

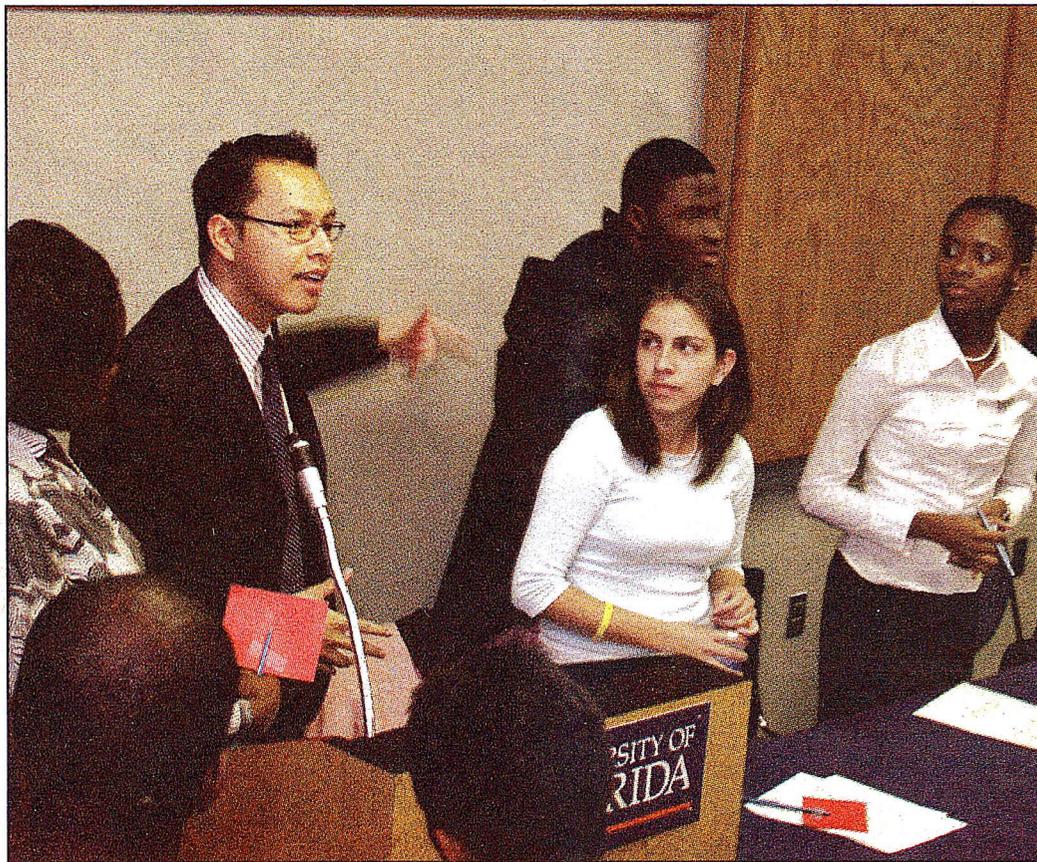
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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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Dennis Ngin celebrates his nomination as the presidential candidate for the Impact Party and shares a few insightful words with fellow members Monday night at the Reitz Union.

## Party nominates Ngin

By **STEPHEN MAGRUDER**

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Student Body Treasurer Dennis Ngin was nominated Monday night for Student Body president — but not for the Phoenix Party.

He will lead the newly named Impact Party in its bid to win the Spring election.

Ngin spoke about his family history, his involvement in student organizations and his desire to serve students before delegates officially voted to put him on the executive ticket.

"I've done all I can to be the best treasurer I can be," Ngin said.

"I'm here, and I'm ready to serve you," he added.

Ngin now may choose his vice president and treasurer candidates to run alongside him for the upcoming election to be held March 15 and 16.

Heralded by party leaders as the first Student Body president in UF's history to be nominated at a party convention, Ngin was the only one to accept the nomination as the presidential candidate for Impact, which is the new name of the Phoenix Party.

Party adviser Andre Samuels and Gainesville City Commission District 3 candidate Michael Belle, who also is a student senator, were nominated alongside Ngin at the convention.

Both declined.

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## Murder trial begins

### Man accused in UF slaying

By **EVA KIS**

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From his forcible removal following a profane outburst in front of potential jurors, Tavares Williams had a tumultuous beginning to his murder trial Monday.

Williams, 21, was charged with first-degree murder in the beating death of his guardian, UF political science adjunct professor Barbara Roth, after she was found in their Covered Bridge Apartments unit Jan. 24, 2002.

Monday's jury selection proceedings were interrupted by an outburst of obscenities from Williams, who had to be carried out of Judge Robert Cates' courtroom by three bailiffs. It was his

second such display that day.

Williams' competency to stand trial was contested previously, and he underwent treatment at a state psychiatric facility. However, State Attorney's Office spokesman Spencer Mann said he doubted Williams' actions indicated legitimate illness.

"I would not be surprised if it was a stunt or ploy on his part," Mann said.

The prosecution concurred, adding that Williams "voluntarily exempted himself through his behavior," and that the trial should progress without Williams.

Judge Cates nevertheless dismissed the approximately 40 potential jurors who witnessed the incident, and the jury instead was chosen from a second pool.



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## Staff receive raises

■ MORE THAN FOUR-FIFTHS OF UF CAREER STAFF GOT AN AVERAGE 1.5 PERCENT BUMP.

By **JEFF SIRMONS**

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More than 80 percent of UF's secretaries, clerks and assistants earned merit-based raises Friday, a gesture of thanks to the "unsung heroes" who work at UF.

"This raise was very much called for," said Ed Poppell, UF vice president for finance and administration. "Our staff really needed a merit raise for their hard work."

There still are about 1,000 staff members who are not yet eligible for the raises but can apply for one as soon as they qualify, Poppell said.

UF staff has had a heightened workload due to the June transition to the PeopleSoft computer system, said Lee Ann Martin, a clerk in the department of anthropology.

"This raise serves as motivation for us to put up with the headaches of PeopleSoft," she said. "We sometimes wish we could go back to the old system—what used to take us 30 minutes now takes us a couple days."

UF staff generally goes unnoticed, with administrators placing priority in faculty, she said.

"A lot of staff members get overlooked," she said. "We work pretty hard without getting much

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Poppell

■ Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts provides the Gators with their most physical opponent to date when UF faces the Bulldogs tonight. Roberts averages 18.6 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. See story, pg. 20.



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■ The Student Senate tonight will make the first move in deciding whether to loan \$500,000 to the Reitz Union to renovate its hotel, where some areas have not been renovated in nearly 40 years. See story, pg. 9.

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a year-long national education program, according to a release.

The program will focus on reducing SUV rollovers, especially among young male drivers, the demographic with the highest tendency for such accidents.

Florida Highway Patrol spokesman Michael Burroughs confirmed a younger driver's susceptibility to rollovers.

He said inexperienced SUV drivers tend to underestimate the weight of their vehicles.

"They don't understand it is a raised vehicle," Burroughs said. "Because of the physics involved and the raised nature and center of gravity, it is more prone to a rollover crash."

Burroughs said an inexperienced driver may not think about how deadly that can be.

Burroughs said he is pleased with the campaign and awaits funding for different media such as TV, print, radio and pamphlets or brochures for education purposes.

"You can never fix anything until somebody admits there is a problem," he said.

Twenty-seven million may sound like a lot but can be spent rather quickly, he said.

— ELIZABETH PRANN

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

6:30 p.m.  
 Smart Investigating Tips (forum)  
 Sigma Lambda Beta  
 7 p.m.  
 Forum on Women's Issues  
 CSE Building  
 8 p.m.  
 Rosewood Forum  
 Reitz Union

**CORRECTION**

Elda Auxiliaire is the executive director of Black History Month. We reported otherwise in Monday's Alligator.  
 We regret the error.

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**NATIONAL**

**National SUV education campaign to start Sunday**

Beginning Sunday, a nationwide sport utility vehicle safety campaign will begin due to the efforts of Florida's attorney general.

The campaign is to be funded by a \$51.5 million settlement with Ford Motor Company. Attorney General Charlie Crist helped launch the campaign after Ford agreed to provide \$27 million for

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## TALLAHASSEE

# State senator enters 2006 race to succeed Jeb

■ ROD SMITH SERVED AS STATE ATTORNEY FOR ALACHUA COUNTY FROM 1992 TO 2000.

By JAMES VANLANDINGHAM

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TALLAHASSEE — The man who successfully argued for Danny Rolling's death sentence hopes to resurrect the Democratic Party and its values in Florida.

State Sen. Rod Smith officially threw his hat in the gubernatorial ring Monday, filing paperwork declaring his candidacy to succeed Jeb Bush as Florida's governor in 2006.

Smith, who represents Gainesville and surrounding counties in the Florida Senate, said his record as a moderate leader will win back rural and North Florida voters whose support has drifted from Democrats to Republicans since the late Gov. Lawton

Chiles was re-elected in 1994.

"I have a vision for Florida that will work not only in core Democratic counties but will work throughout the state," he said. "We've got to not only maintain our core voters, but we've got to get some of the disaffected Democrats, the independents and even some of the moderate Republicans to vote for us. I think it can be done, and I think I can do it."

Smith, seen as a tough-on-crime state attorney from 1992 to 2000, won national recognition in 1994 when he secured a conviction against Rolling for the 1990 murders of five Gainesville students.

He was elected to the Senate in 2000 and has earned a reputation as a pragmatic moderate who can reach across the aisle to work with the Senate's Republican leadership.

In November, Senate President Tom Lee (R-Bradenton) tapped him to chair the Senate's Committee on Agriculture.

