UCF’s fighting men return to campus

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

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STAFF WRITER

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 190 soldiers, including several with ties to UCF, who had spent nearly six months overseas:

First Lt. Christopher Byrne, 24, of Delta 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.

Through 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 be the first to tell you it did."

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New voices in your head: You never realize how much you need something until you’ve got it gone away. See LIFESTYLES on 24.

Intramural climax: A final battle for amateur championships wrapped up the summer intramural sports season recently. See SPORTS on 23.

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Soldiers missed showers, good food and television

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they would tell you why.
"Years of international pressure, oppression by the Iraqi government, and more than two decades of sporadic war were evident in the way Iraqis behaved around the soldiers, Byrne said. "The people thought loss of life was the norm over there," he said. "Most of them didn't stay at weapons. Most had AK-47s of their own picked up from fleeing soldiers. Generally, though, we were welcomed warmly everywhere we went. The Iraqis would often invite us into their homes for Chai Tea, a sweet potent tea they drink in what looks like a shot glass with the tea leaves still on the bottom."

Because of the current wave of violence that has befuddled troops in Iraq, Byrne said he helps soldiers find peacekeepers into the country, and pull out the troops.

"More than 90 soldiers have died since President Bush declared the end of major combat operations. He said America has to take more steps to take better care of and support its soldiers, but added that more needs to be done after spending two and a half billion dollars on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Byrne said."

"I miss 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 Chitun — 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 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 arrivals this month, UCF saw one of its soldiers return back in May Capt. Kevin Cochie, who 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 HH-47, a dual troop and 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 total 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 called the best-trained personnel in the military.

While in Iraq his 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 was such an unfair fight, and that's exactly how we wanted 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 antennas.

"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 the Iraq war, Cochie said the United States position in the Persian Gulf remains strong. "I'm proud of the system," he said. "I think we're going to win."

Cochie said his unit depend ed solely on intelligence information to complete its missions, and noted that information changed daily, and kept 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

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

The town's mayor, Charles Starnes, said he was inspired to see the buildings go. An ordinance passed last year prohibits "upgrading" and the hosts of large celebrations are charged for police overtime, but this bill would not pass under the old laws. "They want no parties. For students to say that is a real step forward in history."

Governor seeks audit of UL 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 landing.

Gov. Phil Bredesen last week asked for an investigation into President Joe Smitherman's use of a university airplane and credit cards for personal expenses, as well as a review 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 the president,' " the governor said at a news conference.

"Let's get 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 going on a plane, changing his head for the next few years."

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

Smitherman is one of the highest-paid college leaders, with annual compensation of $453,500.

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

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

The questions began flying around the university administration asked for a new airplane to replace the university's 25-year-old King Air 300. The order would cost $5 million.

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 filed another flight data 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 Smitherman's frequent trips to Louisville, Ky., where he has been settling his divorce, and to Birmingham, Ala., where he visited his personal office at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Garrison was present at the University of Louisville when Smitherman was his president, and he said they were "good personal friends."

Smitherman said last week that he would reimburse the university $34,000 for some of the commercial flights. He said he had also 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 high rates — wish they could do it all over again. Under federal law they generally cannot change loan terms for one company to another without incurring fees, but some borrowers want to consolidate multiple loans with more than one holder, in which case they can refinance them with any lender. Elimination of the rule would be a boon 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.

Census considers measures to curb illegal file sharing

A bill introduced July 16 in Congress to curtail online music and video piracy would set jail terms of up to five years, accompanied by fines of as much as $250,000, for people found guilty of such offenses.

The bill is the most dramatic of two currently before the House, of Representatives that could affect college students who use file-sharing programs. Title II, "The Author, Consumer, and Computer Owner Protection and Security Act of 2003, HR 2762" would, among other things, make it a felony to upload 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 Berman, of California, and John Conyers Jr., of Michigan, introduced the bill.

