired by Florida's melting pot history. She plans to marry that heritage with her on her national campaign. "Being Miss Florida is great when I'm out of the state because I'll be a true representative of the diversity," she said.

She added: "It's about making sure that people from all walks of life are recognized. By celebrating all the different cultures and learning more about them, we're able to have a more inclusive society."

The Miss Florida crown passed to Dunlap June 28 in St. Petersburg, where she competed against 42 other contestants, including four other UCF students.

Dunlap said she serves as a role model not only as Miss Florida but also in other capacities. "I strive to be a role model in every way that I can, even through my personal life without having a title, just being me, and not just for minority children but for all children. It's important that they have someone they can look up to and they can refer to when they need a little inspiration," she said.

Before a competition, Dunlap said she prepares herself by focusing on what is important in her life — the home helps her to get the most out of each experience, despite the intensity and anxiety a competition brings. "There are times when you get a little cold chill down your spine, you get a little nervous, and it's just a matter of regrouping at that time," she said. "If you're prepared, then you're going to be OK."

The 21-year-old says she lives by the motto: "Poor preparation produces poor performance." When she gets nervous, she just reminds herself that she's prepared, and she'll do fine.

She's now looking forward to the biggest payment of her life, Miss America 2003, to be broadcast at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 on ABC.

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After her pageant days are over, Dunlap says she wants to be a sports and entertainment lawyer. "I've always wanted to do two things on a long-term scale and that was to go to Miss America, be Miss America, and to also be an attorney.

Following her state win and the accompanying $12,000 scholarship, Dunlap is one step closer to both goals.

"One of the major things that attracted young women to this program is the fact that you have a chance to continue your education and continue it debt-free with this program. If you are successful within it," she said.

"The Miss America organization is the largest scholarship program for young women in the world. In 2003, the organization contributed more than $45 million dollars to women in the organization."

Though entrants may compete multiple times at the state level, state-level winners may only compete for the Miss America title once. "I'm overjoyed with the chance," Dunlap said. "I'm excited about the opportunity. You can only go once."

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"One of the major things that attracted young women to this program is the fact that you have a chance to continue your education and continue it debt-free with this program. If you are successful within it," she said.

"The Miss America organization is the largest scholarship program for young women in the world. In 2003, the organization contributed more than $45 million dollars to women in the organization."

Though entrants may compete multiple times at the state level, state-level winners may only compete for the Miss America title once. "I'm overjoyed with the chance," Dunlap said. "I'm excited about the opportunity. You can only go once."
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Bush risking lives over failed policies

U.S. recently welcomed home some of its soldiers who had been fighting in Iraq, but the return of troops has not brought a sense of closure. Instead, the war continues, with little evidence of progress towards an end. The decision to go to war with Iraq was based on false pretenses, and the consequences have been devastating.

The United States has been accused of using violence and force as a means of achieving its goals. The war in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Iraqis, as well as hundreds of American soldiers. The cost of the war is enormous, both in human lives and financial resources.

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Letters to the Editor

Flags won't enhance classroom environment

Your editorial, "Flags in UCF classrooms are worth the $10,000 price," greatly interprets the arguments of those opposed to putting the U.S. flag in every classroom at UCF. Flags themselves are not offensive. A campaign implicitly adding criticism of the Bush administration, the war in Iraq, the ongoing administration's policies, and people opposed to putting the U.S. flag in the classroom is indeed offensive. Americans are uncomfortable with forced patriotism.

In your editorial, you write: "Preparations are now in the time to show support for freedom, while tolerance is in harms way and we continue to mourn Sept. 11." Why flag the only way to show support for the country? Wouldn't it be far more "supportive" of the country to produce leaders from U.S. who will help solve the current issues in health care, education, homelessness, joblessness, and crime.

You also write that people are offended by the flag in the same way fans are offended by the baseball game are offended by the horse team's loss. Your analogy is wrong. The Rock flag proposal is an attempt to brand people as being "enemies of the team." It is, in essence, a cheap shot. Nobody has said the U.S. flag is offensive. What is offensive is forcing everybody to see it day in, day out.

I hope your editorial does not make me a "traitor."

- BARRY MAKER

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ON THE MIC

Mike Riegel

Staff Writer

For this, my last column for the summer semester, I searched far and wide for an important topic. I wanted to write about something that would change people's lives — to evoke spiritual experiences that would touch the hearts of every human being.

But then I decided that being relevant and payment isn't as much fun as writing about Metallica. I apologize to all of you important issues out there, but I really just want to hear the greatest band of all time play live.

