



Alcohol blamed in UF student's death

■ **CHRISTOPHER SMALL DIED IN JANUARY CRASH.**

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Autopsy results for Gainesville's first traffic fatality of 2005 that claimed the life of Christopher James Small show

the UF student's blood contained nearly three times the legal limit of alcohol.

Early the morning of Jan. 28, Small was driving his 1997 Acura Integra alone southbound on Northwest 34th Street.

When he sped through the intersection of Northwest 16th Avenue at an estimated 90 mph, his car became airborne, rolled

and crashed into a telephone pole, Gainesville Police spokesman Keith Kameg said.

The speed limit at the intersection where the accident occurred is posted at 35 mph. Small was pronounced dead at the scene.

Postmortem examination reports from the Office of the

Medical Examiner state that Small's blood-alcohol level was .20, two and a half times the legal limit.

The Florida Highway Patrol Web site characterizes .08 blood-alcohol content as the legal limit for impairment.

William F. Hamilton of the Medical Examiner's Office conducted three tests, including a

comprehensive drug screen, to determine whether any substances were present in Small's body at the time of the accident.

In addition to Small's blood-alcohol level of .20, his urine tested at .27 and his vitreous humor, fluid taken from the eye and considered to yield the most reliable result of the three, regis-

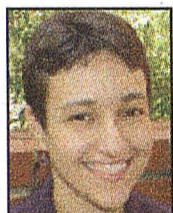
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Gay benefits a possibility

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UF may be on the cusp of providing partner benefits to gay and lesbian faculty and staff – but probably not until the Florida Legislature goes on spring break.

Murmurs among UF officials speculate that the university wants to wait for an end to the current legislative session before officially discussing the topic — a move to avoid offending conservative lawmakers who control much of the university's funding.



Cohen

UF President Bernie Machen said in a recent interview that acquiring the benefits "is not a matter of if, but a matter of when," noting there have been some "technical problems."

The benefits issue is expected to come before the UF Board of Trustees sometime this year, UF Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs Director Tamara Cohen said in January.

In addition, interim Provost Joe Glover told the Orlando Sentinel earlier this month that UF could be the first state university to provide same-sex partner benefits.

Cohen, Glover and other administrators did not reply to requests seeking comment.

Craig Lowe, Gainesville's first openly gay city commissioner, said, "We're (UF)

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Polls open in today's city election races

Absentee, early votes higher than past years

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Gainesville residents dissatisfied with present regulations and representation will find voting in today's election crucial if they want a shift in power.

Today is the last day to vote in the City Commission races to choose three of the seven members who set and control citywide policies.

Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter emphasized the importance of taking part in local elections.

"These are the people that have the biggest difference in our day-to-day lives," Carpenter said.

Nine candidates are vying for the City Commission seats, and campaigning could be seen all around the city.

With a combined total of \$137,000 in monetary contributions, local lawns as well as street corners crowded with sign-waving supporters have been festive affairs for every candidate.

Continuing a trend from November, residents also hit the polls early, resulting in higher numbers in absentee ballots and early votes over previous years' local elections.

In 2003, early voting, which begins two weeks before the election, only yielded 346 votes, Carpenter said.

