Three-alarm blaze displaces dozen or more students but injures none

MATT MORRISON & JENN KIPPER
Staff Writers

Residents of Tivoli Apartments watched helplessly as a building worked to extinguish a fire that ravaged the building. Fire crews responded to a blaze at 4068 Commons Cir at about 6 p.m. No one was injured, but the building was severely damaged. Crews quickly put out the main fire but continued to look for hot spots for more than an hour. It isn’t clear yet what started the fire.

“Flames and smoke were visible upon arrival,” said Lt. Paula Ritchey of the Seminole County Fire Department. The Tivoli blaze was the second call Seminole County firefighters got Saturday and before the day was done, they responded to a third blaze.

According to fire officials, only the third floor of the Tivoli apartment complex suffered fire damage, but the first and second floors suffered water damage.

The Tivoli fire was rated a “three-alarm assignment” due to the size of the building and the already hot conditions of the day.

“That’s a pretty significant fire,” Ritchey explained.

About 15 fire engines from Orange County Fire-Rescue, the Orlando Fire Department and Seminole County Fire Department arrived to give assistance. Trucks tromped the street and fire hoses, gathered on the sidewalk before the building. Across the street, about 100 onlookers indulged in7 hot conversations and snapped pictures with their cell phones of the charred, burnt mass that was once the apartment’s roof.

The gutted rooftop was a sad sight for residents. Charred shingles twisted in odd directions from the erupting black hole as if they had been melted. Bits of blackened wood stood against a hazy sky. A steady waterfall cascaded from the third and second floor balconies and formed a murky pond near the gorge.

Kevin Reynolds, a UCF sophomore, points to a window on the third floor of his apartment.

"I’ve got friends saying I’ve got couches,” Reynolds said. “I’m looking for some close clothes, a shirt and a beanie.

Vania Elias, a resident of another Tivoli building and a friend of Reynolds, rushed to the building not wanting to believe that her friend’s apartment was on fire. She ran to see the roof cave in.

“These flames were really crazy,” she said.

Extra said the whole scene made her angry.

“Bill Bush staff’s gone, and they have no place to live,” she said.

Disaster in Tivoli
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—HARRIET HIMES

Through the windshield, wind-worn paths of trees and scrub grasses hide a homeless colony off of Old Colonial Drive, Cape Canaveral, so called by the veterans there because it’s tangled single rented rooms remind them of Vietnam.

Formerly a landfill, the homeless cleaned up and cleared out the trash to build small walled encampments with steel tables, fridges, mattresses and a shower that collects rainwater into a bucket. The plan is to keep the community tidy enough for the veterans who attend at least one church service each Sunday at the Ferrell Commons Community Room.

For more information, call Career Services and Experiences Management at 407-823-5266.

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Local weather

Today

TODAY’S STORMS

High: 93°

Low: 74°

TODAY IN DETAIL

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Tuesday

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ALAN WALKER, WRITER

UV index: 4

Risk level: Low

Pollen: Medium

Humidity: 55%

Mold: None

Circling of the weary Camp Delta homeless story Sunny to Brian Nichols Sunday mornings. Nichols has made it his life mission to reach out and save people with faith.

WILLIAM HANDBEEC

Staff Writer

Nichols said, "I speak when others are silent. I separate myself from the materialistic world that he doesn’t want and better understands people because of it."

"The homeless, viewed by others as failing because of their own will, are still people worthy of comfort and appreciation," according to Nichols speaking.

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"I didn’t have to be in a foreign country to be a missionary," Nichols said.

"All these cities are about getting your money," he says. "Every time the war being humanitarian, I can say this is the only city like that, but a whole lot of (other) places handle it better."

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AMANDA A. HAMILTON
Graduate Student

Artis Chase, interim chair of the department of anthropology, was honored with the Pegasus Professor Award last month.

"The award is the highest honor for UCF faculty," Chase said. "It's one of the few ways that a professor can get recognized with a title at UCF and that means a lot to me."

While Chase is a professor and interim chair, his main focus is the Caracol Archaeological Project, a research site in Belize, Central America, where he has worked at every year since 1985. The site has 25,000 structures and is in the location of the tallest man-made pyramid in Belize.