I drove to Atlanta, saw them play, and drove back to Orlando just in time to see them go on stage again in my hometown. If you were there, then you already know it was the most amazing show imaginable. For those that missed it, now you know it was the most amazing show imaginable.

As you might be able to imagine, eight-hour hard rock concerts have their share of enduring memories, and I'd like to recount a few of them here for your reading pleasure. I must confess, however, to avoiding reading these to impressionable children or pets.

Do not fight with the security personnel. One particularly belligerent and intoxicated member of the crowd in Atlanta had to leave this lesson the hard way. He took a swing at one of the six monstrous security staff surrounding him, and all of them proceeded to beat him down to the ground. The gentleman flopped, had his clothes heaved off his body, and everyone along the left-field line was "treated" to the erection of the now-naked man.

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Opposition to BCS growing slowly, still cloudy

Teleconference of non-BCS presidents is first step of many

Ashley Burns Staff Writer

In a modern day version of David versus Goliath, Tulane University President Scott Cowen is taking on the Bowl Championship Series.

Cowan organized a teleconference on July 22 with NCAA division I-A university presidents, and NCAA president Myron Brand. The teleconference included UCF President John Hitt, who sat in on the conference as a silent party. UCF Athletic Director Steve Orsini made it clear that UCF joined the call to fulfill curiosity.

"One president invited another president to be a part of something that we have interest at UCF," Orsini said. "We have an interest in under-
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Impressive defensive line must help run defense

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summer, but there should be little concern that are replacing the losses. Heading into next week’s practice camp, the Knights will look to lock up these problems and let the path to the conference championship begin.

Quarterback

#17, Ryan Schneider
UCF Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski and Quarterbacks Coach Steve Huggins recently fielded a masterpiece over the past three seasons. Schneider is coming off a 2002 season that was far from their 3,700 yards. He has made a huge impact nationally and received attention for it. 2003 could be the biggest year of Schneider’s life as he turns the full-time job over to two other young and equally important to the offense. Schneider will be backed up safely this year by junior Jon Oliveira. Oliveira is a great athletic quarterback who possesses the ability to confuse defenses with quick passes and a greater arm. He plays playing time and real experience, but Oliveira might help UCF fans if they ever thought anything happened to Schneider.

Tailback

#4, Alex Haynes
UCF hasn’t seen a running back of his own in a couple of years. Since Smith in 1995, Haynes’ 1,000- yard season last year could have been a tale of blocking fullback Andreus Curry and right guards Alex Mendenel and Joe Blackard. Curry was the depth for what matters, and the Knights have the depth to keep Haynes and Schneider equally productive.

If a hole is created for Haynes, the opposing defense has to worry about his breakaway speed. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry last season and has 59-yard touchdown run against Marshall’s stingy defense.

Andreus Curry: Passed hand-offs given to backup Keith Williams, but if Haynes is 100% healthy all season, then he will win the most of the plays.

Three receivers lies in the hands of Capers and Huggins. Marshall decided, though, the tempo of this conference championship.

Capers in the fastest of the trio, and will kill any opposing ace. If Capers can’t get an opportunity, Huggins will get a step on the defensive backs. Marshall is tall, fast and down- right intimidating to anysecondary. Defense will have a very tough time covering both of these receivers as they can equalize and should have to double team one of them.

Huggins’ status was uncertain until this past week. He was off grades of question, but he did what he needed to and will join Williams for UCF’s finale. Huggins is an ideal receiver possessing great hands and speed. He has had success before and he has the ability to continue defenses by running great slot patterns. Huggins is a plus for the Knights, as he will take over kick returning for the departed Doug Goff.

With Huggins firmly in place, the receiving corps now has strong leadership as well as depth. Sophomore Al Peterson and freshman Andre Sumpter will be seeing plenty of time right field as well. Peterson is the ideal slot wide receiver at 6 feet 2 and 190 pounds, and can have great hands to go with it. Sumpter is very similar in size and style and should instead benefit playing behind stellar examples like Huggins and Capers.

Tight End

#94, Darcy Johnson; #82, Michael Gaines
The tight end has been a lost position for the Knights for the last few years. Last season, Schneider began to utilize Mario Jackson more, but he was unable to find the positive for a blocking role. That changes this season.

Gaines are two perfect specimens of the tight end. Gaines is as large some offensive line and as quick as most receivers. He’ll be able to open up nice holes for Haynes, as well asOwneds and can handle three down yardage for Schneider.

Johnson doesn’t have as much speed as Gaines, but he is younger and equally important to the running and passing games. At 6 feet 6 and 250, he can still block against some of the better linebackers and linemen on the MAC’s first tier of talent.

