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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Online voting petition denied

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Some students' hopes of voting online in future elections to determine who will control their \$11 million were dashed by the university's highest court Sunday.

Only the dean of students can override the decision.

Student Government's Supreme Court denied a petition signed by more than 1,000 UF students who thought the prospect of online voting for Student Government elections should be put to a paper vote during the March 15 and 16 elections.

The last party to throw its weight behind the initiative was The Gator Party, which released its support via e-mail Monday — one day after the denial.

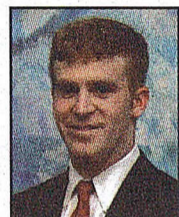
In a letter, also sent on Monday to the SG office manager, the supervisor of elections, an election commissioner and the dean of students, the court said it denied the petition because it "fails to meet statutory requirements."

The main reason given for the denial was that "ambiguous, aspirational language" in the petition made it unclear whether it sought a ballot initiative, which requires signatures from 2 percent of the student body, or a referendum, which requires signatures from only 1 percent.

Initiatives carry the same weight as Student Body laws, which are binding.

Referenda are equivalent to Student Senate resolutions, which merely articulate positions in support of or opposition to campus issues.

On Jan. 26, student senators and volunteers brought copies of the petition to meetings and events around campus — including the Ron Jeremy-Susan Cole pornography debate at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center — to garner signatures and submit the petition before a 5 p.m.



Moritz

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Tender loving care

Under the watchful eye of five-year-old Raziell Rodner, Perry M. Trenka feeds a day-old rabbit milk from a syringe Wednesday afternoon at the Union Street Market. Trenka said his rabbits gave birth to their first litter of "kits" Tuesday, but he took over feeding duties when the mother refused to nurse. Trenka formerly sharpened knives for customers at the market, located in downtown Gainesville. (Photos by Megan V. Winslow)



Legislature aims to retain control of school tuition

■ A STATE REPRESENTATIVE WANTS A VOTE ON WHO HAS CONTROL OF FLORIDA'S UNIVERSITIES.

By **JAMES VANLANDINGHAM**

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TALLAHASSEE — A new shot was fired Wednesday in the ongoing battle for control over the State University System

when a bill was filed to keep control of tuition firmly in the hands of the legislature.

Rep. J. Dudley Goodlette (R-Naples) filed a bill, HB1001, that aims to define what powers the Board of Governors, the voter-mandated body created to oversee Florida's 11 public universities, has and what powers are retained by the Florida Legislature.

According to the bill, filed late Tuesday, the Board of Governors would define the

distinct mission of each university, submit budget requests to the legislature for university funding, govern admissions to the universities and be responsible for "improving, reviewing and terminating State University System degree programs."

The legislature, however, would retain the power to establish tuition and fees,

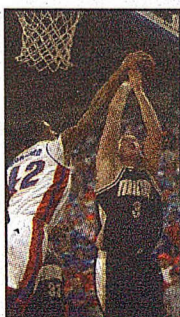
make policies on financial aid, and set the budgets of Florida's 11 public universities.

Goodlette's bill is a new page in a saga that has stretched back to when voters established the Board of Governors, by constitutional amendment, in 2002.

The Board, which constitutionally should be "independent and autonomous"

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■ UF forward Al Horford notches one of his three blocks in a 69-61 win against Vanderbilt on Wednesday. Horford also grabbed nine rebounds. Next up for the Gators is South Carolina on Sunday. See story, pg. 24.



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■ The legislature must budget new money for raises in university faculty salaries, which in Florida rank well below the national average, leaders of the State University Presidents Association said at a Wednesday meeting at FSU. See story, pg. 4.

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LOCAL

Death case ends in mistrial

The trial of a Gainesville man accused of killing his brother ended abruptly Wednesday afternoon when a witness alluded to the defendant's prior criminal history.

Terrance Lee Looney, 42, is accused of strangling his brother, James Ralph Looney, and hiding the body in a trash can. His second-degree murder trial began Wednesday morning with opening arguments by his attorney, Matthew Wells, and state prosecutor Jeanne Singer.

However, late in the day, John Christian Jennings, a neighbor of the Looneys, took the stand for questioning concerning James' 2002 disappearance. When asked how long he had known Terrance, Jennings said they met just after the defendant was released from a Texas prison.

According to Florida law, a defendant's criminal history is not to be divulged unless he or she had committed a felony or a crime of dishonesty and elects to take the stand.

Following Senior Judge R.A. Green's decision to grant the defense's motion for a mistrial, Wells said the crime for which Looney was incarcerated in Texas has nothing to do with the defendant's brother and instead concerned a "worthless check" charge.

"The problem with that coming out before this jury is now the jury knows something about Mr. Looney that it would otherwise not know, and the idea is we don't want people to convict people because they've had prior bad experiences," Wells said. "We want them to base their decision on the evidence and the evidence alone that's in court."

— MEGAN V. WINSLOW

Suspected rapist sketched

The Gainesville Police Department has released a sketch of the suspect in an attempted rape that took place on the 1100 block of Southwest Third Avenue on Saturday.

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Detective Jorge Campos said that while the composite was created entirely from the description given by the victim, GPD has had several tips as to the assailant's identity.

"We've had a lot of responses from people saying that the picture looks like someone they know, and we're in the process of interviewing people," he said.



Composite sketch

The suspect is a 200-pound white male with brown hair, 35 to 40 years old and about 5 feet and 8- to 10-inches tall. He was clean-shaven, wore a white T-shirt and was carrying a single-barrel silver handgun at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information about the crime or suspect is asked to contact Campos in GPD's Criminal Investigations Division at 334-2489.

— EVA KIS

Man charged in burglaries

An Alachua County Jail inmate incurred additional charges this week after being linked to a series of statewide burglaries over the past two years, police say.

"He goes to different cities and got caught in Gainesville," Gainesville Police detective Bennie Smith said. "He's probably been doing this for years."

According to reports, Charles Clinton, 39, has been charged with an additional two counts of burglary, three of burglary to an automobile and three counts of grand theft.

Clinton, a Deland resident,

made his way from Tampa to Tallahassee then back to Daytona and Gainesville, allegedly to support a drug habit, Smith said.

He said Clinton may have had a partner as he came through Gainesville, stealing approximately \$25,000 in tools since last year.

"He has a knowledge of tools, quality ones," Smith said.

Reports state that in one instance reported Jan. 29, 2004, Clinton stole more than \$4,400 of tools from a trailer. Additionally, a report stated that one day prior, Clinton took tools from a parked truck at 4103 NW 20th Terrace.

However, he reportedly stole other objects beside tools.

Another report states that on Jan. 1, 2004, Clinton took a riding lawnmower valued at approximately \$900 and a Weedeater, which costs about \$120.

Smith said Clinton has admitted to eight burglaries. But there may be more thefts that have gone unreported within the county.

"He has cooperated; he was getting money to feed his habit," Smith said. "There is usually some sort of motivation."

Clinton originally was taken into custody Jan. 9 after he was caught riding a stolen bicycle to his car, which had run out of gas.

Clinton's car was gone when he returned to it, Smith said, and was later found in Daytona. Clinton said an accomplice stole it.

— ELIZABETH PRANN

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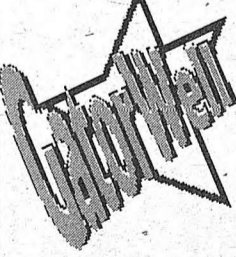
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UF employees await decision on salary negotiations

UF sets conditions before budging on budget

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About 1,000 employees who repair, clean and maintain UF's campus must wait at least another three weeks to find out if they will get the same salary and benefits as their peers, after negotiations between UF and an employee union came to another dead end.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME, has been in negotiations with UF since Nov. 17, thus far only agreeing to seven of 26 articles in its contract with the university.

The union presented a proposal Wednesday that gave UF permission to give retroactive merit increases to its members, catching up qualified AFSCME employees with their non-union peers.

But UF officials refuse to do so unless the union gives up its bargaining rights for the year.

AFSCME wants those rights to negotiate a 6 percent across-the-board salary increase for its members along with wages of at least \$10 per hour.

Some UF employees make within hundreds of dollars of the federal poverty level, making \$17,810 each year, AFSCME's chief negotiator Marc Brody said.

"We cannot and will not waive

our rights and the rights of our employees to bargain," Brody said, adding, "If you believe these people deserve a merit increase, we won't stop you."

UF officials and AFSCME will meet again on March 17 to discuss the cost of the raises, Brody said. He also asked UF officials to provide him with how many AFSCME members would qualify for the merit increase so he could consult with his constituency.

Michael Whelan, an attorney hired by UF for the negotiations, said he wondered why the union felt they were entitled to more than the rest of UF's staff.



Whelan

"The whole university wasn't treated like that," he said. "Why should your people be treated special?"

More than 4,000 Technical, Executive, Administrative and Managerial Support, or TEAMS, employees received merit raises a few weeks ago, under the terms UF officials are offering AFSCME.

No union represents those employees.

However, staff members protected by the union fall under USPS, or the University Support Personnel System, and their salaries can't be touched unless the union first is

consulted.

USPS and TEAMS are just classifications; employees with the same job can belong to either.

Part of AFSCME's proposal included provisions that would entitle USPS members to some of the same benefits as TEAMS members.

For example, under AFSCME's proposal, USPS employees would receive the four paid personal days TEAMS members may take off work between Dec. 26 and Dec. 31. Under the current contract, they may take one.

USPS employees also would get the same 6.769 hours of annual leave per two-week pay period as TEAMS members.

