

Impact election support dwindles

Candidates switch parties

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Several vocal supporters of the Impact Party suddenly and collectively withdrew from active campaigning and electioneering Tuesday afternoon, leaving the party's presidential candidate Dennis Ngin shocked, he said.

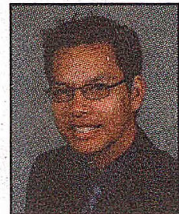
"It disheartened me, to say the least," Ngin said.

Those who have swiftly changed their party affiliation to what they call a "neutral" state include former Student Body treasurer candidate Elda Auxiliaire, who said she dropped out of the race because of "a personal thing."

"I would not be serving the student body as I know it needed to be served," Auxiliaire said.

She said she was not pressured, nor approached by anyone telling her not to run. Auxiliaire added that now she will remain neutral for the rest of the election in order to avoid swaying any student.

A back-up plan was formulated early Tuesday morning, when Ngin said he had a hunch that Auxiliaire may drop out. Student Sen. Michelle Lightbourne gathered the 300 signatures and other paperwork necessary at the last minute Tuesday and has met qualifications to run. And although she submitted the paperwork, neither she nor Ngin would



Ngin

return calls to confirm whether she would pursue the position in the Spring Student Government election.

"I have all faith in all parties,"

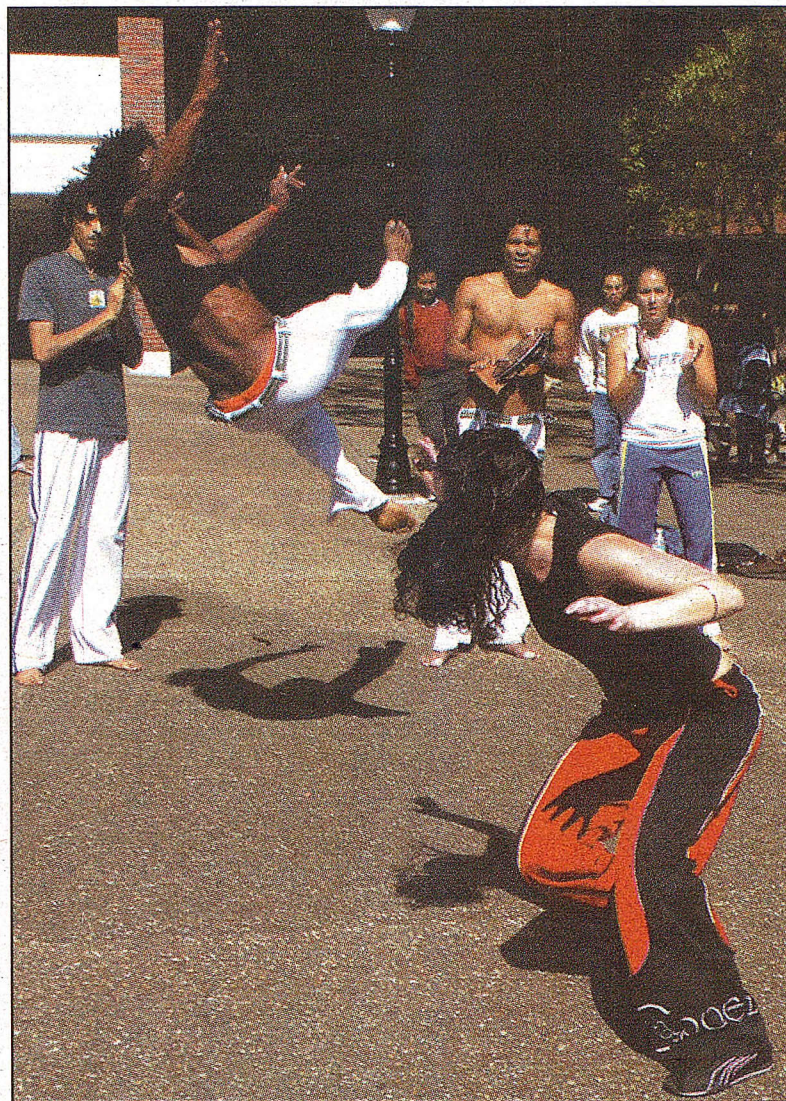
Auxiliaire said about the future of Impact's bruised election season.

But a lack of faith, Student Senate Pro Tempore Diane Kassim said, is the cause for students silencing their once-vocal support for Impact.

"Everybody doesn't have the same faith anymore," Kassim said. As a former Access Party member, Kassim said she hasn't yet decided who she will support in the election. But she made it clear she believed Ngin is qualified and said, "I support him in the election 110 percent."

The majority of those who have

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Fighting or dancing?

Esquilo Preto and Elana Coheñ practice Capoeira in Turlington Plaza on Wednesday. Capoeira is a dance-like martial art that originated in Brazil. The art involves no physical contact between the two interacting players.

Accent's two chairwomen lament female SG roles

ONLY TWO WOMEN HELD THE JOB IN 35 YEARS.

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Two women have chaired the nation's largest student-run speakers bureau in the agency's more than 35-year history.

Accent is a top Student Government agency with a budget

of more than \$360,000, so its chairperson is one of the most important appointments a Student Body president can make.

"It was a huge deal when I was appointed," said Terri Pepper Gavulic, who became the first chairwoman of Accent in 1977. "It had been controlled by the fraternities for many years."

Thirteen of the past 16 Accent leaders are members of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

Gavulic, a member of Alpha

Epsilon Phi Sorority, said she became involved while she was a little sister for Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, or TEP, which held many Accent positions at the time.

"A TEP mentored me, and I worked really hard," Gavulic said. "Being a woman leader at that time was significant."

Her appointment was contested, but it was because of SG poli-

tics and not her gender, she said.

"The fact that a lot of women weren't involved wasn't malicious," Gavulic said. "It was just the times back then."

Marilyn Stern Emas, who was appointed chairwoman in 1980, was the second and last woman to hold the position.

"Those of us who were women leaders at the time felt very strongly that it was a part of our job to pave the way for women and break down barriers," Emas said.

"We made changes so women would have doors open to them."

Blame shouldn't solely be directed at fraternities, because all student groups must reach across organizational lines, she said.

"No one group should be able to have longtime control over SG," Emas said. "We made changes to benefit all students on that campus."

Female students benefit greatly

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■ UF forward Al Horford reaches for a rebound during UF's 90-53 win against Mississippi. Horford blocked seven Rebels, tying two UF records in the process. See story, pg. 27.



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■ The price was right for a UF student who took a free trip to California and ended up on stage with Bob Barker. The episode featuring senior Ronnie Simmons' Jan. 20 exploits on the CBS show "The Price Is Right" aired Wednesday. See story, pg. 5.





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House board member.

St. Francis House successfully lobbied the City Commission on Monday to raise the number of free meals it can serve from 75 to 130. Any entity that would provide meals could issue the cards.

Also mentioned was revoking the IDs for criminal conviction as an alternative to jail time. Without the ID, a homeless local would not receive food from the soup kitchen for a period of time or until visiting a counselor.

— IVETTE MENDEZ

Forces join for Spring safety

Wednesday, representatives of UPD and many other local agencies were available on the Reitz Union North Lawn for questions regarding safety issues during Spring Break this year.

"UPD thought it would be important to take care of students before they leave," spokesman Joe Sharkey said.

Lt. Doc Luckie from UPD's Community Services Division said approximately 5,000 students passed through the "gauntlet" of police vehicles and tabling officers with an hour remaining in the event.

As announcer, Luckie gave away prizes with the intent to inform students about "healthy choices and wise decisions."

Luckie said his main concern was drinking and driving.

ASO's Tramel Brown spoke about Beat the Heat, a program to channel aggressive driv-

ing. Speedy drivers can come to Gainesville Raceway on the third Wednesday of every month to exorcise their inner speed demon by challenging a converted patrol car.

Brown said about 200 to 300 people turn out for each event.

The tricked-out vehicle lost only once since its debut in 2002 — Brown smiled when he confirmed the champion is a Jacksonville woman.

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LOCAL

Homeless IDs considered

A proposition to require homeless locals to carry identification cards was raised at a meeting of the ad hoc committee on homeless concerns Wednesday.

The committee, a temporary coalition of community members and city officials, discussed the IDs as a way to keep others from taking advantage of meals offered to the homeless by local groups.

"Yeah, we have a homeless problem, but we are trying to do something about it," said Bill Richards, a former St. Francis

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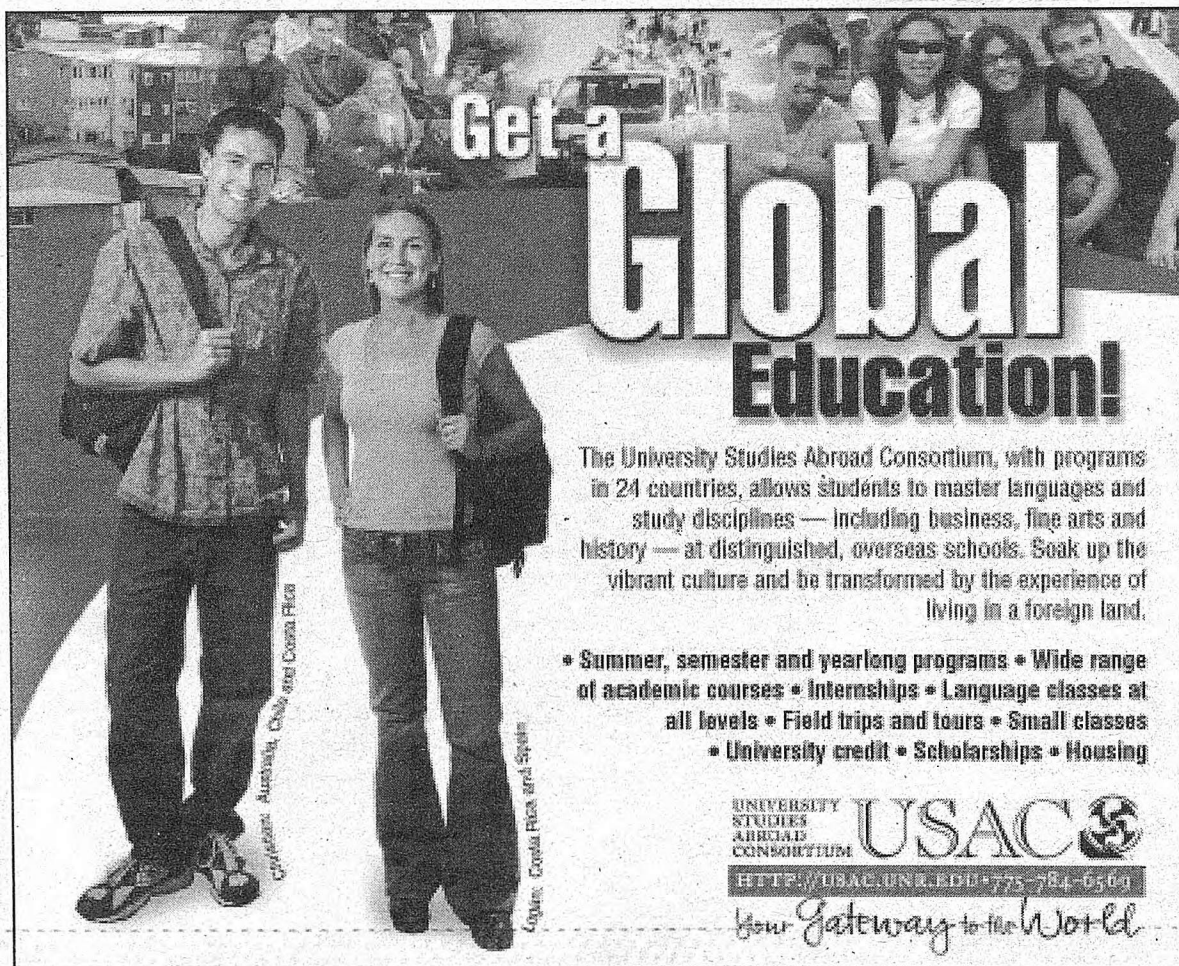
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City and UF officials work to expand Depot Avenue

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Limited travel space along Depot Avenue has prompted Gainesville and UF officials to expand the road.

The plan underway to reconstruct the avenue and provide a more efficient thoroughfare from the university through Gainesville stemmed from the city.

"The idea really is to make Depot Avenue a much more important east-west corridor," Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan said.

She said with new apartment construction and the new Alachua County Criminal Courthouse, the city wanted a



Hanrahan

and biking.

A series of projects to renovate the area, including the reconstruction of Depot Avenue, has been on the city's agenda since 1996, Director of Public Works Teresa Scott said.

street that would function as mixed-use - able to handle many types of vehicles.

The downtown area has many job centers that need to connect with UF.

"It's on the list of our priority projects," Hanrahan said.

The wider street will provide for greater student involvement in downtown businesses and be better suited for not only automobiles but also walking

Both the city and UF will benefit from the changes the city is bringing to the student-populated area, Scott said.

A request for state and federal funding to begin the reconstruction of Depot Avenue will be on Gainesville's 2006 federal and state agendas.