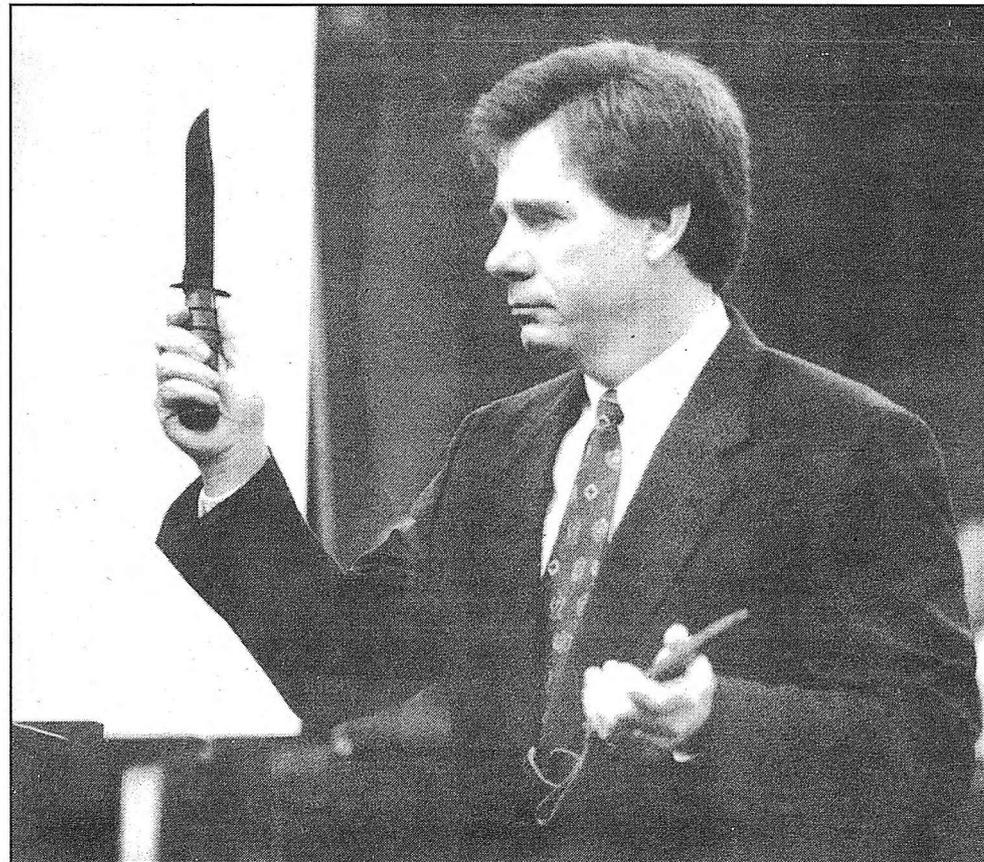
"I think the average voter wants people in office who work together for solutions, not a bunch of partisans," he said. "Not every bad idea is Republican, not every good idea is Democratic, and I've been privileged to work with good people in the Senate on both sides of the aisle."

As a senator whose constituency includes UF, Smith has strong ties to the university. He graduated from UF's Levin College of Law in 1974 and now teaches there as an adjunct professor.

Smith said UF student volunteers would be an important part of his campaign, and several law students have already told him they want to get involved.

"There's nothing as good as a good bunch of Gators," he said, adding that his campaign will gear up after the legislative session in which he plans to focus chiefly on his Senate duties.

Smith also said that funding for higher



Alligator File Photo

Rod Smith, then State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, holds up a military-style Kar-Bar knife during the 1994 trial of serial killer Danny Rolling. Smith sprang from the trial into the national spotlight and then on into Florida politics.

education would be a higher priority in his administration than it has been for Gov. Bush, whose budget proposal this year includes only a quarter of the new money the Board of Governors says is necessary just to keep pace with new-student enrollment.

Smith is the second Democrat to enter the

race, after Bud Chiles, son of the late governor, declared his candidacy Jan. 12.

Other Democrats thought to be mulling a run are U.S. Rep. Jim Davis of Tampa, state Democratic Party chairman Scott Maddox, and Betty Castor, who narrowly lost to Mel Martinez in the U.S. Senate election.

## Rod Smith Timeline

1949 — Born in Southwest City, Mo.

1954 — Family moved to Boynton Beach, Fla.

1974 — Graduated from UF Levin College of Law

1992 — Elected 8th Judicial Circuit State Attorney

1994 — Convicted Danny Rolling of five student murders for which Rolling was sentenced to death

2000 — Elected to Florida Senate

2002 — Re-elected after running unopposed

2004 — Delivered Democratic response to Gov. Bush's State of the State address

2005 — Declared candidacy for Florida governor

# Endowment gets boost from tardy Legislature funds

## School coffers grow 26 percent

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Scholarships and fellowships received a boost after the UF Foundation, the organization that manages the university's private fund, grew its coffers by \$156 million in the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The 26 percent increase far exceeds that of the 2002-03 fiscal year, which boasted a less than 1-percent rise.

Nearly a quarter of that money comes from a \$39 million chunk received from the Florida Legislature as part of a program that matches private donations to universities, said Paul Robell, UF vice president for development and alumni affairs.

The Legislature was behind on its payments by three or four years, Robell said. Thus, the payment was given all at once in 2004, adding significantly to the endowment. The program is now only one year behind on its payments to the foun-

dation.

"It was a big jump due to good investments, new gifts and the state matching gifts program," Robell said.

At the end of the fiscal year, \$738 million remained in the endowment, compared to the \$590 million that remained at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year.

UF isn't alone in its good fortune. College endowments increased by an average of 15 percent, the best performance in 8 years, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Based on a list of 741 institutions compiled by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, UF is one of 74 that increased its endow-

ments by 25 percent or more.

It also ranks No. 69 on the list for the total amount in endowments.

Four percent of a donor's gift to the endowment is put toward scholarships, fellowships, professorships and other university programs. The rest stays in the endowment and is

invested.

Every year, another 4 percent of the gift is donated. If the foundation has increased that gift through investments, that percentage will be greater.

Thus, an increase in the endowment benefits everyone, Robell said.

"It's across the board," he said.

As for how the endowment will do in the 2004-05 fiscal year, Robell said it was up in the air.

"We hope we'll do a lot better," he said. "But it's hard to say we're going to do better than 26 percent."

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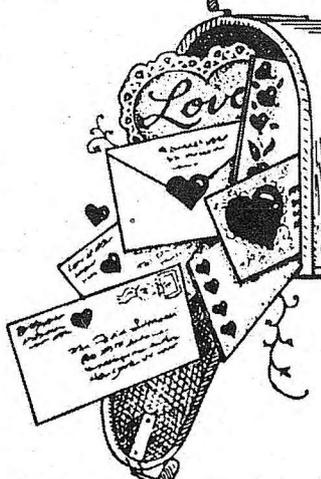


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# Party to name hopeful

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The Gator Party, sporting the ever-popular color combination of orange and blue, will rally on the Reitz Union Colonnade this afternoon to bolster support and announce its Student Body presidential candidate, Joe Goldberg, a former Student Senate president.

The campaign rally begins at 12:30 p.m. and will feature brief speeches from Goldberg and others that focus on how the party can improve student life.

"I'll be announcing my candidacy for Student Body president with the Gator Party," Goldberg said, but he wanted to wait until the rally to go into detail about his campaign plans.

Goldberg, a Student Government veteran, has been involved with Student Senate for about three years and didn't run for re-election during

the 2004 Access-dominated Fall race. He is working with Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and others as a student representative to extend bar closing times to 3 a.m., arguing the change would be beneficial to students' safety.

Gator Party spokesman Sen. Sundeep Rawal said students will have the opportunity to get information on how to get involved with the campaign during the rally.

"We're looking to expand SG to meet the needs of every student," Rawal said.

He added the party has not finalized its vice president and treasurer nominees yet, but the party couldn't resist announcing Goldberg's incomplete ticket because it wants to "let people know [Goldberg is] the most qualified and capable person for the job."



Goldberg

# Six remain in search for UF second-in-command

■ **THREE FINALISTS FOR THE PROVOST POSITION ARE EXPECTED TO INTERVIEW TODAY AND WEDNESDAY.**

By **STEPHANIE GARRY**

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Three of the six finalists to be UF's second-in-command will convene both today and Wednesday at the Hilton University of Florida & Conference Center to meet university officials for the first time.

Today's provost interviews include George Atkinson from the University of Arizona and the U.S. State Department; Cristina Gonzalez of the University of California at Davis, the only female candidate and the only representative from the humanities; and Pramod Khargonekar, dean of the UF College of Engineering and the only internal candidate.

Wednesday's interviews include Mark Thiemens of the University of California

at San Diego, Richard Hoffman of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Arthur Epstein of Ohio State University.

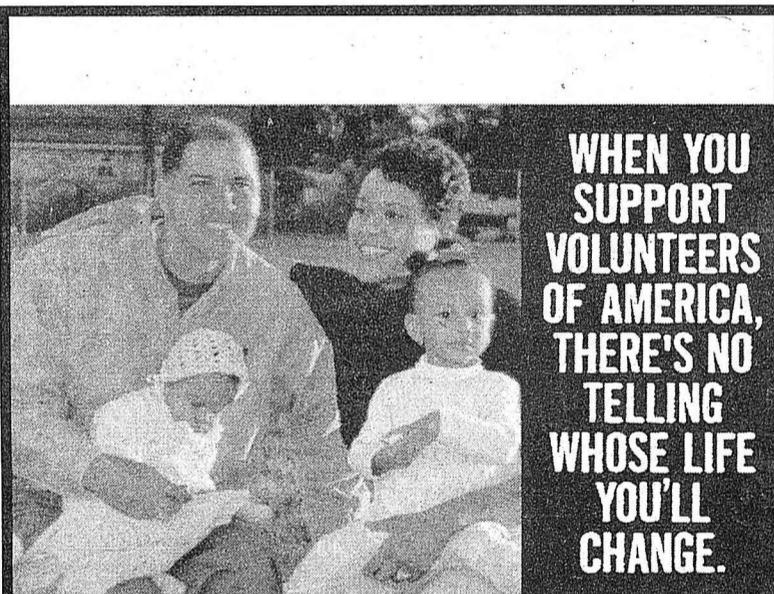
The interviews are neither the first nor the last stage of the search. Search firm Baker Parker and Associates narrowed the applications down to 12 from which the search committee picked the six finalists.