At least 25 people go to Caracol each spring, including undergraduate and graduate students. Chase believes it's important to include undergraduate students because their opinions aren't as well formed as graduate students, and therefore, they gain a lot more out of it.

"I am most interested in the project and am required to spend a semester working in anthropology. While the reward is a high salary, anthropology isn't just about digging in the dirt. There is some time to relax," Chase said.

While he has made many discoveries since his first trip to Caracol, Chase said the one that stands out is his discovery of Caracol Altar 21, the piece that he discovered in 1986, is in the National Museum and is the subset of Tikal, Guatemala, Chase said.

Chase funds his work mainly with grants from the National Science Foundation, but he is also known for receiving the first archaeological grant for the study of warfare from the National Geographic Society, a grant made in 1988.

"A teacher, I believe that Artis is a great teacher," said an associate professor of sociology at UCF, Arlen Chase currently serves on the faculty at UCF for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Chase also said that he doesn't think he would be as successful if it wasn't for his wife. Chase's wife, Ida Cook, is a philosophy professor at the University of Central Florida.

"I think he is an exemplar of what a scholar academic can be," she said. "It's amazing the kinds of things he's written, the information that he has." Cook said that while he is very intelligent and successful among his students, he also has a great sense of humor and loves to joke with his students.

Teaching and research aren't the only things Chase is involved in. A former president of the UCF Faculty Senate, Chase currently serves on the Florida Board of Governors, a position he said is "breathtaking" for a family member but serves an important purpose.

"What I'd like to do is move toward a Ph.D. program, and that is one of the reasons involved in the Board of Governors," Chase said.

In the future, Chase would also like to start a three-week trip to Caracol in the summer for students who cannot go away during the semester.

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UFC in the top 100 schools for Hispanics

NATALIE MOREIRA

UFC was ranked 13 in the "Top 100 Colleges Awarding Degrees to Hispanics" by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine. The list, which was released May 7, determined colleges' rankings by the amount of degrees awarded by a university. Last year, UFC awarded 925 bachelor's degrees to Hispanic students, earning its rank. It also awarded 11 master's degrees and 12 doctoral degrees, earning rankings of 41 and 38, respectively.

Mark Allen Poisel, the associate vice president of Academic Development and Retention, believes the university is fortunate for such a ranking, but he is not surprised. "I have to say I'm not surprised because the population is obviously changing in Florida," Poisel said. "You would expect Florida institutions to be ranked higher than more and more of our students are Spanish-speaking students."

Fifty-two percent of Hispanic students are from the Central Florida area, while 36 percent are from South Florida, Poisel said.

Wayne Jackson, director of Multicultural Academic and Support Services, thinks the ranking is positive. "I think it's one of those things, that word of mouth has gotten out that it's possible for Hispanic of Latino descent, that you can succeed here. You can get a good education, but I think more importantly, you can graduate," Jackson said.

Rico Iglesias, the president of Lambda Sigma Upsilon, a Latino fraternity, believes the university's ranking is great and that the Hispanic community in general is growing.

"We have a strong Latino community," Iglesias said. "It's slowly getting better year by year."

The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) chose UFC as one of 10 schools in the U.S. to study for work with Hispanic students. The association observed the campus and its programs to see if the university is "doing correctly and successfully what other institutions are not doing," Poisel said.

The report hasn't been released yet, but Poisel did reveal one comment from the AAC&U. "They wrote that UFC has done "an excellent job" with increasing retention and student success without compromising the quality of an educational experience."

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"Universities," Poisel said, "are supposed to be Hispanic.

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Virtual fires help researchers

Mark Collins, a UCF student working toward his doctorate in computer science, shows how the virtual wildfire simulation works.

"Some will spend money immediately," ICEC survey says, but "important is that we have a chance to make decisions — risky decisions, big decisions," he predicted.

The simulation will allow participants with different levels of wildfire information to analyze the effects of different conditions on the fire's behavior. "We intend to provide a tool to support decision-making by making the simulation accessible to a wide range of users," he said.

