Campus radio station nearly killed in Senate

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Staff Writer

Concerned that too few people listen to Knightcast, UCF's Internet radio station, the SGA Senate voted Thursday to cut the station's funding for next year to one cent. The vote came in response to the threat of a veto from Student Government Association President Brian Battles, who was questioned by the Campus Activities and Service Fee Committee, that the station was not being used by enough students.

"I think most of the students were frightened," said Angela Jenner, a junior and member of the Student Government Association's Senate Committee. Jenner was one of the representatives who voted against the station's funding. "It's important to me that Knightcast is here," Jenner said. "I think the station's success is dependent on the amount of money we give it for next year."

Junior Christine Goffredo was also one of the representatives who voted against the station's funding. "I think the station should be defunded," Goffredo said. "I don't think the station is worth the money we are giving it."

Station Manager Joshua Royffe was not present at the Senate meeting to defend his station, though he had made a couple of presentations previously to the Activity and Service Fee Committee. In his stead, members of the committee urged senators not to vote for the change. "We've been trying to improve the quality of the shows," Royffe said after the vote. "I think we've been doing a pretty good job, but we can always improve."

"I think the students should be given the opportunity to vote on this," said sunset Rep. Laura Stovall, a junior. "I think the station should be given the opportunity to vote on this."
**Boogie down at the UCF prom**

The theme was just one of the events students joined at the first-ever UCF Prom Friday night. About 400 people attended the prom in "UCF student and guests were treated to a lively night of dancing and fun. The event included a photo booth, a dance floor, and a variety of food and drink options.

A panel discussion targeting international students at the university was also held. The event was open to all interested students and faculty.

**Passion leaves its UCF audience emotional**

Sherryl had said, "Kids aren't able to process the images at that age. It's too overwhelming." She added, "I'm not a religious person, but I was able to understand the story and appreciate the beauty of the film."

The Passion of the Christ is a retelling of the last days of Jesus' life, based on the Gospels. The film was directed by Mel Gibson, who is a devout Catholic.

The film had been highly anticipated by many Christians, who were excited to see a depiction of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. However, some objected to the graphic violence and nudity shown in the film.

Despite these criticisms, the film was a box office success, grossing over $300 million worldwide. It also received mixed reviews from critics, with some praising its artistic qualities and others criticizing its violence and nudity.

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Senator: No differences in work since chairmen paid

Sen. A.J. Ansari, who brought up the funding dispute issue and said that the Greek Council gets too much money when compared with academic clubs such as the engineering programs, Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair Nick Marcilh showed senators a chart of funding for academic organizations by college. "Engineering has the most funding in the student organization budget," he said.

Sen. Olu Aduloju also questioned the Greek Council’s $8,000 allocation for conferences. "I am Greek and I don’t think we should fund it. If they want that money, they can come to Senate and ask for it," he said.

Sen. Sean Lavin defended the conferences. "It’s a really essential conference [budget] to have for one of the largest organizations on campus ... it doesn’t make any sense to cut this, you’d be keeping the social aspect, but taking out the responsibility," he said. Morelle also said that Sen. C. Hunter Singh might seem unfair to pay one chairman and not the other. "I definitely think there’s a reason to pay all chair men," he said. The Senate agreed to continue compensating their committee chairmen.

In less than four hours, the SGA Senate approved the Activity and Service Fee budget, which will now go to President Brian Battles for approval before becoming effective on July 1.
Hoobastank manager: 'This is the best crowd ever'

Around 3:35 p.m., 15 minutes before the concert was sup­posed to go back stage and Hoobastank was scheduled to walk out, the fans started to fill the lawn. The last time the band had been in Orlando was at the UCF Carnival in spring 2003, and then the concert was held at the University of Central Florida's student union.

Around 4:00 p.m., the crowd grew exponentially. The band finished playing its set,
Call for Presenters

Fall Symposium on the Origins of Life

UCF's Student Government Association, in cooperation with some of our faculty and students, plans to sponsor a symposium during the fall semester on the Origins of Life. We are recruiting teams of students to prepare and make scholarly presentations on one of two themes, which are stated below.

Team Members

Teams would be comprised of two to four students, with major academic experience in biology, biochemistry, history, philosophy or related areas of study. We desire multi-disciplined teams with participants from more than one academic field of study.

The Call

This call is to solicit expressions of interest from students who might participate. If you express interest in participating, you will be contacted with additional information.