**UF Administration** The finalists will visit the UF campus to meet

with a variety of groups, and from there, UF President Bernie Machen will pick the next chief academic officer. The selection should occur no later than June 1.

The position opened when Provost David Colburn announced he would resign last Spring to return to the classroom and allow Machen to pick his own team.

The interviews begin at 8 a.m. each day. To view live broadcasts of the interviews, visit <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/> and click the "provost search interviews" link.

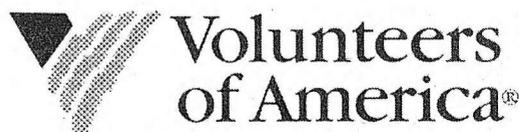


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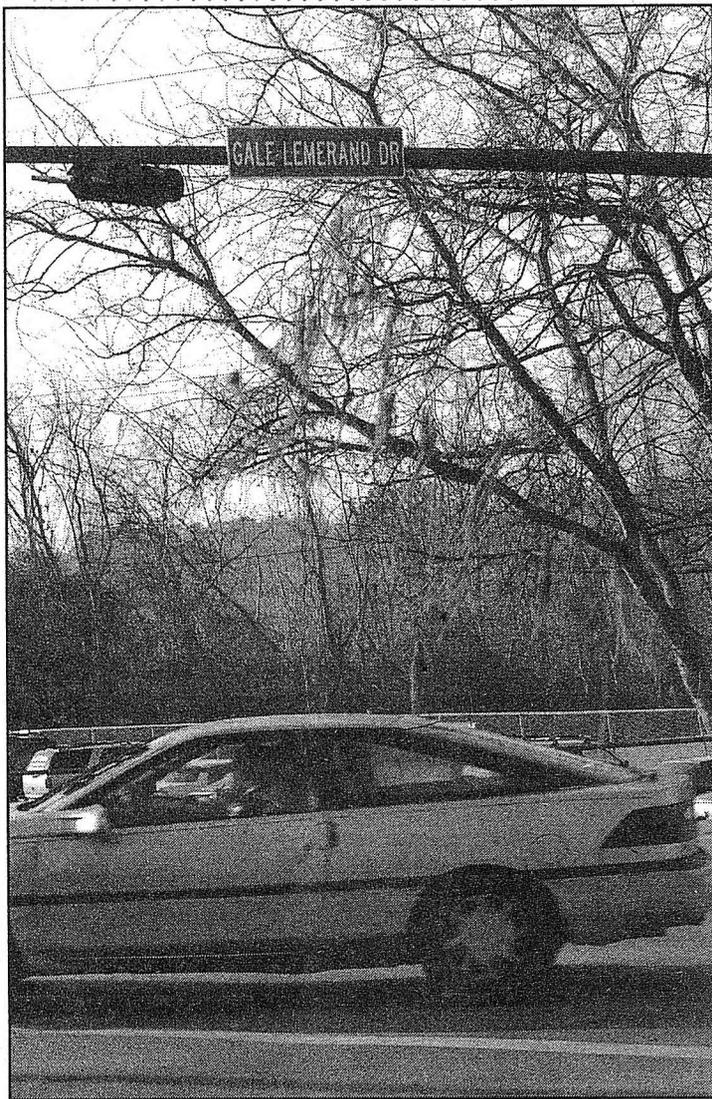
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# North-South Drive renamed

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A car passes the newly placed Gale Lemerand Drive sign at the intersection with Mowry Road. North-South Drive's name change was proposed in 2003 but became official Monday.

Nick West / Alligator Staff

North-South Drive is no more. Workers tore down the signs of the street Monday and replaced them with ones that read "Gale Lemerand Drive."

Thus, the first donor-named street on the UF campus was christened.

Lemerand has been a long-time donor to UF, helping to fund football offices, an athletic center and the Basketball Practice Complex.

In fact, the athletic center, which houses most of the major Spring sports, and football offices are already named after him.

Most recently, Lemerand gave "a significant amount" to the university, half of which will go to athletics and half to academics, said Phil Pharr, University Athletic Association's director of development for Gator Boosters Inc., the fund-raising arm of the UAA.

The donation prompted the UAA to request that North-South Drive be renamed after Lemerand.

"Not only is he a tremendous donor, he's a friend of the university," Pharr said. "He's just a great guy to have and is an asset — not only with athletic department but with the university proper."

Lemerand is the co-founder of Gainesville's Stonewood Grill & Tavern and founder of Gale Industries, one of the largest insulation subcontracting firms in the country.

For the past decade, Lemerand has been

one of the largest donors to Gator Boosters, according to reports.

However, he is not a UF alumnus but was introduced to the school in 1995 by Bill Lloyd, a member of Gator Boosters, according to a press release.

"The guy is just a great Gator," Pharr said. His latest donation to the boosters will go to scholarship endowments and capital improvements, Pharr said.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the road in December 2003, but the change had to be approved by the Florida Legislature in 2004.

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**Phil Pharr**  
director of development for Gator Boosters Inc.

Then, Gainesville police and emergency services had to be given notice of the change because of safety issues, Pharr said.

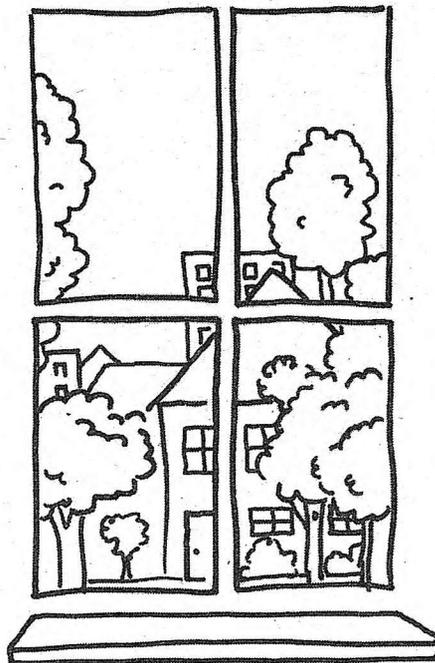
The official name change thus did not occur until Monday, more than a year after its original proposal.

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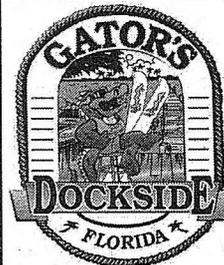
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## Editorial

# Machen money

## UF president should get bonus but look to future

President Machen could soon be looking at a big payday. If the decision is based upon successful completion of his goals for the university, he deserves it.

One thing you can say about UF's first long-term president in years is that he has chosen clear goals and stuck to them fiercely.

By now, everyone knows there is one thing that looms over all else in Machen's mind: research. He has made it his priority since day one to mold UF into a Top 10 public research university, and he has certainly taken strides toward that goal.

The numbers speak for themselves: a \$40 million increase in research funding, a 2.4 percent increase in donations and record royalty income.

His improvements to the status of UF faculty were not as impressive, but they also are steps in the right direction.

The 4 percent base merit salary program, \$1,000 one-time bonus and continuing \$150 million Faculty Challenge fundraising drive were much needed by a faculty that had not had a raise in a decade. However, Machen admitted in his assessment that in this case "it is likely UF remains 6 to 8 percent below public AAU peer institutions."

This is not acceptable. If the administration wants UF legitimately to be considered one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the country, it must do much better for its instructors than below average.

The effects of Machen's changes to the administration are harder to gauge than the others', but the new vice president of human resources position and Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs should prove to be positive additions.

There were a few missteps during Machen's first year, of course. PeopleSoft was a disaster when first implemented, and there still is convincing left to be done that it is a worthwhile innovation. Relations between administration and faculty are improving, but they remain frosty as compromise has not yet been reached on the subject of faculty unions.

And there is one aspect of the university that is not directly considered in any of the aforementioned advances: the students.

While these improvements will benefit UF as a whole, it must not be forgotten that Machen and the administration's ultimate responsibility is to provide the best education possible to those who choose to attend.

For instance, the advances in research must not come at the cost of teachers' involvement with students. Highly respected researchers make for more impressive degrees, but it is not worth the tradeoff if they pay little attention to the classes that are the real reason they are here.

Furthermore, all of the research prestige in the world won't mean anything without quality students. While UF is looking good in that department after securing the No. 1 spot among public universities in attracting National Merit Scholars, an accumulation of disturbing trends, if not addressed, could cause this to change.

Block tuition, for instance, is not going to appeal to high school students trying to determine where they will get the best bang for their college buck. This especially is true if they pay much attention to their Gator friends who tell them horror stories about overcrowded and unavailable classes.

The easiest way to commit to getting students out of here in four years is to make sure they can take the courses they need to graduate, not to punish them monetarily.

When all is considered, Machen should get a passing grade on his first-term report card — and the bonus that comes along with it — but he's got a lot to do for the students if he expects the same next year.

