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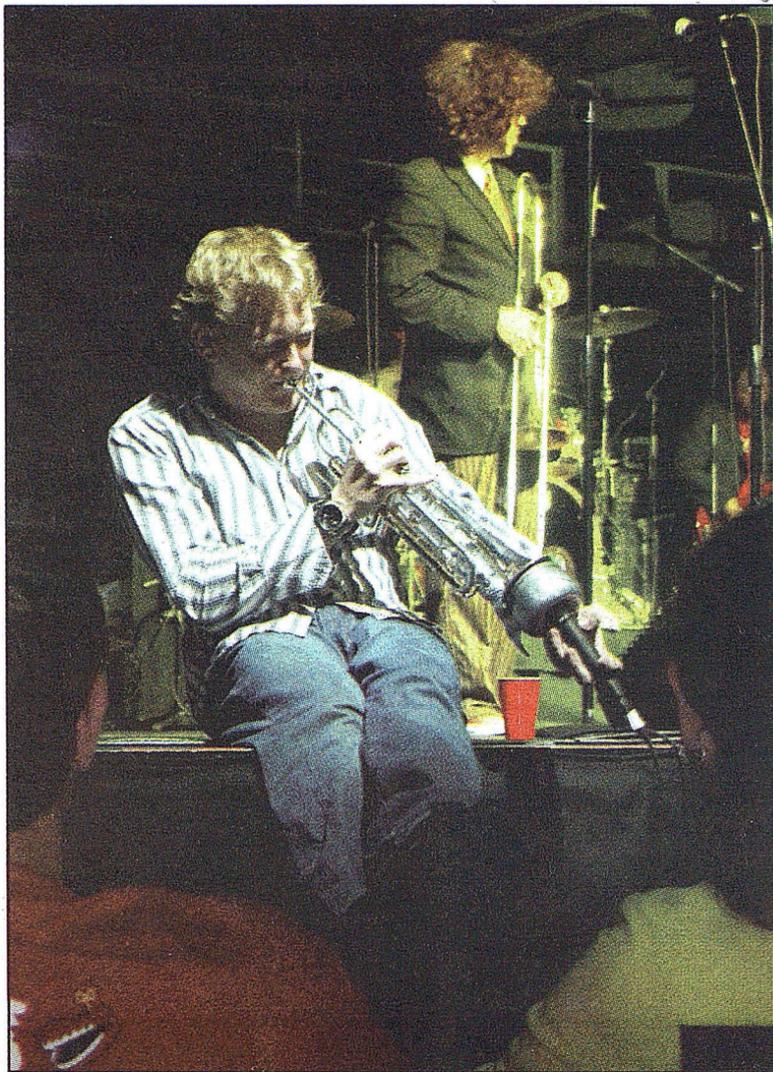
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Sold out skank

Tyler Jones of Reel Big Fish lounges on the edge of the stage during a trumpet solo. The band performed at the Steven C. O'Connell Center for IRHAPalooza. See story, pg. 8.

SG aids in tuition fight

By JAMES VANLANDINGHAM

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TALLAHASSEE — A legislator who had proposed cutting off all state funding to students taking more than 115 percent of the credit hours needed to graduate amended his bill Tuesday to remove that provision, partly due to the efforts of UF Student Government.

Rep. Juan Zapata, R-Miami, also removed a measure that would have allowed universities to levy a tuition surcharge of up to 100 percent on students whom the universities determine are taking more classes than they need to graduate.

The twin measures could have added up to a nightmare scenario for UF students who stray from their degree paths. If, under the bill, UF chose to enact the doubling surcharge on tuition — which without state aid would increase to the out-of-state rate — such undergraduate students could go from studying for free on Bright Futures scholarships to scrambling to cover a \$31,654 yearly tuition bill.

That number is based on UF's 2005 tuition rates, but out-of-state tuition is set to rise 12.5 percent in 2006.

Zapata voluntarily removed those measures from his bill, HB 119, in an amendment filed at a Tuesday meeting of the House College and Universities Committee. The amended bill passed the committee unanimously.

Legislator still wants faster graduation

In an interview Thursday, Zapata said the tuition penalties were part of a bill-drafting error that was corrected by the new amendment. While he still wants to encourage students to graduate faster, he said he never intended to enact such an extreme solution.

"College kids are college kids. If you keep them focused, you can save a lot of money that can be invested for the students elsewhere."

Juan Zapata
State representative

"It's an issue we need to address, but we don't need to do it by being so punitive," he said. "But the excess credit hours are costing the state a lot of money. You have a small percentage of students taking the extra hours, which are really being paid for by all the students who are graduating on time."

Florida university students who graduated in 2003 earned 337,837 credit hours over 115 percent of their degree requirements, costing the state about \$29 million, according to a study by OPPAGA, the legislature's investigative arm. Twenty percent of those students earned 83 percent of the

extra hours.

Zapata said that all Florida universities should have degree-audit systems similar to UF's, which automatically tells students what courses they still need to graduate on time.

"College kids are college kids," he said. "If you keep them focused, you can save a lot of money that can be invested for the students elsewhere."

Victory for UF

UF Student Body President Jamal Sowell said that in recent weeks, Zapata met with Tallahassee lobbyist Ron C. LaFace Jr., who is paid by UF Student Government with UF student fees to lobby for SG in the legislature.

In the meetings, LaFace expressed the reservations that SG had with the bill and how the tuition penalties could hurt Florida students.

"This is actually a major victory," Sowell said. "Ron informed me about this issue a while ago. We were lobbying against the tuition penalty language, and this is a direct victory that we were trying to push for."

"All those trips I made to Tallahassee this Spring have paid off," he added. "It's still early and everything, but that's a small victory we've won against block tuition."

But Scott Ross, director of

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SG ELECTION ISSUES

Candidates offer differing views on Reitz changes

By NEIL HUGHES

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Candidates for Student Government's top office offered differing plans for the administration of the Reitz Union, which

receives the lion's share of student money.

As the focal point of campus affairs, the Reitz Union is the recipient of about 30 percent of the \$11 million of Activity & Service Fees annually.

In addition to that funding, the Student Senate passed a bill Feb. 8 that granted a

\$500,000 interest-free loan to renovate the Reitz Union Hotel.

Student Body Treasurer and Impact presidential candidate Dennis Ngin, who approved the bill, said he had problems with the loan but chose not to veto it because the Senate supported it.

"I didn't want to be a dictator. The Senate pushed it forward, and I allowed it to go forward," Ngin said of the "rushed" bill.

About 57 percent of the Union's services are funded by about \$3.4 million in student

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■ Junior Bryan Ball will make his first Friday night start of the season this evening. Alan Horne had been the regular Friday starter, but will rest his arm. See story, pg. 19.



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■ When asked which Student Government party his fraternity would support, Sigma Alpha Epsilon president Travis Santos joked, "Whatever the frat party is." See story, pg. 9.

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County, Gainesville fire rescues to stay separate

Since commissions for neither the city of Gainesville nor the county of Alachua could come to a consensus regarding a proposed merger of their fire rescue systems Thursday, they will continue to work independently.

County Commissioner Paula Delaney did not see reason to change the current system.

“If the system isn’t broke, don’t fix it,” she said.

The merger would address the issue of providing fire rescue services to outlying and unincor-

porated areas of Gainesville.

However, the commissions found that Gainesville Fire Rescue is doing an adequate job of providing service to all its constituents, including those areas.

County Commissioner Rodney Long wanted a decision made today given that the city’s residents voted twice in favor of the merger.

“We owe it to the taxpayers to do something with what we’ve got,” Long said.

The only two commissioners in favor of the merger were County Commissioners Lee Pinkoson and Chairwoman Cynthia Chestnut, who said she believes the merger would bring better service to residents outside city limits.

“People decide where they want to live, and we provide a service,” Chestnut said.

Pinkoson added his concern regarding service diminishing as the city and county grow.

— IVETTE MENDEZ

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Ngin inspired by culture, achievement

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of three articles taking a closer look at Student Body presidential candidates.

By **DAVID COHEN**
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Dennis Ngin has taken a cue from his parents' escape from oppression through the jungles of Cambodia and has shown similar determination in his campaign for Student Body president.

Ngin's parents escaped the clutches of the violent communist Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia in the late 70s, and their son was born a few years later. Fast forward 21 years, and Ngin, the first person in his family to enter higher education, is running for Student Body president of the fourth-largest university in the United States.

"My family came to the country with nothing," he said. "They worked from the ground up."

Ngin, the Impact Party's leader, said he is following his parents' lead.

"I've earned everything," he said. "I work very hard. I'm not afraid to say -- and to stand up for -- what I believe in."

Although Ngin admits that his parents are his personal heroes, he said he is a "rebel inside [his] own household. For them I'm supposed to be a doctor or engineer."

He is the current Student Body treasurer and is majoring



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Student Body presidential candidate Dennis Ngin talks with friends while campaigning on Tur-
lington Plaza.

in both political science and marketing. He helped make strides for Gainesville's Asian-American community and assisted in bringing the first Asian-American cultural fraternity to Florida. He brought the first Asian-American studies certificate in the Southeast to UF and is a member of Preview Staff 2005. Earlier this week, Florida Leader Magazine recognized him as one of the state's Top 20 leaders, ac-

ording to Impact's Web site.

Ngin describes himself as "determined," "passionate," "calm" and a "visionary."

"As a candidate, I stand for a person that has faced a lot of difficulties during his campaign but never took a step back. I'm a person that will commit myself to doing the right thing... I refuse to be pushed around."

Ngin said he is troubled by corruption in Student Government, despite the fact that his former party, Access, won last year.

"That is why I am running -- to take a stand against corruption," he said. "I believe in the ability of government to do the right thing. And the job is not done yet. There is still more to be done."

Ngin wants to replace the "outdated" video games in the Reitz Union Game Room and

implement a philanthropic campus-wide recycling program that would allow organizations to donate their earnings to a group of their choosing.

He also said he wants to use a GPS system on a "couple" of RTS buses in order to hold them accountable. He called the idea a "long term investment for the benefit of the student body" that would help with campus parking problems.

Ngin calls his party's platform an "agenda."

"The timeline represents accountability. We are not running to be officers. We are running to do work."

Ngin also said he is a student-oriented candidate.

"I'm not running to be elected Student Body president but to be a servant of the student...to have every student be my president."

SG debate tonight

■ THE FORUM WILL ALLOW CANDIDATES TO ASK QUESTIONS OF EACH OTHER.

By **BRIDGET CAREY**
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Tonight students will gain another chance to probe the presidential candidates before Tuesday and Wednesday's Student Government election.

An Alligator-sponsored debate will be held at 9 p.m. in Reitz Union Room 286. Joe Goldberg of the Gator Party, Dennis Ngin of the Impact Party and MacKenzie Moritz of the Progress Party are scheduled to attend.

A unique feature of tonight's debate is that the presidential candidates will have the power to ask their own surprise questions to their opponents.

The debate coincides -- but is not affiliated -- with Gator Nights. Following the debate and next week's election, the winning candidate and his party will have sway over nearly \$11 million in student funds for the next year.

Heated campaign issues of legacy positions, deal-making, the annihilation of a student-supported online voting ballot initiative by the SG Supreme Court, the UF administration's possible alcohol policies and eliminating student voter apathy were some concerns touched upon in debates this past week.

The audience will be able to ask questions of the three candidates and learn more about each party's platforms and promises.

The Alligator co-sponsored a debate with the UF College Republicans earlier this week for the Abraham Lincoln Debate Series.

Dennis Ngin in a glance

Favorite superhero: Spider-Man

Last movie seen: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"

Last CD purchased: Ryan Cabrera

Favorite public figure: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Personal heroes: (parents)

"They've gone through a lot in their life. They were in the middle of a war. They were subjected to a county where people were being murdered - and they survived."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Reserve excess in debate

By **STEPHANIE GARRY**
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With an election looming, Student Government candidates are promising freebies like printing, a wireless campus and music downloads, but few have addressed the taxes students pay to support those services.

Last semester, UF raised the Activity & Service Fee that supports SG to \$8.64 per credit hour for the 2005-2006 academic year. For a student taking 15 credits, that's a total of \$129.60 per semester, or at least \$1,036 for an undergraduate degree. The fee has increased for four consecutive years and has risen 45 percent over the last 10 years.