Another bill — the Piracy, Determination and Education Act of 2000, HR 3517 — would establish an "Internet Use Education Program" in the office of the associate attorney general. The program would educate the public, educational institutions, and Copyright owners 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 laws. 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 sue those who pirate material, even if the owners had failed to register their work with the US Copyright Office. That Office is expected to be discussed and voted on next week in the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on crime, 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.
Friends continue fight against old regime

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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 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 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 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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Winner pushes cultural diversity

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 Erika Harold, is campaigning against youth violence and bullying.

Dunlap, an Orlando native, said her platform of cultural diversity is inspired by Florida's multicultural history. She plans to carry 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 as the 57th Miss Florida, becoming the first black Miss Florida.

Before a competition, Dunlap said she prepares herself by focusing on what is important in her life — the boxes 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 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 promises 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 pageant 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.

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."

"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 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 scholarship, and the accompanying $12,000 scholarship, Dunlap is one step closer to both goals.

The fact that she's given to me through the fact that she has this chance," Dunlap said. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. You can only go once."

Katherine Miss Florida Dunlap
Orlando native Erika Dunlap was crowned, becoming the first black Miss Florida.

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Bush risking lives over failed policies

Our stance: Miss Florida wins symbolic of nation uniting

Florida finally awarded a black woman the Miss Florida title last month. Nearly 70 years after the first competition, and 20 years after Vanessa Williams became the first black Miss America. It's another sign that equality in America may be closer to reality, a light at the end of a long, dark tunnel.

America has made some big steps forward, and many steps back. In the '60s, America freed itself from the ideals and values that had been ingrained stereotypes of generations.

A century later, with passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, lawmakers further progressed the cause of integration in America, and cultural unity.

Woes of oppression take time to undo, though, which is why affirmative action programs were developed — to give minorities the opportunity to make great strides and contributions to the world after years of being held back. The world has changed as much as America has.

This is the biggest news of the year for those who have never seen a black Miss America win a beauty pageant.

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Flag waving is self-serving and wasteful

Rocks most recent visit attempt at inconvenience by waving the flag at UO not only is it a lack of knowledge of the American way to fly flag but is a lack of respect for the flag itself.

There are two ways to display the flag: waving it and flying it. Waving a flag is a self-serving act that has been done for decades. It is a way to show support for a cause or a person.

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ROCKS errored on declining sponsor

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Letters to the Editor

Flags won’t enhance classroom environment

Your editorial, “Flags in O-2 classes are worth the $10,000 price,” grossly misrepresents the arguments of those opposed to putting the U.S. flag in every classroom. But flags themselves are not offensive. A campus implicitly designed to bar offering of U.S. policy as “inappropriate” is indeed offensive.

The group sponsoring this proposal, “The Rock,” states their goal is “to show support for America, while our troops are in harms way and we continue to mourn from Sept. 11.” Yet flags are the only way to show support for the economy! 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 of the visiting team at a baseball game are offended by the home team’s logo. ‘Your analogy is revealing. The ROCK flag proposal is an attempt to brand people as “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 every­ body to see it day in, day out. But the looming 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 making the flag? Why don’t we “know our geeks” by figuring out why we are in a recession, why our war against terrorism is failing, why would opinion is against the U.S. by global policies and doing something about these problems rather than waving more flags!

With the Bush Administration under fire for presenting unsubstantiated claims to the country for going to war, now is the time to raise more questions, not more flags. The money spent on flags would be much better spent improving educational facilities on campus. Nobody accuses me of a lack of patriotism. I do admit that I am a Canadian citizen, though I love the U.S. and therefore I don’t want to see it hurt by false politics.

Don’t make me in a true political

—BARRY MAKER
Patients in charge of Sanitarium

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 create a spiritual experience that would touch the hearts of every human being.

But then I decided that being relevant and political isn’t as much fun as writing about Metallica. I spoke to all of you important issues out there, but I finally got 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 my hometown. If you were there, then you already know it was the most amazing show imaginable. For those who missed it, now you know it was the most amazing show unimaginable.