Johnson and Gaines have the potential this season to be as dev- oues as Capers and Huggins.

Fullback

#22, Joe Brown
UCF’s coaching staff officially taken the starting fullback role since Andrew Curry has left the team. Brown has had a running game last year that would be difficult for Haynes. He has the quickness enough to be a fullback, but big enough to carry the rock.

Brown will be incredibly important to the Knights’ red zone success. He must prove he can break through defensive lines and score important goal line touchdowns.

Offensive Line

#71, Larry People; #51, David Ashkham; #55, Cedric Gaines-Marreux; #80, Sean Sands; #68, Matt Butcher

The pressure of the offensive line is immense. They are responsible for protecting and making the time for Schneider, as well as opening holes and providing

While the losses of Richard Leary and Chad Macare hurt the Knights, UCF will still field in best defense ever.

Joe Kates / UCF

"The team took two huge losses this week, losing guards Alex Mendzer and Joe Blackard. Depth is most important at the offensive line because these men have to play for 60 minutes. The pool has been depleted, so back-ups like Marcellus Clements and Dan Veestra will most likely be moved around to fill the holes. Gaines-Marreux and Adam Butler will provide the fill pieces at the center position for the departed Mike Mahay now of the Baltimore Ravens. The fullback and tight ends will be incredibly important to the blocking scheme, but Brown, Johnson, and Gaines should have no problems picking up some slack in that area.

Defensive Line

#95, Trenton Jordan; #96, DeMarcus Johnson; #52, Larry Brown; #60, Paul Carrington

While the leadership of Schneider is one key to winning, probably the most important element is the defensive line. The Knights want to win the games they couldn’t win last year, the defensive line must play for 60 minutes. The same team that shows up in the first half, must come out in the second half.

The loss of Jeany against Syracuse game, therefore, is huge and might take time building chemistry with the rest of the secondary.

Cornerbacks

#20, Omar Lawrence; #38, Ravel Hamilton

Lawrence is only a sophomore but he has already made a name for himself. He earned a starting role for the last two seasons. Lawrence has turned in a very impressive 59 tackles.

Safeties

#12, Peter Sands; #64, Atari Bigby

Bigby and Sands are in line to be the Knights’ mainstays behind these defensive backs. UCF’s defense is receiving improved depth.

Bigby has received a high amount of national attention in the past because of his size. He has been a mature athlete that he can hurt the game. He must be able to provide incentive to the rest of his teammates to not just earn their stripes, but help take home a MAC championship. Bigby is the total package for a safety. He is known to improve that he can play with the best. Last season he seemed to have enough size, but this year however a much more mature.

Bigby will end up being the defensive leader.

Sands is the perfect compliment for Bigby in the free safety role. Not only can he be a monster of a safety this season if he keeps his head in the game and plays smart. He should be able to see his name in the little black book at the end of the year.

Bigby has the ability to be equally as dominant as Johnson and Brown. This unit will dictate the game. If they do their job, then they will keep themselves off the field and let the offense dominate.

Linebackers

#40, Antoine Poe; #18, Stanford R hills; #22, George Ryan; #39, The defensive team has the ability to be as strong as ever. The defensive line has been burned a few times, but Poe has to show up against the massive passing game.

McKee and the Knights will be able to play strong with the loss of this year, and have let too many awards for himself, but to help them. Ryan turned in a very strong performance.

Poe spent most of 2002 injured, but an injury to the great linebacker can be a great linebacker if he can remain healthy. R hills filled in for Poe last season and ended up leading the Knights’ defense in tackles. He finished third in the MAC with 127 tackles.

The defensive unit will be crucial to stopping the run, but the Knights can devastate their opponents or play just as strong for the kicking game as they do for the passing game.

Special Teams

The first thing the Knights took care of in the off season was the biggest concern. The hiring of Joe Robinson as special teams coach was the first step in taking care of the biggest concern of the University of Houston, Robinson turned the Cougars special teams into one of the best in the entire Conference USA.

After playing Feely and Matrder both have strong legs, but they still need to show that they are capable of ensuring that both blocked field goal attempts are made against Syracuse. The Knights will allow this. Against Syracuse, the Knights will allow this. Against Syracuse, the Knights will allow this.

The special teams just have to play smart. Missed field goals against too many return points against the last season and have let too many close games get away over the past few years. This area of concern has finally jumped from underneath its dark cloud.
Hitt witnessed teleconference, but did not commit UCF

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standing the landscape of college athletics.

"I have betted Dr. Hitt on everything I know about this subject, and he can be seconded as possible so that he might listen to the teleconference that president Cowen is conducting."