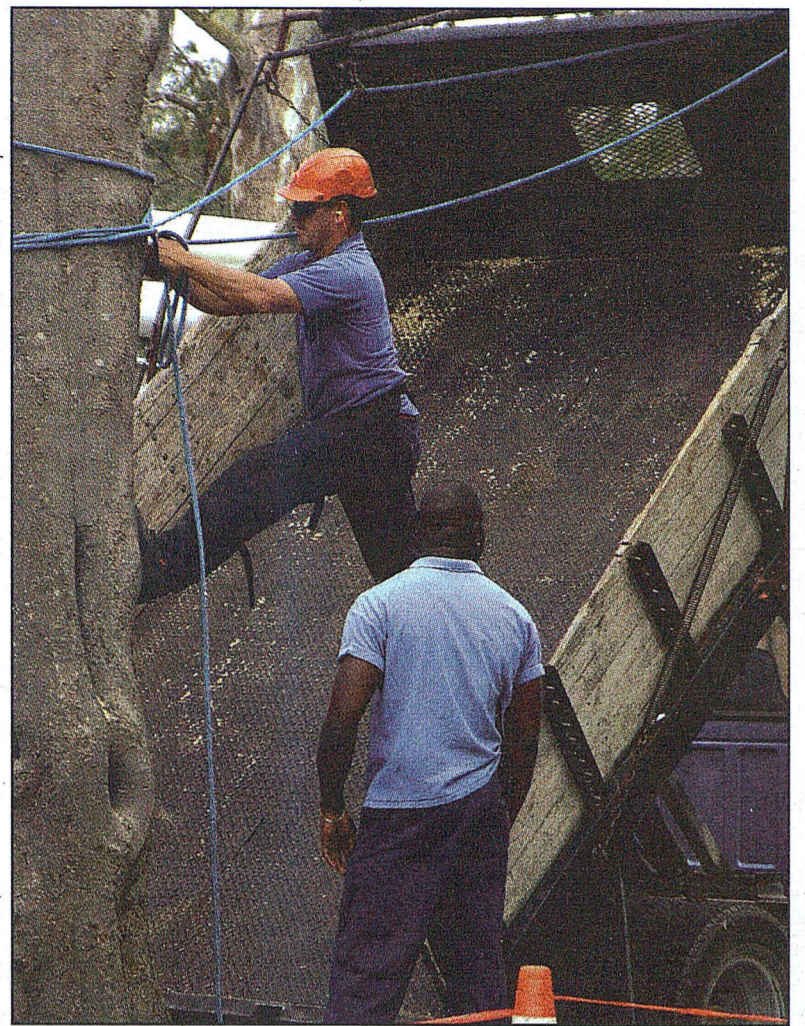
Now, USPS members with more than 10 years of employment at UF are offered six hours while others get four or five.

"The question is why are we being treated differently," Brody said.

However, Whelan said UF officials have tried to keep everyone equal by recently giving AFSCME members and other employees a \$1,000 bonus and offering the union the same terms agreed to by everyone else.

"All we wanted to do with employees with AFSCME is treat them like all other employees in the university," Whelan told AFSCME negotiators. "Today you're telling us you don't want us to do that."

Although the two parties didn't



Casey Anderson / Alligator Staff

UF workers tie a tree trunk to their truck before taking it down on Wednesday near the Hub Food Court.

come to an agreement on any of these issues, they agreed to eventually form a joint committee that

would look into merit increases. Alligator writer Jeff Sirmons contributed to this report.

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Students commute to capital for change in bus fees

■ SFCC HOPES TO CHARGE STUDENTS FOR UP-GRADES TO TRANSPORTATION, LIKE UF DOES.

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TALLAHASSEE – Ten SFCC students traveled Wednesday to build support in the state capital for a new bill that would help the college negotiate new bus routes with Gainesville's Regional Transit System.

The students met with Florida Senate leaders to promote Senate Bill 542, which would let community colleges levy a transportation access fee like universities do.

In 2004, UF students paid a transportation access fee of \$4.10 per credit hour, or \$61.50 a semester, for students attempting 15 credits. In turn, UF students can ride RTS buses for free on

a variety of routes designed to shuttle students to and from campus.

State law bars community colleges from collecting the fee. So while SFCC students don't have to pay the fee each semester, they must pay 50 cents a ride on RTS buses.

The SFCC and UF student governments, as well as the Gainesville City Commission, have passed resolutions urging the change to allow community colleges to collect the fee.

Daniel Jones, one of the students who traveled to Tallahassee on Wednesday, said that with the money the college raises from the fee it could negotiate new student bus routes and expand the Later Gator late-night bus program.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Rod Smith (D-Gainesville), would not force community colleges to levy the fee, Jones said, but would allow those seeking better bus service to do so.

"All the students might not use it [the expanded bus service], but all will see the benefit from it," he said. "If 10 students ride the bus, that's 10 free parking spaces."

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee unanimously Feb. 8 and is now pending before the Education Appropriations Committee.

Santa Fe Community College

The students met with the chairman of that committee, Sen. J.D. Alexander (R-Lake Wales) and pleaded their case.

SFCC legislative liaison Guy York said he anticipated the bill would pass the committee and Senate, moving on to the House where he hoped it would also pass.

The students also met with Smith and Ron Pierce, an aide to Senate President Tom Lee (R-Brandon).

Capping off their day of lobbying, the students had dinner with Alachua County's legislative delegation Wednesday night at the FSU University Club, which overlooks Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium.

"It's a great place, but all that garnet and gold makes you sick," York said.

Presidents seek state funds for salary increases

Costs may cut into campus services

By **JAMES VANLANDINGHAM**
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TALLAHASSEE – The legislature must budget new money for raises in university faculty salaries, which in Florida rank well below the national average, leaders of the State University Presidents Association said at a Wednesday meeting at FSU.

Gov. Jeb Bush did not include any new money for raises in his budget recommendation to the legislature last month, and if the Florida House and Senate agree, universities would be forced to fund any raises from dollars derived from tuition increases.

"I think it is essential for the state to step up and fund salary increases," said SUPA Chairman John Cavanaugh, president of the

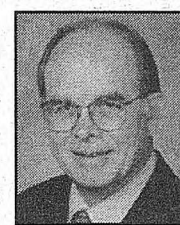
University of West Florida. "The fact that it's not [funded in the governor's budget] puts considerable burdens on universities."

UCF President John Hitt agreed. "If we don't find some money for salary raises, our entire mission will be degraded," he said. "If we have to fund raises by eating up our tuition dollars, we won't be able to provide those services to our state that are our mission."

Hitt added that if the legislature didn't come through with better funding for higher education, Florida's public universities would be unable to sustain providing high-quality education to Florida's workforce, hindering economic development in the state.

The inadequacy of higher education in the governor's budget proposal has been a SUPA issue since Jan. 26, when it issued a statement

decrying that Bush had included only a quarter of the \$80 million in new funding that the Board of Governors, in charge of Florida's 11 public universities, says is necessary just to keep pace with new student enrollment.



Machen

research grants for UF also would be cut.

Bush has said he is a supporter of devolving power, including the power to raise tuition, to university boards of trustees.

In the Jan. 26 statement, UF President Bernie Machen said, "Devolution doesn't mean you cut off all the money that supports

education. That's not devolution; that's strangulation."

SUPA and the governors have said they will work to push for more higher education funding during the legislative session.

Health insurance for graduate students was another issue that emerged at the meeting. FSU Provost Larry Abele said SUPA and the governors should investigate whether Florida universities could offer a statewide healthcare plan to graduate students.

Presumably, a plan negotiated by all of Florida's public universities could offer health insurance to graduate students for less than if the schools tried to offer it themselves.

Abele said students tend to lose healthcare coverage under their parents' insurance when they graduate and, moreover, that healthcare benefits could be a powerful incentive attracting top-notch graduate students to Florida.

Machen and other UF representatives did not attend Wednesday's meeting.

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Gator ticket favors Greeks

Editor's note: This is the second in a series analyzing candidates for Student Government office.

By BRIDGET CAREY

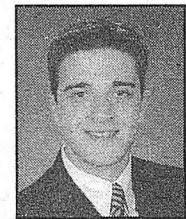
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After further analysis of Student Senate candidates, the Gator Party is able to boast the most support from every Greek council.

The Gator Party not only has the most support from the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils, but it also has the most candidates with ties to the traditionally minority councils, Multicultural Greek and National Pan-Hellenic.

The Impact Party has no candidates from the MGC or the NPHC, and only three candidates from the IFC, including its vice presidential candidate Robert Mack.

Gator vice presidential candidate Joyce Medina is a member of the MGC sorority Gamma Eta, and she regularly works with the council to represent her chapter.



Goldberg

She said that having a 48-candidate ticket that's more than half-full of Greek students was only a coincidence.

"We're just a party that's trying to target all the students," Medina said. She added that Gator's key to choosing its candidates was qualification, not whether or not

someone had Greek ties.

Although the majority of Gator's Greek candidates have ties to the IFC and Panhellenic Council, the NPHC also is well represented. There are three NPHC officers slating with Gator, and at least four of the council's chapters are represented.

"It shouldn't be about who is Greek or non-Greek," Medina said, "it's about who is qualified."

She added that though about 14 percent of students at UF are Greek, that was not an issue that would hinder her ticket from representing a wide variety of students.

Impact may not have many Greek candidates, but it boasts the ticket with the most student organizational leadership.

The Impact ticket includes presidents from the Business Administration College Council, Hispanic Student Business Association, College Republicans, Image, National Broadcasting Society and Gator Christian Life.

The Gator Party, whose presidential candidate is Joe Goldberg, also boasts students with high organizational leadership, including at least four Florida Blue Key members, three Black Student Union officers, three Accent officers and four Board of College Council officers, including the BOCC president.

The Voice Party has slated the president of the Pride Student Union, and the Progress Party has candidates with Resident Assistant positions and involvement in academic fraternities.

Alligator writer Neil Hughes contributed to this report.

2005 CITY ELECTIONS

Candidates talk equal rights

By BRIAN HAGEN

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Gay, lesbian and transgendered affairs dominated the forum between the seven Gainesville City Commission candidates at the Alachua County Public Library in downtown Gainesville on Wednesday night.

The Human Rights Council of North Central Florida, an organization seeking to end sex-based discrimination, sponsored the forum, along with the group Judy Levy NOW, a local branch of the National Organization for Women.

The candidates, who are running for one of the three City Commission seats up for election March 29, had one-and-a-half minutes to answer questions posed by attendees, which were mailed to the candidates two weeks before the forum, Human Rights Council President Susan Eichner said.

The proposition to register domestic partners at City Hall, like married couples do, to protect their rights was supported by all the attendees.

"I've had a domestic partner for 26 years," attorney and At-Large hopeful Gabriel Kaimowitz said. Kaimowitz represented a transsexual in Michigan seeking to use the ladies' bathroom after undergoing the operation to become a woman.

"I say 'Why not?'" At-Large seat-holder Rick Bryant said. "I think it's a step in the right direction."