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 caution you, however, to avoid reading these to impressive children or pets.

Do not fight with the security personnel. The particularly belligerent and intimidated member of the crowd at Atlanta had to learn this lesson the hard way. He took a swing at one of the mild-mannered security staff surrounding him and all of them proceeded to beat him down to the ground. The gentleman bodily had his clothes torn off his body and everyone along the left-field line was “treated” to the ejection of the man they muscled out.

What’s worse is that his outfit occurred during Metallica’s set, and he never saw Lars Ulrich or Metallica play. He also missed the improvised festivities between each act. Use the phrase “improvised festivities” when I mean that in the mail get women to display their breasts.

These men weren’t very picky either. They’re cooler for anyone, and mean anyone. The words “grandmother” and “overweight” meant very little to these groups.

Speaking of very little meaning, I think that once you enter a venue like Turner Field for the Ultimate Band, the price for any all and goods services in the “real world” have little or no meaning. You could purchase two hot dogs and a large Coke for the low price of $13.75. Never mind that I could’ve bought 5-pounds of hot dogs and a couple dozens of Cokes at the supermarket.

Where you find a $10 shirt for less than $50 these days? Not at the Summer Skullcrush 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 leave the restroom after about two hours of the concert. Unexplainable horrores that will remain unsolved, will haunt my dreams forevermore.

Did it all worth it to hear Metallica play their music, I ensured, and they only played three songs that came out after 1990. Still, it didn’t stop people, some of which weren’t born when those albums were first released, from singing every word.

Sure, most of the people still remain the same. Metallica, their nationalities, the metallica, or related to me (Mom), I’d like to take a few minutes to address a few things that are near and dear to all of our hearts.

Deddy Riegel was smoking, and Metallica was right to weigh in about the free exchange of copyrighted music on the Internet.

Anyone who participate in or currently participates in the sharing of music in stealing someone’s intellectual property. Everyone is entitled to be paid for what they produce, and metallica are no different than those people who expect to be paid for designing a house, a piece of clothing, or a new machine or grilling machine.

That being said, Lars Ulrich is a loud-mouthed Metallica member. He should’ve kept his mouth shut and let the people do the talking. Keep in mind that I’m a huge Metallica fan, but Lars couldn’t be in the studio doing something about the United album, but he was in a courtroom instead.

Secondly Metallica did not sell out. They didn’t make a video until their fourth major album was released. They bill a huge tour base by playing music, in large part with out the help of radio and television.

Heavy metal became mainstream because of Metallica, and plenty of bands. One of the greatest people owns us to them.

Popular music does not equal to soul-crushing. 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 buy their CDs, T-shirts, concert tickets, and offer your girlfriend in exchange for landscape passes. If you don’t love them, that’s fine too, you just as well as you can best your.

There’s no reason to spend any time or effort learning Metallica, because I’m sure your new Backyard Boys shirt will arrive soon to brighten your day and boost your spirits. bow to the masters of metal

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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 Mark Emmert. The teleconference included UCF President John Hitt, who sat in on the conference as a silent party. UCF Athletic Director Steve Courson 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 under-

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Improvised defense line must help run defense

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summer, but there should be little concern now that it is replacing the losses. Heading into next week's practice camp, the Knights must learn to look at the problems and let the path to the conference championship begin.

Quarterback

#17, Ryan Schneider

UCF Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski, quarterback coach Dan Hurley, and strength coach Steve Bevel created a masterpiece over the past three years. Schneider is coming off a 2002 season that saw the junior throw for over 3,700 yards.

He has made a huge impact nationally and received attention for it. In 2003 could be the biggest year of Schneider's life as he has to line up against the best of the rest. The quarterback will have a new weapon at his disposal this season, though as the running game is almost certainly going to new levels. Schneider will be backed up safely this year by junior Jon Rivera. Rivera is a great athletically-quick quarterback who possesses the ability to confound defenses with great speed and a greater arm. He backs playing time and real experience, but Rivera might help UCF fans feel a bit more secure knowing anything can happen to Schneider.