Meanwhile, SG maintains millions of dollars in savings.

"I think that we could better allocate the money for A&S Fees," said Dennis Ngin, Student Body treasurer and presidential candidate for the Impact Party. "We don't need to raise A&S Fees if you have reserve money sitting around and doing nothing."

On July 1, SG had \$3.9 million in savings, but statutes require it to keep only \$750,000. Since then, SG has tapped into more than \$1 million from its reserves for projects like Reitz Union renovations, wireless ethernet and the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP).

SG has no automatic redistribution of funds if reserves meet the required level, like some other universities do. Instead, it allows student groups to make special requests for money out of savings.

"I think the fact that reserves were at that high a level (shows) we do need to re-evaluate the system we have in place," Gator Party presidential candidate Joe Goldberg said. "I don't think it should be that high."

The Student Body president has direct effect on whether or not the university raises the fee. The winner of the election will appoint students to serve on the committee that recommends the fee level for the next year.

Inflation and growing student group membership may require a fee hike, said Susan Vaz Henriques, who works in SG Finance and is running for Student Body treasurer with the Progress Party.

"It's reasonable that the A&S Fee has to increase, but it doesn't have to as much as it has in the past," she said.

"I think that we could better allocate the money for A&S Fees. We don't need to raise A&S Fees if you have reserve money sitting around and doing nothing."

Dennis Ngin

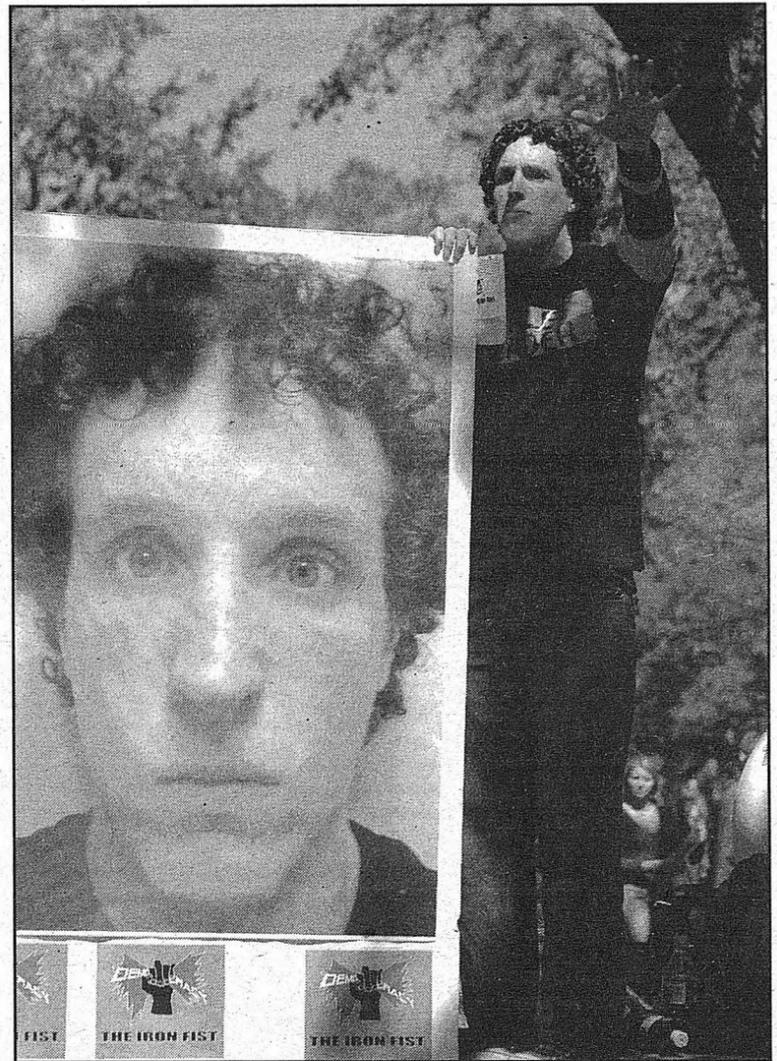
Student Body treasurer and Impact Party presidential candidate

Voice Party treasurer candidate Justin Lauer said SG's reserves are too high and the money should be spent on 24-hour study centers and Sunday bus service.

"The level of reserves is too high, and some of the money should definitely be spent in the very near future to benefit all students," he said.

From 2001-2003, SG has spent a little more than \$1 million out of reserves. Both years, the A&S Fee increased.

However, SG Finance has no target level for reserves in comparison to the budget. On July 1, SG savings equaled nearly 40 percent of the budget, bringing the total amount that SG controlled to more than \$14 million.



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Viva La Revolution

Dan Fitzpatrick targets impressionable students, advocating his Iron Fist Revolution. Fitzpatrick aims to become dictator of UF.

UF technology could prevent future Columbia disasters

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New UF technology could prevent another disaster like that of the space shuttle Columbia.

In January 2003, a chunk of Columbia's insulating foam broke off and damaged the heat-resistant tiles on the left wing, ultimately causing the shuttle to burn up in the Earth's atmosphere.

Spaces within the foam, which

cause pieces to break off and can't be detected without ripping the foam apart, have been blamed.

However, UF nuclear engineering professor Ed Dugan and retired UF professor Alan Jacobs are pioneering the use of an X-ray backscatter machine that can be used on the foam.

The device works much the same as a conventional X-ray machine used for medical purposes. With normal X-ray machines, ra-

diation is shot through a target to film on the other side.

With the backscatter X-ray, the radiation particles "scatter back" and provide an image.

UF Research

"The big reason for going with backscatter is because some objects you can only get to one side," said Dugan. "It's difficult because when you get a chest X-ray you get 90 percent on the film. We're lucky if we get one-

tenth of a percent."

Originally used for landmine detection, the technology has been adopted by engineering firm Lockheed Martin.

According to a press release, Lockheed Martin originally provided UF with samples of foam with both known and unknown voids. The backscatter detector found all major flaws.

The company now has three of the \$100,000 backscatter machines at its Michoud Assembly Facility

in New Orleans, while NASA has one in Huntsville, Ala.

This technology is ideal for the foam used on space shuttles, Dugan said, because the foam is so low-density that other applications didn't work.

"People at NASA likened it to finding smog in clean air," Dugan said.

Lockheed Martin is now using its detectors to scan the foam on the shuttle Discovery's external fuel tank and a backup tank.

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Amended bill a 'major victory'; legislators still want speedy graduation

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the Florida Students Association, said that while he is pleased the tuition penalties were removed from the bill, there likely will be attempts later during the legislative session to impose similar penalties

or some form of block tuition.

"I don't think it's over yet," he said. "We have reasons to be cautiously optimistic, but I wouldn't start doing back flips yet."

In-state tuition for immigrants' children proposed

The newly amended bill is now similar to the Senate bill,

SB226, that would allow children of illegal immigrants to claim in-state university tuition if they graduated from Florida high schools after living here for three consecutive years.

In Zapata's bill, as long as the students promised to become legal permanent residents as soon as pos-

sible, up to 2,000 of them could file claims with the state Department of Education to claim Florida residency. If more than 2,000 students apply, high school GPAs will determine which of the students can claim in-state tuition — a difference between \$2,955 a year versus \$15,827 for out-of-state students.

Zapata said it was important that students who have played

by the rules and graduated from Florida high schools not be punished for the mistakes of their parents who came to America illegally.

"We made an investment in these students already," he said. "These are very good, top-quality students, and a college degree will help these individuals contribute to the state."

Current Reitz Union contract forbids debit card usage in most of building

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funds, by far the largest portion of A&S Fee expenditures.

Additionally, between 30 and 40 percent of Gator Dining Services' business takes place within the Union, according to former Reitz Union Director Dave Kratzer, who was recently promoted to associate vice president for student affairs.

Lack of reserves in question

In addition to A&S Fees, the Union receives funding from profits made by businesses in the building through commissions. All of the Union's profits go back into the building, because it is not allowed to have a reserve of funds.

"It's not a Wal-Mart. It's not a profit center," Kratzer said. "It's a student union, which is fortunate in that we have student activity fees

and our own generated income that support it. Things that do not generate income, [such as] the student activities area, the general lounges, the building itself... All of that is supported by those two sources."

But Progress Party presidential candidate MacKenzie Moritz said he feels that the Union should be able to have its own limited reserve fund available which, according to Ngin, the Board of Directors at the Union has wanted for some time.

Moritz cited a faulty sewer valve discovered over Winter Break as an example of why the Union should be able to collect money in a reserve.

Through the current system, the Union was forced to request \$100,000 from the Senate for repairs, and the money was not granted until Feb. 8, leaving the contractor awaiting payment for several weeks.

While Moritz was a major supporter of the loan, Ngin and Gator Party presidential candidate Joe Goldberg have both been vocal in

their disapproval.

Goldberg said that the hotel renovations, while necessary, are not an immediate benefit to students and did not warrant a loan.

"In my four years at the University of Florida, I've been in the hotel twice," Goldberg said.



Moritz

No CITF money

Both Goldberg and Moritz pointed out that the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, or CITF, which distributed funding last summer and does so every three to five years, didn't provide any funding for the Union.

Goldberg and Moritz criticized the current administration for excluding the Union from the distribution of funds.

"[Student Body President] Jamal [Sowell] just decided not to give any money to the Reitz Union this year, which is disappoint-

ing," Moritz said, noting the lack of funding provided by CITF justified the Feb. 8 loan.

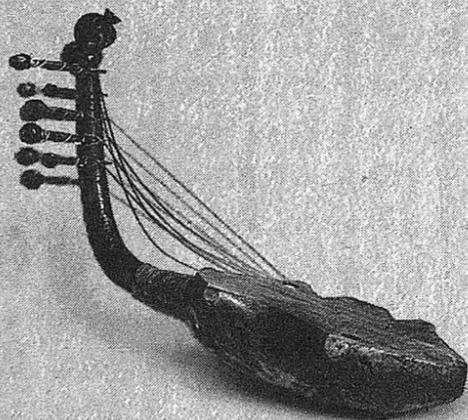
Debit cards a no-no

Ten of the 29 Gator Dining Services locations are located within the Union, where vendors pay a square-footage rent as well as a commission on sales, which is divided evenly between UF and the Union.

The fourth-floor Arredondo Room is the only location that accepts credit and debit cards as well as the Gator 1 Card's declining balance.

Vendors are limited from accepting credit and debit cards because of a UF contract with Aramark Management Services Co., which is responsible for Gator Dining Services.

Each candidate said they would support a renegotiation of the contract when it expires to include debit and credit cards but worried the hassle of confirming cards would add to an already long wait in the food court.



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Editorial

It's come to the attention of the Department of Darts & Laurels that recent editions have been deficient in, well, Laurels. We're not as pessimistic as we seem, honest. But in the interests of fairness, we promise we will make an effort to seek out the positive as well as the negative — however hard that may be.

As we begin our search for the silver lining in even the most unlikely places, we cast our sights on the Student Government candidate debates that have been taking place all week. We think it's a noteworthy step toward student access that the candidates are taking so much time to speak to the students.

See, that wasn't so bad. Maybe there's something to this whole positivity thing. But then again, this is SG we're talking about — the candidates mostly are spouting carefully planned campaign rhetoric and attacking the other candidates. Oh well.

But we did promise you a Laurel, and a Laurel you shall receive. So put on your best suit, get your write-in questions ready and prepare to argue your way through this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurel

Because we respect someone who can take a step back and laugh at themselves, we bestow an it's-about-time-you-showed-some-of-your-sugary-frosting-side LAUREL to Gator Party presidential candidate Joe Goldberg for describing himself as a "Frosted Mini-Wheat" during a debate on Wednesday. He emphasized that he could relate to the cereal because it was "mini," like himself. While we may disagree with some of his stances on issues, we have to give props where they're due.

Unfortunately we have to turn around and toss an it-looks-like-you're-going-to-maintain-your-equilibrium-DART-to-LAUREL-ratio DART to Goldberg for essentially turning his back on the issue of online voting during the same debate.

