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SGA revisits pricey party bill

New legislation mandates scrutiny

HEIDI A. DE VRIES
Staff Writer

Concerned about a previously approved $50,000 expenditure for a music concert, the SGA Senate on Thursday reviewed the spending and an unusual motion, then

killed it immediately.

In its place, Sen. Nick Merelle introduced a replacement bill and fast-forwarded it to approval, with an important change brought up by student and colleague concerns.

The new motion requires Student Government Association President Brian Battles and Senate Speaker Peter Cintino to sign off on the use of any single penny for this party.

The spending now also must be approved by the Golden Knights Celebration Committee, which consists of students and representatives from the National Pan- Hellenic Council and the SGA. The change stemmed from concerns voiced by those such as Sen. Jason Quick, who said the original expense was approved too quickly.

"Just makes me a little nervous," Quick said at last Thursday's weekly Senate session.

The original funding bill, which takes $23,000 from the fund for campus concerts and $23,000 from the Senate Working Fund, will pay for a concert of a yet-unnamed musical act and related expenses as part of a Senate move to bail the music department.

"Maybe this was a little more..." Senator Speaker Peter Cintino reminded senators that the funders offered to use half of their own money.

O'Leary to speak at SGA Senate on Thursday

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New football Coach George O'Leary will make his first appearance on campus body Thursday at the weekly SGA Senate meeting.

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., with O'Leary to speak during the 7 p.m. meeting, where he will take questions from the senators.

All students are invited to hear the coach discuss his plans for the Knights.

A student-funded buffet will greet the coach, hired in December, as part of a Senate plan to provide food at the first meeting of each month. The Senate hopes to attract more students with the offer of a free meal.

The final cost will cost the Senate $3,000, and will last first of the four months -- to the end of the by-election period.

In approving the expense, senators debated whether they should be allowed to eat the food, as they voted to spend the money. "It's a conflict of interest," Sen. Alex Sigal said.

Senator Speaker Peter Cintino reminded senators that the Senate opted to use half of their own money.

UNPLUG 2004 preaches freedom from tech chains

FELICIA GOELS
Contributing Writer

Imagine a couple of weeks without a cell phone, a computer, a car or even a television. Sound like the plot of a reality TV show?

For a group of UCF students, the idea has become a movement.

Unplug 2004, a series of events that started Feb. 19 and ends Saturday, is the work of students who want to break free from the grip of technology. Matt DeNgayo, one of the founders, was simply riding his bike last week and suddenly got the idea. "This is merely about letting go and cutting the chains, or 'electrical cords' of your everyday life," DeNgayo said.

Emily Ruff, another co-founder, emphasized that it's not about becoming activists, rather to become more people who want to become more people who want to become more people who want to..."

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Sophomore Sean J Souza, seemed to know that leap year incorporates a special occasion. "A day is not exact... 250 days, so every four years you must add a day to February to make the calendar balanced," J Souza, 20, said, adding that he would be spending his extra hours with his girlfriend.

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NICOL JENKINS
Contributing Writer

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One of the most important projects his department is in charge of is the Rally in Tally, a gathering of Tallahassee in March on March 17, and Peters is commit- ting his time to this event for students to attend. According to the CEO, the event will be one of the most important things the university takes in May and would be a way to express a strong mission from the current adminis­ tration to the new one.

Bentley would also like to immediately begin on getting students involved in the first-year government program. We need to show students that there are things for them in the social sciences, post-grad said.

Peters’ main job will be focusing on diversity in America. He has been focusing on diversity in America. He has been following the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education case for years. He has written or edited more than 20 pieces in the field, including Racism in America, written in 1981. He won a look at diversity in America. He has been developing leadership skills. Attendance is required. To sign up, email Harriet Elam-Thomas, a former student from Tallahassee, at wet@fsu.edu. Peters has served as the Bush chairman and served as a new member educator for Lambda Chi Alpha. His duties include atten­ dance at UCF community events, but regular busi­ ness meetings are free to attend.

Learn to look
Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the annual Leadership Institute from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Student Union Program Room.

