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First baseman Matt LaPorta swings at a pitch in UF's 14-11 victory against Miami on Sunday. LaPorta hit three home runs in the series, including one on Sunday to give the Gators two insurance runs.

## UM drought over

■ UF TOOK A MIAMI SERIES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1996.

By **TIM CASEY**  
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What started bad for UF ended much better.

The Gators took two of three games in their weekend series against Miami after losing on Friday. All three games in the series were close, and the first two concluded dramatically. On Sunday, UF sent the No. 2 Hurricanes back to Coral Gables with a 14-11 defeat.

UF lost to Miami on Friday 9-7, but won 2-1 in 11 innings on Saturday. A record 13,978 fans, the most for a three-game series in UF history, witnessed the in-state rivalry.

Coach Pat McMahon talks a lot about struggling, constant battling and strategy. The Gators' loss Friday night played a major role in the subsequent victories.

"One of our goals in a three-game series is to get into their bullpen in the first game," McMahon said.

"You get to see pitchers, and as the pitchers unfold, you can stretch that so they can't pitch as long. That was a huge part for us to be successful today.

"They're a great team. We're going to be facing great teams all year, so this is a good experience for us."

**Connor Falkenbach**  
UF pitcher

"We addressed that Friday, and even in the loss Friday, it helped us Saturday and today," he said. "It was very important to put yourself in position to take a series, and this was the second series we've taken this year."

The No. 15 Gators (5-2) led 12-2 after four innings, with every player having a hit or a walk.

"In college baseball, with aluminum bats ... no leads are safe,"

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## LOCAL COURTS

### Murder trial ends deadlocked

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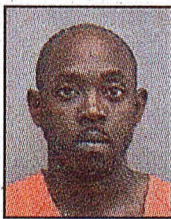
For the second time in three months, a jury was unable to reach a verdict in the trial of Willie Hudson, who is accused of the July 2003 first-degree murders of John Adkins and Kevin Harris.

After more than seven hours of deliberation, Judge Mary Day Coker read a statement prepared by the jury foreperson.

"We respectfully come to you with heavy hearts to say we are unable to reach a unanimous verdict," Coker read. "We are a very divided jury about the evidence presented to us."

Family members and friends waded through about 13 hours of uncertainty Friday.

"I just want it to be over with," an unidentified member of Adkins' family said to friends as she exited the courthouse minutes after the mistrial was announced.



Hudson

Although both defense attorney Stephen Bernstein and state prosecutor Geoffrey Fleck expressed frustration after the decision, neither attorney said he was completely surprised by the result of the three-day trial.

"It's a difficult case," Fleck said. "The evidence is not perfect, and it happened once before, so I can't say it came as a complete

surprise."

Bernstein, whose defense was based largely on an alibi provided by Hudson's wife, Selena, said conflicting evidence presented to the jury may have hampered the trial.

"It's a very important issue that the community needs a resolution on," Bernstein said. "I think that it's just a hotly contested, very close question, and from my perspective, if it's been this divided twice, it's a good indication of reasonable doubt."

On July 2, 2003, Adkins, 28, borrowed Hudson's Buick Riviera to pick up Harris, 29, at a friend's house to make a drug transaction. According to the prosecution, Hudson, 30, was in the backseat when it arrived at

SEE HUDSON, PAGE 8

## Institute opens doors

By **JEFF SIRMONS**  
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UF athletes are known for having state-of-the-art equipment, and the new Institute of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine was described by officials this weekend as the next big step in that arena.

The College of Medicine unveiled the \$25-million facility Saturday, while taking the time to award an alumnus who helped make the building possible.

The 127,000-square-foot Institute is situated at 3450 Hull Road, across from the UF Hilton.

Dr. Peter Gearen, chair of the department of orthopaedics, cut

the symbolic ribbon, opening the doors for nearly 100 audience members who took one of the first official tours of the complex.

"This is one of the world's largest, most advanced buildings for bones and joints and musculoskeletal care," said Doug Barrett, senior vice president of health affairs.

The institute serves as another step in UF's march to become a Top 10 public research university, Barrett said.

"Now we have some serious momentum building up for that," he said.

C. Craig Tisher, dean of the  
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■ Members of the Vietnamese Student Organization entertain the captive audience with a lion dance at a Tet celebration held in the Reitz Union on Saturday. See story, pg. 4.



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■ Gainesville residents repeatedly killed each other Saturday, all for a good cause. UF Army ROTC sponsored a Halo 2 tournament to raise money for returning soldiers. See story, pg. 4.

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# News Today

## LOCAL

### UF Dance Marathon holds Family Day at SFCC zoo

Monkeys were not the only ones running around at the SFCC Teaching Zoo on Sunday.

About 500 children, students and community members turned out for the fourth-annual Family Day at the Zoo, an event sponsored by Dance Marathon at UF to raise awareness for Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital.

"One of the reasons why this event is so great is because it gives us a chance to interact with the children," Dance Marathon Special Events Chairwoman Christina Criser said. "Seeing them here reminds you of who you are doing this for."

Family Day, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featured an assortment of carnival games campus organizations set up. Animal exhibits, clowns and face-painting booths were just a few festivities open to the public.

Dave Kanarek, Dance Marathon co-operations chairman, has a more personal connection to the event.

As an infant, Kanarek was treated at Shands for Hirschsprung's disease, an uncommon condition caused by a lack of nerve cells in the end of the colon. Kanarek was one of seven miracle children who attended.

"I got involved in Dance Marathon last year because I wanted

## FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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to give back," Kanarek said. "This event is a great way for supporters of Dance Marathon to see where there money goes."

All activities at the event were free to the public, but donations were encouraged.

Event sponsors said Family Day was a success, raising \$600 that will go toward equipment, computers, books, games and educational materials for children at Shands.

— KIMBERLY GOUZ

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rally for Terri Schiavo  
Reitz Union Colonnade

7 p.m.

Dominoes Tournament  
Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures

7 p.m.

Miss UF Pageant  
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

8 p.m.

"You Never Can Tell"  
Constans Theatre

8 & 10:30 p.m.

"What the #!?! Do We Know!?"  
(film)

Reitz Union Cinema

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Progress Party will unveil its platforms today at 12:30 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade for the Spring Student Government election.

## CORRECTION

Michelle Lightbourne, Impact Party candidate for Student Body treasurer, was elected to the Senate last March with the Innovate Party. We reported otherwise in Friday's Alligator. We regret the error.