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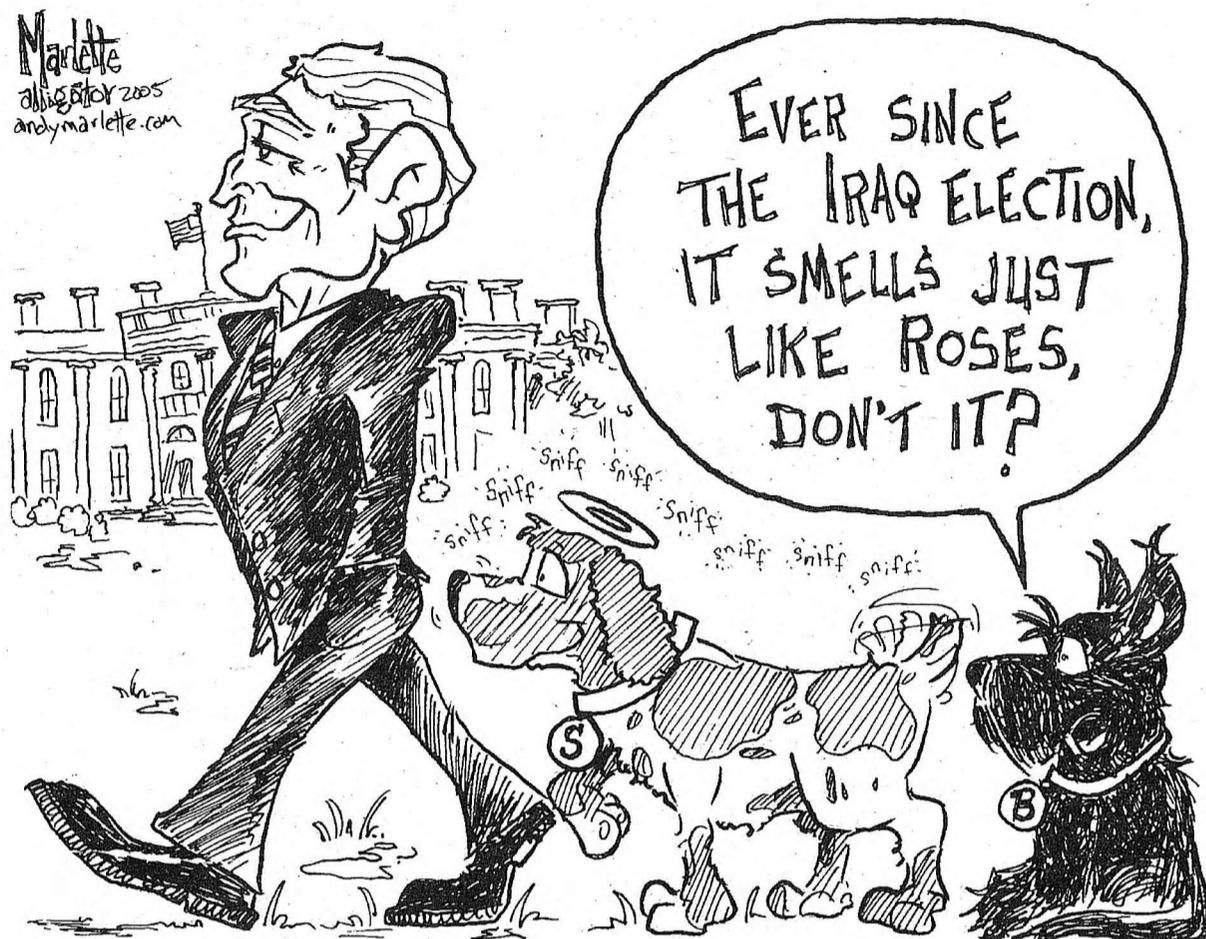
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## Column

## Election is over, now real work begins

After months of bickering over the nature of the war in Iraq, we see the results of a costly fight. Officials estimate that about 60 percent of Iraqis went to the polls to cast their ballots Sunday. While many citizens thought only of voting for particular candidates, they were in fact voting for democracy itself.

The images of Iraqi voters are heartening. Scenes such as those of women making peace signs with their inked fingers represent not only hope for a nation but also a hope for peace and equality within the region. Iraq, in its new life, will exist as a modern state — not as one trapped in a past of extremism and torture.

Officials originally expected only 57 percent of the population to vote. Naysayers around the world expected a low turnout. Many said Iraq was not ready for the free exercise of democracy. It's clear that not only were the citizens of Iraq ready to vote, but they were impatient to do so. Iraqi citizens stood in line for hours to cast their ballots. They stood tall and strong as they made their choices.

People have called the war in Iraq a mistake. The faces of Iraqi voters suggest otherwise.

Members of the Democratic Party didn't think the United States could do it. They said turnout would be low and violence would hinder civic duty. But they were wrong: Turnout was high and violence was low. Citizens had been waiting decades for the ability to cast a ballot that had meaning.

Now, as the ballots are counted, the hard work of rebuilding a nation that was torn apart by a tyrant continues. Citizens not only will be able to cast ballots and criticize their government, but they also will be able to share in the successes of their nation. Iraqis will return to the polls in December to cement the foundations of democracy that were laid Sunday.



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President Bush has pledged that if the new government of Iraq requests the withdrawal of American troops, its request would be granted. The sentiments of Baghdad's new mayor, Ali Fadel, seem to suggest that American troops will be not only welcomed, but celebrated. He said, "We have a lot of work, and we are especially grateful to the soldiers

of the U.S.A. for freeing our country of tyranny."

The United States gave Iraq the opportunity to succeed. The birth of democracy in Iraq will define not only the future of the Iraqi people but also the image of freedom in the Middle East. With strong, clear leadership, Iraq will serve as a model for other nations. Our vision of freedom for the Iraqi people extends throughout the Middle East. It's clear that tyranny is the way of the past, and democracy is the hope for the future.

As the leaders of Iraq rebuild the nation, they must also define the foundations of democracy. Sunday's election should serve only as a first taste of the institution of democracy that must be fitted to the character of Iraq.

On Sunday, Iraqis stood at the starting line of freedom. The path they have chosen will not be easy. Democracy rarely is. But with their votes, they choose their own fate.

Rather than having to cast ballots in blood for a single candidate in a charade of an election, the citizens of Iraq were given the opportunity to define their own fate and shape their own future.

Allison Cullin is a political science and economics sophomore. Her column appears on Tuesday.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Do you think President Machen focused on the right goals during his first year?

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## Letters to the Editor

### Porn speaker unfair to S&M community

**Editor:** I was shocked and appalled to read the article about "The Great Porn Debate" in which UF professor Diana K. Nagy is quoted as saying, "Both of them are coming from the same direction. They both agree that S&M and child pornography are unacceptable."

I say this because, while I was not at the debate, I cannot understand how S&M pornography can be grouped in the same "unacceptable" category as child pornography. Does Professor Nagy even know what S&M is? Does she understand that it is a part of what commonly is known as BDSM, which refers to bondage, discipline, dominance, submission, sadism and masochism? I believe that she must not, because if she had any idea what these things actually were she would know they have nothing in common with child pornography or other unacceptable forms of sexual activity such as bestiality. BDSM is a perfectly valid lifestyle choice in which people can and do achieve great satisfaction through acts of dominance and submission, which to many include receiving or inflicting pain.

While much of the BDSM community is much more involved than what is portrayed in mainstream media, something as simple

as a person enjoying being spanked during sex counts as masochism. A cornerstone of the BDSM lifestyle is that these acts occur between consenting adults, and all necessary precautions are taken to ensure the relative safety of the activities. Thus, "S&M" porn should not and does not condone violence and abuse. If her concern is possible violence toward women, Professor Nagy should be made aware that many women involved in BDSM are dominant over men.

Furthermore, I want to make it clear that I am not blasting only the professor. The author of this article made a choice to include that quote and in doing so served to perpetuate outdated myths.

Ellen Lichtenstein  
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### Online voting saves money, gains voters

**Editor:** Since becoming Student Body treasurer, I have witnessed Student Government divided along party and ideological lines. I'm pleased to see that, in recent weeks, student leaders have come together and united toward the goal of implementation of online voting in SG elections. In the past few days, students have

joined myself and Student Body President Jamal Sowell to increase participation in SG elections by placing the initiative for online voting on the March ballot. I invited student leaders from across campus to join with me in ensuring online voting has an opportunity to be discussed.

The more students participate in dialogue about SG, the more responsive the institution becomes. The simple truth is that reducing unnecessary spending while maximizing student access increases the value of SG. Running the 2004 Student Body presidential election, including the run-off, cost students \$21,789.07 — a cost of more than \$1 for each of the 21,000 ballots cast. The cost of instituting online voting is approximately \$2,000 a year, or less than 10 cents each for the same number of votes.

Online voting is a unifying issue. A non-partisan executive committee conducted hundreds of hours of research to investigate the viability of the initiative. President Sowell commissioned Access Sen. Andrew Hoffman to compile a detailed report on online voting. The report observed other institutions with online voting and found that this method of voting was not only safe but also resulted in

dramatic increases in turnout. The time to act upon this issue is now.

We have proposed this method of voting because it could result in financial savings of about \$20,000 in election costs. This money can be spent on students and student organizations, as opposed to being wasted on outdated election methods. We would much rather fund student organizations than paper ballots. As an advocate of the usage of SG reserves to fund organizations and initiatives, my focus has always been upon fiscal responsibility. We hope that the initiative will be presented on the March ballot to give students the opportunity to decide. This issue belongs in the hands of the students.

Months of planning and research culminated in yesterday's marathon effort to involve students in the movement to increase student voter access.

We have worked long and hard to ensure that students have a strong voice in SG. With online voting, participation would be easy and efficient.

UF deserves online voting. It demands access.

Dennis Ngin  
Student Body Treasurer

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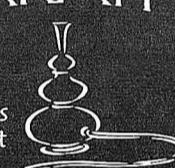
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# GRU faces locals' criticism for proposed coal plant

## Residents worry about emissions

By **BRIAN HAGEN**  
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The planned \$540-million Gainesville Regional Utilities' Deerhaven plant met determined opposition from residents Monday night who feared environmental hazards from the coal-burning facility.

Residents filled Gainesville's City Hall voicing opinions for and against the plant in a special meeting of the City Commission.

Outside City Hall and beside a hand-painted sign that read "NO OIL," Tom Cunilio, of the Resource Development and Conservation group, expressed his fear of contaminants.

"I'm scared to death of mercury," he said. "Wood has no mercury. We want to see completely renewable wood resources."

The general manager of GRU, Mike Kurtz, said his company would welcome an independent peer review.

He also said emissions equipment on the plant will reduce emissions of mercury and

other harmful gases and will release no more carbon than a natural-gas plant.

The favored model for the power plant will burn a combination of solid fuel — coal and petroleum coke — and biomass — wood pulp, plants and trees.

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The goal is to balance "energy conservation, renewable energy, reliability and an affordable, secure energy supply," said Ed Regan, GRU's assistant general manager for strategic utility planning.

The Alachua County Environmental

Protection Advisory Committee wants GRU to provide better data on the emission of metals, mercury and fine particulates, which are small airborne particles linked to lung and heart disease.

"GRU has provided us with no real alternatives," said committee member David Harlos, who also added that using biomass by itself should be considered.

"We have huge local reserves of biomass — enough to entirely replace coal," he said.