The partnership between the College of Electrical Engineering and the School of Social Sciences and Public Policy will allow researchers to test the effectiveness of different strategies for controlling wildfires.

Affiliates: $100

UCF's medical school in Lake Nona will be the first to use the latest in virtual simulation technology, according to preliminary accreditation, the College of Medicine can begin recruiting students.

After preliminary accreditation, the College of Medicine can begin recruiting students. "We thought the time was right," said Dr. Barbara...
Cause of fire unknown, still under investigation

For the past month, dispersed residents were left to their own devices. “We recommend they stay with friends tonight,” said Deon Shawley, assistant property manager at Tivoli. “We’re taking residents names and phone numbers and will call them tomorrow.”

Firefighters were called to a fire in a second-floor apartment of the building’s first floor. They arrived to find the fire burning, and firefighters then had to break a window to get into the apartment and save a family.

Residents said the alarm they heard from their own units was not working properly. One of the residents, a senior, said she called 911 when she saw the fire raging next door.

For the entire day, firefighters attacked the blaze, and background smoke and flames forced firefighters to break windows. Firefighters attacked the blaze with water, small water tanks, and hoses.

In the end, firefighters were able to save the apartment, but the building was damaged.

Residents said they were disappointed with the response from the university, and they said that the university should have been more involved.

“The university didn’t do enough to help us,” said one resident. “They should have been more involved in the process.”

Chief no stranger to growth

Kevin Brown, former assistant police chief, was picked as the new chief of police for Lake Mary. Brown was chosen after a long search process that included interviews with several finalists.

“Brown is a great leader,” said Lake Mary Mayor John Dougherty. “He has a great deal of experience and is well respected by his peers.”

Brown has been with the Lake Mary Police Department for 10 years and has served in various capacities, including as the department’s chief of staff.

“Kevin has been a leader in our department for many years,” said Mayor Dougherty. “He has been a great asset to our community and we are proud to have him as our new chief.”

Brown was selected after a series of interviews with finalists, and the search committee is expected to announce the new chief in the coming weeks.

The search committee was made up of community members, police officers, and university officials. The committee was looking for a leader who had experience in law enforcement and was able to work well with the community.

“I am excited to have Kevin as our new chief,” said Mayor Dougherty. “He is a great leader and will do great things for our community.”
UCF authorities will be waiving university open-con­

front laws for the Knight's

field football games this

ter, but drinking or

will not be allowed inside

the new stadium.

Until the waiver, stu­

dents will be free to drink

alcohol on campus from 5 a.m.

until two hours after the
game ends, or until midnight,

whichever comes first, and

with some restrictions, said

Al Harms, head of the Game

Day Coordination Commit­

tee.

"The open-container law

can't be waived for one event," Harms said, "and we

will have to drink allowed on campus, in speci­

al events, during football games."

Harms assembled the Game Day Coordination Committee in the request of UCF President John H. in order to plan and coordinate policies for UCF football games. The committee is examining a draft of the game day guidelines.

One concern that was posed in the guidelines is that the game day traffic in combi­

nation with drink driving. The committee has proposed a number of guidelines to handle this situation.

Students will now have the option of walking or taking public transportation since the sta­
dium is closer to campus-affiliated housing than the Citrus Bowl was.

We're using every single seat that we have and on field to access to the fans," Assistant Director of Football and Transportation Services Kris Singh said. "We believe that all the park­

ing on campus will be more than enough, but we encour­

age those who drink to use a taxi service.

Last year, when home games were held at the Citrus Bowl, Dusit, Coca-Cola and other companies, in partnership with UCF's Alcohol and Other Tobacco Programming, gave students and staff members at the university for designated drivers a chance to get a ride to a
drink.

"We distributed up to six
cups in water to whoever

signed a pledge to be the des­

ignated driver," said Tom

Hall, director of Alcohol and

Other Tobacco Programming. "We had faculty going around giving them as good

work. It went out really nice.

We had hundreds of people this year. We're hop­

ing to do something like this again this year.