Tailback

#4, Alex Hugheys

UCF hasn't seen a running back in the backfield of Schneider as consistently as Mark Smith back in 2001. Hayden's 1,000-yard season last year could have been overshadowed had Mark Smith been healthy. He missed one full game and split time with Dee Brown, but he was no surprise in Huggins' team. However, Hugheys is poised to become the first running back since Smith to have back-to-back, 1,000-yard seasons.

Hugheys has a newer offensive line in front of him, but they should be as strong as ever. Problems have recently arisen when it comes to the backfield of blocking fullback Andress Curry and right guards Alex Mendez and Joe Blackard. Depth is what matters, and the Knights have the depth to keep Hugheys and Blackard equally productive. If a hole is created for him, the opposing defense has to worry about his breakaway speed. He averaged 5.3 yards per carry and averaged 10.3 yards per carry on 59-yard touchdown runs against Marshall's stingy defense.

Hugheys has the potential to be a2002 version of Ryan Schneider. His hands off to backup Keith Williams, but if Hugheys is 100% healthy all season, then he will be among the best in the MAC. If not the nation, the Knights have two potentially really good running backs behind him in Williams and Wilcox. However, Hugheys and Wilcox do it, he should give up his position any time soon.

Wide Receivers

#81, Brandon Marshall; #7, Tom McVay; #12, Jamie Huggins;

The experience of the top three receivers lies in the hands of Capers and Huggins. Marshall decided, though, the tempo of this contest.

Capers is faster in the trio, and will kill any opposing secondaries if allowed to get a step on the defensive backs. Marshall is tall, fast and down- during attempts to any mistakes. 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. Grades were of question, but he did what he needed to and will join the offense. It was learned that he has the ability to confound 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 Butcher.

With Huggins firmly in place, the receiving corps now has strong leadership as well as depth. Sophomore Al Peterson and freshman Andre Samper will be seeing plenty of time right field as well. Peterson is the ideal statue for a wide receiver at 6 feet 2 and 190 pounds, and has 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

#84, Darry Johnson; #82, Michael Gaines

The tight end has been a lost position for the Knights for the last three years. Last season, Schneider began to utilize Marie Jackson more, but the position has mainly been a blocking role. That changes this season.

Gaines and Jackson are two perfect specimens of the tight end. Gaines is as large as some offensive linemen and as quick as most receivers. He'll be able to open up nice holes for Hugheys, as well as block for end. Gaines will be third-down yardage for Schneider.

Johnson doesn't have as much blocking experience as Gaines, but he is younger and equally important to the running and passing games. At 6 feet 4 and 260 pounds, he can still block against some of the better linebackers and linemen on the line of scrimmage.

Johnson and Gaines have the potential this season to be as dominant as his years pass. Johnson and Gaines should have no problems picking up some slack in that area.

Defensive Line

#94, Darry Johnson; #82, Michael Gaines

While the leadership of Henderson 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, but the defensive line must play for 60 minutes. The same unit that showed up in the first half, must come out in the second half.

The loss of Jenkins away from the pass rush, but Jordan and Carrington look ready to fill those shoes. Johnson and Brown are big enough to match up against the stronger offensive lines, and they are quick enough to work their way past to stop the run immediately.

The depth is better than it has ever been. Frasier Nelson and Roy Williams have 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 of the field and let the offense dominate.

Linebackers

#6, Antoine Pov; #18, Stanford Riddle; #22, Gerren Brown; #25, Chris DeMarcus; #92, Larry Prater both showed last year filling in for these line backers to live up to their collec- torial potential. Gerren Brown is probably one of the best in the MAC last season with 119 tackles. Last season he seemed to have a step back, but more importantly, he has brought the Mustangs to play strong with the loss of the defensive Captain. With the return of Rondy Johnson is probably one of the best in the MAC last season and will only get better as his years pass.