Peters plans to go to law school and finance and economics double major at UCF. However, he doesn’t want to be a lawyer, but rather a politician. He said the experience is good for those who want to get involved in politics, which he said is an option that I'm leaving open.
Betrayal, revenge and tragedy

"Once on This Island," a musical on stage at the UCF Theatre through Sunday, tells the story of a girl, Ti Moune (Kahliah Rivers, top, in the arms of Marjorie Thomas and Reginald Woods), who is given a purpose through her love for a man. That love is tested when she is given the option of either dying or taking his life. Essential to the colorful production are storytellers who communicate with the gods through song and dance (above and left). The show is directed by Earl D. Weaver, with costumes by Haixiang Tan.

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Coping with campus stress

HEATHER L. HUTCHINS

On a college campus, stress comes with the territory. But one UCF psychologist says some stress can be a positive tool that actually helps students.

"Stress is a part of being alive," Karen Hoffmann said. "But too little stress can feel unstimulating and too much can overwhelm you." 

Hoffmann, a staff psychologist at UCF, added that posi­tive stress keeps us alert and enables us to rise to situa­tions.

The physical symptoms of negative stress include: 

- Rapid heartbeat or breathing
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Backache
- Sweating or sweaty palms

People under stress may feel irritable or frustrated and yell at others for no reason. The person also may find it hard to concentrate.

"Junior Shelly Horst is a behavior cartographer. She suffers from sleep depriva­tion, depression and wokeness of tears and yelling when she’s stressed," Horst said. "My work school is affected, and I generally keep to myself and ignore my friends," she said. The endeavor major links to his family for guidance.

For one, college students with many responsibilities, life can become overwhelming. "As a freshman with a marriage and a job, I was a job while taking classes at UCF," she experienced a sense of stress and anxiety from time to time. "Spanish major James Mott Jr. said, "I sometimes feel hard to balance it all."

Elaine Alvarez, a foreign language major, is in a different situation than the average UCF student. As a mother of two and a wife, who also works 25 hours a week, and goes to UCF full-time, she’s feeling the pres­sure of a successful life. "I don’t have so much stress

Goong something interesting on SPRING BREAK

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The deadline is 4 p.m. March 12.
Students leap into inaction Feb. 29

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W hat it comes to the presidency, character is crucial. This sentiment is expressed in a speech by the former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. He underlines the importance of honesty and integrity in political leaders, emphasizing that character matters more than specific policies or campaign promises. Bush argues that when leaders are honest, they can inspire confidence and trust, which is essential in the political realm. He advocates for leaders who are transparent and who lead by example, setting a standard for ethical behavior. Bush's words resonate with the principles of strong leadership and moral integrity, which are vital in guiding the nation forward.

**Our View**

Bush's comments on character and integrity are particularly relevant in the context of political leadership. In an era where political discourse often focuses on partisan divisions and short-term gains, Bush's emphasis on character and honesty serves as a reminder of the enduring value of trust and integrity in public service. His words encourage leaders to prioritize these qualities in their decision-making and to act with integrity, even in the face of political pressures.

**Candidate Statements**

Bush's remarks reinforce the importance of character and integrity in political leadership. They highlight the need for leaders who are not only skilled in the art of governance but also capable of inspiring trust and confidence among the public. By emphasizing the role of character in politics, Bush's statements underscore the significance of ethical leadership in guiding the nation through challenging times.

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**Summary**

Bush's speech on character and integrity in political leadership serves as a timely reminder of the importance of ethical conduct in public service. His words emphasize the need for leaders who are transparent, honest, and committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity. By prioritizing character and integrity, leaders can inspire trust and confidence among the public, creating a more stable and harmonious political environment.

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**Endnotes**


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**Policy Implications**

Bush's statements on character and integrity in political leadership have significant policy implications. They underscore the need for leaders who are not only skilled in governance but also capable of inspiring trust and confidence among the public. By emphasizing the role of character in politics, Bush's words highlight the importance of ethical leadership in guiding the nation through challenging times. These principles can be applied to various policy areas, from international relations to domestic issues, fostering a more stable and harmonious political environment.
Cops did their jobs

In response to the letter sent in by the person getting angry about the police taking his weed away (“Feeling harassed, not protected,” Reader Views, Feb. 26), I have only one question:

Are you kidding me?