District 2 candidate Grant Thrall said he supports the drive for companionship as the first priority for any person.

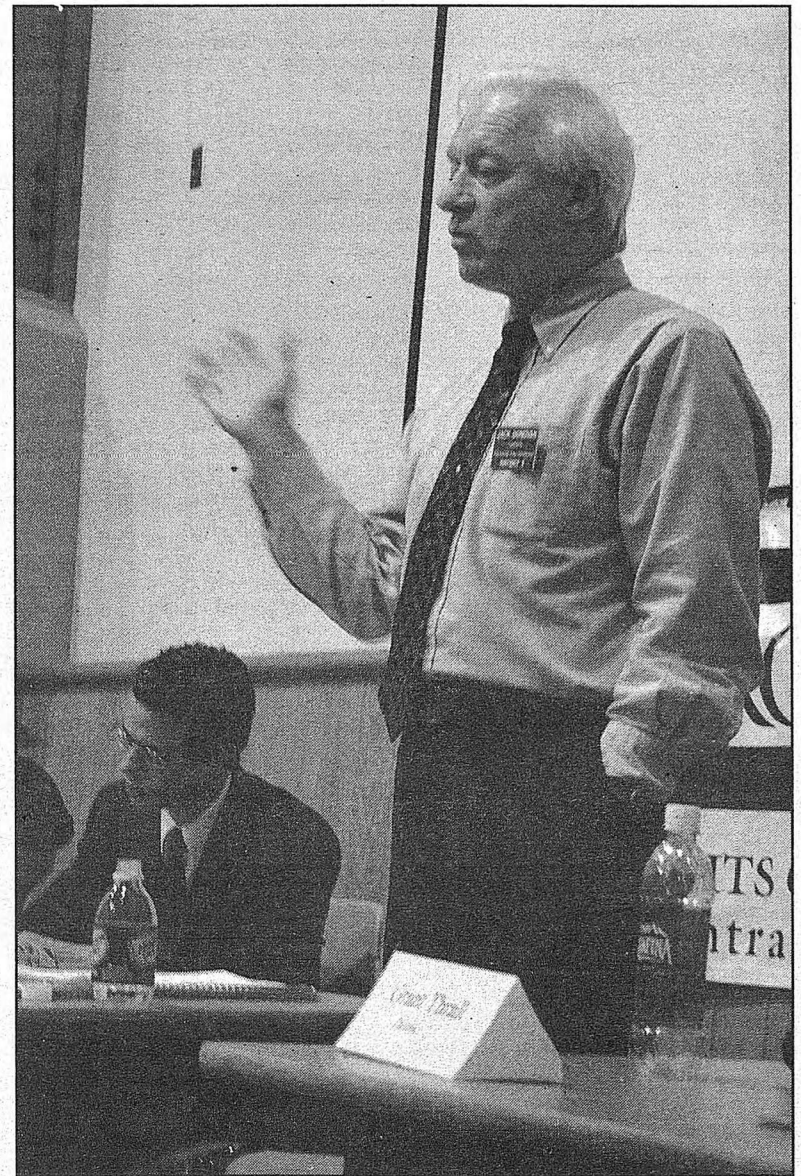
"I have to admit I had some reservations," he said. "But I talked to friends."

The registration would not equal a marriage or civil union but would provide such rights as hospital visitation and joint health insurance.

"I work as a hospice chaplain, and I see on a daily basis if family and loved ones are not allowed to be near the patient, it's a great loss," District 3 hopeful Jack Donovan said.

Donovan said he was the first minister in Gainesville to hire a lesbian intern.

"Almost cost me my job," he



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Jack Donovan, a Gainesville City Commission candidate, addresses residents during a forum which focused on GLBT rights. The Human Rights Council of North Central Florida co-sponsored the forum.

said.

The candidates also agreed on the rights of citizens with different sexual orientations.

"Everybody deserves these rights," student senator and District 3 candidate Mike Belle said. "Everybody deserves their rights. That's what Kennedy said."

A discussion of affirmative action evolved into positing solutions for local poverty and class differences.

"This is between the haves and the have-nots," At-Large candidate Dyonne McGraw said. "We need to

take on economic development and teach skills to the unskilled."

"We are the lowest in Florida in spending on education," Thrall agreed. "We used to say, 'Thank God for Mississippi.' We can't say that anymore."

Some of the candidates took issue with the absence of incumbent commissioners Tony Domenech and Ed Braddy.

"[Braddy] missed 31 percent of the votes in the City Commission," Thrall said. "My opponent has a record of not showing up."

Caribbean comics entertain, educate with cultural humor

Dominican students sponsor performance

By LINDSAY TAULBEE

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Students got a crash course in merengue and a dose of Spanish on Wednesday as two comedians tempered traditional comedy with Caribbean flavor.

Comedians Angelo Lozada and Ruperto Vanderpool, both of whom have appeared on "It's Showtime at the Apollo" and BET's "Comic View," performed to an audience of about 25 students as a part of the Dominican Student Association's "DSA Week."

Lozada and Vanderpool took in stride the smaller-than-expected audience and the unconventional venue, a chemistry classroom in Leigh Hall.

"This is cute, all four of us," Lozada said. "I've had more people in my shower."

Lozada, a Puerto Rican from New York, joked about politics, parenthood and language barriers, telling many of his jokes in Spanish.

He also spoke of George Orwell's "1984," calling it prophetic.

"This is how I know Big Brother is watching. In the mail, I received a traffic violation," he said, noting the ticket included a picture of him running a red light.

"So I sent them a picture of a money

order," he said.

DSA President Lenny Flores said the group hoped to educate students about culture with humor.

"There's a lot of things about Dominicans that are just assumed. I think the best way to learn is with comedy."

Lenny Flores

Dominican Student Association president

"There's a lot of things about Dominicans that are just assumed," she said, later noting, "I think the best way to learn is with comedy."

Vanderpool, a Dominican who also lives in New York, talked about Latinos

at the beach, teenagers coming home past curfew, and dominoes — "that's like Latino Nintendo," he said.

He also demonstrated how to dance the merengue, moving his arms and hips animatedly.

"If you want to learn how to dance merengue, get in a cold shower," he said.

In an interview after the performance, Vanderpool said the show's size had its benefits.

"It doesn't matter if it's five people or 1,000. I think the artist's responsibility is to have fun. We love big crowds, but this is good, too. It's intimate," he said.

As a self-proclaimed "'70s baby," much of his comedy goes between old-school and new-school, he said.

"I can play off of both," he said.

Editorial

Auto access

Parking issue largely not discussed in SG election

We've all seen it a hundred times. You pull into a parking garage, hoping to find a space — maybe you're looking for a place to stash your car while you and some friends go to a bar, or maybe you're late for an important meeting/date/hook up — when an attendant with a clipboard stops you at the entrance.

After you roll down your window, thinking at worst you'll have to pay a steep fee, he tells you that parking is restricted unless you're on the list.

And, of course, you're not on the list.

Unfortunately, this hasn't just been occurring at private lots downtown. This happened yesterday to students seeking to park in the Visitor Welcome Center and Bookstore garage at the Reitz Union.

Students were denied parking at the garage — which partially was funded by student money — because of a high school science fair and "other events."

Now, the Alligator fully supports the unalienable right of our American children to win colored ribbons for science projects their parents threw together the night before. But this is taking things too far.

Worse, this week — being the last days of class before Spring Break — is breeding season for midterms. How many students have missed important exams because there wasn't enough parking?

We'd hope that UF would think that one is too many.

The least they could do is warn students in advance when they weren't going to be able to park. Unfortunately, the calendar of events for the garage hasn't been updated since May.

As students are well aware, these only are small instances of UF's tremendous problem with parking.

The All Decal lot at the Cultural Plaza (by the Harn Museum) occasionally has been closed to students.

So, the ability of thousands of students to park in a timely fashion can be cut off at a whim.

And this isn't just a student problem. UF faculty and staff found yesterday that sections of the Orange Decal lot at the O'Connell Center had temporarily become a private haven for Gator Boosters.

Assuming there are spaces in the lots, students can look forward to fighting with other UF traffic to pay these rates for general spots (according to the Transportation and Parking Services Web site), which add up quickly on a tight budget: Visitor Welcome Center and Bookstore garage: \$5.00/day, \$1.00/45 minutes; Shands visitor garages: \$3.00/day; other parking meters: \$0.25/40 minutes, with a 40 minute maximum.

Restrictions are tightening, rather than lessening, as the time of appeal for parking tickets has dropped this semester from 90 to 20 days.

It's such an ever-present problem, UF students take for granted that nothing can be done.

But if this is such a pervasive issue, why isn't it being seriously included in any Student Government election platforms?

While we're glad graduate student decals have been brought up, this does little for the majority of students.

In last Spring's election, parking at least was accepted as an important issue. We'd still like to see something done with the Innovate Party's suggestion that students receive a get-out-of-a-parking-ticket-free excuse each semester in case of emergency.

Again, this is just another example of an issue in which the needs of the student body as a whole are being neglected, instead of being addressed.

So the next time you circle around campus looking for a spot, as your class meeting times come and go, consider throwing your voice in toward getting things changed.