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You would conduct scholarly research and make a public presentation on one of the following two themes (illustrated below from your point of view):

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Presentation

Your team would prepare and make an illustrated, scholarly presentation at a symposium that will convene during the fall semester, during October or November 2004. The time and place will be announced later. Members of the UCF community and the public will be invited. Presentations will be 45 to 60 minutes in length. Depending upon your curriculum in the fall, you may receive extra credit for your participation, but we make no guarantee of that.

Register your Interest Now

If you are interested in participating, we want you to register your interest now. Your registration is non-binding. Let us know your name and contact information (tell us how we can contact you in the fall), the Theme in which you are interested, and the names of team members with whom you would like to work, if you have a preference. If you are interested, please email Dr. Thomas Selby, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, tselby@mail.ucf.edu.
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Showers in the opener cut UCF's hopes against A-Sun rival FAU

FRANK MICHEL (Sports)

UCF lost 2-0 to conference rival No. 34 FAU over the weekend. FAU (8-8, 6-7 A-Sun), last year's Atlantic Sun champions and the preseason pick to finish on top once again, still trails UCF in both the conference standings and overall record.

Game one of the series appeared to belong to the Knights, with UCF leading 4-0 after two innings. The Knights scored five runs in an error-filled inning by FAU. Designated hitter Matt LaFleur drilled a two-run double, and second baseman Matt Ray added an infield single after third baseman Drew Buxton scored on a passed ball. After a 24-minute delay due to rain and leading by a score of 4-0, UCF took advantage of FAU starter Matt O'Brien's throwing error to extend the Knights' lead to 6-0.

However, it was all FAU from there on as the Knights got back into the game. With two out and bases loaded, UCF starter Kyle Boos left the game with a 3-4 lead. Buxton, a middle infielder All-American, went five and one-third innings, giving up eight hits and four earned runs.

Reliever Kevin Demouge took the bases-loaded situation and got UCF out of the inning by allowing only one more hit, but two costly errors by UCF led to a 7-6 FAU victory. O'Brien was the only pitcher UCF saw in game one. He went all nine innings for his eighth win.

Tuesday was a try to chase the sting of Friday's loss. UCF starter Matt Fox came up big for the Knights in game two. Fox, who joined Boos as a sophomore All-American, pitched his fourth complete game of the season, giving up one earned run. FAU's pitching was a different story, as they scored eight Owls to improve his record to an 8-0, 8-7 A-Sun. Fox lost his last eight starts.

In game two, Central Florida shortstop Clay Timpeois led off the game with a lead-off home run, giving the Knights a 1-0 lead. After FAU starter Logan Beach's throwing error, Buxton drove a walk with bases loaded to give the Knights a 2-0 advantage.

The Knights have outscored their opponents 21-9.

No. 3 Florida State edges UCF

Softball's winning streak comes to an end at 15

MATT DUNAWAY (Sports)

After sweeping past Campbell 7-0 and 8-3 on Thursday, the UCF softball team had its 15-game winning streak snapped on Saturday when No. 3 Florida State slipped past UCF, 24-3 and 12-5.

"It was really proud of our girls," Manager Renee Gillig said. "We went toe-to-toe with the No. 3 team in the nation."

UCF's second loss of the season turned out for the day's theme of "Softball is Paradise," and watched the Knights take a 1-0 advantage in the second inning.

First baseman Mike Green singled in right field, bringing home shortstop Stephanie Butcher. Butcher doubled at a .469 batting average and .458 on-base percentage.

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Manager: Two mistakes cost games

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"The pressure was on them coming in here with their ranking," Tourney-Gilmore said. "But girls found out today that one mistake in each game was the difference."

"This is the best pitching that we faced all year," Senior said. "And that just gets us ready for the rest of the season so we can make a run in Atlantic Sun championships." Prior to Saturday's doubleheader against Florida State, the Knights extended their dual win streak to 10 games as they swept a doubleheader on Thursday. Before pounded the Canes in both games, as the Knights won 7-0 and 5-1, junior centerfield Linda Enders pitched a complete game no-hitter in game one and gave up just one walk in full-length of a perfect game. Kelly McIntyre pitched 4 2/3 innings of relief work in game two, allowing no runs and one hit for the hit.

UCF will step back into action on Wednesday. The doubleheader against Troy State ends at 2 p.m. in Troy, Ala.

outing Troy State

The Trojans are coming off a pair of 1-0 wins against Georgia State on Friday and have won five straight games in conference play, with their lone setback coming at Gardner-Webb on March 21. Troy State is in the middle of the pack when it comes to offense. They are hitting .281 as a team and have only two players hitting more than .350.