Sure, he has plenty of good reasons why online voting shouldn't be brought up during the election cycle, and he was sure to emphasize that he supports it in general. Ultimately, those reasons simply are convenient ways for him to get the public relations boost of supporting an idea that threatens the status quo without doing any work toward making it happen.

Switching gears to the heated area of good old-fashioned mudslinging, we throw a yeah-maybe-it's-true-but-don't-you-think-there-are-some-more-important-issues-out-there DART to Voice Party treasurer candidate Justin Lauer for spending a large portion of his speaking time in a Monday debate attacking Impact Party treasurer candidate Michelle Lightbourne for financial decisions she made as president of the Benton Engineering Council. His allegations centered around a lack of funds for the council's "E-Fair" for engineering students.

Yep, that sounds like an important issue that all students will want to hear about. Twice. In the same debate.

Continuing with some more interesting allegations from a surprising source, we give a there's-a-time-for-no-more-Mr.-Nice-Guy-but-this-isn't-it DART to Progress Party presidential candidate MacKenzie Moritz for abandoning his party's previous dedication to running a clean campaign by accusing the Impact Party of attempting to bribe him not to run.

While we can't say we doubt his claims, this was a surprising departure from the positive campaign run by the Progress Party so far. It was also fairly polite, as serious bribery accusations go. Make up your minds, Progress: If you want to run clean, run clean. If you want to attack the other candidates, at least go all-out so that you have a chance of accomplishing something.

Finally, we deliver a parting this-maybe-could-have-been-a-LAUREL-but-we-don't-want-to-reward-complacency DART to Dennis Ngin and the Impact Party for not really saying anything to get us excited about. They didn't particularly attack the other candidates, but they didn't say anything that made us want to vote for them either.

Unfortunately the truth in politics is that the adage, "If you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all," doesn't apply. The reality is more like, "If you can't say anything bad about the opponents, you'd better at least have some good ideas of your own."

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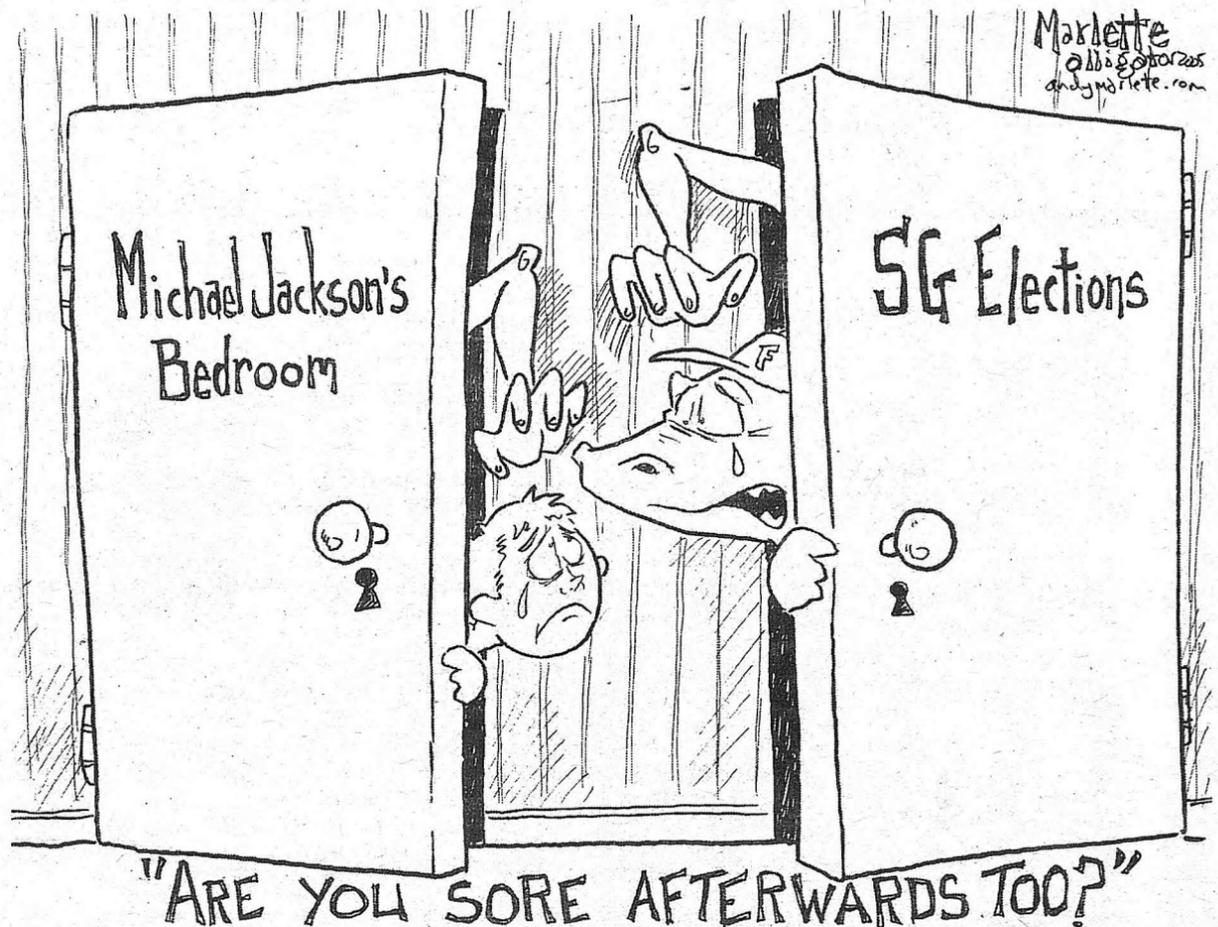
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Guest column

Don't take columns seriously — I don't

If there's one thing I enjoy about writing this column, it's the topics other people tell me I should write about.

At least once a day, someone I'm talking to has a "brilliant" idea for this space, and if I don't use his or her idea, I'm a "fool." Mostly, people feel that I should write about them — that their daily life is far more fascinating than the rubbish I usually opine about. Occasionally, however, I get a more unique or interesting idea.

My friends always want me to write about our latest escapades, be it Gasparilla in Tampa or Spring Break in the Keys ("We all got spectacularly hammered. The end.").

If I'm at a card table, there is another theme I could use ("I know, you could write about poker! Why don't you write about poker?").

Then there are the drunk people who discover that I'm a columnist (You write for the Alligator? No waaaaaaay! You know what you should write about? You should write how sometimes when you go to a club, and a girl is all over you at the club, and you take her home from the club, but then all she wants to do is talk. What is that?).

When I hear gold like that, it just makes my day. You see, I love feedback of any kind — even hate mail. Make that especially hate mail. Why? For one, it lets me know you're at least paying attention. And for two, I absolutely love the thought that some nonsense I wrote irritated people enough for them to take time out of their day to let everyone know how much they disliked what I wrote about bicycles, or Student Government, or Thefacebook.com.



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I honestly get a kick out of it.

Why is it, by the way, that when readers enjoy my article, they tell me individually, but when they dislike it, they need everyone to know? I think it is indicative of us as people, but damned if I know what it means.

I'm guilty of this myself on occasion, so I'm going to publicly praise Bridget Carey for her piece that outed SG elitism and Jason Levitt for his Ward Churchill column a while back, even if Levitt currently is under fire for his comments on China (and by the way, isn't Fei Long a Street Fighter character? Someone needs to look into that).

Don't get the wrong idea; I enjoy positive comments as much as anyone, and I actually get more positive than negative (and not to self-promote again, but I post responses to my column online at freewebs.com/newforum, with a reply). I'm just the kind of guy who enjoys rubbing some people the wrong way. Sorry, but I can't help myself. If I feel that anyone is taking themselves too seriously, I have to poke fun at them, and thus, you end up reading about me running for SG dictator. When you read a column like that, try to remember one thing: Never take me too seriously. If I call everyone at UF a moron, understand that I'm kidding (mostly). If you're frustrated with the opinion (or lack thereof) in this column, hey, I'm with you! If I read half the things I wrote, I probably would get pissed off too.

Andrew Meyer is a journalism freshman. His column appears on Friday.

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

Reader response

Thursday's poll regarding online voting will remain open over the weekend.

Thursday's question: Do you support online voting?

73% YES
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Guest column

Impact treasurer was not bribed to switch party affiliations

I want everyone reading the recent election coverage to recognize one thing: The Alligator holds a monopoly on reporting. This campus will not enjoy a thorough debate of ideas as long as one publication maintains such a stranglehold on political commentary. That being said, let's get to the point.

I organized the now-infamous "Valentine's Day meeting" that included former Student Body President Marc Adler, Student Sen. Jackie Pace, presidential hopeful Joe Goldberg and David Meyrowitz. The purpose of this meeting was to offer Meyrowitz an opportunity to discuss with campus leaders the direction the Gator Party was pursuing. I was

Jason Sherry
Speaking Out

concerned Meyrowitz was using his position as the president of the Business Administration College Council to pursue his own political aspirations, and I wanted to give him — and us — an opportunity to sit down and discuss the position of the BACC and the upcoming election.

Let's be clear: At no point was a single person offered anything, either within Student Government or elsewhere, nor was anyone offered anything of any monetary value. I didn't even pay for Meyrowitz's lunch. As a matter of fact, I afterward made it a point to look Meyrowitz in the eye and say, "David,

I want it to be clear, at no point did anyone offer you anything during this meeting." He responded, "Oh yeah, I know." I'll challenge the University Police Department to reopen its investigation into that meeting and consider a charge of making false statements to a law enforcement officer for the purposes of influencing an election. Or perhaps Judicial Affairs would like to investigate this.

Meyrowitz — who, coincidentally enough, is now the treasurer of the Impact Party — was not offered a dime to switch to another party. He seems to overestimate his worth by thinking we would want to pay him to support us. I've spent three years in SG, two of those as

a Student Senator, and I've never seen anyone bribed. That Meyrowitz claimed it was "obvious" that we were offering a bribe is upsetting and a reflection of the type of person he is.

The Impact Party realizes it's in a weak position right now, so it's trying to attack the pillars of support of its opponents. Those groups that withdrew support never were offered bribes; they withdrew based on their own cognition. To those who claim otherwise in hopes of swaying an election, I'll just say that, in the future, your reputation will precede you.

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Sororities go retro for charity dance

By **KYLIE CRAIG**
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UF sorority members busted out their best dance moves Thursday night at Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity's Midnight Madness line dance and karaoke competition.

The event, which raises money for The Hole in the Wall Gang, an organization supporting terminally and chronically ill children, raised more than \$5,000 for the cause, fraternity President Brian Galgay said.

"We saw how much money Sigma Chi (Fraternity) raised. Hopefully in a few years we'll be able to meet that," he said.

"Our goal was \$2,500, but because of the turnout we'll probably make a lot more," Phi Kappa Tau Philanthropy Chairman Cristos Ifantidesizo

said of the event.