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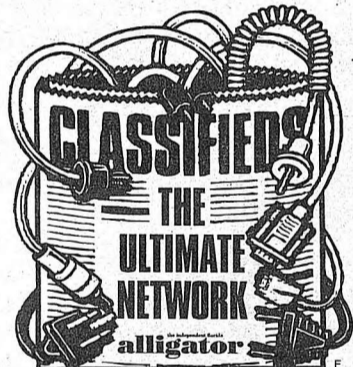
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# Greeks deal royal flush for leukemia

■ AEPi's POKER EVENT WAS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL BENEFITING LOCAL CHARITIES.

By **KYLIE CRAIG**  
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The weekend was filled with fundraising events and volunteer work for several UF fraternities and sororities.

Friday night, Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity held its annual Poker All Night Long philanthropy. The event raised about \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Nearly 80 students paid between \$10 and \$25 to enter the poker competition, which lasted until about 2 a.m.

A video game tournament was held for those who weren't playing poker.

"This event has a lot of things going on to make it fun for everyone," said Danny Miller, the fraternity's president.

UF graduate student Jonathan Shivers entered the poker competition under the "open division," which allowed non-Greek students the opportunity to participate.

He said he decided to play because he "figured it would be a fun time and to be here for a good cause."

Shivers only made it through the first few hands in the competition.

"The girls were the ones who were kicking butt out there," he said.

Another example of weekend philanthropy, the Pigskins and Pigtails football game, was organized by Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

The fraternity's vice president, Mike Patrone, said he's expecting the total amount raised to exceed last year's \$3,000.

"The way things are going, we really think we're going to get upwards of \$4,500," he said.

The funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Logan Need, a Delta Tau Delta member who died of cancer in 2003.

Patrone said Need was a huge football fan. "In our eyes, he lives through this event every year," he said.

Delta Gamma sorority won the most recent Pigskins and Pigtails game Sunday, beating out Pi Beta Phi sorority in the championship game.

The event will finish up tonight at 10 p.m. with a cheerleading competition among sororities at Sky nightclub.

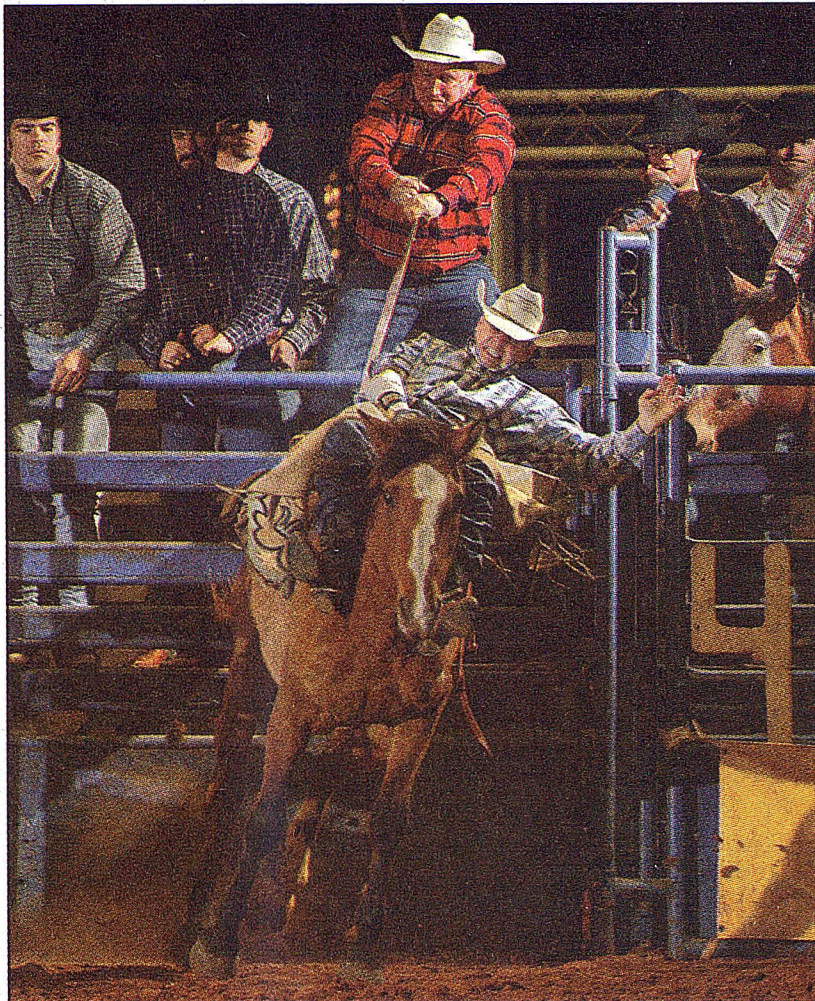
Members of several UF fraternities also took part in a Red Cross cleanup Saturday.

Nearly 45 students volunteered at the organization's local warehouse, where they spent the day restocking inventory and transporting health supplies to different regional Red Cross locations.

Kay Lenard, emergency services director for the Gainesville Red Cross, said the extra help was needed so all the supplies would be ready for the next hurricane or other disaster.

Kappa Sigma fraternity member and assistant director of service, Ozzie Mutz, supervised the event.

"We were looking for people we could help because of all the hurricanes, and the Red Cross stands out," he said.



Matt Marriott/Alligator Staff

**Save a horse**  
Jason Dover tries to hang on a bucking bronco at the \$100,000 Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Associations' championship rodeo at the Brighton Seminole Reservation on Saturday. The rodeo was part of the Brighton Field Days and Rodeo, an annual event at the reservation.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Miami fan disrupts UF-UM game

By **MEGAN V. WINSLOW**  
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Angry about a call made by an umpire at Sunday's UF baseball game against the University of Miami, a student was arrested for running onto the field.

At the top of the fifth inning, Lori Christine Bailey, 19, jumped the field fence after UM left fielder Jon Jay was called out at third base and began yelling at the umpire, according to a University Police report.

She is charged with trespassing, a misdemeanor, reports state. An announcement before the game, as well as posted signs around the stadium, warned fans not to enter the field.

Bailey said she was not aware of the announcement, reports state. She was taken to the Alachua County Jail.

**UF WOMAN FENDS OFF RAPIST:** A UF student's refusal helped foil an attempted rape Saturday morning.

At about 2:30 a.m., the 21-year-old woman was sitting in her car making a phone call at 1100 SW Third Ave. when a white male snatched open her door, waved a gun in her face and told her to undress, Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg said.

The woman took off her pants but refused to disrobe further, and the man pushed her face into the passenger's seat. She continued to refuse, and the assailant fled.