The game day guidelines also place a number of limita­

tions on what and how stu­
daents may drink. For instance,

drinks can't be distributed from a common source, like a keg, and beer bottles are not

allowed. Glass containers are

available, but beer cans, Dixie
cups and plastic bottles are

acceptable.

As a result, tailgating may

be a new sight on the UCF
campus when the stadium opens in September. Its

task force has addressed issues regarding that as well.

Even with the game day guidelines in draft form, the university is certain that tailgating will

continue to be a part of this sport.

"There is going to be no tailgating in the parking
garages," Singh said. "The gar­

ages and the parking spaces in the garages are too small and having them crowded with pedestrians would be

dangerous."

It also raises the question of where all the trash pro­
duced on game day is going to end up. It would be a shame to come to school the follow­
ing morning and see a park­

ing lot for full of garbage, Hall said.

"We're not 100 percent sure what the plan this year is, but the committee has talked a lot about the trash being a concern," he said. "Last year we provided students in the tailgating area with a card­

board boxes and trash liners that we purchased in cooper­

ation with some other spon­

sors. We had about one per
every five tailgaters."

According to the draft of the guidelines, only

cups, 8 oz. bottles, and

allowed.

Drinking inside university buildings will also not be pro­

hibited, said Chad Hooten, as­

sistant director of UCF News

and Information.

"You couldn't be in the Library having a beer," he

said. "But that would not be a legal action.

The rules in place, the guidelines call for alcohol-officers on campus during home scenes. The Division of Alco­

holic Beverages and Tobacco, a state agency that is respon­

sible for providing resources to local governments in order to address alcoholic beverage

concerns, will be working with UCF, city and county offi­
cers.

"Their officers will prima­

rily enforce tailgating," Hall said. "That's their specialty, being around alcohol. If they see some suspicious behav­

ior, or if they see a bag or whatever, then they will stop and ask questions."

According to the guide­

lines, the enforcement of the

rules will be done by police and parking officers.

"One of the tailgating provisions will be that tail­
gaters are expected to have ID if they are drinking on campus. Some people are wondering how certain we are about enforcing the legal drinking age. If you have a drink in your hand and you don't look to be 21, officers will not hesitate to ask you for ID.

All of these guidelines are in the guidelines are expected to be made pub­

lic at the end of June and will be made available through UCF's Web site.

The guidelines are not designed to be a set of rules that stem from having fun, said Harms, who hopes that students, alumni, faculty and any other fans attending home games this season will take pride in the university and be respec­
tive.

"I'd like to think that people

will be responsible enough to do the right things," Harms said. "We want everybody to have a good time. This is the way college football is supposed to be."
UCF had only five seniors on its team and lost its top pitching starter, its top relief pitcher and three of its top four hitters from the 2006 season. Yet the Knights made a 4-game improvement on their 2006 record and earned a berth into the Conference USA Championship.

"We are excited to have UCF hosting our women's championship," said Brandon. "Having the tournament in UCF's new Convocation Center will be special. They have done an excellent job in hosting previous conference championships, most recently in softball. We're looking forward to their support and hospitality during this event."

The C-USA championship will be the first conference tournament to be hosted inside the brand new facility. The last tournament was held during the 2002-03 season, when the Knights hosted the Atlantic Sun women's tournament.

UCF Women's Basketball head coach Jon Williams, recently hired in March, is pleased with the support and is looking forward to capitalizing on such an opportunity.

"Since coming on board as head coach this spring, I continue to be impressed by the administration's commitment to the athletics program," Williams said in a press release. "The Convocation Center is just one example. As host of the 2008 C-USA Women's Basketball Championship, we have the opportunity to showcase that commitment and our new facility on a national stage."

UCF Director of Athletics Keith Tidwell echoed the new facility's ability to bring numerous benefits to UCF's athletic programs.

"The Convocation Center is yet another sign of a strong commitment of athletic excellence from our administration," Tidwell said in the press release. "With the opening of our new state-of-the-art arena this fall, followed by construction of a new practice facility, UCF will be positioned in an advantageous position to compete in the conference basketball championship.

