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## City traffic fatalities surpass 2004 total

■ THE FOUR AUTO-RELATED DEATHS IN JUST SIX WEEKS OF 2005 SURPASSED THE 2004 TOTAL OF THREE.

By EVA KIS and MEGAN V. WINSLOW  
Alligator Staff Writers

With February not even half over, Gainesville's traffic fatality total surpassed that for all of 2004 on Wednesday, when a local

man died after being struck by a pickup truck and a high school student involved in a separate crash also perished.

Witnesses said Virgil Perkey, 75, attempted to cross Southwest 13th Street from his home at Sabal Palms residential inn to a Texaco convenience store when he was hit by a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck traveling southbound in the inside lane.

Perkey, whose name Gainesville Police would not confirm pending notification of

his next of kin, may have been blocked from the view of oncoming traffic by a UPS truck parked in the right lane, according to witnesses.

The name of the driver was withheld pending notification of a victim's advocate, GPD spokesman Keith Kameg said.

The department's traffic homicide division responded to the scene, where Kameg said Perkey was killed instantly.

"They're checking skid marks for deter-

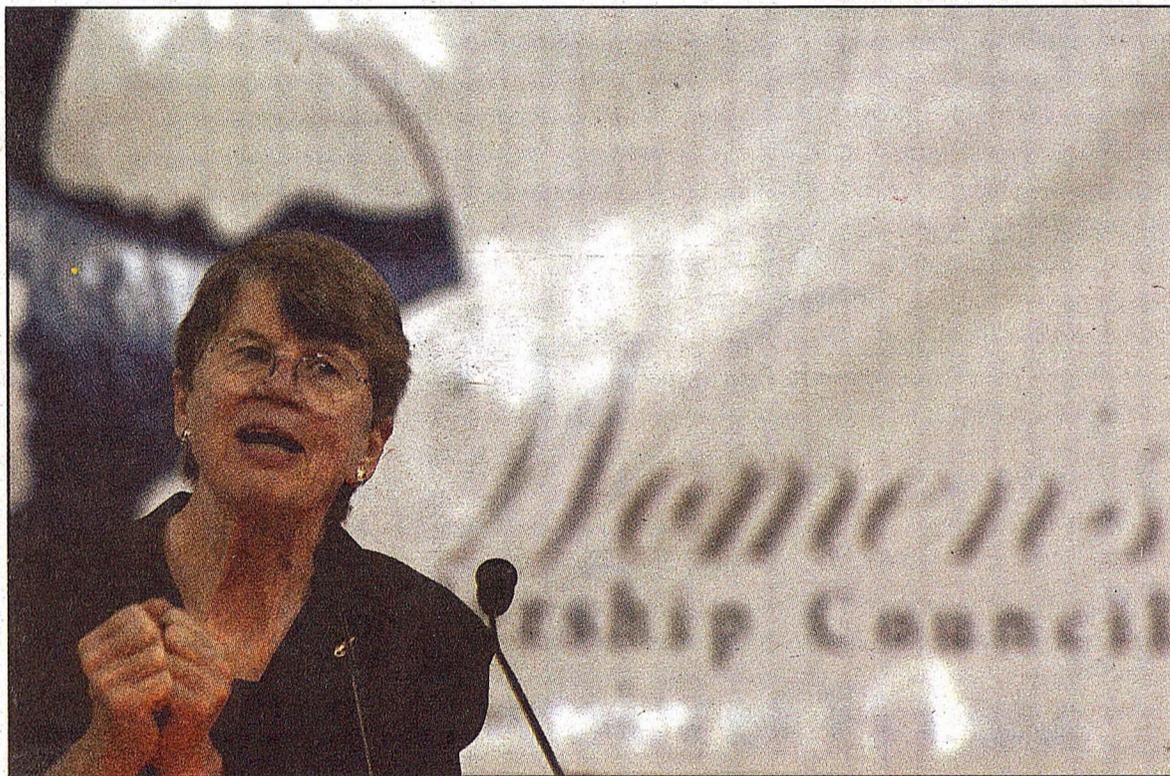
mination of speeding," Kameg said, adding it was not known whether alcohol was involved in the incident.

Residents said Perkey made the trip many times before but had vision problems.

"This was the first home he ever had," landlord Christa Gross said, adding that Perkey lived at the development since 1997.

She said residents look out for each other,

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Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno speaks about the trials and tribulations of her life and time in office during the Clinton administration. Topics of discussion included Elian Gonzalez and Waco, Texas.

## Reno opens up to UF students

By LINDSAY TAULBEE  
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Distilling the lessons learned from her life and career, former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno told more than 600 UF students and community members to both help the needy and to take responsibility for themselves.

"I have found there is no greater calling than public service," she said.

Reno told the Stephen C. O'Connell Center

crowd Wednesday an oft-recounted story from her childhood, describing how her mother had built their family a home with her own hands in Kendall.

More than 40 years later, the house withstood the force of Hurricane Andrew, she said. She compared building a sturdy house to building a life, an analogy that carried through her approximately 45-minute speech.

"Build your life the right way and it can

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## Leak joins Impact

By BRIDGET CAREY  
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Gators football quarterback Chris Leak is temporarily moving his fame from the Swamp to the political arena as the Impact Party's campaign treasurer for the Spring Student Government election.

"Anyone can add and subtract. Anyone can balance a budget," current Student Body Treasurer and Impact Party presidential candidate Dennis Ngin said when asked Leak's financial experience.

"He'll be fine," Ngin added. "I'll give him a calculator. But he really won't need a calculator. He's a student, too. He's not just a football player."

Ngin said students often forget that UF football players are students, and Leak will be able to bring a unique student perspective to Impact's campaign.

Leak could not be reached for comment.

A couple of other students will work with Leak, Ngin said, noting the position would not overwork the starting quarterback.

"It makes a statement," he said. "A superstar on the UF campus is supporting the Impact Party."

As the Impact campaign treasurer, Leak's name must be listed on every party flier, poster, Web site and any other political advertisement. But Ngin said the celebrity's name plastered on all Impact products shouldn't upset the other parties fighting for attention to gain the students' votes.

"They can choose whoever they want to be their campaign treasurer," Ngin said, and later added, "Fortunately, the Impact Party was able to have Chris Leak represent us."

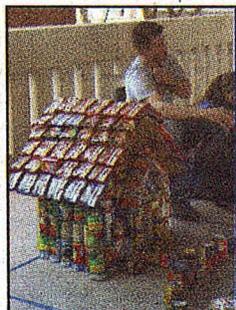
Student Senate Pro Tempore Diane Kassim, one of Ngin's campaign managers, has been in contact with Leak and was

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Leak

■ Mike Cairns shows his house built entirely of donated food products at Florida Rotoract's ExtravaCANza on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Wednesday. See story, pg. 8.



Panel interviews Human Resources position candidate

The second of three finalists for a top human resources position visited UF on Wednesday, saying he hopes to be a part of the "bold" and "exciting" vision of moving UF into the Top 10 public research universities.

Kyle Cavanaugh, the associate vice president for

human resources services at the University of Texas-Austin, told a faculty council what he could do to solve UF's problems in faculty morale.

"I actually don't think it's as bad as what I walked into at Austin," Cavanaugh said.

Online Exclusive

■ The UF women's rugby team was reinstated Wednesday just after being suspended for "not providing enough information" to clarify that it did not host a pudding wrestling fundraiser at a local bar. See story, pg. 4.

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# Machen restarts UF provost search

■ THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO HIRE A SECOND SEARCH FIRM TO FIND MORE VIABLE CANDIDATES.

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Nearly a year after former UF Provost David Colburn announced he would resign, the university is returning to the drawing board in its search for a No. 2 administrator.

UF President Bernie Machen decided Wednesday that the four recommended candidates lacked the "breadth and depth needed for this important position."

In a letter to the search committee, Machen said he had hired a second search firm to find more applicants.

The leading external candidate, Mark Thiemens, called Machen on Monday to tell him he was no longer interested in the job.

That left three candidates: Pramod Khargonekar of the UF College of Engineering, George Atkinson of the U.S. State Department and Richard Hoffmann of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Machen

Machen called Khargonekar and Hoffmann "viable candidates" and encouraged them to stay interested in the search, but did not mention Atkinson in the letter.

"He really felt that two of those would be most appropriate as provost candidates, and two wasn't a broad enough and deep enough pool for him to do the rest of the search," said Doug Barrett, chairman of the search committee. "He has asked us to expand the pool."