"We are not taking an active role. We are not saying that we are a part of any such BCS coalition. What's important to us is that no person doesn't try to speak or represent us. At this point, just like I do my homework to see what's going on in the world of conference affiliation, my job is to do my homework, in this case, to fill in and understand what's happening out there."

Cowen said he believed the response to his call of urgency would be limited, however, more than 200 people gathered on Thursday to listen to Cowen's ideas.

In an interview with the Orlando Sentinel, Cowen said, "The Bowl Championship Series has to be terminated. It's deplorable how we have let this system go on as long as we have."

Cowen's attempt at organizing a coalition of the 52 non-BCS schools comes at a very appropriate time in most programs' estimations as Miami and Virginia Tech recently announced their acceptance to the Atlantic Coast Conference. The subtraction of those teams from the Big East makes the conference's BCS status more questionable.

"My opinion tied to this domino effect is conferences. It's not that it's coincidence that Tulane's president is bringing this up," Cortis said. "Because of the dominoes of Miami going to the ACC, who knows what the rest of the dominoes will be like?"

Many critics have attacked Cowen for trying to fight the BCS now instead of 1998 when the system was created. 1998 was also the year that the Green Wave celebrated its 11-0 season, but settled for the Liberty Bowl instead of a lucrative BCS bowl.

Cowen says the system has not been understood and the BCS system better, then he would have brought it up much earlier. His case is still quite timely, though, as Tulane recently voted to keep its football program, instead of eliminating it due to lack of funding.

One of the predominant concerns with the BCS is the money that it disperses to the eight schools that compete in the BCS games. The system relies on a rotation of the four major bowl games: The Fiesta, Orange, Sugar, Cotton, and Rose Bowls.

The BCS is made up of the schools of the ACC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10, SEC, and the University of Notre Dame as an independent school. These conferences receive between $11.78 million and $14.08 million dollars depending on which member goes to which game.

Should a team outside of these conferences earn an at-large bid to a BCS game, that school would receive $13.78 million. If two teams from the same conference go to BCS games, that conference receives $16 million combined. Any leftover money is split between the conferences, which usually works out to over $1 million per conference.

Notre Dame, however, is a different case. The Fighting Irish as an independent team have no conference to benefit from to conference. Should Notre Dame be invited to a BCS game, the Irish would receive the full amount of money that a conference typically receives.

For instance, if the Florida Gators receive an invitation to the Orange Bowl, the SEC receives between $11.78 million and $14.08 million. If Notre Dame receives an invitation to play the Gators in the Orange Bowl, the Irish receive the same amount as the Gators, but don't split it with anybody.

However, Notre Dame is not afforded the luxury of receiving regular money for conference games. Notre Dame football thrives on the money that it receives from bowl invitations.

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The Lake Show edged out Burg Style to win the competitive basketball league championship.

Some old and new faces picked up some intramural champion t-shirts this summer, as 2002-2003 is now in the history books.

Starting on the hard-court, the Lake Show won another Competitive league title with a nail-biting 46-40 win over Burg Style. The game started off slow as both teams exchanged with an offensive pace that resembled this year's NBA finals. Shooting improved in the second half, and Lake Show asserted themselves in the last 2 minutes as they were led by Oritslos Swayz's 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. Chris McNair chipped in 6 points and Van Gordon had 5 for the Lake Show. Cameron Hopewell was the leading scorer for Burg Style in defeat, as he had 11 points. Michael Colin also won his 10th Intramural title of his UCF career with the Lake Show, to go along with his Basketball title, two Flag Football titles, one 5 on 5 Basketball title, and five 3 on 3 Basketball titles. That's one record that doesn't look to be approached anytime soon.

In the recreational league final, East Bradenton outlasted Hix Shootin Brix 42-31. East Bradenton trailed for much of the first half, but was able to capitalize on a costly double technical foul late in the second half to get momentum back in their corner and cruise to victory in the final moments.

In need source, ODU's Dry overcame an early 2-0 deficit to beat 5 Bold Souls, 4-2. Ian Elston scored the tying goal on a deep corner and cruise to victory in the final moments.

And finally in flag football, Sig Ep won the Competitive B on 4 on 4 title by coming back from a 15-6 deficit to beat Dix Squad 29-10. Quarterback Matt Malloy found Alejandro Zapata for four touchdowns as Sig Ep denied Michael Cox his 11th IM Championship. Dix Squad had a chance to pull within one point on time expired, but Steve Anderson's pass fell through the hands of a wide open Mike Riegert and Sig Ep added some more awards to their flag football trophy case.