Biomass creates less energy than coal plants, creating 30 to 40 megawatts of power, as opposed to a coal plant's 200 megawatts.

## MULTICULTURAL

# 'What is Black History Month?' forum kicks off events

By **GLENDALUFT**  
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UF students debated the importance of black history to today's young adults at the first-ever "What is Black History Month?" forum Monday night.

Sponsored by Omega Psi Phi and the Black Student Union, the forum, which drew about 25 students, was planned with hopes to increase enthusiasm for upcoming events, said event coordinator and moderator Marcus Madison.

"We were trying to get people excited before it starts," Madison said. "We have numerous forums every year on different topics, but this is the first year we decided to do it on this."

Besides educating students on the origins of Black History Month, topics ranging from the commercialization of black culture to poverty in the black community were discussed.

Students at the forum seemed to agree there was a lack of enthusiasm for black history among black young adults.

Enthusiasm for the month must start from childhood, education major Richard Belizaire said, citing the lack of black-his-

tory education in public schools.

"If as a child you don't know your history, how can you be excited about Black History Month?" Belizaire said. "You can't have enthusiasm if you don't know what these people did."

Students, however, also acknowledged the personal responsibility to find sources of information outside school.

"A lot of events happened so long ago that it doesn't seem to relate to us," said criminology and sociology major Billy Holcombe. "But as a black person, if you don't know enough about your history, it's your responsibility to find out more."

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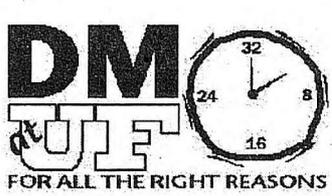
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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Student Senate wary of large hotel renovation loan

By BRIDGET CAREY

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The Student Senate will make its first move tonight in deciding whether to loan \$500,000 to the Reitz Union to renovate its hotel, where some parts have not been renovated in nearly 40 years.

The request, which gained favor from the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee last week, is raising eyebrows with some officials who have never dealt with a request for a loan from SG reserves.

"My concern is that it's unprecedented," said Student Body Treasurer Dennis Ngin. "Student Government has never done anything like this before. I just want to make sure it's done right."

Tuition-based Activity and Service Fees fund more than 60 percent of the union's

yearly budget, with the remainder self-generated by the building's facilities, which include the Food Court and Game Room.

Supporters of the bill say the hotel's improvements would benefit students. If the hotel is able to raise its rates and gain more business, the union would ultimately request less money from Activity and Service Fees.

But the Senate's yearly allocation is not enough to cover the costs of refurbishing the 36-room Reitz Union Hotel, which hasn't had a facelift in 17 years, according to union Associate Director Michael Mironack.

Patrons' complaints focus on bathrooms, he said, noting that lighting in the rooms casts a "yellow dinge."

"There is a need [to renovate] because we're starting to see negative comments," Mironack said. "But also if I want to get these rooms in shape for next football season, I got to start now."

Mironack, who has previous Holiday Inn management experience, said hotels are renovated every five to seven years because it's natural for hotel rooms to "take a beating."

**"We're in a very necessary stage right now."**

**Michael Mironack**  
Reitz Union associate director

Activity and Service Fees allocated to the union are not earmarked for a particular use. However, fees cover the cost of common expenses such as utilities, employee salaries and building upkeep, Mironack said.

He said union officials exhausted their search for other possibilities to find the needed funding and found no practical solution. The union could approach UF's Board of Trustees, the university's highest governing body, but

he said it wouldn't be worth the hassle.

"The administrative headache to go through all those channels would be a nightmare," Mironack said.

In addition, UF's General Counsel office informed officials to be cautious of potential legal liabilities in using student money to refurbish a profitable hotel, but Mironack said that to his knowledge, nothing was found that would make the loan illegal.

"We're in a very necessary stage right now," he said. "We wouldn't be coming to Student Government if we didn't think it was very important."

The plan is for the hotel to raise its current \$60-a-night room rate to \$75 to help pay back SG within five years.

In addition, the union also will be requesting \$100,000 to help with payment on an emergency sewage-piping problem that was handled during Winter Break.

## Phoenix resurrects as Impact

**PHOENIX**, from page 1

Following Ngin's nomination, the name of the Phoenix Party officially was changed to the Impact Party after debate occurred on what name delegates felt would best reflect

the party's mission and direction.

Impact, a name chosen over Action, Phoenix, Support and Unite, was suggested during the convention by Career Development Cabinet Director Rosey Pierre.

She said the name, which is meant to reflect the party's history, is both powerful and positive.

"It suits what we're all about," Pierre said.

The Impact Party, formerly known as both Phoenix and Access, is the reiteration of the party formed last year by Student Body President Jamal Sowell.

"The people who were against me — I gave them access too," Sowell said before the nomination.

The 2004 Access Party took on the name Phoenix after Michael Shine, a non-Access member, registered the name before party officials in January.

After the new name was decided Monday night, Ngin called out to supporters, and delegates huddled around him before leaving.

"It's not the name — it's the people that run with it," Ngin said.

## Prosecution will not seek death penalty in murder case

**COURT**, from page 1

Jurors were instructed that the state would not seek the death penalty in Williams' case. "There's a threshold to qualify for death-penalty cases, and this did not," Mann said, noting that the crime "doesn't meet the standards of aggravating versus mitigating circumstances."

Though prosecutor Marc Peterson explained to the potential jurors that Williams had waived counsel and that his own absence was voluntary, several of them questioned the validity of a trial with neither the defendant nor a defense attorney.

The proceeding would not have been diminished, Peterson said.

However, during a recess between the end of jury selection and the commencement of his trial, Williams re-invoked his right to representation, according to Peterson. Despite a bailiff's warning that "it is not gonna be safe for [Williams], for the public, for the officers of this court" if Williams were allowed to return, he sat sedately by his attorney as trial proceedings began.

Roth had cared for Williams as her own son for approximately two years, having met him through her job as a social worker in Volusia County. Though Roth did not adopt Williams, Peterson said, "in every aspect they had a mother-son relationship."

In his opening statement, Peterson described Williams



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Tavares Williams, right, talks to his attorney at the beginning of his trial Monday afternoon. Williams is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his guardian, UF adjunct professor Barbara Roth in 2002.

coming home the day of Roth's death and telling his guardian he had a surprise for her.

As Roth closed her eyes in anticipation, Peterson recounted, Williams repeatedly struck her in the head and side with a baseball bat.

Williams allegedly then went to his girlfriend's house and told her what happened. He then returned to the apartment attempting to clean up the scene.

Concerned coworkers called Covered Bridge property manager Gaynelle Fondren, who found Roth the next day.

Jurors screened video footage taken of the crime scene. Gainesville Police Officer Bret Starr, lead forensic investigator, described Roth as wrapped in "several layers of sheets and blankets," adding blood on the apartment's carpet was found to be "consistent with having bleach

applied to it."

A bottle of bleach was found in Roth's kitchen.

Today, the prosecution will continue to present its case pending a motion to suppress a 26-minute videotaped confession by Williams. Though such motions generally are dealt with prior to the commencement of a trial, Mann said it's not uncommon for several motions to arise during the course of a murder case.

## Staff raises will take effect Friday; money distributed later

**MERIT**, from page 1

attention."

Staff members, on average, received a 1.5 percent raise as determined by their department chairs.

"This raise was definitely overdue," said

Carol Binello, administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "Once staff found out faculty received a 3.5 percent raise last year and staff didn't get a raise, morale was a bit low, but this makes up for it."

Starting in July, eligible faculty received merit-based raises totaling 4 percent of the university's total faculty payroll.

The staff's raises will take effect Friday but won't be disbursed until later this month.

Staff members also will be surveyed this semester about both their workload and perceptions of how well the university is functioning. The university's Academic & Professional Assembly is coordinating the survey. It is modeled after the faculty survey given last year.

## ADMINISTRATION First HR candidate visits UF

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The first of three finalists for a new senior administrative position at UF, a self-described "change agent," met today with a host of potential colleagues to discuss how to remedy UF's staff and faculty gripes.

UF President Bernie Machen created the position of vice president for human resources after reviewing a faculty survey showing complaints about pay, benefits and recognition. The rarity of this high-level position for human resources is what Paul Michaud, the first of the finalists to tour the campus, said attracted him to the job.

"You can count on one hand in this country the number of full vice-president positions for human resources," Michaud said, crediting Machen for the forward thinking. "I think he's very cutting-edge."

Michaud is the assistant vice president for human resources at FIU in Miami.

"Everyone was quite impressed with him," said Human Resources Director Larry Ellis. "He's very sharp."

"You can count on one hand in this country the number of full vice-president positions for human resources. I think [Machen's] very cutting-edge."