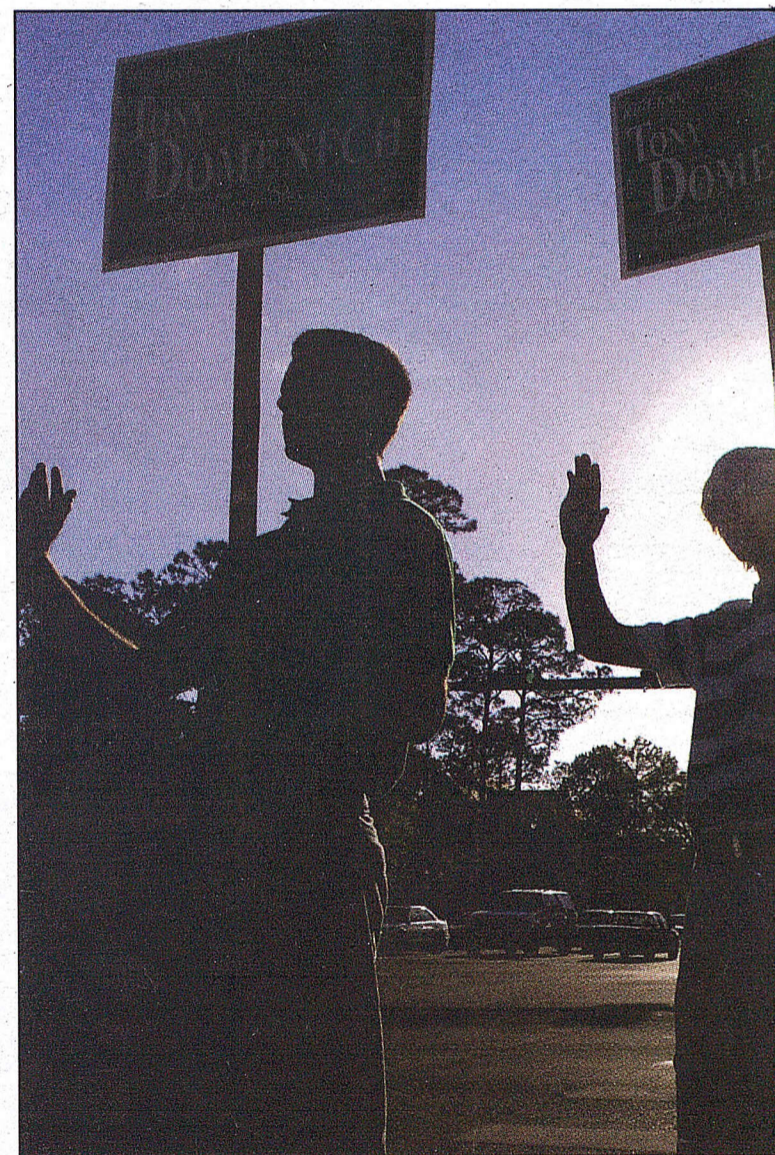
"We're well above that," she said.

As of 6 p.m. Monday, tallied early votes totaled 515, a more than 100-vote increase.

But absentee ballots have a more profound effect on the election than early votes.

"The absentee-ballot voting seems to be going right in line," Carpenter said. "We've had over 1,000 that have voted absentee."

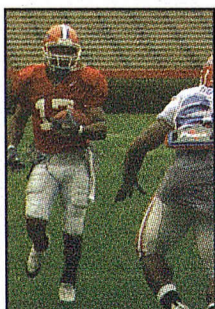
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Crevan O'Ceallbigh and Kienan Hanrahan get in some last-minute campaigning for Tony Domenech on Monday afternoon.

■ Backup quarterback Gavin Dickey is taking advantage of Coach Urban Meyer's offense to see the field more often. Dickey's newest role has him snagging passes. See story, pg. 20.



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■ Frustrated Gainesville Police officers leaned their picket signs against City Hall doors and filled the City Commission meeting Monday. GPD's expired contracts with the city became a focus of the meeting. Officers are seeking better salary and benefits. See story, pg. 3.

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CITY COMMISSION

GPD officers 'pay' disrespect to commissioners

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Frustrated Gainesville Police officers leaned their picket signs against City Hall doors and filled the City Commission meeting Monday.

Spurred by statements from Jeff McAdams, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, GPD's expired contracts with the city became a focus of the meeting.

"The police have been operating without a contract since September," McAdams said. "Why the delay?"

About 25 officers stood up with McAdams as he addressed the commission, saying that while he has "a great deal of confidence in the commission," he believes that Human Resources and its director, Tom Motes, created delays in renegotiating GPD's contracts.

"We think we're being deliberately deceived," he said.

Motes said delays came from both sides and that higher-ups involved in the negotiations chose not to share contract offers with the rank-and-file officers.

McAdams' proposal consists of a 26 percent raise in pay for GPD officers to be implemented over three years as well as other benefits he said are in line with other agencies in the state.

Commissioner Braddy proposed holding a meeting between the police union and the city April 12, about a month in advance of its original date.

Troubled funding for bringing a major charity event involving celebrities such as Daunte Culpepper, Trick Daddy and Benji Brown to Gainesville also was revisited.

At a previous session, the Commission declined granting money for the event because of concern that it would significantly deplete city funds and that the scholarships and organizations benefiting would not be local.

The foundation asked the city to provide law enforcement, portable toilet facilities, tables, chairs and shuttle bus service for a suggested total of \$25,000 for the fourth annual Clinton Portis Charity Weekend.

Following Alachua County's lead, the commission granted \$15,000 to fund the event with strings attached.

Commissioners had many questions about the benefits to Gainesville, but Rodney Long, Alachua County commissioner and foundation president, was not present to explain because he was recuperating from the 48 hours he spent on Gainesville streets learning about homelessness last week.

