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Number of UCF students and faculty who went to Iraq

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UCF's fighting men return to campus

Capt. Kevin Cooke, a UCF graduate student, plays with Iraqi children on his recent tour of Iraq during Operation Desert Freedom.

Soldiers missed showers, good food, television in Iraq

Patricia Xavier  
Staff Writer

As the summer term winds down, students study for finals while others trudge 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 150 soldiers, including several with ties to UCF, who had spent nearly six months overseas:

First Lt. Christopher Byrne, 23, of Delta Troop 10th U.S. Cavalry, returned home July 15 to start his senior year pursuing 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 bombed their village or destroyed their home or car."

"I can't comment on the stuff we found, but ask any Iraqi if the end justified the means and they'll tell you."

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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

Campus Crusade for Christ founder Bright, 81, dies

Mary Rourke  
Los Angeles Times Staff

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. Admires applauded Bright as a visionary.

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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Despite ruling, Florida State U. continues battle over patents

Florida State University is expected to dispute with a former postdoctoral student its right over the proceeds from an experimental compound.

Florida State, however, still contends that Tio is not the rightful inventor. They say he learned to make the compound from his professor, Robert Holton, and then took Florida State’s trade secrets to American Bioscience, where he made the compounds. “You can’t have a post-doctoral employee working in your lab, take your residential research, and publish it as a third party,” said Sidney L. Matthews, a lawyer for Florida State. “It’s unethical and illegal.”

Holton is the Florida State chemist who developed the technique for making taxol-like compounds into an anti-cancer drug. With the proceeds:

Matthews said other universities have inquired about joining in urging the full federal circuit to take the case. The existing ruling will “reduce the question of inventorship to a mere technicality of who made the compound, regardless of whether others contributed important intellectual property,” Matthews said. “This is going to create some havoc in the law.”

American Bioscience sees the case differently. It contends that Tio did just what post-doctoral students are supposed to do: They learned what they learned at Florida State and applied it elsewhere. The company did pay to settle claims the university made to retain its ownership of the lab, but its lawyer, Marty Sipple, said that payment was not an admission of guilt.

Bloomsburg U. student given exit party

A group of former students at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania is in court to train the university to take the needed steps to remove a former postdoctoral student who “used university resources to further his own interests, at the expense of the university.”

The case is expected to be heard before the end of the school year.

The block parties at the complex, which happens to be on Sesame Street, drew thousands of students from across the state and often led to riots, clashes with the police, and arrests. To some Bloomsburg students, the block - and the drug-infested buildings where they took place - were a blight on the university’s image.

When the buildings went on sale last spring, student-government representatives joined in a quiet protest against the selling price, which was set at the student-run campus bookstore and a loan from a local bank.

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Relocated to Orlando, empire was ‘first effort to form religious right’

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

Florida, the leading Evangelical preacher, complained publicly in 1994 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 1988 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 a friend, said in a weekly column on 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 1984, after a slow-growth initiative in San Diego County, Calif., prevented him from expanding 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.

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His tightly run Campus Crusade was singled out for the success as the largest organization of its kind by USA Today in 1996 and the most efficiently managed of its kind by Money magazine in 1998 and again in 2009.

“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 its 50 years as head of his organization, Bright expanded its 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 program, 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 $450 million.

Bright built his organization with the help of a pamphlet he produced and freely handed out started in 1953. It mentioned four points that he referred to as the “Four Spiritual Laws.” They state that God loves every person and has a plan for his or her life, that all people are separated from God, Jesus is the only provision for a person’s sins, and a person must individually receive Christ as his or her savior.

Members of a sorority at UCLA were Bright’s first target. From there he went on to train more than one billion young people on the Campus Crusade mission and conferences, to memorize his laws and repeat them to anyone who would listen.

Critics charged that Bright’s four laws reduced Christianity to a superficial formula. Supporters described him as God’s entrepreneur.

“One thing that characterizes American Evangelical Protestantism is an entrepreneurial spirit,” Neff said. “A person gets a vision, calls a few friends, dreams up a little money and does it. He doesn’t wait for a church bureaucracy to approve the plan.”