**Paul Michaud**

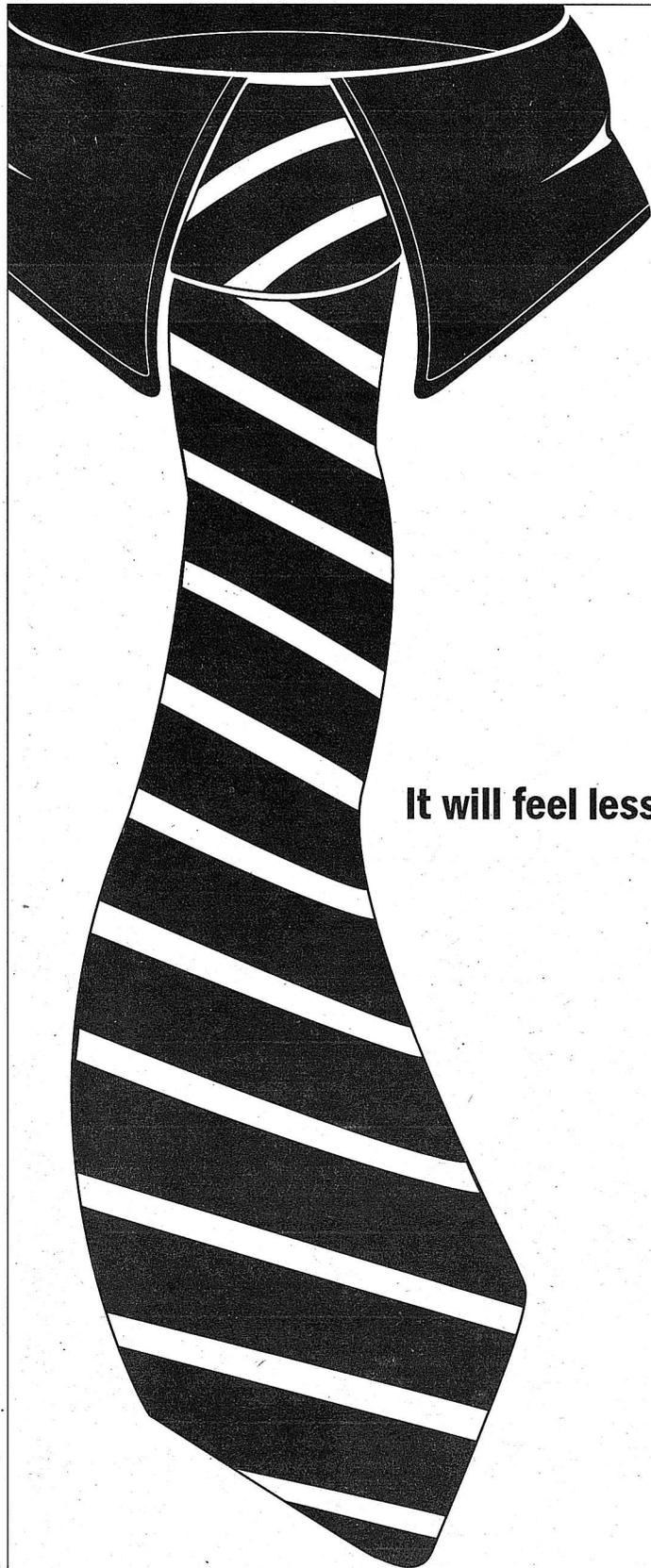
Human resources VP finalist

Machen will make the final decision from the recommendations of the search committee and the interviewers sometime after Feb. 9, when the final candidate visits UF, search committee chairwoman Pam Bernard wrote in an e-mail.

The vice president will oversee a reorganization of human resources under Machen's direction, which probably will include moving certain faculty services, such as advertising new positions and handling the paperwork of hiring new faculty, to the new department.

The vice president's office may also handle grievances such as discrimination and sexual harassment complaints. When he announced the position, Machen said complaints were handled by departments, which often put them in the hands of the accused.

Interviews with finalists Kyle Cavanaugh and Loretta Harper are to occur Feb. 9 and 10, respectively.



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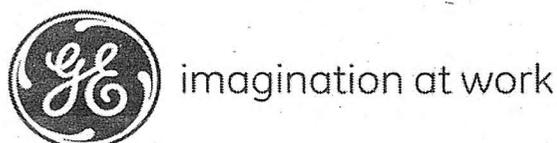
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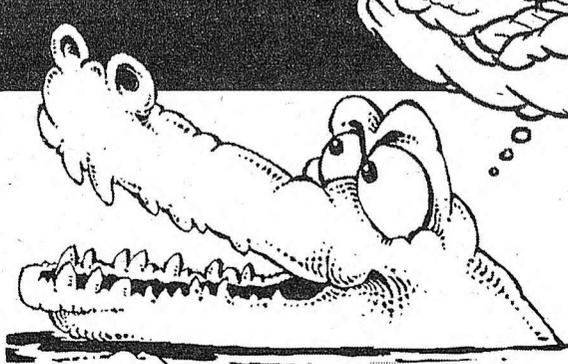
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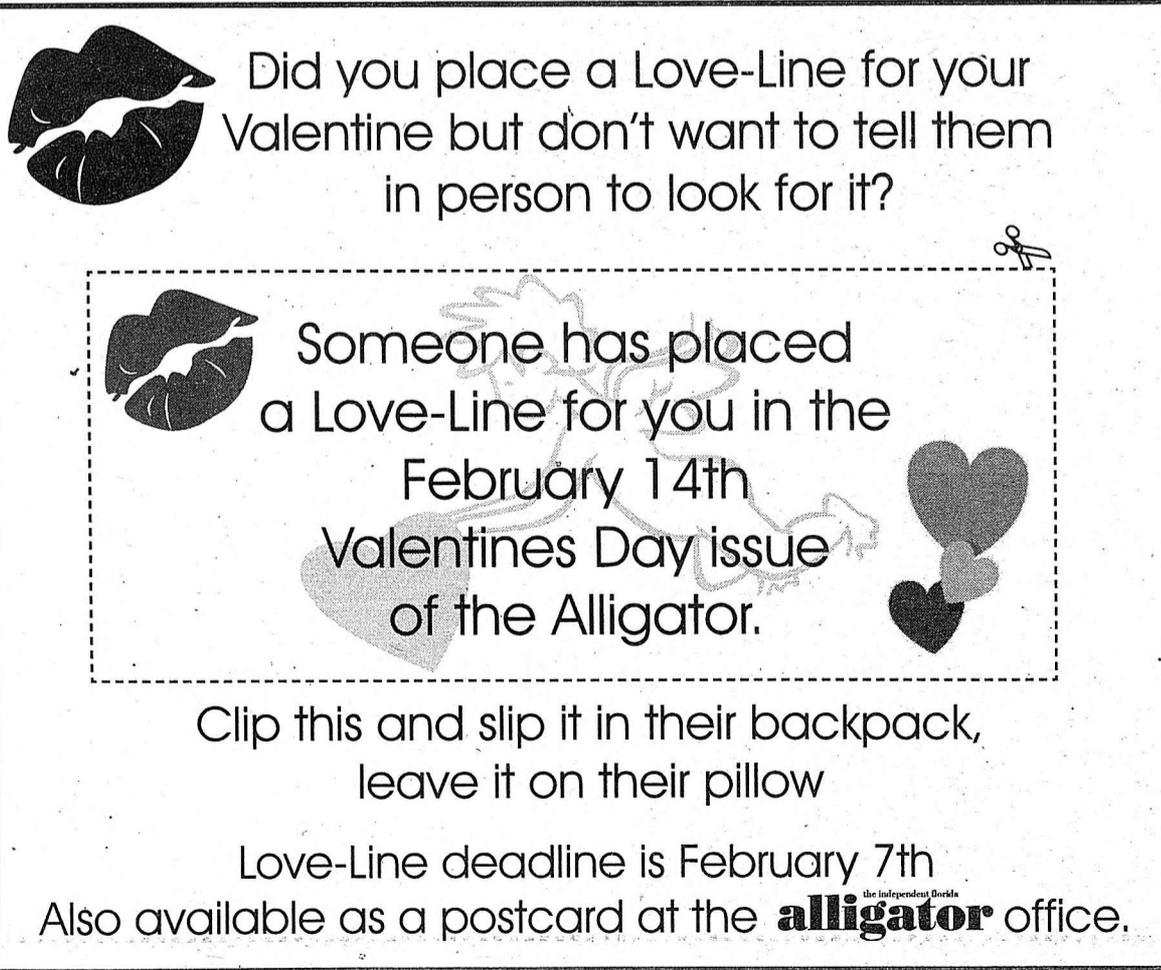
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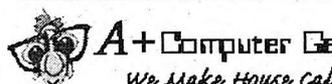
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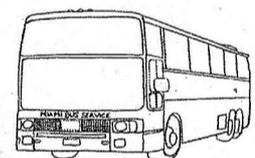
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When you're a football coach/athletic director stuffed into a 10x15 foot office, you're permitted to be messy.

When five of your players make it to the National Football League, you're allowed to plaster your floor, couch and desks with a layer of videotapes.

"I need to do some spring cleaning soon," you say with a chuckle.

And being you is a great thing. You're John Clifford, athletic director and head football coach of P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School since 1986. You've established one of the most storied high school-to-NFL pipelines in Florida. You've won seven district championships from the constraints of an undersized school. A school that's often outplayed bigger, badder schools that were supposed to trounce you. Best of all, you had a blast doing it.

"I try to make it fun for them," you, the heralded Clifford said.

### The start of a family

P.K. Yonge football wasn't conceived in a petri dish in one of its laboratories. It wasn't a product of coaching, either — at least not in the beginning.