The scholarships that the foundation benefits are not promised to Gainesville, incurring the objection



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Jeff McAdams, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, speaks to the Gainesville City Commission on Monday night.

of Commissioner Rick Bryant.

The Commission compromised, promising the funds in return for a letter from the charity guaranteeing that Gainesville would receive benefits from the event, named for

the Washington Redskins running back and Gainesville High School graduate.

The agreement can be changed in the future.

Gabriel Kaimowitz, At-Large

candidate for the commission, also took the podium at the meeting to announce his candidacy to have been "primarily to investigate as an observer and researcher" the powerlessness of the City Commission.

UF makes plan to alleviate parking pains

■ PLANS CALL FOR TWO NEW PARKING GARAGES BY 2009.

By DAVID COHEN

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UF will always have an on-campus parking problem, a university official acknowledged Monday, but he insists the issue is not being ignored.

"I know we have a lot more decal holders than we have parking," said James Morgan, director of UF's Business Services Division. "We could never have a one-to-one ratio. We don't have space for it. We don't have the money for it."

Despite the alleged lack of funding, Morgan said plans are in place for two new parking garages within the next four years, as well as 10 to 13 new bus shelters by Fall 2005.

Morgan said the revenue created by decals and student fees are expected to pay for the facilities.

"We have more garages than any other college in the nation," Morgan said about UF's total of 13 garages.

UF Business Services Division, Transportation and Parking Services, and the Student Traffic Court have been deliberating where the new facilities should be located.

Student Government Treasurer Dennis Ngin said SG is powerless when it comes to parking.

"Parking is an ongoing issue. It's probably never going to be solved," Ngin said. "We have a lot of students on this campus with limited space. It's just one of those things. There's no parking on campus, and no SG official can feasi-

bly fix the parking problem."

Morgan said his organization has reached out to SG to solve UF's parking problem.

"We really set the priorities with Student Government," he said. "We're trying to do everything we can to be proactive."

Morgan admits that parking on-campus is not perfect, acknowledging that the number of decals sold greatly outnumbered available parking spaces by as much as 250 percent.

Three telephone calls and an e-mail to Transportation and Parking Director Scott Fox over the course of a week seeking comment about this practice were not returned.

Morgan said he believes the practice of patience is the key to a successful parking system.

"There are parking spaces available on campus at any particular time," Morgan said, adding students are reluctant to wait for a bus. "That 10 or 15 minutes is 10 or 15 minutes that people don't have patience with."

Morgan encouraged students to utilize Regional Transit System buses, which are free to all UF students simply by showing their Gator 1 Card to the driver, to help alleviate traffic congestion.

"You can get a lot more people on the bus than in a car. In the future, whether people like it or not, they are going to be taking that extra 10 or 15 minutes to go to work," he said.

Peter Dayton, a UF building-construction sophomore, had his share of on-campus parking troubles last week.

Dayton's SUV was parked in front of the Murphree Area, a Red 1 zone, when

he received a note from his Resident Assistant telling him to go the area desk or his car would be towed.

"I was kind of puzzled since I was parked legally," Dayton said.

The Murphree Area desk attendant told him that UF Transportation and Parking Services called and he would have to move his car so a lamppost lightbulb could be changed.

"So it was in the middle of the day and I had class and everything like that," Dayton said. "Parking Services told me, at first, that if I called (University Police) they would find another place for me to park my car because at that time of day, it's very hard to find parking."

However when he called UPD, Dayton said he was told that was inaccurate.

"I would just have to do my best to find another Red 1 (space), which would probably not be open at that time," he said.

Dayton said he did not end up moving his car because he would be creating another problem for someone else.

"I was about to move my car, and then I realized someone is probably going to pull in there in about five minutes, and they are going to have the same problem. (Transportation and Parking Services) would just have to call them, track them down, get them to move it and all that," Dayton said.

Though he was not familiar with Dayton's experience, Morgan admitted the situation could have been handled differently.

"There's other times to change lightbulbs, too," Morgan said. "That sounds like it could have been worked out better."

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UF ADMINISTRATION

Professor: UF should be 'Berkeley of the Southeast'

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UF should rise above the university system pack and become the "Berkeley of the Southeast," said a UF professor who wrote a report for the Board of Governors.

Grant Thrall told the state universities' highest governing power Thursday that Florida's higher-education system might not be able to keep up with rapidly increasing population, which is set to exceed New York's in 10 to 15 years.

The solution, he said, is to imitate California's university system, dividing public colleges into two tiers.

The top tier includes institutions that attract the best faculty and students, such as Berkeley. The second

tier is made up of universities that serve more local needs.