After screwing weed and having possession of it, how on Earth are you wondering why a cop came in and took it? You are aware that it is against the law, right?

I also believe that we’re complaining about a referral. You should be thanking the cops that he didn’t fine you or haul you off to jail, which he easily could have. This entire letter was completely off base.

Sure, some cops are rotten, but on the whole, most cops are doing a tough job serving and protecting the people, and it doesn’t well, either. I’m sorry if a cop doing his job bores you, but maybe the next time you want to smoke weed, you won’t be so ignorant of the law.

— MATHEW RIDDELL

Police are doing their jobs

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor, “Feeling harassed, not protected.”

The writer believed that police officers are more inclined to harass instead of protect and serve.

Your own letter proved that they are doing exactly that.

The writer stated that he “was across the street at a friend’s house and felt someone giving me some pot.” Ignoring that he was, in fact, breaking the law by doing this, he became indignant upon the arrival of two police officers and three resident assistants when they proceeded to interrogate him. He then willingly turned over the weed to the police.

News flash: Having pot on you anywhere in the United States is a crime. The resident assistants and the officers claimed were actually doing their job by confronting you. If you think they were harassing their own students, I wonder how long you would have been had they decided that you were an untethered drug user on a campus possessed in the full extent of the law instead of letting you off easy with a “warning.”

Did you ever consider that some of your fellow students actually prefer not to be in an environment filled with weed and its fumes?

What’s that you say? You were only “involving the weed from a plant that grows naturally on Earth”? This is true. There is no universal law that states that you may not smoke marijuana.

However, man’s law says otherwise. If you are so passionate concerning your right to smoke, there are numerous lobbying groups for the legalization of the substance. By all means, join one. Every new person helps.

Once, you’ll thank you for the immediate cessation of your unkempt plebeian against the decorous public service of maintaining one of the safest campuses in the country.

— JAY WEAVER

Clarification on nooses reaction

Wish didn’t express much of a reaction to my little observation (“Reader Views letter, Feb. 26”) and noted in his letter that he “is an African-American.”

I went to clarify some things up, because I think a lot of people might have reacted for no reason. I did not call Ashley Burns a racist.

This is a stereotypical approach on his part. If he doesn’t think I can do the research, he should not put it upon themselves to change the title to “Black man.”

So in fact called Ashley Burns a racist, not me. I would never call someone a racist unless they really are.

— STEVEN WASHBURN

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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 2
1:30 pm Knights of the Round Table meeting for clubs and organization in Student Union room 211, a talk speaker Dr. Tom Maddern, SDES Vice President

Wednesday, March 3
7:30 pm CAB Color Series presents Bravest: Test for Natura Coffee and Tea. Sign up in advance in Student Union room 211

Saturday, March 6
7:30 pm VIPF Spark event: ADS Walk at Lake Eola, Carpool at 7:30 pm from Millikan Field

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12
Spring Break

Monday, March 15
7:30 pm CAB Comedy Committee Amateur Knight Tryouts in the OCS Conference room, Student Union room 211.

Tuesday, March 16
7:30 pm CAB Comedy Committee Amateur Knight Tryouts in the OCS Conference room, Student Union room 211.

Wednesday, March 17
12-3 pm BM Rally in Tally by trip to voice your opinion in the capital. Call 561-447-3355 for details.

12-3 pm VIPF free green free Lucky St. Patrick’s event to promote organ and tissue donation on the Student Union patio

Thursday, March 18
7-9 pm VIPF Margarita Build to end racial profiling, live in room 210

Friday, March 19
7-9 pm VIPF Halping Home Volunteers will be stopping by the elderly at the Florida Square Mall. Contact Carolina Troiano at fairyfly7@eol.com

Reminders

This month’s GAS Knights, Light, Big City, will be at the JMU post-game in the Student Union and will feature an interactive version of the movie Camp, trivia games, and more.