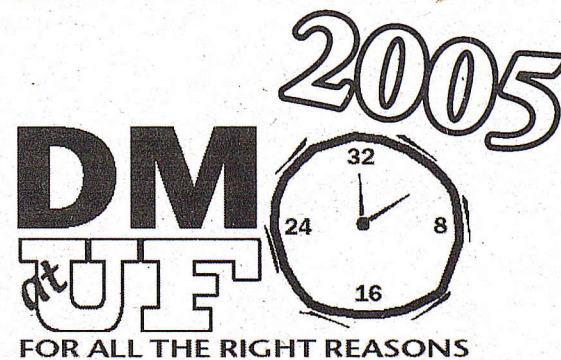
Although she was not raped, the woman was transported to a local hospital after the attack, Kameg said.

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STUDENT ACTIVISM

# Video game tournament benefits returning soldiers

■ THE ARMY ROTC-SPONSORED EVENT RAISED \$130.

By NEIL HUGHES  
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Gainesville residents repeatedly killed each other Saturday, all for a good cause.

UF Army ROTC sponsored its first-ever Halo 2 tournament to raise money for wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Halo 2 is a first-person shooter video game pitting humanity against invading alien races.

The \$130 raised will support the Wounded Warrior Project's backpack program, said event organizer Jonathan Oblon. Each backpack given to returning soldiers is stocked with comfort items such as toiletries.

Eight teams of two players participated in the double-elimination tournament on two Xbox consoles hooked up to 32-inch projectors.

Blockbuster Video donated the equipment, Oblon said.

Teams were required to pay a \$10 entry fee, but Oblon said many of the teams voluntarily paid \$20, which allowed the fundraiser to buy two backpacks instead of one.

"This is an opportunity to have fun, raise money and see some of the different things we do up here," Oblon said. "Anyone who asks about [Van Fleet] thinks it's just dorms."

Two high school students ended up surviving undefeated, taking home the grand prize.

John Van, from Buchholz High School, and Ben Johnson, from P.K.

Yonge High School, made up the "Gainesville Dream Team." They defeated Army ROTC members Alex Holt and John Gillette of "Team America," 37 kills to 26.

Van, who said he has a level-23 skill ranking in Halo 2 on Microsoft's Internet gaming service Xbox Live, said he heard about the tournament Saturday morning, and was asked by a friend to fill in.

The victors and runners-up took home plaques donated by the UF Trophy Shop which featured a picture of Master Chief, the game's

main character, in the heat of battle.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity also competed in the event under the name "Buttcheeks," as well as the College Republicans, who were represented by the only two females in the tournament.

Jackie Angelo and Stephanie Pinkovsky were eliminated in the second round, but Angelo said she was more familiar with the original Halo and was unfamiliar with changes made in Halo 2, such as a weaker melee attack and the ability to dual-wield weapons.

# Vietnamese festival welcomes the Year of the Rooster



Tricia Coyne / Alligator Staff

Members of the Vietnamese Student Organization entertain the audience with a lion dance at a Tet celebration held in the Reitz Union on Saturday.

By JESSICA RIFFEL

Alligator Contributing Writer

Vietnamese traditions met Western culture in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Saturday night.

More than 600 people celebrated the Vietnamese New Year, Tet, at the Vietnamese Student Organization's annual festival.

Ushering in the Year of the Rooster, the celebration began with a traditional

Tet dinner, which included sweet rice cakes, egg rolls and Vietnamese chicken salad. After dinner, VSO put on a show filled with songs, dances, fashion shows and a skit.

"We try to spread the Vietnamese culture through this event," said VSO President Quang Duong.

The traditional part of the show included a lion dance and a fashion show of customary Vietnamese outfits called ao dai. Li xi, money in red envelopes given to children for Tet, was passed out during intermission.

Students from the Asian American Greek Interest Group performed a skit about the Legend of the Bamboo, a traditional Vietnamese story about how the

devil ruled the countryside and how people working the land grew bamboo to reclaim the land.

"We wanted to do something cultural but funny as well," said skit coordinator Ninh Huynh.

The show also displayed American culture with a modern fashion show and the performance of three songs from the musical "Grease."

Students from Vietnamese organizations at other Florida universities attended the festival as well.

"It's a good way to get Vietnamese students together to learn about the culture," USF student Tien Nguyen said.

Master of ceremonies and VSO member Kim Pham said students dedicated a lot of time and effort in organizing this show for the biggest Vietnamese holiday of the year. Dinner alone took four days to prepare.

"We put in a lot of effort, but you only get this once a year," Pham said. "It's something we take great pride in."

UF senior Johnny Dang said that compared to past VSO Tet celebrations, this show, which included more English, was the best.

"Every year it just gets better and better," he said.

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## Neglect of majority is part of SG

Recently, the Alligator has been filled with stories regarding Student Government. Naturally, this is a result of the current heated campaign, but the matter raises an interesting issue. Where is the SG news during the rest of the year? Where are the articles on SG's latest contribution to the student body, whether it be better food at Gator Dining, increased Web access or, perhaps, a refund of some fees?

The truth is, stories about SG are absent because there is no news to report. SG members rest on their laurels all year, playing at government and patting themselves on the back while waiting for the election. When the election comes around, they pull out their mighty rhetoric regarding their concern for "the issues" and desire to work for the average student. Sadly, these words aren't put into action. The closest a party has come to attention-grabbing legislation is the Impact

**Scott Gilton**  
Speaking Out

Party's push for online voting.

In this case, it seems SG thinks very little of the student body's intelligence. Otherwise, why would they attempt to garner glory by proposing online voting when it should've been implemented back in 2002? If we can register for a class online, there is no reason we shouldn't be able to vote online. But they wait until election time to raise the issue, so it will appear they are working hard for us.

Without a doubt, these statements will raise hackles in SG. Naturally, the members of SG would take offense to the achievements they have wrought within the past year being cast aside in this manner. And while it is true they made some steps forward for the student body in the past, they haven't done nearly enough considering what they have to work with: SG has an annual budget in excess of \$10 million.

SG needs to start making things happen for the whole of the student body. While some may argue that SG contributes to this campus by providing funds for student organizations, this is no excuse for neglecting the majority. It is unjust to insist that students who pay what could be defined as taxes every semester to SG become involved in extracurricular activities in order to benefit from SG expenditures. An analogy to this would be never repairing the roads in Gainesville, and instead, demanding that the residents of this town participate in the local theater troupe in order to benefit from their payment to their government.

It is time for the student body to insist that our SG ultimately represents all of us, not just special interests. It is time to demonstrate through e-mail, letters or even personal meetings that SG must do something for all of us.