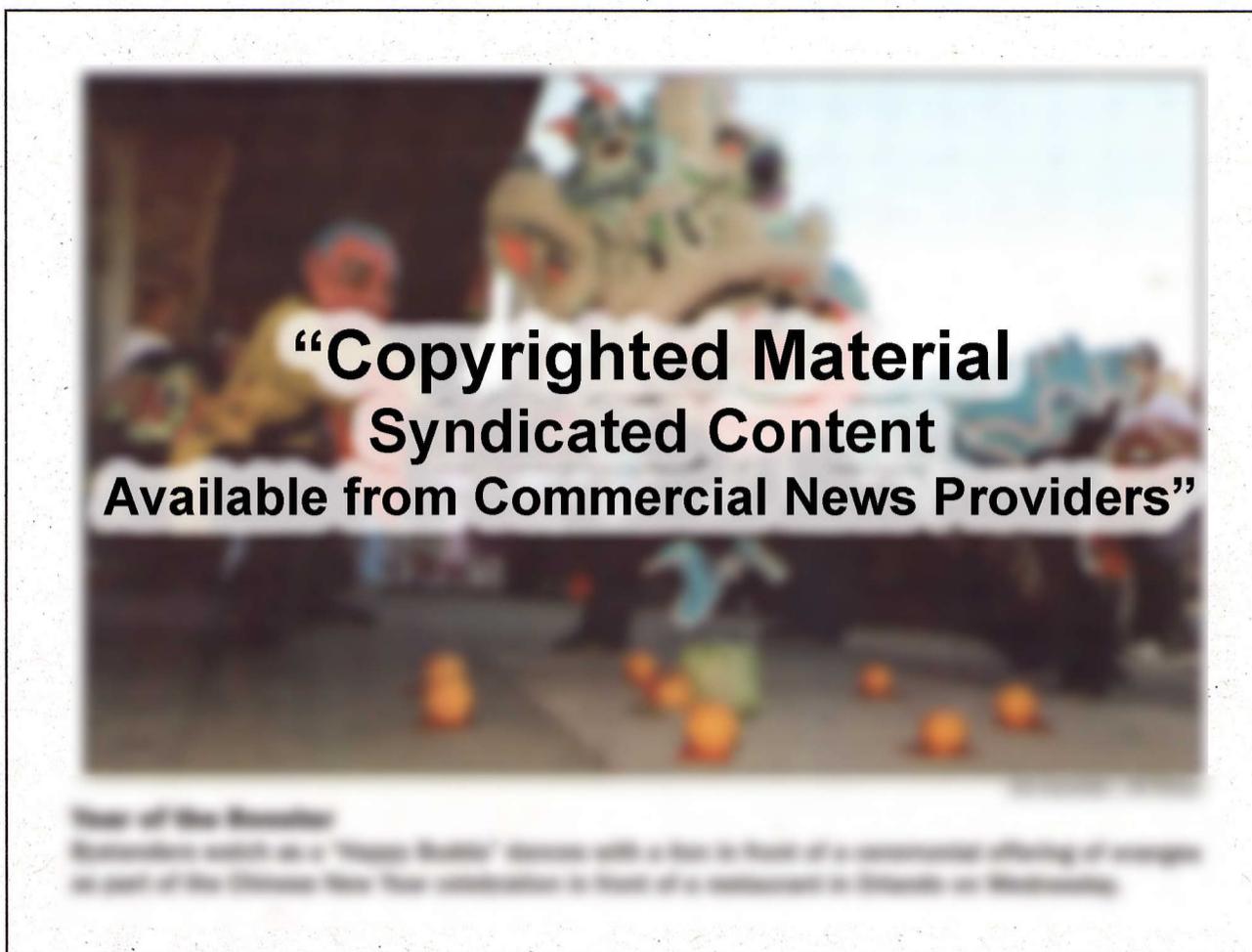
The setback is likely to extend the search several months, though Barrett said a new provost should be in place by Summer or Fall.

Interim Provost Joe Glover has agreed to continue serving in the position until a replacement comes aboard. Glover took the spot in December after Colburn stepped down.

Whether or not Khargonekar and Hoffmann will choose to remain in the search is uncertain, Barrett said. Neither candidate had indicated whether he would drop out of the search when Barrett spoke with Hoffmann before Machen's announcement Wednesday.

"He is deliberating about that," Barrett said. "I hope that he would stay very interested in the position and an active candidate."

Barrett said he did not know the cost of hiring the two search firms, and Machen did not return an e-mail asking that question.



# Proposal checks power of wage law

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TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation announced Wednesday that the new \$6.15 minimum wage would take effect May 2. Tipped employees, such as restaurant waiters, however, will earn only a minimum of \$2.13 in direct wages.

According to an agency statement, after May 2, workers who are not paid the new wage may sue their employers. Florida's attorney general may also bring civil charges against businesses that pay less than the minimum wage and levy fines of up to \$1,000 per incident on the businesses.

Meanwhile at the Capitol on Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee discussed a draft proposal

that would require workers to give written notice to their employers if they intended to sue for nonpayment of wages.

The business would then have 15 days to either pay the back wages or otherwise resolve the claim to the worker's satisfaction before the lawsuit could be filed. If after 15 days the worker hadn't received his or her back wages, they could continue with the suit. If the worker prevailed in court, they would be entitled to twice the lost wages plus attorney's fees.

But the proposed legislation also includes a "good faith" clause that would allow courts to limit damages to the amount of lost wages if it determined the business had not intended to break the wage law. Courts would

also be barred from awarding noneconomic pain and suffering or punitive damages under the proposal.

Labor advocates have expressed concerns that the legislature is considering business-friendly ideas — such as the 15-day waiting period — that were not included in the minimum wage amendment passed by 71 percent of Florida voters who chose to raise the wage by \$1.

Business advocates counter that the measures are necessary to prevent unintentional clerical errors from triggering costly lawsuits.

Florida will become one of only three states with a minimum wage tied to inflation. The Agency for Workforce Innovation will compute and publicize the yearly increase before each Sept. 30, and the cost of living adjustment will go into effect the following Jan. 1.

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# Board of Trustees loses original member to business

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UF's governing body is now one member short.

Albert Thweatt resigned from the Board of Trustees on Monday, citing business commitments. He has been on the board since its creation in 2001.

"I think we'll miss his passion for the university and his constant desire to look out for the interests of our students," said Dianna Morgan, who also has been a member of the

board since 2001.

As an active voice on the board's Education Policy Committee, Thweatt addressed issues ranging from shared governance between UF's administration and faculty and increasing diversity of the student body, Morgan said.

And despite running a business and living in Petersburg, Va., he was committed to the board, Morgan said.

"I know he often traveled longer to be at the board than anyone else and yet he never missed a meeting," she said.

But Thweatt said he couldn't keep up with the demands of the board while running his security firm service, Alrod Enterprises.



Thweatt

"The hectic schedule of the past year has taken a toll on the development of my business, and I believe that the time needed to support its growth will significantly interfere with the contribution I want to make toward matters asso-

ciated with the university," he stated in a release.

Thweatt received all of his college degrees, including a doctorate, from universities in both North Carolina and Virginia. Before his business enterprise, he was an assistant principal of Hopewell City School in Virginia and a staff specialist for the University of Virginia.

Thweatt was originally appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2001 by Gov. Jeb Bush, but his successor will be chosen by the Florida Board of Governors, the governing body of the State University System.

It is expected to make the appointment at its Feb. 24 meeting, which will be in Tallahassee, according to a release.

Trustees hold five-year terms and decide important university decisions, such as choosing the university president. Six of the 13 members are appointed by the governor, and five are appointed by the Board of Governors.

The remaining two seats are filled by the Student Body president, currently Jamal Sowell, and the Faculty Senate chairman, currently Pierre Ramond.

# UF reinstates women's rugby team after suspension

STUDENT GROUPS NOW MUST GAIN APPROVAL FOR FUNDRAISERS.

By **JEFF SIRMONS**  
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The UF women's rugby team was reinstated Wednesday just after being suspended for "not providing enough information" to administrators to clarify that it did not host a Feb. 2 pudding wrestling fundraiser at Eddie C's Pub.

David Bowles, UF recreation sports assistant director, said the Gainesville Rugby Club, not affiliated with UF, sponsored the event.

"Pudding wrestling is not the image UF

wants," Bowles said.

The UF women's rugby team earned money from the event by helping to set up and clean up after it but did not sponsor it.

The Gainesville Sun reported Wednesday that UF officials were questioning the UF women's rugby team's involvement in the event but did not mention the Gainesville Rugby Club in its front-page, lead story.

Students and administrators declined to cite the Sun article as a reason for the short-lived suspension. Sun night editor Darrell Hartman declined to comment for this report.

"What happened was a miscommunication between UF administration and the girl's rugby team," said assistant coach Lee Brewster. "We worked it out and everything should go smoothly from here on out."

Some rugby players did voluntarily participate in the pudding wrestling, team treasurer Allison Fischman said, but only for fun.

"A lot of our players are friends with those in the Gainesville Rugby Club, but we didn't host the event," Fischman said.

While the team now has given Bowles sufficient information to reinstate its club, it is still under investigation, Bowles said.

But even though the team reportedly did not host the controversial fundraising event, a rule was passed requiring all proposed student-group fundraisers to be approved by an administrative board to make sure there are no problems with the proposal.

"I can understand why they would do this," Student Body Treasurer Dennis Ngin said. "For

example, one group wanted to host a video game tourney to raise money, which sounds like a great idea. But after review, we found it infringed copyright laws because that group would be making money on the video games."

The only catch, Ngin said, was timeliness.

"If they (UF administrators) want to do this, I'm fine with that," Ngin said. "But I'm concerned that groups might be hindered because the board may take too long to give a response."

Many recreational sports clubs had no qualms with the new rule.

"All our fundraisers are clean," women's roller hockey president Kayla Back said. "We host car washes and sell team programs, so this isn't going to set us back financially."

Patricia Telles-Irvin, vice president for student affairs, did not respond to phone calls.

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## Former attorney general fondly remembers past law-enforcement exploits

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make a profound difference," she said. Other experiences taught Reno to not stand by idly when she saw something was wrong and to always speak directly, even when people might dislike her for it, she said.

In 1993, Reno was confirmed as President Clinton's attorney general.

"I had never dreamed in my life I would have had the opportunity to be attorney

general," she said. "It was an experience that I shall never forget."

Reno addressed several well-known incidents from her term, including the first World Trade Center bombing, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Elian Gonzalez controversy.

She also spoke of taking responsibility for the 1993 standoff at the Branch Davidians' Waco, Texas, compound, during which 86 cult members were killed.

"I made sure we did everything we could do to mediate this situation," she

said. "I will never forget that experience as long as I live, and it is one that I am accountable for."

Not all was serious Wednesday, as Reno poked fun at herself for agreeing to appear on "Saturday Night Live." She also divulged her affinity for kayaking as a way to escape.

Reno later touched briefly on several issues including healthcare and the environment.

"If we can go to Iraq and do what we

have done, we ought to be able to provide healthcare at least for all our children," she said to the audience's applause.

UF political science freshman Mark Hall said he feels Reno is open-minded and accepts the changing generation, making her an ideal speaker for a college campus.

"I'm inspired by the majority of issues she brings up and the way she goes about things," he said.

The Women's Leadership Council and Accent, UF's speakers bureau, sponsored the speech.

## Locals mourn tragic deaths of neighbors

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helping out with necessities when one of them need it.