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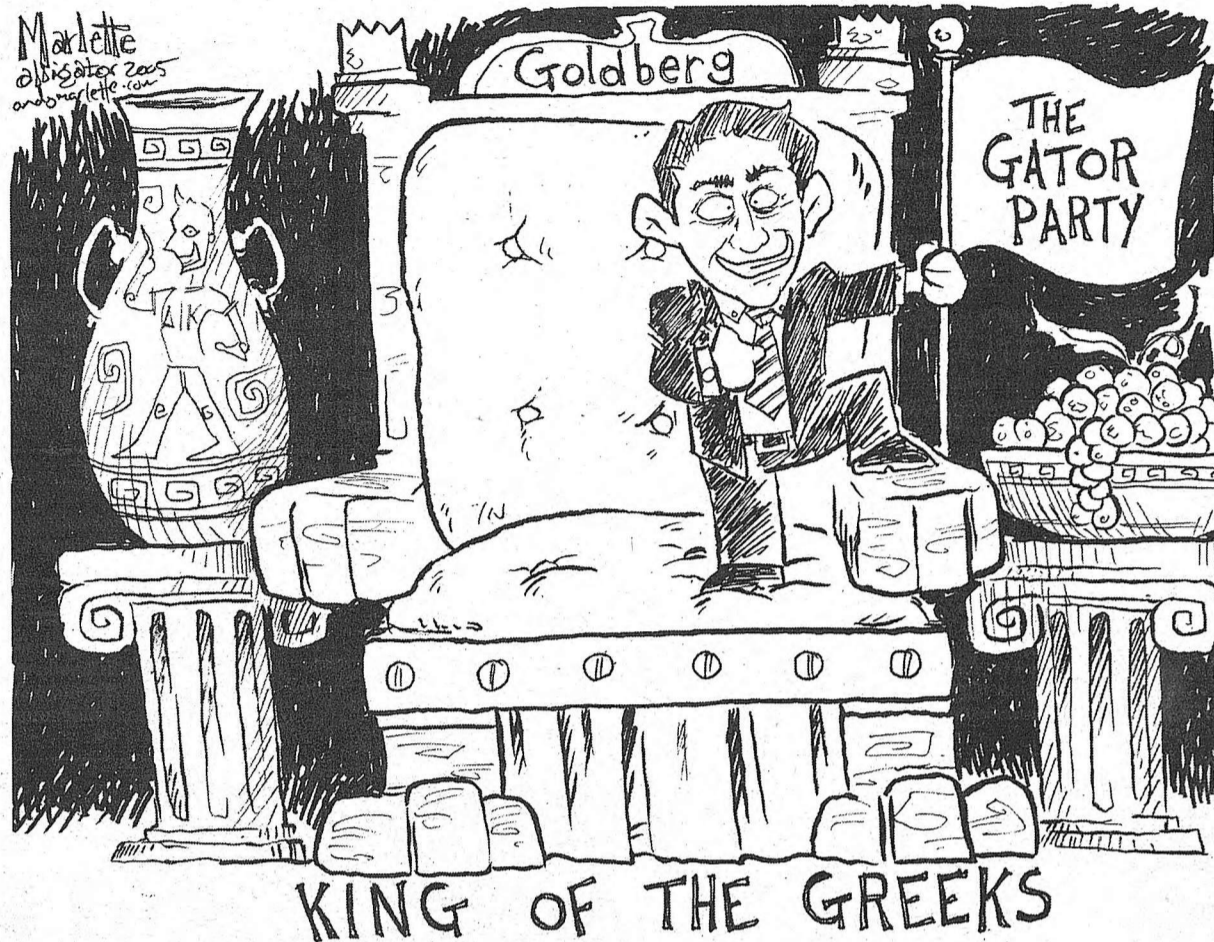
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Guest column

Allegations against BSU are unfounded

I am outraged by the allegations surrounding the Black Student Union. The Black Student Union's mission is to promote, educate and exemplify the rich cultural heritage of its people. Despite the false allegations in the Alligator, BSU is a non-political organization; therefore, it will not take a corporate position in Student Government elections. The Alligator continues to allege that the decision of a handful of black students to cease working on the Impact campaign was a decision made by BSU. There are a lot of inconsistencies surrounding these allegations. I know that this is going to come as a shocker, but not all black students are active members of BSU.

My first question is: Is the Impact party so upset because they assumed that, because they had black faces working on their campaign, black students would automatically and blindly vote for them? Black students: Is it that easy to get your vote?

Second, why is this such a hot topic?

Third, is Impact saying black students are not free to choose who they can vote for and support independently? If black students supported a white candidate and then switched their support to a minority candidate, would this even be an issue?

Over the past few weeks, the Alligator has continued to print the mishaps in the Access/Phoenix/Impact campaign. Considering the constant name changes alone, is there any question that the Impact party is having organizational trouble? They can't even decide on a name. In addition, the Alligator reported that the Impact party misled the Gator Nights staff, illegally posted campaign materials and failed to turn in financial reports. Is there any question as to why any respected leader wouldn't continue to stay on in the midst of such chaos? To top it off, their candidate for Student Body treasurer resigned. Since when is making, what seems to me, a logical decision based on the

Brenda Jean
BSU president
Speaking Out

circumstances nasty politics?

My concern is that the Impact Party appears to be working so hard to capture the black vote. However, this battle is being fought in the Alligator. Why should the black students be treated any differently than other students? Why does the Impact Party feel like black students should not be given the opportunity to decide individually who we choose to support?

This is a message to all the parties: The black students want a platform too. We want to know where each party stands on the issues, especially the issues that affect us most. Here is another tip: The black population at UF is comprised of students from all walks of life. We are Haitian, Nigerian, nursing majors, engineering majors, pro-choice, pro-life, etc. We are just as diverse as the entire student body. Our skin color does not define us. If the parties want the so-called "black vote," they need to do more than staff their campaigns with black faces. They can start by addressing some of the issues that affect black students collectively — for example, ensuring the continuing funding of programs important to us, like the University Gospel Choir, and ensuring the survival of the Institute of Black Culture.

Black students: All eyes seem to be on you in this election. What will you do? I hope that the recent events, instead of discouraging you, encourage you to become involved in this election.

Lastly, this is 2005, and all of the talk of color surprises me. I hope all students will make their decision not based on the skin color of a candidate, but on the qualifications and the planned policies of that candidate and their administration.

Brenda Jean is president of the Black Student Union.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Would you like to see parking made a bigger issue in the election?

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

45% YES
55% NO
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Guest column

Compassion shouldn't be a divisive issue

Although it may not have been the College Republicans' intent to do so, Tuesday's People Enjoying Tasty Animals BBQ, with its mocking and condescending name and T-shirts, threatened to politicize a bipartisan issue: compassion. It goes without saying that compassion is a part of both conservative and liberal ideologies. Although groups might disagree about the specifics of what it means to be compassionate, extending kindness and mercy to animals is not a Republican or Democratic trait; it is a trait that we all have the opportunity to exhibit in our everyday lives and actions.

Just like the conservative movement, the movement to extend compassion to animals is diverse, complex and contains a broad array of perspectives. While the international organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals may employ philosophies and tactics that are disagreeable to some, they are just one of the many animal rights/welfare/liberation organizations in existence. Although PETA has done much in the way of helping animals over the past 25 years, they do not by any means represent all of

Ryan Feinberg Speaking Out the organizations and individuals seeking to end the atrocious suffering of animals.

Despite stereotyping to the contrary, animal activists do not come exclusively from blue states and do not all fit into the "extremist" mold that critics like to cast for us. Consider, for example, nationally acclaimed writer Matthew Scully, who served as a special assistant and senior speechwriter to President Bush from 2001 to 2004. Also during that time period, Scully authored a book entitled "Dominion: The Power of Man, the Suffering of Animals, and the Call to Mercy." In that book, he argues as a conservative and a Christian that humanity has betrayed its responsibility to act compassionately towards animals.

He critiques modern industrialized animal agriculture and describes how animals on factory farms are "kept in tightly confined stalls for the entirety of their lives, and slaughtered in a way that maximizes profits and minimizes decency." For Scully, animals do not necessarily have "rights," and he does not claim that people and other animals are "equal," but he presents a strong argument that there

is something very wrong with the way our society views and treats animals.

To me, Scully is a compassionate conservative in the truest sense. He demonstrates that being a Republican and acting nonviolently towards animals are not conflicting ideals. If compassionate conservatism is to fulfill its promise to become more than a buzzword used during elections, animals must be brought into our sphere of compassion.

To different people, this may mean very different things. For some of us, it means adopting a vegan lifestyle and abstaining from all animal products. For others, it might mean buying products that come from humanely raised and slaughtered animals — a very rare thing in today's agricultural system. For those who do continue to consume animal products, compassion at the very least demands that the act of consumption be done in a spirit of respect and reverence for the sentient beings who involuntarily give their lives — often after living many painful years of confinement and neglect — to become someone's lunch.

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Letter to the Editor

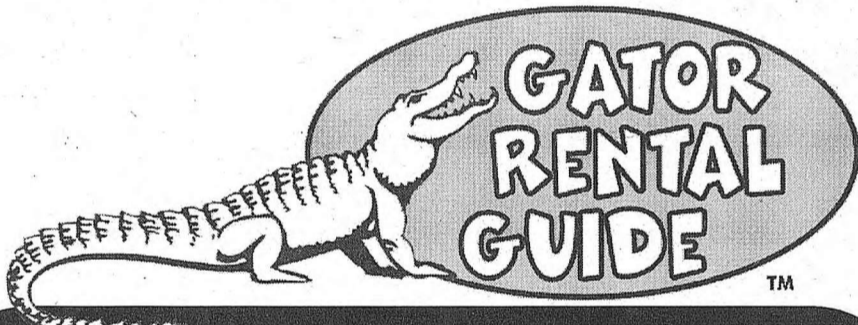
Treatment, not consumption, is inhumane

Editor: In the PETA BBQ article in yesterday's Alligator, a release was quoted as stating how the "consumption of animals is not inhumane." Yes, that is entirely true. Consumption is not inhumane; it is the treatment of the animals prior to their death that is inhumane.

Birds have their beaks and toes chopped off so they cannot peck and scratch at the other birds in their overcrowded cages. Pigs are kept in crates so small they cannot even turn in a circle. Calves, used for veal, are taken from their bellowing, heartbroken mothers and kept in small confines where they often live in their own feces. It is an outrage to think that a human being who has any compassion could be aware of these deplorable conditions and not want to take action. While some of PETA's actions could be considered "extreme," the goal of the organization is simply to improve the conditions of animals, such as the ones stated above. The PETA BBQ hosted by the College Republicans was completely ridiculous, and it's downright sad that this group wanted to criticize a group whose goal is to help animals.

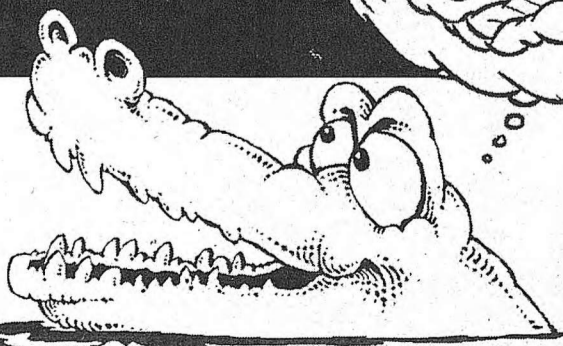
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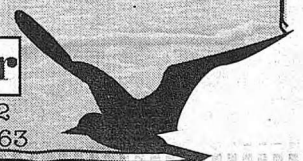
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Petition language unclear

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deadline the next day.

