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Student Body presidential candidates Dennis Ngin (Impact Party), Joe Goldberg (Gator Party) and MacKenzie Moritz (Progress Party) debate the role of Student Government at UF on Tuesday night.

SG contenders square off

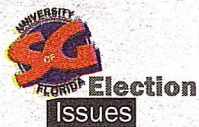
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Student Body presidential hopefuls made a number of ambitious promises in their first official debate at Jennings Hall on Tuesday night.

Joe Goldberg, MacKenzie Moritz and Dennis Ngin answered questions about a range of issues including safety, parking, online voting and a dry campus.

Ngin, Impact Party candidate and current Student Body treasurer, defended his tenure in office, saying some may

say his platform only accomplished 50 percent of the agendas it presented last year.



"50 percent is a passing grade," Ngin said. "There is a misconception that issues can be done in one year's timespan."

But Moritz, of the Progress Party, argued candidates could not claim responsibility for everything accomplished by Student Government.

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ADMINISTRATION

UF's mission goes global

■ THE UNIVERSITY WILL WORK TO CREATE NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS.

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SANIBEL — An \$85,000 project to condense all of UF's strengths into one marketable, succinct message is one step closer to its goal.

UF branding consultants Howard Pickett and Pete Hanley, of the Lido Brand Strategy Group, announced UF's new mission and vision statements Tuesday to the Board of Trustees, the university's highest governing body.

Unlike the current mission statement, Pickett and Hanley's creations include reaching the global community in UF's goals.

UF needs to be perceived in greater terms than just as a great Florida school, Pickett said.

"It's great to be proud of the fact that UF is the best in Florida, but that is really not going to get us where we want to be," he said, referring to UF officials' goal of becoming one of the Top 10 public research universities in the nation.

While UF's current mission statement, or "reason for being," is close to 500 words long, the new one is summed up in a sentence: "Providing an unparalleled experience where the very best create and share knowledge to serve the people of Florida and the world," according to trustees' documents.

The new vision statement sets UF's aspirations to become an example of how a research university can serve the world.

The statements were produced after Pickett and Hanley were hired by Jane Adams, vice president for university relations, to create a logo and slogan

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Officials analyze meaning of rise in student grades

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A few semesters ago, a nursing student went into UF associate professor Joanne Richard's office to argue a grade. Though she already had an A in the class, she came to complain about a deduction on her research paper.

"She wanted that point on that paper just for the principle of it," Richard said. "I think

students today are much more likely to come in and argue for a point or two."

Richard's experience illustrates one explanation administrators have for grade inflation, a nationwide trend in which students receive unearned high marks and the reason why Princeton University capped A's at 35 percent this semester.

Some believe grade inflation is unfair to outstanding students, damages an institution's credibility and indicates low standards. At UF, the question is whether increasing grades are

a sign of inflation or an improving institution with increasingly competitive admissions.



Richard

age of A's growing 76.9 percent and average

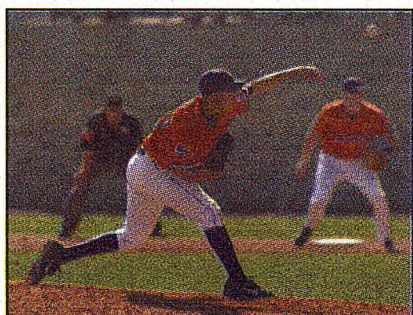
GPA's rising 12.8 percent, according to UF's Office of Institutional Research.

But the qualifications of incoming freshman classes have been rising as well, calling into question whether UF's rising grades are real or artificial. Since 1990, average SAT scores of incoming freshmen have risen 12.3 percent, which only slightly trails the increase in average GPA.

"I don't think it's a problem at all," Interim

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■ UF relief pitcher Mike Pete logged a win against Florida A&M on Tuesday by striking out five Rattlers in 3.2 innings of work. He allowed just one hit. See story, pg. 20.



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■ An analysis of Student Senate candidates revealed The Gator Party boasts the most election support from UF's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils. See story, pg. 4.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Lino Stanchich, a certified macrobiotic educator and best-selling author, will be speaking in Gainesville tonight. Stanchich will be speaking at 7 p.m. at 3909 Newberry Road, Suite D. Admission is \$8.

■ This is the last week to register to be eligible to vote in the Gainesville City Commission election March 29. Forms can be picked up in both UF and SFCC administration buildings, local libraries, and the downtown Supervisor of Elections Office. The deadline to turn in or post-mark paperwork is Monday.

■ The Alachua County Sheriff's Office is bringing to Gainesville a national program called Abused Women's Active Response Emergency at 10 a.m. Thursday.

AWARE is the creation of the sheriff's office and public and private sectors of the community, such as Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network and ADT Security Services, according to an ASO press release.

The program was launched nationally 13 years ago and is credited with saving the lives of more than 35 battered individuals, the release states.

A survivor of domestic violence will be available to speak to attendees. Other speakers will include Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich, Peaceful Paths Director Theresa Harrison and Joe Colon, group general manager of North Florida ADT Security Services.

— ELIZABETH PRANN

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By participating in the Senior Class Gift, we can leave our mark for future generations. As many Gators have done before us, we, as members of the Senior Class of 2005, can give a gift to UF that will go toward providing future Gators with the same opportunities that we enjoyed. Your gift will help support leadership opportunities for students, outstanding student programs such as the Career Resource Center, enhanced campus facilities, and help to create a better quality of student life at the University of Florida.

And if that doesn't convince you...your support will help us beat the University of Tennessee Volunteers! This year, the Senior Class Gift Committee has set up a friendly competition with UT. The rules are simple...the school with the greatest number of students contributing to the 2005 Senior Class Gift wins!

In the coming days, a fellow student will be calling to give you more information and a chance to participate in the Senior Class Gift. Our class will be setting the standard for future graduates to follow. Please join me in participating in our Senior Class Gift. Whatever the size of your gift, your support will leave a mark as a special reminder of the Class of 2005, and we can carry Florida to a victory over Tennessee!

Congratulations to us all on this accomplishment and GO GATORS!

Jamal A. Sowell
2004-05 Student Body President

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Impact rally soldiers on despite SG election setbacks

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Despite a week peppered with political snags and bruised spirits for some Impact Party candidates, party members rallied in Turlington Plaza on Monday afternoon to make it clear they will continue a full-force fight for victory in the Spring Student Government election.

"The events of last week did not make us weaker," Impact presidential candidate Dennis Ngin said to the crowd circled around him. The events Ngin referred to included a last-minute mass realignment of party supporters with ties to the Black Student Union.

LEAK DROPS THE BALL: That shift included the loss of party campaign treasurer and Gators' quarterback Chris Leak and the need for a last-minute replacement for a Student Body treasurer candidate.

Leak could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Ngin confirmed Leak's departure, and said it was tied to the loss of support from Senate Pro Tempore Diane Kassim, who originally secured Leak's Impact support.

Leak's prior involvement with Impact was to manage the party's campaign money, requiring his name to be plastered on the bottom of every Impact advertisement with the line "Paid Political Advertisement, Chris Leak." Now the football superstar's name has been replaced by the lesser-known Impact supporter and Senate-hopeful David Meyrowitz.



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Dennis Ngin, the Impact Party's candidate for Student Body president, rallies party members Tuesday on Turlington Plaza. The rally introduced members of the executive ticket and Impact's platform.

"I don't know the exact reason (of Leak's departure)," vice-presidential candidate Robert Mack said. "I heard he was supposed to send out an e-mail [to Impact leaders] to say what had happened."

VP STILL UNCLEAR: Mack suffered headaches of his own recently when SG Supervisor of Elections Ali Blye warned that he may not be qualified — what he says was due to a transcript problem.

"Having an incomplete didn't allow me to complete the grade requirements," Mack said.

Mack said he mended the problem Monday because he now has a grade for the class, allowing him to

fulfill the required 2.0 GPA needed to run for office. He added he was informed by Student Activities Director Lohse Beeland that his paperwork should be acceptable.

Mack called the past week challenging, but added that "challenge builds character."

"We fought through a lot and that only gives us that much more dedication," he said.

Dedication was a key message of the rally, which kicked off with party supporters cheering, "Ain't no party like the Impact Party 'cause the Impact Party don't stop."

Presidential-hopeful Ngin's voice carried through the plaza with messages of his passion to win and his announcement of the party's official platform — an announcement that he pointed out didn't need to be made from behind a podium.

Impact platform issues include supporting online voting in future SG elections, making UF a "completely wireless" Internet campus, providing multiple free-printing locations and stemming Activity & Service Fee increases, among a total of 24 party goals.

"We wanted to be out there and show our strength and show we're here and we're taking this very seriously," Mack said.

Impact members also showed students they were serious about Gator spirit, closing the rally by singing "We Are the Boys From Old Florida" while embracing and swaying, supporters shoulder-to-shoulder.

A full list of party platforms is available online at www.alligator.org.

TALLAHASSEE

Bush selects new members for Board of Governors

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TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Jeb Bush nominated six new members to the Board of Governors on Monday, including former Republican congressman Bill McCollum and former FSU President J. Stanley Marshall.

McCollum, who represented the Orlando area in Congress for more than 20 years before stepping down in 2001, will be the first high-powered politician on the board, which until now mainly has been comprised of members of Florida's business elite.

McCollum, a graduate of UF's Levin College of Law who served on the House Judiciary Committee during the 1990s, gained national attention when he served as a House manager during President Clinton's 1998 impeachment trial.