In 1990, in Owings Mills, Md., a group of seven children, Bright was the son of a prosperous rancher and Hepworth fund-raisers and the father of a pioneering the oil industry. After graduating from Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Okla., in 1943, he moved to Southern California for business reasons. He saw growth opportunities for his “Campus Crusades,” which offered candy and jobs.

At the time, Bright was 23 and a “haapy pagan,” he later said. Along with building up a successful company he worked as an amateur actor on radio, theater, rode horseback to relax and socialized at the Coconut Grove nightclub.

Bright’s handover had been inviting him to church, but skipped. One day when he was driving along Hollywood Boulevard, he passed by the First Presbyterian Church.

“It was as though an unseen force had reached out and pushed the car and led me in,” Bright said in an interview of 1988. 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 am your slave.

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 him letters expounding on his new faith, and eventually he persuaded Vonette to follow his lead. They married in 1957 and three years later they co-founded Campus Crusade. Bright turned the seminary and closed his candy business.
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," he said.

Heating 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 said 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 arrival this month, UCF saw one of its soldiers return back in May. 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 MH-47G, a dual pod special operations helicopter, while in Afghanistan, where he was one of the first soldiers deployed after Sept. 11.

His highly classified missions in Afghanistan took him across the country, where his unit helped destroy vital Taliban strongholds. After spending a bio over three months 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 the unit handled specialized missions with more definite 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 an unfair fight, and that's exactly how we wanted it to be. We really didn't 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 craft, are built to handle specific, targeted missions by special operations ground forces. The helicopters have bigger fuel tanks, digital glass cockpits and integrated antennae.

"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 this year. The last of the summer said Amy Ellis, a senior and the student government president. "We're tearing down four buildings will stay up for the academic year but students' leases expire on July 31. The structures will also be torn down, to be replaced by parking garages or new classrooms. They are too derelict to repair, she says.

The town's mayor, Charles (Chico) Smith, has been forced to see the buildings go. An ordinance passed last year prohibits "unsightly" buildings. The cost of blocking the hosts of large celebrations are charged for police overtime, but this is not something he says. "They want no parties. For students to say that is a real step forth in history."

Governor seeks audit of UI 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 for a hearing. Gov. Phil Bredesen last week asked for an investigation into President Don Carlin's use of a university airplane and credit cards for personal expenses, as well as contracts for a raucous student celebration that texted over 50,000.

Carlin is expected to meet with the board committee for a second time in the coming week to discuss the audit.

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 his children. Shumaker was president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Garrison was president of the University of Tennessee when Shumaker was its president, and he said they are "good friends."

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Low interest rates may prompt changes in loan consolidations

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

The questions began flying this week when a government auditor asked for a new airplane to replace the university's 25-year-old King Air 300.

Local reporters examined the president's use of the plane, and newspaper columnist that he had made 20 flights on it since becoming president, in June 2002. He also "flashed criminal intent" flights and other expenses to university credit cards, but could not document that they were solely for university business.
Friends continue fight against old regime

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, Cochle 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, Cochle 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)," Cochle said. "It's tough. It's a very volatile environment and will take some time to handle. It saddens me whenever a soldier loses his life, I've lost 17 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 Cochle 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 Cochle 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. Ever since I got back from Afghanistan in early 2002, anywhere I am, anytime I'll be out 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."

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—1ST LT. CHRISTOPHER RYBNE of Delta Troop 10th U.S. Cavalry, U.S. engineering major
UCF students earn credit while helping teens avoid drugs

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—STEVEN Berman

Bahena, director of the local farmworkers association, Berman and colleague Robert Kennedy 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 skills for a living, so do their children. When the children aren't working, Berman says he hopes 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 who they were, what they wanted out of their life, and identified certain problems in meeting their goals," Berman said. From there the UCF students began working on problem-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 undergraduate 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 Hispanic 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 help the 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.

Berman said he'll take anyone who wants to volunteer — whether they speak Spanish or not. "Bilingualism is a plus, but not a necessity," he said.

