

# Florida House of Representatives

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University of Florida President Bernie Machen  
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cc: Gov. Charlie Christ, Dean John Wright, Board of University Trustees

Dear President Machen,

It has been brought to our attention that Rock 104, a station owned by the University of Florida, is airing material inappropriate for a public, taxpayer-funded institution.

It is not our intention to censor positions or views however; subject matter which is dehumanizing and/or degrading to the physically disabled or offensive to a specific gender or race is unacceptable. The private sector should enjoy a wide range of subject matters. Rock 104 however, despite its claims of being self-sufficient through the advertising dollars of its sponsors cannot be separated from its responsibility and relationship to the University of Florida and the ethic and moral standards we expect of that institution.

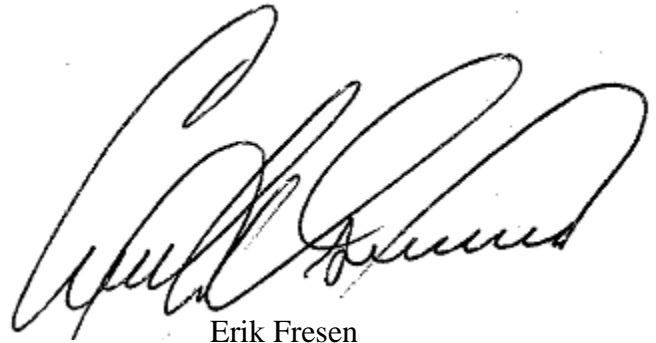
It is located on the University of Florida's campus, managed and directed by University of Florida faculty, and thus intertwined with our tax payer funded dollars. We have a great responsibility when utilizing public funding to assure that the station is held to an appropriate moral standard. The following segments, including but not limited to, "Happy Birthday Bitch," "Pick the Tard," "The Running of the Bums" and "Homeless Idol" clearly do not represent the standards of the University of Florida or any other public educational institution in Florida.

We are bringing this information to your attention so that you review the content in question and make the corrections appropriate for the programming. The University of Florida has achieved national recognition for the quality of its education, for the professionalism of its faculty, for the dedication of its students. Addressing this issue quickly would benefit all of the above.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Abruzzo  
Representative, District 85

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erik Fresen".

Erik Fresen  
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