Catcher Tima for the pitching in the circle last weekend with four innings of scoreless ball in game two against GSU. The ace on the staff is Laine Harcourt, who is 14-2 in the season and has struck out 103 batters.

Troy has struggled at home, going 7-5, while UCF has swept a majority of the year away from home with an 8-1 mark in true road games.

Pitcher Kacie Flynn saw her first action in the pitching circle last weekend to battle for over time to win the national championship game.
Despite loss, UCF leads A-Sun overall, in conference

seniors this week, and they'll rally over the weekend to
play in the conference tournament. The Knights are the only team in the conference with more wins than losses this season, a testament to their consistency and ability to win close games.

The Knights have been a strong team this season, with a winning record and a reputation for playing well in close contests. They will be looking to continue their success in the conference tournament, where they hope to bring home a title for the second year in a row.

The Knights have a solid pitching rotation, with four starters posting an ERA of 3.00 or lower. The team's batting average is also strong, with several players hitting above .300. They have also been successful in the field, leading the conference in fewest errors.

UCF's conference success is a testament to the talent and hard work of the players and coaches. They have put in the time and effort to prepare for each game and have come out on top consistently.

The Knights are not without their challenges, as they have faced some tough opponents this season. However, they have shown resilience and a willingness to fight through adversity, which has helped them stay on top of the conference.

The Knights are looking forward to the conference tournament and are confident in their ability to compete for the title. They will be looking to build on their success this season and bring home the championship for their fans.
Opinions

Reserve front page for real news

While I don’t agree with President John Hitt’s decision to not run out a banner wearing Afro wigs, I also don’t agree with the SGA’s decision to not run an issue of them doing so on the front page of the paper. I do understand that this group likely placed there in order to grab potential reader attention and to pick up the page – which in itself was a disservice since the front page is typically reserved for the most important or urgent within the issue. By using this device as a “stunt” to grab attention, the SGA only added yet another level of wrong it was for Hitt and Nuens to wear such wigs.

Shouldn’t the front page of a newspaper feature news and not stunts? For instance, SUEC senior Joyce Ruven was praised for her efforts to obtain a Marshall Fellowship in Humanities Studies last week. Wearing an Afro was not only a part of her Florida school who was awarded the fellowship this year and is the first student from UCF to receive the fellowship. Coincidentally, her thesis advisor and mentor to Associate Professor Karen Mellon, also won many for their disagreement over the Afro wig issue. It is a disservice to use a successful and powerful university portrayed in a way that contradicts what is sensible and intelligent. It is also shameful to use the university’s platform to showcase undertones that are not appropriate and should never be aired.

History validates Meehan’s voice

It has been difficult for many of us who were part of the Hitt’s Afro wig to comprehend with recent coverage of the event. As Meehan is a face in the UCF community, which was more pronounced in the April issue of The Stranger, many for their questions have come to mind. For instance, the student community was no less than gunning for the president’s surge — all points that Meannah had in his letter to the Future’s paper. He should also note that Hitt has been challenged for over 20 years on his “blackness.”

Though there were many questions to be asked of President Hitt, no one had the “braveness” to bring the topic up to the president’s attention. For instance, the student community was no less than gunning for the president’s surge — all points that Meannah had in his letter to the Future’s paper. He should also note that Hitt has been challenged for over 20 years on his “blackness.” He should continue to ask questions on whether the president should be held to account if he does not want the campus to see him as a leader that is not up to the task.

President Hitt chose to address the issue through a personal e-mail within 24 hours of the release of the Future’s paper. This move is clearly a step in the right direction. It is difficult to understand why those of us who have been part of the Afro wig issue have not been able to understand how things work in this university. It is difficult to understand why those of us who have been part of the Afro wig issue have not been able to understand how things work in this university. It is difficult to understand why those of us who have been part of the Afro wig issue have not been able to understand how things work in this university.

Meannah’s options are limited

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Meehan made too much of the wig.

I'm sure everyone is talking and giving their two cents about the Afro wig situation. Frankly, it is being overblown. When Meehan said that so many people are upset, but that they are in hitting, I think those people were just telling him that he would stop pestering them about it. Most people do not care that a white male who happens to be our president donned an Afro, which represents a star player on our basketball team. It is not our job to be offended; we should be more realistic and decide to make such a huge deal out of something that is meant to show support.

My first impression of the situation was that Hitt finally did something different and something that was meant to show support. Hitt and Nunis wore the wigs instantly evoke the legacy of minstrelsy and blackface humor. The only point that Meehan makes is the reality that the picture, without a caption or my identification [such as that provided by the Photojojo], could be misconstrued by someone who isn't a student or faculty member of UCF.