Leaders from the Progress and Impact parties said that day that their goal was to get at least 1,000 signatures, or 2 percent of the student body, indicating that the petition was meant to be an initiative.

In a copy of the petition furnished to the Alligator by co-author Lowell Wong, the word "initiative" appears four times.

The petition does not mention the word "referendum."

Chief Justice Tobi Butensky said she was unable to comment on the specifics of what was discussed during the court's meeting, which took place Sunday at noon.

When asked if anything in the petition could be changed to make it acceptable, she said more research would have to be done on the online voting petition initiative before it could be brought before the court again.

"That's the final say unless the Senate wants to bring it up themselves," Butensky said.

"As far as an initiative, that's the end," she said.

Online voting was researched by Sen. Andrew Hoffman last year, who co-authored the petition after the topic caused much

debate in the Student Senate but the issue never came to a vote.

"Online voting has been a very controversial issue in Senate," said MacKenzie Moritz, Progress presidential candidate.

"That's the final say unless the Senate wants to bring it up themselves. As far as an initiative, that's the end.

Tobi Butensky

Student Government Supreme Court Chief Justice

Moritz said he found the decision of the court discouraging.

"We've got 1,400 students that say they want to be heard on something," Moritz said, adding that the denial seems to state that no initiatives or referendum would be acceptable to the court.

Gator presidential candidate Joe Goldberg said Tuesday evening that while he was not aware of the denial before being questioned, his party still supports online voting, but with reservations.

"We understand that there are some inherent risks and dangers that do come along with online voting," Goldberg said.

To see the online voting petition and the court's denial, visit www.alligator.org.

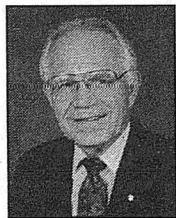
Amendment debate ensues

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of the governor and the legislature, was established under the governor's Department of Education.

Its duties have been uncertain ever since, especially after the legislature approved and funded a chiropractic school at FSU that was nixed by the governors at a Jan. 27 meeting in Gainesville.

A lawsuit seeking to ensure the autonomy and authority of the



York

Board was filed Dec. 21 by former UF Interim President and SUS Chancellor E.T. York. That suit, which is still pending in the Leon

County Circuit Court, argues that the Board of Governors has constitutional power — the final say — over the state's universities, including what programs they will have, how large their budgets will be, and what tuition rates they will set.

York said the law cannot wrest powers away from the Board of Governors because the board's powers are derived from the state constitution, which trumps any state law the legislature may try to write. "We are fully confi-

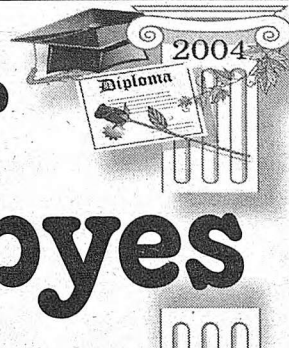
dent that our position is the correct one, that Amendment 11 of the constitution [which created the Board of Governors] gives the Board the power to operate control and management of the whole system," he said. "I'm not surprised there is an effort in the legislature to modify the intent of the constitution, but that's why we have the issue in court, and the courts will have to decide."

Goodlette said his bill is an attempt to bring the legislature and the Board of Governors into harmony by clearly delineating their respective powers. "The bill that I have filed has an opportunity to differentiate the constitutional duties of the board versus the legislature," Goodlette said. "I believe the board has the powers to define the missions and manage our public universities," he said.

Goodlette cautioned, however, that the state constitution clearly states that the power of the purse must remain in the hands of the legislature.

"If the Board of Governors would become a fourth branch of government — which is what I believe would occur if the York lawsuit was successful at the end of the day — that is not what I think is prudent," he said. "I don't think that's good public policy on the one hand, and I don't think it's constitutional on the other."

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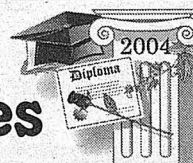
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University Avenue will be bare next week thanks to Spring Break.

Nightclubs might as well not even open, seeing how usual clientele will be out of town. Let's look at nightlife outside of downtown. Read our Night Writer's out-of-town review at www.alligator.org.

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Casey Anderson / Alligator Staff

The Northgate winter guard performs their show during a competition at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Saturday.

SPIN CYCLE

BY ALICIA PEREZ
Avenue Writer

The music starts and the room gets quiet. Slowly, the arena fills with ambition and passion accented by vivid colors.

Saturday the Stephen C. O'Connell Center entertained dancers of a different kind of breed - color guard.

Color guard is an integration of dance with the spinning of rifles, sabres and flags.

For those who never have been in a colorguard, it's difficult to explain. They are not dancers or cheerleaders. Instead, guards combine various factors to create a spectacle for all to see.

These are the girls you see at Gator games, enthusiastically spinning, dancing and tossing alongside the marching band, making half-time a little more entertaining.

Saturday events began with preliminary competitions at 8 a.m. where 52 colorguards from different states came in hopes to have one of the coveted 36 spots in finals that evening. The arena was brimming with people anxious to watch the color guard of their choice or experience the world of color guard for the very first time.

Guards from South Florida to the Carolinas expressed themselves and left their presence lingering on the floor as a new guard took its place. Gainesville High School also competed in the regional competition placing 10th in prelims earlier in the day.

"I do it for the performance; it's not every day you get to

perform in front of hundreds or thousands of people," said 19-year-old Stevenson Lumapas, a member of The Knights from Orlando. "I also do it because of the friendships I develop with the other members throughout the season."

On the floor, emotions are heightened. If you are angry, sad, in love, lustful all can be portrayed through a flag, your body, a sabre or a rifle.

"Before the show, I'm usually a little bit nervous and anxious to get started; once the show music starts I fall into my groove and just do what I'm trained to do," Lumapas said.

"After the show there's a feeling of relief and excitement in the air."

Each show and performance not only is passionate and emotional for the performers, but the spectators come to share the same ambition.

"Guard shows are always an experience, both engaging and nostalgic. I go not only to support my former guard members and friends, but also for the entertainment," UF anthropology major Cristina Santelli said.

"It's the blood, sweat and tears behind these amazing and enjoyable productions that keeps me coming back for more."

Watching one of these shows is a reward in itself. Your eyes become fixated on each movement, each toss and each note shown through each part of a performer's body, while the guard's members are concentrating on showing their emotions and leaving a part of themselves for everyone to enjoy.

What it all comes down to is ambition and passion, two things not only in the colorguard world but in everyday life.

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- Stevenson Lumapas

ON CAMPUS

MCs may brew battle during free show at Reitz

BY NATHANIEL DEAS
Avenue Writer

Few things in life are free. Tonight's show at The Orange & Brew, however, is just that.

Part of the Local Brew concert series, tonight's show is sponsored by Student Government Productions and the Reitz Union Board. Thought up by off-campus coordinator Brian Offenther last year, Local Brew is all about giving music to the people.

"We love the people, and the people love us," Offenther said.

"Gainesville has a wealth of local talent that is essential to the city. It can be tough for some people to get into local music, and this is just another avenue."

Hitting the stage tonight will be MC Intellekt and DJ Dirty Digits, Scum of the Earth and isentNinjas.

Based out of Orlando, isentNinjas will bring their experimental alternative rock style to the stage. A five-man outfit, isentNinjas is finalizing their debut EP and has been compared to recent Radiohead.

"The last time they played in

Gainesville," Offenther explained, "they got really great feedback from the people."

Indie hip hoppers Scum of the Earth is comprised of DJ Wax Atom and The Scapegoat, former members of local rap group Robotix.

"Their songs are typically about living in the punk scene of Gainesville," Offenther said. "The Scapegoat rides mics like emo kids ride bikes."

Between sets, Wax Atom will spin a variety of music, "from Janis Joplin to underground hip hop,"

he said.

Finally, MC Intellekt and DJ Dirty Digits will take the stage, bringing a head-nodding hip-hop style with old-school flavor. The urban programming director for FSU's radio station, Dirty Digits spins jazzy beats much like Jurassic 5.

A student at UF, Intellekt is part of the UF Hip Hop Collective, bringing intelligent lyrics to the mix.

Don't be surprised if sparks fly at some point during the night, as Scum of the Earth has responded to "Violated," a track off of MC

Intellekt and DJ Dirty Digits' CD, "Intellectual Property."

"If they have an MC battle, I certainly wouldn't stop it," Offenther said.

Tonight's show starts at 8:30. As always, The Orange & Brew, outside the Reitz Union, will provide an intimate venue with good acoustics.

"The idea is to make the Orange & Brew just as relevant as Common Grounds or the Shamrock in terms of live, local music," Offenther said. "Why not bring it directly to the people?"

Make plans now for your post-Spring-Break fishing

BY CHAD SMITH
Avenue Writer

The curtains open and there stands a bee with a trombone. You either are A) hallucinating B) dreaming or C) about to experience one of the most entertaining live acts in your lifetime, Reel Big Fish.

Let's hope it's C. "Cheer Up!" the title of the band's latest album, is not a suggestion, nor is it a plea. It's a command. When you hear or see Reel Big Fish — whether in a bee suit or an Elvis costume — you won't be able help yourself. You will smile.

On Thursday, March 10, the ska/punk superstars will bring their musical circus to the Stephen C. O'Connell Center for IRHA Palooza, sponsored by the Inter-

Residence Hall Association.

Since their second album "Turn the Radio Off" was released in 1996, Reel Big Fish has been at the top of the ska/punk rock world.

Their tour of duty includes two additional full-lengths and relentless touring — including stints on the Warped Tour, an appearance in Basketball and a live DVD.

But what does it take to make a band that has lived in the spotlight for so long happy? It turns out, it's just your unhappiness. The band has recorded their next album, "We're Not Happy Till You're Not Happy," and have set a release date for April 5. Whether you're a diehard fan anxiously awaiting to hear classics like "Alternative,

Baby" or "The Kids Don't Like It," or you're dragged to the show by your friends, the band's staple song "Beer" likely will become your personal theme, statistically speaking, seeing how this is Gainesville.