As the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in 2000, McCollum lost to Sen. Bill Nelson.

Last year, McCollum mounted another bid for Senate but fell short in the Republican primary after Sen. Mel Martinez accused McCollum of "pandering to the homosexual lobby" in a series of attack ads. While in Congress, McCollum had voted for a federal hate crimes bill that sought to protect gays and lesbians as well as women and minorities.

McCollum is now a partner at an Orlando law firm.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, McCollum said he was pleased and honored that Bush had nominated him to the post.

"I'm a UF graduate, so I'm looking forward to taking my part in serving Florida's universities," he said. "Of course I'll be responsible for all of the state's public universities, but I'm glad I'll be taking this on as a former Gator."

McCollum said he did not see a conflict between the governors, the Legislature or with universities' Boards of Trustees, despite the controversy over the proposed FSU chiropractic school, which the governors rejected at

a Jan. 27 meeting in UF's Reitz Union.

"I think the role [of the Board of Governors] will evolve, and it's still in that process right now," McCollum said. "But I don't see any conflicts with the legislature or with other Boards of Trustees."

"I'm a UF graduate, so I'm looking forward to taking my part in serving Florida's universities."

Bill McCollum
former Republican congressman

Marshall, another of Bush's appointees, was involved in the chiropractic school dispute as a member of FSU's Board of Trustees.

At the board's Jan. 16 meeting, Marshall was one of only a few trustees who wanted to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors either to accept or reject the school.

Despite Marshall's efforts, the trustees

ducked the issue and passed the responsibility for making the decision to the governors.

Marshall served as president of FSU from 1969 to 1976. In 1978, he founded Sonitrol, a company that markets home security systems, and amassed a small fortune.

He then entered politics, and from 1987 to 2000 served as president and CEO of the James Madison Institute, a Tallahassee-based think tank that advances conservative causes such as tax cuts, smaller government, school vouchers and the private healthcare system. In addition to his positions as a trustee at FSU and Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, he remains vice chairman of the think tank. McCollum also sits on the institute's Board of Directors.

The others members nominated by Bush are Akshay M. Desai of St. Petersburg, Ann W. Duncan of Tarpon Springs, Rene Albors of Orlando — all new members — and M. Lynn Pappas of St. Augustine, who was reappointed. All must be confirmed by the Florida Senate.

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SG NEWS ANALYSIS

Gator boasts bevy of Greeks

Twenty of 48 hail from IFC and PC

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An analysis of Student Senate candidates has revealed the party competing in the Spring election boasting the most support from UF's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils is The Gator Party.

The Impact Party has at least four Senate candidates that have ties to the two councils. The Progress Party has at least two members from the same councils, and the Voice Party was not found to have those connections within its candidates.

Gator boasts the largest ticket of candidates hoping to fill Senate seats, with Impact close behind. Out of a total of 48 possible positions, which include both Senate and executive positions, Gator has filled at least 20 of those positions with Greek students belonging to houses in the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils. Gator also interviewed the most candidates, with nearly 250 students asking to be involved with their party.

But Student Body presidential candidate Joe Goldberg said that the large number of Greek candidates was irrelevant to the party's ability to represent 48,000 UF students.

"I think that our slate is extremely diverse," Goldberg said, adding that not only does the slate include representatives from at least 17 out of 39 IFC and Panhellenic chapters, but also from the ranks of other student leaders. And he added that it's common for Greeks — who, including the Multicultural Greek and National Panhellenic councils, make up 14 percent of UF students — to be highly interested in SG involvement.

When asked if he promised to give Greek representatives spots on the senatorial ticket in exchange for voter support, Goldberg said, "Every single person was looked at based on their qualifications, and we took the most qualified candidates."

Impact's ticket includes representatives from four IFC and Panhellenic chapters — four houses

Gator has not represented in its slate.

Impact has a large number of Senate candidates that have been involved with student organizations, such as Hispanic Student Union officers, the president of Gator Christian Life, a Multicultural Cabinet director, a Community Political Affairs Cabinet director and members of the Freshmen Leadership Council, among others.

"It wasn't simply that these people had a title. It's that these people have done their job as student leaders."

Dennis Ngin

Impact presidential candidate

Aside from Greek leadership, Gator has Senate hopefuls carrying lofty titles in individual college councils as well as Florida Blue Key, the Black Student Union, Volunteers for International Student Affairs (VISA) and the Board of College Councils.

"It wasn't simply that these people had a title," Impact presidential candidate Dennis Ngin said of his slate. "It's that these people have done their job as student leaders."

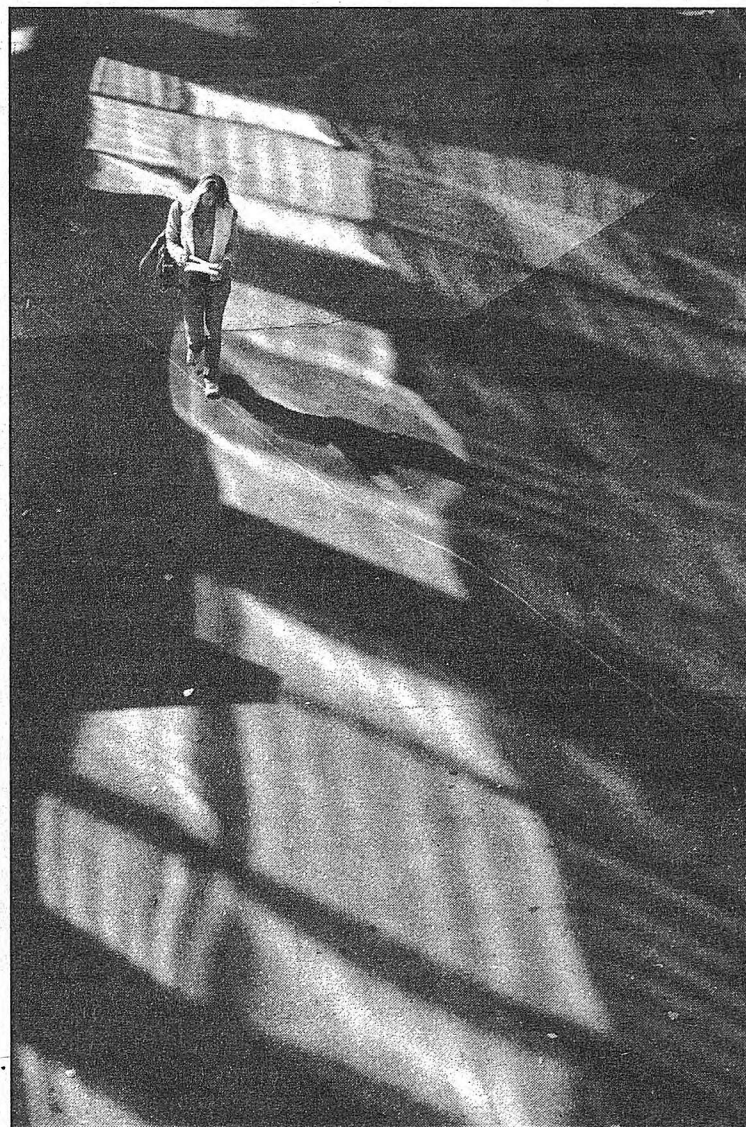
The Progress and Voice parties did not run a full slate of Senate candidates, but there were discernible trends in their listings.

Four of Voice's 18 Senate candidates have College of Engineering ties, and its candidate for Student Body treasurer, Justin Lauer, serves as an engineering senator.

At least five out of the 31 Progress candidates for Senate have ties to the Inter-Residence Hall Association. But Progress presidential candidate MacKenzie Moritz said he wasn't giving preference to on-campus housing students, but many students in residence halls were aware of his party because he and vice presidential candidate Adam Roberts are resident assistants.

Diversity is important on a ticket, Moritz said, but sometimes a particular group just tends to slate with a particular party because the leaders come from the same community.

Alligator Writer Neil Hughes contributed reporting for this article. For further SG slating analysis, look in Thursday's Alligator.



Tom McCarthy / Alligator

Caught in the Light

A young woman walks through a reflection of the morning sun bouncing off of the side of the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

Student senators expand SG budget

■ **MUSEUM NIGHTS IS NOW AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY.**

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Museum Nights was given the same status on campus as Accent and Student Government Productions Tuesday night when Student Senate approved it as an executive agency.

The program, which opens within the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Harn Museum on Thursday nights from 6 to 10, now will have a chairperson under the SG executive branch and a budget to organize its events.

"It's very important to my constituents," said Fine Arts Sen. John Boyles.

"There needs to be some kind of greater structure than a committee."

With a budget, Boyles said, Museum Nights will be able to

provide better programs and events to students.

The Reitz Union, the Division of Recreational Sports and SG administration are the three main recipients from students' Activity & Service Fee payments, Sen. MacKenzie Moritz said.

UF students attempting 15 credit hours, two semesters a year, pay about

\$250 annually to fund SG. Executive agencies and student organizations are funded through SG's administration.

Next year's budgets for SG-funded organizations initially were approved as well, after being presented for the first time last week.

Student organizations are set to receive approximately \$581,000, and funded academics, which include UF's college councils, can expect nearly \$678,000.

Commission hopefuls convene

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After briefly stating their campaign platforms, Gainesville City Commission candidates responded to the issues Tuesday night at First United Methodist Church.

Eight of the nine candidates for City Commission attended, with campaign manager Janet Woods stepping in for Jack Donovan, citing a scheduling conflict.