"This complex was his family. We were his family," she said.

Mark Farrar, who knew Perkey from his job at Joe's Deli, spoke of Perkey's work ethic, his love of the Gators and his warm heart.

"He was the kindest soul you'd ever want to meet," Farrar said.

Any witnesses are asked to contact GPD's Sonny Thompson at 334-3324.

An incident outside city limits also took the life of a Gainesville High School cheerleader.

Around 6:45 a.m., Kenya L. Wilson, 15, was making her way to the bus when she stepped into the inside westbound lane of Southwest Archer Road, 20 feet west of Southwest 69th Terrace,

and was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

Wilson was taken to Shands at UF, where she later was pronounced dead.

Florida Highway Patrol reports state alcohol was not a factor in the collision.

**"He was the kindest soul you'd ever want to meet."**

**Mark Farrar**  
friend of Virgil Perkey

The driver, Bobby Simmons, 49, was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident and escaped injury. It is not known whether any charges are pending against him.

Wilson's aunt, Veronica Cohen, remembers her niece as a sports enthusiast who liked to sing.

Wilson also cheered with her GHS squad.

"I know she loved cheering - cheerleading was her life," Cohen said in a telephone interview Wednesday from the home Wilson shared with her grandmother.

GHS Principal Wiley Dixon said although he was not personally acquainted with Wilson, a sophomore, he understands the girl was respected and well-liked at the school.

"If you talk to any of her teachers, they will say that she was a really nice kid, pleasant to be around and really involved," Dixon said. "She was just an all-around good person and a student that a lot of people liked."

GHS administrators are offering students counseling to cope with the tragedy, Dixon said.

## Football star draws attention to Impact Party

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key in securing him as part of the campaign, Ngin said.

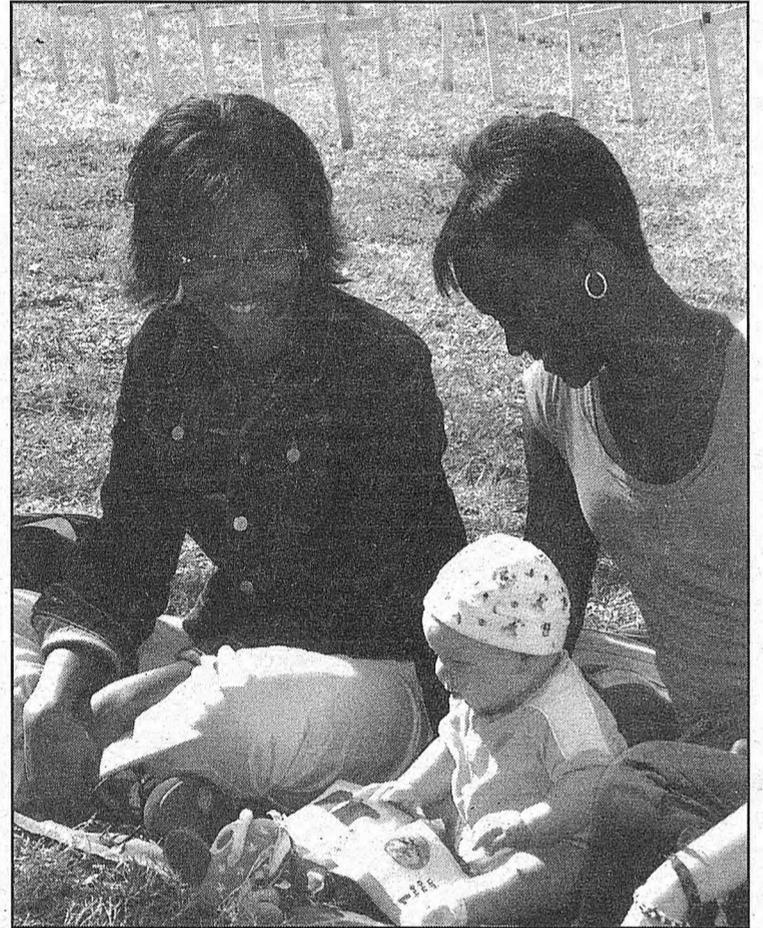
Kassim was unavailable to comment as of press time.

But college football stars supporting campus politics isn't something new for the Impact, formerly Access, Party. In last Spring's election,

when Ngin was running with then-Student Body Treasurer Jamal Sowell, former Gators football wide receiver O.J. Small was the Access Party's campaign treasurer. Sowell won the presidency.

In FSU's election history, Seminoles quarterback Chris Rix lost in a bid for Student Body vice president in 2002.

Ngin said Leak won't make public appearances with the party, but having him involved "helps make this campaign more exciting."



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### Center of attention

Katoya King and Keisha Bentham babysit Evan Bukata on the Reitz Union North Lawn on Wednesday afternoon.

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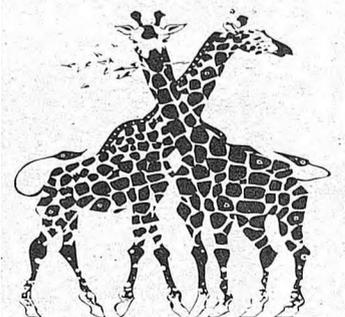
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## Editorial

## Alien aiding Immigrant tuition breaks good, but need revisions

On the surface, this is a very simple issue. Children of illegal aliens were brought to this country by their parents, through no choice of their own. For better or for worse, they are in America and must deal with the American education system if they want to succeed. Because of this, it is difficult to call for punishing them for their parents' actions by denying in-state tuition rates that would be given to students who were legally in the state. Illegal aliens usually have low-paying jobs, so the more than \$15,000 yearly cost of a full course load at UF for out-of-state students is often insurmountable. In addition, nonresident students are not eligible for Bright Futures and most other scholarships.

Under the bill that passed the Florida Senate Education Committee Tuesday, nonresidents can qualify to receive in-state tuition as long as they spend three consecutive years in state with a parent, attend and graduate from a Florida high school, and sign an affidavit pledging to file to become a U.S. citizen.

It sounds like a good, humanitarian plan — an open-and-shut case. But it's not that simple.

The point at which this argument falls apart is the specified time period: three years is not an acceptable period of time for one to become, at least in some respects, a citizen. The normal citizenship process is long and grueling, and the bill would allow students to reap benefits of citizenship without going through the same rigorous system.

But that does not mean the bill is not fundamentally a great idea. A reformed version should be agreed upon and presented as soon as possible, as the plight of children of illegal aliens is real. If they can prove themselves in school to be worthy of attending college, it is a shame if they cannot do so.

However, there is another issue that must be resolved.

An unfortunate consequence of the bill is that it will reward those who decide to immigrate to America illegally. Parents will realize that as long as they sneak in while their child is still young enough to attend high school, they can secure a cheap college education for them as well as an essentially government-supported bid for citizenship. This also may appeal to parents who had not planned to immigrate at all, but who then realize their child could have an opportunity to study in America for a reduced cost and have a good chance at citizenship, rather than having to come over under a student visa, fork out much more money and then come back home.

The solution to this problem is not clear.

If it is ignored, then the door is open to the possibility of significantly increased immigration to Florida and the ensuing burden on the state and educational systems.

If foreign citizens here on student visas are granted the opportunity to file for in-state tuition and citizenship, the resulting chaos would require a complete restructuring of the international student program. In addition, opening the possibility of in-state tuition to anyone who can obtain a student visa thus makes it possible for a considerable number of non-U.S. residents to obtain cheaper school fees, while excluding U.S. citizens from other states. This option would lead to a continually escalating argument over who has the right to in-state tuition, with even less chance of an acceptable answer being found.

And if you drop the idea entirely, you harm the students who will not be able to afford to go to college at out-of-state tuition rates.

Whichever is the case, this bill should be brought up again — in an edited form. It has a tremendous ability to assist disadvantaged youth in obtaining a good education and taking their own piece of the American dream.

Under the current stipulations, however, it is too flawed to pass.

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# Opinions

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Guest column

## Eulogy for a genuine dude, true friend

I first heard about what happened to Chris Small from a headline in the Alligator. I read the headline and didn't realize who it was. I didn't read the article because I was blasé about the news. In retrospect, those thoughts were wrong, no matter whom the article had been about. The life cut short that early January morning was a valuable one.

Chris' death was a terrible tragedy. This is painfully plain to those of us who were Chris' friends, but we all should reflect on what his life means to us and make our lives better in doing so.

I first met Chris Small near the beginning of my freshman year; he lived down the hall from me in Hume. He was quite friendly, which I originally took as simply the compulsory friendliness everyone has when starting college. But as the year wore on and most people's friendliness wore off, Chris remained upbeat and approachable. The cliques that emerged in our dorm were foreign to him. He was happy to meet you and earnestly interested in what you had to say, no matter who you were.

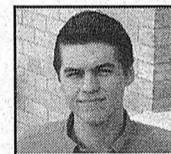
It seems as if everyone whom I've spoken to about Chris feels the same way. Almost everyone seems to have an anecdote.

A mutual friend, Phil Osteen, talked about one time they'd gone out partying together. Even as they were being driven home, Chris went on about the new gadgets on his car. He was a gadget buff.

"He could go on about it for days," Osteen recalled. "He was a genuine dude."

Steve Nedrud said, "He was a good kid that put people in front of himself — someone that liked to make people laugh. And he taught me how to play the guitar."

I have some random memories, too. I recall a time I lent him a belt. A belt is an odd thing to lend a person, but he re-



Jay Stannard  
Speaking Out

turned it. He was a dependable guy. I last saw him only a few weeks ago. On a chilly January evening, my roommate and I drove out to a birthday party put on by a friend of a friend. It took a half an hour to get to the place, which was in the middle of nowhere.

The party was surreal. There was a big bonfire, a man dispensing beer at the keg who must've had fewer than half of his teeth and a T-bird that looked like it was having some major automobile work done in the backyard. It also was the first party I'd ever been to that featured a "dubbawide" trailer.