As well as the enthusiastic head-bobbing and toe-tapping during an always-crisp performance from a rarely-sober band, there also will be plenty of sidesplitting.

The band has become known for absurdly funny lyrics as well as improvisational skills. Not to mention one of their members probably will dress as a bee.

Two local bands will have the opportunity to open the show on a familiar stage. One Pump Chump and One and Done both played

the event last year. For small local acts, playing with a nationally recognized band can be the chance of a lifetime.

While One Pump Chump, "a blend of ska and punk," has shared the stage with big names before, the band isn't any less excited about playing with one of the biggest.

"We've played with a ton of big ska bands before," drummer Jesse Murse said.

"It's kind of like another notch on the bedpost. But we love Reel Big Fish, and they're pretty damn big. So we're very excited about it."

Tickets are on sale now at the University Box Office. UF students can pick up four free tickets with their Gator 1 Cards, and non-students can purchase tickets for \$10 each. Tickets also are available through Ticketmaster. Doors are at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7.

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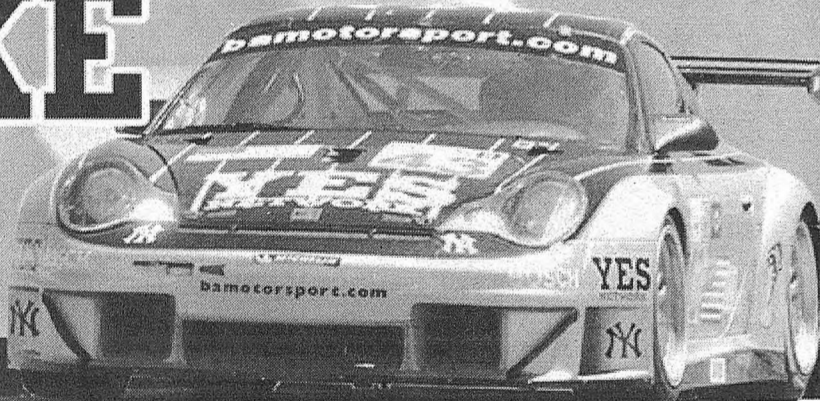
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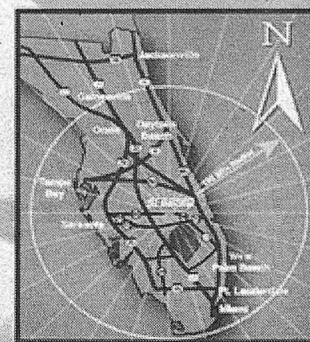
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Avail tours after hiatus

BY JUNE CAPPIELLO
Avenue Writer

It's been a year and a half since Avail has been a full-time touring band.

The band opted to stop touring six to eight months a year last year, more than a decade after their first album release. The choice was made out of consideration for drummer Ed Trask and his then-newborn child.

But since that pivotal decision a year and a half ago, the band has taken on several 10-day tours in the Mideast and Midwest and is in the process of writing a new album.

The band will be stopping in Gainesville during its next 10-day tour throughout the Southeast with Tennessee band Lucero. The show starts at 10 p.m. Tuesday at Common Grounds, and tickets are on sale now for \$10.

Lead singer Tim Barry says he enjoys the short tours because it has made the band a hobby and touring a vacation.

"It's interesting now, because it seems more fun than it used to be," he said. "It's not like, 'Ugh, this is our 92nd show in a row.'"

He said the band is especially excited

to play in Gainesville, despite the memory of their first show at the Hardback Café, when the audience totaled four.

The band made a point to add Gainesville as one of the nine towns they would play this tour.

"God, it's like a home away from home," Barry said.

Barry said although Avail never has played with tour mate Lucero, they admire the band and are excited to travel with them.

"I think we're really lucky that we can call a band and be like, 'We really like you guys - do you want to tour together?' and get a positive response," he said.

At the show, don't expect to hear more than one song from Avail's album in progress.

"There's nothing I hate more than a band that has just come out with a record that plays all their new songs and none of the old ones," Barry said.

He did say, however, that he is pleased with the seven new songs the band has written.

"We're not going to stretch to put records out very quickly," he said. "We're not going to put a time limit on creativity."

Jones tackles hairy task

I like the totally shaven look, but my skin ends up getting irritated when I shave down there. I get razor burn, and it itches like crazy when the hair starts growing back. Is there a technique that will keep this from happening?
-A.R.



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only a trimmer or electric razor on your balls.)

Once you're in the shower or bath tub, proceed with your usual routine. Warm water makes the hair easier to remove, so the longer you wait before weed whacking, the better.

Apply a shaving cream for sensitive skin to the area and use a sharp razor to shave hair in the direction of growth. Be sure to rinse out the razor every few strokes.

Most importantly, take your time. You'll hate yourself forever if you hastily hack off a vital part of your reproductive anatomy.

Gently pat the area with a towel when drying off and slather on a product such as Bikini Zone to prevent irritation. Don't forget to admire your work (heck, go show it off to your roommate!)


You'll need to follow this regimen about every other day. But if you get lazy (and lucky), have someone do the shaving for you.

Dear Bald as a Baby,

Few things bring me as much joy as when a new partner drops trouh and reveals a well-manicured lawn. I automatically know he'll treat my nether regions with the same attention to detail.

Crotch grooming is an art form — it requires dedication, experimenting and consistency (not coincidentally, also qualities of a great lover). That being said, becoming the Picasso of pubes takes patience.

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The Busdrivers reunite tonight to honor bartender

By JACQUELINE DAVISON
Avenue Writer

Everyone knew Russ Williams. Everyone has a story about "that one time Russ got me so trashed."

Touring bands and locals alike were familiar with Williams' good spirits and signature shot, "Sex with Russ."

He passed away unexpectedly in December at the age of 31.

He moved to Gainesville from Ohio 10 years ago, spending his years bartending at Purple Porpoise and the Market Street Pub.

He also was a staple to Spin Cycle and

was a week away from graduating from SFCC.

Lauren O'Neil has been his friend for the past five years. He taught her how to bartend.

O'Neil is organizing a tribute show for Williams tonight at Eddie C's.

The \$5 cover will go toward a tree in his honor, with any extra money going to his family.

"He helped ignite my passion for local music," said O'Neil, a host of "Locals Only" on Rock 104. "Without him, I would not be doing what I do today. He supported every band that came through like it was his job.

He loved music and he loved life. Anyone that met him could feel it."

The Busdrivers, Gainesville's ska legend, parted ways two years ago.

They are reuniting tonight just for Williams.

"He was always really friendly and wanted to take care of everyone," said Erin Weldon, The Busdrivers' trumpet player. "He extended it to real life and being a friend. He was always fun himself."

The band's fondest memories of Russ revolve around the times they played the Purple Porpoise, and he would bring them shots and sing "Really" with them.

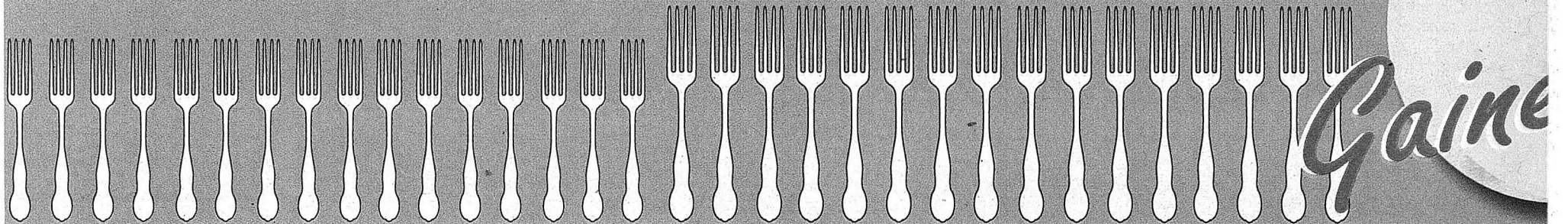
Also playing the benefit show are Crashpad, 75 Winters (ex-Darwin's Waiting Room), Knup (ex-Spitvalves) and One Pump Chump.

"All the bands that are on the bill are friends of Russ' and wanted to help celebrate his life by playing the show," O'Neil said.

Though her current project, One and Done, features all ex-Busdriver members playing entirely new songs, Weldon said The Busdrivers had not planned on ever reuniting.

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Pageant queen uses spotlight to promote literacy

BY BRETT KELMAN
Avenue Writer

Mari Wilensky, 20, is the kind of girl nostalgic rockers write songs about.

She's that cutie from your high school who did charity work and loves animals. She has oaken skin and bright yellow-green eyes that flash a little when she dons her big white smiles and laughs at all your jokes.

She loves the Jacksonville Jaguars and envies Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders because, unlike them, she can't dance.

She's so nice she'll sit and chat with you, even though

it feels like charity.



Wilensky

Wilensky was crowned Miss UF on Monday after interview, swimsuit, talent and evening gown competitions set her apart from 17 other contestants.

For her talent, Wilensky belted "At Last" by Etta James. Always considerate, she hinted later she worried about bothering her neighbors when she practiced.

Wilensky, who has been participating in beauty pageants since she was 6, will continue to the Miss Florida competition in June to represent

UF in a series of contests that will eventually produce the next Miss America.

To Wilensky, June's pageant, like every other, is just a way to continue her crusade against illiteracy. Wilensky's platform is "Give a Book," which raises money to send books customized to feature the child receiving it, to encourage reading. She started working with the program in high school.

Wilensky is a fitness/wellness major who plans on mastering in special education.

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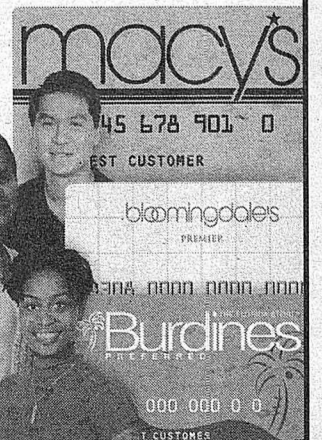
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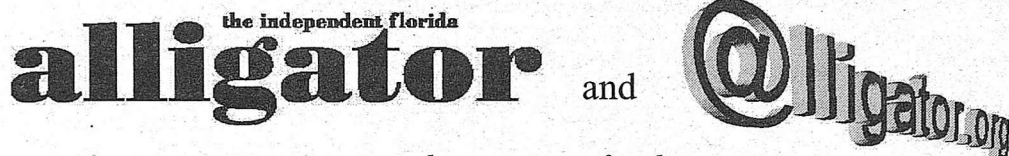
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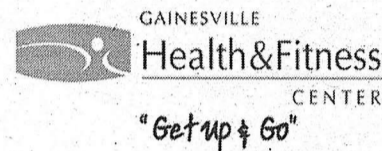
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UF left in rough as Auburn steals tournament win

By **NICK ZACCARI**
Alligator Writer

The UF women's golf team didn't claim victory, but one UF alumni did fly home a winner.