"For the past three years, I think the City Commission as a whole has readdressed priorities," District 2 incumbent Ed Braddy said, referring to his achievements this term.

However, opponent Grant Thrall, a UF professor, said he did not feel Braddy's efforts sufficient.

"The reason I decided to run was protection of my neighborhood," Thrall said.

In his introduction, Thrall voiced his disapproval of Braddy's vote on a variety of issues, including placing an asphalt plant in District 2.

The first issue raised was the candidates' positions on plans to reconstruct and repopulate abandoned neighborhoods around Gainesville, a process called infill.

"Infill happens when we have a vibrant center," said Rick Bryant, At-Large incumbent. "We need to take these structures down and put money in."

All the candidates agreed infill is an ongoing process that can improve neighborhood quality.

"If you want to deal with homelessness and infill, make downtown and the downtown plaza a viable place," said At-Large candidate Gabriel Kaimowitz.

The downtown area's traffic issues due to its large number of businesses was also an issue, with residents questioning whether the candidates favored or opposed the reduction of Main Street into a two-lane road.

Elections 2005 "If you narrow Main Street, people will start taking shortcuts," said Dyonne McGraw, At-Large candidate, citing a danger to area communities. A collaborative effort between the city and public is necessary, she added.

"Wide roads aren't the complete solution to better traffic flow," said Mike Belle, a UF student and District 3 candidate.

Belle supports finding other ways of easing traffic woes while promoting infrastructure that will attract more consumers.

A resident brought up Gainesville's alleged unfriendliness to the homeless.

"I think that's hogwash," said Tony Domenech, District 3 seatholder. The only thing the city does differently is its parhanding ordinance, he added.

The forum concluded with a meet-and-greet between the attendees and candidates.

Provost search restarts

Search firm talks about new plans

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A search firm discussed with UF officials Tuesday what went wrong in the first attempt to find the the university's next provost and how a new search will reach a different outcome.

Jan Greenwood, president of the search firm that brought UF President Bernie Machen to Gainesville, told the committee why her firm, which focuses on higher education, will be more successful than the last in bringing diversity of ethnicity and discipline to the provost candidate pool.

The firm, Greenwood & Associates, plans to present about 10 candidates to the committee on May 9 and aims for a provost appointment on June 1.

"That's about as fast as you can move it," Greenwood said.

But she also warned some of the most desirable candidates might not make public their interest until the very end of the search.

"There's some nuances that you just have to get used to in Florida searches," Greenwood said. "We have to go back to the market in a new way."

Candidates from institutions that are members of the Association of American Universities, a group of 62 leading research universities that includes UF, tend not to announce their candidacy until late in the game for fear of retribution from their home institutions, she said.

Florida is one of the few states where public records and open meetings laws require most material that comes before the committee to be public, including candidates' applications. She emphasized that the open process in Florida is probably unfamiliar to

many potential candidates.

Doug Barrett, chairman of the committee, said search firms can do more than the university could alone.

"A search firm can explore potential candidates' interest in an unofficial capacity," Barrett said, adding that search firms also speed up the process. "It's their full-time job."

Meanwhile, the bills for the search are piling up. UF already has paid more than \$40,000 to Baker Parker, the search firm that brought an original pool of candidates to the committee. Ed Poppell, vice president for finance and administration, still is negotiating whether it will pay the last installment of \$24,000 to Baker Parker.

Despite having to hire a second firm, the university is not likely to seek contracts in which it would not have to pay for a failed search.

"There's a significant amount of work that goes into a search that's expended by the firm," Poppell said. "It's a lot of

effort, a lot of people hours that would go into preparation and would be fair to compensate them for."

After narrowing down the original provost choices to four recommendations, the pool slimmed even further after one candidate dropped out and Machen eliminated a second. With only two viable candidates, the president hired the second firm to expand the pool — especially to bring in women, ethnic diversity and those with humanities and social science backgrounds.

UF now has an agreement with Greenwood & Associates for \$75,000 in three installments.

Additionally, UF will pick up the check for long distance phone calls, travel and other costs the firms expend in the course of the search.

However, Greenwood told the committee she believes using a search firm is more cost efficient than conducting the search in-house.



Machen

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alleged thief arrested

A Gainesville man suspected in a string of thefts from the UF Welcome Center and Bookstore was arrested Monday after allegedly stealing more than \$400 of merchandise, authorities said.

Jeremy J. Easton, 23, began the shoplifting spree last week, University Police spokesman Joe Sharkey said.

A total of three incidents are under investigation: two last week and another Monday, when he was taken into custody.

Sharkey said Easton mainly stole expensive textbooks, in one instance placing them in an also stolen backpack. Additionally, reports state Easton took a pair of earphones.

Sharkey said he doesn't remember exactly what he was wearing but that he does clearly remember Easton's black-and-white Converse shoes.

"Every time, he had those same shoes on," Sharkey said.

Easton seemed to have acted alone, but UPD is continuing to look into the possibility of another party involved, Sharkey said.

Easton was arrested Monday at 4:45 p.m. and taken to UPD for questioning before being transported to the Alachua County jail. He is charged with two counts of misdemeanor retail theft and one count of felony retail theft.

According to a report, additional charges are pending regarding potential involvement in other campus crimes.

ALLEGED ROCK THROWER ARRESTED: A Gainesville man, enraged after being told to leave Faces Lounge, is charged with accosting two other patrons with rocks outside the establish-

ment Tuesday morning.

Lathereo Raynard Johnson, 20, was arrested for simple battery, disorderly intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance, according to reports.

"Sadly, when you see this," Gainesville Police spokesman Keith Kameg said. "Most of the time, they are on some sort of toxicant."

Johnson had to be removed bodily, but he continued to attempt re-entering before becoming so angry he began throwing "landscaping rocks" at patrons standing near the doorway, according to the report.

Patrick Joseph Gilmore and Marjko Walton Fujimura suffered minor injuries.

Authorities said Johnson was making a scene in the middle of the street, apparently intoxicated.

He was placed in the back of a patrol vehicle where he became more enraged and began kicking the car doors so hard officers were forced to restrain him with "rip hobbles," which restricted his ankles, the report states.

Authorities said after Johnson was taken to the Alachua County jail, a search of the patrol vehicle revealed a bag between the backseat cushions containing a substance that tested positive for crack cocaine.

Kameg said in situations like this, it is best to remove the problem from the area.

"[He] probably would have gotten away with his drug issues had he not been so flagrant about his behavior," Kameg said. "He brought law enforcement into his world."

— ELIZABETH PRANN

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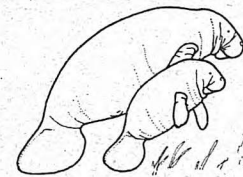
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Editorial

Endorsement

The Alligator takes a side on the pending election

Despite the dirty politics and allegations of malfeasance that have been going around regarding UF's coming election, the Alligator editorial board was able to reach an overwhelming conclusion:

We hereby officially endorse Coca-Cola to be soft-drink provider to the University of Florida.

Coca-Cola has proven to be an integral part of student life throughout the history of UF, from the Classic's role in the legendary Jack and Coke and rum and Coke party staples to providing the perfect complement for any late-night munchies or cramming sessions.

In the name of fairness, however, we decided to set history aside and pit Coca-Cola and Pepsi products against each other in a free-for-all taste test. The final results were startling: a 5-1 victory for Coca-Cola, claiming the votes of all but one editorial board member — and he admitted that his support for Pepsi stemmed from a Coke-related childhood trauma.

In the first portion of the test, Coca-Cola won an easy victory over Pepsi, despite the protests of the sole dissenter. While it was agreed Pepsi was a better choice if a quick sugar rush was needed, Coke clearly retained its place at the top.

More controversial was the decision in favor of Pepsi's Mountain Dew, which claimed a close victory over Mello Yello. But while Mello Yello picked up some votes at the end because of its strangely addicting quality, it lost all credibility when reports confirmed it as only a shoddy effort by a company that already had lost the market on Yellow-5-heavy soda.

Not surprisingly, both competitors received no votes in the Why-Did-They-Make-This? category. Coca-Cola's Fresca, which seems to be a combination of grapefruit juice and aspirin, won by default (because it somehow has managed to last this long) over Pepsi's sure-to-be-short-lived Sierra Mist, which is essentially a mix of Sprite and Mountain Dew with a couple of extra sugar scoops thrown in.

Sprite, of course, is the unsung hero of the Coca-Cola lineup, and one of the main reasons why the company won our support. The widely appealing vice president to Coke's commander-in-chief, Sprite offers a taste that some love but none can deny. In the unofficial poll we administered alongside the test, Sprite won the prize for Most-Mixed-Soda-Among-UF-Students, its victory owing heavily to its partner in crime, vodka.

The bottled water category was controversial, as our lone Pepsi supporter, regardless of the result, plans to hoard bottles of the Coca-Cola-produced Dasani, because he "can't live without those little twisty tops." He did, however, fail to correctly distinguish between Dasani, Aquafina (Pepsi's bottled water), and warm Gainesville tap water in a blind taste test.

In the other blind test, both Coca-Cola's Nestea and Pepsi's Lipton Brisk were disqualified immediately, because all six testers failed to categorize either drink as "tea."

Of course, Pepsi did run away with one category. Coca-Cola's Powerade somehow managed to pick up negative votes in its humiliating loss to Gatorade, which is perhaps the most important thing ever to come out of Gainesville. In addition, Gatorade's sidekick Propel — sort of the halfway point between sports drink and water — managed a respectable write-in ballot showing.