Students living along Depot Avenue will have to adjust to temporary inconveniences while the roads are being developed.

"Road construction is a pain while it's going on, but it's better in the long run," Hanrahan said.

Another project, begun in 2004, is the conversion of land around the avenue to create the Depot Stormwater Park, which will become a public recreation area.

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Murder trial gets delay

Questions arise about counsel

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The man accused of murdering an SFCC student reconsidered his earlier waiver of counsel moments before his trial was set to begin Monday.

After a brief discussion between Judge Aymer "Buck" Curtin, Ralph Fayson II and state prosecutors James Colaw and Tim Browning, Fayson's former lawyer James Connor was reinstated.

"I think that in retrospect, Mr. Fayson regrets that decision now," Connor said just before requesting a continuance for the trial.

Wary of creating grounds for a future appeal, Curtin granted the delay, citing that Connor had not had sufficient time to contact and interview witnesses.

State Attorney's Office spokesman Spencer Mann said Wednesday's events were "frustrating but not sur-

prising." This is the third time the case has been delayed due to defense issues, Mann said.

Although Mann said the prosecution is dedicated to protecting the integrity of the trial and is wary of making the case an appellate issue, the continuance presented a number of problems, including the costs of flying in state witnesses and the "emotional roller-coaster" experienced by the victim's family.

"I think that in retrospect, Mr. Fayson regrets that decision now."

James Connor
Fayson's former lawyer

Fayson, 33, has been charged with the first-degree murder of Crystal Lachuan Grant, 22, in May.

Her body was found in her Fox Hollow apartment with a stab wound to her neck inflicted by a steak knife, according to Gainesville Police reports.

If convicted, Fayson could face life in prison without parole.




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Slating for SG elections causes party headaches

Several parties leave race

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All candidates for Student Government offices attended their first mandatory meeting Wednesday, just hours after qualifying and slating officially ended.

The meeting, headed by SG Supervisor of Elections Ali Blye, briefed candidates on election laws.

Slating ended at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and four parties turned in lists of slated candidates: Gator, Impact, Progress and Voice.

As of press time Wednesday, Gator slated 45 senatorial candidates out of a possible 46.

Chomp the Vote Executive Director Jared Hernandez, who announced his candidacy for Student Senate as an independent last week, is listed as the Gator Party's candidate to represent the law school in the Student Senate.

Gator Party President Michael Schuster said about 245 people ap-

plied to run with his party.

He pointed out that although it was one of the most "amazing" experiences, dealing with so many applicants was "one of the most [horrificing] experiences I've been in."

Impact slated 41, Progress slated 31, and Voice slated 18 candidates.

"It's not a full ticket, but I think it's going to be a strong ticket," said MacKenzie Moritz, Progress presidential candidate.

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He said the Access Party did not run a full slate of candidates last Spring, but still managed to win.

Including executive candidates, about 145 students are slated to run.

Though the meeting took less than 15 minutes, candidates slated either with a party or as an independent were required to attend or turn in an excused absence form.

At least 50 submitted absence forms to Blye before the meeting.

Blye also read off the names of candidates who were ineligible.

Ineligible candidates have until noon on Feb. 25 to rectify the situation, or else they may be replaced by someone else who slated with their chosen party.

Registered parties must submit a weekly report of all expenditures to the Supervisor of Elections office, as well as daily reports during the week of elections.

Impact's vice presidential candidate Robert Mack was listed as an ineligible candidate, which he attributed to paperwork errors.

"I've been having problems with my transcript," Mack said.

He added that his sister, Sen. Stephanie Mack, had similar problems with slating eligibility last year due to an address problem.

The meeting's slate lists showed a much smaller number of registered parties. The list, once as high as 12, now shows four parties making concerted efforts to run candidates.

Mad Hatters, Strike Force and Block parties withdrew from the race Tuesday afternoon.

For further SG coverage, visit www.alligator.org.

Party creates backup plan

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been vocal to the Alligator about retracting their active support of Impact have been black students, but Kassim said, from what she understands, these are the individuals' actions and not representative of "the black community."

Andre Samuels, who has held prominent positions in SG since at least 2003 and is a Florida Blue Key member, had been an Impact spokesman until Tuesday.

He said his leaving the party was "pretty much a good-bye" to SG, and that before students vote, "Everybody should do what their heart is telling them to do."

When asked what his heart told him to do, Samuels sat in prolonged silence and responded, "I don't know."

UF student Alicia Phillip helped in the Spring and Fall elections with the Access Party and until recently, was an Impact sup-

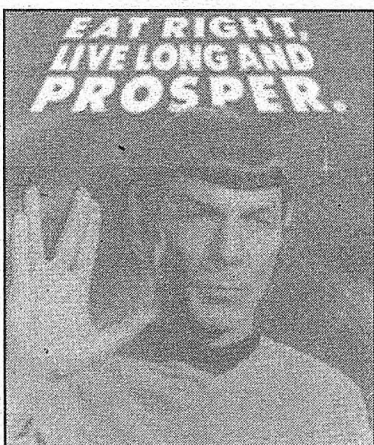
porter. Phillip approached Ngin to suggest dropping out of the race due to concerns for his personal and financial well-being in the campaign following the loss of his treasurer candidate, she said.

"I still wish Dennis the best of luck," Phillip said. She added she, too, would be neutral in this election, despite her history of involvement in SG campaigns and Cabinet. She said the reason for her neutrality was due to her impending graduation.

Ngin said that beginning around 3 p.m. Tuesday, students began to withdraw their Impact slating applications and then switched to the Gator Party - two hours before slating interviews were due to end.

Auxiliaire said she told Ngin the news of her decision to withdraw "as early as I could." But exactly when, neither Ngin nor Auxiliaire would disclose.

"This has been a very testing election," Ngin said.



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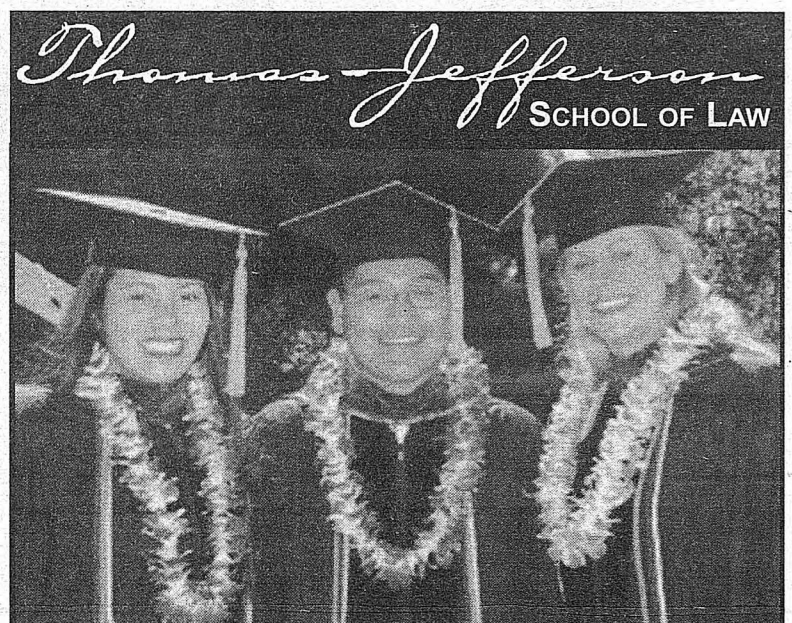
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Students lobby at Capitol

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TALLAHASSEE—Preserving Bright Futures scholarships and keeping a lid on tuition increases were the goals of a delegation of UF students Wednesday who met with key state lawmakers.

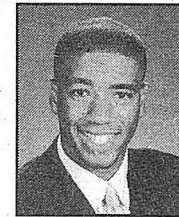
Together with student leaders from around the state and the Florida Student Association, UF Student Body President Jamal Sowell, also the FSA vice president, took his message to Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings, House Speaker Allan Bense and Sen. Ken Pruitt (R-Port St. Lucie) who will become Senate President in 2007.

Sowell said membership in FSA, which UF withdrew from in 2002 but rejoined in 2004 as part of the Access Party platform, was a vital part of his success in forwarding the student agenda.

"Being in FSA shows state lawmakers a united front of students, and it's a crucial part of us getting the access we need to make our case to these leaders," he said. "Before, when we were not part of FSA, we were isolated,

and FSA was made less effective. But now students from around the state can come together and collaborate in advancing our priorities in the legislature."

State Rep. Will Kendrick (D-Carrabelle) said he admired the students' work and thought it would be a good budgetary year for students.



Sowell

"We have an extra few free dollars this year, so I'd feel that Bright Futures should be safe for the near future," he said.

USF Student Body President Bijal Chhadra went further, suggesting that Bright Futures scholarships should be safe for at least the next four years.

"Sen. Pruitt has really been a champion of Bright Futures over the years, and I think with him in line to lead the Senate, Bright Futures should be in good shape through his time in office," he said.

Pruitt received a lifetime service award Wednesday evening for his work on be-

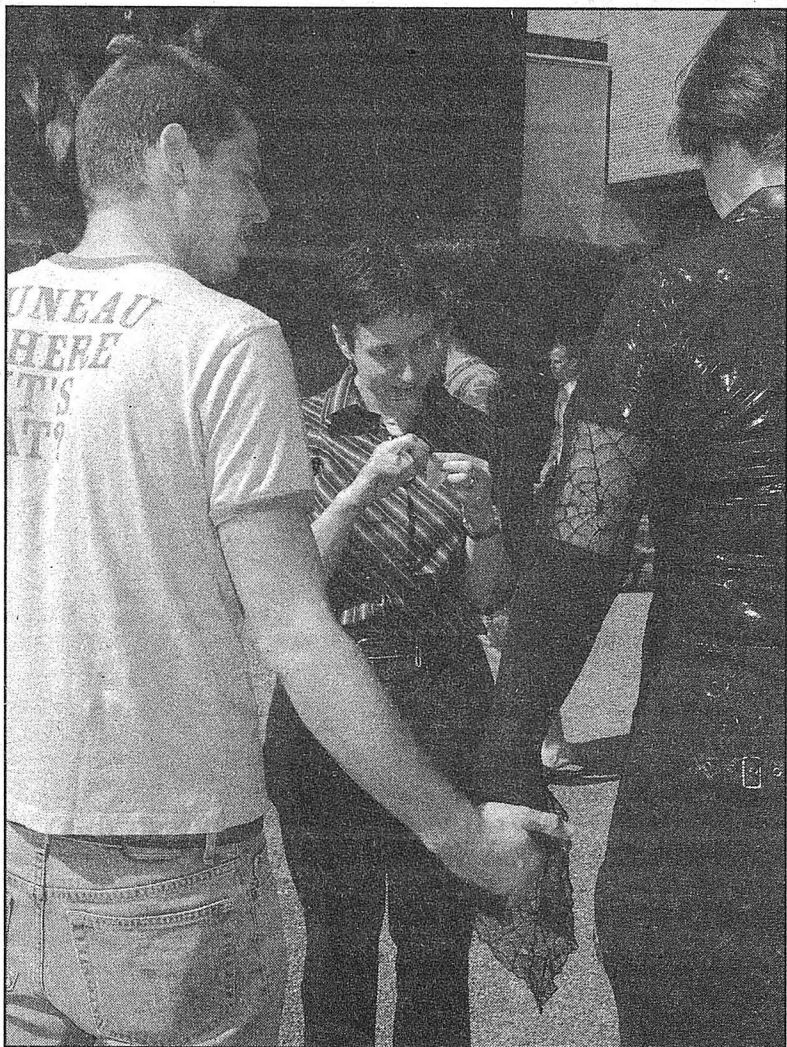
half of Florida students and the Bright Futures program, which he helped to create in 1997 and has supported ever since.

In early 2004, he embarked on a round-the-state bus tour to drum up support for preserving the program, which remains popular but grows more expensive each year, prompting criticism from conservative lawmakers.

Rep. Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) and Sen. David Aronberg (D-Greenacres) also received distinguished service awards at the banquet.

Nick Iarossi, a lobbyist hired by Student Government to represent UF in Tallahassee, said another issue he and the UF student delegation were working on is to limit annual tuition increases and keep college education affordable in Florida.

"There's always a lot of tension as to who pays what in the State University System," he said. "More and more, they're trying to push that burden onto students, but we have to make sure that Florida students always have access to higher education to keep bright Florida students in-state."



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Holding hands to take a stand

UF LGBT Affairs Director Tamara Cohen peels stickers for Jason Freshly and Piramno Rosetta. Freshly, Rosetta and many other students joined hands in Turlington Plaza on Wednesday in an effort to make people more comfortable with same-sex hand holding.

UF tries to tackle booze

■ A RECENT SURVEY FOUND 73 PERCENT OF UNDERAGE STUDENTS AT UF DRINK.

By EMILY YEHLE

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UF may need to take a more active approach in punishing students arrested for alcohol offenses off-campus, city and university officials said Wednesday.

"If students want to go binge drinking, they go off campus," said Student Sen. Jason Lutin, who was at the meeting to represent Student Government. "Students view the law and the university as separate entities."