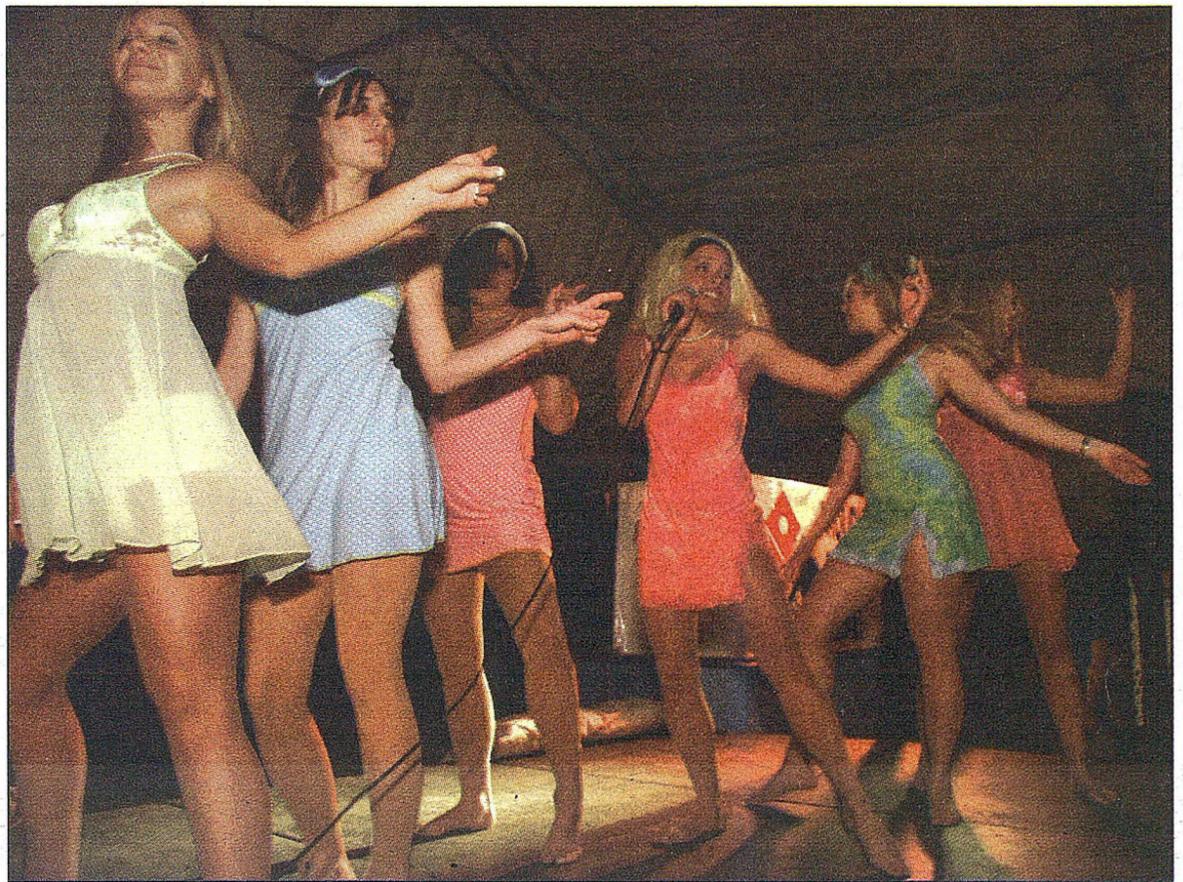
Kappa Delta Sorority kicked off the event with a performance of Salt-n-Pepa's "Shoop." The members donned afro wigs and basketball jerseys while lip-synching to the song.

A group of judges, including Galgay, judged the performances on style, costumes, accuracy and dance.

One of the highlights of the evening came with the performance given by members of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority.

During their performance of the song "Carwash," members stripped off their shirts to reveal bikini tops and wiped each other down with wet sponges.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority came out on top, winning the overall competition and taking home a first-place trophy.



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Members of Delta Zeta Sorority belt out, "Look at me, I'm Sandra Dee" from the musical "Grease" to the lively crowd of the 13th Annual Phi Kappa Tau Midnight Madness event Thursday night.

OFF THE AVENUE

Students rock to Reel Big Fish, local acts at IRHA show

Ska band Reel Big Fish has inspired the world to skank for the last 10 years (skanking being the dance ska kids do, for those of you not in the know).

And skank UF students did - 2,500 of them, to be exact.

"I see you ladies and gentleman took care of the chair situation," said Reel Big Fish guitarist Scott Klopfenstein.

The 700 students swarming the floor area of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center took it into their own hands to provide

themselves with more dancing room, passing chairs over each other's heads, during the Reel Big Fish concert Thursday night.

The Inter-Residence Hall Association, in cooperation with Student Government Productions, hosted IRHAPalooza, a free annual event for students that has brought in national musical acts.

In past years, IRHAPalooza brought acts such as Phish, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Unsung Zeros to UF.

Local ska outfits One and Done and



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One Pump Chump opened the night.

"Playing with Reel Big Fish rocks," said Evan Cantwell, UF senior and One Pump Chump's trumpet player. "They're a solid band and they put on a great show.

to share the stage with them."

Although the locals played their hearts out, students were there for Reel Big Fish.

"I have been listening to them for a while because my older brother was a fan," said UF junior Susan Scott.

IRHAPalooza is part of Residence Hall Week, which provides free entertainment ranging from video game competitions to dance showcases for students. However, doors were open to all who wished to attend.

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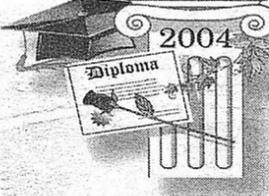
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SG ELECTIONS Greeks favor Gator

By KYLIE CRAIG
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When asked which Student Government party his fraternity would be supporting, Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Travis Santos joked, "Whatever the frat party is."

According to an Alligator survey, there is a good chance Santos will find his choice in The Gator Party.

Of 22 Interfraternity Council fraternities contacted, 16 said they would be officially supporting The Gator Party in the upcoming SG election.

While many of the surveyed organizations said they would officially support the party, some were leaving it up to their members to make the choice on their own.

"I don't think our job is to force our guys to vote for somebody. I think that's a misconception," Sigma Pi President Peter Gonzalez said.

Lambda Chi Alpha members said they would be supporting the Impact Party, making the fraternity the only IFC organization to officially support a party other than Gator.

"I really don't know why the so-called Greek system continues to support the same party," President Rudy Schmiedecke said.

Sigma Nu Fraternity officials said they were still undecided on who they would support.

As for the Panhellenic Council, only five of the 13 sororities contacted said they would officially back The Gator Party. Five others said instead of backing a certain party, they would leave it up to their members to make their own decision.

"I'm a big proponent of them doing their own thing," Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority President Michelle Meyer said. "It's not like I'd really ever know who they vote for."

Alpha Epsilon Phi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Phi Epsilon sororities were the only Panhellenic chapters to refuse comment on their preference for the elections.



Goldberg

Gator Party presidential candidate Joe Goldberg said if

he wins, he won't feel solely indebted to the Greek community for his victory.

"I'll be a servant to the entire student body," he said.

None of the organizations comprising the National Panhellenic Council or Multicultural Greek Council returned calls for comment.

Calls also were not returned from Delta Zeta or Sigma Kappa sororities from the Panhellenic Council, as well as Delta Upsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities from the IFC.

SG elections take place March 15 and 16.

Senate debates break

■ A PROPOSAL GIVES AN EXTRA WEEK BETWEEN SEMESTERS NEXT YEAR.

By EMILY YEHLE
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Next Fall, UF students will get an extra week to celebrate the winter holidays if the Faculty Senate passes the proposal in the next few months.

According to a calendar for the 2005-06 academic year recommended by the Senate's curriculum committee, students would get three weeks of winter vacation and one less day of class each semester.

The Fall and Spring semesters would end one day early to leave an extra day for commencement, said committee member Joanne Richards, interim associate dean of nursing.

As for the additional week of winter break, she said she was unaware of any effort aimed to extend the vacation.

Senators will be able to discuss the changes at the Faculty Senate

meeting Thursday but won't yet vote on it.

The proposal would change not only the 2005-06 academic year but also the 2006-07 year.

Richards said it's possible some professors may dislike losing one class day.

"For some faculty, it may change how they have class structured. But any time you change the calendar, it impacts somebody."

Joanne Richards

Interim associate dean of nursing

Discussion on the calendar at a Senate steering committee foreshadowed that unease.

Some members suggested adding an extra day at the beginning of each semester to make up for the loss, but others said that would mean students would eventually be starting the Spring semester on New Year's Day.

"For some faculty, it may change how they have class structured," Richards said. "But any time you change the calendar, it impacts somebody."

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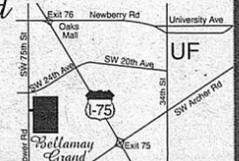
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Cute 1 bedroom 1 bath vintage duplex, high ceilings, washer/dryer. 428 NW 10th Ave. \$445/mo. Green Tree Realty 317-4392 3-23-10-2

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Large 1 bedroom with study, new kitchen \$495/mo 302 NW 19th Ave. Green Tree Realty 317-4392 3-23-10-2

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1218 SW 3rd Avenue
Carpet, window A/C, \$385/mo
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2BR 2BA in WOODSIDE VILLAS
7200 SW 8th Avenue \$620/mo
Pool, clubhouse etc. Call
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2BR 1BA Apt, 1 Block to UF
Central H & Air, Tile Floors
1236 SW 1st Ave, \$585/mo
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New Carpet, Window A/C, Nat Gas Ht
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north & east sides. Year leases avail. Begin
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Fall rentals, walk to campus, 2BR/1BA \$500,
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Fall 2005 2BR/2.5BA Luxury Condo end unit,
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2BR/1BA apt mins from campus, Shands.
Spacious, repainted, new carpets & new ap-
pliances. Beautiful backyard. \$950/mo. Call
Anthony 337-1330 3-22-8-2

Room w/pvt bath avail mins from UF,
Shands, etc. Spacious luxury house has
fireplace, pvt billards room, hard wood floors
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Fully furn. Everything incl. \$505/mo each.
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\$240/mo SUMMER SUBLEASE
+ 1/3 utilities
3BR/2BA Boardwalk Apt
Call PK @ 954-682-5979
or call 904-705-1689 3-11-10-3

\$374 for 1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA 1st month
1/2 off! Pvt BA, furnished, incl water, sewer,
garbage, pest control, ethernet, cable, elec.
Great deal. Lease from May-Aug 10, 05. Call
305-469-3372 3-11-10-3

Subleaser needed \$399/mo 1BR/1BA on NW
20th Ave. March 1st thru July 31st. March is
FREE. No dep needed. You keep \$99 sec
dep. Call Kevin or Mandy 352-281-0252
3-11-10-3

SUMMER sublease! 1BR in a 4BR Campus
Club apt. \$400/mo incl maid svc, util, cable,
furn, ethernet & more. NO FEES! May-Aug.
Female only. Please call 352-262-5995 3-
11-10-3

CAMPUS LODGE APT. No move-in fee.
Female roommate. Everything incl. \$514/mo
price NEG. From April thru Aug. Call 727-
542-8816 3-21-15-3

Female sublease at Courtyards. 1BR in
spacious 4/2 townhouse. All furniture & utls
included; \$399/mo sec dep & 1st mo rent free.
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OXFORD MANOR SUBLEASE 1BR in 3BR
townhouse, own BA, W/D, wireless net,
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SUBLEASE April thru Aug. Townhouse.
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laundry W/D, pool, tanning, clubhouse,
bball, tennis 1st mo FREE. \$400/mo incl
elec, water, garbage. No activity fees. Call
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HIDDEN LAKE APTS 5/1-7/31 sublease.
2BR/2BA Villa. Fenced-in yd, facing pool,
1000sqft. W/D. No deposits, possible re-
newal. \$899/mo. Call Brendan at 352-258-
3049 3-11-5-3

★ROOMMATE NEEDED ASAP★
1BR/1BA in 3BR/3BA ★Sublease★ in
Stoneridge Apts. \$343/mo plus 1/3 util. Close
to campus and restaurants! Please call 352-
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ATTENTION LADIES!
\$435 for 3BR in a 4/2 University Glades.
Covers all. May-Aug will negotiate. Call
Tiphani @ 813-690-3277 to view. Bring
friends! 3-11-5-3

3 Subleases

3/1 house sublease May-July. 2 large bed-
rooms, W/D, fenced yard, pets ok. Possibly
with one roommate. Bike/bus to campus.
Only \$645/month! 352-264-1834 3-11-5-3

1BR/1BA in NW gated community. May
1 - July 31. Close to UF on busline. Pool,
gym, tan. Pets ok. \$500/mo (normally \$650)
sjmccann@ufl.edu/813-789-6990 3-15-5-3

Apt for sublease at 1225 SW 1st Ave. #407.
Directly across from university on quiet side
of College Manor Studio Apts. No down pmt
or other costs just a \$300 sublease expense.
Apt runs \$450/mo utls inc. 379-9126 3-15-
5-3

1BR, pvt BA, new townhouse. Avail now.
\$385/mo negotiable. Call Jessica 367-4053
female only. 3-15-5-3

MARCH RENT FREE!
No deposit. 2/1 apt. Move in today. \$499/mo.
Now thru 7/31. Clean, new carpet. 256-0501
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Victorian 2/2 apt historic district. Beautifully
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pool tub. Avail now - 6/30. \$750 273-5253.
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from UF. Avail now to July 30th. \$430/mo.
Incl all except elec. Call 904-803-4349 3-
15-5-3