I saw Chris huddled around the fire like virtually everyone else at the party. He still was the same fun, sociable guy. He was interested in catching up and in having a good time. It was as if no time had passed since the day I'd last seen him. As a couple of rotund guys went around the party, asking people if they would like to purchase some moonshine (packaged conveniently in what looked like mayonnaise jars), we laughed and had a good time — not despite but because of the odd surroundings. College is about novelty, new experiences and bright futures.

Chris did have a bright future. He was a rising finance major and was well on his way to law school. He would've had a great future in any pursuit he chose. Chris had many great things going for him: friends, an education and a cheery personality.

We will miss him greatly. He was a good man, a great friend and a true Gator.

Rest in Peace, Christopher James Small.

Jay Stannard is an industrial and systems engineering junior and readers' advocate at the Alligator.

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### Reader response

**Today's question:** Should children of illegal immigrants be eligible for in-state tuition?

**Wednesday's question:** Should loan funding be cut to make way for Pell Grant increases?

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Letters to the Editor

**Bush budget cuts do not go far enough**

**Editor:** This letter is in response to Tuesday's editorial "Budget Blunder," in which the Alligator editorial board slams President Bush's budget proposal because it includes cuts to the Department of Education while maintaining a sizeable defense budget. I'd like to remind the editorial board that defense is within the sphere of powers mandated to the federal government by the Constitution, while education, subsidies, Medicaid, healthcare and other programs the editorial board blames Bush for cutting are not.

Bush's budget cuts don't go far enough. Conservatives confiscate people's money and hand it out to businesses while liberals confiscate people's money and hand it out to the poor; both are a symptom of government's natural tendency to expand — a problem the framers of the Constitution were well aware of.

It's time we stop thinking the government is here to solve our problems and put Uncle Sam on a diet that will allow him to perform only those duties he was originally created to perform in protecting our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

David Stauber  
Alumnus

**Islam speaker only furthers stereotypes**

**Editor:** Hoping to learn something about Islam, I went to hear Islam Awareness Month's first speaker, Paul Findley. I thought the Islam Awareness Month kickoff event would focus on raising awareness about the beauty and qualities of Islam. Sadly, I was mistaken. Instead of sharing information about the basic tenets of Islam, Findley utilized the event to provoke hatred for and spread untruths about Israel.

Findley, who served as a congressman from Illinois for 22 years, spent a good portion of the event blaming the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee for effectively ruining his political career. He incorrectly defined AIPAC as an organization of U.S. citizens of Jewish faith who passionately are against Islam: AIPAC is a nonreligious and nonpartisan organization committed to fostering a positive relationship between America and Israel. In a lecture titled "The Religious Roots of Middle East Conflict," one would hope to hear a message about religions in the Middle East, not the bitter ranting of a political figure who blames the Jews for his demise.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Muslim com-

munity in the United States has suffered tremendously from the use of stereotypes, as they unfairly have been associated with words like "terrorists" and "suicide bombs." Rather than discourage the use of such stereotypes, Findley encouraged the audience to use them by unfairly generalizing the beliefs held by members of the Republican Party, right-wing Christian organizations, supporters of Israel and others.

When asked to share his opinion of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan, he did not provide a speck of recognition for the momentous and positive steps toward peace that Palestinian and Israeli leaders are taking at this very moment.

Regardless of Findley's shortsighted opinion of current policies, one very certain fact he failed to recognize is that Israel wants peace and is willing to negotiate for it.

It is my hope that Abbas will continue to prove himself as a true partner in this process. Perhaps it would be wise for Findley to look to Abbas in order to understand the importance of peace and the danger of instigating unnecessary problems.

I hope at the next Islam Awareness

Week event I attend I will be offered information about Islam and the beauties of another faith, instead of catty generalizations and blatant lies about Israel.

Rachel Wyzan  
Vice President, Gators for Israel



**Social Security requires gradual change**

**Editor:** Perhaps Allison Cullin should check her facts about the state of Social Security. In President Bush's State of the Union address, he stated Social Security is projected to be out of money by 2042, not 2018. In light of the fact that we have about 40 years to fix Social Security, perhaps some gradual changes in retirement age and benefit formulas would be an easier way to solve the problem, instead of adding a trillion dollars to the already ballooning debt and exposing our retirement funds to the mercies of the stock market. If the President wants to tackle a crisis, perhaps he should fix Medicare, which actually is due to go bankrupt by 2018 — helped along by Bush's massive new drug benefit.

It appears other political agendas are at work here.

Jennifer Ambler  
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Lincoln Douglas"—I didn't know Lincoln and Douglas did that—"Position of the Day" could be the quintessential gag gift and a perfect eyebrow raiser. Read Cher's racy review, pg. 11.



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Michael Swain and Louis Prieto-Munoz enjoy a bellydancing performance by Sihaya, a Farhannah dancer, as she entertains the crowd at Farah's Bar & Grill and Hooka Lounge Saturday night.

# Belly Roll

By COLIN MCCANDLESS  
Avenue Writer

If you've ever dined at Farah's on the Avenue on Saturday evening, you likely sat hypnotized by the undulating pelvic gyrations of that night's featured belly dancer — in between mouthfuls of hummus and puffs of apple tobacco from your hookah, of course.

The mesmerizing performer you witnessed weaving in and out of tables while the swaying, sultry sounds of Middle Eastern music played in the background was just one of five women who together comprise the Farhannah Dancers, Gainesville's authentic Belly Dancing Troupe.

The accompanying music may conjure up images of snake charmers or bustling marketplaces in a desert oasis, but to see Farhannah Belly Dancers is to watch poetry in motion.

"It's art, it's dance, you experience what you feel for music through your body movement," says Bahijah, director of Farhannah. "In this kind of dance, the music dictates what your body does."

Each of the Farhannah's dancers appears under a one-word stage name: Bahijah, Hayal, Nicoma, Afsana, and Sharlynn.

Bahijah says they usually rotate four dancers at Farah's, so there is always a new person each Saturday of the month.

The Farhannah Belly Dancers had to work to achieve the skills that now wow Saturday night customers.

After taking years of lessons under various master instructors, the quintet eventually decided to form an independent group in 1999.

Six years later, the Farhannah Belly Dancers still are going strong, sharing with our community what Bahijah describes as a "really fun, social dance and a good form of exercise."

While Farah's is their sole regular commitment, Farhannahs often are hired for birthdays, anniversaries, office parties and other special occasions.

The Farhannahs teach the expressive dance style derived from Middle Eastern and North African origins classes in their studio Mondays through Saturdays.

They offer instruction to all ages and levels of skill from beginning to expert.

Bahijah says that UF students comprise the majority of the participants, and two of the women in the dance group attend UF.

How long does it take to master the art of Belly Dancing techniques?

"It depends," Bahijah says. "Some people pick it up faster than others. It takes practice and study."

Bahijah has been involved in belly dancing as either a pupil or a teacher for 12 years.

For female students at UF interested in signing up for a class with one of the Farhannah dancers, or to contact them for an event, visit [www.bahijah.com](http://www.bahijah.com).

The classes are for women only. I guess the baring of our robust, hairy midriffs will be confined to improv street performances.

Everyone can catch upcoming up close and personal at Farah's on the Avenue, 1120 W. University Ave. Saturday nights at 8 p.m.

PLAYLIST 

# Long, strange trip lands renaissance man at CGs

By JACQUELINE DAVISON  
Avenue Writer

If "renaissance man" could be defined by a solo North American bike trip, a spot on the opening credits of MTV's *Made* and involvement in numerous musical projects, Ned Brown would be the modern-day Gainesville equivalent.

Brown's current musical endeavor, *Witness the Fitness*, strips everything from a musical project, bringing it down to a voice and a

guitar.

"I was never comfortable about my name being on fliers or anything," says Brown. "So I decided to give it a name. It's just a big exercise in minimalism. Less is more."

While living in New York City in the summer of 2002, Brown was approached on his way to work by a woman who asked to take Polaroids of him and asked for his contact info. A few days later, she told him to show up at a certain place with a few shirts to see which

would look best on camera.

"I've still no real idea what this could be for, although I'm pretty sure MTV had been mentioned by this point," he explains.

He received \$100 and free food. Two years later, Brown came home to find six instant messenger windows open on his computer, all with the question "Did I just see you on MTV's *Made*?"

"One girl didn't believe it was me," he says. "Because the guy on TV is 'way hotter.'"

Brown, whose day job is a clerk

at UF's College of Medicine, left South Florida on June 1 last year to embark on a 45-day bike trip.

"The plan was to go up around the top of the Great Lakes and across Canada to the Pacific," Brown says. "But I got a bit aggressive biking into New York City and tore a tendon in my right shin. Not the brightest thing I've ever done."

Brown packed camping equipment and his acoustic guitar into a trailer half the size of the standard keg. The guitar only made it to Afton, Ga., where a woman has

been putting up bike tourists since 1976 for donations.

"The house is full of things — but there was nothing for any kind of sound. No stereo. No TV. So I left the instrument, which seemed appropriate, as the guitar was originally a gift to me."

Tonight brings *Witness the Fitness* to Common Grounds with *Landing on Land* and *sip, sip/tune, tune*. The reason Brown believes music fans should check out *Witness the Fitness*?

"Drunken tap harmonics."

## Love not lost in translation

Marrying a stranger met through an Internet dating agency might be a bad idea. Moving to another country with him and taking your mother might be even worse.

In the 2004 Canadian romantic comedy-drama, "A Silent Love," that's exactly what happens. Somewhere in it all, though, is a sweet story of unexpected relationships.

Through an online dating service, Norman (Noel Burton), a shy, middle-aged Montreal professor, meets Gladys (Vanessa Bauche), a young Mexican woman, and the two form a relationship over mutual correspondence. He travels to Mexico, and, with a translator's help, proposes marriage.

Gladys agrees but on the condition that she bring her widowed mother, Fernanda (Susana Salazar), to live with them in Canada. Norman, excited to have a new family to share his life with, happily agrees.