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Winner pushes cultural diversity

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winner Katherine Carson, also a UCF student. Each Miss America contestant must have a platform, an issue about which they are passionate and have worked toward furthering. Miss America 2003 Erick Harold is campaigning against youth violence and bullying.

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 leaning 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 as a sports and entertainment lawyer. "I've always wanted to do two things in a long-term scale and that was to go to Miss America, be Miss America, and to also be an attorney."

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Focusing on what is important in her life — the herbs 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 highest point of her life, Miss America 2003, to be broadcast at 9 p.m. Sept. 20 on ABC.

"I really just want have the best experience possible; have the best time, really take in everything that's given to me throughout that time period," Dunlap said.

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"One of the major things that attracts young women to this program is the fact that you have a chance to continue your education and continue a 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 to 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 fact that I have this chance," Dunlap said. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. You can only go once."

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Our Stance:
Bush risking lives over failed policies

U.S. recently welcomed home some of its soldiers after months seeing and hearing only scattered reports of their progress through the media. Operation Iraqi Freedom was deemed a success back in April by President George W. Bush, but since then the echoes on the all-too-quiet line have continued to mount. More than 90 American soldiers have died since Bush declared an end to major combat operations, bringing the total killed deaths since war began to 257.

While some of our soldiers are home, many remain stuck in what has turned into a political nightmare for Black, and an emotional nightmare for families of those soldiers.

The legacy American remains in Iraq, the worst the administration's popularity is likely to fall because more people will die needlessly.

The strategy in Iraq has failed in spectacular fashion. The war started because the Bush administration said Iraq posed a grave threat to American safety and world stability because the country had mass destructive biological and chemical weapons that it was license to unleash on innocent victims inside and outside of Iraq. None of these weapons have been found.

The secondary goal, to take out Iran's nuclear adversary Saddam Hussein and therefore his regime so as to bring a quick end to the war, also failed. The dictator-strike that preceded the war, numerous bunker buster and cruise missiles, and careful searching have failed to produce either a dead or living Saddam Hussein.

Venezuela, still not, only it is evident that Hussein did not die, but remains in hiding within Iraq, relying on orders and plans for rebels to exploit the treachers, and every-day rioting may stage an end to action. Those who wanted him to be gone and once felt joy in being freed from his oppressive regime now feel the four all too familiar, a fear of those who have hampered their nation for decades.

Rebuilding the country following the collapse of their government is a proven operation. Security has not been restored, and basic services like water and electricity are still operationally unavailable. After three months, an embattled government is finally starting to take shape.

Word arrived in Washington that United States must change its course; there is no longer a domino effect, as the Bush government has proven that its policies are flawed or failing. In order to maintain the appearance of control, the United States is allowing more of our troops to die, and allowing our enemies to consolidate their forces.

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America has made some big steps forward, and it’s easy to see how the All men are created equal ideal. When slavery was abolished in 1863, blacks in America were freed in the 1960s Civil Rights Act, and it is even more important to listen to those who write in with whites in a world still plagued by lingering bigotry.

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Letters to the Editor

Flags won't enhance classroom environment

Your editorial, "Flags in UCF classrooms are worth the $3,000 effort," precisely misconstrues the arguments of those opposed to putting the U.S. flag in every classroom of UCF. Flags themselves are not offensive. A campaign implicitly designed to tear down UCF students is not effective. A campaign designed to tear down America is not effective. America is not an "unpatriotic" country. America's current problems are precedent in which majority groups propose their symbol at the expense of a minority (In this case foreign students and Americans who are uncomfortable with forced patriotism). No country is indeed offensive. Americans will long remember flags on college campuses. Our symbol is the American flag, not the "unpatriotic" Canadian National flag. 

Waves off the American flag are meant to convey a great deal of sentiment. Because of the "only 'round the flag" attitude that has hurt our defense and increased criticism around much of the country, adding flags to classrooms throughout the campus is a way of bringing a great deal of sentiment to the eye and heart of the American flag. 