Additional university branches or entirely new schools could be added to that second tier to take care of increasing student numbers.

In his report, Thrall discovered that only UF, FSU and FAMU had a significant percentage of students from all over the state, while the other eight universities drew about 80 percent of their students locally.

UF draws statewide interest because of its academics, he said, and thus brings Florida's best students.

Thrall, a City Commission candidate, said his suggestions mesh with UF President Bernie Machen's top university aspirations.

"Both of us have a shared vision that the University of Florida will become the Berkeley of the

"Does a Ferrari cost more than a Volkswagen? If you want the best, you have to pay for it. If you want to drive Ferrari, you have to pay."

Grant Thrall
UF professor

Southeast, and I think we are poised to become that," he said.

But becoming a peer of Berkeley means UF needs more money to attract top-notch faculty, Thrall said. That money would have to come from the Legislature or, more likely, from the students.

"Does a Ferrari cost more than a Volkswagen?" Thrall asked. "If you want the best, you have to pay for

it. If you want to drive Ferrari, you have to pay."

To meet a demand from local students, he said, the state has three options: create a UF branch campus, reserve undergraduate seats at UF or build an entirely new university.

Machen said that if UF had a branch campus, it might affect the university's quality. The solution should balance access, cost and quality, he said.

"Branch campuses for comprehensive, high-quality universities have not worked around the country," he wrote in an e-mail. "This approach addresses access but not cost of quality."

Lynn Pappas, a Board of Governors member, said the governors have to look closer at demographics before developing a plan.

The board hasn't decided whether a need exists for more higher-education opportunities, she added.

Thrall's report assumed students couldn't leave their geographic area to go to college, Pappas said. However, she said she was not convinced that a four-hour drive to a non-local university would stop students from going to school.

But if closer inspection reveals students who are tied down locally, perhaps by a family or job, more local opportunities may be necessary, she said.

"I am certainly not prepared to say we know enough of geographic access to say that the California model is what we want to propose," she said.

UF surveys staffers to gauge campuswide satisfaction

■ THE RESULTS OF THE 82-QUESTION SURVEY ARE EXPECTED IN JUNE.

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The group that represents UF's staff and non-tenured faculty distributed 8,200 surveys Friday in hopes of discovering the top two or three things UF employees would change about their workplace.

The campaign, called "Your Voice - Your UF," is the first-ever formal attempt by the university to gauge staff sentiments, said Jani Sherrard, chairwoman of the Academic & Professional Assembly, the group coordinating the survey.

"This is the first time it has been done campuswide," Sherrard said. "It is an enormous, positive opportunity to provide feedback."

To handle the 82-answer questionnaire, UF

hired International Survey Research, the same company that conducted a faculty survey last Spring, for about \$77,000, said Ed Poppell, vice president for administrative affairs.

The company will compare UF's results to employers around the country. Independent survey-taking also allows more anonymity in collecting the responses, UF documents state.

The assembly has worked on the logistics of the survey since December, including categorizing 186 workplaces around the state, holding focus groups to generate questions and testing a preliminary survey before making the final version, Sherrard said.

Overall, about 150 employees had input into the process, she said.

The survey also comes with a widespread public-relations campaign. Fliers and notices have appeared around campus, on the president's Web site and the myUFL portal.

Both UF President Bernie Machen and Human Resources Director Larry Ellis sent e-mails to staff encouraging them to fill out

the survey during work time and stressing the confidentiality of responses — although one of the first questions asks staffers to identify which department they work in.

"This project is based on my belief that improvement is fueled by direct and candid feedback," Machen wrote in late January.

The assembly hopes to beat the response rate of last year's faculty survey, which was 43 percent, Sherrard said, adding that a response rate of more than 50 percent is considered terrific.

"I think people are very aware of the staff survey," she said, and with questions unique to UF and a good response rate, it should "reflect concretely on the UF experience."

Machen endorsed the idea after speaking to the assembly in the Fall.

While the faculty survey showed discon-

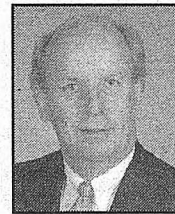
tentment with pay and recognition, UF's staff have had a difficult year with the implementation of a completely new, web-based accounting system that changed the work of many employees in fundamental ways.

But Sherrard hopes the results of the survey, expected in June, will coincide with Machen's reorganization of human resources. The president recently created a new position, vice president for human resources, to address morale issues for faculty and staff.

This semester, Machen hired Kyle Cavanaugh of the University of Texas at Austin as the first to fill the post, which reports directly to the president. Cavanaugh takes office May 1.