Enforcement issues such as this will be further researched by one of three committees formed at a meeting Wednesday that was facilitated by Laurie Davidson, associate director of the Center for College Health and Safety.

The meeting was the latest response to student alcohol abuse after a UF survey showed 50 percent of students surveyed binge drink and 73 percent of underage students drink. Last month, UF President Bernie Machen took the first step when he prohibited Coors Light from advertising at an upcoming concert at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

Davidson was brought in to help officials organize a way to change contributing environmental factors, such as easy underage access to alcohol and aggressive

marketing.

Davidson led participants through a two-hour discussion that ended in the formation of three committees with university, city and student members.

In addition to the "enforcement" committee, another committee will focus on the access and aggressive advertising of alcohol, and a third will study how the community's culture affects alcohol abuse.

The committees will eventually make recommendations, and the university will act accordingly, said Patricia Telles-Irvin, vice president for Student Affairs.

But Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich said the problem needs to be dealt with now, not later.

"We've been dealing with this for a long time," he said. "I'm much more interested in action than in having three or four meetings."

Many officials at the meeting agreed that Gainesville's historic reputation as a college town has bred an alcoholic culture.

UF student David Duncan, who works as a resident assistant and will be chairman of the committee on culture, said that he wants to shift the "perception that there's nothing to do in Gainesville because that's not actually true."

Officials should focus more on these cultural aspects than on enforcement, City Commissioner Tony Domenech said.

"My fear is this, and I've always had this fear, is we're going to try to legislate behavior," he said.

'Price' right for UF student

By DAVID COHEN

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The price was right for a UF student who took a free trip to California and ended up on stage with Bob Barker.

The episode featuring food and resource economics senior Ronnie Simmons' Jan. 20 exploits on the CBS show "The Price Is Right" aired Wednesday.

"We were surprised that he got called up," said Scott Johnson, also a food and resource economics senior. "We were surprised that he won. We had a blast. It was the best experience."

Simmons and Johnson were two of 16 ambassadors for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences attending the annual National Agricultural Ambassador Conference three weeks ago in San Luis Obispo, Calif., and decided to have some fun by attending a taping of the show.

UF alumnus Rich Fields, the show's new announcer who took over for Rod Roddy after a lengthy trial period at the end of which he was hand-picked by host Bob Barker, saw the group dressed in Gator gear and called Simmons down to be a participant.

Simmons said Fields "totally related to the Gator connection."

Simmons ultimately won the Showcase Showdown, as well as a Kawasaki off-road motorcycle, a \$4,000 baby bed, an \$1,800 necklace and earned the title Honorary Announcer for the Day.

"It's really random is what it is," Simmons said. "I won on the sixth bid, which was the last. I was one of the first to be called up and the last one to win. I was extremely excited... It was a great experience. The camaraderie on that show is really great."

Simmons attributed his success to the price recommendations of his fellow ambassadors and "two random ladies" sitting in the front row, to whom he gave a "big hug" after winning.

"We were surprised that [Simmons] got called up. We were surprised that he won. We had a blast. It was the best experience."

Scott Johnson
UF senior

Simmons was also one of three contestants called up on stage before the show began taping to compete in an announcing contest. He did his best impression of the line made famous by the show when he told Chris Vitelli, the ambassadors' adviser, to "come on down."

Vitelli had gone on the trip a few years ago and also won prizes on the show.

Simmons said he probably will trade in the Kawasaki motorcycle for a four-wheeler. He is considering auctioning his other winnings on eBay.

Editorial

Accent access

SG unfairly restricts high position to fraternity men

At some point, politicians have to ask themselves how far they can take things before they'll get caught.

This time, the numbers speak for themselves:

16 Accent speakers bureau chairmen, 13 of whom were Alpha Epsilon Pi members.

16 Accent chairmen, 16 of whom were members of some fraternity.

16 Accent chairmen, zero of whom were women.

There just might be a pattern here.

It's no secret that the Greek system holds far more sway in Student Government than their percentage of the student body would suggest, but this is just ridiculous.

Student Body President Jamal Sowell, who won office on the perceived strength of his commitment to access for all students, supported an AEPi member, David Buchalter, to be Accent chairman. He claimed this appointment truly was access for all students, because AEPi supported the Innovate Party instead of his own Access Party.

Sorry, but pandering to the desires of the established institution is far from offering equal access.

On the other hand, it's not hard to imagine a newly-elected Sowell asking for a recommendation from Buchalter's predecessor — also an AEPi member — who surely would have endorsed a "brother" over some random student politician.

AEPi members would have us believe they simply have a tradition of producing well-qualified candidates.

If they really do have a secret to electoral success, they could make enough money to host a lifetime of keg parties if they pawned it off on national politicians.

Or maybe there's just something in the water at the fraternity house.

But for the moment, let's assume it is correct that AEPi members are the only qualified candidates who are applying. This still would not mean everything was OK.

If SG is reduced to finding good candidates in a single fraternity house, they need to look harder.

Keeping things "in the family" doesn't work for the gene pool, and it doesn't work for SG either. If there is no competition and no influx of new ideas, the system will stagnate.

This is indicative of the problem of political back-patting in the system as a whole. If the students who know about these positions are Greek, and the decision-makers are their Greek friends, what chance does anyone else have?

The problem starts early in the system. Because elections are dominated by Greek parties, non-Greek students find it hard to be elected to Student Senate or otherwise start out in SG.

With this happening, it's no surprise that the majority of qualified candidates for higher SG office are Greeks. If you don't provide equal access at the ground level, it's only going to be worse at the top.

But if truly opening up to everyone is too big of a leap for SG right now, why not at least be politically correct in their unfair restriction of government offices?

There are plenty of sororities out there who are just as experienced in SG as the fraternities. Surely there's no reason why one of them can't break the 24-year-and-counting female drought at the top Accent position.

It has to start somewhere.

Hopefully, some day, SG will realize why the phrase, "If you want a representative government, you have to have a government that is representative of the people," is not redundant.

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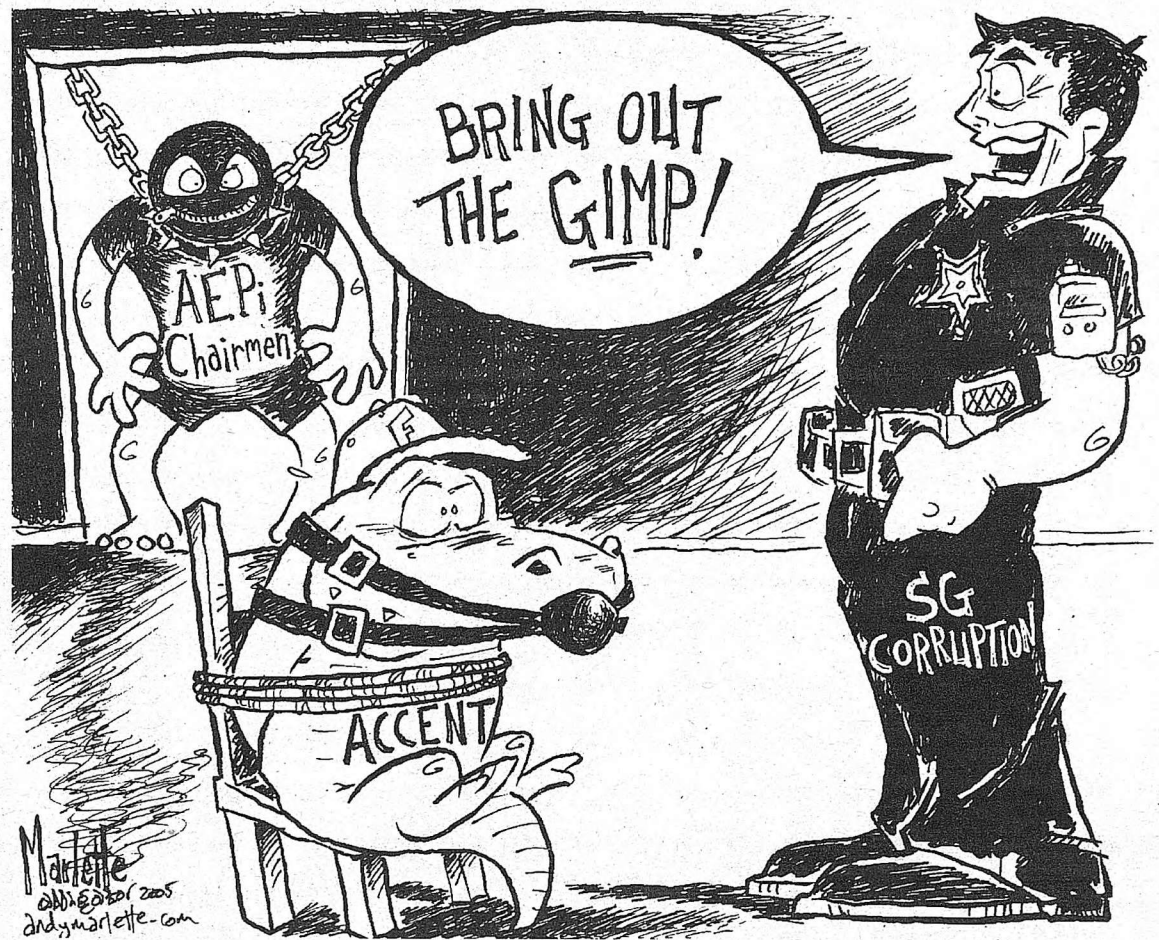
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Column

Opinionated professors can go too far

One of the most important purposes of the university system is to expose students' minds to the most important debates of the day and encourage critical thinking on those issues. To represent these issues objectively, it takes earnest professors who can stand at the center of the debate and present balanced arguments. Naturally, during this exchange, the professors' thoughts on the issues discussed will likely percolate out. But at what point has a professor taken this too far? At what point does he or she cease to be a teacher and start to be a preacher?

There's been much fuss on this subject lately at the University of Colorado. It centers around a guy named Ward Churchill, head of the department of ethnic studies, who wrote a paper after Sept. 11, 2001, titled "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens." In it, he called the workers at the World Trade Center "Little Eichmanns" and argued that they got what was coming to them. "Little Eichmanns" is a reference to Adolph Eichmann, who masterminded the logistics of the Holocaust. Churchill insinuated in a later interview that it might take several tragedies similar to Sept. 11 to bring people around to his point of view.

Opponents argue Churchill is insane, a waste of taxpayers' money and that he should be fired. Churchill's supporters argue that he is a tenured professor exercising his free speech and that firing him would set a dangerous precedent of censorship (see Jason Levitt's column in Monday's Alligator.) There have been allegations that he misquoted and misrepresented sources for a paper on genocide and that further evidence has shown Churchill is not an American Indian — despite his claims to that effect, which he may have used to gain employment as a professor of ethnic studies.

So, Churchill is nutty — how does this affect the lives of the UF student body? What if Churchill is not an isolated



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nut but instead is simply the most malignant tumor in an intellectual cancer of American academia? Paul Campos, a professor of law at the University of Colorado, said, "One of the many ironies of this scandal that threatens to undermine academic freedom is that it couldn't have happened if those who decided to hire, tenure and promote Churchill had taken advantage of

academic freedom themselves."

Now should be the time to ask ourselves if UF has a selection process robust enough to put the right people in teaching and research positions. This is not a simple process; a good teacher should make his or her students feel somewhat uncomfortable. I know differential equations and organic chemistry both made me feel like my head would implode, but I'm a better person for taking the classes.

What should a student do, though, if he or she feels that a professor has crossed the line? If a professor is preaching instead of teaching, you can start by lodging a complaint with the university Ombudsmen by visiting <http://www.ombudsman.ufl.edu> or e-mailing thoward@ufl.edu.

However, it's a personal belief of mine that the cure for false speech is not censorship but more speech. To do this, for example, write in to your friendly neighborhood advocate at the Alligator so he can publicize your plight. I can be reached at advocate@alligator.org or on AOL Instant Messenger as ufadvocate.

A robust dialogue on the issue of academic bias might hurt now, but it's necessary to uphold the high principles upon which the American university system has been founded.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Does it bother you that so many Accent chairmen came from AEPi?

Wednesday's question: Should economic sanctions against North Korea be increased?

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Letters to the Editor

Parties' actions don't inspire confidence

Editor: Campaign violations are inexcusable, especially by those parties that previously have been involved in Student Government. There was a huge stack of election timelines in the SG Office which blatantly said "February 14, 2005 Financial Information Due by 5 PM - 751.0." This is more than enough notice; Supervisor of Elections Ali Blye, a student like the rest of us, is not responsible for calling every party and independent candidate to remind them of each due date. Impact Party member Andre Samuels said his party has no expenses to report — so how are there hundreds of professionally copied fliers and the Web site www.impactuf.com (which was registered on Feb. 1)? A party with the current Student Body treasurer as a candidate

should have someone who knows how to file an expense report.

Each party should make every attempt to comply with the regulations. The parties are asking us, the student body, to trust them with our millions of dollars of A&S fees. If they can't follow simple rules, why should we believe they can take on this responsibility?