The newlyweds try to fill the gaps in their cultural differences to make the marriage run smoothly. Gladys studies English and Norman studies Spanish. He organizes his apartment to suit her, and she meets his colleagues in an effort to adapt.

Things aren't that easily fixed though. Matrimonial bliss is not as simple as the "61 percent chance of success" predicted by the dating service.

Though they both have good intentions, Norman becomes increasingly introverted, causing Gladys to become frustrated. When Fernanda, who is helplessly stuck in the middle of their relation-



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ship, tries to play marriage counselor and peacekeeper, new problems arise.

All three learn valuable lessons in love, loneliness and the unpredictable nature of relationships.

A funny tale of culture-clash romance, "A Silent Love" is primarily in Spanish with subtitles. But it avoids the clichés usually associated with mixed-culture relationships.

"A Silent Love" also gives an interesting look into the idea of mail-order brides and the things people will do out of loneliness.

It's a heart-warming movie with a simple yet universal message about the search for love, no matter the culture, age or other difference.

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, "A Silent Love" is a refreshing alternative to the celebrity-driven, mainstream romantic comedies of Hollywood.

"A Silent Love" has been awarded the Best Screenplay at the Miami Latin Film Festival and Brooklyn International Film Festival.

"A Silent Love" makes its Gainesville debut Friday at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place, and runs until Feb. 17.

For show times and tickets, call 375-HIPP or visit [www.thehipp.org](http://www.thehipp.org).

## Band mines for metal

By CHAD SMITH  
Avenue Writer

"Gainesville" and "metal" have not always gone hand-in-hand. But lately a town renowned for its punk rock scene is getting more technical.

An upcoming show will showcase some of the town's artists trying to make a spot for metal in the limelight.

"It seems like there are a lot more metal bands forming recently: Death, thrash, hardcore, and other styles. And more fans are coming out to shows," says KD McClellan, bassist of local metal band Dopamean. "I think the scene has a lot further to grow, but you can now say that there is such a thing as 'Gainesville Metal.'"

Compared to The Dillinger Escape Plan and Messhugga musically and Acid Bath vocally,

Dopamean is not for the faint at heart. McClellan describes the sound as "technical metal."

"We like to mess with people's heads. Just when they think they found the beat we'll change the direction of the song. We like to play songs fast and as f-up as much as possible," says McClellan.

Unlike the band's namesake, dopamine, the neurotransmitter in the brain that is vital to the central nervous system, a lack of Dopamean will not be detrimental to your health, but it won't be as interesting.

You can see for yourself on Saturday when Dopamean shares the stage at Eddie C's with Echoes of Violence and Limb From Limb. Eddie C's is located on South Main Street.

For more information on Dopamean visit [www.listen.to/dopamean](http://www.listen.to/dopamean).

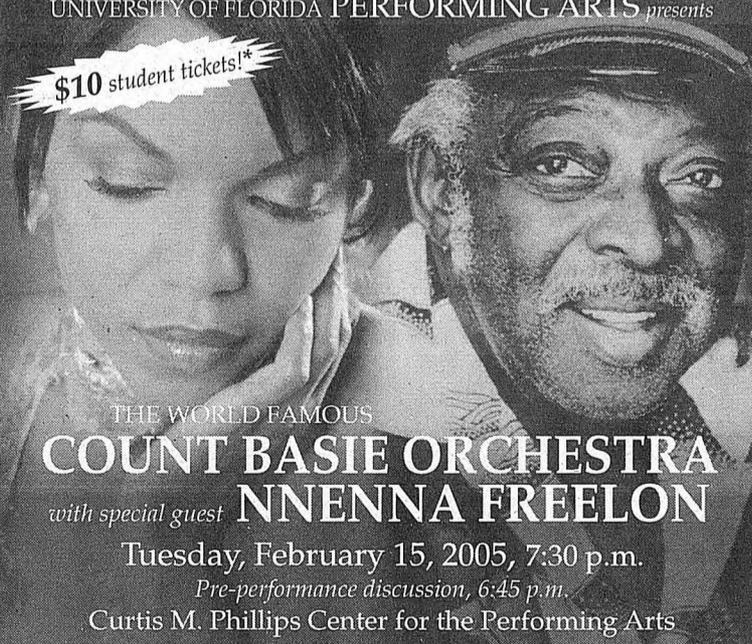
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# Treat your Valentine to some spice

Nerve.com's book "Position of the Day" offers more fun on Valentine's Day than you should be allowed to have for \$9.95.

Kim Bobson, a bookseller at Borders Books and Music and a UF, said she's been given three copies of this chunky paperback with 366 anatomically correct drawings of a couple in every position you could possibly imagine with or without a rocking chair.

With positions like "The Socket to Her"—standing up against a wall—and "The Lincoln Douglas"—I didn't know Lincoln and Douglas did that—this book could be the quintessential gag gift and a perfect intimate eyebrow raiser.

And don't miss "The Leg-Warmer" position. They're coming back, by the way. I saw a girl wearing some over her jeans at Einstein's last week. Of course, Nerve's leg warmer is an entirely different kind of pair.

Beth Roberts, assistant manager of Books-a-Million on Newberry Road, said books like "Position" sell because they can be taken as humor and more seriously by the sexually adventurous.

But "Position" isn't the only title weighing down the shelves this February.

"Anne Hooper is the shiznet of sex books," Roberts said.

Hooper, a former editor of Penthouse Forum Letters and an accredited sex therapist, has published more than 30 books on the subject.

Hooper's books are packing the sexuality shelves in the local stores. Quantity is the first clue toward what book buyers think the bestsellers will be. In an off-the-beaten path section like sexuality, five books on hand means someone expects this baby to fly, or someone forgot to return them.

Roberts said with Hooper it's the former.

She said one reason is word of mouth because her customers come in buying Hooper's books at their friends' suggestions. The sex therapist also covers a wide variety of sexual themes with a wide appeal.



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Hooper's titles include "Great Sex Games" and "Sex Toys" for the more adventurous and "Romantic Massage" for sensual readers.

But pull down a copy of Hooper's "Pure Sex" and the answer is laid open in four-color process, realistic down to facial expressions that would put porn stars to shame.

I've seen Madonna's and Maplethorpe's books sent to sell from behind the counter because their galleys held images less intimate than some in Hooper's books. In other words, this author couples some pretty, pretty pictures with her prose.

Her Penthouse background shines through in the gloss. Reading the articles in Hooper's books is simply not required.

Hooper publishes through Dorling Kindersley, a publisher known as an illustrated reference publisher producing oversized hardbacks on subjects from sex to sea monsters.

The publisher, DK, is long on graphs and photos and, in my opinion, short on actual content. But, in the case of Hooper, the publisher and the author are a perfect complement.

But aside from what looked like stretch marks across the right cheek of a guy on page 107 of "28 Days of Fabulous Sex," most of Hooper's models are unrealistic pictures of airbrushed perfection. If you are looking for truly realistic, go back to checking out amateurs on the Internet. These books are about the romantic side of sex.

Most of Hooper's books range \$15 to \$30.

If you can't afford to buy the book, take your significant to the bookstore, spring for a mocha and cruise the intimacy section together. Remember browsing costs nothing. Giving each other ideas and using your imagination are still free.

# Friend trading takes off online

BY ALICIA PEREZ  
Avenue Writer

Imagine having your perfect group of friends. Each one is beautiful and smart, each one has the qualities you specifically wanted in a person. Not possible? Think again.

There's a Web site taking the collection of friends to a whole new level. It's not thefacebook or Friendster, but Catch27, a site founded by Elle Magazine's advice columnist E. Jean Carroll. Catch 27 not only gives you the opportunity to be around good-looking people, but you also can trade your friends ... like baseball cards.

A month or so after thefacebook became popular, Carroll, who has the longest-running column in America, came to the conclusion that, although the concept was great, the layout and the participants were dull and safe.

Carroll, whose successful site greatboyfriends.com has been featured on "Oprah" several times, knew how to style a good Web site. So as a spoof in November, she created Catch27.

"You have to understand that this was an accident," Carroll said, laughing. "I made it up to poke Friendster and thefacebook in the balls, but it ended up in the hands of some Harvard students and took off."

It seems cruel and unique to be trading and buying friends, Carroll said. But it mirrors real life.

"We trade friends for hotter friends every day, and this is what this site is all about," the columnist said. "It's a place where you can meet friends and hookup."

Not only do you have the opportunity to meet and hook up with attractive people, there are prizes, too. Catch27's objective, as the name implies, is to create a unique pack of 27 friends. Recent "players," as they are called on the site, have created packs with 27 people showing only their belly button, some only wearing hats and some who have the name Sara. Once the pack is created, depending how original the player is, he or she can win a Catch27 hat or — the biggest prize — an iPod.

"I just joined the site, and I think the concept is different, but in a good way," said Caitlin Esry, a UF education major. "Although I am doing this just for fun, I am enjoying meeting the smart, hot guys on here."

Carroll is vigilant about her new creation, saying that she checks to see that "losers don't end up on the site."

"Only hot people are on this site, but the catch is, that they are also smart," she said.

# Morningbell seeks fan satisfaction

BY NATHANIEL DEAS  
Avenue Writer

Some bands go out of their way to please the fans.

Take Morningbell. Influenced by the Flaming Lips and Talking Heads, Morningbell knows how to put on an intriguing show.

"We are absolute whores for audience participation," lead singer Travis Atria explains.

From wearing jackets covered in Christmas lights to throwing Snickers into the crowd to sponsoring "moustache night," Morningbell promises to bring something different to every show, bassist Eric Atria says.

"I need to bring stuff, bring the music and the lights and what not that's going to make us better than any other band," he said. "You need to have something driving you to be the best, otherwise you're just mediocre."

Morningbell, who will be performing at Market Street on Saturday with

Maxwell Edison and March to May, has even gone so far as to declare February "Jason Sanchez Appreciation Month," in honor of their biggest fan.

"He's seen us from the dark days of the very beginning," Travis said.