VIPFs are holding photo IDs, a student leader drives to promote organ and tissue donation, will be held at 11 a.m. at the Pepsi Building.

RSVP to ASI@ucf.edu for information
Men slaughter Campbell

FIZT LORSTON

Men's basketball sent a message to their Atlantic Sun Championship foes on Saturday.

They are ready.

Partly motivated by the seniors' last home game, UCF dominated Campbell from beginning to end, scoring a 106-56 victory at the UCF Arena in the regular season finale for both teams.

"That's how you set a tone going into a tournament," guard Dexter Lyons said. Lyons registered a career high for the second time in as many games with a 33-point performance to lead all scorers. "That's the way you go out as seniors. But it doesn't end here."

The Knights (20-17 A-Sun), who eked out the seventh mark for the first time since defeating Chicago State on Dec. 13, 2001, used a recent 16-3-pont winning streak to capture their 22nd win, the most for the Knights since 1986 when the Knights won 22 games in the1992-93 season.

UCF will carry that win into this week's A-Sun Championship, where its automatic NCAA Tournament berth is at stake. UCF is locked into a No. 2 seed and will face seventh-seeded Jacksonville on Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

"There is no more pressure than there is in a conference tournament like the Atlantic Sun," coach Kirk Swoope said. Swoope, differentiating small conference tournaments from the larger ones with multiple bids with the NCAA tournament, said, "It's not the ACC or SEC. Where it's for us, except for a few teams that have a chance, is that we will go there.

Knights in their tournament play

Monmouth smothered in three-game sweep

FRANK KOSCHE

Monmouth's bullpen had no answer for UCF on Saturday.

UCF baseball Coach Jay Bergman said a month ago, "If we can be 300 at the end of February, I'll be a happy campers."

One month later after sweeping their weekend series with Monmouth, UCF has finished February with an impressive 3-0 record.

"We thought the early part of our schedule would challenge us quite a bit," Bergman said after the Monmouth series. "It's worked out well, I think. In February for us. Pretty happy."

UCF was dominant in game one of the series, starting things off right with a 13-0 beating of the Hawks (1-6).

Pitcher Matt Fox had a career-high 11 strikeouts Friday night, but UCF hardly needed the strong performance as UCF slaughtered Monmouth 1-0.

"Matt just dominated the game, that was the game right there," Bergman said.

It was the first shutdown win of the year. Fox, who had a no-hitter through five innings, went a career-high seven innings allowing no runs and using only 53 pitches.

"I know they had no hits but I wasn't worried about it. I just told them to throw strikes," the senior said. "I thought I had the best stuff I had all year. I've developed a new slider with coach Kozar; it was working all night long. My curveball was working good and the end I was going through choppers over for strikes.

UCF was scoreless for runs when Fox shut them down with runs and hit all of three."

"Our approach at the plate tonight was truly outstanding," Bergman said. "We were patients at the plate, got into some good hitting counts, we were very selective and we were capable of doing that."

Infielder Chandler Rose knocked in two runs, batted for a single, double and a triple — falling a home run shy of hitting for the cycle.

"Before I went up I said to some of the guys in the dugout please please see FLORIDA FUTURE

WE NEED A little less talk and a lot more action

Coal had there been a better way to end the season than plot Dorsey and the men's basketball team into the A-Sun Conference at 1-15-4 and a tournament berth? Campbell?

If you haven't seen me or listened to me on the radio lately, you probably wonder what I've been doing. Everything from a more entertaining basketball game in my life.

The Knights jumb out to a 13-0 lead in the first half, but no one in the press box dared to breathe a word.

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Stingy pitching yields one earned run to Hawks

Burtens leave Goat Gatters with 3-0 win

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The De-stressin’ Session
Men head to Nashville Thursday

A-Sun

Arena since the 1999 Atlantic
Sun tournament.

That streak came to an end on Saturday afternoon. Behind 24 points from guard Celeste
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