The newly elected Elections Commission needs to take a stand and reprimand — and fine, if possible — all parties that are in violation of the election code, from missing reports to illegal fliers posted on campus. How else can SG hope to persuade students elections are more than just selecting who gets a snazzy resume?

Zachery Jacobson
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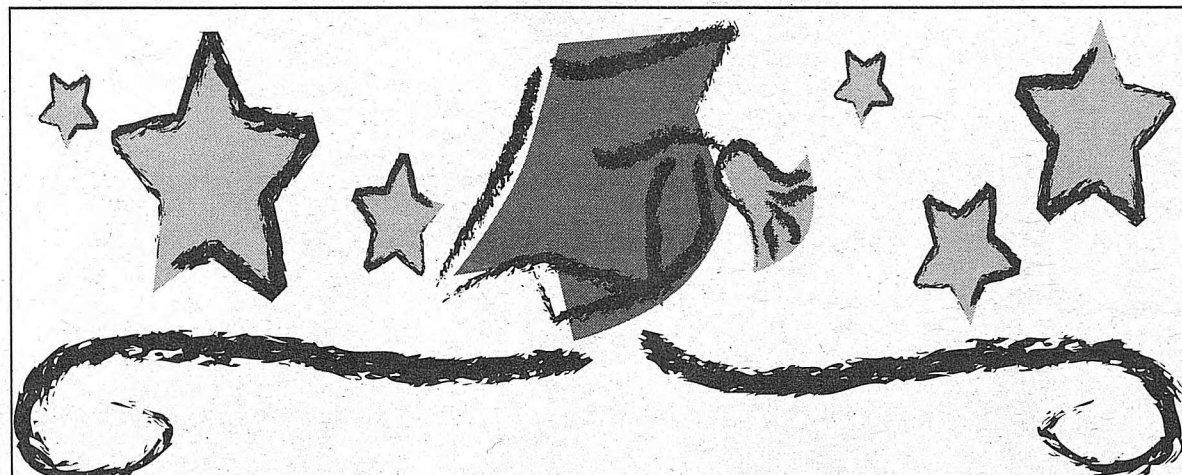
Republicans ignore advances in society

Editor: Allison Cullin's haughty rant about the inclusiveness of Howard Dean's policies is a clear indicator of how out of touch Republicans are with the progress our nation has made. She asserts that by courting non-voters, who she implies are useless during election cycles, the Democratic Party will continue to lose ground. However, her assertions go against the very fabric of the American democratic spirit. Our country is founded on the principles of uniting our population in progress towards the future: Not only have we been a leader in setting the standard for civil liberties globally, but we also have achieved the status of a superpower through our leading technologies and industries. I stress that all of this only is possible because of a united

society and policies of inclusiveness, from Franklin Roosevelt's programs that helped pull the working class from the brink of starvation to Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society and War on Poverty. These programs reached out to all people in an effort to unite our society. Without reaching out to all sections of our population, we would not be where we are today. By making assertions that advocate separation from an alienated part of society, Cullin is calling for a policy of domestic isolationism that could put to ruin everything our government has done to unite our population.

We must embrace all people, both voter and non-voter, if we are to continue the noble ideals we have worked so hard to achieve.

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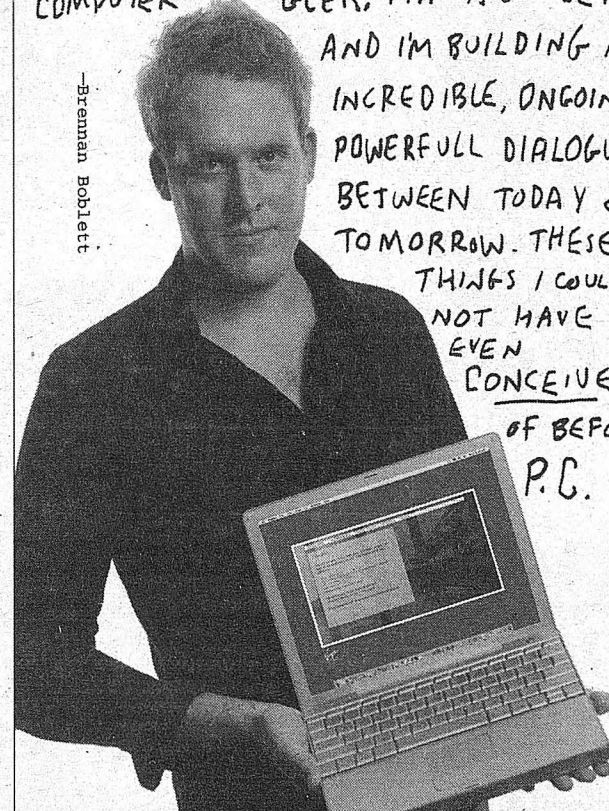
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LOCAL COURTS

Arguments begin in trial

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Prosecutors painted a tableau that included a drug deal gone bad, a car crash into a city commissioner's house and a friend caught in the crossfire, making Wednesday's beginning to the double-homicide trial of Willie Hudson seem like the setup for a detective novel.

The scenario to be unraveled by a jury this week may prove fittingly convoluted.

At the proceeding, witnesses said victim Kevin Harris was at a friend's house on July 2, 2003, when he climbed into a silver Buick Riviera with second victim John Adkins. Prosecutors allege Hudson was in the vehicle's backseat, unbeknownst to Harris. Although the windows of the car were tinted, prosecutors noted that the vehicle's subsequent violent rocking suggested a struggle took place before the car sped down the road.

However, a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun fired from the vehicle's backseat, not an erratic driver, ultimately killed Harris and Adkins, said William Hamilton, medical examiner for the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court.

After being shot in the back of the head, Adkins lost control of the vehicle, which plowed into City Commissioner Craig Lowe's porch, situated at 1034 NE 5th Ave., according to reports.

Hudson returned to an apartment owned by Adkins later that night "anxious" and "scared," said witness Jacqueline Jennings, whom Adkins had paid \$100 for a ride from Lake Wales to Gainesville the day before he and Harris were killed.

Adkins left his own car in Lake Wales with the intention of borrowing Hudson's silver Buick Riviera to complete a drug transaction once he reached Gainesville, prosecuting attorney Geoffrey Fleck said in his opening statement.

Jennings, 22, and Adkins arrived at the Madison Pointe apartment Adkins shared with girlfriend Olivia Laborde at around 1:30 a.m. on July 2, 2003, Jennings said.

Hudson drove up at approximately 10 a.m. and later left with Adkins in Hudson's car, Jennings said.

When Hudson returned, he had a gash on his face as well as cuts and small spatters of blood on

his clothing, Jennings said.

"He looked like he had been in a fight or something," she said.

Hudson said he and Adkins were robbed and instructed Jennings to call the police. Meanwhile, he took a shower and changed out of his soiled clothes, Jennings said.

Police recovered a green towel from the scene that tested positive for DNA traces of Harris' and Adkins' blood, prosecutors said.

In his cross-examination of Jennings, defense attorney Stephen Bernstein asked if she had taken a shower after Hudson.

"I'm not going to get in no shower that was nasty the way it looked in there," Jennings said.

"At first he was praying and stuff and telling God he didn't mean to...I asked him what he was going to do with his clothes, and he said he was going to burn them because 'In a situation like this, you have to.'"

Jacqueline Jennings
witness

There was blood mixed with water on the floor, she said.

Hudson asked others to find out what happened to Adkins, who had been taken to an area hospital in critical condition. He died shortly after being admitted.

Jennings and Hudson then drove back to Lake Wales in Jennings' car, she said.

Jennings said she asked Hudson what really happened between he and Adkins.

"At first he was praying and stuff and telling God he didn't mean to...I asked him what he was going to do with his clothes, and he said he was going to burn them because 'In a situation like this, you have to,'" she said.

But Bernstein, who began his opening statement with the phrase, "Lies, more lies and an alibi," stressed that Jennings, a 5-time felon, has a history of lying, even under oath at a September 2003 grand jury hearing regarding Hudson's case.

City hopefuls debate

By IVETTE MENDEZ

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The party was at Voodoo Lounge on Wednesday — the Democratic Party at least.

The Alachua County Young Democrats forum featured seven of the nine City Commission candidates for the March 29 election, none of whom are Republicans.

"We didn't think they'd want to come," ACYD President Jeanna Mastrodicasa said.

But before tackling the serious issues, Mastrodicasa polled the candidates on their favorite movie, musician and television show.

At-Large incumbent Rick Bryant enjoys Elton John, while District 2 candidate Grant Thrall watches "American Chopper."

One topic that dominated was the proposed GRU plant.

However, instead of offering his stance, Mike Belle said "we need to cut how much energy we use."

Also discussed was the creation of more jobs.

"Everything in Gainesville is going up, except the wages," said candidate Dyonne McGraw.

At-Large hopeful Gabriel Kaimowitz called himself "fun."

"I will not win if the media makes this election boring," Kaimowitz said.

Bureau courts diverse speakers

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by participating in SG, she said.

"Skills I was able to learn as a student in Accent have taught me how to be a successful professional," Emas said. "Strong professional women can say that they learned from their SG experiences."

Accent Chairman David Buchalter said he has no bearing on SG's past, but has worked in his capacity to improve relationships with all student organizations, especially multicultural groups.

"Accent makes every effort to bring talented and diverse speakers," Buchalter said. "We've done over 20 co-sponsorships this year."

The bureau has co-sponsored events with the Dominican Student Association, Islam on Campus, Black History Month, Women's History Month and the Disability Affairs Cabinet this year, he

said.

Nikki Fried, Student Body president during the 2002 - 2003 academic year, said she has been impressed by the women speakers Accent has brought to campus.

"We've had Janet Reno, Madeleine Albright, Maya Angelou," she said. "I could go on and on."

And women leaders need to play their part in pursuing SG positions, she said.

"I was the third woman to be elected president in UF history," Fried said. "It would be a travesty to wait another 15 years to see another woman or minority Student Body president."

"We haven't been at UF for dozens of years," Student Body President Jamal Sowell said.

"My own president didn't support me," Sowell said, noting then-Student Body president Kyle Jones supported his competition, the Innovate Party. "I broke away from the norm."

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If you told me last week Nintendo wanted me to play bongos, I wouldn't have understood.

Read about Brett's experiences at Nintendo's College Media Day on pg. 12.

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Common Grounds - April, Paper Cranes, Team Mascot
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Poetic Justice

By ARLYN HERNANDEZ

If you are expecting to hear the beats of bongo drums or the snapping rhythms of beatniks, Poetic Pandelirium on Thursdays at The Orange & Brew is not what you are looking for.

A night for shy and not-so-shy poets and writers to spill their emotions into the microphone, Poetic Pandelirium is sponsored by The Reitz Union Board, The Apartment Poets and the creators of "exhale."

Earlier this month, the two-hour-long event at the Reitz Union restaurant hosted poets from the sponsoring groups as well as a handful of volunteers from the crowd.

The Orange & Brew, besides being filled with the sound of Starbucks coffee being blended, was swarming with poetry-goers once the night progressed.

Those who wanted to be close to the action gathered on various round tables set up in front of the stage.

The second-level sofa seating housed those who preferred a more removed experience, as well as comfort.

Kevin Harris, a founding member of the Apartment Poets, served as MC for the night and spent most of his time dropping occasional jokes and screeching various lines from "It's Raining Men" to get volunteers to loosen up and

share their poems with the audience.

"If you want a cheap date, come on out to these events," Harris said with a sarcastic chuckle.

The event, as well as the various open mic nights and musical acts throughout the week, is free and open to the public.

Harris, who was wearing a black t-shirt sporting the letters "APT." on the front and "Poets" on the back, broke the ice by reciting an original poem before anyone else.

His poem, titled "Fantasy Whisper," set the tone for the night, which was filled with poems of love, hurt and oppression.

Poet after poet shuffled on stage to share intimate scriptures with the audience, looking out into the darkness of the room while random music played in the background and stage lights shined behind them.

About halfway through, seven poets both from the sponsoring groups collaborated on stage to feature the debut of "Justice," a passionate piece written from the point of view of each of the multiculturally diverse performers.

Standing in formation, they simultaneously recited the poem, as well as broke off from the pact to deliver their own words into one of the three microphones on stage.