The duo will be backed up by Rondy Johnson and Mark Smith. Johnson is probably one of the best on the team and will bring a step back to the passing heavy opponents. Hopkins will spend more time in the strong safety role, but is good enough to play both. As a reserve in 2002, Hopkins turned in a very impressive 59 tackles.}

Defensive Ends

#29, Peter Sands; #6, Aatari Bigby

Bigby and Sands are in line to become defensive ends. Both have the ability to confound defenses, UCF's defense is receiving much needed depth.

Bigby has received a high amount of national attention in the pre-season and media polls, but he is a matured athlete that can hurt the offense. He must also pro- vide incentive to the rest of his teammates to not just earn their way, but to fight for their own starting spot, as they can take home a MAC championship. Bigby is the total package for a defensive end, but he also has to prove that he can play with the best. Last season he seemed to have a step back, but however a much more mature. Bigby will end up breaking the dean records.

Sands is the perfect compliment for Bigby in the free safety role. Sands played the top 15 in the MAC last season with 119 tackles. Only a junior, Sands can be a monster in a safety this season if he keeps his head in the game and plays smart. He should have to step up his game another level this year and will only improve as each game passes.

While the defensive line will be crucial to stopping the run, but the Knights can devastate their oppo- nents if they can stop 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 weakness of the University of Houston, Ray Anderson turned the Cougars special teams into one of the best units in the conference USA.

Northern Illinois' Feely and Matt Prater both have strong legs, but they still need to show consistency. They must ensure that both blocked field goal attempts against Syracuse and Penn State in the last game this season, then they can play just as strong for the kicking game as we did for the passing game.

The special teams just have to play smart. Stupid mistakes gave up too many return yards last season and have left too many close games yet again over the past few years. This normal area of concern has finally stepped from under the Knights' outstanding defensive

rookie honor. He was quietly one of the best cornerbacks in the MAC last season and will only get better as his years pass.

He is equally as intelligent as Lawrence. He will have to show the same skill that he showed in his first last season as a starter this year.

The defense are going to be incredibly important to the Knights' defense during the season's progression. The Tampa Bay Tech, but more importantly against the massing passing teams for Bigby to hold down the strong safety role, but is good enough to play both. As a reserve in 2002, Hopkins turned in a very impressive 59 tackles.
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 veracious as possible so that he may listen in on 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 anti-BCS coalition. That’s what’s important to us. 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, this is more of a research effort than listening in on the teleconference and understand what’s happening out there.”

Cowen said he believed the response to his call of urgency would be limited, however, more than likely the news will be 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 62 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 these teams from the Big East makes the conference’s BCS status more questionable.

“My opinion tied to this domino effect is that it’s not a coincidence that Tulane’s president is bringing this up,” Orsini 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 new instead of 1968 when the system was created. 1968 was also the year that the Green Wave celebrated its 100-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 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, 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 conferences receive between $11.78 and $14.08 million dollars depending on which member goes to which game.

Should a team outside of these conferences earn an al-

The history of the Bowl Championship Series

Until 1992 NCAA division I-A football never had a national champion. In order to solve the problem and make college football more exciting the BCS was created. The goals were simple. The best teams in the nation would be pitted against each other in a national championship game. The program worked, for the first three years with only one real problem, the Rose Bowl, the BCS never involved. 1994 gave the fans their first true national championship game. In 1995, three Alabama teams met in the Sugar Bowl, 1996 brought two Florida teams to the national championship. In 1997, however, there were two teams from the ACC in the Sugar Bowl.

In 1998 the Bowl Alliance became the Bowl Championship Series. The Bowl Alliance solidified the movement to a two-team national championship game. The BCS was run in a rotating two-year period. The first year of the Bowl Championship Series, Michigan was the number one team in the coaches and AP polls but weren’t eligible to participate in the national championship game because of the affiliation to the Big Ten. Instead, Nebraska and Michigan played in the national championship as the Cornhuskers beat Tennessee for the NCAA championship.