But even if it had not prevailed so clearly in our tests, there is one telling legend from UF history that proves that Coca-Cola is the only soda acceptable for true Gators fans.

When Gatorade was first introduced to the UF football team, one player refused to change his ritual to include the sports drink. That one man was Steve Spurrier.

And what was Spurrier's drink of choice on the sidelines? Coca-Cola.

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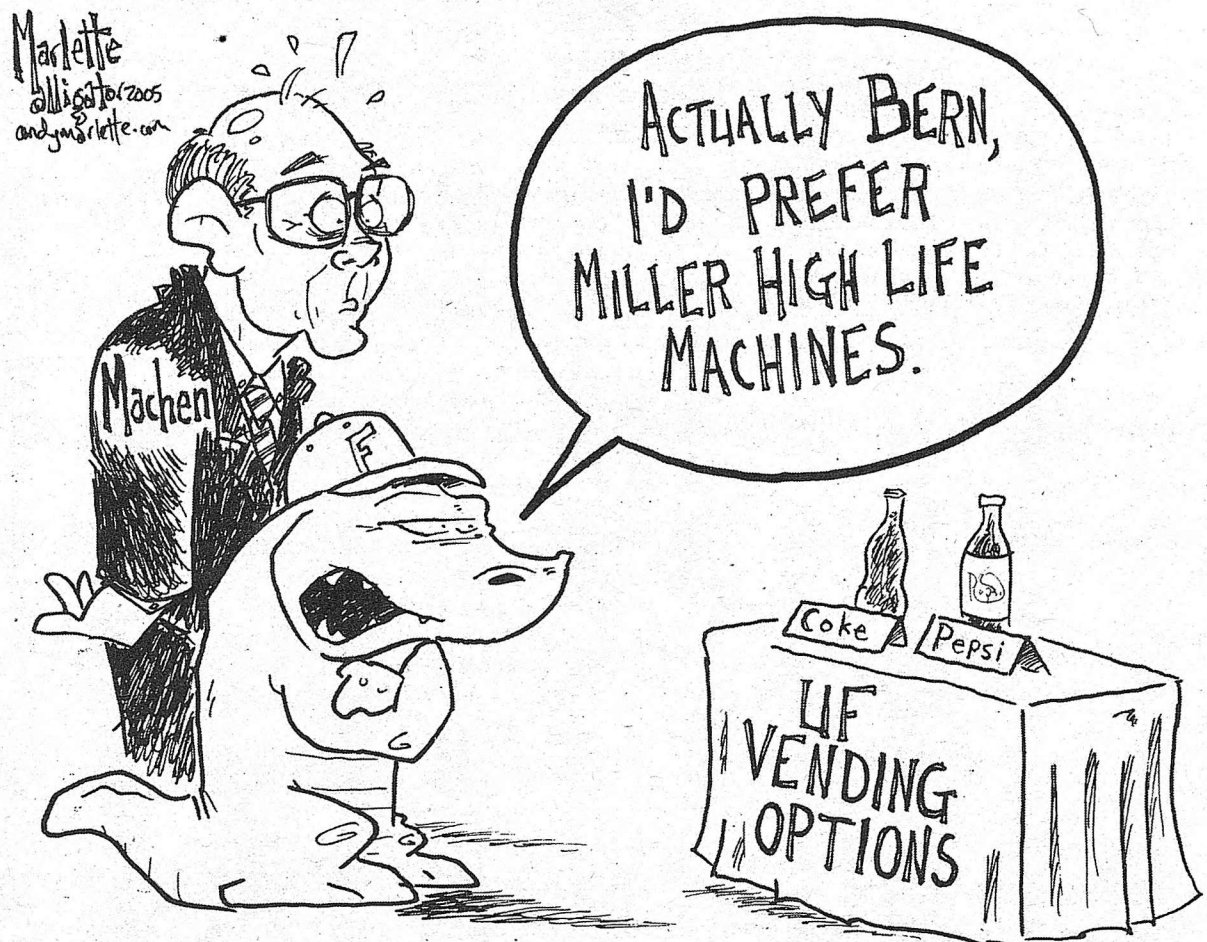
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Column

Race is not an issue, except when it is

Race is a four-letter word. Ethnicity is nine. Some cultural quirks are facts of life and some are new and artificial, but either way, they're interfering with the way students enact change.

The student body spends millions of dollars every year via Student Government to promote understanding of different and sometimes diametrically-opposed world cultures. And no one wants to say they use race and ethnicity as tools.

Last week, when we reported Alpha Epsilon Pi's recent hold on Accent chairmanship, we received letters calling us prejudicial because we called AEPi a "Jewish fraternity."

Is it possible, if our Accent editorial read: "Jews control it — that's [expletive] cool!" that AEPi officials would respond the way they did?

Of course not. The irony is that we didn't say Jews specifically control anything in our coverage; as AEPi would point out, its ranks are not exclusive.

However, one need only pull up AEPi's Web site (www.aepi.org), in which it calls itself "The Jewish Fraternity."

I think Zeta Beta Tau may take issue with that statement. No one — literally, no one — said anything when we said women were in charge of Accent for but two years out of 35.

If a Nakba '48 member sends the Alligator a letter criticizing Israeli military movements, we have to think six times before we print it, because we don't know how Gators for Israel will react.

And God (Jehovah, Allah) forbid we print the word "Palestine."

But I'm not trying to single out Jewish students here. The truth is, these different strokes are causing waves here at the Alligator, where we don't have time to plot secret racist, ethnic or sectarian agendas.

Our editor-in-chief is black. I sometimes wonder how many people know that. I'm part Japanese, and I know that's not common knowledge.

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

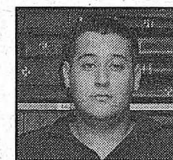
Reader response

Today's question: Do you think members of BSU pressured Impact candidates to jump ship?

Tuesday's question: Should UF switch over from Coke to Pepsi?

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We've also got Daughters of the American Revolution and sons of refugees.

Our staff is diverse, and we're proud of it, yet I'm sure nearly all student groups large enough share this diversity.

Celebrating cultural differences means taking it all at face value. No one should be allowed to hide behind their own nature for their

crimes while attacking others with impunity.

But it happens everyday, whether by action or omission. If a executive ticket doesn't include a white, Greek-connected male, a minority, and a woman, common knowledge among SG insiders dictates it won't win.

These superstitions had to come from somewhere. Every day I hear gossip about black students flat leaving the Impact Party. I hear about back-door deals and high-ranking Black Student Union members nestling close to Impact's rivals in the Gator Party.

Gator's ticket: White, Greek-connected male; Hispanic female; white female.

Impact's ticket: Asian male; white, Greek-connected male; black female.

BSU officials, ostensibly nonpartisan, said they have no knowledge of or connection with anyone jumping ship. Some members of that organization did criticize the Alligator openly when we said Impact's replacement Student Body treasurer candidate was black.

I'll accept the criticism I get for highlighting that fact — if the things I hear in the hallways and alleyways aren't true.

If, however, they are, shame on BSU. And shame on anyone who uses their uniqueness to manipulate others on any merits except their own.

But it's nothing personal: Everyone has their own angle.

Mike Gimignani is managing editor of the Alligator.

Column

Writer leaves behind cautionary lessons on life and society

You may have heard already, but writer Hunter S. Thompson checked himself out of this world on Sunday.

What is it about death that so unites us? Our knowledge and understanding grows, yet death baffles as greatly as ever.

Thompson's suicide is no exception. His voice resonated with those unlucky heirs to the Beat Generation and the hippies. His writing — though rife with allusions and self-references and colored by the drugs and alcohol he was identified with — ironically was comprehensible. His style perhaps reflected reality better than traditional journalism could have. His insight ensured no one will view footage of the flower-bedecked '60s youth without a



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flapper era and gained momentum when the boys came back from WWII took their ultimate form in the '60s. Thompson's criticism of the '60s held that the hippies, and those who came with them, merely shifted their faith

sinister undertone. "A generation of permanent cripples," he called them. His death reminds us that subsequent generations have not shaken this disease.

The fundamental social changes which first emerged in the 1960s and gained momentum when the boys came back from WWII took their ultimate form in the '60s. Thompson's criticism of the '60s held that the hippies, and those who came with them, merely shifted their faith

from material desires and Western religion to mind-altering substances and Eastern religion. They were the "failed seekers" who would not abandon "the desperate assumption that somebody — or at least some force — is tending that Light at the end of the tunnel."

But the truth is precisely the opposite. The fatal flaw of the '60s, from which our culture still has not recovered, was how readily we cast aside our religious and moral guides. In our lust for the righting of wrongs, we threw the baby Jesus out with the bathwater.

That Thompson's social criticism mis-attributed the cause does not deny its value. His tales of debauchery, drug-addled stupors, government malfeasance, isolation and indi-

vidualism gone mad are potent cautionary tales, all the more so for his roles in them.

Is there anyone today who needs to learn these lessons more than college students?

Thompson was a misguided prophet, a brilliant social critic whose sharpest barbs elicit both howling laughter and stinging loathing and fear. He by all accounts also was a wildly amusing character and well-loved.

But his death should remind us that none of us is too rare to die. Luckily, there is a force tending the light at the end of the tunnel and there's time to start living accordingly.

Gavin Baker is a history freshman. His column appears on Wednesday.