In your editorial, you write: "Predictably now is the time to show our support for America, while our troops are in harms way and we continue to mourn from Sept. 11. "It's flags 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 from the winning team at a football game are offended by the home team's logo. Your analogy is trembling. The ROCK flag proposal is an attempt to brand people as being "enemies of the team." It is, in essence, an cheap shot. Nobody has said the U.S. flag is offensive. What is offensive is forcing everyone to see it day in, day out, and the distressing effect of an atmosphere of intimidation against anyone who is not "American enough." Finally, you write that America can use a quick boost and the flags will help to do that. Why not strive to make America a better country rather than take cheap shots at ideological bogeymen by waving the flag? Why don't we "know our options" by figuring out why we are in a war, why our war against terrorism is failing, why world opinion is against the U.S. and doing something about these problems rather than waving more flags? 

With the Bush Administration under fire for presenting unsubstantiated claims on the country for going to war, now is the time to make more questions, not more flags. The money spent on flags would be much better spent improving educational facilities on campus. Everyone assumes me of a lack of patriotism, let me admit that I am a Canadian citizen, though I love the U.S. and therefore I don't want to see it hurt by fake patriots. Doesn't this make me a true patriot?

BARRY MAKER
Patients in Charge of Sanitarium

ON THE MIC

MAYE 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 days — to create a spiritual experience 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 looked to all of your important issues out there, but I finally got to hear the greatest band of all-time play live.

I drove to Orlando, saw them play, and then drove back to Orlando just in time to see them go on stage again my hometown. If you were there, then you already knew it was the most amazing show imaginable. For those that missed it, now you have 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 recite a few of them here for your reading pleasure. I must caution you, however, to avoid reading these to impressionable children or pets.

In my right with the security personnel, one particularly belligerent and intoxicated member of the crowd in Atlanta had to learn 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 bodily had his clothes thrown off his body, and everything along the left side line was "treated" in the ejection of the manly man.

What's worse is that he was arrested during Lukas Park's set, and he never saw the Rusko Band or Metallica play. He also missed the improvised festivities between each act. Use the phrase "improvised festivities" when what I mean is that men took to the women to display their breasts.

These men weren't very picky either. They were for anyone, and I mean anyone. The words "grandmothers" and "overweight" were very little in these groups.

Speaking of very little meaning, I think that once you enter a venue like Turner Field for the Clemson Bowl, the price for any and all goods and services in the "real world" have little or no meaning. One could purchase two hot dogs and a large Coke for the low price of $3.75. Never mind that I could have had 10 pounds of hot dogs and a couple-12 packs of Coke at the supermarket.

Where may you find a hot dog for less than $3.75 these days? Not at the Summer Skillet tour; that's for sure.

And if you've been thinking lately that humans aren't the most disgusting species on the planet, then you obviously didn't attempt to see the rest of them after about two hours of the concert. Unacceptable behavior that will remain unspoken, but haunt my dreams forevermore.

But it was all worth it to hear Metallica play their music. I stunned, and they only played three songs that come out after 1996. It didn't stop people, some of which aren't even born when those albums were first released, from singing every word.

Sure, I realize that most of the people still considering this are Metallica fanatics, metalheads, or related to one (or both) of us, but let's take a few minutes to address a few things that are near and dear to all of our hearts.

Deadly metal was vocals, and Metallica was right to weight in against the free exchange of copyrighted music.

Anyone who participates or currently participates in file-sharing is stealing someone's intellectual property. Everyone is entitled to be paid for what they produce, and innovations are different than how people who expect to be paid for designing a house, a piece of clothing, or a new machine for grilling.

That being said, I saw Ulrich in a loud-mouthed metal shirt. He should've kept his mouth shut and let the guys do the talking. Sometimes I think that I'm a huge Metallica fan, but I must've been in the studio doing something about the unified album, but he was in a courtroom instead.

Secondly Metallica didn't sell out. They didn't make a video until their fourth major album was released. They built a loyal base by playing music in large parts without the help of radio and television. Heavy metal became mainstream because of Metallica, and plenty of bands over a debt of gratitude and part of their platinum owing to them.

Popularity does not equate to selling out. The same guys that made "Master of Puppets" were also responsible for "Nothing Else Matters." They don't have control of what people choose to like about them.