Look to become involved. Try to get on an SG committee. Most importantly, make your presence known to our representatives and show them they must endorse the students over the status quo. It's the least we can do for ourselves and our money.

*Scott Gilton is a former SG presidential candidate.*

# Viewpoints

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## SG only works for students if they take part

As the student body finds itself at the threshold of another Student Government campaign season, some will follow the discourse with interest, others will try to filter out any mention of the campaigns and the majority of you will watch from the sidelines with varying degrees of concern, amusement, disgust, dismay or enthusiasm.

Most students understand the importance of the issues and agree they deserve attention — issues such as impending tuition hikes, questions of campus culture, the goal to be a Top 10 public research institution and the allocation of a few zillion dollars of Activity & Service Fees,

**Jess Johnson**  
Speaking Out

to name a few. If these issues are so important, why are you willing to watch from the stands and not be involved? Government is not a spectator sport — or, effective government is not. It is too easy for us to fall into the trap of believing the institutions surrounding us are ineffective, overly bureaucratic and corrupt, and it is difficult to get up in the morning, roll up one's sleeves and dig into the mire to try and make our world better. Whether we are talking about student, city, county, state or federal government, it is too easy to talk about "them," "those people" or "The Man."

Aren't we all armchair quarterbacks? Whether we are talking about our representatives in government or our favorite ball coach, we think we know better than those who are actually in the hot seat. "Coach, how could you call the screen again?" we ask. Former Gator baseball coach Andy Lopez once said the further you are from a position of leadership, the smarter you become. Or, at least, you think yourself smarter.

But to become engaged, to become active — now that takes work. To change the "them" to "we," to take ownership of our school and our community, that's difficult. It's easy to com-

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## Editorial

# In your hands

## Students must vote to bring about SG change

Imagine you stayed up late writing a massive paper. You knew it was going to count for 20 percent of your final grade, but you were too busy rearranging your iTunes folders to get it started.

You save what you have on a disk and hustle to the bus stop only to find 30 other students waiting there without a bus. Two or three buses go by without stopping, the students inside crammed in well past the white line, while you stand there in the blazing heat.

Finally, you get on campus, but your time is running short. You can't make those revisions you wanted, but you think you can duck into the CIRCA lab and print it out in time. Unfortunately, the line extends out the door. Your class period begins right as you finally sit down at a computer, though you only even got that far because you sucked it up and tried to use a Mac for once. You might even have made it in time if your professor would have let you into the classroom late, but everyone from that earlier line reconvened in front of the printer.

At UF, most students don't have to imagine scenarios like this. They live them every day.

The point is, students can take it upon themselves to fix these and other common student issues. In fact, there is an entire organization based upon this concept: Student Government.

Unfortunately, students are not participating in SG, and they are paying for it. Because students don't vote and don't work to see that representative parties get elected, the interests of the average member of the student body are not taken into account. The elite few, determine how the millions of student dollars are spent, and they make those decisions based on what will further their own interests.

Students: you do not have to take this quietly. There is something you can do about it, and it is very simple:

Get out there and vote.

Even better, participate yourself.

If you sit around and complain that SG always is the same, always is controlled by the same people and never can be different, you're just helping to keep the status quo in place.

The numbers are clear: SG elections are won and lost by a small percentage of the student body, while the vast majority sit at home. If even a fraction of these students took the 10 minutes out of their day to vote, they could change the whole landscape of SG.

Do you think the same old people run the university every semester? Vote for someone else.

Do you think SG spends your money on student organizations that no one cares about but their members? Let them know that you want it spent on issues that affect the average student.

Instead of bands that you don't want to see, events you don't want to attend and free rides for SG members to resume-building conferences, wouldn't you like to see improvements to bus routes, expansion of CIRCA labs, and credit card use in the Reitz Union?

Even simpler complaints can be met if students work to install officials who will listen to them.

Have you ever had a hold on your registration because you owed \$1.16 for copies? You can elect representatives that will use SG funding to allow free copies.

Or maybe you think SG takes too much of students' money in the first place. If so, demand candidates who will call for refunds of the surplus — perhaps in the form of tuition credit.

If you can think of these and all of the other ways in which your money could be better spent by SG, then you can take the time out to work toward accomplishing them.

The SG system is set up to help you, but you have to participate for your concerns to be heard.

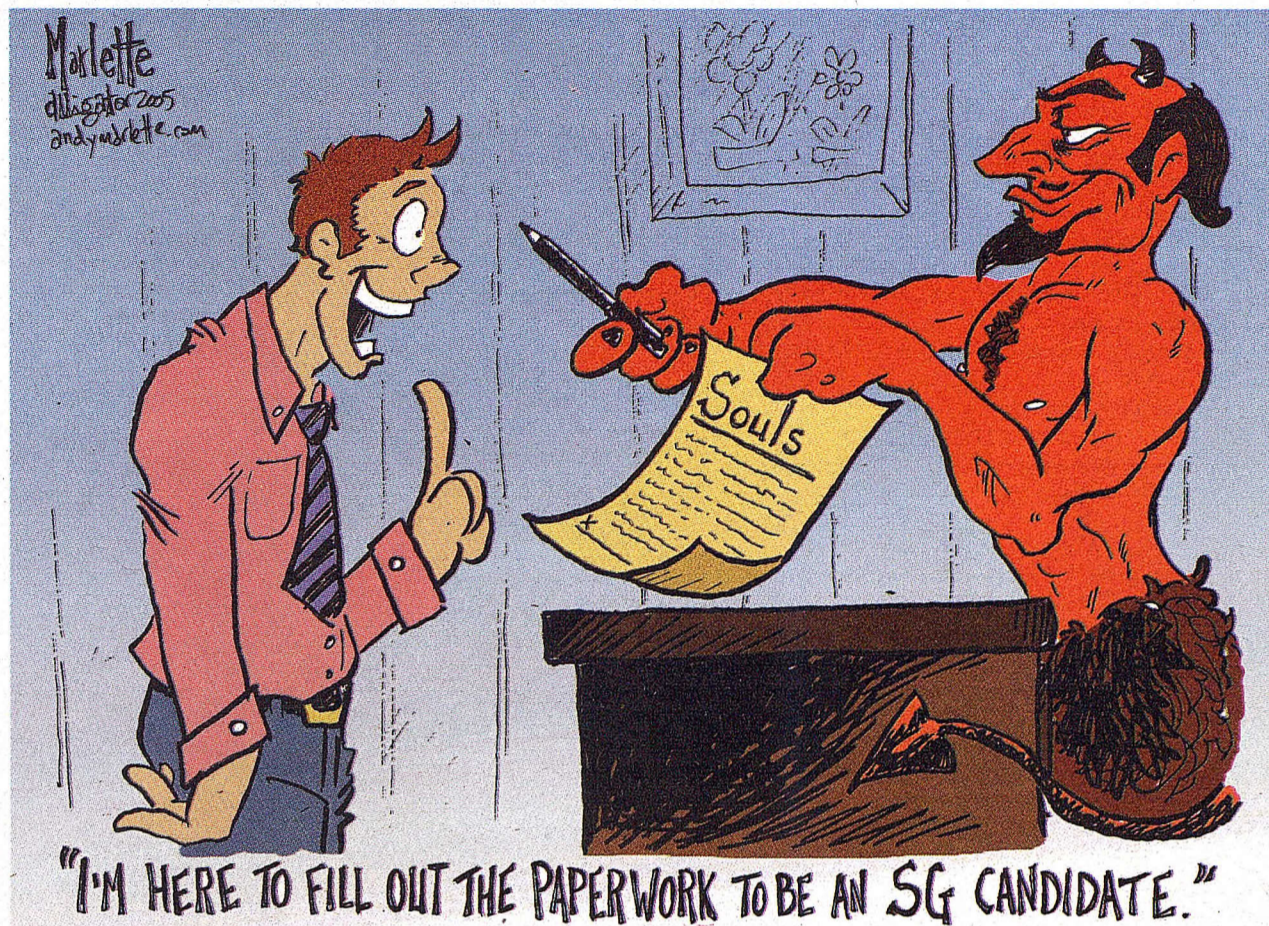
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## Opinions