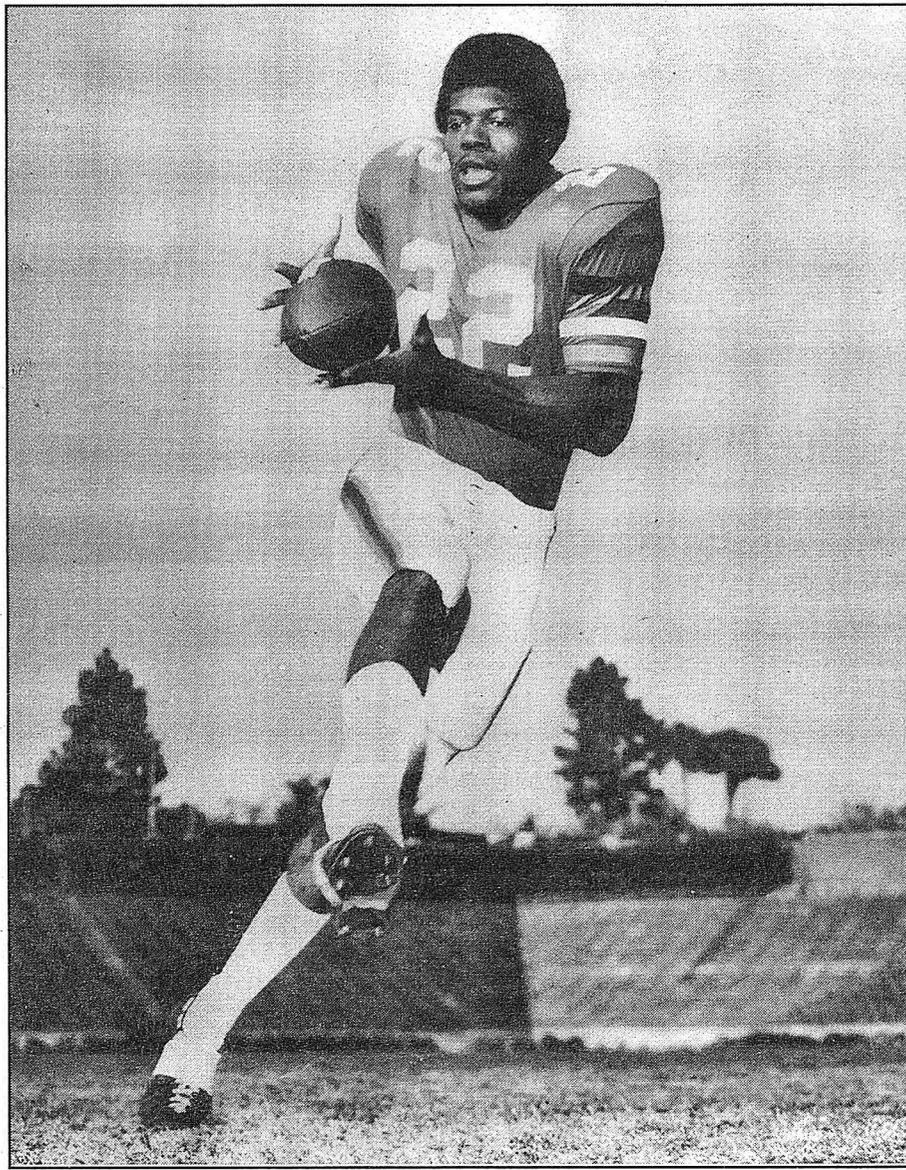
The Blue Wave started as a ripple in the Gainesville ocean of the 1960s.

In the fall of 1969, Clifford, along with Willie Jackson, became UF football players. Clifford, the defensive back known for his jokes and humorous demeanor, became the pulse of the team. Willie, a wide receiver, gained notoriety for a different reason — he was UF's first black football player.

In 1970, a local booster organization rewarded Willie and Clifford with a shared sophomore-of-the-year award. And when the two weren't dazzling on the field, it was Clifford who stole the limelight.

"He was like Johnny Carson for us," Willie said. "He kept us laughing and he was just a good guy."

Freshmen had a tougher time laughing. Their primary role as football players was to be butchered by upperclassmen on the practice field; they weren't yet allowed to play during games. Wide receiver Lee McGriff became part of the prey when he



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In 1969, wide receiver Willie Jackson became UF's first black football player. Jackson was teammates with John Clifford, current coach of P.K. Yonge.

walked on in 1971. Clifford had dibs on intimidation as a junior that season, but he was often the one who lightened Lee's load.

"Pretty early on, John befriended me and he encouraged me," Lee said. "He was very popular on that team and had a great sense of humor, and so for him to give a rip about me was special."

Jackson was drafted in the 11th round by the St. Louis Rams in 1973. In 1974, Clifford was released twice: first by the Jacksonville Sharks of the upstart World Football League and then by the NFL's Miami Dolphins. Lee crisscrossed the country, playing for the Dallas Cowboys and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976, his lone pro season.

In the roughly 12 years that followed,

the three lost touch. Then, in 1986, Clifford began connecting the dots of destiny.

### P.K. Yonge is reborn

Destiny's canvas was generous to Clifford. P.K. Yonge had little football tradition and Clifford, its new coach in '86, faced little pressure for instant gratification. This was a good thing — good for Clifford, good for the school.

And also good for P.K. Yonge — if not great — was Willie Jackson Jr. Willie Jr., son of Clifford's old UF teammate, played soccer, basketball, Little League baseball and football as a youngster.

"My ultimate goal, from the time that I was little [was] to get to the pros," Willie Jr. said. "I always thought I could go. I always

knew I could play."

Willie Jr.'s first years of high school coincided with Clifford's opening season as P.K.'s football coach.

### P.K. Yonge finds the map

Football was nice and football was fun, but even with a new coach and a sparkling outlook, Willie Jr. was all about the basketball.

"We knew we could play and compete against anybody," Willie Jr. said. "We always used to beat people in basketball. P.K. Yonge was never not good in basketball."

Fortunately for Clifford, Willie Jr. loved slants as much as he loved pick-and-rolls. Willie starred as a Blue Wave wideout. Soon, it became clear that Willie Jr.'s childhood dreams weren't that far-fetched after all.

Willie Jr. was bound for collegiate stardom — specifically UF stardom. In 1988, Willie greeted the Swamp. That same year, Clifford met his next star: Chris Doering.

### Willie Jr. starts a trend

"I think all these kids in town probably have the desire at one point to come out of the tunnel at Florida Field," Clifford said.

Clifford watched his own wide receiver, Willie Jr., do just that in 1988. And in 1990, Coach Steve Spurrier joined Willie Jr. In 1991, Jackson — then a junior — and Spurrier celebrated UF's first Southeastern Conference championship.

"I remember getting goose bumps watching Willie celebrate and run around the field," Clifford said.

While Willie Jr. trekked his way up UF's receiving recordbook, Chris Doering was doing the same at P.K. Yonge.

Chris began attending P.K. Yonge varsity football games as a fourth-grader and became a water boy.

"By the time I got to playing varsity, it was almost like some dream that I had since being a youngster," Chris said.

As a P.K. senior, he led the state in receiving touchdowns but not one Division I school recruited Chris. Not UF, not Vanderbilt, not San Jose State.

"The schools I was hearing from was the Presbyterian college and Kansas Wesleyan," Chris said. "How can I not at least get some looks from some of those lower-tiered Division I schools?"

So, naturally, Chris walked on at UF. He played with Willie Jr. in '92 and '93. Willie Jr. finished his Gators career with 162 receptions, second-best in UF history, while Chris, the walk-on, caught 31 career touchdown passes — most in UF history.

Coming up in Part 2: Clifford's athletes become NFL stars.

## Gators in running for WR McPhearson; RB Smith to announce on SportsCenter

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The loss of La Fell, Scout.com's No. 34 receiver, leaves Derrick McPhearson as the lone target on the receiver board. McPhearson is currently attending a prep school in Virginia after failing to qualify academically to UF last year.

Though he was a big fan of former running backs coach Mike Locksley, McPhearson said the Gators are still his No. 1 choice.

"Everything is pretty much the same except the coaches, and I really got to know Coach Meyer and [wide receivers

coach Billy] Gonzales," McPhearson told Gatorcountry.com. "They seem very serious about winning."

A 5-foot-11, 185-pound speedster who has been clocked at 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash, McPhearson will decide between UF, Nebraska, Virginia Tech and Illinois.

The loss of Jackson leaves the Gators looking for one more running back and, coincidentally, the only back left on the board is the nation's best.

Antone Smith, ranked No. 1 in the country by Scout.com, will announce his decision Wednesday on ESPN's SportsCenter. While Auburn has been in hot pursuit of the Pahoek native with the losses of Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown, it is a

safe bet that Smith will be staying in the Sunshine State.

Smith, who appeared recently on Sunshine Network's Countdown to Signing Day, has been keeping quiet as to where he will sign.

"Coach Meyer is the coach that I've probably connected with best," Smith said. "Everyone is going to have to wait 'til signing day to see where I end up."

Meyer and staff have made their final push at convincing the undecided and plenty of players remain a toss-up between UF, Florida State and Miami.

Oral commitments are non-binding until a national letter-of-intent is signed on National Signing Day on Wednesday.

## Gators must overcome tougher teams to reach goal

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Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts provides the Gators with their most physical opponent to date when UF faces the Bulldogs tonight.

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includes No. 11 Alabama and No. 6 Kentucky.

"I think we'll definitely know our chances of winning an SEC title. We'll have to keep pace these next three games and get some victories. And I think if we do that, we'll be right in the thick of things to win an SEC title for the first time in a couple years."

But despite all of Lee's downplay and big-picture talk, at 8 p.m., the ESPN2-televized game will provide a national audience with one of the most intriguing frontcourt showdowns in the country.

Lee, with 12 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, and Roberts, with 18.6 points and 11.3 rebounds per game, are two of three players averaging a double-double in SEC play.

Lee played against Roberts last year but became even more familiar with Roberts after playing with him at Michael Jordan's summer basketball camp.

"Offensively, they go to him probably eight plays out of 10," Lee said. "That's really their main focus — to get him the ball — and with good reason because he's a good scorer."

Still Roberts isn't a one-man team. Or is he?

The Bulldogs lost senior guard

Winsome Frazier, the only other player averaging double digits in points, for the season after he fractured a bone in his foot on Jan. 8.

Since then, the Bulldogs (16-5, 4-3 SEC) have lost three of five SEC games, including a 49-point drubbing to Alabama and a road loss to LSU on Saturday that dropped MSU out of the Top 25.

But Coach Billy Donovan, like Lee, insists MSU isn't a Roberts solo production and doesn't want his team thinking about the embarrassment the Crimson Tide laid on the Bulldogs.

"That's one where you take the tape, throw it in the trash can, burn it and move forward," Donovan said.

Instead, Donovan wants UF, which has a 12.2 rebounding margin against some SEC teams that he said "have been a little bit undersized," to concentrate on denying Roberts put-back opportunities.

And according to Lee, dealing with Roberts and a venue in which the Bulldogs have won 45 of their last 50 games will be enough of a task.

"It was a tough arena. It's not exactly one of your state-of-the-art arenas in the SEC," Lee said. "But they pack the fans in there, and they've got a great student section right down there at the court like we do. And it's real loud."

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reputation of fencing, but it's a farce. Many of these kids rose from the dark depths of financial aid.

Practicing for 12 hours a week on a half-court at Florida Gym, you'll find some of the most accomplished athletes at UF.

Young girls may dream of playing like Serena Williams or Mia Hamm, but how about the three K's?

The feared saber threesome of Katie Keathley, Katey Creel and Kelly Crandall give UF a great shot at winning a gold in the upcoming National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Championships.