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GREEK LIFE

Groups host 'awareness' barbecue in PETA parody

By KYLIE CRAIG

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Hungry UF students ate more than 100 pounds of meat in less than two hours at Tuesday's People Enjoying Tasty Animals, or PETA, Barbeque.

The barbeque, which was hosted by UF's College Republicans, was held to "raise awareness about the extreme efforts utilized by the PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) organization and demonstrate that the consumption of meat is not inhumane," according to a release.

The event took place at the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity house, where visitors snacked on beef, pork, venison and bratwurst.

T-shirts displaying a cartoon picture of a pig roasting over a fire were on sale, and visitors were given fliers listing "problems" with the PETA organization.

Ashley Black, secretary of the UF College Republicans, said she wanted the event to help people recognize the "ex-

trême" views of PETA.

"A lot of people are joining it because of its nice person appeal, but it's not nice at all. It's a bunch of extremists," Black said.

Hunter Williams, chairman of the College Republicans, said no complaints about the event were received.

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Ashley Black

UF College Republicans secretary

Instead, a letter was sent from PETA to the College Republicans thanking them for holding the event.

The letter read, "Parody is the most sincere form of flattery. Thanks for honoring us with your event."

Williams said Alpha Gamma Rho was asked to help host the event because the event, in part, is about supporting agriculture, and he knew the fraternity was agriculture-based.

"A lot of our guys do work in the beef industry," fraternity president Andrew Walmsley said, adding that he didn't know of any members of the fraternity who were vegetarians.

The event, which was open to the public, brought in a variety of UF students and other members of the Gainesville community.

UF law student Arturo Armand, 22, said he was amused by the play on words that made parody of the vegetarian organization.

"It's all in good fun. I had a good laugh when I saw it," he said.

Black said she first got the idea for the event after hearing about it taking place at other colleges, adding that it's been done many times before.

She said she was very impressed with the event's success at UF.

"We didn't expect anything like this," Black said. "We thought 100 pounds of meat would be enough for two hours but we ended up having to make two trips to get more."

SFCC lobbies for more local buses

By SKYLER SMITH

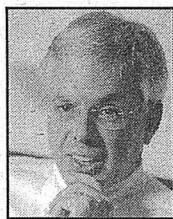
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SFCC is heading to Tallahassee today.

Ten SFCC students, President Jackson Sasser and Vice President Guy York will be traveling to Florida's capital to lobby for Transportation Bill 542.

The passage of this bill would enable state community colleges to levy a transportation fee on student credit hours similar to the system UF has in place with Gainesville's Regional Transit System, student Daniel Jones said.

"Over 60 percent of Santa Fe Community College students come from outside Alachua and Bradford counties," said Jones, one of the Tallahassee delegation and a member of SFCC Student Government. "They will gain access to the entire city with this bill."



Sasser

Through the partnership with RTS, UF students pay \$4.10 per credit hour to flash their Gator 1 cards and ride for "free."

The SFCC contingent will meet with state Sen. Rod Smith (D-Gainesville), Ron Pierce, an aide to the Senate President Tom Lee and Sen. J.D. Alexander (R-Lake Wales).

Alexander is the chairman of the Education Appropriations Committee, where the bill is awaiting a decision.

After the committee, the bill must pass both the Senate and House as well as the governor before it can become law. SFCC's Board of Trustees must then decide whether or not to enact the new law, Jones said.

SFCC is served only by two bus routes, 10 and 43. Jones said more night services, such as Later Gator, and bus routes to popular places like the Oaks Mall would benefit SFCC students.

The college has wanted to increase transportation to and from its campus for at least four years, but the funding hasn't been there, said Shenley Neely, chief transit planner for RTS.

However, she said, RTS has no plans to buy any more buses for several years due to a parking shortage with its existing fleet. RTS also will not allocate additional routes to SFCC or add extra buses to the current routes until RTS has more buses to spare. But RTS could extend the hours on the current routes within the immediate future, Neely said.

Both Routes 10 and 43 were extended for four hours each during the Spring 2004 semester. This extension of service hours amounted to a cost of approximately \$32,000, she said.

Another impediment may be that the main Northwest SFCC campus is located outside Gainesville city limits, and RTS is a city service.

But even with these restrictions, Neely said she would like to see greater public transportation service extended to SFCC.

Science fair inspires kids' curiosity

■ THE REITZ UNION EVENT FEATURES 35 STUDENT-CREATED EXHIBITS.

By SKYLER SMITH

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Robots, chemicals and liquid nitrogen are not typically found in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

On **Campus** But continuing today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 60th Annual Engineering and Science Fair presented by the UF College of Engineering will feature all that.

The fair is a collection of 35 exhibits, mostly constructed by student engineering organizations.

Approximately 1,000 people pass through each day of the fair, which began Tuesday, said Priscilla Silva-Araujo, director of Engineer's Week and an industrial and systems engineering student.

Approximately 700 of those daily visitors are children from local elementary through high schools.

"For the younger kids, we want to encourage them to pursue science and engineering," Silva-Araujo said.

She said the fair also benefits the students who participate because the fair is a link between the real world and their classroom work.

The fair is free for UF students and includes door prizes, such as dinner for two at Swamp Restaurant and Campus Outfitters gift certificates, given away every half-hour.

One of the participating students is Layla Booshehri, a physics junior.

She worked the Society of Physics Students' booth, featur-



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At an engineering fair, 10-year-old Coady Latimer experiments with a remote-controlled robot to pick up a paper plate Tuesday.

ing a Van de Graaf generator that produces blue sparks of static electricity.

Cesar Arzu, 11, from the Anchor Center School lingered by the physics table.

"It's pretty cool," Arzu said.

Across the room from Booshehri, Jesse Schrader and his fellow chemical engineering majors were manning the ice-cream maker.

The ice cream was made in a large tank filled with liquid nitrogen set at a cool -196 degrees

Celsius.

"It's a lot of fun to show all the kids the experiments of science," Schrader said.

The fair has a \$20,000 budget, \$12,000 of which was allocated by Student Government.

Corporate sponsors such as Boeing and Pratt & Whitney also contributed.

The fair is the main event of Engineering Week, seven days of activities ending Thursday with the carnival-like Extravaganza on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

Satsumas to be regrown

■ ONCE PLENTIFUL, THE JACKSON COUNTY CROP DIED 70 YEARS AGO.

By **SKYLER SMITH**
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Many years ago, Jackson County in the Panhandle grew oranges that earned it the distinction of Satsuma Capital of the World.

However, miles north of most Florida citrus groves, Jackson County's crop was devastated by a 1935 freeze and never recovered fully.

Now, Mack Glass has slowly begun to breathe life back into the industry with his five acres of Satsuma, or Mandarin, oranges on his farm near Marianna with help from a team of UF experts.

"Before I was born, we did have Satsumas in the area, so I decided to give it a try," Glass said.

The idea for growing oranges came from UF horticulture professor Wayne Sherman and Ed Jowers, UF Jackson County Extension director.

He will harvest his first crop of Satsuma oranges this fall and plans to sell locally.

George Hochmuth, director of UF's North Florida Research and Education Center, thinks that the oranges will be a good investment for Glass and other area growers.

"They're a good crop. They taste good, easy to peel," he said.

Hochmuth consulted Glass about the best irrigation and fertilization techniques, and visits the grove to check on its progress.

"The biggest threat is cold protection," he said.

To combat the weather, Glass has installed a UF-invented microjet irrigation system in his grove comprised of small sprinklers mounted in the trees that release small amounts of water on cold nights to protect the grove.

Glass follows the weather by using the Florida Automated Weather Network, real-time statistics developed by UF Lake County Extension agent John Jackson in 1997.

UF entomology professor Dick Sprenkel has been assisting Glass in scouting for harmful bugs, Hochmuth said.

Glass said he wanted to bring back citrus as a viable crop for North Florida growers to diversify their farms and sources of income.

ON CAMPUS

Knitting for charity

By **ALLISON MYERS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Feminist Knitting and Crocheting Circle raised \$110 on Tuesday for Peaceful Paths, a domestic abuse network, by selling hats, scarves and other homemade items on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

President Sonya Stahl said the group is optimistic they'll sell plenty of items because of the art's recent rise in popularity.

"People are growing out of that stereotype that knitting is just for old ladies," she said.

The fundraiser was held at the suggestion of former President Taylor Ramsey.

"We picked [Peaceful Paths] because we wanted to support local women's causes, but it's also an important cause because any kind of violence in the home doesn't stop easily," Stahl said. "Kids grow up in that situation, and it can start

all over again."

In regard to the group's name, Stahl said the group wants to dispel the stereotype surrounding feminism. Feminism does not oppose femininity, but simply advocates equality, she said, adding that the group has a male regular.

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Sonya Stahl

Feminist Knitting and Crocheting Circle president

Member Erin McKenna said she is excited more men are finding interest in the craft.

"Girls think that's really cool when guys are into something like this," she said. "It's a giant chick magnet, according to a lot of girls."

The sale continues today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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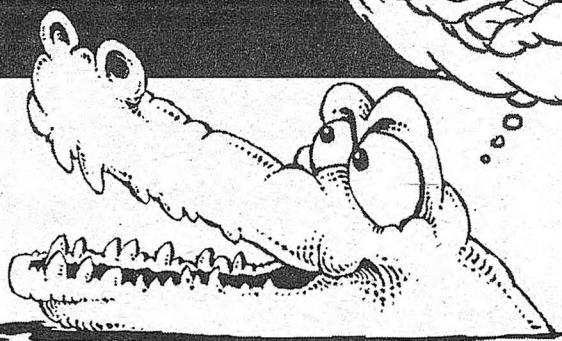
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Local murder trial starts today

Gainesville man accused

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The trial of a Gainesville man accused of strangling his brother and stowing the body in a backyard shed is scheduled to begin today in the Alachua County Criminal Courthouse.