2BR/2BA townhouse apt available May thru
July. Arlington Square. Call 682-1147. \$835/
mo. 3-11-2-3

HELP A FILMMAKER, OUT of Gainesville.
Sublease his room in a house 8 blocks from
campus. High spd, DVR, util incl. \$300/mo.
pvt ent. Call Dan 256-1842. Extras. Avail now
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Female roommate to sublease for summer
in a 4BR/2BA. Less than \$400/mo for every-
thing. Need May thru Aug. FREE. Call
Amy @ 352-262-3662 3-15-5-3

UNIVERSITY TERRACE 1BR/1BA, w/walk-
in-closet in 4BR/4BA furn apt. All utls incl
for \$315/mo May - July. NS pref. Bus stop
in front, rts 12 \$ 35. Call 352-281-3092 3-
22-10-3

Apt for summer A & B sublease 1BR in 4BR/
2BA furn University Glades apt. \$370/mo
(originally \$435) all utls incl. M/F for all fe-
male apt. Call 386-212-9042 3-22-10-3

1 BLOCK FROM SWAMP
2BR/1BA \$365 ea May thru July
Some furniture available
Call Sasha 305-479-1289 3-22-10-3

1BR in 3BR home. Flex lease terms. May,
June &/or July. Opt to renew. Bike, walk or
bus to UF. W/D, wood flr, screened porch,
garage & carport. Furn avail Only \$315 +
utls. 336-4126, 305-409-4414 3-22-10-3

EMERGENCY SUMMER SUBLEASE
2BR/2.5BA townhouse 2 blocks to UF. May
- Aug \$900/mo OBO 352-266-8475 4-1-18-3

Magnolia Place sublease for 1BR in 3BR/
2.5BA condo. All furnitures & utls included.
W/D, ethernet, garage, cable. No deposit.
Pets welcome. \$300/mo. Avail now. Please
call James @ 904-866-7539 3-11-3-3

SUMMER SUBLEASE \$350/mo Marchwood
Condos 1 mile to UF. 1BR/1BA in a
2BR/2BA. Utilities inc. Washer/Dryer, cable,
phone, porch, deck; dishwasher. Call 352-
428-3616 3-16-5-3

3 Subleases

From May to Aug. 1BR/1BA in 3/3. Huge,
furniture and W/D inc. \$380/mo, bus route,
pool, tan bed at Greenwich Green. Call Katie
352-246-3743 kdobson@ufl.edu 3-23-10-3

SUMMER SUBLEASE at Gainesville Place
1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA \$480/mo. Price NEG.
Everything incl. Female only. Call 727-643-
9928 3-31-15-3

Sublease @ Melrose 1BR/4BR w/private
bath. Fully Furnished w/utilities, ethernet,
cable + W/D. Lease from May to Aug for just
\$384/mo. Call 904-537-6398 3-15-3-3

Sublet @ The Exchange, a luxury student
apt community w/1st class amenities. 1BR
w/pvt BA avail in furn 3BR apt. Pref studious
male. \$475/mo. Day 813-245-0855, eve 813-
818-9398 3-17-5-3

Opt sum sub \$315/mo or full yr lease \$385/
mo 1BR/1BA in 2BR/2.5BA. Kensington
N-SW 20th. Huge walk-in closets 1mi to
campus. Great fem rmmt in grad sch, 2 cats.
Fems only. Avail May 2nd. Kathryn 262-9588
3-17-5-3

2BR/2BA 1100 sq ft Arbor Park. Close to UF.
\$545/mo, \$150 moves you in. Immediate
availability. Call Aaron 262-2979 3-17-5-3

ROYAL VILLAGE APTS
3BRs available in 4BR/2BA apt. \$435/mo
contact Maria: 352-336-4375 or 850-218-
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2 BLOCKS FROM UF on 2nd Ave. 1BR/1BA
duplex apt. Hardwood floors, great location.
Available ASAP. Call 615-446-7057 or 615-
429-7536 3-17-5-3

Summer sublease w/option to renew. Starts
in June. F roommate needed for 1BR/1BA in
3BR/3BA. Cheap \$335/mo rent + 1/3 utls.
COLONIAL VILLAGE. Aug rent FREE! Bus
routes 9 & 35. W/D, internet. 375-7408 3-
24-10-3

Studio with CAPTIVATING VIEW!!!
5 min walk to UF/sorority row, bus, F room-
mate. Avail May-July. ALL utls incl. Furn,
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Beautiful 1BR apt w/porch in quiet neighbor-
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Aug. Call 870-3988 3-23-11-3

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Roommate Matching HERE
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Female roommate for one/two female UF
students. Quiet. Responsible. 60 second walk
to UF. Old house charm with all amenities.
Avail Now. \$400 - up. 352-538-2181. Lv mes-
sage. Private Owner 4-20-71-4

Female roommates wanted brand new 2100
sq ft home. Huge pool, pvt fence, minutes to
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M/F NS Grad student/professional wanted to rent furn room in gorgeous new house 1.5 mi to Shands. Kitchen, LR, laundry \$425+ utils 336-5450 or 954-646-1341 4-20-71-4

Female student to join 2 females in nice 3BR house off NW 8th Ave, 3 mi from UF on bus rt, tile/hardwood, fenced yard, \$275/mo + 1/3 GRU & HS internet - dig cable, 381-5597 3-15-20-4

M/F responsible student to share 3BR/2BA home in quiet NW area. \$300/mo + 1/3 utils. Call 352-303-6128 or 727-458-2737 3-31-30-4

Beautiful home in trees on quiet street near UF. Quiet for study. Gourmet kitchen, fireplace, hi-spnd DSL internet, cable TV, W/D, cent A/C, lg yard, cats welcome. \$350 + 50 utils. 352-271-8711 3-17-20-4

IMMEDIATE ROOMMATE to rent 1BR in 3/2 house. New wood floors, new appliances, 4 mi from campus. \$350/mo + 1/3 utils. Ryan 850-261-3571 3-11-12-4

4 Roommates

4 rooms starting August each w/pvt baths. Cent AC, W/D, cable incl. Internet-ready. \$350/mo each. 1 MO FREE. Call 352-472-9778 3-16-15-4

Roommate needed. \$200/mo + \$200 refundable dep. + 1/2 util. Furnished 2BR/2BA. Female preferred. 352-335-6274 3-23-20-4

Grad, upperclassman, or prof to share spacious new 3BR/2BA house. Internet & cable incl. Must be neat, clean & responsible: \$450 or 425/mo + 1/2 utils. Short or long term avail. 262-3989 4-4-26-4

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M/F to share house for summer and/or fall move in ASAPI Furnished, all amenities, large yard, pets welcome, 2 mi to UF \$450/mo INCLUDES EVERYTHING. 352-378-0329 3-18-10-4

4 Roommates

Roommates needed to share beautiful 3/2 house in NW Gainesville. Fully furnished, pets welcome, huge fenced yard, W/D, DW. Available immediately. Vicky at 386-848-5620 3-15-7-4

Roommate needed asap at Lakewood Villas 3/2 flat rent \$400 all utilities included. Call 352-281-6631. Short term lease preferred 3-11-5-4

Roommate wanted \$400 + utilities, pvt BR/BA, avail 4/1. Grad or professional preferred. 951-536-6403 3-14-4-4

M/F, NS needed to share 2BR/2.5BA Southfork Oaks townhome. (Near Target) Unfurn master BR w/own BA avail. W/D, no pets, prefer serious student or prof. \$347/mo + 1/2 utils. No lease. Call Evan 335-9714 3-18-8-4

ROOMMATE WANTED for 3BR/2.5BA townhouse N of Thornebrook shopping center on 39th Ave. \$75/wk incl utils, hi spd i-net, pool & tennis. Under age 25 please. 352-363-0143 or 386-698-0899 3-15-5-4

4 Roommates

2 rooms f/r 1.8 mi. East Waldo Rd. & Univ. A rent B B/W B/M \$85 P/W cable TV was/mac. For info/det 376-0384 mess# or page 202-7074 for fast response. 3-15-5-4

2BR/1BA SW 5th Ave by Credit Union/ Norman Hall/hospital/buses for city/UF. Laundry/AC/furniture/c-fans. \$300 + half util. Quiet/considerate F/M? Call 337-9746 3-15-5-4

COLONIAL VILLAGE; prvt bed/bath; 2bd/2bth; very clean; very quiet; \$450/mth (incl everything); avail 4/1; 12 mth. lease; beautiful grounds; Call Justin @ 772-696-5342 3-15-5-4

Looking for roommate to share 4BR/2BA house. Rent \$300 + utils. Call Erin 352-262-8457 3-11-3-4

Quiet - Non Smoking roommate wanted come May \$370 per month + util Call local 352-376-4250 or call cell 904-994-6764 3-22-10-4

4 Roommates

2 F NS ROOMMATES NEEDED for summer or fall @ University Terrace West, SW 20th Ave. Fully furn, ea person has own pvt BR + pvt BA, no dep, 1 yr lease, \$350/mo + 1/4 utils. Call Talia 352-427-8583 3-30-15-4

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Roommate wanted Female preferred. Owr bedrm & bathrm. Complete furnishing - ove 40. Call 352-377-1569 Leave a message 3-16-5-4

Looking for roommate for summer or fall. 2/2.5 condo. Furnished except BR. W/D, big screen TV, screened in back porch, fenced in front terrace, new carpet. \$350/mo + 1/2 utils 337-8368 3-17-5-4

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Wednesday Prayer 6:30pm

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5:30 pm, 6:30 pm (Korean) in Hurley Hall,
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5:30 pm, & 7:30 pm. Daily noon & 5:30 pm.
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Youth Service 7pm
www.westwoodhillsministries.org
352-378-5190 call for transportation

EPISCOPAL

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
100 NE First Street Sunday Services 8am.
Holy Communion 9:15am. Education Hour
10:30am. Holy Communion 6pm. Wednes-
day Service 12:15pm. Healing and Holy
Communion

EVANGELICAL

Creekside Community Church
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Service, 10:30 am. Tuesday College Bible
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Noon Prayer Daily

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Information: 377-1669 or www.uuf.org

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

University United Methodist Church
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1320 W Univ. Ave Sunday Worship 10:30
Thursday Coffee house @ 7pm
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3BR/2.5BA condo. 1 floor living downtown Gainesville. Approx 1850 sq ft. \$304,900. 407-346-2322 Owner/Agent 3-24-15-5

Townhouse 3BR/2BA. Close to UF. On bus rt. Quiet location. Dish/w, W/D, tile kitchen, living/dining area. Fenced backyard. Pool \$140,000. 352-284-6154 3-11-5-5

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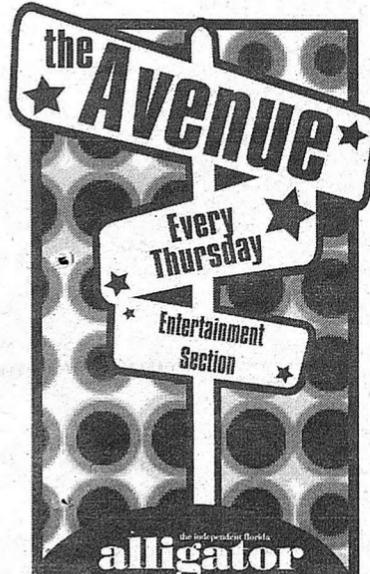
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Loss energizes UF against Spartans

■ COACH SAYS PROGRAM ISN'T FOR EVERYBODY.

By **TIM CASEY**
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In case the baseball players forgot what happened on Wednesday night, they got a reminder at practice yesterday.

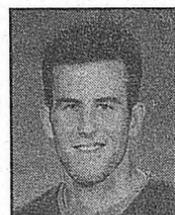
The scoreboard was turned on, still showing the final score from the 8-5 loss to UNC-Asheville. UF hopes for different results against Michigan State this weekend.

"This isn't a program for everybody," Coach Pat McMahon said. "The demand that we put on players is that we want self-starters and [players who] understand that hard work is how we get better.