Don't forget about Bob Gettys, the team captain who, despite a foot injury, paid out of his pocket to travel with his team to UCLA.

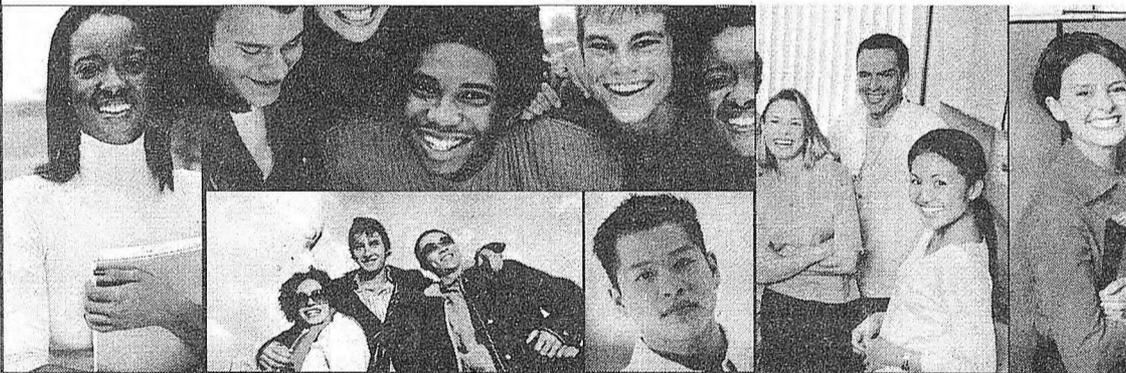
And then there's senior Eric Goodemont, the antithesis of an athlete by traditional standards.

After giving his life to fencing, the guy who never expected to be an athlete won an event last year.

Coach Bruce Capin has assembled a group of humble, determined kids who will do anything, including donating their own plasma, to compete at the highest level.

It's a shame fans will never know these stars, but in the real world of sports it's about more than fame.

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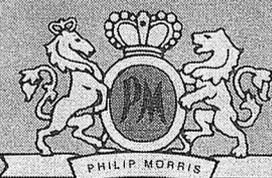
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Gators beginning crucial SEC stint

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Senior forward David Lee has anticipated this day.

He has long since put a mental asterisk by the first Tuesday in February on which his Gators (13-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) will begin a defining three-game stretch at Mississippi State.

"I think we'll definitely know our chances of winning an SEC title. We'll have to keep pace these next three games and get some victories. And I think if we do that, we'll be right in the thick of things to win an SEC title for the first time in a couple years."

**David Lee**  
UF forward

In perhaps his team's most difficult road game thus far, Lee, the self-described best returning big man in the SEC,

will have the opportunity to test his skills against MSU forward Lawrence Roberts, the returning conference Player of the Year.

But for Lee, the prominence of tonight's game has little to do with personal matchups.

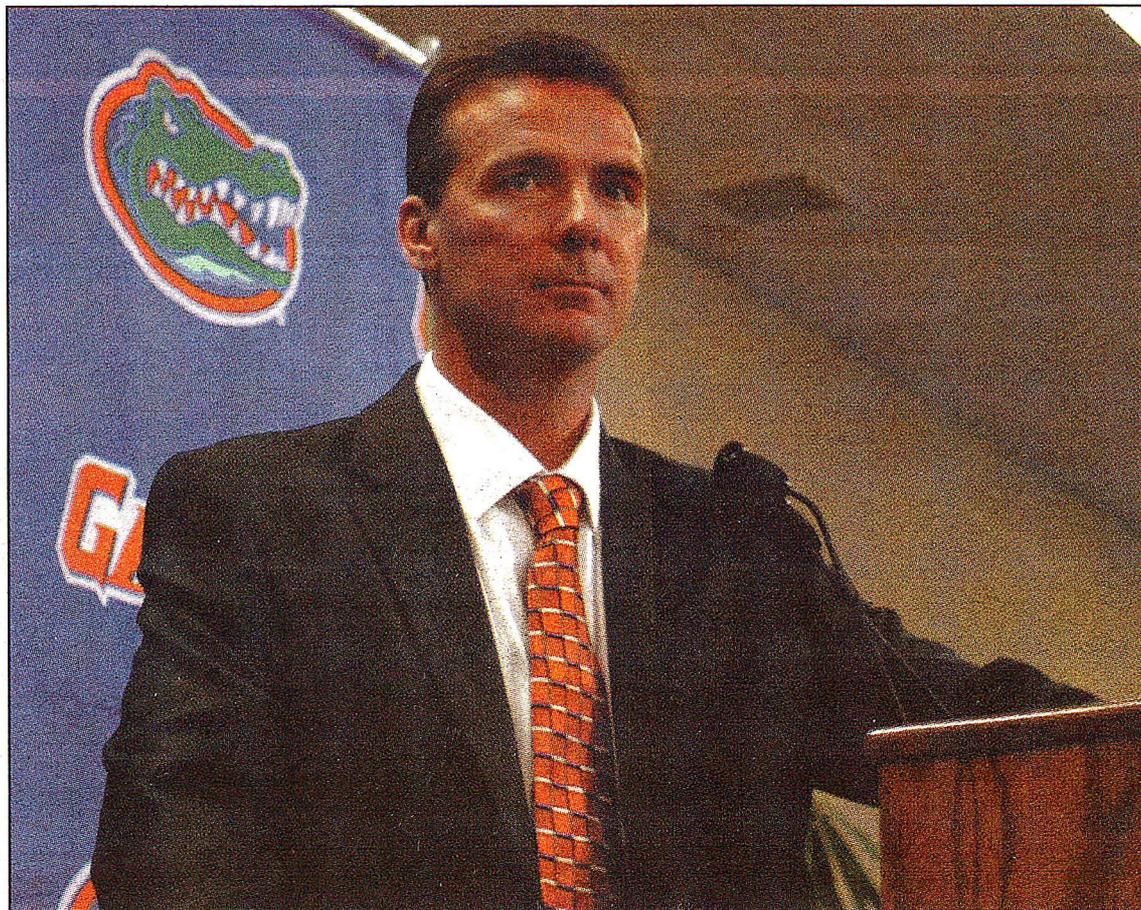
At the season's beginning, Lee and Co. set a goal: an SEC championship.

Last season, the Bulldogs ran over the home-town Gators 79-68 on their way to a regular season conference title. And for UF this season, the road begins in Starkville.

"My thing isn't me versus Lawrence Roberts right now," Lee said. "The biggest thing is that they won the SEC title last year, and they came into our place and won. So that's a lot of motivation to go there and get a victory. And that's why it's circled on my calendar."

Lee said he believes the Gators, whose SEC opponents to date possess a combined 12-28 league record, will gain a better idea of where they stand in the conference after the tough stint that also

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UF coach Urban Meyer lost two Texas recruits to Louisiana State on Monday. With National Signing Day just one day away, Meyer and staff will focus their attention to other prospects.

## Texas tandem headed to LSU

■ WITH NATIONAL SIGNING DAY ONLY A DAY AWAY, COACH URBAN MEYER WILL FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ELSEWHERE.

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The NCAA-mandated quiet period in which coaches can not contact recruits is in effect until Wednesday, and while the Gators were looking to make some noise on Monday, two of the top athletes

left on the board decided on gumbo over gator tail.

Houston natives R.J. Jackson and Brandon La Fell committed to Louisiana State after narrowing their choices to the Tigers and the Gators. La Fell, a 6-foot-3, 170-pound wide receiver recruited by Coach Urban Meyer while at Utah, was believed by many analysts to be heavily leaning towards UF.

Jackson, a 5-foot-11, 200-pound running back ranked No. 10 in the nation by Scout.com, was upset about UF picking up a commitment from fellow Texas running back Kestahn Moore.

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## Brandishing weapons nothing new for overlooked UF athletes

Imagine this: In a last-second attempt to scrounge up airfare money for Saturday's game against Tennessee, Channing Crowder slips out of practice early and rides his scooter to the Plasma Center and its abundance of cash-for-blood.

Sounds silly? Perhaps far-fetched?

Welcome to the world of sport clubs, where an athlete will do just about anything to compete.

For every Crowder, or even a Cory Bailey, you'll find about 50 John Johnsons who wear the same U and F across their chests, although



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Gators even hold their own against some of

the uniforms aren't free.

One team has existed with little funding and zero media exposure.

But the UF men's and women's fencing teams have risen from obscurity to compete at various tournaments across the country. The

the nation's best NCAA-sanctioned teams.

But it's funny to call this team the Gators, because they're not your typical athletes — at least not the ones you read about in the paper.

These are kids who come to UF in search of an education, with dreams of having a little fun on the way to medical school.

While you'll find several bona-fide athletes among the group, many would, admittedly, be passed out on a beer-soaked couch with a PlayStation controller on their chest were it not for the fencing team.

Instead, they all found each other innocent-

ly in search for an extracurricular activity.

Fencing sounded exotic, and this unorthodox group migrated to a very traditional sport.

They've all heard the swashbuckling jokes — most people's lack of fencing knowledge is a direct result of the Three Musketeers films.

The first thing you learn is that they do use a weapon — there's actually three different variations, known as the saber, foil and epee. Just don't dare call it a sword.

The Gators are also aware of the high-class

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### QUOTABLE



"The guy had 16 points and 13 rebounds. That's pretty good if you're shutting a guy down and he's hitting 16-13."

Billy Donovan

UF men's basketball coach, on comments made by LSU players saying they shut down Lawrence Roberts

### ON TELEVISION

■ NCAA Men's Basketball : UF vs. Mississippi State  
ESPN2, 8 p.m.

■ NCAA Men's Basketball : Illinois vs. Michigan State  
ESPN, 7 p.m.

### ONLINE

■ Go to alligator.org/sports for a breakdown of tonight's UF-MSU game. Also, read the story of Tim Gehret, UF's top Ultimate Frisbee player who is a candidate for national player of the year.

### TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1998: UF guard Jason Williams leads the Gators with 24 points in an upset win against Kentucky. The victory was Coach Billy Donovan's first win against the Wildcats.