The Lake Show also came out the victors in the women's league, as they knocked off The Devastators by a combined score of 135-114. The Devastators were the victors in the women's league, as they knocked off The Predators, 42-23. Both teams combined this past fall to consist of one 7 on 7 team, so this victory was extra sweet for the Devastators.

Julie Reeves

CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Tulane's Cowen seeks to eliminate the BCS

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from Fbx and Jamie

The Mountain West Conference firmly believes that it belongs in the company of the BCS conferences and Notre Dame. The fairly new conference is looking to immediately begin discussions on forming a 12-team league to a 12-team league.

In the mean time, the presidents of the Mountain West schools are hoping that the ACC's bid to allow conferences with ten teams to have a conference championship game. Currently, NCAA rules maintain that only a 12-team conference may host a championship game. If the ACC's request is processed, then the Mountain West would only look to add two teams.

The Mountain West is looking to take teams from the Western Athletic Conference, much like the ACC expanded through the Big East. The Mountain West has its collective eyes on Fresno State, Hawaii, Boise State, and Nevada. Both efforts of the Mountain West to look more appealing and the pending coalition led by Cowen will need to be strong.

The BCS has previously recognized flaws in the system and the tendency to exclude other schools.

In 2002, the commissioners of the BCS conferences met to make sure that the late season conclusion of whom the number one and two teams actually would be decided. The committee discussed the possibility of a human committee that would decide the top two teams much like the committee that decides the teams that enter the NCAA basketball tournament.

However, six participants could not come to a consensus and the idea was shot down. The commissioners also quashed an idea that would have required the two teams in the national championship game to have won their conference championships. However, the problem that the ACC is facing now brought an end to that, because the ACC, Big East, and Big Ten do not have conference championship games.

In early 2003, the commissioners met again to discuss the possibility of a playoff system, however, the only immediate result was the formation of an oversight committee involving members of the BCS schools.

While it is evident that many outside the BCS have problems with the system, the overwhelming belief is that it creates a financial exclusion.

"I still believe that the NCAA has all of its support in the divisions that the institutions fall in under certain criteria," said Orsini. "They compete on equal bases starting out a season for a championship, except one. That's division 1-A football."

"Every student athlete in this country in an NCAA membership institution can have it up they are undecided starting off a season. And if they keep winning and doing right, they are going to take home a national championship. Every athlete in college athletics can say that, except for one. That's the non-BCS division 1-A football, of which UCF student-athletes are one of."

The BCS contract with the NCAA expires after the 2005 season. However, it is unclear as to whether Cowen's coalition will have the fire power to end it earlier.

"Ultimately this issue has to be decided at the president's level," Ordish said. "It's a big issue in one world and it has to be decided at the president's level."

Knights lose five players

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Griffin League in Maryland as a member of the Silver Spring/Thomson Thunderbolts. Billoik has a 4.0 grade and a promising ERA of 1.50. The right-hander earned league All-Star honors and participated in last Tuesday's All-Star game.

Sophomore Dave Lambert, who came on strong late in the 2002 season, is also playing in the Clark Griffin League. He is batting .500 in two appearances.

Pitchers Matt Fox and Jamie Douglas have teamed up with second baseman PJ Lehmann as members of the St. Antonius Beavers in the Shenandoah Valley League in Virginia.

As a starting pitcher, Fox has been showing signs of maturation, striking out 20 batters in 15 innings of action. Douglas has picked up a total of nine innings, earning a record of 0-2 and a 5.00 ERA.

Lehmann is looking very good at the plate with a .306 batting average in 12 games for St. Antonius.

Kyle Bono and Jon Cooper are getting some time on the field for the Riverpoint Royals of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. While Cooper has not been too fortunate at the plate, yielding a .197 batting average, Bono has continued to look great as a relief pitcher. Bono is 5-0 with two saves in five appearances. He has struck out eight batters in just 5.5 innings of work.

Football suffers five more losses

As the loss of defensive end Rashad Dowd wasn't enough, the Knights will be without the services of middle linebacker Chad Mascoe, fullback Antrodal Curry, guards Alex Mendez and Joe Blackard and offensive tackle Jeff Harper.

Mascoe, Curry, and Mendez have been declared academically ineligible. Harper and Blackard have left for medical reasons.

Curry was ready to step up to fill in for the graduated Sean Gaudion, however he will now turn to Southwest Mississippi Junior College for his football future. The junior can still improve his grades and come back for his senior year at UCF in 2004. Bono will take the starting slot at fullback now Bown filled in nicely for Alex Haynes last season, however he lacks the blocking presence that Curry provided.