## Column

## 'Axis of evil' looks to get two additions

Relatively few Americans will ever even vacation abroad, let alone learn the particular and often peculiar politics in each region of the world. Many simply don't have the time, will or education to grasp global politics and their implications. To these people, even trying to understand it can feel like falling into a well.

Thankfully, to help us along, we have our president, George W. Bush. No, that's not really a joke.

One of the president's most important duties is to present global politics, and our position within them, in a framework that can be easily understood and digested by most Americans. Bush is following in former president Reagan's footsteps by presenting this framework as a duel between two opposing teams. For years, the game was between capitalism and communism.

Now, Bush has framed the contest as between freedom and tyranny — good and evil.

Although this framework makes politics feel more familiar, like a sporting match, it just doesn't seem adequate to describe international politics today. To me, it seems increasingly hard to discern friend from foe — one side from the other.

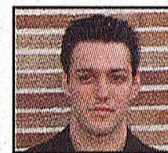
Radical Islamic states are of course the obvious enemies, but they might not be the most dangerous.

Russia is one player in global politics that is confounding. Bush repeatedly has told us Russia is a friend in the war on terror, but Russian President Vladimir Putin reiterated his commitment on Friday to helping Iran with its nuclear program.

Putin says he is convinced Iran does not intend to develop atomic weapons. He is lying.

Why wouldn't Iran make a nuclear weapon? With a nuke, Iran would be treated with kid gloves like North Korea. Without one, it can be rolled over like Iraq. The choice is clear. What isn't so clear is why Russia is helping Iran.

Putin has been consolidating his power for some time now. He has cancelled elections for provincial governors,



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increased the state's control over the television networks and used the courts to prosecute political opponents.

He could be using a relationship with Iran as a threat against Washington interference. Putin's threat is that Iran could become a nuclear power quickly if Bush wants to mess with his rise and consolidation of power.

Putin also is helping another so-called friend of America — China. According to a recent New York Times article, Russia is selling a lot of military equipment to China. China is using Russia's help to expand its military and gain power in the region.

Porter J. Goss, U.S. director of central intelligence, said to the Senate Armed Services Committee, "Beijing's military modernization and military buildup could tilt the balance of power in the Taiwan Strait. Improved Chinese capabilities threaten U.S. forces in the region."

Soon after Goss' strong words came an unprecedented joint statement from the United States and Japan concerning Taiwan.

The administration definitely is sending a strong message to China, but will it be effective? America may find it tough to deal firmly with China in the long term, considering the United States had a trade deficit with China of \$162 billion in 2004. According to MSNBC, it is the largest trade imbalance ever recorded with a single country. This means China has the United States in an extremely vulnerable economic position.

It seems the most dangerous potential enemies are the ones Bush is too afraid to name. Confrontations with Russia and China seem to be becoming unavoidable, however. It looks like soon Bush or the next American president may have to add two spokes to the "axis of evil."

Jason Levitt is a journalism and political science senior. His column appears on Monday.

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## Reader response

**Today's question:** Are you following the Student Government election?

**Friday's question:** Are you a procrastinator?

**90% YES**

**10% NO**

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Students shouldn't stand idly by SG**

**Editor:** Isn't it wonderful that Student Government has devolved into a circus so blatantly everyone can see it? It'd be funny if it weren't so sad. A bunch of Impact supporters jump ship to the Joe Goldberg (Gator) Party. Who's surprised?

Scan your memory banks (or the Alligator archives), and you will recall the absolute fiasco that Goldberg was responsible for as Student Senate president, which included one ugly incident in which he pretended not to hear motions from Access senators. Very professional.

The frightening thing is that Goldberg is likely to win the election. The Impact mutiny only is the most obvious sign of the back-door politics that have become the only necessity to win an SG election. Get the pieces lined up straight, grease the right palms and the contest is over. The students of UF have set the bar this low.

Pay attention, students: SG might resemble Alien v. Predator — "No matter who wins, we lose" — but let's not be absolute pushovers.

Ben Mattison  
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plain but difficult to contribute. It's easy to dismiss others' viewpoints but difficult to listen to one another. But we must remember the things in life which are most difficult often are the most rewarding. Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." For us to build a better campus and community, we can't have the majority of students sitting on the sidelines.

Should you follow the elections? Yes, but why read the headlines when you could make them? Why be content to complain about the direction of the discussion when you could contribute yourself? You don't need to be a candidate to have that kind of influence either. Talk to those around you

— voice your concerns, your thoughts, your ideas and your passions. Let's break the mold of allowing political discourse to take place in the form of 10-second sound bites and pull-quotes. Let's show true leadership — not the type that comes with position, but the type that comes with conviction.

My hope is that, beginning with this small SG election in Gainesville, our generation will take a stand for engagement, for rolling up those sleeves, for getting to work, for tackling the tough issues, for working together. This is your home. UF and the community need each one of you to contribute if we are to realize the solutions to our many pressing issues. Are you willing to pick up your bat and approach the plate, or will you sit idly by and ride the pine again?