The truth is the entire campus was swept up into a storybook romance of UCF's winning basketball season. And one of the main characters in this romance was UCF's Dexter Lyons, the source of the Afro veneration. Looking into the wig-wearing as anything more than a display of school spirit and love of our basketball team is over-thinking it and a study in hysterical sensitivity.

How about we stop dwelling on Afrogate and give our men's basketball team the praise it so rightly deserves? Congratulations, guys, on an amazing season!

Open letter to Meehan

Dr. Meehan,

Your comments about what is now called "Afrogate." This is now starting to dampen what the UCF basketball team accomplished this year, and it's disgusting. Many people have had to contact your office to protest your actions and just for additional comments regarding what you had to say initially about Hitt's actions. You may have thought you were bold by being the one person to tell such an awesome season, and show of school spirit with a single comment.

Anyone who has Meehan as a teacher this semester should sport an Afro wig to class and protest outside his office!!

Go Knights!

STEPHANIE DEO

Hitt was just showing school spirit

It started out as a way of honoring the star of our men's basketball team, Dexter Lyons, but turned into a tumultuous display of overthinking political correctness. The controversy centered over the fact that UCF President John Hitt, the Board of Trustees Chairman Dick Knight and Dr. E. Loftis and Dr. E. Nunis were Afro wigs to a recent trustee meet-ing in an effort to pay tribute to Lyons and the Knights' winning basketball season.

Kevin Meehan, an associate professor of English, spoke out against this display, saying, "Afro wigs instantly evoke the legacy of minstrelsy and blackface humor." This is absolutely preposterous. Hitt and Knight were Afro wigs as a way of creating such an incredible sports season, not to start a political debate.

The only point that Meehan makes is that it is not my point to say all of UCF endorses such behavior since Arts and Sciences has been out of UCF's umbrellas. I think that students, faculty, and staff should email Meehan and voice their disagreement with his opition. It is a shame that one person can take such an awesome season, and show of school spirit with a single comment.

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Re: March 14, 2004 issue of the UCF Clarion

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Team Members

Teams would be comprised of two to four students, with major academic experience in biology, biochemistry, history, philosophy or related areas of study. We desire multi-disciplined teams with participants from more than one academic field of study.

The Call

This call is to solicit expressions of interest from students who might participate. If you express interest in participating, you will be contacted with additional information.

Themes

You would conduct scholarly research and make a public presentation on one of the following two themes (illustrated below from your point of view):

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Presentation

Your team would prepare and make an illustrated, scholarly presentation at a symposium that will convene during the fall semester, during October or November 2004. The time and place will be announced later. Members of the UCF community and the public will be invited. Presentations will be 45 to 60 minutes in length. Depending upon your curriculum in the fall, you may receive extra credit for your participation, but we make no guarantee of that.

Register your Interest Now

If you are interested in participating, we want you to register your interest now. Your registration is non-binding. Let us know your name and contact information (tell us how we can contact you in the fall), the Theme in which you are interested, and the names of team members with whom you would like to work, if you have a preference. If you are interested, please email Dr. Thomas Selby, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, tselby@mail.ucf.edu.
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Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 14
12pm-2pm Airbrush tattoos outside the Student Union, sponsored by CAB Cinema.
8pm CAB Cinema presents an outdoor showing of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" at the Reflecting Pond featuring the UCF Orchestra and UCF Jazz Ensemble. This event is free for everyone!

Thursday, April 15
7pm Symphony Under the Stars at the Reflecting Pond. The event will feature the UCF Orchestra and UCF Jazz Ensemble. This event is free for everyone!

8pm College Night at Florida Music Festival at the Social Bucket, downtown. Event is free with a valid student ID. Visit cab.ucf.edu for more info.

Sunday, April 18
1pm VUCF needs volunteers to play games with residents of Sunbelt Healthcare. A carpool will leave from Millican Hall at 1pm.

Monday, April 19
7-9pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts Culinary Series: Pastry Knights Flambee Finale at Natura Tea and Coffee.

9pm CAB Cinema presents a trase showing of "Mean Girls" at Regal Cinema - Waterford Lakes. Bring your valid student ID and pick up your tickets in the Office of Student Involvement.

Enjoy an evening of music by the Reflecting Pond featuring the UCF Orchestra and UCF Jazz Ensemble at the Symphony Under the Stars, 7pm.

Join CAB Cinema at the Mall between HPA and CL1 for an outdoor showing of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" at 8pm on April 14th. There will also be free popcorn and giveaways! Come in costume to win prizes!

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