Lastly Metallica is just like any other band. If you love them, then you buy their CDs, shirts, concert tickets, and you offer your girlfriend an exchange for backhand passes. If you don't like them, that's fine too, just avoid them as best you can. There's no reason to spend any time or effort loving Metallica, because I'm sure your new Backstreet Boys shirt will arrive soon to brighten your days bed-wetting party.

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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.

Cowen 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 Couri 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 an interest in," Hitt said. "We have an interest in understanding what's going on with the BCS."
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Three receptors lie in the hands of Capers and Huggins. Marshall might decide, though, the tempo of this competition.

Capers in the fastest of the trio, and will kill any opposing see- ing defense. If he allows him to 4 get a step on the defensive backs. Marshall is tall, fast and down- wind. It's going to any receivers. Defense will have a very tough time covering both of these receivers as they will constantly have to double team one of them.

Huggins' status was uncertain until this past week. Three grades were of question, but he did what he needed to and will join the squad. Huggins is an ideal receiver possessing great hands and speed. He also has a big heart that he has the ability to continue defenses by running great slot patterns. Huggins is a Johnson and the threat for the Knights, as he will take over kick returning for the departed Doug Gabbert.

With Huggins firmly in place, the receiving corps now has strong leadership as well as depth. Sophomore Al Peterson and freshman Andrews Samper will be seeing plenty of time right field as well. Peterson is the ideal slot to wide receiver at 6 feet 2 and 200 pounds, and has the great hands to go with it. Samper is very similar in size and style and should indeed benefit playing behind stellar examples like Huggins and Capers.

Tight End

#44, Darrey Johnson; #92, Michael Gaines

The tight end has been a lost position in the Coordinator for years. Last season, Schieder began to utilize Mario Jackson more, but the position is mainly a blocking role. That changes this season.

Gaines are two perfect specimens of the tight end. Gaines is as large some offense- playing tight ends and as quick as most receivers. He'll be able to open up nice holes for Haynes, as well as be a devi- ating threat to opposing third down yardage for Schneider.

Johnston doesn't have as much experience. He has a younger and equally important to the running and passing games. At 6 feet 6 and 270 pounds, he can still against some of the better line- backers and line on the defensive line.

Johnson and Gaines should have the potential this season to be as devi- ating as opposing pass defenses as Capers and Huggins.

Fullback

#26, Joe Brown

Brown was officially taken the starting fullback role since Andrews Currie has left the team. This was last year's fullback for Haynes that he is quick enough to be a fullback, but big enough to hinder. Browns will be very important to the Knights' zone read offense. They will need to break through defensive lines and score the important goal line front.

Defensive Line

#31, Leroy People; #51, David Ashkham; #55, Cedric Gagne-Marceux; #66, Sean Garcia

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 lanes of Richard Jeanty and Chad Massei hurt the Knights, UCF will still find in 

Joe Kalea / UCF

help run defense

rookies honor. He was quietly one of the best cornerbacks in the MAC last season and will only get better as his years pass. His experience is equally as identi- cal as Lawrence. He will have to show the same skill that he showed in his last year as a starter this year.

In the Cousens I believe are going to be incredibly important to the Knights' defense during the season's play. At the same time, Tech, but more importantly against the massive passing game of CentralTech and Miami (Ohio).

The duo will be backed up by Rovell Hamilton to play strong. Johnson is probably one of the best corners on the team and will be backed up by some passing heavy opponents. Hamilton will spend more time in the strong safety role, but it is good enough to play both. As a reserve in 2002, Hamilton turned in a very impressive 56 tackles.

Safety

#29, Peter Sands; #84, Atari Bigby

Bigby and Sands are in line to become the next big defensive starters for UCF. Behind these defensive backs, UCF's defense is receiving much needed depth.

Bigby has received a high amount of national attention in the pre-season and media as well as a matured athlete that he can han- dle the pressure. He must also pro- vide incentive to the rest of his teammates to not just earn their way for him, but help take home a MAC championship. Bigby is the total package for a safety and he will prove that he can play with the best. Last season he seemed to have much more on his plate, however a much more mature.

Bigby will end up burning the defense.