Former UF golfer and current Auburn assistant coach Joy Stephenson and the Tigers took both the team and individual trophies at the Puerto Rico Classic on Wednesday.

The Gators finished third with a final-round 307 (+19), the highest total of any team that placed in the top nine.

Auburn, who came into Wednesday with a seven-stroke cushion over UF, secured a comfortable 21-shot win with a 4-over-par 292.

"Overall, I feel like we should have done better," UF coach Jill Briles-Hinton said. "But we just have to learn from what happened and go home and correct ourselves before the next

"Andrea [Vander Lende] had a great run all tournament. She was consistent for us, and that's what kept us in the running for the title."

Jill Briles-Hinton
UF women's golf coach

tournament. We need to come back in the next event being stronger than what we were."

Tiffany Chudy echoed this disappointment for the Gators. The freshman took her first lead going into a final round this season and proceeded to record a 79 (+7), falling back into a tie for ninth at 9 over. Auburn's Diana Ramage fired a 69 (-3) to win the tournament by five shots.

"Tiffany had a great match," Briles-Hinton said. "She put

herself in the running to win. She shot low, she shot great, and that's all we can ask her to do."

Joining Chudy in ninth was UF senior Andrea Vander Lende, who finished with a 4-over 76.

"Andrea had a great run all tournament," Briles-Hinton said. "She was consistent for us, and that's what kept us in the running for the title."

The lowest round for UF on Wednesday came from Sandra Gal, who fired a 2-over 74 to move into a tie for 25th at 231 (+15). A pair of UF golfers finished two shots behind Gal in a tie for 35th. Junior Camila Gonzalez and individual competitor Eleanor Tucker each ended with a 17-over 233 for the tournament.

C.J. Kim, who rebounded from an opening 83 with a 76 on Tuesday, finished up at 21-over in a tie for 45th after a 78 (+6) in the final round.

Soccer scores nine players

STAFF REPORT

UF head coach Becky Burleigh announced Wednesday that seven players will join the Gators soccer program for the 2005 fall season. Also, two new players joined the UF team this spring.

Leading the class is two midfielders: Ameera Abdullah of Denver, Colo., and Katarina Bazos of London, Ontario. UF's class contains several players with Olympic Development Program experience. Forward Carly Deiter of Freedom, Pa., was selected to the 2003 and 2004 Region I ODP. Katie Davis, a goalkeeper from Lake Mary was a member of the 2001 and 2002 Florida ODP state teams.

Forward Katie Green of Knoxville, Tenn., has been a part of the Tennessee State ODP team since 1999. She is the 2005 Tennessee Player of the Year.



Burleigh

Forwards Megan Kerns, from Ames, Iowa, and Brittney Marriott of Satellite are ODP members.

Forward Stacy Bishop transferred to UF for spring after playing the last two seasons for Louisiana State. Another newcomer to the Gators program this spring is

forward/midfielder Jacie Henderson.

"This is a gifted class that will address our needs," Burleigh said.

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Gators.

I've never been a fan of the occasional "chucking" ways of the Gators. But, I'll reluctantly admit, the fact now is that a little bit of chucking could be the key to postseason success.

Based on the ability of this squad, that success could come to fruition. There's good hope for UF to be in

the Sweet 16, especially with all the upsets going on in college basketball (sans Illinois, of course).

However, there is no margin for error.

Because if you have a bad shooting night, it's lights out on your season. That's what Billy Donovan has to work with.

You know what else is troubling? Roberson could pull it off and be the catalyst for the best season since 2000. That's troubling for any team that is in the Gators' way.

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Roberson revs up

By **LOUIS ANASTASIS**
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Anthony Roberson didn't ask for anyone's permission. The fiery spark in his eye never flickered.

With UF's offense stalling late in the second half, Roberson revved his motor, surveyed the defense, then launched a 22-foot three-pointer from the top of the key.

Well-defended? No matter. Selfish mentality? Somewhat, but necessary.

The shot swished, nudging the Gators to a 59-49 lead and a 69-61 win.

Some would call Roberson cocky. Try confident.

"After a while, you had that sense that you need to take over," Roberson said. "I knew it was going to be a great shot."

The clutch play contrasted sharply against Saturday's loss against Louisiana State.

Roberson struggled against the Tigers, making just 2 of 9 three-pointers. But, if Roberson's numbers wavered, his poise never did.

"Every shooter is going to have that kind of night," he said. "I just tried to bounce back tonight with the same confidence - my confidence didn't fall down one bit."

It goes without saying that his teammates didn't need to encourage Roberson before the

Vanderbilt game.

"I'm not worried about Peep making shots," said guard Matt Walsh, with a smile.

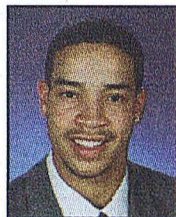
Roberson surged to a quick start Wednesday.

He swooshed consecutive three-pointers less than two minutes into the game and scored UF's first 11 points.

He finished with 23 points and four 3-pointers, shooting 9 of 17.

Cool under pressure. No surprises for anyone.

"We need somebody like this," guard Corey Brewer said. "We need somebody to step up. He did that tonight and hit some big shots."



Roberson

A quick math lesson: the Gators are 5-1 in the Southeastern Conference when Roberson scores 20 points or better.

UF is 8-2 when Roberson drills at least three 3-pointers.

In UF's SEC losses, Roberson shot 43 percent, in comparison to a season field-goal percentage of nearly 50 percent.

"For me, there's no time to get tired," Roberson said. "It's time to reenergize, and it's time to keep my players up because this is it."

"We have three more games, and if you lose after that, you go home."

Vandy's 8-0 run doesn't rattle Gators

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Midway through the crowd-quieting run, the O'Connell Center erupted

after Coach Billy Donovan was called for a technical foul when what appeared to be an Vanderbilt backcourt violation went uncalled. Sophomore forward

Chris Richard broke up a Vanderbilt pass, and as the ball bounced toward mid-court, it appeared to strike the foot of Commodores reserve guard Dan Cage.

But, UF guard Anthony Roberson was called for reaching in on the play, and Donovan berated the official for his first technical since Feb. 17, 2004.

"When I was in my 20s at Marshall, I'd get a technical every night," Donovan said. "But I've only had two in the last two years."

And with 9:59 remaining, the dizzying style gained the Commodores a 41-40 lead - their first of the game - when forward Corey Smith scored 2 of his team-high 15.

But with 2:30 remaining, Roberson shook Vanderbilt forward Shane Foster and hit a three-pointer to cap a 10-0 UF run.

"I don't know how he made that shot fake," Lee said. "That was really just a tremendous shot and really a dagger there."

Roberson, who scored a game-high 23, rebounded from a 2 for 9 3-point shooting performance against Louisiana State to help establish a 10-point lead that survived some late free-throw trouble for the win.

"I was just trying to make something happen, and I think I came up big for my team down the stretch," Roberson said. "That was just my mindset: make sure we win this game."



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UF forward Al Horford notches one of his three blocks in a 69-61 win against Vanderbilt on Wednesday. Horford also grabbed nine rebounds.

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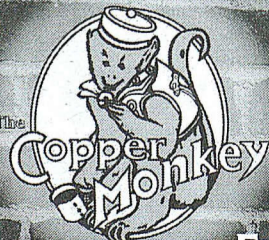
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Mosby: inspiration rooted in faith of relationships with religion, mother

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and right now, we have to get it done."

After spending last season as the Gators' first option off the bench, Mosby was SEC Sixth Woman of the Year. Now, in a starring role, Mosby is leading the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 15.5 points and 8.6 boards per game.

Coach Carolyn Peck's first season in Gainesville was also Mosby's first. Peck said the 6-foot-1 forward has matured and gotten better each year.

"I think that she has shown great improvement each year that she's been here," Peck said. "I think that she has gained the respect and recognition from all the other teams that we come up against."

Peck said that combining Mosby's numbers with her versatility to play outside and inside would make her an All-American candidate. Senior guard Tishona Gregory agreed with Peck and said that there is a big difference from Mosby's freshman season.

"I think when Bernice first came here, she was kind of like a chicken with its head cut off," Gregory said, adding that Mosby

was unsure of her responsibilities in year one. "She's definitely turned into an excellent woman physically, mentally and definitely on the court."

Mosby's journey to UF was not a common one. Born in Avon Park in February 1984, her family moved to Clearwater, St. Petersburg and finally to Brooksville, where Mosby graduated from Hernando High.

Mosby says her family may not have had a lot of money when she was a child, but they got by.

"I had a good family environment," she said. "We didn't have a lot growing up, but we had togetherness and love, and that's what I love most about my family."

When the time came for Mosby to pick a place to play basketball, her family was a factor. Connecticut, Florida State and LSU all came calling.

"But, she wanted to get close to home for her family to come visit her and come see her play," said Gloria Brown, Mosby's mother. "It was hard for her to take Florida, but she took it and she's enjoyed it."

Mosby lists her mother as a source of inspiration. She said the opportunities provided by a college education and basketball will help her and her family live a better life.

Gloria said that the sense of obligation was Mosby's idea.

"That came on her own," Gloria said. "She always wants to make sure I'm alright. I tell her, don't worry about me. Just

focus on you."

One thing that ties mother and daughter together is their faith in God. Gloria made sure her children put God first in their lives. Mosby still follows that advice. Her No. 33 relates to Matthew 6:33

"I think when Bernice first came here, she was kind of like a chicken with its head cut off. She's definitely turned into an excellent woman physically, mentally and definitely on the court."

— Tishona Gregory, guard

which says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be

added unto you."

She believes her faith translates to the court.