Neighbors alerted police on May 15, 2003, because of a foul odor emanating from Terrance Lee Looney's backyard. A search of a shed behind the house, at 215 NE 44th St., uncovered the body of Looney's brother, James Ralph Looney, 47, stuffed inside a trash can.

The Gainesville Medical Examiner's report stated he was killed sometime between late September and early October 2002.

Although he could not discuss

details of the case, State Attorney's Office spokesman Spencer Mann said the prosecution is ready.

"We are able to prove a cause of death, and we have established a timeline of activity by the defendant in relation to the victim," Mann said Tuesday.



Whether the prosecution's "timeline of activity" includes Terrance Looney's alleged violent behavior prior to his brother's death remains to be seen.

In 2000, he was found guilty of felony battery after breaking his brother's leg while beating him with a tree limb. His probation mandated he not have any contact with his brother.

Two years later, a concerned neighbor contacted his probation officer after witnessing an argument between the brothers, who were living together.

Terrance Looney was arrested

again, but upon his release two months later, he moved back into the house with his brother, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office report.

When his brother failed to show up for work after a weeklong vacation in September 2002, during visits from his probation officer the defendant said he moved to Tampa.

Shortly afterward, Terrance Looney pawned his brother's tools and rented out his room to Heath Ressler, the report stated.

Ressler said during the 2002 holiday season, he attempted to get a Christmas tree from the shed, but Terrance refused to let him do so, according to the report.

Witnesses said they saw Terrance Looney wearing clothes that belonged to his brother after his disappearance. The second-degree murder trial is expected to last until Friday.

As of press time, defense attorney Matthew Wells could not be reached for comment.

Poker aids kids

By **ELIZABETH PRANN**
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Gainesville poker players interested in showing off their skills have the opportunity to compete in the Gainesville Poker Tournament beginning Saturday. The event, held to benefit STOP! Children's Cancer Inc., will include 200 students and 100 adults, event director Ethan Fieldman said in a press release.




Kameg

Competitors will face off in four tournaments for seats at the main event. The first tournament is over, but the remaining competitions will take place March 12, 19 and 26, for which spots still are available.

"Saturday went incredibly well," Fieldman said. "Everyone was surprised at how professional the tournament was."

Game registration begins at 6 p.m., according to the event's Web site, www.gainesvillepoker.com. Students, who must present a valid student ID, will be charged a one-time \$20 entrance fee to be donated to the charity. The top 10 from each tournament will move on. Gainesville Police spokesman Keith Kameg will be a participant in the tourna-

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Parties support downloadable music

DEBATE, from page 1

"We need a leader at this university who's willing to not take the credit," Moritz said.

Goldberg emphasized the Gator Party's platform against a dry campus.

UF President Bernie Machen recently initiated a review of the school's alcohol policies.

"I think it's a privilege for people over the age of 21 to consume alcohol within their residence," Goldberg said.

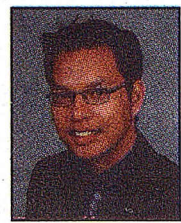
Ngin agreed, but suggested that alternative entertainment for students, in the form of free concerts and speakers, would provide students with options other than drinking.

All of the candidates said they supported the online voting measure on the ballot, but Moritz said the Progress Party was responsible for a majority of the signatures acquired to put the initiative to a vote.

"Only about 20 percent of

our students vote in a high-voting year," Moritz said. "That is unacceptable."

In light of the online voting initiative, Ngin encouraged students to vote regardless of their candidate of choice this semester.



Ngin

"It is imperative that students make this election the last election in which we use paper ballots," Ngin said.

The candidates also agreed downloadable music from the Internet should be made available on campus.

Goldberg proposed a plan he said was adopted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in which four online vendors were used by students in a yearlong trial, and the most popular was chosen at the end.

But Ngin said a majority of music download services do

not offer the capabilities most students expect.

"Some students have the misconception that you will be able to download music and burn it onto a CD," he said, noting that most services only allow songs to be played on the user's computer.

In order to have more of a say in city affairs, Moritz proposed a non-voting, student-held City Commission seat in Gainesville.

Prior to the debate, candidates for treasurer gave brief speeches to court the vote of the 50 people in attendance.

Gator's Lindsay Cosimi, Impact's Michelle Lightbourne and Voice's Justin Lauer each spoke at the event.

The Progress Party's treasurer candidate, Susan Henriques, was unable to attend due to an exam, said vice-presidential candidate Adam Roberts.

Inter-Residence Hall Association and the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils sponsored the debate.

UF to overhaul current vision

TRUSTEES, from page 1

that would sum up the university and help begin a public relations campaign.

UF's "brand essence" will be the reason student and faculty come to the university, Hanley said.

"It's hard to come up with a brand essence, but once you have it, it's magical," he said.

Once all is done, UF's message will be spread from the university's various public relations departments.

Hanley said he and Pickett will present model advertisements to the Board of Trustees on March 21; however, the trustees do not have to approve any of the team's actions. The four or five samples then could be used to create multiple advertising tools

such as press releases and print advertising.

The next step, he said, is to find interesting personal stories that might translate into advertisements.

UF Administration

To come to all these conclusions, the consultants presented the trustees with lists of UF's strengths and weaknesses that emerged after more than 120 interviews.

Among UF's strengths were student and faculty loyalty, undergraduate student quality, faculty expertise, research and the sports program.

Weaknesses included ineffective marketing, faculty resources, faculty morale, inadequate funding and lack of a nationally recognized academic program.

Officials weigh in on significance of UF joining nationwide trend of rising grades

GRADES, from page 1

Provost Joe Glover said. "The credentials of the UF student body have improved fairly substantially."

Many trace grade inflation's beginnings to the 1960s, when professors feared failing students would be their ticket to Vietnam. Now it may be a problem with the "millennial student," or the current college generation, who have been raised in an over-managed environment and taught that grades are all-important, said Albert Matheny, dean of the Academic Advising Center.

"I think it's more the expectation that students bring in," he said, adding that the worst grade inflation may be happening in high school, setting unreasonable expectations for college. "The mentality of students is changing. Teaching strategies and expectations have to evolve along with the evolving students."

If one purpose of grades is to stratify students in relation to their peers, inflation may make it harder for graduate and professional schools to trust GPAs as a standard of admission.

Robert Jerry, dean of the Levin College of Law, said inflated grades are not a problem for law school admissions because the school sends applicants' GPAs through a company that sorts them into percentiles for their

school, adjusts their GPA and throws out some courses. The service allows the law school a better picture of students' performance.

"There are controls in the process that basically take that (inflation) off the table," Jerry said.

In UF's graduate school, admissions are not centralized and therefore not as simple. UF's 200 different programs each have an admissions committee, and they consider a variety of factors, not just GPA, said Kenneth Gerhardt, dean of the Graduate School.

"Grade inflation is certainly a concern [for admissions]," Gerhardt said. "It's not necessarily a bad thing, because GPA is only one factor in how successful a student will be in graduate school."

Students shouldn't fret about perfect grades in fear of being rejected by graduate schools, Gerhardt said. Other measures, such as the GRE and even a personal statement, may matter more, depending on the program.

Though UF's student body is improving, the upward trend in grading seems to have skipped the colleges of building construction and nursing.

Richard, who serves as the president of the nursing college's Faculty Organization, said she thinks the college hasn't experienced inflation because of their criteria-based grading and licensing exams.

"If we have students who aren't passing that exam, we haven't done them a very good

service," Richard said. "I think that keeps our standards pretty high."

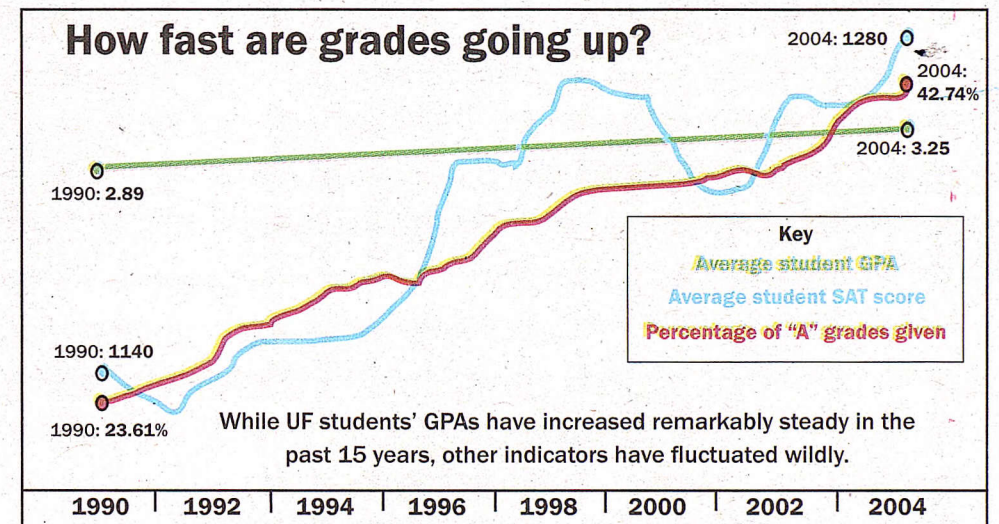
Moreover, the majority of classes in the college rely on more than just tests for accountability, including group projects, papers and presentations, Richard said. Though they may be good test-takers, not all UF students write a good paper or are comfortable speaking before classes.