Jess Johnson is a former Student Senate president.



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# Hudson was on trial for 2003 double homicide

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the house, at 1210 NE Fifth Ave.

In his testimony before the court, resident Edward Ricks said the Buick immediately began "rocking like someone was trying to bust out the windows," then peeled off down the street. Several gunshots were heard just before the vehicle plowed into the steps of City Commissioner Craig Lowe's porch, at 1034 NE Fifth Ave.

The driver, Adkins, had been shot in the back of the head. Harris, with one shot to the neck and two to the chest, lay slumped across the Buick's center console. Police found a .38-caliber revolver under him.

Adkins later died of his injuries. Prosecutors said Hudson planned to rob Harris of approximately \$8,000 in cash, but Harris fought back. In the struggle, Hudson allegedly shot Harris three times, and a stray bullet hit Adkins in the back of the head.

The state contested Hudson left the scene on foot with the money and cocaine and hitched a ride from Anthony Anderson, an employee at the Martin

Luther King Center two blocks away from the incident. Hudson arrived back at Adkins' apartment just after 11 p.m., took a shower and dried off with a green towel, Fleck said.

Analysis of the towel found DNA from Hudson, Adkins, Harris and an unknown female, investigators testified.

During closing arguments, Bernstein pointed out that the state's DNA experts were unable to determine what type of body fluid from which the DNA, which isn't contained only in blood, had come.

According to Selena Hudson, she and her husband were in the Orlando area on the day of the killings, Bernstein said, and the fact that Hudson's DNA was found on the towel does not indicate otherwise.

"What the green towel proves is that it came in contact with those four people at some time," Bernstein said. "Remember, DNA goes back to dinosaurs - it can last that long - and we know that four people have DNA on that towel, and that there were only three at the scene. Who's the odd man out?"

The "odd man out" may be a woman

named Jacquelyn Jennings, 22.

During her testimony Wednesday, Jennings said she gave Hudson a ride from Gainesville to Lake Wales the day after the murders.

But Jennings, a five-time felon, has a propensity to lie, and her testimony should not be trusted, Bernstein said.

Other inconsistencies in the state's case arose.

Crime scene photographs show the Buick's backseat splattered with blood on the driver's side. But based on the lack of blood on the passenger's side, someone must have been sitting there, and he or she should have been equally covered in blood, said Marc Trahan, Gainesville Police crime scene investigator.

No forensic evidence from either victim or Hudson was found in Anderson's car.

For now, both the state and the defense are awaiting the third round of the trial, tentatively scheduled for March.

"The bottom line is, you still have two people who were killed, and we believe the person responsible for the deaths should be held accountable," said Spencer Mann, spokesman for the State Attorney's Office.



# Houses orthopaedics

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State Sen. Rod Smith called the institute one of the finest in Florida.

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Also during the opening ceremony, William Anspach Jr. was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award, which has only been given to 11 other UF alumni.

Anspach was a practicing orthopaedic surgeon who, whenever confronted with a lack of tools, built his own.

"We didn't make them to make a buck," Anspach said. "We built them to help the patient."

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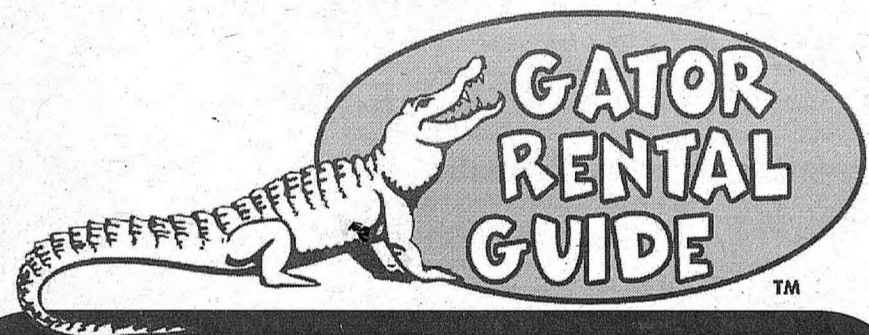
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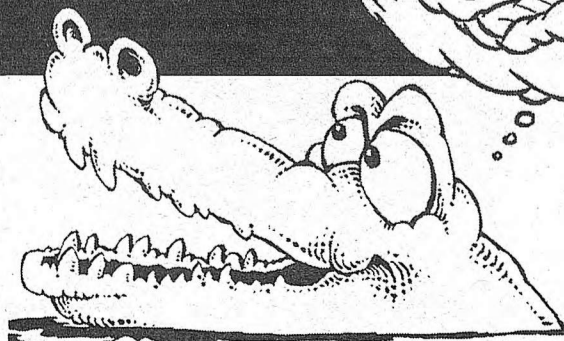
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4BR/3BA, 2200 sq ft liv, dining & fam. Porch,  
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Female roommate for one/two female UF students. Quiet. Responsible. 60 second walk to UF. Old house charm with all amenities. Avail Now. \$400 - up. 352-538-2181. Lv message. Private Owner 4-20-71-4

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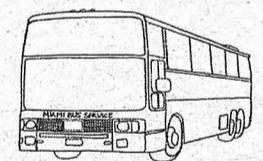
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## Free throws lead to UF defeat at LSU

By **BRYAN APP**  
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BATON ROUGE, La. — As junior forward Matt Walsh laid on the floor wincing, a mixture of boos and cheers emanated from the hostile Pete Maravich Assembly Center crowd.

With UF down by 2 and just 37 seconds remaining, Walsh attempted to hustle his team back from a one-time 10-point deficit, chasing down a long rebound.

That's as close as UF (16-7, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) came to stealing a SEC road victory before falling to Louisiana State 77-73 on Saturday.

"I'm anxious to see how a guy like David Lee gets 14 shots, 21 points and he gets to the free-throw line three times."

**Billy Donovan**  
UF basketball coach

A head-on collision with charging LSU guard Darrel Mitchell sent Walsh to the hardwood and the ball to the Tigers. And as the Gators desperately fouled, the Tigers made Walsh's bodily martyrization in vain, capping a 29-15 free-throw-points advantage in the waning seconds.

"I don't know what caught me in the face," said Walsh, who finished with 17 points. "But my neck snapped back, and I got pummeled in the head."

That's a familiar feeling for the victims of the physical Tigers (15-8, 8-4 SEC).

At 6-foot-9 and 310 pounds, LSU freshman Glen Davis joined sophomore Brandon Bass in muscling his way to the free-throw line.

"It's difficult because they're two big guys, and they're coming straight ahead, full speed every time," UF freshman Corey Brewer said.