Richard Hauser and Charles Horner of the Southwest Conference helped to change the makeup of the bowl system and make two years one for the coaches and two years one for the AP. The 2002 BCS was on a rotating two-year period by the commissioners of the conference involved. The championship game is rotated between the Rose, Rose, Orange, and Sugar Bowls.

For the sake of simplicity, I will only mention the computers of the conferences involved. The 2002 national championship game was held in Orlando on January 4, 2003. In the number one and number two teams were matched up with the number two team (Nebraska) and the number one team (Florida) in the Rose Bowl. If the number two team wins, they move on to the next conference championship game, if not, they move on to the Sugar Bowl.

If the BCS continues to exist as a system, the current system could run until 2003 when the number two teams would be matched up with the number two team (Tulane) and the number two team (Texas) in the Orange Bowl. If the number two team wins, they move on to the next conference championship game, if not, they move on to the Sugar Bowl.

The BCS continues to the 2005-2006 season.

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Summer concludes with championships galore

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 4-3 win over Burg Style. The game started off slow as both teams exchanged with no effective pace that resembled this year’s NIAA finals. Shooting improved in the second half, and Lake Show asserted themselves in the last 2 minutes as they were lead by Ondrick Swade’s 26 points, 14 rebounds, and 9 blocked shots. Chris McNair chipped in 6 points and Von Gordon had 5 for the Lake Show.

Cameron Hopewell was the leading scorer for Burg Style in defeat, as he had 13 points. Michael Colin also won 10th Annual Intramural title of his UCF career with the Lake Show, to go along with his Softball 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 rudimentary outlasted Hix Shootin Brix 42-31. East Rudimentary 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; ODFYSL overcame an early 2-0 deficit to beat S Bold Smith, 4-2. Ian Elston scored the tying goal on an end-to-end breakaway that sailed past goalie Felipe Olvera. Elston was also responsible for the game-winning goal, and Shawn Donato put the game out of reach with two no-minute left by scoring the final goal.

And finally in flag football, Sig Ep won the Competitive 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 Colin his 11th IM Championship. Dix Squad had a chance to pull within one point on late third, but Steve Anderson’s pass fell through the hands of an open Mike Ruggieri and Sig Ep added some more awards to their flag football trophy case.

VLCE earned Competitive supremacy by beating the Smoove, 20-14. VLCE was lead by the unbeaten throwing style of quarterback Phil Mast, who threw for all three touchdowns. The Devastators were the victors in the women’s league, as they knocked off The Predators, 40-19. Both teams combined this past fall to consist of one 7 on 7 team, so this victory was extra sweet for the Devastators.
Tulane's Cowen seeks to eliminate the BCS

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and television contracts.

Other schools are taking different moves than Tulane's Cowen.

The Mountain West Conference firmly believes that it belongs in the company of the BCS conferences and Notre Dame. The fair and new conference is looking to immediately begin expansion from its eight-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, Boise State, and Nevada. Western Athletic Conference teams could not come to a consensus to keep eyes on Fresno State, Boise State, and Nevada.

In 2002, the commissioners of the BCS conferences met to make sure that the late season conference of whom the newspaper wrote two and two teams actually were would end. 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 including 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 their support in the divisions that the institutions fall under in certain criteria," said Orsini. "They compete on equal bases starting off 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 say are underdealt 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," Orsini said. "It's a bigger issue in one way today 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 Star/Wilsons Thunderbolts. Bledsoe has a 4.0 record and a promising ERA of 1.80. 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 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 Staunton Braves in the Shenandoah Valley League in Virginia.

As a starting pitcher, Fox has been showing signs of maturity, striking out 20 batters in 18 innings of action. Douglas has pitched a total of nine innings, earning a record of 0-2 and a 5.10 ERA.

Lehmann is looking very good at the plate with a .306 batting average in 12 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 .171 batting average, Bono has continued to look great as a relief pitcher. Bono is 6-4 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 if the loss of defensive end Rashad Greene wasn't enough, the Knights will be without the services of middle linebacker Chad Mascoe, fullback Anthony Curry, guards Alex Mendez and Joe Blackburn and offensive tackle Jeff Harper.