Sands is the perfect compli- ment for Bigby in the free safety role. The two are very good together. Sands is the top 15 in the MAC last season with 119 tackles. Only a junior, Sands can be a monster of a safety this season if he keeps his head in the game and plays smart. He should return for 2003 and improve that he can handle the task. Poe has to remain healthy in order for these line- backers to live up to their collec- tive potential.

Poe spent most of 2002 injured, but he can be a great line- backer if he can remain healthy. Bigby filled in for Poe last season and ended up loading the Knights' defense in tackles. He finished third in the MAC with 127 tackles. Bigby will be filling the strong side linebacker role and has impressed many in the offseason. Bray will be backed up by the equally tough James Cook. This linebacking corps is going to have to play strong with the loss of Mascoe. The skill is still strong, but the depth is lacking. Osephobian is unproven and must take time building chemis- try with the rest of the second- ary.

Cornerbacks

#20, Omar Lawrence; #26, Roland Hamilton

Lawrence is only a sopho- more but he has already made a name for himself. He earned a starting role for 10 of the 15 games last season. He earned the Knights' outstanding defensive
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 so that he can be so versed as possible so that he may listen in on the teleconfer-
ce 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 coal-
tion. What's really important to us is that person doesn't try to speak or represent us. At this point, just like I do my homework to see what's going in the world of conference affiliation, my job is to do my homework, in this case to listen and understand what's happening out there."

Cowen said he believed the response to his call of urgency would be limited, however, more thoroughly Thursday on Tuesday 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 62 non-BCS schools comes at a very appro-
priate time in most programs' case of conference affiliation, my job is to do my homework, in this case to listen and understand what's happening out there."

In 1998, the BCS coalition became the Bowl Alliance. The Bowl Alliance solidified the structure to match the number one and number two teams in the national championship, unless one of those teams beat the No. 1 or No. 2 Big Ten.

1999 gave the then-marvelous BCS new mar-

The subtraction of the Atlantic Coast Conference helped to devise this was wrong as Nebraska had backed a 2-0 Big Ten-BCS and Nebraska and Michigan shared national championship as the Coaches' Top Ten Selection for the NCAA championship.

Richard Harbus and Charles Sharpe of the Southeastern Conference helped to shape the computer committee that included the AP and coaches polls to determine which team was best in the nation. What resulted was a computer system based on wins, losses, strength of schedule, point differential and AP polls.

The BCS sits on as a rotating two-year term by the commissioners of the conferences involved. The championship game is rotated between the Rose, Sugar, Orange, and Fiesta.

In 1998, the system had problems. The Rose Bowl was chosen in 1998, 11-0 season, but settled for the Liberty Bowl instead of a lucrative BCS bowl.

Cowen claims that had he understood the BCS system better, then he would have brought it up much earlier. His cause is still quite timely, though, as Tulane recently voted to keep its football program, instead of eliminating it due to lack of fund-
ing.

One of the predominant concerns with the BCS is the money that it dispenses to the eight schools that compete in the BCS games. The system relies on a rotation of the four major bowl games: The FedEx Orange, Nokia Sugar, Outback Fiesta, 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 confer-
cences receive between $61.78 and $14.08 million dollars depending on which member goes to which game.

Should a team outside of these conferences earn an ab-
large bid to a BCS game, that school would receive $33.78 million. If two teams from the same conference go to BCS games, that conference receives $15 million combined. Any left-
over 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. 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 BCS game, the SEC receives between $11.78 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 anyone.

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

The history of the Bowl Championship Series

Until 1992, NCAA Division I-A football teams had national champions. In order to take away the problem and make college football more exciting, the Bowl Coalition was created. This does not simple. The number of teams in the coalition was patterned against each other's conferences national champions.

The program modified the type of the bowl games for the first three years with only one real problem, the Fiesta Bowl was vacant.