Bass scored a game-high 27 points on 8-for-10 shooting and burned the Gators at the line, making 10 of 13 free throws.

Davis scored five of his 11 from the stripe.

After sinking all 10 of their first-half foul shots,

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## UF short in SEC

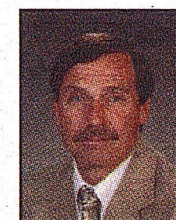
By **BRIAN STEELE**  
Alligator Writer

Round one is over and no knock-out punch was thrown.

And though the UF swimming and diving teams came up short in their quest for a Southeastern Conference championship, both know their season is far from over.

Unable to take home the SEC crown, the Gators are still standing strong after a fierce fight. The men came within 28 points of nine-time defending champion Auburn with 801.5 total points.

On the other side, the women finished the meet in third place with 659 total points. Auburn took the crown again, for the third consecutive year, with Georgia a close second. With both teams showing signs of improvement, Coach Gregg



Troy

Troy knows how close his teams were and is looking forward to a second chance.

"Our focus is always the end of the year," Troy said. "There's always a level of disappointment, but it's not the end of the season. It was a goal, but certainly not the only goal."

Although the Gators may not have achieved the desired results, they still continued on one significant trend: breaking conference record times. And if you're junior

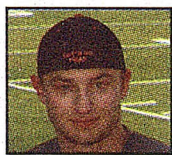
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## Columnist, Miami coach say UF-Miami rivalry is 'good baseball'

It seems that too often in sports, games don't live up to their hype. Most Super Bowls are boring, and the media hypes that game up for two weeks — 24/7, nonetheless.

Then you have Miami-UF baseball. I really didn't expect this series to be as exciting as it was. It's early in the year, so the series essentially means nothing.

Try telling that to the series-record 13,978 fans that attended the games.



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appearing to be a blowout before Miami made it respectable.

"We could've won any of the

Boy, did they get a treat. All three games were exciting, even with one being a 2-1 pitcher's duel and another

three games just like they won two out of three," Miami coach Jim Morris said. "They've been close games."

"That seems the way it is against the Gators, but that's good baseball." It was great baseball — exciting baseball. Parts were sloppy (13 Miami walks and five Miami wild pitches on Sunday) and parts were impressive (sophomore Matt LaPorta's three home runs in three games).

While neither coach would say if they'd like to see each other in the postseason, any baseball fan would.

Miami ended UF's championship hopes the past three seasons, but the Gators are better this year. That's not my assessment. I have no idea, and it's too early in the season. That's Morris' opinion.

He said the Gators are better than they were last season, despite losing key players like pitcher Justin Hoyman and hitters Ben Harrison and C.J. Smith.

Should the baseball gods align everything right, UF will face Miami again in the postseason. If that's the case, one Gators player has an idea of how the game will unravel.

"It's going to be a war like you saw the last three games," catcher Brian Jeroloman said. "We're up 12-2, and they come back and almost tie up the game."

It's good baseball when a game seems so far out of reach that fans leave, then only two innings later,

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### TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ **1994:** The UF women's basketball team makes its first appearance in the Associated Press Top 25. The Gators made their debut at No. 25.

### I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ The UF softball team, off to its best start in history, split a pair of games in Las Vegas. For the complete story be sure to log on to alligatorSports.org.

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■ For stories on both the men's and women's golf teams, be sure to check out alligatorSports.org. While you're there, read about Saturday's SFCC men's basketball victory and the Swamp Shootout intramural basketball tournament.

### WHO'S HOT

■ UF All-American Candice Scott broke her own record in the weight throw on Friday. She has broken her own record three times this season. Log on to alligatorSports.org for the story.



# LaPorta smacks three home runs, earns 17 total bases in series

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McMahon said. "You've got to give our opposition credit. They swung the bats to get back in the game."

During the bottom of the fourth inning, OutKast's "The Way You Move" had UF players smiling and moving with the beat in the dugout. The Hurricanes moved, too, (8-2) scoring five runs in the fifth and three more runs in the sixth to narrow the gap to 12-10.

"I [tried] not to think 'here we go again,' but I respect that they could come back," UF right fielder Brian Leclerc said. "We trust our

pitching; we have good arms." Leclerc went 3 for 5 with one RBI in the game and 5 for 12 with three RBI in the series.

UF first baseman Matt LaPorta answered in the sixth inning, belting a two-run homer over the left-field bleachers.

"I knew I had to hit because I struck out twice," LaPorta said. "Coach told me not to worry about it, put them in the past. He told me I was probably going to get two or three at-bats, and I should make them count and use whatever I had left."

LaPorta was 7 for 12 in the series, with six runs, five RBI, three home runs and a double. His slugging percentage was 1.471, and he collected 17 total bases.

Senior right-hander Connor Falkenbach pitched 1.2 innings in relief to close the game.

"They're a great team. We're going to be facing great teams all year, so this is a good experience for us," Falkenbach said. "We have high confidence now. We just gotta keep it rolling."

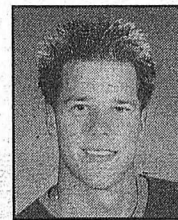
Miami used six pitchers that put a combined 27 runners on base for UF. Together, they issued 13 walks, hit two batters and allowed 11 hits.

UF starting pitcher Tommy Boss earned his first win of the season, while Miami's Chris

Perez fell to 2-1 after the loss. Boss pitched five innings, allowing six earned runs and nine hits. Freshman Bryan Augenstein took over in the sixth inning and allowed three hits and three earned runs in 2.1 innings.

Miami third-base coach Gino DiMare was ejected in the top of the fifth for arguing with umpire Tony Walsh when Miami's Jon Jay was thrown out at third after hitting a double.

Miami does have good things to look forward to this week as it will no longer be under NCAA probation on Feb. 26. Miami was sanctioned for recruiting and financial aid violations in 1993 and instituted a self-imposed reduction on scholarships extended through next year.



Falkenbach

# Donovan still positive about team

## MEN'S, from page 14

the Tigers more than doubled UF's attempts. For Coach Billy Donovan, that was the difference.

"I'm anxious to see how a guy like David Lee gets 14 shots, 21 points and he gets to the free-throw line three times," Donovan said. "And a guy like Brandon Bass gets to the line 13 times."

But Donovan stressed that he wasn't criticizing the officials.

"I'm not passing judgment because sometimes after a loss, you can get emotional and say things the next day you'll regret," Donovan said.

Even with the free-throw disparity, UF kept close as Lee scored at will inside.