"We'll have guys hitting early in the morning or late at night, at 1 or 2 a.m.," McMahon said. "I'm a

big believer that you work yourself out of problems and you get better when no one's watching. You need to have the confidence and a working plan to do that."

The No. 6 Gators (12-4) did not have much information about UNC-Asheville prior to the two-game series, and face a similar situation against the Spartans.



O'Day

"I don't know if we have much [information] on Michigan State, either," UF junior pitcher Darren O'Day said after Wednesday's loss. "You've got to refocus. This game counts just as much as a loss to Miami. Every game you have to treat as a big game."

Unranked Michigan State (5-3)
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Tim Casey / Alligator

Junior Bryan Ball will make his first Friday night start of the season this evening. Alan Horne had been the regular Friday starter, but will rest his arm.

Gators return to site of defeat

By **CHUCK BAER**
Alligator Writer

No one likes finishing in second place, especially if it happens twice in a row in the same town.

The UF men's track team will try to avoid just that when it travels to Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend to face the best track team in the country on its home track.

"I'd never want to call Fayetteville, Ark., home," said Coach Mike Holloway. "But we're going to have to make it home this weekend."

The Gators' last trip to Fayetteville was for the SEC Indoor Championships, where they finished second to the Razorbacks 155-92.

The men's team refuses to go into this meet focused on anything but its goals.

"Fayetteville is Fayetteville, and I can't say too much about Fayetteville," said senior Josh Walker, who is seeded third in the 60-meter hurdles. "It's a great facility to run at, and there's great

competition. I go into it as I do every meet."

Sophomore Mike Morrison looks forward to returning to the Randal Tyson Track Center.

"There's not a day gone by when I don't re-live that meet."

Tom Jones
UF track coach

"It's a great facility to jump at," said Morrison, who is ranked second nationally in the high jump and fourth in the long jump. "I think we have the advantage going back there, because we go there so often during our conference [season]."

The team also features sophomore Kerron Clement, who leads the nation in the 400-meter dash with the second-fastest collegiate time this season, as well as the third-best mark in the 200. Clement will also run on UF's top-ranked 4x400 relay team with freshman

Bernard Middleton and juniors Stefan Pastor and Sekou Clarke.

In addition, freshman Richard Adu-Bobie will run in the 60-meter dash while senior Steve Zieminski will run the mile.

The fourth-ranked women's team looks to match or improve upon last year's second-place finish.

"We lost by one point last year," Coach Tom Jones said. "There's not a day gone by when I don't re-live that meet."

UF brings in some of the best field athletes in the nation, including the best weight thrower in the nation, Candice Scott.

Scott holds the current collegiate record in the event, and won the NCAA title in 2004 and 2002.

"Anything can happen," Scott said. "I don't put anything past anyone. That's the way it goes in sports."

She will be competing against teammate and junior All-American Rachel Longfors, ranked tenth in

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A tourney like no other

It is the matchup that is written in the stars. It just has to happen.

The basketball gods owe it to the world of college hoops. Kentucky and UF played two of the most compelling games that the Southeastern Conference saw all season. And the way the SEC Tournament is structured, it all lines up for the Gators and the Cats to meet for the championship.



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Each team held serve on its home court during the regular season. But with just four points as the combined difference, that potential one last game is bound to be a classic.

UF finally tossed the monkey off its back, ending its eight-game losing streak against Kentucky in the season finale. But the Wildcats have to be steaming, with revenge on their minds about possibly losing a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament with that loss.

One more time, it'd be nice to see David Lee and Chuck Hayes go at it. One more time, and everyone would know if UF really can beat Kentucky at its own game. One more time, and Anthony Roberson would have another chance to hit the three that puts the dagger in Big Blue before (gulp) taking his game to the pros.

But much like the Colts trading Edgerrin James to the Dolphins for Patrick Surtain, it just makes too much sense for it to actually happen.

The tournament bracket will play itself out and somewhere along the path to the championship game one or both of these teams will lose.

The SEC might be down this season, but there are still some good teams in the league. Alabama and Louisiana State would love nothing more than to rain on the parade that would be a UF-Kentucky championship matchup.

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SCOREBOARD

SEC Tournament - Basketball

Tennessee 65
Arkansas 46

Mississippi 53
South Carolina 52

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF sophomore Kerron Clement was named the 2005 United States Track Coaches Association Indoor South Region Athlete of the Year on Thursday.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1999: The UF men's basketball team defeats Penn 75-61 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Gators ended up losing to Gonzaga 73-72 in the third round.

ON TELEVISION

■ SEC Tournament : Mississippi State vs. UF
SUN Sports, 3:30 p.m.
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SUN Sports, 7:30 p.m.

UF ROUNDUP

Tennis takes on pair of SEC opponents

THE SOFTBALL TEAM TRAVELS TO LONG BEACH STATE FOR A TOURNEY.

In its second week of Southeastern Conference play, the UF men's tennis team hosts two teams in hopes of running its league record to 4-0.

Competition begins today at 4 p.m. against Vanderbilt. The 40th-ranked Commodores enter the match 8-3 in regular season play and 0-2 in the conference.

While Vanderbilt ranks significantly lower than the Gators, men's tennis coach Andy Jackson insists that rankings at this point in the season can be deceiving.

"Vanderbilt is off to a rocky start, but they are contenders to be a Sweet 16 or Final 8 team," he said. "We'll have to play well to compete with them."

Vanderbilt has beaten UF in its last two meet-

ings and brings to the court a strong doubles pair in Scott Brown and Jason Pinsky, currently ranked 27th.

Following today's match, the Gators have a day to rest. They return to the court on Sunday at 1 p.m. to face No. 28 Kentucky. Last week, the Wildcats were ranked 12th before falling to Mississippi and Mississippi State.

Jackson doesn't have his team focusing much on Sunday's match, insisting the Gators must win against Vanderbilt before they can worry about becoming 4-0. Still, he acknowledges that Kentucky is a talented team with a chance to win.

"That's the SEC — if you come to play, you have a chance," he said. "If not, you're going to lose."

— NATASHA WEINSTEIN

In their final weekend before opening Southeastern Conference play, the No. 16 Gators (17-6) will travel westward this weekend and take part in the Long Beach State Softball Tournament.

The Gators will open play today against Loyola Marymount (8-5) and Indiana (6-12), and will conclude the tournament with games against San Diego State (15-8) and No. 25 Long Beach State (12-7) on Saturday.

"We know that we're going to have to play well to do the things that we want to do both on offense and defense, so we're just going to stay with that and try to build up momentum before going into Arkansas [next week]," said softball coach Karen Johns.

UF left fielder Lindsey Cameron, who has been on a tear in recent weeks, will enter the tournament looking to add to an impressive stat line. Batting .342 and leading the team in hits, home runs and RBI, the junior said that she's never felt better at the plate.

"My confidence is back to where it was in my freshman year," Cameron said. "I feel really comfortable now and I've been working hard, so it's good to see that the hard work has been paying off."

Instead of viewing this weekend's tournament as just another long road trip, the Gators seem confident that their long voyage could be preparation for the upcoming conference schedule.

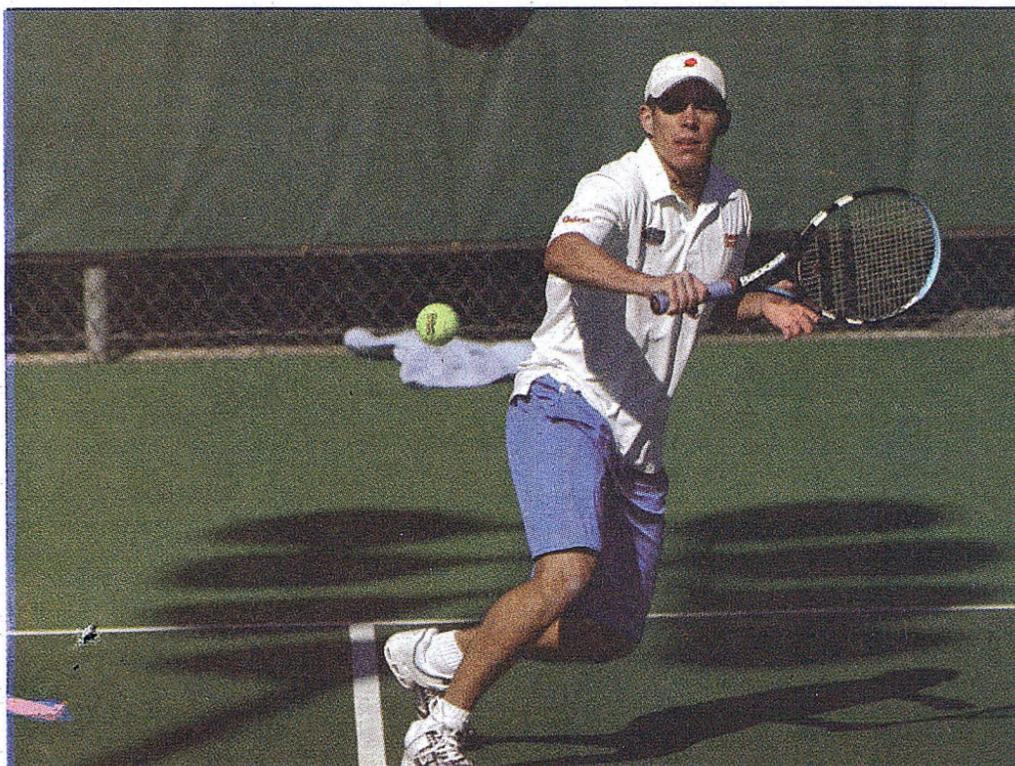
"It's a great opportunity to be on the field with the level of play and with the level of intensity that these teams in California have," Cameron said. "We couldn't have asked for a better time to come out here — right before our conference schedule — to get pumped up and play the caliber of teams that we have to play."

Cameron, however, won't be the only UF player excited to play this weekend. Sophomore Lauren Roussel, the only California native on the team, grew up only minutes away from the tournament's host stadium and will finally get to play in front of her hometown friends and family.

She pointed out before the season that this was the weekend she was most looking forward to.

This will be UF's first-ever matchup with either Loyola Marymount or Long Beach State. The Gators are 2-0 against Indiana and 1-0 against San Diego State.

— WILLIS JACOBSON



Casey Anderson / Alligator Staff

Redshirt junior Chris Brandi said the Gators may have gotten a little down on themselves after playing, but not defeating, some top teams recently.

High-ranking runners to lead UF

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the nation.

In the shot put, senior Liz Wanless is ranked third in the NCAA with a best throw of 17.80 meters, followed by Scott, with a throw of 17.45 meters.

SEC champion Krystle Moss goes into the meet ranked tenth in the high jump.

The Gators also boast sophomore Tiandra Ponteen, who ran a time of 51.47 in the 400 at the SEC championships, the best time in the nation for the event.

Ponteen will join Zanquandria Joseph,

Natalie Knight, and Nadine Palmer in the 4x400 relay.

"I think a lot of the teams are a lot more balanced this year," said associate head coach Larry Judge. "I don't see a dominant team." "For us, all of our qualifiers are very experienced and we have people that are ranked very, very high in each one of the events. We feel like we can be right in there, if everyone hits — and of course, with a little help from the other teams as well."

The NCAA Indoor Championships kick off today, with competition slated to begin at 10 a.m. The event will air on ESPN2 on Wednesday at noon.

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And while the Wildcats seem to make a habit out of getting to the final game, it's not that simple for the Gators. Prior to reaching that point last season, UF had suffered through a stretch of conference tournament disappointments.

But regardless of which teams reach the championship game, experts around the country are sleeping on just how compelling this tournament is going to be.

Kentucky (however overrated they may have been) was No. 3 in the country just last week. UF and LSU are surging late in the season. And while Alabama and Mississippi State may have lost games along the way, they didn't lose any talent and are still plenty good enough to go on a deep postseason run.

You can have the ACC and the Big East. Some of the best basketball in the country will play out on the Georgia Dome floor.

And if everything works out for UF and Kentucky, Sunday's championship game already has 'instant classic' written all over it.