At 6 foot 2, 210 pounds, Mendez will leave a great hole on the offensive line. The senior guard's college career is over; the guard was also Mendez's backup at the right guard position, and has ended his football career due to recurring injuries, capped by a back injury. The position will most likely be filled by reserves Sean Gilliny or Dan Veenastra.

Harper's loss hurts the depth at offensive tackle, but he was still playing behind Kyle Waldens, Seth Usik, and Larry Peoples.

-Mike Shaw and Mike Reynolds

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The complex co-existence of humans and squirrels on campus

Brandon Hardin
STAFF WRITER

Do you ever see a squirrel come up to you in the wild? It changes their behavioral patterns. But, is rewarding the squirrels with a green, edible prize good or bad?

It's been my experience that feeding the squirrels certainly makes them acclimate to humans. Exum said. "You'd never see a squirrel come up to you in the wild. It changes their behavioral patterns."

After years of squirrel stalking, the time has come for students, faculty and staff of UCF to ask if these fluffy-tailed rodents are becoming too aggressive and if people should stop their human-fed food supply.

Connie Washam, senior secretary in the Foreign Languages and Literature Department, has an odd squirrel feeder and watcher. She's fed them at her home for years, and upon coming to UCF, began feeding them here as well. At various times of the day she can be found throwing corn to the numerous Squirrels Carolinensis. Washam does what she can to keep the squirrels she feeds healthy. "I only feed them corn. No doughnuts or cookies!"

She enjoys campus squirrels' lack of fear of humans.

"It's fun to walk by them and have them stick around. I'm not afraid of them," she said.

Leslie Gale, office manager for the philosophy department, also finds the small animals entertaining. "I love the squirrels, they're fun to watch," she said with a smile.

But she fears that by feeding squirrels, people may be harming them. After volunteering at Orlando's Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge for seven years, Gale has experienced what happens when people feed wild animals.

"You're putting the animal in danger by feeding it," Gale said.

Janet Ximena, a rehabilitation specialist at the refuge, doesn't feed the squirrels being fed. Instead, she fears for the humans feeding them.

"Feeding squirrels by hand isn't smart, unless you like rodent bite's and don't mind meekly grinding your teeth," she said. She also said that feeding squirrels by hand was smart but unpredictable.

Orlando's radio family grows more dysfunctional

New hosts introduced last month to local morning talk shows

Mike Riegel
STAFF WRITER

People in Orlando are hearing voices. But this time, students find it not only the crossed whispers in their own heads that provide entertainment during the morning commute to work or school.

Incoming reports from all over the metropolitan area confirm that these three new voices are full of ridiculous, sarcastic, political incorrectness, and even a hint of lactose intolerance. The worst part is that there's no escaping them. Unless, someone changes the radio station.

The morning of June 25 marked the debut of two radio shows on the local dial, Real Rock 101.1 FM (WRR) decided to import the "Bubba the Love Sponge Show," sending Pat Lynch and "Bubba" Bob to the mid-day slot. Bubba, whose show is based in Tampa, has been syndicated to several different markets across the U.S.

Both of the stations play modern rock music and compete for similar listeners, so the syndicated changes were probably not a matter of coincidence. Although official ratings have not been posted, reactions to the new shows has been swift, and in some cases it has been harsh.

Big fish, new pond

First impressions, according to some, last a lifetime. Tuning in to hear "Bubba the Love Sponge" and his cast of characters often leaves such a lasting impression, students say.

"Hi, I just wanted some information about the guy shown," says Ned, one of the personalities on Bubba’s show during a phone call. "Ned called a researcher who

studies the same-sex mating habits of ravens.

In his thick Southern drawl, Ned continues asking questions, turning the tables on the researcher and conducting his own experiment to discover just how far he can go before he’s hung up on him. He asks why anyone would find it enjoyable to watch two male ravens engage in sexual congress, unless the ravens in question were Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk, two football players for the St. Louis Rams.

Bubba, born Todd Washam, is the ringmaster of this circus. The college dropout from the Midwest got his acting job in the show during a phone call. "He's called and we've been

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Camera phones improving as mobile gadget sales soar

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They say a picture is worth a thousand words. With a crop of new camera phones, these photos can speak volumes. And some of those wireless wonders let you send text and audio, too. A few phones even take and send short video clips. Camera phones were introduced in the First East and Europe. They began to show up in the United States late last year. The Japanese and the Europeans have readily latched on to the camera phones. Sales worldwide so far have been hotter than expected.

Advancements are hit-or-in bundled plans and as mobile gadget sales soar. Analysts predict that people will buy and carriers are charging people for e-mails and Web sites, not for fine photography.