"Even though our students here at the University of Florida are very good students, other factors come into play," Richard said.

"I've never had a class where everybody achieved an A and I've been teaching for 25 years."

Inflated grades may give students a distorted sense of how well they're performing, which could give them a shock when they graduate, Richard said. UF may also need to adjust its coursework as it becomes a more elite university.

"If we're bringing in brighter and more capable students," Richard said, "then perhaps they should be challenged a little more."



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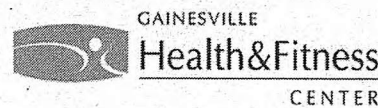
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

Gators drive away as Mercedes-Benz champions

By NICK ZACCARDI
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On the 25th anniversary of the U.S. hockey team's "Miracle on Ice," the UF men's golf team provided their own small miracle on Tuesday.

Matt Every claimed the individual title by one shot at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championships to lead the Gators, who ripped up the course with a tournament-best 280 (-8) to cap the come-from-behind victory.

"It's always fun for a coach to watch his team come from behind and play well when the tournament is on the line," men's golf coach Buddy Alexander said. "I think this tournament victory validates our win at the Gator Invitational a little more because we weren't playing on our home course [this time]."

UF outlasted second-round leader Alabama by 5 shots, finishing the three-day tournament at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra

Beach at 874 (+10).

Alabama came into the final round 6 shots ahead of the fourth-place Gators, but faltered with a 3-over-par 291 on Tuesday.

"For the team to win today, it was huge; that gives us two in a row," said Every, who posted a 71 (-1) to finish at 1-under for the tournament. "We had an awful fall and now we have two wins under our belt this season."

The team played poorly in the fall, but Every turned in his worst performance of the season just two weeks ago at the Gator Invitational. The junior finished in a tie for 34th as UF leapfrogged Wake Forest on the final day.

"When we won two weeks ago, I didn't play that well," Every said. "I credit that win to the rest of the team."

"To be honest, I didn't play that well today. I just didn't shoot myself in the foot."

Richard Treis, who spurred the Gators' win in Gainesville with a final-round 69, did the same thing on Tuesday with the lowest round

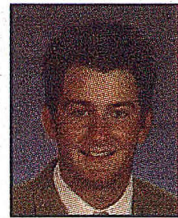
of the tournament, a 5-under-par 67.

The senior came back after carding a second-round 82 to complete a bogey-free 18 holes with five birdies Tuesday, good for a tie for 19th.

"Richard was a huge factor in our comeback today," Alexander said. "It took a lot of courage and trust to bounce back and play so well after struggling so much the day before."

"If there were a game ball to give out for today's round, you'd have to give it to Richard for his performance down the stretch."

Brett Stegmaier turned in his best effort of the week in the final round, shooting a 2-under 70 to finish in a tie for sixth. It was the junior's second straight top-10 finish.



Every

WOMEN IN SECOND: Tiffany Chudy is look-

ing down at the rest of the field, but the UF women's golf team is looking up at Auburn after the second round of the Puerto Rico Classic.

The freshman turned in a round of even-par 72 at the Dorado Del Mar Country Club to take a 1-stroke lead going into today's final round in San Juan.

"She's shot two solid rounds, but both of her rounds could have been better," women's golf coach Jill Briles-Hinton said.

Led by Chudy, all six UF golfers recorded rounds in the 70s to propel the Gators to second in the team standings, 7 shots behind Auburn.

Senior Andrea Vander Lende shot a 74 (+2), placing her in a tie for fourth. Camila Gonzalez followed a first-round 80 with a one-over-par 73 on Tuesday to move the junior into a tie for 21st.

Individual player Eleanor Tucker, a freshman, stands in a tie for 25th after a 6-over-par 78.



Matt Marriott / Alligator Staff

UF relief pitcher Mike Pete logged a win against Florida A&M on Tuesday by striking out five Rattlers in 3.2 innings of work. He allowed just one hit.

UF earns first 20-hit game since May 2004

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while looking for a double to complete the cycle.

Second baseman Adam Davis rebounded from a hitting slump that started the season. He also finished one hit short of the cycle, missing the feat by a triple. Davis hit a solo home run in the fourth inning and had an RBI double in the fifth.

"I knew I hit it pretty well," Davis said of the bomb. "I went around the bases thinking, 'I finally got one.'"

Every UF starter reached base. Senior Jeff Corsaletti was the only one without a hit. Twelve Gators had at least one hit.

Senior left-hander Mike Pete earned his first win since May 2, 2004 against Auburn. That game was also the last time the Gators had 20 hits. Pete threw 3.2 innings in relief Tuesday, striking out five batters and allowing only one hit.

"I was using [batting practice] fastballs a lot, trying to hit spots," Pete said.

The only FAMU batter he did not retire was right fielder Mike Tavernier, who singled back to the pitcher's mound and advanced to second on a throwing error by Pete. Tavernier advanced to third base on a wild pitch.

"I knew when I got the ball, I probably shouldn't have thrown it," Pete said. "Sometimes, you just let it go, you want to kick yourself after it happens. But you can't let it bother you. Just come back, throw it in the strike zone and get the next guy out."

Senior A.J. Paterick (0-3) took the loss for the Rattlers, who remain winless in 14 games this season.

FAMU committed five errors in the game and threw two wild pitches.

FAMU scored two runs in the first inning to take an early lead. UF freshman pitcher Tommy Wynn made his first collegiate start, allowing two hits, two runs and two walks. Freshmen Jared Kubin and Andy Davis also earned their first career RBIs.

Senior staying confident

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loss to Louisville, the senior took the brunt of the blame for launching an errant 3-pointer with the game on the line.

The criticism peaked following his 1-for-2 shooting, 4-point, two-rebound outing in a loss to Florida State.

After spending most of the second half of that game on the bench, Lee said Donovan challenged his ambition.

"He just told me that [performance] really wouldn't cut it," Lee said.

That's when he began working overtime.

Since then, he's been getting two to three extra hours of individual workout time before each game.

Lee also watches extra game film on DVD. He not only scouts the opposing forward, but the other players as well, providing leadership on the court.

"It's tough to get extra workouts in, but a lot of our guys have been doing that to get an edge on the competition," Lee said.

And though the Gators' season continues to hit valley after peak, it seems Lee's confidence continues on a steady incline.

The senior has five double-doubles in his last 10 games and has demanded the ball more, racking up double digits in field-goal attempts in five of his last seven games as opposed to four in his previous 16.

"That's what we need from him," said guard Matt Walsh after Lee's 21-point, 12-rebound performance at Tennessee. "I think we're tough to stop when he plays like that."

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"If you get them into an eye conversation, you have a chance," said Davis, much the same way a physicist would describe the theory of relativity.

And why not? Davis is the Einstein of his profession.

It began in 1959 when he enrolled at UF.

He attended every home basketball, football and baseball game he possibly could in the next 46 years.

Davis has another calling: swimming. For as long as he can remember, Davis has trained in the O'Connell Center pool. In 1988, his trunks became his legacy.

He was training in the O'Connell Center pool before one of UF's home games. Afterward, Davis attended the game, swim bag at his side.

He eyed his bright blue, yellow-striped swimsuit. The temptation became unbearable. Davis took out the swimsuit, then paraded it in the air, melt-

ing the opposing free throw shooter.

"The guy looked at me like, 'What the heck?'" recalls Davis. "They ended up missing three free throws in a row and I said, 'Hey, I'm on to something.'"

The gimmick stuck - but there was more.

Davis would travel to Alaska. He would return with a moose hat that was supposed to be a gift for his son.

When the Rowdy Reptiles began attending games and calling Davis "Moose," there was no turning back.

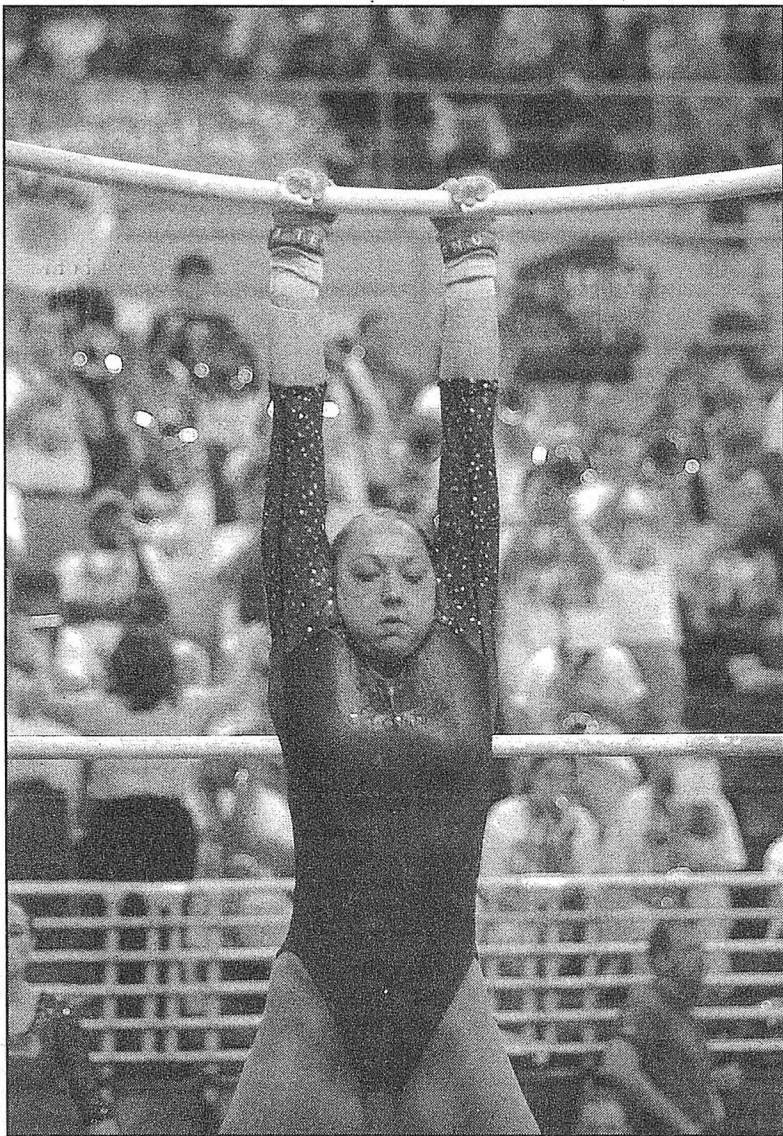
"At that point I knew I had to come," Davis said. "I had responsibilities."