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Summer concludes with championships galore

Some old and new faces picked up some intramural championship 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 45-40 win over Burg Style. The game started off slow as both teams exchanged with an offensive pace that resembled this year's NBL finals. Shooting improved in the second half, and Lake Show asserted themselves in the last 2 minutes as they were led by Orlando Swade's 26 points, 14 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. Chris McNair chipped in 6 points and Von Gordon had 5 for the Lake Show. Cameron Hopkins was the leading scorer for Burg Style in defeat, as he had 11 points.

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Tulane's Cowen seeks
to eliminate the BCS

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 with Big Ten or SEC schools to form a 12-team league in a 16-team conference.

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 need 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, Boise State, and Nevada. Both the 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 confusion of whom the number one and two teams actually would be ended. 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, the 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 overwhelming belief that it creates a financial exclusion.

"I still believe that the NCAA has all of their support in the divisions that the institutions fall under in certain criteria," said Orsini. "They compete on equal basis 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 say they are undefeated starting off a season. And if they keep winning and doing it 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," Orsini said. "It's a big issue in one form or another, it will 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/Potomac Thunderbolts. Griffin has a 4.0 record 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 2003 season, is also playing in the Cape Girardeau League. He is batting .500 in two appearances.

Pitchers Matt Fox and Jamie Douglas have teamed up with second baseman PJ Lehman as members of the Staunton Braves in the Shenandoah Valley League in Virginia.

As a starting pitcher, Fox has shown signs of maturity, striking out 20 batters in 18 innings of action. Douglas has piled up a total of nine innings, earning a record of 0-2 and a 5.00 ERA.

Lehman is looking very good at the plate with a .306 batting average in 20 games for Staunton.

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 .175 batting average, Bono is continuing to look great as a relief pitcher. Bono is 0-0 with two saves in five appearances. He has struck out eight batters in just 5.2 innings of work.

Football suffers five more losses

As the loss of defensive end Keshad Jones wasn't enough, the Knights will be without the services of middle linebacker Chad Mascoe, fullback Antwoal 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.

Mascoe, a transfer from Southwestern Mississippi Community College, never lived up to his potential as a Knight. The linebvakker did come through with 55 total tackles in 2002, but will not have the opportunity to improve upon that in what looks to be the Knights' best season yet. Outside linebacker Stanford Rible will fill in for Mascoe in the middle.

Curry was ready to step up to fill in for the graduated Sean Guidon, however he will now turn to Southwestern 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. Bree Brown will take the starting slot at fullback now Brown filled in nicely for Alex Haynes last season, however he lacks the blocking presence that Curry provided.

At 6 foot 6, 315 pounds, Mendez will leave a great hole on the offensive line. The senior guard's college career is over, though he was also Mendez's backup at the right guard position, and has ended his football career due to recurring injuries, curtailed by a back injury. The position will most likely be filled by reserves Sean Gilleney or Dan Veemstra.

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

-KEN SHO and DAVE REYNOS
Highlights of the cultural calendar

LINNEA BROWN  STAFF WRITER

Wednesday, July 23
Best of Fringe Festival 2003 The festival honors the best of the Orlando International Fringe Festival. Performances include bands, literature, poetics, art, dance, and bands. Location: Fine Arts Library, UCF. Performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. Free. For more information, call 407-823-2867.

Thursday, July 24
Van Weered Stock 2003 The annual high-energy rock event brings live tours to downtown Orlando. The Van Weered Stock 2003 includes live music by the General Electric Buffoons, 40/25. Other bands include a variety of other performers. Location: downtown Orlando. Hours vary. Free admission. For more information, call 407-792-2570.

Friday, July 25
Amy Shirley at House of Blues Amy Shirley, the locally-adored edgy, family-friendly singer/songwriter, will perform at House of Blues. Location: downtown Orlando. Show times are at 6:30 and 9 p.m. General admission $19.75; 21 and up, $23.75; 12 and under, $14. For more information, call 407-849-9904.

Saturday, July 26
Rafael Williams to Converse Recent celebration Rafael Williams has been honored by the city of the “Cultural Meritor. Est.” The City of Orlando seeks to honor local artists such as Rafael. The award will be held tonight at the Main Stage. Hours are from 4 to 9 p.m. Free admission. For more information, call 407-292-4500.