Yet, advancements are hitting the market in rapid-fire progression. Sony-Ericsson has introduced a phone with a 1.3-megapixel camera that will be sold in Japan by NTT DoCoMo. J-Phone, a unit of Britain's Vodafone Group PLC, began selling a phone with a 1-megapixel camera this spring. Camera phones were introduced in the First East and Europe. They began to show up in the United States late last year. The Japanese and the Europeans have readily latched on to the camera phones. Sales worldwide so far have been hotter than expected.

Analysts and carriers are looking toward camera phones to boost the bottom line. Sending photos means extra revenue—either by the message or in bundled plans — for the data services.

Photos with integrated cameras and color screens are what drove an 18 percent jump in cell phone sales during the first quarter to 112.7 million, according to a Web site for Gartner Inc., a Stamford, Conn.

"We're a visual species. We like communicating with pictures."

—TONY HENNING
future/image analyst

Junk food is bad for squirrels, too

Junk food is bad for squirrels, too. A squirrel’s life on UCT campus is far from boring, with trash cans to raid, squirrels to chase. But students find that squirrels are not picky eaters when it comes to mealtime. I was outside eating fries and I had to feed a squirrel just to get it to go away," said Darie Pleasant, a 22-year-old political science graduate student. "Whenever a squirrel comes up to you and doesn't leave until you give them a French fry, it's time for them to go."

Lisa Pleasant, Maggie Gonzalez has fed the squirrels to keep them at bay. "I've given them something so they stay back," said the assistant director of Orientation Services. "I don't eat out here alone without looking over my shoulder."

The university has never had any “squirrel concerns” in the past, said James Ulrich, director of Environmental Health and Safety. "I've had to do advise people not to feed wild animals," he said.

"Obviously, everyone does not take this advice, and campus squirrels feeding remains an issue as the chubby-faced creatures continue their aggressive tricks."

Alana Elrich, a 22-year-old psychology student, says she tolerates the squirrels’ behavior for now. "In the Boston Commons where people feed them all the time, they’re ferocious," she said. "If we can cut down on the feeding, it probably won’t be so bad here."

Elrich offers a simple solution to the squirrel-feeding situation: "Eat all of your French fries."
Spontaneous shutterbugs ditching disposables for camera phones

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Nokia, the Finnish cell phone manufacturer, had a 35 percent market share. Its S600 camera phone is one of the hottest sellers on the market.

Future Image Wire, a San Mateo, Calif., research firm dedicated to tracking the world of digital imaging, says that some 50 million camera phones will be sold this year worldwide. That’s 50 percent more than the total sales of digital cameras that the firm forecasted for 2000.

Tony Henning, a senior analyst at Future Image, says camera phones are stealing market share from traditional film cameras, not digital cameras. Sales of film cameras, not including single-use or disposable cameras, have been declining steadily in the past three years.

Henning says the camera phones are compelling because people carry their cell phones with them. With the cameras built in, folks are more likely to take photos they might not otherwise.

“We’re a visual species. We like communicating with pictures,” Henning said.

The pricing on these new phones ranges from $199 to $399. But most of the carriers are offering rebates, some as much as $100, which make the phones far more affordable.

The Sony $100 one of the two cameras phones offered by Sprint PCS in South Florida, ends up at $200 after the $100 rebate. That makes it the first camera phone under $100 on the market.

Depending on the wireless provider, users may have to pay extra to send messages or e-mails with photos attached.

For instance, 7-Mobile wireless users have to subscribe to its “Frames” service, which costs $2.95 for one megabyte of data per month, or $9.95 for 10 megabytes a month. The company says one megabyte would allow a user to send 25 photos, 10 video clips or view 500 mobile Web pages.

Some of the models allow photos to be sent photo to photo. Users can also send multimedia messages (MMS) — usually messages with more than 100 characters and a photo or video clip and sound — to other wireless phones.

For users in the United States, there’s one drawback with these camera phones. The MMS messages can only be sent between phones on the same network.

Camera phones have opened up a new era of mobile communication technology.
Morning shows rely on crude humor for laughs

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ular FM talk shows nationwide.

"He's like a younger Howard Stern," junior Wayne Peterson, 21, said. "I used to live in Tampa, so I've heard his show. It's not the most clever humor, but he's pretty good at what he does."

When "Bubba the Love Sponge" isn't recognized as a famous radio personality he's often identified idiosyncratically as the man who was on trial for animal cruelty. After a boar was slaughtered live on the air during his show last year, Bubba and two of his listeners were put on trial for cruelty to animals.