Conference USA members hope that a combination of the new Convocation Center and Orlando's world-class tourist destination will attract additional fans. "Our facilities will be able to play in front of a lot of fans," Williams said. "We want our attendance to grow. It will not make us nervous. It is just a natural progression and pride will definitely come into play when a tournament is played on our home court."

The 2008 C-USA Women's Basketball Championship will be held March 6-8.

10,000-seat UCF will announced Wednesday that Bergman said after a unanimous decision by the host the with an ERA of 1.05. The play behind the mound was just as bad, as the Knights committed 28 errors in their first 10 games.

"Very, very disappointing," UCF coach Jay Bergman said after a 4-0 loss to Maryland on Feb. 16. "Passed balls, wild pitches, errors, throwing to the wrong base.

"Certainly, the season is not over, but I have seen more wild things happen in six games than I have in 30 years."

Starting pitching was a concern for Bergman from the start of the season. He did not know exactly what he had, but he knew he had a lot of it. So the Knights spent the first couple months of the season trying to find a pitching staff that fit.

Tim Bascom had set the standard for UCF starters over the past few years, but with him now in Korea, the Knights were left to depend on sophomores Philip Smith and Mitchell Brooks, or freshmen like Austin Hudson and Carmine Giardina, to back them up and become the staff's ace.

All those starters had their moments, but none more solidified the job. Bergman didn't find his Friday night starter until he gave the ball to starting Good on March 30 to open the series versus UNT.

Good was the Knights' Sunday starter up until that time and had been doing very well. He started the games that UCF won against No. 15 Texas Christian and Louisiana State. Over a two-game stretch against Massachusetts and Rutgers, he allowed no runs in 14 2/3 innings.

His fine Friday night start was rough, but by season's end, it was unquestionable that he was the right player for the job. He was the team's leader in wins, innings pitched and strikeouts and led all UCF starters with a 3.89 ERA.

Good's best start of the year came in the Knights' biggest game of the year. Good threw seven innings of shutout baseball against Houston in an elimination game during the Conference USA Championship. The Knights won 1-0.

"It is exactly what we anticipated," Bergman said after the game in a press release. "Good had to come out and pitch great for us, and he did. We didn't realize that we would have to shut them out, but he did exactly what he needed to do."

That game was saved by sophomore Justin Weiss, who also came into his own this season. Weiss appeared in only four games in 2006, but was UCF's closer from the start of the season.

Weiss pitched a perfect ninth inning and struck out two batters to clinch his first career save against Maryland on Feb. 21 in a 4-3 win.

That's what we have been kind of grooming (Dakar) for," Weiss said in a press release. "I was pitching coach Craig Cozart said after the game, "When is the last time you can say that you really had a true closer?" That's something that Justin has worked hard at, and we feel very secure when he is in the game."

The Knights had to fight to secure wins in the games. His 1.38 ERA and nine saves were the best in the second-best in a single season in school history.

Most of the team's experience belonged to its middle relief core, seniors Britta Brooks and Derek Abriola.

Brooks was more than just a left-handed specialist in the 2007 season. He was a crucial cog in bridging the gap from the Knights' starter to Weiss. Brooks appeared in 24 games and set a school record with 42 career relief appearances. His 2.42 ERA was second to Weiss. Abriola began the season well, but really struggled down the stretch, ending up with an ERA of more than seven. He finished his career ranked sixth on the Knights' all-time list with 23 career appearances.

Brent Bedwell and Taylor Meier are the Knights' other two senior pitchers. Bedwell recorded his best game in a UCF uniform when he struck out 14 Wildcats in 6 1/3 innings of scoreless baseball as the Knights beat Northeastern 5-2 on March 2.

Meier did not make an appearance in the regular season. He did pitch two innings in an exhibition game against the Hyundai Unicorns of the Korean League on Feb. 10. After a fantastic freshman season in 2006, Meier was never really recovered from a 2007 arm injury.

UCF's pitching staff went on quite a streak during March 5-6. Each of the five starters (Bordwine, Weiss, Good, Hinson and Hudson) pitched at least two innings, gave up no more than four hits and allowed no more than one earned run. UCF won all five games to peak its record to 11-9.