Masoce, a transfer from Southwest Mississippi Community College, never lived up to his potential as a Knight. The linebarker did come through with five 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 linebarker Stanford Riddle will fill in for Masoe in the middle.

Carry was ready to step up to fill in for the graduated Sean Goodwin, however he will now turn to Northwest 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. Bee Brown will take the starting slot at fullback now Beezen filled in nicely for Alex Haynes last season, however he lacks the blocking presence that Carry provided.

At 6-foot 315 pounds, Bono will leave a great hole on the offensive line. The senior guard's college career is over. Bono was also Morgan's backup at the right guard position, and has ended his football career due to recurring injuries, capped by a broken 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 Waldens, Seth Ushl, and Larry Peoples.
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The complex co-existence of humans and squirrels on campus

Brandon Hardin STAFF WRITER

The campus co-exists with them. Lurking in the shadows, hiding in the underbrush. Glaring from within garbage cans. Watching your every movement with anticipation and waiting for one mistake so they can descend upon you and eat your food.

Meet the Eastern Gray Squirrel, or Sciurus Carolinensis to their Latin friends. A small rodent, the squirrels live in a variety of places from Canada to Key West, and the UCF campus is no exception.

Jay Evans, director of environmental services at Glattling Jackson, line, a local developing firm that studies natural resources, said that squirrels population distribution correlates with acorn and history tree distribution. In other words, squirrels live where there is food for them.

Which makes it no surprise that squirrels are abundant on the UCF campus.

Outside of the Student Union, these fuzzy creatures surround the eating areas. DARTing from trees to railings, squirrels demand food from feasting students.

But, is rewarding the squirrels with a greasy, edible prize good or bad?

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

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.

Como Washam, senior secretary in the Foreign Languages and Literature Department, is an avid 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 Sciurus Carolinensis.

Washam does what she can to keep the squirrels she feeds healthy. "I only feed them corn. No doughnuts or cookies." She also encourage 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.

Juanet Xemus, 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 bites and don’t mind needles prickling in your hoarse," Gale said. She also said feeding squirrels by

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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’s not only the chased chippies 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 23 marked the debut of two radio shows on the local dial. Real Rock 101.1 FM (WRR) decided to import the “Robbie the Love Sponge Show,” sending Pat Lynch and “Tino” Bob to the mid-day slot.

Robbie, whose show is based in Tampa, has been syndicated to several different markets across the U.S.

O-FM 103.5 FM (WOCF) introduced the “Koth and Tony Show” that same morning, replacing “Lettos and Carter’s Morning Zoo.”

Both of the stations play modern rock music and compete for similar listening audiences, 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 the quirky new shows one finds they’re not alone, as many of the old favorites have turned the tables on the listeners, turning the tables on the listeners.

"It’s just like when you were a kid," says Ned, one of the personalities on Robbie’s show during a phone call. "Ned called a researcher who studies the same-sex mating habits of rams.

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. He asks why anyone would find it enjoyable to watch two male rams engage in sexual congress, unless the rams in question were Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk, two football players for the St. Louis Rams.

Robert Rodman, the ringmaster of this circus, the college dropout from the Midwest got into radio on a whim, and despite being fired several times, has found his way into having one of the more popular

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Camera phones improving as mobile gadget sales soar

Beatrice E. Garcia
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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. But those phones aren’t meant for posters, says Roger Ettman, 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 lower than megapixels, which is fine for e-mails and Web sites, not for fine photography.

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Spontaneous shutterbugs ditching disposables for camera phones

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research firm.

Nokia, the Finnish cell phone manufacturer, had a 35 percent market share. In 1990, a digital camera phone was 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 gadgets 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 $99.99 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 emails 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 a month, or $9.95 for 10 megas 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 10 characters and a photo or video clip and sound — to other wireless phones.

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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 infamously 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. 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 censored because he was interrupting 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."
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