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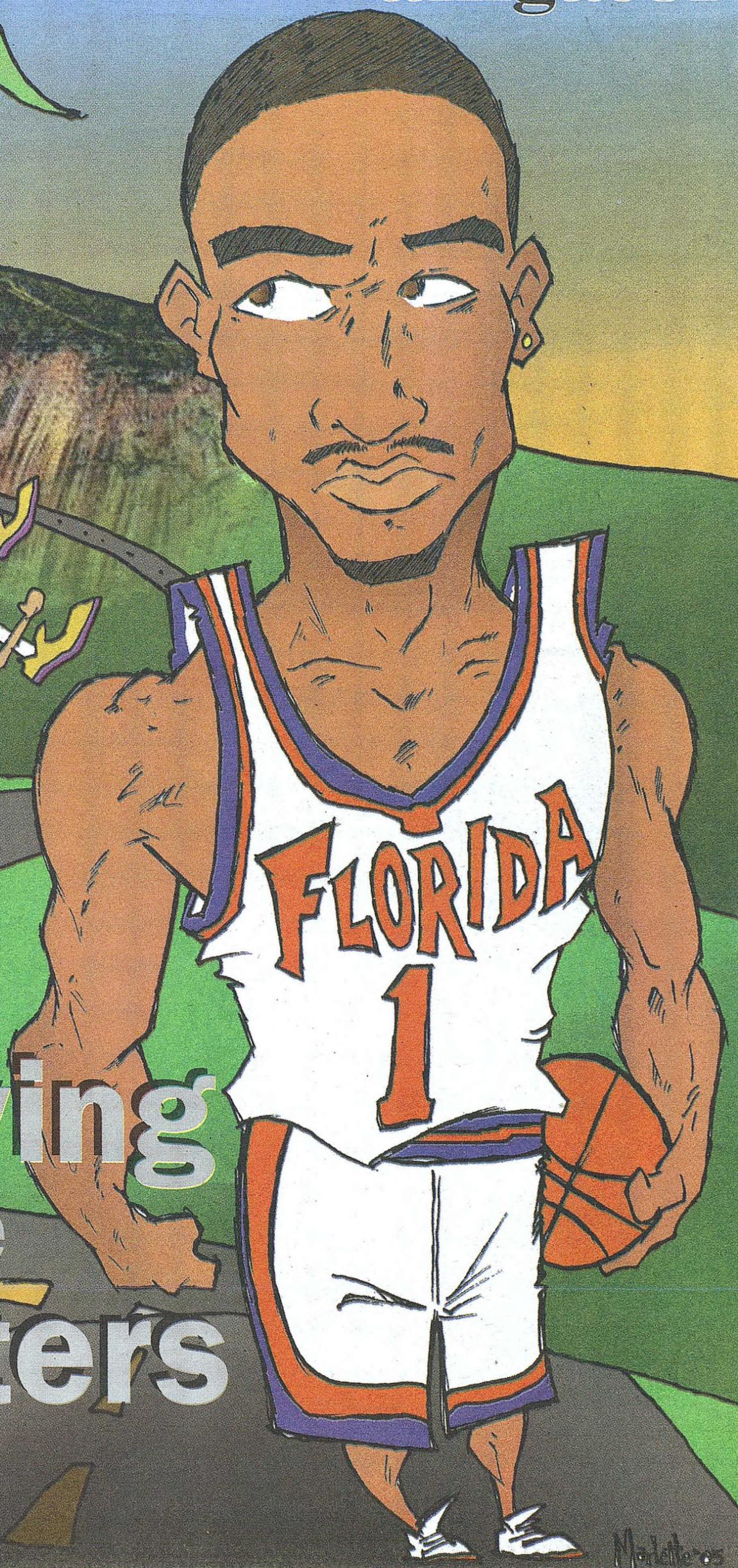
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THE PEEP SHOW

Guard tries to one-up SEC coaches

By **BRYAN APP**
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Any kid old enough to chuck a ball through a hoop fantasizes about it.

Anyone who has spent more school-day afternoons on the playground than at a desk has played out that heroic "Hoosiers"-like scenario alone:

You're the hometown underdog, down by 2 points. The only thing between you and a court-storming upset of your rival is 15 feet of knuckle-whitening, lip-quivering hardwood and a 10-foot high, 18-inch wide metal ring.

Don't choke.

Every ball-brandishing, bike-pedaling kid dreams about that moment – more Hollywood than reality.

Junior guard Anthony Roberson lived it.

With 15 seconds remaining and his Gators trailing then-No. 3 Kentucky by 1 point, Roberson stepped to the free-throw line for a one-and-one opportunity.

He knew he had no choice. Both shots had to fall.

"Your whole life, you ask for that situation," Roberson explained.

"Those are the moments you live for – CBS, last home game, sold out – the moments that you dream about."

While the stakes were higher this time, Roberson, like any gym rat, had been in difficult binds before.

He remembers shoveling snow in his hometown of Saginaw, Mich., just so he could play out the scene on his own hoop.

Years later and some 1,130 miles away, he re-enacted the scene – this time without the white slush.

Both shots splashed through the net, and following a final defensive stand, Roberson's efforts helped the Gators reverse a four-year, eight-game funk against the Wildcats.

A shirtless, jubilant frenzy ensued as a group of Gators celebrated their first career win against Kentucky on Sunday.

Blind Eyes

Unfortunately for Roberson, his game-high 21-point performance, highlighted by a game-saving steal and two clutch foul shots, fell upon

Roberson said. "That's something that was just out of my hands, that I couldn't control. I had to put it in somebody else's hands. I laid it on the line, but everybody has their own opinion."

Tourney Fodder

Roberson said he respects the success Bass experienced this season, averaging a league-second best 8.8 rebounds and third-best 17.5 points per game. Bass also led the conference in field goal percentage.

He said he was happy for the Tigers' forward, wishes him luck and even recognizes the difficulty of choosing the best of such a group of elite players.

But he admitted that his second-place standing would further inspire him to prove his doubters wrong by leading UF to its first-ever SEC Tournament championship.

He'll have that opportunity when the Gators (20-7, 12-4 SEC) face Mississippi State (22-9, 10-7 SEC) at 3:15 p.m. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

"Now the biggest goal is to hold that trophy on Sunday," Roberson said. "From this point forward, and even before the votes came out, I've always been out there to prove a point."

Roberson said that winning a tournament championship would more than make up for any lost individual honors.

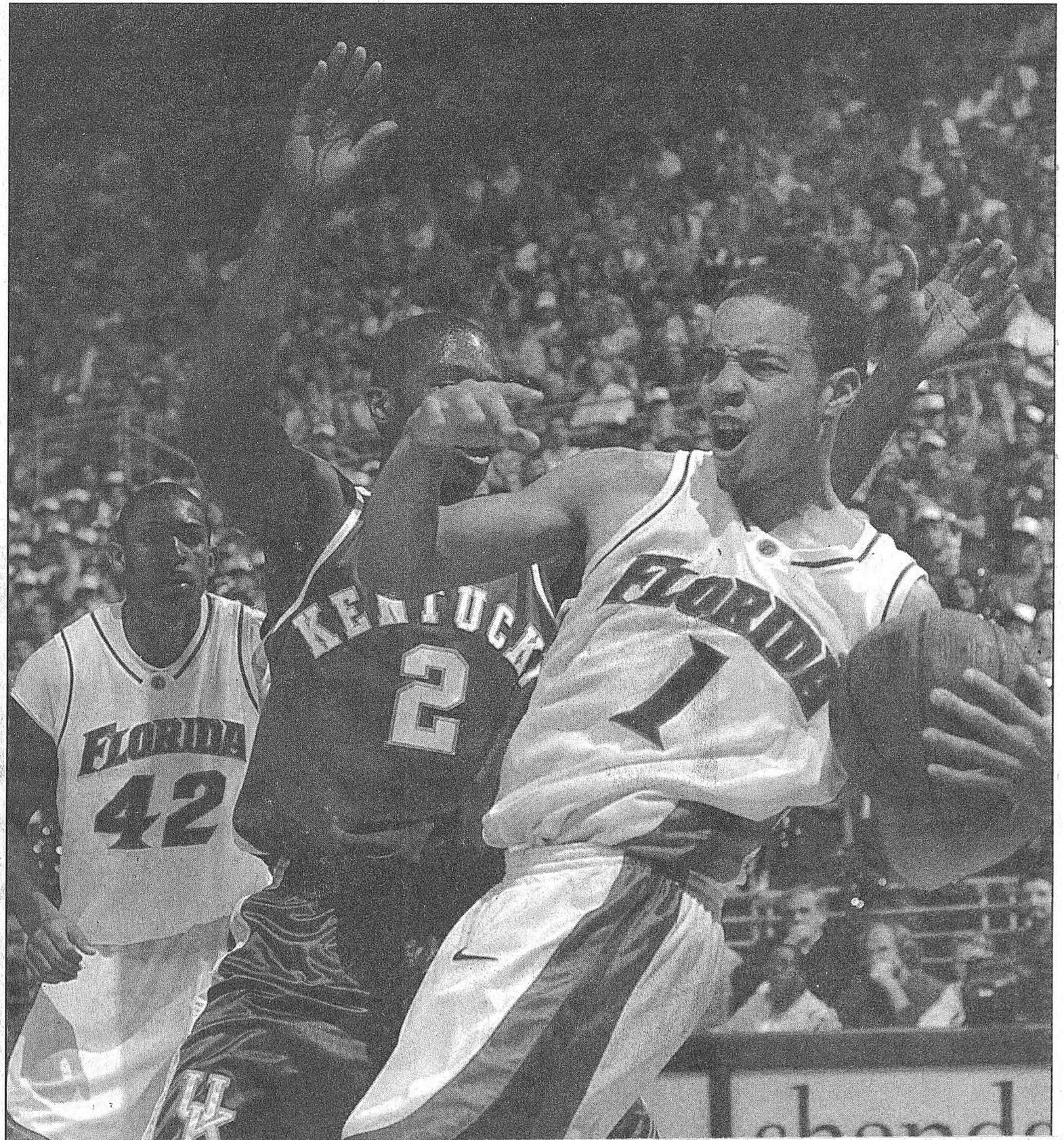
"Forget a Player of the Year," Roberson said. "Something that I can get to be happy that makes my teammates happy, too, and we can all talk about for years after, that's much bigger than that. Everything happens for a reason. And if that's the reason, then I'm all for it."

The Outside

But don't ask his teammates for a reason why the point guard they affectionately call "Peep" should watch the award slip away.

Not after he helped push UF to a record-tying 12 conference wins by being the only player to average 20 points in league play.

While he has an obvious bias, junior guard Matt Walsh said he couldn't deny



Though five of the league's top Player of the Year candidates were playing in pivotal season finales that weekend, the 12 Southeastern Conference coaches had already submitted their ballots for the Player of the Year award Friday.

Louisiana State sophomore forward Brandon Bass won his second SEC Player of the Year honor when the coaches' award was announced Wednesday.

The final tally: Bass 5, Roberson 4, Alabama junior forward Kennedy Winston 2 and Kentucky senior forward Chuck Hayes 1.

Roberson, the SEC's leading scorer, was left to embrace the cold, white slush once again.

"I played as hard as I could and left everything on the floor every time I played,"

as indicated by some league coaches the Thursday before ballots were due, there always seemed to be an outside contender.

LSU coach John Brady said he voted for Winston.

Though Arkansas coach Stan Heath said he was still undecided at the time, he ultimately named two standouts.

"There are two guys that stick out to me," Heath said. "Chuck Hayes because [Kentucky] wins. And then, Kennedy Winston is a guy that is just so difficult to deal with."

Mark Gottfried, Alabama's coach, voted for Bass.



Matt Marriott / Alligator Staff

Junior guard Anthony Roberson plays keep away with Kentucky's Ravi Moss. Roberson hit two free throws at the end of the game to win it for the Gators.

Since no coach could vote for his own player, not even Coach Billy Donovan voted for Roberson. Donovan, instead, opted for Hayes.

"I think because Kentucky won, I voted for Hayes," Donovan said. "Chuck Hayes is the guy that holds their team together."

Peep 2.0

But would Peep cast a ballot for himself if he could?

"No doubt," Roberson replied. It's a sign of a self-confidence that he says has grown considerably this season, partly due to his improved defending.