But after that winning streak, the Knights opened conference play and went into a big slump. From March 7 to April 28, the Knights lost 14 of 19 games, including 11 of 12 conference games. The Knights' lack of clutch hitting was a big contributor to these defeats.

The Knights scored five runs or less in 28 of 50 games.

The Knights' key contributors this season

Kiko Vazquez

Vazquez was selected to the ESPN USA Today Preseason All-American team after leading the Knights in batting average (.378), home runs (9), hits (85) and stolen bases (27) and had a 15-game hit streak.

Tyson Auer

Auer finished second on the team's offensively, batting .356 on the year. He also led the Knights in hits (81), runs (46) and stolen bases (27) and had a 15-game hit streak.

Matt Horwath

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New track coach joins UCF from Tennessee

WOOD DWYER

THE UCF Track and Field Department ended its search for a new Track and Field and Cross Country head coach last week, when the hiring of Caryl Gilbert was announced.

Smith Gilbert, who has been an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee, will take over a program that has finished in the last place in the Sun Belt Conference six times.

"We are excited to have attracted a high-profile candidate such as Caryl Join as our UCF Athletics Track and Field coach," UCF Athletics Keith Tribble said in a statement. "His extensive coaching experience will help transform student-athletes into competitive athletes at the collegiate, national and international level. We strive for greater success in track and field and cross-country sports." Tribble added.

Gilbert was a five-year assistant at Tennessee in the last four seasons and was named national assistant coach of the year by the Sun Belt Conference in 2005. Gilbert was also named 2005 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National and Mid-East Region Assistant Coach of the Year for her work with sprinters and hurdlers.

"I see tremendous promise in the UCF track and field and cross country programs, which was a major factor in my decision to accept the position," Gilbert said in another release. "That University of Tennessee, with the support from Mr. Victor G. Newport and the leadership of the Generals, the University and the community, and the growth of new facilities will make it easier for us to take the program to new heights on the national level. I am excited to be a part of the UCF family." Tribble said.

Before working at Tennessee, Gilbert was a five-year assistant at the University of Maine and Penn State University. At Maine, Gilbert was named head coach a four-year stint. During her time as head coach, Gilbert led the Black Bears to a third-place finish at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Coach Gilbert," UCF Athletics Director Miketimes said. "We are pleased to have a leader with such a wealth of experience under her belt to lead our track and field and cross country programs. We believe Coach Gilbert will do a fantastic job representing UCF and I look forward to her success as we work to build on last season's success." Tribble added.

Van Groen to coach Magic

TRAVIS REDD

The Orlando Magic have named Van Groen as their new head coach.

Van Groen was the head coach of the University of Maine, where he led the Black Bears to a 19-15 record last season.

"Van Groen has a proven track record of success at the college level," Magic general manager Otis Smith said in a news release. "He has a lot of experience and we believe he will be a great fit for the Orlando Magic." Smith added.

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COOL TO BE BLUE

Blue Man Group at Universal

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

Universal’s City Walk welcomed the notorious blue men to the Sharp AQUOS Theatre Wednesday, as Blue Man Group premiered its Orlando show.

The facepaint-and-percussion concept, which started as three friends trying to stand out in the New York theater scene, had a permanent venue in eight cities worldwide, a touring performance and a Grammy nominated CD to their credit before they added the show in Orlando.

The 1,000-seat theater provides a good setting for the show. The performers roam up and down the aisles interacting with audience members, making it personal, but the sound system makes it feel like a rock concert.
For those of you who thought this was just one more yearning to stretch this...
Blue Man Group is a collaboration of three artists dressed in all black with their faces covered in blue grease paint and blue-gloved hands. Although the blue men themselves remain mute, they have a hand behind them providing music for their wacky skits.

The idea for them to stay silent was in reaction to all the talking in Manhattan when the blue men starting performing in the late 20th century, according to Matt Goldman, one of the original blue men and founders.

"It just didn't seem like the blue man spoke, because everyone else spoke a lot," Goldman said. They aren't "mute," just silent.