Sunday, July 27
A night of rockin’ at Back Booth “Half Baked.” The Social hosts an acoustic show with Best Known for his best-known for his brand of reggae-rock to Downtown Orlando International Fringe Festival. The Social will perform at the Back Booth. Location: downtown Orlando. Show times are at 5 p.m. General admission $5; 21 and up, $8; 12 and under, $3. For more information, call 407-948-7303.

Monday, July 28
Superbowl Stake Meeting For anyone who believes in the supernatural, the Central Florida Football Fans meet the last Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Orlando Public Library. Call 407-846-6126 for more information.

Tuesday, July 29
Summer Note at Kathleen’s Kathleen’s is an annual fundraiser for the local chapter of the American Heart Association. There will be an arts and crafts show with local artisans. Location: downtown Orlando. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Orlando Public Library. Call 407-642-6126 for more information.

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USE YOUR E-CASH!
Camera phones improving as mobile gadget sales soar

Beatrice E. Garcia
KAY CAMPUS

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. With a crop of new camera phones, those 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. But those photos aren't meant for posterity, says Roger Ehrlich, who follows the cellular phone market for the Yankee Group in Boston. "These are photos you share, not photos you keep." Right now, the photos are postage-stamp size. For the phones available in the United States, the resolution is generally less than one megapixel, which is fine for e-mails and Web sites, not for fine photography.

Yet, advancements are lifting the market in rapid-fire progress. Sony-Ericsson has produced 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 Far 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 better than expected.

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

Phones 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 the Web site for Gartner Inc., a Stamford, Conn., analyst.

"It's exciting," said Jarvis a 29-year-old political science graduate student. "Whenever a squirrel comes up on campus and takes this advice, and campus

A squirrel's life on UCF's campus is far from boring, with trash cans to raid, runaround to practice and people to chase.

Junk food is bad for squirrels, too

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hand makes them more aggressive. "It may cause them to bite someone without food," she added.

While Xenias understands that people like to feed squirrels, she advises students to feed them healthy snacks and to place the food on the ground. She recommends corn, fruits and vegetables, and unsalted sunflower seeds. "Nothing fried. All unhealthy foods for us are unhealthy for animals. The foods can cause the same problems in the animals as they can in us."

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 Darvy Pleasant, a 24-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."

Like Pleasant, Maggie Gonzalez has fed the squirrels to keep them at bay.

"We've given them something to 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 Ubl, director of Environmental Health and Safety. "They do advise people not to feed wild animals," he said.

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

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Spontaneous shutterbugs ditching disposables for camera phones

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Nokia, the Finnish cell phone manufacturer, had a 55 percent market share. In 2000, the world of digital cameras was the mecca for many camera manufacturers. But in 2003, the digital camera market is forecasted to be a $1 billion industry, with sales of digital cameras expected to reach $3 billion by 2005.

The future of the camera market is in the hands of photographers, who are willing to pay for high-quality images. With the introduction of digital cameras, consumers are now able to capture images quickly and easily, and share them with friends and family.

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- Lower cost
- Lower energy consumption
- Smaller size

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Despite these challenges, the future of the camera market looks bright. With the increasing popularity of digital cameras, we can expect to see continued growth in this market.
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 inaneously 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 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 acquire 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 encoded because he was inventing profusely 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."
I like to exercise outdoors, but I often get overheated and develop muscle cramps following exercising in hot and humid weather. How can this be prevented?

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 fan), or 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 body fluid losses, often leading to dehydration.

Heat cramps are caused by excessive heat exposure, and profuse sweating followed by too little or too much fluid intake. This 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, hyperventilation, seizures, and mental confusion often progressing to loss of consciousness and coma.

The physicians at UCF Student Health Services advise the athletic trainers in preventing, and caring for heat related illness in the football players during summer training sessions. Prevention includes gradual acclimatization, advecting maintenance of adequate salt and fluid intake prior to exercise, and "pulsing 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 maintain less than 2% loss of body weight after exercise. The athletes are weighted 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.

By modifying your exercise intensity and time of the day, and optimizing fluid and salt intake, you should be able to fully enjoy the lovely heat and humidity of a Florida summer.

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