Last season, Roberson was criticized for being a one-way player.

Perhaps his defensive improvement can be captured in one climatic play: just before he stepped to the stripe for those streak-snapping free throws against the Wildcats, Roberson blocked and stripped the ball from Kentucky guard Patrick Sparks on a drive. A frustrated foul from Sparks then set up Peep's winning shots.

"I think a year ago or my freshman year, that wouldn't have happened," Roberson said. "I give all the credit to [assistant] coach [Larry] Shyatt. He's really been in my

ear, been in my face, telling me I need to get better at the other end."

NBA-Bound?

With his improved defensive play, Roberson could be ready to lead UF into the SEC Tournament one final time.

He did, after all, flirt with going pro last year before making a last-minute decision to return in May - and hasn't denied the possibility of doing so this summer.

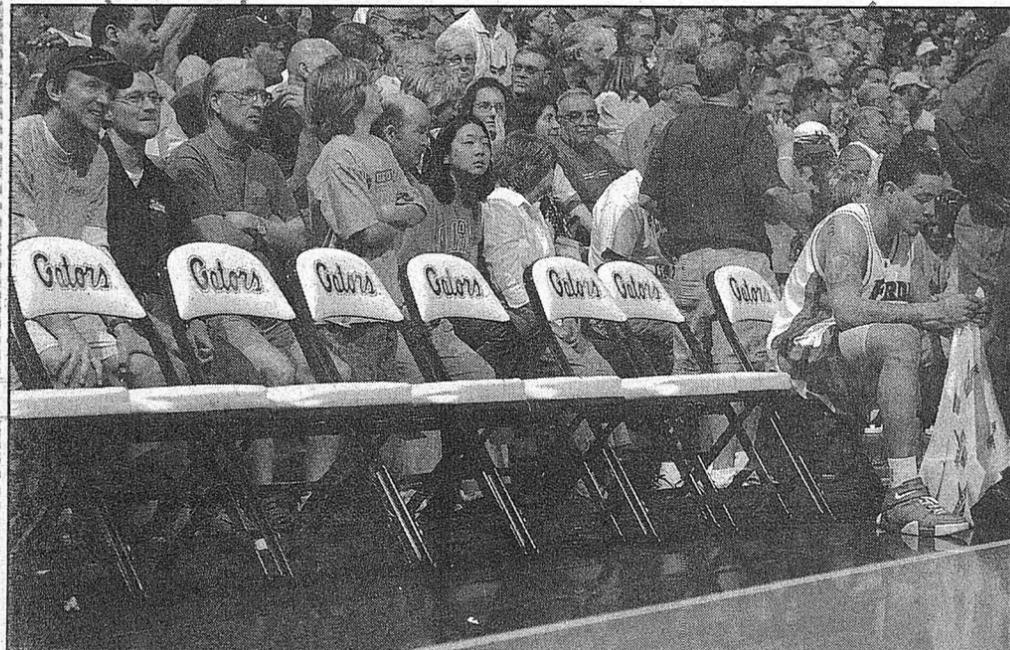
Still, critics claim he shoots too much to be a pro point guard and that 6-foot-1 is too short for an NBA two-guard.

What does he have to say? "I went out every game and played my hardest, and I guess I couldn't satisfy everybody," Roberson said. "That's just how it is."

But right now, Roberson says he only needs to satisfy Donovan and his UF teammates. He'll worry about the NBA when the opportunity arises.

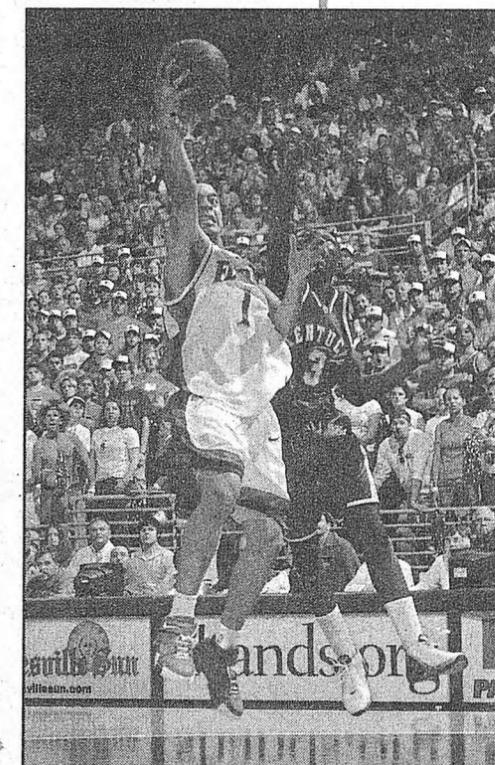
"I'm all about opportunities," Roberson said. "I got the opportunity to play here. I got the opportunity with the ball in my hand to show what I can do. And if it's possible at the next level, with the ball in my hand, I believe I will do it again. I've been doing it all my life."

Peep prefers to leave it on the court - again.



Matt Marriott / Alligator Staff

Junior guard Anthony Roberson looks down at his towel during UF's game against Kentucky. The Gators victory was something for Roberson to look up at, though.



Matt Marriott / Alligator Staff

Anthony Roberson attempts a finger roll against Kentucky's Ramel Bradley.

SEC Championship win could work wonders for NCAA seeding

■ GUARD MATT WALSH SAID LOSING EARLY IN THE SEC TOURNAMENT IS NOT A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

By **ANDREW ABRAMSON**
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When legendary football coach Vince Lombardi said "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing," he may have overlooked college basketball conference tournaments.

Take this weekend's Southeastern Conference Tournament in Atlanta. The UF men's basketball team will be looking to advance to the SEC Championship Game for the second year in a row. But there's been a little rumor spreading around the locker room that it may be beneficial to bow out early and rest before next weekend's NCAA Tournament.

"A lot of people say losing early in the

conference tournament is a blessing in disguise. I don't know," junior guard Matt Walsh said. "I know I'm going to go out and win. It would be a cool thing to be the first ever Florida team to win it."

Last year, an emotional and undermanned Gators squad surprised the SEC by advancing to the finals before being falling to Kentucky.

UF entered the NCAA Tournament exhausted and aching, which can at least partially explain the upset loss against Manhattan in the first round of the Tournament.

During this year's regular season, the Gators never played more than two games in a single week. A return trip to the SEC finals will mean three games in a row, starting today against Mississippi State.

"It breaks your body down," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "It physically takes a toll on your team - I don't think there's any question about that."

But for a team that loves to win and wants to show the nation they're the true beast of the SEC, it certainly wouldn't hurt to win the SEC Tournament for the first time in school history.

"The last impression is the one that people often times remember, and I know that



Walsh

last year making it to finals really helped our seeding," senior forward David Lee said. "This year I think we can do a lot of good for ourselves as well."

For every benefit of losing early and getting an additional two days of rest before the NCAA Tournament, there's still the seeding issue.

Winning the SEC Championship could do wonders for the Gators, earning them as high as a three or four seed in the NCAAs.

In ESPN's ever-changing bracketology predictions, on Wednesday the Gators were

predicted as a No. 5 seed playing No. 12 seed West Virginia in Cleveland. It sounds like a relatively favorable matchup, although the 5-12 matchup is known to produce numerous upsets - like last year's Manhattan victory against UF.

A nice showing this weekend will propel UF to a favorable seeding. A loss to Mississippi State could mean a tough first-round NCAA game and an even harder challenge to get to the Sweet 16.

"I feel like if we win [the SEC Championship] Sunday we're going into the [NCAA] Tournament with a confidence builder," junior guard Anthony Roberson said. "I don't believe in losing early to rest. I think going home on Sunday with that championship makes you even hungrier - makes you want to have even more success. It's about how bad you want it and I'm all about making it to Sunday."

"If we get to Sunday I think everything else will be taken care of."



Who: UF [20-7, 12-4 SEC, No. 2 East] vs. Mississippi State [22-9, 9-7 SEC, No. 3 West] in SEC tournament quarterfinals

Tipoff: Today, 3:15 p.m.

Where: Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

Series Record: UF leads 53-45

Notes: The Gators are on a four-game win streak after defeating Kentucky for the first time in nine attempts Sunday. UF will try to reach the SEC championship game for the second consecutive season and attempt to win its first-ever tournament title.

Mississippi State wins, will face UF this afternoon

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Golf looks for Vegas luck

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Writer

Buddy Alexander's money is on Manuel Villegas this weekend. As the Gators travel to Las Vegas, Nev., for the Southern Highlands Collegiate Championship, the UF men's golf coach is betting on the redshirt freshman to fill a void.

“This is the best field of the year with very little doubt in my opinion. There's not a weak team in the tournament.”

Buddy Alexander
UF men's golf coach

Four Gators rank in the top 63 of the Golfweek individual ratings, but the fifth UF golfer, Villegas, falls way back at No. 362.

“We're struggling a little bit at the No. 5 spot with [Ryan] Cochran and Manuel Villegas and Duke Butler [IV],” Alexander said. “Those are the three guys that are fighting for that fifth spot.”

Thanks to solid play from Matt Every, Brett Stegmaier, James Vargas and Richard Treis, UF claimed two wins and a runner-up finish in its last three tournaments.

“Those four guys can carry the load in the spring and they're going to play every tournament from now on unless there's an unforeseen problem,” Alexander said.

But to make a postseason run, Alexander wants to shore up that final spot.

“I think in a perfect world you'd like for your [No. 5] guy to kind of step up and be obvious,” Alexander said. “I would hope that somebody would start playing extremely well and just blow the other two guys away.”

Alexander never would have lost sleep had Jessie Mudd been able to recover from an ankle injury this year. As of now, however, the sophomore will take a medical redshirt.

“If Jessie were to all of a sudden start really playing well and we were still struggling with the fifth guy and Jessie wanted to do it, then we could call the redshirt off,” Alexander said.

UF will need stronger play from its No. 5 position, starting today in Las Vegas. All 15 tournament opponents rank in the top 25.

Every team ranked in the top six will compete, including the only team to defeat UF this spring, No. 3 Georgia.

“This is the best field of the year with very little doubt in my opinion,” Alexander said. “There's not a weak team in the tournament.”

Divers drive for NCAAs

■ THIS IS UF'S LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

By **BRIAN STEELE**
Alligator Writer

It's all about consistency.

If the UF diving teams have that at the NCAA Diving Zones this weekend, they'll be in the national spotlight. If not, it may be a long trip home, said diving coach Donnie Craine.

Craine is looking forward to UF's last chance to qualify divers for the upcoming NCAA Championships. New opportunities have given the team a renewed sense of hope.

“The best part about [this meet is that] if they are on, and dive well, it is not a matter of how well you have done all year. [It is] just right now,” Craine said. “You could almost compare it to a basketball tournament. It's one-and-done.”

While the Gators may only have one opportunity to qualify, Craine feels that if the divers keep up the momentum built at the conference meet, they can look forward to the NCAAs.

“I haven't had to say much; they know what to expect,” Craine said. “If Zach [Wilcox] and Nicole [Bolt] dive the way they did in conference, they'll go to NCAAs. If they don't, then they won't. We need a repeat performance.”

Wilcox, an All-American, and Bolt

are UF's lone diving seniors, but they will have some youthful, eager allies. Joining them will be sophomores Vitor Assuncao and Justin Schmidt and junior Chris Comfort. Both the seniors and the younger divers are hoping to contribute as much as they can, and the swimmers are counting on them.

“The swimmers feel a lot better about what they can do, knowing that [a diver] can get some points,” Craine said. “If you make it through our zone, it is a pretty good bet you will score points at NCAAs.”

Bolt hopes to be one of those to have an impact, and to bring desperately needed success to the women's diving team.

“It definitely would be an incredible experience,” Bolt said. “A woman diver has not made it through for several years. If I perform like I did in conference, then I should be good to make it. We just have to go out there, have a good time, try our best, and land on [our heads].”

The Gators' younger swimmers do not have the experience of Wilcox and Bolt, but Craine knows that his seniors will solve that problem.

“The best thing about older athletes is that [the younger divers] see what they can do, and that is a huge difference,” he said. “Older guys have the tendency to take pressure off younger guys.”



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