*"We are absolute whores for audience participation."*

— Travis Atria  
Morningbell lead singer

The psychedelic pop/rock foursome of brothers Atria, Eric's wife and keyboardist Stacie Thrushman and drummer Masatoshi Enomoto try to take things lightly on stage, having fun while singing about the afterlife, outer space and robots.

"We always wanted to have a sense of humor in the music or about the band at least," he says. "But I think we've figured-out how to have that carry through

but still have the music be taken seriously."

Originally based out of Miami, Morningbell relocated to Gainesville for academic purposes. Enomoto teaches music while Travis is pursuing a masters in journalism, and Thrushman is enrolled in veterinary school, where she has a little more than three years remaining.

"It's almost a good thing that I'm in school because we're all forced to stay here and still have the student life for a little bit longer," Thrushman said.

Eric graduated from law school last semester. The band members don't have much time to concentrate on music, forcing them to perform once a month.

"We're going to bring the house," he said. "Even if you hate the music, I guarantee you we will do something you've never seen before," Travis says. "And you won't hate the music, but if you do I will personally come to your house, and that's a threat."

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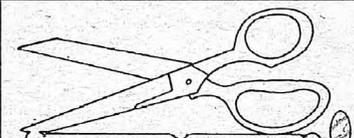
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By **JUNE CAPIELLO**  
Avenue Writer

The second V.A.G.I.N.A. Fest is in Gainesville.

But ladies, you can keep on your bras. And gentlemen, you don't have to cower in the corner.

V.A.G.I.N.A. Fest, which stands for Violence Against Girls Is Not Acceptable, is a four-day music festival to raise money for Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, a domestic abuse shelter.

And it's geared toward everyone who loves music.

"This is about women taking care of themselves and each other ... and the men who love them, supporting them," said Cynthia McCallum, the festival's organizer.

V-Fest will feature bands that have at least one female musician but will not be limited to all-girl bands.

This prevents anyone from being left out, she said.

The bands will encompass an assortment of sounds, including folk, indie, punk, ska

and genre combo-platters.

V-Fest began Wednesday at the Market Street Pub and will continue Friday through Sunday at different venues in Gainesville. The cover charge for each night will be \$5, and a compilation CD of the artists will be available for the same price.

Last February, when McCallum said she felt frustrated and wanted to do something productive and "community-wise," she organized the first festival, adjacent to V-Day and UF's production of the Vagina Monologues, "Every show was packed," she said. "It

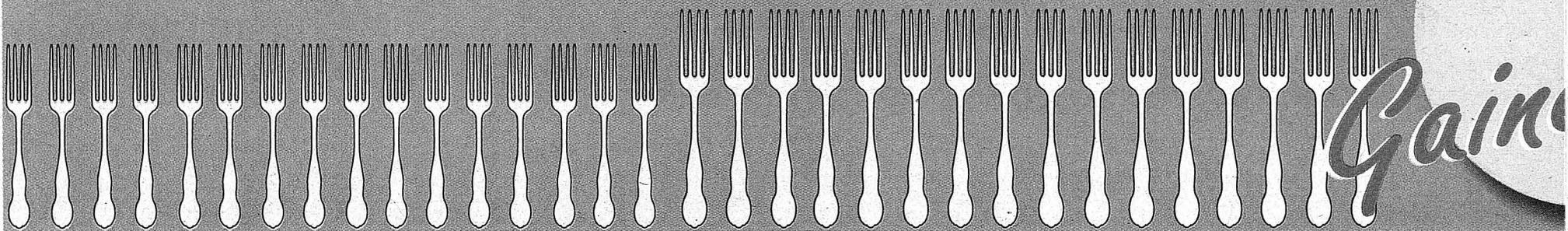
was like a typical show, but everyone came out."

After raising about \$1,500 and the tremendous response from both men and women following the event, McCallum expanded the local event to a statewide festival this year.

Despite the growth of V-Fest, McCallum said she wants to stay true to the main goal and keep proceeds local.

Additional dates for V-Fest will be Jacksonville and Orlando.

For more information, visit <http://www.inkrockproductions.com>.

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### Adult Swim Contest

1. What shapes does Meatwad turn into during the intro music to "Aqua Teen Hunger Force?"
2. What kind of soda machine falls on top of Captain Murphy in an episode of "Sea Lab?"
3. True or False: Super Milk Chan sucks.

The first three people to e-mail the correct answers to [theavenue@alligator.org](mailto:theavenue@alligator.org) will win an Adult Swim prize pack. Wait! There's more ...

Those crazy bastards from Adult Swim will be showing new episodes of "Sealab," "Tom Goes to the Mayor," some "Aqua Teen" and "Birdman" Tuesday at the Reitz Union Cinema. Shows begin at 7 and 9 p.m. It's fun AND free stuff.

### OFF THE PRESS

## Festival's authors impart wise words

BY GORDON VAN OWEN  
Avenue Writer

UF's creative writing program is sponsoring the 56th annual Writer's Festival this Friday and Saturday in the Research Room of the Smathers Library.

The festival, coordinated through the English department, will bring four celebrated authors from around the country to UF to read and discuss their works.

Writers include Norman Rush, Jim and Karen Shepard and Lucie Brock-Broido.

Rush, born in San Francisco, received a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship. He and his wife, Elsa, served for the Peace Corps in Botswana, the setting of his three novels.

Jim and Karen Shepard are married and teach at Williams College in Massachusetts. Karen's short fiction has appeared in "Self" and "USA Today." Jim is the author of six novels and two story collections.

Lastly, Lucie Brock-Broido is a poet who taught at Harvard and Princeton and now is

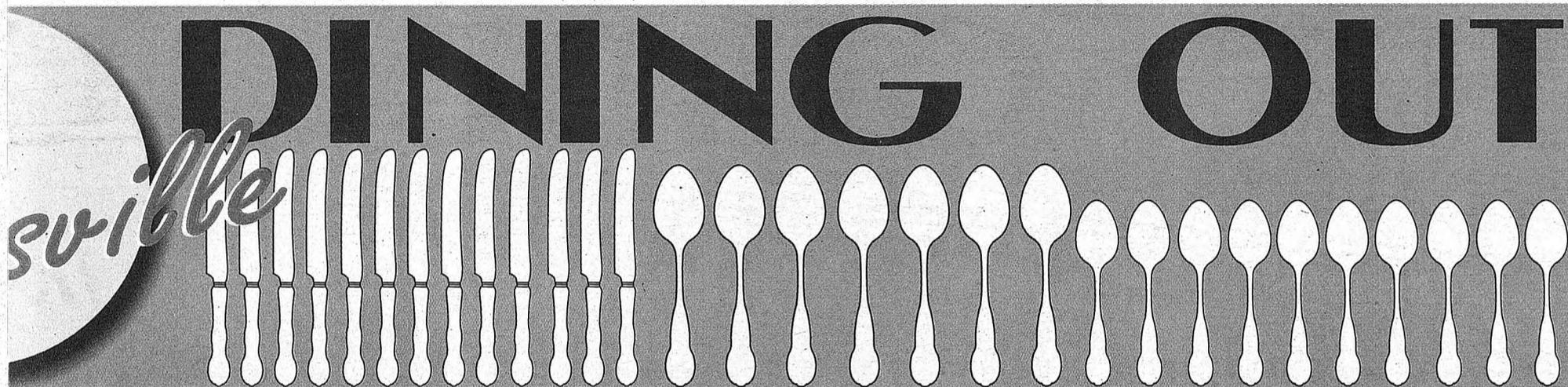
the director of poetry in the Writing Division in the School of Arts at Columbia University in New York City.

The festival begins on Friday at 8 p.m., with the Shepards reading selections of their works.

Saturday's events include informal talks with all of the authors, beginning at 1 p.m.

The event concludes at 8 p.m. Saturday with readings by Brock-Broido and Rush.

Receptions follow each day's events, and the festival is free and open to the public.



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### Mediterranean

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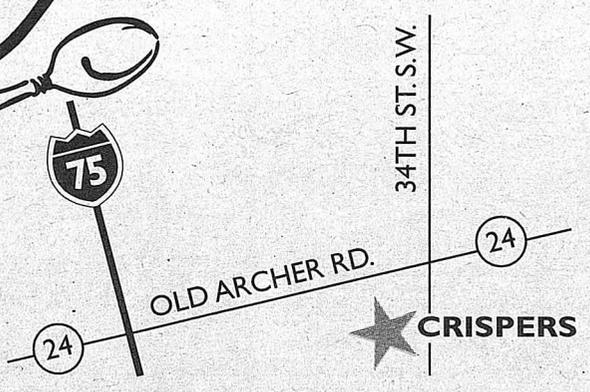
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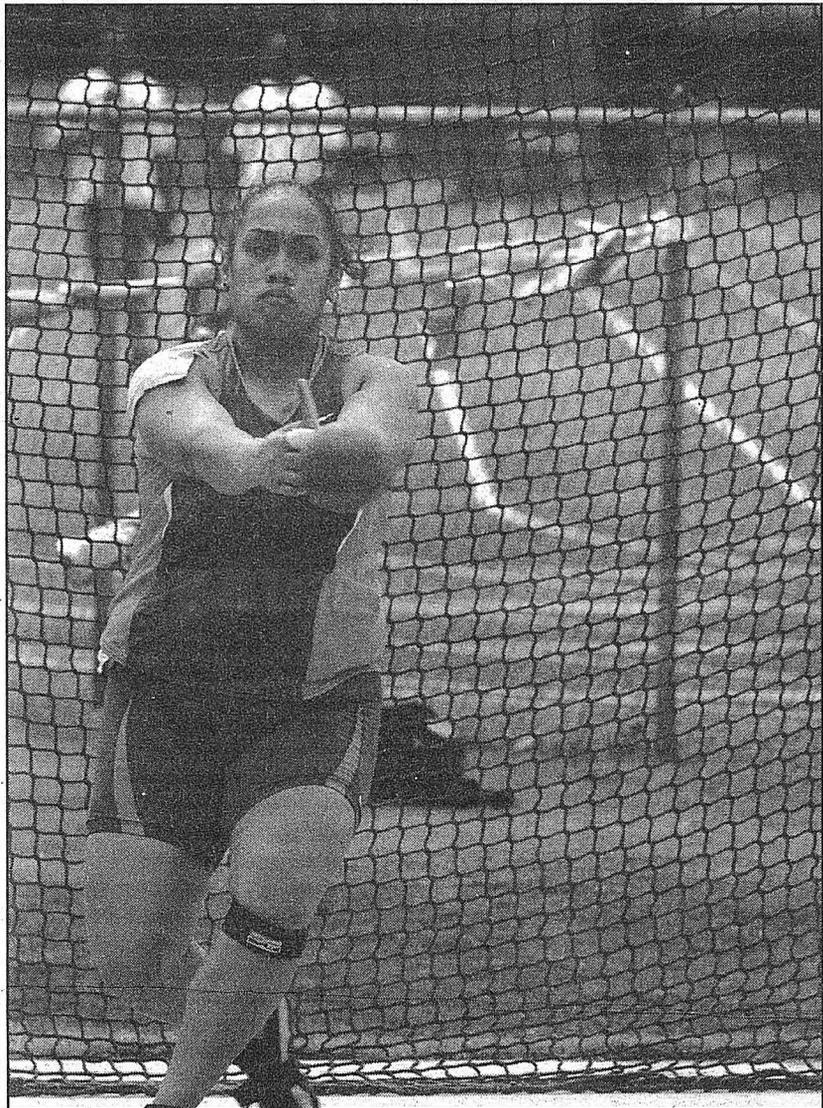
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# Dedication on both ends boosting track ranking