"The jury took less than an hour to acquit the shock jock, and the ruling made a lasting impression on many radio listeners. After the incident, Bubba's ratings soared and his show has been syndicated to markets.

To celebrate his recent arrival in Orlando, Bubba spoke with wrestler Hulk Hogan, an area favorite and Florida native. His show runs from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. every weekday morning.

Who are these guys?

"You guys sucked the first week, you sucked the second week, and you still suck. Why don't you play more music?"

That was the sentiment of one caller during last Friday's broadcast of the "Keith and Tony Show." Upon hearing the caller's tirade, Keith and Tony proceeded to engage in a verbal sparring match with the caller, rendering him helpless and deconstructing his argument against the show.

In defense of the show, another caller did say that while she was guilty of sending an e-mail telling Keith and Tony "how much they sucked," she's since changed her mind and enjoys listening to the duo's brand of radio entertainment.

With more of a local focus, Bubba, Keith and Tony intermingle their comedic bits and discussions with popular rock music. Unlike most weekday morning shows, Keith and Tony hit the air at 5:30 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. The show ends at 10 a.m.

To help ensure that they will never be able to achieve successful careers as politicians, Keith and Tony ended last Friday's broadcast with their best effeminate voices to call a man in Mississippi and try to get his support for a day of gay celebration in his hometown.

Mississippi was well represented by the man, although most of his response was encrypted because he was inventing profanity and using derogatory terms for homosexuals.

It seems that despite the differences between the two shows, they seem to find the same crude jokes funny.

"They make me laugh, and forget about work for a few minutes," said sophomore Dana Jenkins, 19. "I hope they stick around for a while."
The Florida summer is indeed a harsh environment, and challenges the body's ability to regulate core temperature. The maintenance of normal body temperature depends on a host of factors including ambient temperature, humidity, wind, acclimatization, clothing, medications, and any pre-existing medical conditions. When the core body temperature rises with exercise, the body attempts thermoregulation by sweating, and increasing skin blood flow for heat dissipation. The basic cause of heat-related illness is the body's inability to rid itself of excess heat by the regulatory methods of conduction (ice packs), convection (wind or fans), and radiation (moving to a cooler environment), and evaporative (sweating).

Sweating is the primary regulatory mechanism when exercising at temperatures above 70 degrees, and this underscores the need for maintaining fluid volume and preventing dehydration. Another important consideration is the ambient humidity, which inhibits heat loss from sweating. During intense exercise in the heat, sweat rates vary widely, and can be as high as 2.5 liters, or five pounds of body weight per hour. Unfortunately, the volume of fluids that most athletes drink voluntarily during exercise replaces less than half of these body fluid losses, and often leads to dehydration.

Heat cramps are caused by excessive heat exposure, and profuse sweating followed by too little or too much fluid intake. Sweating results in sodium (salt) depletion. During exercise, a poorly conditioned athlete may lose three to four liters of fluid per hour with a sodium loss of only five mg per liter. Maintaining good hydration, and adequate salt intake are important, and treatment includes stretching and massage of the affected muscles. Commercial sports drinks may not adequately replace the sodium needs, as they are primarily sugar solutions. You can make up a homemade formula of one teaspoon of salt in 500 ml of water, or take a few salt tablets, and it may be necessary to increase salt in the diet prior to exercise.

The other two categories of heat illness are heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is the inability to continue exercise associated with heavy sweating, dehydration, sodium loss, and energy depletion. Other associated symptoms include muscle cramps, dizziness, fainting, headache, nausea, vomiting, and body core temperature that ranges between 97 and 104 degrees. Exertional heat stroke is an elevated core temperature usually greater than 104 degrees, and associated with signs of organ system failure. This life threatening extreme heat related illness is a medical emergency, and features include low blood pressure, hyperthermia, seizures, and mental confusion often progressing to loss of consciousness and coma.

The physicians at UCF Student Health Services assist the athletic trainers in preventing, and caring for heat related illness in the football players during summer training sessions. Prevention includes gradual acclimatization, advocating maintenance of adequate salt and fluid intake prior to exercise, and “pushing fluids” throughout exercise. Occasionally it is necessary to administer intravenous fluids and cool water immersion in the training room. A few guidelines regarding adequate fluids include keeping urine clear to light yellow, and maintaining less than 2% loss of body weight after exercise. The athletes are weighed both before and after exercise. The athletic trainers also monitor heat and humidity conditions, and try to schedule practice sessions in the early morning, and late evenings. They also adjust the intensity of the workouts to the environmental conditions, and limit the amount of clothing, and equipment worn by the athletes.

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