For the first three years of shows, there were only three blue men, the original founders: Goldman, Phil Stanton and Chris Wink. After Goldman started wearing out manually and physically, they have grown from great to almost all-ages. Although the mute, they have a band behind them providing music for their wacky skits.

"We realized we needed to document a manual, to get our aesthetic across," Goldman said. "We wanted to document a manual, to get the audience to see where the blue man go when they venture into the audience.

The blue men pulled audience members onstage and had no problem humiliating them in front of 1,000 people. At just under two hours, the show holds the audience's attention until the last second, keeping it on its toes. It is a surprise what will happen next.

The Blue Man Group band members onstage in two transparent loft-like boxes. Their identities are masked by black body suits with neon detailings. The entire theater has an industrial feel to it, with plastic pipes attached to the ceiling that are part of an air vent at the end of the show.

There is also a video screen on stage that is used for animations that aid in the blue men's actions and allows the audience to see where the blue men go when they venture into the audience. The show holds the audience's attention until the last second.

Tickets are pricey averaging about $59 per ticket, but if you're able to make the half-hour trek to Universal, see the show at least once. They'll be here for the rest of the year.

Blue Man Group founders (from left) Phil Stanton, Matt Goldman and Chris Wink pose in front of the Sharp Aquos Theatre at Universal Orlando.

The Blue Man Group is a collaborative performance art troupe that combines music, comedy, and visual spectacle. They use blue body suits, body paint, and plastic pipes to create a unique and immersive experience. The show is performed in a theater with an industrial feel, and the audience is encouraged to participate in the performance. The blue men have been performing for over 25 years, and the show continues to evolve and entertain audiences around the world.
I know you’re probably tired of reading about the Pi Kappa Phi case and what others think about it, especially if you’re a member of the fraternity. It was a hard topic to get around with fractious members being suspended, and even more so when we are seeing the worst of what goes on behind closed doors.

But despite all the concerns that we have with the internal workings of our organization, the UCF chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has been doing a lot of good work in the community. They have been active in organizing a social function while also having a formal dinner; they have even been part of making red light cameras a staple in our city.

This brings me to the point of writing this letter. I’ve always been a fan of Kappa Phi, especially afterBUA
during the fall semester of 2011.

I’ve often thought about what a good fraternity or sorority would be like, and I think that Pi Kappa Phi fits that description. They have been doing a lot of good work for our school and our community, and I think they are deserving of our support.

JENNIFER LARINO

This is a process that should have started from the first suspension. Though the crime mild and the punishment severe, they should have been punished with more attention to the rules of their suspension.

It seems that the suspension is being treated as only a part of the same time, and the restrictions within the fraternity are not being taken into account.

In any case the suspension wasn’t really over. It was only just the beginning of the process.

In fact, the process of suspension is not over. It will continue to be a part of our lives for some time, and the restrictions within the fraternity will continue to be a part of our lives.

Despite all the benefits of having a formal dinner and other activities, we must not forget about the financial and personal consequences that come with being suspended.

For the most part, I’m sure that people are full of good intentions. No one goes out with the intention of wrecking into intersections, running red lights, and causing harm to others. But when you combine those factors with the fact that we are dealing with serious consequences, it becomes clear that we need to be more careful.

Jennifer Larino

I wrote this letter to let you know that you are not alone. I know that many of you are feeling the same way, and I want to tell you that you are not alone.

We will let the records red light cameras. There is no question that red light cameras are an effective way to curtail red light violations. However, I believe that there are better ways to raise revenue for our city, and I think that it is important to have a public discussion about the impact of red light cameras.

The Orlando City Council is considering adding red light cameras to favorable ends. In New York City monitored by a red light camera, the number of angled crashes dropped by 50 percent and crashes involving bicyclists dropped by 70 percent. As well, at an intersection in Long Island, New York, the number of angled crashes dropped by 70 percent and crashes involving bicyclists dropped by 70 percent. A study of motorists who are not flooring the brake pedal in intersections found that the number of crashes dropped by 40 percent and the number of minor injuries dropped by 50 percent.

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