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Associate head coach Larry Judge gives thrower Scarlett Ekeroma ((above) and teammates the option of practicing twice a day.

By **CHUCK BAER**  
Alligator Writer

Some college athletic programs are successful because they have knowledgeable coaches. Others are successful because they have plenty of talented athletes.

The UF's women's track and field throwing program is successful because it has both.

With two athletes in Trackshark.com's top 10 for shot put and two more in the weight throw, as well as the top two shot-putters and four of the top ten weight throwers in the Southeastern Conference, UF's throwers certainly have talent.

They also have associate head coach Larry Judge, who is in charge of the throwing program. In 18 years of coaching, Judge has had eight athletes go on to the Olympics. Three of them — Erin Gilreath, Kim Barrett and Candice Scott — were Gators.

"He knows what works and he'll make us do it," junior thrower Rachel Longfors said. "He's very knowledgeable."

Judge's knowledge of the sport has earned him a reputation that helps to ensure that UF will remain at the top of its game.

"I came to UF for one reason — to practice and work with Larry Judge," senior Liz Wanless said. "He has a history of developing athletes from mediocre to

spectacular."

That means a lot coming from someone like Wanless, who was named SEC Field Athlete of the Week two weeks in a row and is also ranked first in the NCAA in the shot put.

Judge keeps his athletes very busy. Practices are twice a day, with voluntary practice at 7 a.m. and afternoon practice at 2:30 p.m.

**"It's very physically demanding to be able to master the technique of the throws. The athlete must be very well physically trained."**

**Larry Judge**  
UF women's track and field throwing coach

"It's just a long regimen, but you get used to it after a while," senior Scarlett Ekeroma said. "When you're tired, it's well worth it. It's like Coach said: it's paying the price to get where you want to be."

The work seems to be paying off. Ekeroma has the eighth-best weight throw in the SEC this season.

Eight-time All-American Candice Scott cites a dedication to hard work for the team's success. Scott, a senior, currently owns the collegiate record in the

weight throw. Her best throw this season is ten feet further than her nearest competitor in the conference.

The team's secret is lots of hard work, dedication and heart.

"If you don't have heart in what you're doing, there's no sense doing it at all," Scott said. "You're just wasting your time."

Coach Judge is very proud of what his athletes have accomplished.

"We've had a lot of success here the last four years," Judge said. "The ladies have put in a lot of hard work to achieve that type of success."

Judge threw shot put at Indiana State University, where he set the school record. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1986, he became the assistant track and field coach. Since 2000, he has coached at UF. His athletes have qualified for the Olympics in 1996, 2000 and 2004.

Judge said UF's throwers are committed to the track and field lifestyle both on and off the track. The athletes have to get accustomed to not being a regular college student.

"It's very physically demanding to be able to master the technique of the throws," Judge said. "The athlete must be very well physically trained."

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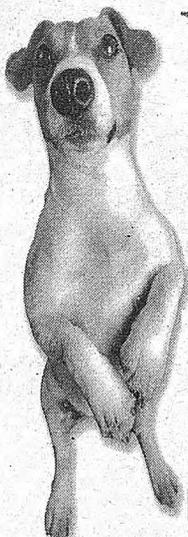
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# Strong defense provides backbone for new season

■ PITCHER TOMMY BOSS IS CONFIDENT ABOUT UF'S DEFENSE.

By **TIM CASEY**  
Alligator Writer  
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You heard it here first: The mainstay of the 2005 UF baseball team will be defense.

With four of eight starters returning, including a pair of speedy sophomore outfielders, the Gators bring some flashy gloves to the field.

The club's centerpiece is double-play combo Justin Tordi and Adam Davis. The pair set a league-best record for double plays in one season last year. Tordi enters his junior season as the only returning player to start every game last year.

Senior pitcher Tommy Boss, who will lead this weekend's starting rotation against Charleston Southern ahead of Alan Horne and Bryan Ball, is confident in the players behind him.

"With our defense, the way it was last year and how it's improved this year from last year, I just love playing with those guys," Boss said. "I mean Justin Tordi, I think, is the best shortstop in the country. Adam Davis at second base? You can't have a better middle infield than those two."

Davis batted .320 last season with 71

hits, fourth-best on the team.

"We have a strong middle with Justin and Adam, and Jeff Corsaletti in center field," Boss said. "Our outfield, with the addition of Chris Woods and Brian LeClerc out there, they can fly. If the ball is hit anywhere out there, they can run it down."

Corsaletti was named to the watch list for the 2005 Brooks Wallace Award, given to the top college baseball player of the year. As a senior, Corsaletti will start in center field for a third season.

Sophomore catcher Brian Jeroloman, a 2005 SEC All-Freshman team member, batted .318 with 27 RBI last year.

Jeroloman may share time with sophomore Matt LaPorta, who is also expected to start at first base, in the opening series this weekend.

LaPorta tied for second on the team with 14 home runs and will be looked to for his power this year.

"We are confident to have two returning starters in Brian and Matt," assistant coach Tim Parenton said. "We think that both players can fill our needs behind the plate throughout the season."

Redshirt freshman Brandon McArthur will start at third base on Friday after recovering from a coma induced by a violent attack on Oct. 29, 2003. Since recovering, his defensive prowess has shined in intrasquad scrimmages.

The two corner outfield positions will



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UF second baseman Adam Davis anchors a Gators infield that set a double-play record in 2004. Davis also stole a team-high 22 bases as a freshman.

be patrolled by a platoon of players. Look for sophomore Gavin Dickey to start in left field and Leclerc in right field this weekend. Junior Stephen Barton will rotate into the outfield on a regular basis when not playing second base.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Gators take fourth in tournament despite No. 22 rank

By **NICK ZACCARDI**  
Alligator Writer

Finishing fourth never looked so good.

That should be the sentiment of the UF women's golf team after Wednesday's finish at the Northrop Grumman Regional tournament.

The Gators finished at 904 (+52) after three days, eight strokes behind winner Pepperdine, who held onto a one-stroke lead after two rounds.

But UF, ranked No. 22 according to GolfWeek.com, trailed only No. 9 Pepperdine, No. 2 UCLA and No.

1 Duke in the final standings. The Gators bettered seven teams ranked higher in the poll.

"It was very solid considering we had four freshmen playing, especially with the field and the difficulty of the course," Coach Jill Briles-Hinton said.

Despite tallying its highest score of the tournament, a 21-over-par 305, UF held onto fourth place for the second consecutive day after being in sixth place after round one.

UF featured the top two freshman finishers, Sandra Gal and Tiffany Chudy, and went three days

without using the score of fellow freshman Whitney Myers, the team leader in rounds under par.



Chudy

Gal and Chudy finished tied for 10th at 224 (+11) in the 15-team tournament.

With Andrea Vander Lende's first top-25 finish since the season-opening tournament and fourth is looking more impressive.

"They're awesome players and

very mature," Briles-Hinton said. "They were prepared to play and did a superb job."

Gal birdied the third, seventh and 11th holes to shoot a 4-over-par 75, her first top-10 finish as a Gator.

Chudy's highlight came at the par-4 11th hole, where she drained the only eagle of the tournament by a UF player. That eagle, coupled with 13 pars, led Chudy to a 2-over-par 73, UF's lowest round.

Freshman C.J. Kim led UF after two rounds, but went 4 over on her first three holes on her way to a 79 (+8) on Wednesday. Kim fell from a

tie for eighth at the start of the day to a tie for 21st.

Vander Lende played well coming off a midseason swing change to shoot a 229 (+16) to tie for 25th place, her best finish in three years.

Redshirt freshman Eleanor Tucker picked up a top-30 result in her first stroke play event as a Gators player, though she competed as an individual. She tied for 30th at 17 over for the tournament.

"I'm very proud of Eleanor," Briles-Hinton said. "She's always had a good swing and she deserves this finish."

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# SEC sweep only hope

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A season's stretch run determines a team's final record and postseason chances. It also shows whether a team has the will to finish strong and prove itself.

Tonight, the UF women's basketball team (12-10, 3-6 Southeastern Conference) plays the first of its final five games. If the team wants to enter the NCAA Tournament, the Gators will likely have to win at Kentucky (14-9, 3-5 SEC) tonight and their remaining four games.