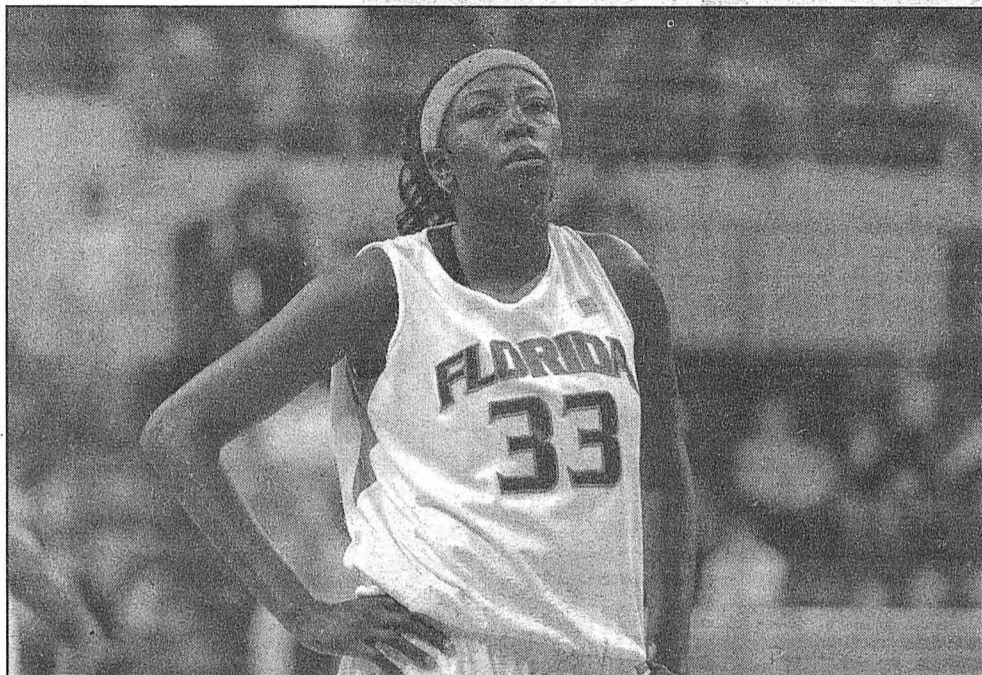
"I'm a little girl playing the post," she said. "People look at me, and looks are deceiving. But, it's not coming from me. I feel it's coming from a higher being."

God may be on the floor with Mosby, but she said that she needs to be a smart player and listen to her coaches' advice. According to her, those things have had a lot to do with her improvement as a player and as a leader.

Last year, Mosby played in the shadow of center Vanessa Hayden, who was an All-American her senior season. While Mosby has assumed Hayden's scoring, she said that she was not looking to play just like her.

Referencing the early season questions about whether or not Mosby could assume Hayden's output, Gregory said they are different players. Instead, she thinks UF will need someone to step in when Mosby graduates next season.

"When she leaves, she'll need someone to fill her shoes."



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Teammate Tishona Gregory said when Bernice Mosby (above) first got to UF, she was like a "chicken with its head cut off." However, Mosby has turned into an excellent woman, Gregory said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators defy trend, grind out SEC win

■ UF IS NOW THREE GAMES AHEAD OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE EAST.

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When the Gators' offense clicks and the scoreboard rolls over to 90, Rowdy Reptiles and alumni rejoice for their complimentary Subway lunch.

For the players, 80 is the magic number.

The Gators (17-7, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) are 17-0 when they score 80 or more.

In SEC play, UF has won only once — against probation-depleted Georgia — when not reaching the lucky total.

Against Vanderbilt (16-11, 6-7 SEC) on Wednesday, the Gators defied the trend to establish a comfortable second-place standing in the SEC East with a 69-61 win.

With third-place South Carolina falling to Tennessee earlier in the evening, UF took a three-game lead over the Gamecocks in a fashion that seemed improbable last season.

"You could question whether the Gators last year would've grinded this one out," senior forward David

Lee said. "You can legitimately say that our team might not have gotten this victory last year. And we can take that into South Carolina [on Saturday], so it's a big win."

Lee recorded 13 points and 14 rebounds for his sixth double-double in 11 games.

Guard Matt Walsh added 16 points.

Chalked with extended possessions and constant momentum swings, the game never resembled the 82-65 UF

Men's Basketball	domination in
Vanderbilt	61 Nashville
UF	69 on Jan. 15.

Never trailing in the first half, the Gators ended with a 32-29 halftime lead. But with a whirlwind offense — which Lee said utilizes about 104 different options — Vanderbilt embarked on an 8-0 run during nearly a five-minute stretch in the second half.

"I'm not sure there's a team in the country that plays like Vanderbilt does," Lee said. "The second you sit there and say, 'Alright my man's out of the play,' and take a breath, your guy is off two back screens, four players and a back-door cut to beat you."

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INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

Mosby leads UF

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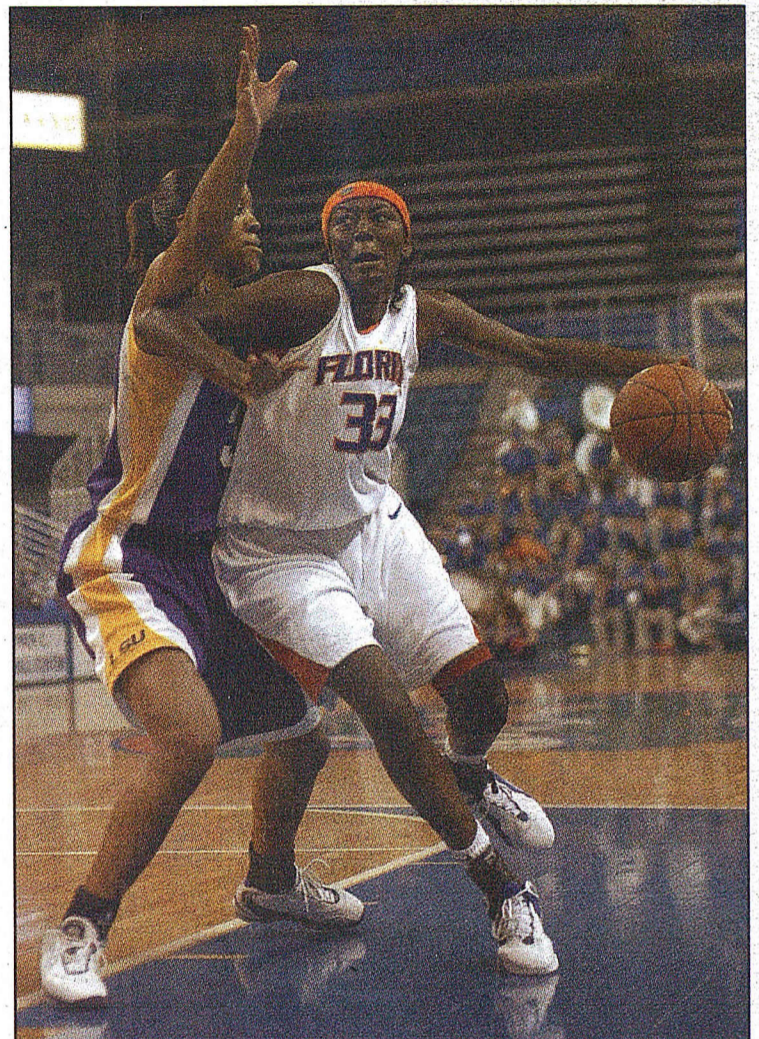
She's hard to miss.

She's the one who can bang her way into the paint on one end, then take the guard at the top of the key on the other. She's the one with scripture written on her shoe and the No. 33 on her back — not for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or Larry Bird but for Matthew the Apostle.

Bernice Mosby is all of these things. This season, more than her previous two, Mosby has become essential to UF's success.

Tonight, she and her teammates have their last home game of the season as they host No. 18 Georgia. The Gators (14-11, 5-7 Southeastern Conference) are in a dangerous position, as they need to defeat Georgia and No. 1 Louisiana State on Sunday to earn a .500 mark in the conference. That usually means a NCAA Tournament invite.

Despite being 0-6 against ranked opponents, Mosby thinks the team is ready and aware of the stakes.



Nick West / Alligator Staff

Bernice Mosby and her Gators must defeat No. 18 Georgia tonight and No. 1 LSU Sunday to finish .500 in the SEC.

"We have to stay focused and stay on the same page," she said. "We've had a lot of close games against ranked op-

ponents this year, and we just didn't finish. I think right now we're hungry for something,

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Columnist says UF needs more than Roberson's solo shooting act

Based on one half of a basketball game, one thing is clear.

For all the blocks Al Horford makes, for all the boards David Lee pulls down, for all the collective contributions by the rest of the team, Anthony Roberson still carries the fate of the UF basketball team.

"Well, I've learned nothing new," you might say.

From the perspective of this writer, however, it's not that simple. This is a scary proposition — and from your perspective, it should be too.

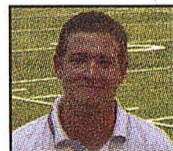
This is not to say Roberson can't carry

the team. He most certainly can. Take a look at the first six minutes of the game against Vanderbilt on Wednesday. He put up 11 points in that span, and no one else scored for the Gators until the 13:50 mark.

I only say that it's troubling because, as I see it, there's nothing else for them to fall back on. This wouldn't be said if the date was Feb. 24, 2001, almost a year after UF advanced to the last game of college basketball's long season.

This is 2005, however, with several disappointing NCAA Tournament runs since.

Each time the Gators got booted early, their



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shooting had run cold. They couldn't sink a shot if the hoop was the diameter of a monster-truck tire.

Now, UF is back at that point. But, they have to be shooting hot by the time the Tournament begins, and bracket time is ap-

proaching fast.

And that's why it's so troubling. Each time the Gators lose, they don't reach the 80-point

mark. Sure, if they play better defense in those games, they could win without doing so. But, the Gators would be in the Top 10 now if they could put up a few more points at a few key moments.

Once again, this is not to say UF is doomed if it leans on the shoulders of Roberson, or that the basketball team is nothing without them. I just get the feeling that they need his shooting more than ever. Based on the way Roberson's been playing recently, he can deliver. But, history in the NCAAs has not been kind to the

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