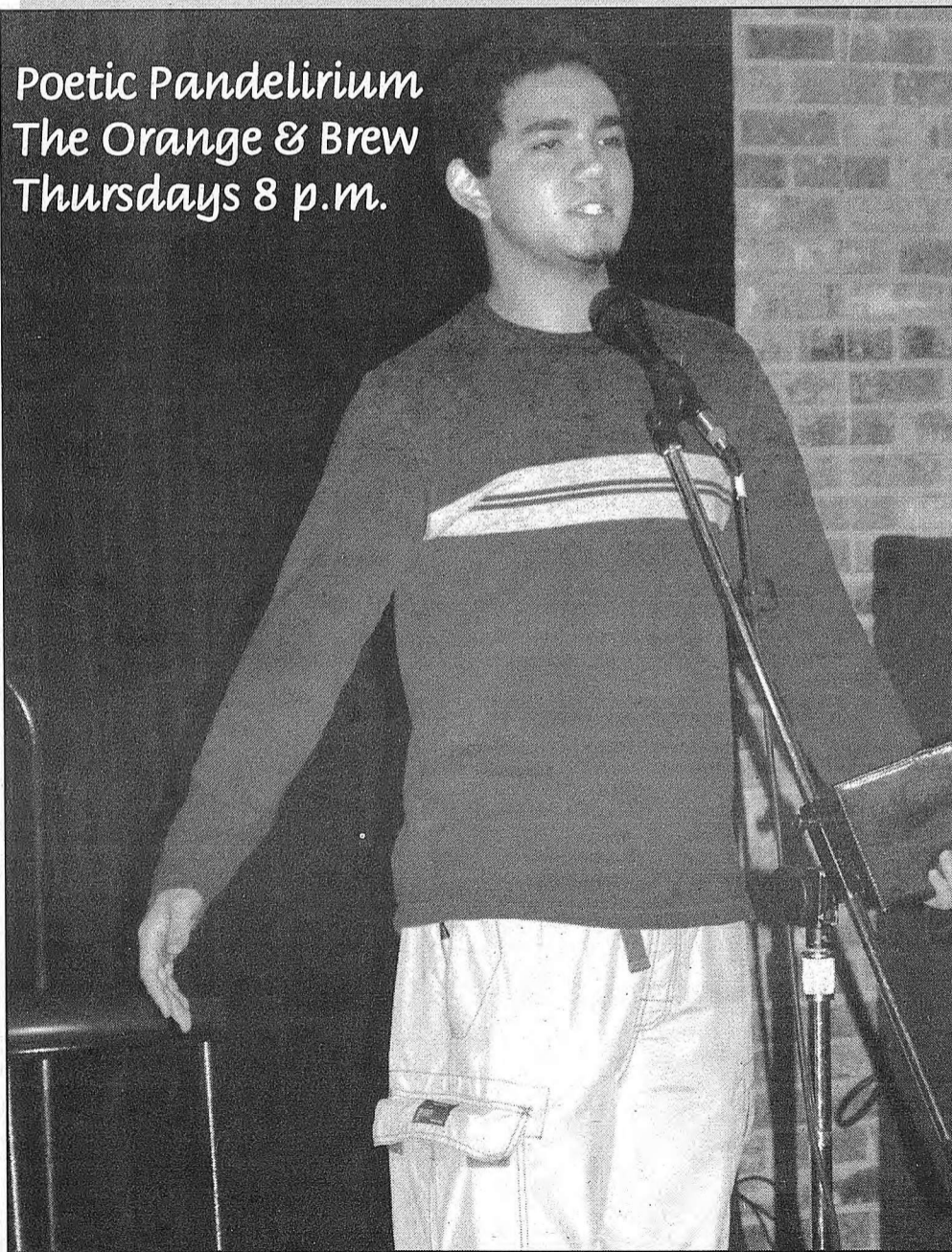
If poetry titled "College is Bitch" and "Angry Black Woman" does not entice you to come out on a Thursday evening, future events might be right up your alley.

RUB, which sponsors entertainment on campus throughout the year, has multiple events coming soon.

On Feb. 24, the Local Brew musical showcase, which will be featuring local bands at the coffee-serving venue, will begin at 8 p.m.

Other future events include dinner, performance and book signing by a former heroin-addicted poet and novelist in March, as well as Country Western Night in April.

Poetic Pandelirium
The Orange & Brew
Thursdays 8 p.m.



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An "exhale" poet recites angry lines about political corruption and pop culture at Poetic Pandelirium at The Orange & Brew on Thursday, Feb. 3.

ON CAMPUS

Whirling Dervishes to bring Sufi traditions to stage

BY COLIN MCCANDLESS

Avenue writer

The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi will perform their Mevlevi Ritual Dance or Sema, at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The dance, part of the Sufi religious order, consists of several stages of music and twirling movements each representing different aspects of the faith. The Sema commemorates the teachings and writings of the great 13th century mystical poet, spiritual master and philosopher Mevlana Jalaladdeen Rumi.

A dervish, or apprentice, in relation to the Sufi order, means learning a profession that will provide eternal livelihood.

The Mevlevi order originated in Rumi's home of Konya,

Anatolia, (modern-day Turkey), then part of the Seljuk Empire. Rumi was born in 1207 at Balkh in present-day Afghanistan, but his family moved to Turkey to flee the invading Mongols, according to www.ruminights.com.

The Sufi order Rumi founded is steeped in the Islam tradition, and its doctrine focuses on divine love, tolerance, worship of God, community and personal development. Rumi's message of peace, love and tolerance draws followers today worldwide and has been embraced by Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

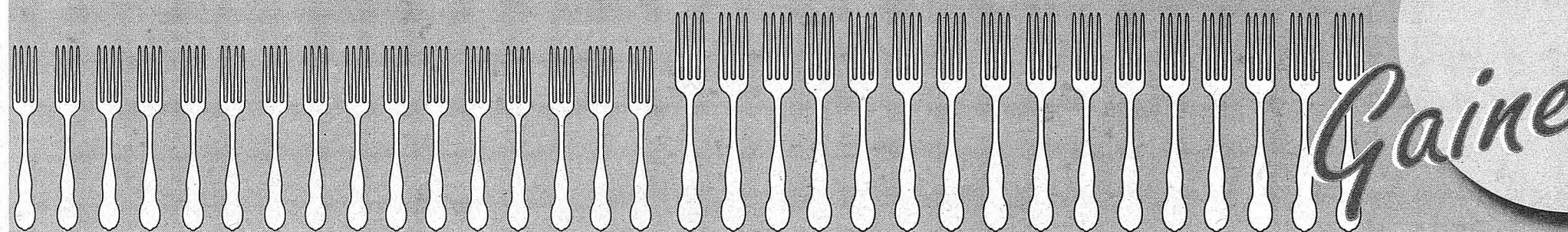
The ultimate goal of Sufism is to reach Allah through attainment of maturity and perfection, and the Whirling Dervishes program demonstrates one way of achieving this spiritual enlightenment. The Mevlevi Sufi tradition has been celebrated in

the West during the 20th century and is preserved in contemporary cultural ways such as the dance of the Whirling Dervishes of Rumi, who are touring universities in the southeastern United States.

The Whirling Dervishes are sponsored by local and non-profit organizations, and the Gainesville show comes to the Phillips Center on behalf of the Silk Road Club, whose group mission is to foster inter-cultural and religious dialogue and understanding through creative collaborations like the Rumi performance. Tickets for Tuesday's show range from \$21 to \$36 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or the Phillips Center.

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They're badfish too: Sublime tribute band hits G'ville

BY JUNE CAPIELLO
Avenue Writer

Out of Long Beach, Calif., Sublime introduced the refreshing sound of ska, reggae and punk fusion when they toured along the West Coast in the mid-1990s.

But the untimely death of lead singer Brad Nowell due to a drug overdose meant most fans on the East Coast and Midwest never would have a chance to see Sublime live.

With that in mind, Joel Hanks, Dave

Ladin and Scott Begins of Rhode Island formed Badfish, a tribute band, to give those who missed Sublime the first time around a chance to hear their songs played live.

Badfish is scheduled to play Wednesday at The Side Bar at 9 p.m. The cover is \$8.

The band hailing from Matunuck, R.I., formed in the spring of 2001 as a side project for the three members, who each were in separate bands.

Encouraged by positive feedback each time they covered a Sublime song, the mem-

bers eventually left their respective bands to focus on Badfish and tour full time. The band played 180 shows last year.

Although a tribute band, Badfish doesn't try to impersonate all aspects of the band they're covering.

"We're not trying to be Sublime," said Hanks, the band's bassist. "We're just a band playing Sublime songs. It's great."

Hanks said hometown shows in Rhode Island draw a crowd of 1,500 every time.

Badfish even has played with singer/

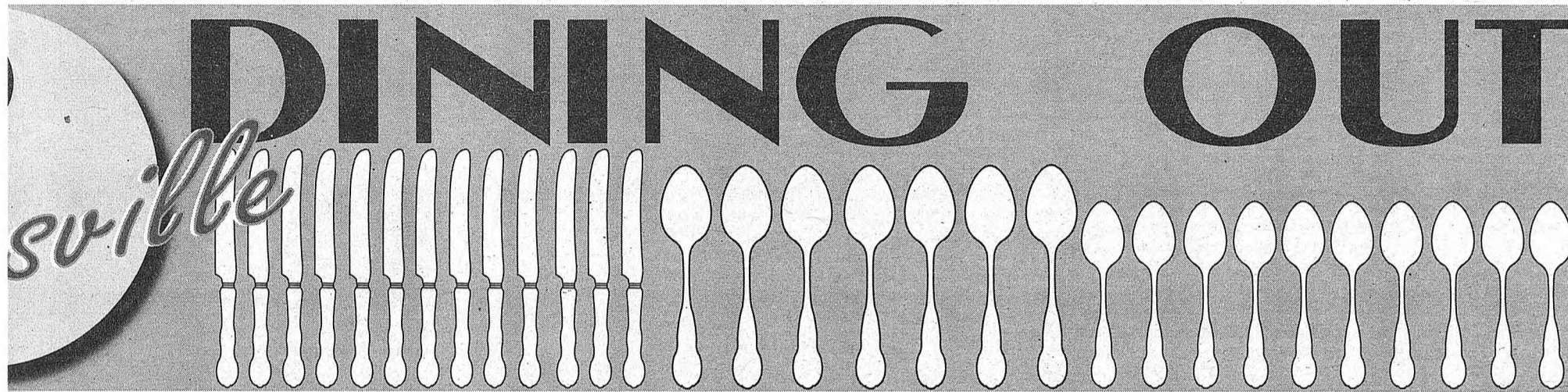
songwriter Jimmy Buffet, who came up on stage during a show in Nantucket, Mass.

Buffet played "Brown-Eyed Girl," "No Woman No Cry" and "The Joker with the Band," Hanks said.

Despite all of the cities they've visited, Wednesday will be Badfish's debut in Gainesville.

Hanks hopes even the skeptics will come to the show to check it out.

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New game incites bongo madness

Nintendo always has been known for their innovation. As long as I can remember, it has been their increasingly superior Game Boys, quality "out-there" games, such as "Pikmin" and "Paper Mario," and crazy ideas — the not-so-popular, yet original Virtual Boy — that have defined Nintendo from its competitors.

I mean, really, the company has built its whole fan base upon a short plumber who fights a dinosaur. And because of all this, I've learned to expect Nintendo to build something just a little different.

Still, if you had told me last week Nintendo wanted me to come to Seattle to play bongos, I wouldn't have understood.

Much like you don't understand now.

But on Friday at Nintendo's College Media Day, I did just that. I got a preview of "Donkey Kong Jungle Beat," yet another innovative game from the Nintendo assembly line, and a slew of other products that promise something new.

Jungle Beat is a fast-paced sidescroller with lush graphics and gameplay reminiscent of the revolutionary "Donkey Kong Country."

Players control DK as he pinballs through hordes of animal opposition on his kingdom-wide quest to consume all of the fruit in existence.

Sound familiar? It is, but while this simple premise is nothing new to the DK series, in "Jungle Beat" the controls make all the difference.

Packaged with the game is a specialized GameCube controller shaped like a pair of bongos. Beat on the right bongo to make DK go right, left to go left. Pound faster to sprint and beat both to jump. Smack the sides or clap to attack.

And yes, you'll look stupid, but you'll get over it when you realize how much fun this game is.

Plus, mastering the bongos and DK's acrobatics will allow



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with the likes of Karate Kong and other angry apes.

On a whole, "Jungle Beat" is another example of Nintendo taking one of its classic characters and making them new again. Despite its simplicity, it's an installment to the DK series on par with any other.

Besides just bongos, Nintendo's College Media Day offered playtime with Nintendo's new handheld: the Nintendo DS. The DS, born of the realization that "people don't buy peripherals for their video games," includes dual screens, a touch screen, a microphone and wireless link-up.

But a great handheld is nothing without great games. Of the many I played, two stood out.

Like the original "WarioWare," "WarioWare: Touched!" presents players with a rapid-fire onslaught of two-second "micro-games" that now are focused on use of the DS's stylus and touch screen. Unrolling toilet paper and tickling a figure were among my favorites.

Also while I won't be abandoning my PS2 copy of Madden 2005 quite yet, Madden for the DS was a surprisingly apt replacement. Good enough to play in the brief moments when console Madden is out of reach.

You know, like class.

players to maintain a "beat combo" potentially all level, which will multiply their total score and life bar for the ensuing boss fight.

And both kinds of boss fights are an absolute blast.

Regular bosses require DK to jostle with some hairy characters until the proper exchange of explosive fruit brings about some jungle justice, while boxing matches challenge player's timing and tenacity

Platinum spins techno, lacks luster

When you call a club Platinum, I expect big things, such as glamour and excess. What I don't expect is an apartment-like space above Silver Q. Thanks to lack of knowledgeable promoting skills and a boring atmosphere, Friday's grand opening fell flat on its face.