After LSU claimed a 6-point lead on a 9-0 first-half-closing run, Lee scored 11 of his team-high 21 points in the second quarter.

"The whole game there, I really felt like I was in a rhythm on both ends of the floor," Lee said. "So it's frustrating being

out the last four or five minutes of the half when they made a run."

Junior guard Anthony Roberson overcame an atypical 5-for-14 shooting performance, penetrating his way to the foul line for five of his 17 points in the final minute.

But with UF trailing by 3, Roberson missed one of two foul shots with 9.8 seconds left, and the Tigers rode their foul shots to victory.

"I would've bet my life that Peep is going to make that free throw," Walsh said. "When Peep is on the line, I don't even think about the fact that he could miss."

Donovan, however, didn't fault Roberson and remained positive about the offense-savvy Gators to fight through shooting slumps.

"Anthony Roberson has had so many big performance games," Donovan said. "If he doesn't shoot as good as he normally does, you still have to find ways to win."

"So to me it was an encouraging sign that we were still in a position to close it out."

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it's a whole new game.

Morris and UF coach Pat McMahon both said the postseason is too far away to worry about.

# Gators continue to break SEC records

## SWIM, from page 14

Ryan Lochte, capturing another American and U.S. Open record. Lochte broke the 200-yard backstroke record with a time of 1:38.29, nearly a second below the old record.

Going into the event, Lochte said he was not expecting to break the record.

"I just wanted to go about 1:40 and get close to the record," Lochte said. "I touched

the wall and looked up and it said 1:38. I couldn't believe it. I just went out there and raced tough."

Lochte was not the only one to break a record Saturday night. In the last event of the competition, the 400 freestyle relay, Lochte led off with freshmen Darian Townsend and Daniel Penniman to follow and senior Adam Sioui bringing up the last leg. At this point, UF's men's relay teams had already broken three SEC records, and the

400 free added another. The Gators took first place with a SEC-record time of 2:50.68.

"Especially with the sprint relays, you just put your head down and go as fast as you can," Sioui said. "I love having the pressure at the end, being the last leg. We wanted to break the school record; we didn't really know what the SEC record was. We knew Auburn was a good team, but whenever I get a lead I try not to lose it and haven't lost one yet."

But one thing is clear - they really liked the series.

"I do know this," McMahon said. "I really enjoy competing in this series. It's a fun series to coach in; it's a fun series for our players to perform in."

It's fun to watch, too. One more time this postseason, please?

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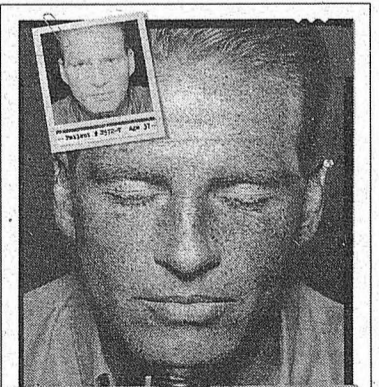
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UF ROUNDUP

# Vanderbilt stands firm, stifles Gators comeback

The UF women's basketball team lagged behind from the start and never came back, falling to No. 22 Vanderbilt 76-69 on Sunday.

It seems in each loss, UF (14-11, 5-7 SEC) has had chances to win late, and this game was no exception.

In the second half, the Commodores (19-6, 8-4 SEC) were up by as much as 14 before the Gators mounted a run. After a steal, UF junior Sarah Lowe's three-point play off a layup made the score 62-59 with 5:11 on the clock.

UF had another chance when Lowe hit two more free throws with 58 seconds remaining. But coming up the floor and working the shot clock, Vanderbilt forward Carla Thomas appeared to be blocked clean by UF senior guard Tamia Williams. The officials disagreed, and Vanderbilt sealed the victory with free throws.

Coach Carolyn Peck, who credited Williams and senior forward Tashia Morehead for "putting everything on the floor," said she thought the Gators could pull out a win.

"I thought we had put ourselves back in a position to make this a ballgame," Peck said. "Then Carla Thomas comes down with two seconds left to go and we foul her."

Morehead and Williams both played well despite ailments.



Williams

Morehead, who scored 11 points, was hit in the throat early in the second half. Williams had a sore right foot but hit five 3-pointers to lead UF with 22 points.

The Gators are now in a dangerous position as they head into their final games against No. 16 Georgia at home on Thursday and No. 1 LSU on Sunday. UF will likely need to at least split the games for a shot at the NCAA Tournament.

While not calling Thursday's game a 'must win', Peck said UF still has chances to write an NCAA Tournament resumé.

"I feel like we have to win on Thursday because we have to prove to ourselves that we can go out and finish the deal and play hard," Peck said. "That's the most important thing. Right now there are plenty of games to be played ... and I'm not going to put that pressure on this team."

— MICHAEL MAURINO

**GYMNASTICS WINS:** If versatility is what the Gators wanted to exhibit, then the message was heard loud and clear.

Using routines from ten different gymnasts, No. 4 UF (9-2, 4-1 SEC) defeated No. 11 Arkansas (5-4, 2-3 SEC) 196.075-195.575 on Friday night in Fayetteville.

The Gators have won five consecutive meets since falling to LSU in mid-January.

"I think it was a great meet," Coach Rhonda Faehn said. "Especially considering the circumstances they encountered, lineup changes, but they all came out and

did a phenomenal job."

UF is now 6-0 against the Razorbacks since Arkansas' gymnastics program joined the SEC three seasons ago.

Leading the way for the Gators was sophomore Katie Rue, who won her first collegiate all-around title with a score of 39.175.

Rue wasn't inserted into the all-around until the warm-up period before UF's first event.

"She's very strong mentally," Faehn said. "Katie stepped up and did a phenomenal job all the way around. I was very proud of her performance and calm attitude."

Rue's entry into the all-around came at the expense of sophomore Savannah Evans, who sat out both uneven bars and balance beam after battling the flu all week.

She made the most of her routines, however, earning her first

vault win of the season with a score of 9.925 and finishing second on floor exercise.


The Gators claimed every event except floor exercise, and showed its prowess as the nation's No. 1 vault squad, tallying a high score of 49.30 on the event.

Freshman Tiffany Murry made a big splash in her return to the uneven bars lineup, scoring a 9.875 to take the event win.

"She really [responded to the challenge]," Faehn said. "We've really been asking more of her; she does need to step it up. She did a nice routine on bars and did a great job on vault as well, and we're going to try to get her motivated and get her back on floor as well."

After sitting out last week's meet, senior Erinn Dooley returned with a flourish, claiming her first event title of the season on balance beam with a score of 9.875.

— DAN TREAT





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