Davis still swims. He competes in meets as a member of the U.S. Masters Swimming organization. The organization groups swimmers into 5-year age brackets. His goal is to reach the 100+ bracket.

He'll make it at this rate - 100 years old in 2042.

No doubt about it. You would have to stare. You would have to smile.

Walk-ons work hard for their turn in the spotlight



Matt Marriott / Alligator Staff

UF gymnast Sherie Owens didn't compete much as a freshman walk-on, but has since become a specialist on uneven bars.

■ COACH SAYS GYMNASTS KNOW THEIR TEAM ROLES.

By **DAN TREAT**
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Behind the glitz and glamour of college athletics, there are those who often toil in anonymity. Those who work just as hard as their teammates, but with much lower rewards.

There are also a few who have the ability to overcome these obstacles to shine in the spotlight.

Welcome to the world of the walk-on.

Gymnastics is a full scholarship sport, and 11 of UF's 16 competitors are on an athletic scholarship. But the five who aren't still show up to practice every day and give it all that they have.

"It's harder just because you work as hard as everyone else," junior Beth Kleiman said.

"You work hard, and the rewards are smaller. You have to take everything as a reward."

Coach Rhonda Faehn, however, makes it clear to every athlete who enters her program what their position will be.

"That's something we're very straightforward about and make clear from the start, that each person on the team has a specific role," Faehn said. "They know if

they're going to be able to compete or not or exhibition or not. They all learn and know that their roles are just as important as being out there on the competition floor. Everything they are doing is an integral part of the success of this team."

Kleiman's duty, for example, is to organize equipment changes between routines.

"I feel like I have to work harder in the gym to prove myself and earn my spot on the team. But we're treated the same. It's not like we get downgraded because we're a walk-on."

Sherie Owens
UF gymnast

A few of these athletes, however, have become major contributors.

Savannah Evans, a sophomore, stands out among this group. She entered UF in the fall of 2003 as a walk-on, earning All-American honors as a freshman. She performed well enough to earn a scholarship this season.

Sherie Owens entered a similar situation after enrolling in January 2003. The junior felt the need to show she belonged right off the bat.

"I feel like I have to work hard-

er in the gym to prove myself and earn my spot on the team," Owens said. "But we're treated the same. It's not like we get downgraded because we're a walk-on."

Owens competed on uneven bars and vault her freshman season, but was hampered by knee injuries in both her freshman and sophomore seasons. She has become a bars specialist and earned the first top-three finish of her career against Auburn on Feb. 11.

Although Faehn describes all her gymnasts as dedicated, walk-ons have to maintain high academics while training for a meet that may never come.

"There's a balance. There definitely has to be one," Owens said. "Because of the study time that's involved, you have to study around practice."

Or while warming up for practice, as Kleiman caught up on organic chemistry before Tuesday's session.

For Kleiman, it's all about small rewards. She got one against Auburn, competing for the first time.

"It was awesome. It felt like everything finally paid off," Kleiman said. "All of the surgery and hard work and sweat and tears finally came together."

"All I wanted was a chance. One of the coaches told me 'Perseverance finally paid off, and it did.'"

Final home game has significance for Gators seniors

By **MICHAEL MAURINO**
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In every season there are games that can make or break a team's postseason dreams. The women's basketball team may have such a game against No. 18 Georgia on Thursday.

But for seniors Tishona Gregory, Tashia Morehead, and Tamia Williams, the game has even more significance: it will be the final time they don orange and blue in front of a home crowd.

Gregory said that she has been trying not to think about her final game so the emotions do not affect her.

"I don't want to get myself overemo-

tional or get myself worked up about it," the guard said. "I don't like to see this day come, but it has to, so [I'll] just make the best of the situation."

Gregory has started every game of the past two seasons. She has already topped last season's assist and steal marks while averaging about 6 points a game.

Williams, meanwhile, is- having her

best season ever. She began filling in when junior Danielle Santos was injured in December and has been in the lineup ever since.

Averaging 12.6 points a game, she leads the team with 61 three-pointers, and has been the game's top scorer eight times. Entering this season, Williams averaged 4.2 points a game.

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Lee's finale rapidly approaching

■ THE SENIOR SAID IT WON'T HIT HIM UNTIL IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS.

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As reporters pressed David Lee to relate his feelings as his final UF home game approaches, the lone Gators senior shook the sappy mood.

"You all act like I'm dying," Lee responded.

The quip drew a round of laughs and injected a bit of perspective.

He's not done yet. Be it a collegiate afterlife with a deep NCAA Tournament run or a potential reincarnation into the pro ranks, time still remains for his hoops-centric existence.

But a significant portion of Lee's playing days will evaporate when he steps onto the O'Connell Center court for the second-to-last time in UF's rematch against Vanderbilt (16-10, 6-6 Southeastern Conference) tonight at 8 p.m.

The senior claimed he hasn't given his impending UF finale against Kentucky on March 6 much emotional attention.

"I guess it will hit me when I do actually step out there for the last time," Lee said.

But like a condemned prisoner aware of his waning final moments, Lee admitted his final days as a Gators player have evoked a sense of urgency.

Coach Billy Donovan hopes to capitalize on the situation.

Donovan said he reminds Lee of his remaining number of O'Connell Center outings before every home game.

Perhaps the strategy is beginning to work.

As the Gators (16-7, 8-4 SEC) teetered through a disappointing 8-3 non-conference season, Lee received heavy criticism for being inconsistent.

Even with an 18-point performance in a



Nick West / Alligator Staff

David Lee continues his senior season countdown when the Gators host Vanderbilt tonight. Lee is averaging 18 points in his last three games.

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Free-throwers fear 'Moose'

Polite or not, you have to stare. You can't miss the visual exclamation point that is the green Speedo.

You can't turn away from the moose head, either. The spell has begun.

You can only imagine how an opposing basketball player at roughly 20 feet away would freak out at the sight. Or laugh. Or miss a free throw.

"I try to get one or two misses every game," says Moose.

"Moose" is 63-year-old Ron Davis, an avid Gators fan since the days of Dwight Eisenhower and a free-throw deterrent since 1988. At every UF men's basketball home game, Davis makes opponents miss as many free throws as possible.



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Davis parks himself two rows deep beneath the west basket – the hoop where UF's opponents shoot during the first half. He brings wife Alicia, who has attended every Gators home game with her love for 37 years. They've been married for 36 years.

Davis has his inanimate buddies as well: the striking bright green Speedo and his moose hat. Davis morphs into the backdrop until a player from the other team toes the charity stripe.

Davis stands, hunches forward, then holds his swimsuit or moose hat high for everyone – especially the free-throw shooter – to see.

Then Davis begins swaying from side to side while gesturing the Speedo/moose hat. He does this seriously: almost like a preacher displaying the Holy Scriptures.

Then Davis speaks to the free-throw shooter with his eyes.

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Gators repeat crushing performance against FAMU

By **TIM CASEY**
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Same team. Same result.

UF's offense did not let up on winless Florida A&M Tuesday night, as the Gators piled up 18 runs and 22 hits, limiting the Rattlers to three runs on seven hits.

FAMU managed to hang with UF until the Gators erupted for 9 runs in the sixth inning. UF's first nine batters scored before sophomore left fielder Gavin Dickey hit a sacrifice fly in his

"I knew I hit it pretty well. I went around the bases thinking, 'I finally got one.'"

Adam Davis
UF second baseman

second plate appearance of the inning.

Dickey finished with a stolen base, one RBI and two hits in two at-bats.

"My job is to be ready whenever Coach needs me to," Dickey said. "I just come out everyday, prepare to play, [and]

be ready to go, so I just gotta be ready to go in at any time."

Coach Pat McMahon stressed that his players not take the game for granted after winning two of three games against then-No. 2 ranked Miami last weekend.

A day after being named SEC player of the week, first baseman Matt LaPorta began making a case for a repeat award. LaPorta had four hits in five at-bats, crushing a three-run home run in the sixth inning and hitting his first career triple in the fifth. He notched two singles but struck out in his final at-bat

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