I do applaud the promoter's effort for bringing a different kind of DJ to the club scene in Gainesville. DJ Debauchery deliver techno and house anthems reminiscent of the days when students spent most of their nights at Simon's doing "things" that led to the 2 a.m. rave ordinance.

Where the club truly fails is in the setup. After climbing up a set of stairs, I found myself going down a hallway with rooms on either side that I assumed were VIP areas. After that, I



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stumbled upon the only bar in the location.

The dance area, by far the biggest room in the series of rooms I already had passed, unfortunately was cluttered

by a sofa, loveseat and coffee table, completely unnecessary, particularly because of the lack of space.

If the owners and promoters want Platinum to survive, changes need to be made ... quickly.

First thing, a patron shouldn't have to stop and ask if this is the entrance to the locale. The name should clearly be displayed somewhere around the

entrance. A man standing under a red light isn't enough to lure people in.

The dull lighting scheme didn't stop at the entrance. The dance area featured low-wattage light bulbs that barely let you see two feet in front of you.

Also, space should be re-evaluated. Using the space wisely could create less of a chaotic feel. The bar even could be shortened in length to make more danceable room in the area, and some walls wouldn't necessarily be missed.

I can't say if there is a need for a place like Platinum, but I'm pretty sure there are people who would enjoy the techno-lounge ambience — myself included. However, it needs to be done correctly.

More creative lighting and space decor easily could make this club one that would have to turn people away.

Deciphering faux-gasms

How do I know if my girlfriend is faking it? She says she has orgasms, but I can't tell like I've been able to with other girls I've been with. Is there a way to know for sure?

-J.L.

Dear Fakin the Bacon,

Women can fake orgasms at will, no acting experience required (I could totally outdo Meg Ryan's "faux"-gasm in "When Harry Met Sally.") Actually, a counterfeit climax often is more convincing than a real one.

Everyone should make it clear to their partner there is no orgasmic expectation. This takes pressure off anyone with an ache to fake.

But if you insist on playing Detective



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Orgasm, there are a few physical signs you can scout out (although, staring at her crotch like it's a science experiment is anything but sexy.)

In most cases during a genuine flush of sexual bliss, the vaginal walls contract, the chest and

face become flushed and breathing remains heavy for a few minutes. Don't be fooled by mechanical moaning and quivering that shuts off after the supposed moment of ecstasy.

Bear in mind that every woman's orgasm is different, so what holds true for the majority isn't the case for everyone. More importantly, understanding why people (yes, guys are guilty as well) simulate satisfaction is key in overcoming a lack of coming.

Many think bringing someone to the brink quickly and consistently is the sole determinant in their ability as a lover. This type of thought process leads many to stage a counterfeit climax in order to save a partner's ego.

I'd like to single-handedly debunk this myth by revealing that the most mind-blowing moan fest of my life didn't include me coming. Fabulous sex doesn't have to involve five, or even one, big "O."

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Woman out of Africa displays art at local gallery

BY ALICIA PEREZ
Avenue Writer

She was looking for an adventure. She found it in Africa, where she remained for 28 years.

Mary Jane Volkmann's earliest childhood memory of painting was at the age of 4. She would paint, draw and make up stories to go along with the pictures.

The 53-year-old Cleveland native is this month's featured artist at the Oak Hall High School Gallery. Paintings from Swaziland and Namibia will be featured as well as original prints of postage stamps and some recent work from Gainesville.

Volkmann said she enjoys painting sceneries and landscapes.

"I love looking around and seeing interesting and beautiful things and putting it down in a tangible form," she said.

She was 23 when she traveled to Swaziland on a three-month visa. While there, she went to her friend's house and decided to paint the valley that she said had taken her breath away.

That day would change her life forever.

"I was painting, and I saw that someone had come to visit my friend," she said. "It was the king's personal physician and member of the royal family. He watched me and didn't say anything, so I continued to paint. A couple of days



Stan Kaye

Artist Mary Jane Volkmann, center, speaks with guests at the opening of her show at Oak Hall High.

later I got a call from the cabinet asking me to the city, so I got on a bus and went to the capital city."

The memory is as if it had happened yesterday, she explains. A portrait of the king painted for his 75th birthday was brought out — he wasn't happy with it.

"They asked me if I could do one for him, and I said I had no money, no work permit and no materials," the artist said. "Then

they took me into another room for tea, and I found myself with a visa, a work permit, an expense account and a chauffer that was going to take me to get the materials I needed."

The king never made private appearances, thus her paintings had to be drawn from public appearances and black and white pictures. She went to the Prince's home several times because he

was taking care of her and also helped her with color choices.

She stayed in Swaziland for 5 years before moving to Namibia and beginning the second part of her incredible journey.

While in Namibia, she was asked to design postage stamps — two of which won awards — but the highlight of her trip was being asked by Gamsberg MacMillan Publishing Co. to paint 23 por-

traits of Namibian life, she said.

It took her four-and a half years to finish the paintings.

After spending 23 years in Namibia, her husband and she agreed their two sons needed to further educate their lives.

"The funny part is that Florida was #50 on our list of choices," she said, laughing.

"My husband, Walter, was checking out some properties out west and decided to go visit my mom in Florida. He stopped in Gainesville to visit Professor Barnes and stayed with him a couple of days and fell in love with the area."

It has been two years since the move to Gainesville, and she couldn't be happier.

She still paints and focuses on painting the countryside and of people.

"I paint a lot of plein-air," she said. "I also love painting clouds and water. I just love painting because it brings me so much joy. I can paint anything and when the paint starts flowing it humbling and thrilling."

The exhibit running through March 1 is a retrospective view of her life.

It is open during school hours and free to the public.

Volkmann also is giving a series of lectures in several libraries throughout February as part of Black History Month.

PLAYLIST

Band promises wild time

BY NATHANIEL DEAS
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Although they are described as a rockabilly blues band, when Crazy Georg and the Cowboy Hotrods take the stage, you never know what you'll hear.

"Our music is also largely improvisational, to the point where at times it gets completely chromatic, which in other words means anything goes," front man Georg Koszulinski explained. "It might start with a jazz feel, but it can quickly turn into anything. But we always bring it back to something the audience recognizes. We try to push boundaries, but we also don't want our music to become inaccessible."

The band will bring their styles to Tim & Terry's Friday night, as well as to the Side Bar on Saturday.

Koszulinski expects a fun time.

"Performing with the Hotrods is insanely fun and energetic," he said. "Every performance is unique, but I think people can always expect a complete lack of inhibition on our part and a good time. Even the sad and lonely songs and the blues numbers are teeming with positive energy."

Influenced by such styles as jazz and country, Crazy Georg and the Cowboy

Hotrods make a point to be different.

"We're taking these classic American styles and re-contextualizing them in our own unique way," Koszulinski said. "It's important to us to keep these forms of art and storytelling alive, but to simply imitate our musical idols would become parody. We're making these styles relevant to us."

While playing together in indie hard-rock band Daughters of the Revolution, Koszulinski and Jared Geiger joined forces with former El Robot member Morgan Caraway to form the Cowboy Hotrods. After a couple of practices, the band hit the road, touring to St. Louis, Mo., and back. The trio recently has enlisted the talent of Don Austin on fiddle.

"Don is an incredible musician, and he's raised the bar for all of us," Koszulinski said. "It's a really exciting time because we all know how rare it is to find such great chemistry. Truthfully, performing has never been so much fun for me."

Friday's show at Tim & Terry's is free and starts at 10:30 p.m. Doors open at the Side Bar at 9 p.m., and cover is \$5.

For more information about Crazy Georg and the Cowboy Hotrods check out the band's Web site at <http://www.cowboyhotrods.lonegunartist.com/>.

Play perplexing, verbose

BY HEATHER BERGER
Avenue Writer

I entered "No Man's Land" Saturday night — and I couldn't wait to leave.

After an enigma of fancy words attacked my brain for about 90 minutes, I left the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre wondering what I just witnessed.



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Harold Pinter's "No Man's Land," as performed by the ART, was an unbearably strange theatrical experience unlike anything I'd ever call decent. I took the necessary steps to receive help after my daunting experience. I felt weak and small, perplexed by this play that the director, Sidney Homan, referred to as "revolving around reality and illusion." I took a trip down Google Lane to find answers, something to grab onto that would give me a little insight into "No Man's Land."

From Pinter's official Web site, <http://www.haroldpinter.com>, I inferred that "No Man's Land" was meant to enlighten the audience about the inevitability of old age. It was supposed to focus on Pinter, a successful writer who is creatively blocked in no man's land, and Spooner, a failed poet who tries to rescue Pinter from his slump. Foster and Briggs, as Pinter's assistants, also were supposed to help ask

the ultimate question of what is to be done when there is nothing left to do.

It's a good thing I had Google help me out, because I never would have known that otherwise.

The ART's version of what is, arguably, Pinter's most written-about play was misleading and unclear.

In roles originally written for men, both Foster and Briggs were female at the ART. I believe in changing the gender of a character, one essentially changes the character. Although it is a directorial choice, I found the choice ineffective.

Within the first minutes of dialogue between Spooner and the two assistants, both ladies were canoodling with him on a tiny couch. It was uncharacteristic of two professional assistants, and I saw it as a cheap shot at women. For two women meant to dress as assistants, their short skirts and cleavage did not reflect that.

Shamrock McShane, who played Spooner, did an excellent job with his character. Just as in "The Votive Pit," which he wrote and starred in last month, McShane's quality acting carried the rest of the cast.

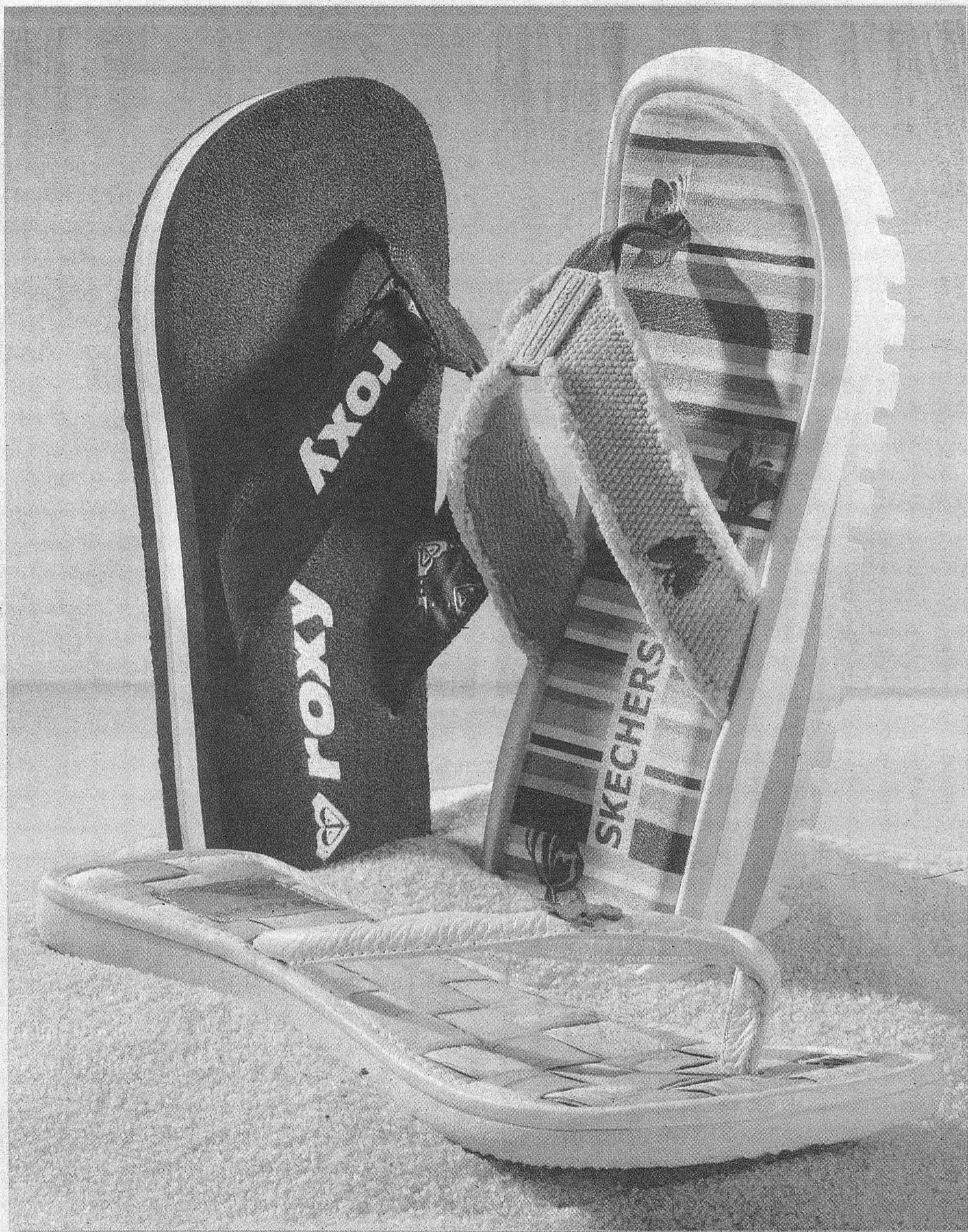
In his director's notes, Homan described the play as a "strange and beautiful and comic and mysterious world."