UF has lost five consecutive games. If UF is to win its next five, as Coach Carolyn Peck said needs to happen if the Gators want an in for the Tournament, UF would finish two games above .500 in regular-season conference play. Even with a first-round loss in the conference tournament, the Gators would finish 8-7 and would be a likely pick for the Tournament.

Junior Danielle Santos said UF is far from being in an ideal position in mid-February, but running the table in the last five would keep UF playing into March.

"We put ourselves in a position that we didn't want to be in," Santos said. "But we do need to win the rest of our games in order to still achieve the things that we want to achieve this year."

There is no doubting the desire of the Gators, but there are plenty of question marks for this team.

Earlier this season, UF ran press and trap defenses effectively. Taking advantage of their speed, the Gators averaged 11.23 steals per game in nonconference play. But once injuries caught up with UF, Peck toned down her backcourt defense and the steals fell to 8.11 per game

in SEC play. UF also allows more points per game than any other SEC team.

The offense, meanwhile, has been a Jekyll-and-Hyde case. One example was Sunday's loss at Alabama.

Nine of the 10 players dressed scored for UF. Junior Bernice Mosby scored 24 points and senior Tashia Morehead had 20, yet UF lost by 11. Perhaps the loss resulted from the fact that, of the other players who scored, junior forward Brittany Davis led with 5 points.

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**Danielle Santos**  
UF guard

Mosby, the team's leading scorer this season, says production cannot just come from her and Morehead.

"When we were winning, it was balanced scoring," she said. "Now it seems like I'm scoring all the points or Tashia is scoring all the points. ... We need everyone else to step up, especially in conference play."

Mosby said that she and the rest of the post players have to do better finishing shots in the paint. Peck agreed and added that the Gators also need to work off of each other.

"We did not have good screens set and or we didn't use screens [against Alabama]," Peck said. "And when we do those kinds of things, we create scoring opportunities that are not forced or out of desperation, but attempts that are in what we are trying to do."

## GYMNASTICS

# Coach follows Lutz to UF

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It is often said that it is the journey, not the destination that really matters.

For UF gymnastics assistant coach Louis Robinson Jr., it could easily be both.

A self-described "military brat," Robinson's family was always on the go while he was growing up.

"I spent six years in Germany, six years in the Philippines," Robinson said. "Every three years we would move."

It was on one of these four stops in Germany where he first found his calling as a coach.

"I actually started coaching when I was in high school," he said. "We did not have a guys' gymnastics team, so I was the assistant coach or one of the trainers for my high school team. We actually won the European Championship that year, which was exciting."

After spending his whole life on the move, Robinson finally dropped anchor in Columbus, Ohio, enrolling at The Ohio State University in 1979.

He spent one season on their gymnastics team before outgrowing his sport.

"My sophomore year at Ohio State, I grew," he said. "I was 5-feet-8-inches, 145 pounds going into college, and at the beginning of my sophomore year I was 5-feet-10 1/2-inches and 180 pounds. And that's just too much body to carry in gymnastics."

He transitioned to the school's competitive cheerleading squad that won a national championship in 1983.

Inspired by what he called his "passion" for the sport, Robinson started Midwest Gymnastics in 1988.

A program that began with 150 gymnasts and 6,000 square feet of rented gym space has expanded dramatically in the 17 years since its founding.

"We've actually gotten to the point now

where we own a 24,000 square foot building and have 800 kids," he said.

Robinson's athletes included 72 national qualifiers, six national champions and 14 Division I scholarship recipients, including current UF athlete Samantha Lutz.

"The kids that we've had go through our program are such good kids, and to impact those kids in a good way is one of my proudest achievements," he said.

Despite that high level of success, Robinson yearned to coach on an even higher level.

A frantic phone call from UF gymnastics coach Rhonda Faehn led to that long-sought opportunity.

"I first met him when I was recruiting Sam," Faehn said. "I knew that he was potentially interested in coaching college in the future, but not right away."

"When I was looking for an assistant coach, she had already decided to come here, and I knew Louis was going to an interview at West Virginia, so I quickly gave him a call."

A round of interviews later, Robinson was on his way to Gainesville.

He did, however, have some trepidation about following Lutz to UF.

"I didn't really want to come necessarily because I've had Sam for so long," Robinson said. "It's like her dad following her to college. I talked about it before I decided to come, and it's been fun to watch her the last two years."

For Lutz's part, it's been to her benefit to still have her old coach in the fold.

"There's a lot of pressure that comes along with college gymnastics," Lutz said. "Having him here has really helped me deal with that better."

"It's been really helpful for me to have him there to kind of lean back on when I need help."



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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# In loss, Gators see improvement

■ UF IMPROVED ON LAST YEAR'S GAME AT KENTUCKY.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — As junior guard Anthony Roberson stood in a barren auxiliary locker room responding to his team's latest loss in its pseudo-rivalry with Kentucky, a tall, slender and familiar figure passed through the doorway.

Catching Roberson in mid-sentence, Detroit Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince locked eyes with UF's scoring leader, squirmed through the media mob and — with his 2004 NBA championship ring hypnotically glowing on his middle finger — locked hands in a symbol of reciprocal tribute.

"Good job, man," said the former Wildcats standout.

The longer the compliment stewed in his head, the more positive Roberson became.

"Yeah, we played hard," he said. "We were in it from the beginning to the end. Last year it wasn't that type of story."

While the Gators (14-6, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) ended their defining three-game stand with a 69-66 loss at Kentucky and a 1-2 record, the fact that the scoreboard flashed a 3-point defeat instead of last season's 20-point rout at Rupp seemed to soften the blow for Roberson and Co.

Roberson didn't make excuses or play the "wait till next time" cliché. Rather, he conceded victory while concentrating on the improvements his team has undergone from a season ago.

"I don't think there was one moment where Kentucky was going to pull away," Roberson said. "We're a way better team than we were last year."

Accurate, but perhaps an understatement.

Remember an unguarded Ryan Appleby practically soiling his drawers before committing an unforced turnover at midcourt?

Remember the alligator-in-the-headlights look UF had while being dominated en route to its 53-26 loss on the boards at Rupp last season?

The Wildcats still outrebounded the Gators Tuesday, but this time by a much slimmer 34-27 margin.

And while Coach Billy Donovan said there's always room for improvement, he did take solace in the fact that his team, previously criticized as "soft," seems to be a little stronger this year.

"We are a more physical team,"



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**UF forward David Lee fights Kentucky's Chuck Hayes for inside position during UF's loss to the Wildcats on Tuesday.**

Donovan said. "We haven't had that kind of team the last couple years."

Perhaps that physicality sometimes goes unmitigated. Just like at Mississippi State, UF encountered some frontcourt foul trouble early. Against Kentucky, sophomore Chris Richard and freshmen Al Horford and Joakim Noah all picked up their second fouls by the six-minute mark of the first half.

After claiming a UF-freshman-second-best 18 rebounds against Alabama, Horford gained his third foul less than two minutes into the second half and was limited to 1 point and five rebounds in 22 minutes.

But undoubtedly, Donovan would prefer his big men to stay aggressive — just like Noah.

Despite collecting his first foul in just

36 seconds, Noah continued to bang with Kentucky's frontcourt, giving the Gators a spark off the bench. Noah pulled down all four of his rebounds and two of his three blocks during his nine first-half minutes.

"[Chuck] Hayes and [Randolph] Morris up front did a really good job of setting the stage," Donovan said. "But I don't feel like our guys let up."

That's the reason why Roberson remains optimistic. That's why he believes UF has "a whole team" this season.

According to Roberson, the Gators finally have established an identity.

"At the end of the day, we didn't win, and it hurts to lose," Roberson said. "But I think everybody knows we can play with the best — with the quote-unquote No. 5 team in the country."

## UF hero playing first game Friday

**W**hat does it mean to be a hero in sports? It means Brandon McArthur. He came to UF with promise. A fifth-round draft pick by the Minnesota Twins in 2003, he could have seen some time on the diamond in his first year with Pat McMahon.

Then the unthinkable happened.

Many know the recent story of McArthur — there he was, a freshman baseball player in his first semester, minding his own business outside the bar strip on University Avenue. That's when the fist collided with his head and nearly ended his life. For him, it's a part of his life that has made him grow.

"I'm not ashamed by anything that happened because I believe that has taught me a lot," he said.

He will, barring an unforeseen upstart who takes his spot, start his first collegiate game Friday against Charleston Southern. And while he has played in summer league ball, his first game at UF is big. He could be playing in the minors right now, remember?



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While he says he has learned more about baseball as a result of having to watch all last year, he obviously wishes he could have ducked that night outside the Grog House. Especially for those around him.

"I just don't want all that hardship to happen to my family and friends, because I know it's very tough for them to go through and not know how I was going to come out of it," McArthur said.

In sports, we visualize a hero/warrior/gritty competitor as someone who will sacrifice his or her body and play through pain and anguish against seemingly insurmountable odds to victory.

Then there is the concept of the athletic hero that we don't see as clearly, one that is more difficult to discern because it goes beyond the playing field, out of the fan's eye.

That hazy conception is sharpened to a life-like acuteness when one looks at Brandon McArthur. You get the feeling that he looks at life as an awesome thing and that it is the greatest gift we could receive from our Maker. When faced with adversity, he decides to make a change in his life.

Just because you can hit the home run to win the big game doesn't mean you're a hero. It's what you do with your life.

"I didn't know that that could have possibly been my last day and yet there were days before that when I didn't push myself to the fullest," he said. "But yet, when you realize that and look back on that, then every day you step out on the field or get out of bed you got to take every day like it's your last."

And that is really the type of hero that should give opponents cause for worry.

### SCOREBOARD

Men's basketball	
Alabama	72
Tennessee	54
North Carolina	70
Duke	71

### I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ The UF softball team is ranked No. 19 in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll. The Gators had never been ranked in the first poll of the season until this year.

### TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1997: The UF women's basketball team makes its first ever top-10 appearance in the Associated Press Poll. Just 20 days earlier, the Gators downed No. 8 Tennessee 71-62.

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