I get the feeling Pinter intended this play to revolve around questions — some which are answered and some which are left to discover.

The only thing I left the ART questioning was where I should go for dinner.

"No Man's Land" is at the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre from Feb. 10-26.

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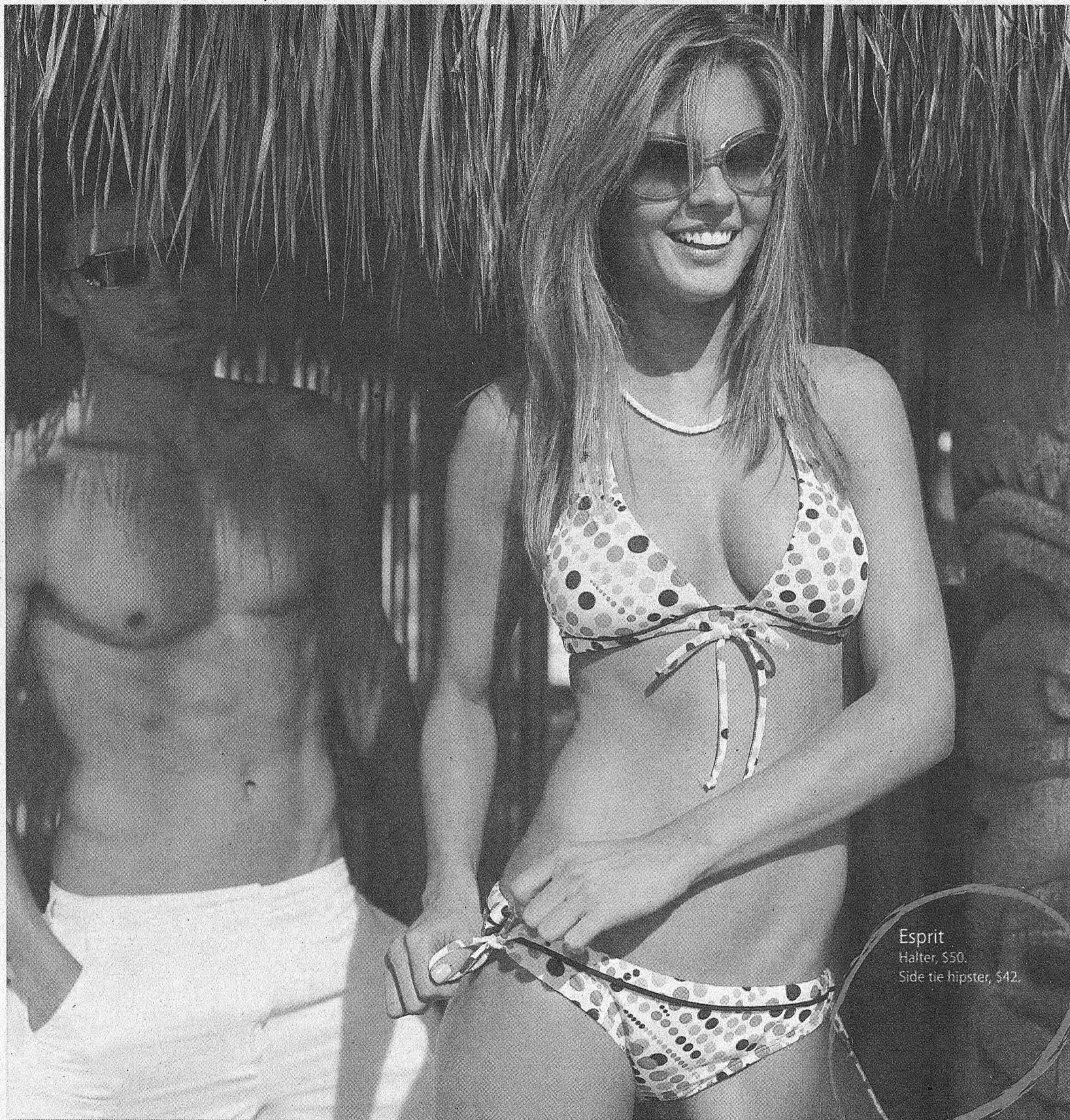


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Country crooners to play O'Dome

BY KEELEY MCCARTY
Avenue writer

Rascal Flatts will croon tunes from their new CD, "Feels Like Today" at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Friday night.

The concert, which will start at 8 p.m., will feature the rising country trio after soloist Blake Shelton.

Their self-titled debut had went platinum just five years ago, but the group already has achieved notable success within the country music scene.

In 2003, the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music and the American Society

of Composers, Authors and Publishers all named Rascal Flatts the Vocal Group of the Year. CMA honored them with the title again in 2004.

Not only are they popular for their musical talents, the three 30-something men have achieved sex-symbol status with their female audience.

The O'Connell Center show is part of their "Here's To You" tour, named for a track off the new album, specifically dedicated to fans.

Tickets can be purchased for \$41 at the University Box Office or for varying other charges at the Oaks Mall Information Booth and Ticketmaster.

Film explores mutilation custom

Female circumcision. Just the thought of it is enough to send an uncomfortable chill down my spine.

However archaic and unheard of this ancient ritual might be to our society today, there still are places in the world where it is a common practice.

In the 2004 African film "Moolaadé," writer and director Ousmane Sembene creates a provocative and controversial story that pits itself against the ancient practice.

"Moolaadé," set in modern day Senegal, is the story of a small village divided by the opposing views toward the mutilation ritual. The film begins when a group of four young girls looking to avoid purification, as the circumcision ritual is known, run to the protection of Collé Ardo Galle Sy (Fatoumata Coulibaly).

Collé, a strong-willed wife of a village tribesman, takes the girls in and offers them protection.

To keep the girls safe, Collé invokes the spell-like call for sanctuary known as moolaadé. The time honored tradition of moolaadé, is made to protect the weak who can't stand for themselves.

Collé, who refused to have her own daughter, Amasatou (Salimata Traoré), circumcised years earlier, becomes the center of a controversy that has both men and women in the village choos-



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ing sides in the argument. Amasatou's prospective marriage to the heir to the tribal throne is questioned as more controversy ignites over the kind of girl he should marry.

"Moolaadé" displays the villages resistance to two respected traditions, both that of female genital mutilation and that of sanctuary. By challenging these customs, Sembene reflects the changes in modern-day African culture as modern values shake the foundation of its past.

Winner of the "Un Certain Regard" at the last year's Cannes Film Festival, "Moolaadé" provides an interesting insight into a colorful culture rich in tradition. Though the subject is heavy and the plot moves slowly at times, this film is a thought provoking piece that can relate to all cultures in that it challenges the traditions of the past.

"Moolaadé" opens Friday at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place, and runs until Feb. 24.

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Records broken on first day of SEC's

By **BRIAN STEELE**
Alligator Writer

Perhaps it was foreshadowing when The Temptations' "Ain't Too Proud To Beg" thundered throughout the O'Connell Center during warm-ups at the Southeastern Conference Swimming Championships Wednesday night. The lyrics "Please, don't leave me, girl," may have been a precedent of what was to come.

Both the UF men and women did leave the other teams behind, combining to set three new SEC relay records.

Junior Ryan Lochte broke the SEC record in his 200-yard split of the 800-yard freestyle relay and had the second-fastest all-time American record, 1:33.07.

Despite setting records, the season is by no means finished for the Gators. Senior Will Ratliff has loftier expectations.

"Tonight was just kind of a breeze-through; I think we're going to be a lot faster in a couple weeks," Ratliff said.

After helping the Gators set a new SEC record in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:25.03, senior Gabriel Mangabeira said that the UF men's focus needs to stay the same.

"It's a great feeling to break a record. We're just looking forward to the rest of the week," Mangabeira said. "We still have to swim as good as possible, and make the crowd loud."

Before the meet, Coach Gregg Troy said the younger swimmers would need to make an impact for the team to succeed.

"It's amazing being able to represent my team in my first year," said freshman Samantha Vanderbilt, a member of the third-place 200 individual medley relay team. "The older girls were behind me the whole way, so it wasn't that hard. We know how to back each other up."

The UF women won the gold medal in the 800 freestyle relay, setting the NCAA record with a time of 7:00.25. The men also broke the 800 freestyle relay record with a time of 6:16.25.

Troy said the team's cohesiveness is surprising.

"We knew we were capable, but whether you can put all four [swimmers] together in a relay like that was exceptional," Troy said. "We still have three full days. Competitors like Auburn and Georgia just use it as motivation to come back even better tomorrow. We have to go calm down, get a good night's sleep and be ready for another day."



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Swimmer Leah Retrum and the UF women's swimming team won a gold medal in the 800-yard freestyle relay on Wednesday.

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If he can instill that into them, the Gators will grab two games this weekend.

Now, it's time to hear Gregg's company line about how the regular season games don't mean much — only the playoffs count.

However, there's a twist.

Much like Kentucky's dominance of UF in basketball during the regular season, it will most likely transfer to the postseason, whether the teams meet up in the conference tournament or (chuckle) the NCAA Tourney. All regular season results do is reaffirm that one team is clearly better than the other on the scoreboard — and this fact won't change when the postseason rolls around.

That applies to college baseball as well.

Miami has imposed its will on the Gators in the regular season and postseason. So, in a sense, we can gauge whether UF has a fighting chance of defeating Miami in regional play based on this weekend's series.

As said before, the Gators have to do it without dribbling the ball around like their basketball counterparts.

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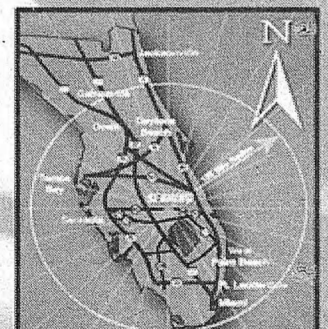
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BASEBALL

2004: Regional not Super for Gators

By **TIM CASEY**
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Eight long months ago, Miami ended the UF baseball team's season for a third consecutive year. The stakes were even higher in this loss, as the Gators were playing in their first-ever Super Regional round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We slightly let the games get away from us," current sophomore Brian Leclerc said. "They're close games, but we threw them away. They made some big-time plays; they're a great team. They're tough to beat down there."

The Gators entered the best-of-three series with a 43-20 record, while the Hurricanes stood at 47-11.

"We're one of the few clubs in the country, a year ago, to win a road regional," Coach Pat McMahon said. "We showed

heart, character and so much toughness when typically things fold."

In the first game, SEC Pitcher of the Year Justin Hoyman took the mound for UF.

UF jumped out to a 4-2 lead, but Miami scored six unanswered runs, all unearned, against Hoyman.

"Sometimes, one play has a significant effect on the outcome of the game," McMahon said. "Justin pitched his heart out in every way."

The Gators rallied with three runs in the eighth inning, but left the tying run stranded at second. Leclerc led off the inning with a double, followed by a home run by current junior shortstop Justin Tordi.

"I think when I was a freshman last year, I'll be honest: I kinda think that the hype got at me a little bit," Leclerc said. "Playing in their place, they were overconfident. I think we

had confidence, but we could have had a little bit more swagger to our game."

The eighth-inning rally wasn't enough to overcome five errors, and the Gators fell 8-7.

The next day, the Gators faced the Hurricanes' undefeated Cesar Carrillo, while current senior Connor Falkenbach, named to the SEC All-Tournament team, started for UF.

"I threw a complete game against Georgia in the SEC Tournament, then I came back and threw a complete game in the Regional," Falkenbach said. "And, of course, unfortunate to face Miami and they got to me. They beat me."

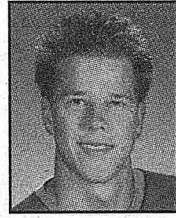
The Gators would score their only run in the first inning.

Carrillo would not allow a base hit after the fourth inning, giving Miami a 3-1 win and another trip to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"It was a very hot, warm, muggy, tough environment," McMahon said. "Connor pitched unbelievably in that ballgame."

Falkenbach was removed with two outs in the eighth when Miami had a runner on first with two outs. Gators reliever Darren O'Day picked off the Hurricane runner, and the two teams went to the bottom of the eighth.

"At that time of the year, with only 16 teams left, regardless of who your opponent is, breaks happen," McMahon said. "I believe you make your own breaks. To play yourself into that position where a bounce here, a swing there, can make or break you, you have to believe to be able to perform through."



Falkenbach

UF hits 11 three-pointers

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"Believe me, it was an overhaul the first three or four games back," Donovan said.

Donovan said that Walsh was attempting to score too much, too soon.

Now, Walsh has turned his swollen foot into a hot hand, scoring 18.6 points per game.

"[Donovan] was just taking pressure off me," Walsh said. "He knows how much pressure I put on myself."

Donovan said Walsh now seems to have relieved that pressure, allowing the game to come to him instead of forcing his shots.

"It's almost like he let go of all his burdens," Donovan said. "I think Matt's greatest strength is his greatest weakness. He is such a great competitor."

While Donovan may be happy that the third pillar of his team is once again standing strong, the coach who said he won't crack a smile until season's end remains cautiously realistic.

"Matt is doing a good job," Donovan said. "He's playing good basketball. But you know what? We're going to need Matt Walsh to play just as well [against LSU] Saturday if we're going to have a chance."

Brewer, Roberson: team developing 'killer mentality'

BASKETBALL, from page 27

Lee also exhibited valor toward the end of the game when he attempted to draw a charge on guard Bam Doyne. Lee then peeled himself from the floor with a bloody lip that required three stitches.

The energy and determination was found in every UF player. With the Gators nursing a 46-33 halftime lead, Donovan

chided his players for not flooring the pedal against the Rebels. UF left the locker room a re-energized team.

"We have to have that killer mentality," freshman guard Corey Brewer said. "Coach told us that we had to come out of the half and put it to 'em. We can't let up."

Before this season, the phrases "killer mentality" and "Gators" could have qualified as antonyms. But after Wednesday's game, albeit versus an undersized SEC bot-

tom-feeder, the players hinted that a knack for closing out teams is precisely what UF is trying to cultivate.

"Playing in this league and conference, feeling sorry is something that you leave to junior high," said junior Anthony Roberson, who scored a game-high 20 points. "You have to have a killer mentality where, if they're down 30, you want them down by 50. That's a mentality we're building right now and it's a mentality we have to have."

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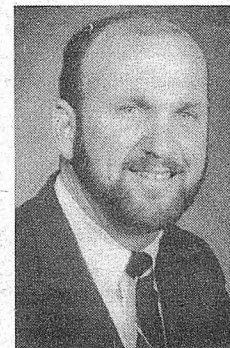
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Ah, the D-word. It's almost guaranteed to be the single word preached as the Miami Hurricanes baseball team comes to town.

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What hasn't happened in quite some time is losing the season opener — to Charleston Southern, no less. That seems to have been an anomaly, and UF has moved on.



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Rest assured that the Gators will not be putting 17 on Miami like they did against FAMU on Tuesday. By extension, don't expect UF to out-bat the Hurricanes,

because these games are rarely high-scoring.

Even if the teams score a moderate number of runs (like 15 combined in the first game of the Super Regional series last season), the Gators end up on the losing side.

Final analysis: both team's pitchers will have to hold their own, but the outcome of the series is going to depend on defense.

Yeah, that D-word.

While UF has not made too many mistakes in three of the first four games, it is that fourth game (yes, the season opener) that made fans witness to six errors and a loss. Against Miami, the loss won't be 5-4 in 11 innings — it will be a drubbing that will have fans packing early.

Coach Pat McMahon knows he has a small-ball team with an occasional affinity to hit the long ball.

He knows he has to get his players to play solid defense.

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Basketball blocks out Mississippi

By **LOUIS ANASTASIS**
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When Mississippi sent Kendrick Fox — a 6-foot-7 forward who's more Allen Iverson than Shaquille O'Neal — to half-court for the jump ball, you could sense a blowout. When the Gators opened the second half with a 28-3 run, you could feel the blowout. When UF guard Taurean Green converted two free throws into 90 points and free Subway sandwiches for the fans, the beating had already passed.

"You don't want to come here when they're playing like that," Mississippi coach Rod Barnes said.

UF (16-6, 8-3 Southeastern Conference) dismantled the Rebels (12-13, 3-9 SEC) Wednesday night 90-53.

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The Gators' rout was fueled by a game-long block party. UF swatted 10 Rebels, with freshman center Al Horford tallying a career-high seven blocks. The total tied UF's SEC and O'Connell Center record for blocks in a game.

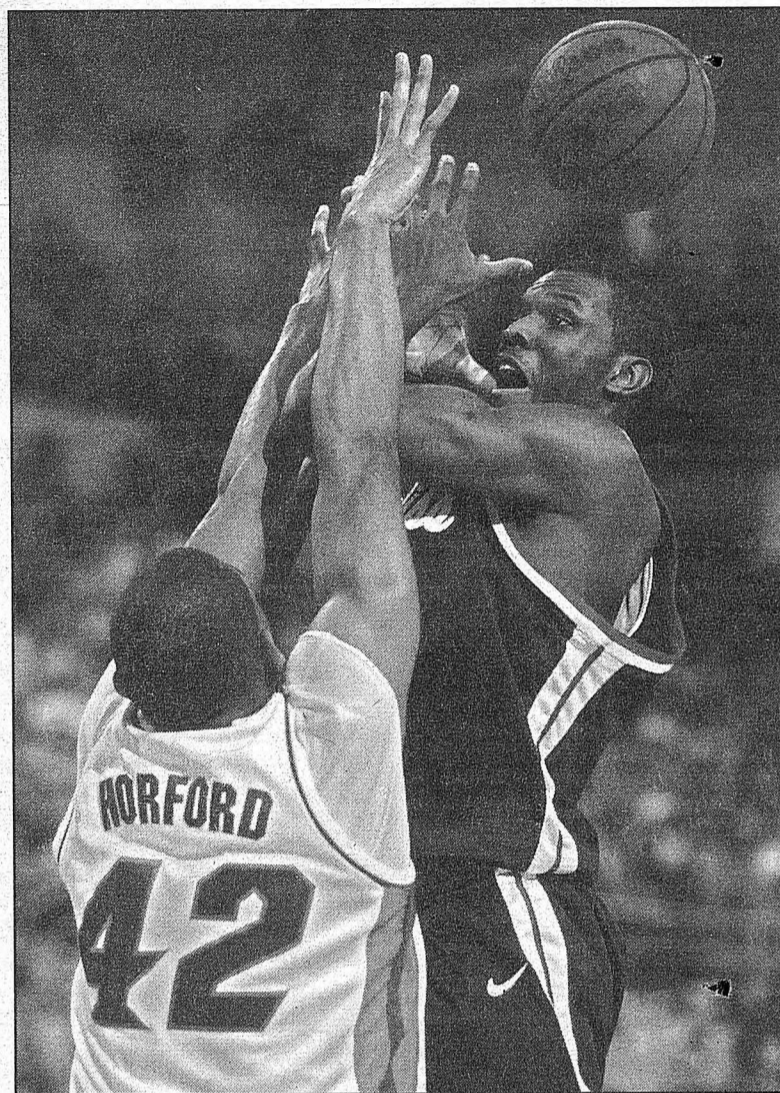
"The whole time they were backing into me, thinking I was just going to stand there," Horford said. "But I know once they let it go, I have to go for the block."

The Gators also exhibited good ball movement throughout the game, with no better example than the start of the second half. Junior guard Matt Walsh led the way with seven assists, as UF unraveled Ole Miss with crisp passing. David Lee complemented the effort with two poster-worthy dunks, both in the opening minutes of the halves.

But it was a hustle play that drew more attention than Lee's throwdowns. Early in the second half, Lee fell to the floor at his own basket while Mississippi raced the other way. Rather than jogging, Lee recovered and sprinted back to swat a Mississippi layup onto the Rebels' bench.

"What I was thinking about was being in film session tomorrow and having Coach [Billy Donovan] say, 'Look how you're behind the players,'" Lee said. "Look how you didn't get back on defense."

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UF's Al Horford reaches for a rebound during UF's 90-53 win against Mississippi. Horford blocked seven Rebels, tying two UF records.

Walsh dips hand in three-point spree

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The Gators kept shooting. The net kept swishing. The crowd kept roaring. The lead kept growing.

How many 3-pointers went through? Not even the Gators knew.

"I'm not even sure how many we made," junior guard Anthony Roberson said.

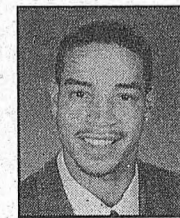
Not that it's their fault. It's pretty difficult to break out the old abacus while in the midst of a 28-3 run. Just for the record, it was nine.

"We made nine in a row?" asked junior guard Matt Walsh after the game.

That's right. Led by the hot-shooting tandem of Roberson and Walsh, the

Gators sank nine consecutive 3-pointers en route to their 90-53 defeat of Mississippi on Wednesday.

While Roberson's 20-point, 4-for-7 3-point shooting performance may seem to blur with the rest of the Southeastern Conference scoring leader's game-high performances, Walsh's sharp shooting caps a four-game confirmation that the SEC's most-hated player is back.



Roberson

Kicking off the deep-ball spurt, Walsh hit a three with 11:27 remaining in the first half to bury the Rebels beneath an insurmountable 10-point lead.

After consecutive threes by Roberson,

Walsh nailed two more of his own, finishing 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

That kind of performance was all but impossible for the junior only two weeks ago.

After returning from a severe ankle sprain against Tennessee on Jan. 19, Walsh sunk into a slump, averaging 7 points per game while his Gators went 2-2. Prior to the injury, Walsh sported a team-leading 16-point-per-game average.

"For any basketball player, it's not easy to come back in one night," Walsh explained. "Unless you're Kobe Bryant."

Still, Coach Billy Donovan warned that Walsh may not return to form for the rest of the season.

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I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ The UF softball team soared from No. 19 to No. 14 in the latest ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll. The Gators are off to an 11-1 start, best in school history.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1998: After leading the Southeastern Conference in assists and steals, UF guard Jason Williams is kicked off the team for violating team policy. Williams was in his first season as a Gator after transferring from Marshall.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Seeking ITA title, training focus turns indoors

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The UF men's tennis team is looking to improve.

After losing to Illinois 7-0 last week and dropping two spots in the rankings, the No. 5 Gators look forward to their second indoor match of the year.

This morning, the Gators enter the Mid-Town Tennis Club in Chicago for their first match in the three-day long USTA/ITA Team Indoor Championships, where 15 other teams join them in

the fight to take home the title.

For the second year in a row, UF will face No. 23 Harvard in the opening round of competition.

Harvard enters the match with a 2-1 season record.

"I never believe in saying that you have a good chance, but can we beat Harvard? Absolutely," Coach Andy Jackson said. "Now, Harvard is an indoor team and they will challenge us; I'm not expecting it's going to be easy."

Unlike other tournaments, the Indoor allows all teams three days of play — win or lose. Jackson

said what makes winning on the first day so important is the quality of play the team will experience in the following days. If



Jackson

the Gators beat Harvard, aside from remaining in contention for the title, they will face a team ranked within the top eight. It is this experience against top teams that Jackson said is most beneficial for the team — not just for the remaining season, but for

the NCAA Championships in May.

After the match against Harvard, UF will have some down time to watch other teams perform, but Jackson said this is not something he encourages.

"My philosophy as a coach is you are better off preparing for your next match, as opposed to being a spectator at an event like this," he said. "After our match, we will return to the hotel and start preparing for Friday."

In general, UF is a weaker team indoors, but Jackson said he hopes that the players will use the

experience gained against Illinois to improve their game.

The Gators have been in Chicago since late Tuesday night, which allowed for a solid practice on Wednesday.

The Gators reacquainted themselves with the indoor game, because the difference in courts often affects player's techniques.

"We are absolutely going to be ready to play Harvard and eager to do so," Jackson said.

The tennis team returns to outdoor play at home on March 2, when they host No. 1 Baylor, the defending NCAA champions.

Gators hold streak with 6-1 victory

■ **UF WON ITS 45TH STRAIGHT AGAINST FSU.**

STAFF REPORT

The No. 2 UF women's tennis team continued its dominance over Florida State with a 6-1 victory Wednesday evening at the Speicher Tennis Center. The Gators (3-0) remained perfect in

the series against the Seminoles (2-2), defeating their in-state rivals for the 45th consecutive time.

UF, which has not played since Jan. 29, opened Wednesday's dual match by winning the doubles point after claiming victories at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions. The Gators then took control of the match in singles play, with senior Zerene

Reyes earning the 11-9 win at No. 3 via a super third-set tie-break decision.

Several Gators earned straight-set victories, including junior Boglarka Berecz's 6-3, 6-3 win over Lindsay Deason, freshman Alex Liles' 6-2, 6-0 win versus Miranda Foley, sophomore Nina Suvak's 6-2, 6-3 decision against Tapiwa Marobela and freshman Whitney Benik's 6-3,

6-2 clinching win over Amberly Tantee.

UF's lone singles loss was on court No. 1, where junior Jennifer Magley dropped a tough 5-7, 7-5 (11-9) super-tiebreaker match to FSU senior Mihaela Moldovan.

The Gators return to action on Feb. 21, when UF plays host to South Florida at the Ring Tennis Complex. Matches are set to begin at 5 p.m.

UF-Florida State singles matches

- No. 1 #42 Mihaela Moldovan (FSU) d. #11 Jennifer Magley (UF), 5-7, 7-5 (11-9)
- No. 2 #55 Boglarka Berecz (UF) d. Lindsay Deason (FSU), 6-3, 6-3
- No. 3 #15 Zerene Reyes (UF) d. Roxanne Clarke (FSU), 4-6, 6-2 (11-9)
- No. 4 #105 Alex Liles (UF) d. Miranda Foley (FSU), 6-2, 6-0
- No. 5 #101 Nina Suvak (UF) d. Tapiwa Marobela (FSU), 6-2, 6-3
- No. 6 Whitney Benik (UF) d. Amberly Tantee (FSU), 6-3, 6-2

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