Dale McPherson, a coordinator for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, said he completed his survey Friday.

"I think it's good for the administration to know what the people who work for them think and feel about the organization," McPherson said.



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In earthquake aftermath, UF students again pitch in

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Students at the University of Florida are again pitching in to help victims of the earthquake in Gujarat, India. The students are part of a team that will be traveling to India in the next few weeks to help with the aftermath of the earthquake. The team will be working with local officials to help with the reconstruction of the area. The students will be working with the local people to help them get back on their feet. The students will be working with the local people to help them get back on their feet. The students will be working with the local people to help them get back on their feet.



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Two UF students win prestigious Goldwater scholarship

■ THREE HUNDRED UNDERGRADUATES NATIONWIDE GET THE AWARD.

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Joseph Wilson knew he was going to be an engineer when he was a child. In high school, he did engineering research at UCF. At UF, he said he thinks organic chemistry and modern physics are “just fine.” “I’m not completely geeky,” he said.

“I do kung fu and go clubbing, and I like Starbucks — I do some normal college stuff.”

But it’s not his dancing that won this UF electrical-engineering sophomore the prestigious \$7,500 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship — it’s his dedication to science.

“I can see myself creating advanced images of the heart and creating innovative signal-processing techniques for it in the future,” said Wilson, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering.

Wilson presented his UCF research in

Taiwan as a high school senior to hundreds of electrical-engineering experts. As a UF freshman, he presented his summer biomedical engineering research at the national Biomedical Engineering Society conference in Philadelphia.

On Campus “I really enjoyed biomedical engineering because it allowed me to apply my electrical-engineering research to the field of medicine,” he said.

Wilson credited UF’s honors program as the catalyst for achievement. The scholarship is given to 300 under-

graduates nationwide who plan to pursue a Ph.D. in a math- or science-related field.

UF chemistry senior Edwin Homan also won a Goldwater Scholarship. He received the honor while conducting chemistry research in France under the leadership of Jean-Marie Lehn, who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for research in supramolecular chemistry.

“[Homan’s] really scary smart,” said Randolph Duran, UF chemistry professor. “He took our most advanced general chemistry course as a freshman and walked right through it, no sweat.”

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Editorial

Quota quandry

Degree restrictions leave rights of students behind

Imagine you are a high school student who had applied to UF. After months of waiting — and wondering if you'd have to make that dark and shameful journey to our northern rivals after all — you finally get a response.

It's the thick packet, instead of the slim envelope that screams "form letter," so you're understandably excited. You open it up and, sure enough, it's an acceptance letter.

"Dear Really Smart Student, we want to congratulate you..."

After the pleasantries, however, there's a much more disturbing message.

"Based on your skills and aptitudes, as well as our current needs, your major will be: mechanical engineering."

You're confused because you've never been interested in engineering in your life. But it's there in plain writing, along with a disclaimer that you will forfeit all state scholarships if you deviate from your given major.

As you happen to be president of the drama club with your eyes on a dual theater/English degree, this doesn't make you too happy.

The fact that you haven't cracked the "C" barrier in math since you were counting monkeys and green apples in kindergarten doesn't make you too optimistic either.

Sound crazy? It may be extreme, but it's a possibility if the Board of Governors goes forward with its plans to require state universities to meet degree quotas.

In case you missed the article in Friday's Alligator, the board decreed that the State University System should be graduating 50 percent of its students in nine areas of concentration by the 2012-2013 academic year.

These nine areas — not surprisingly — are concentrated in the competitive medical and technological fields, as well as education.

Under this system, the other 200 degree programs at UF would receive only the remaining 50 percent of these students.

So what happens if students don't want to major in those nine areas? One possibility is that the predicted major students put down on college applications could be used as a serious consideration of who to accept.

Another would be an actual regulation of who stays in which major as described above, enforced by scholarship allocation or other incentives to stay on university-approved academic tracks.

But wait, the board has an idea to help alleviate the problem of universities not receiving enough students interested in select areas: let individual universities spread the wealth.

Because the degree quota is statewide, rather than based on the percentage of graduates from each university, the state schools could agree to take on a heavier load of students in areas in which they already have sufficient participation. In return, other universities would pick up their slack in areas for which they lacked interested students or facilities.

To put it bluntly, this cannot work. If the board wants to institute programs that encourage high school students to choose certain majors, fine. If they want to increase scholarship awards to students in these areas, great.

But you try to tell the budding Joyce or Mozart that he or she is going to spend the next four years in the computer lab, like it or not.

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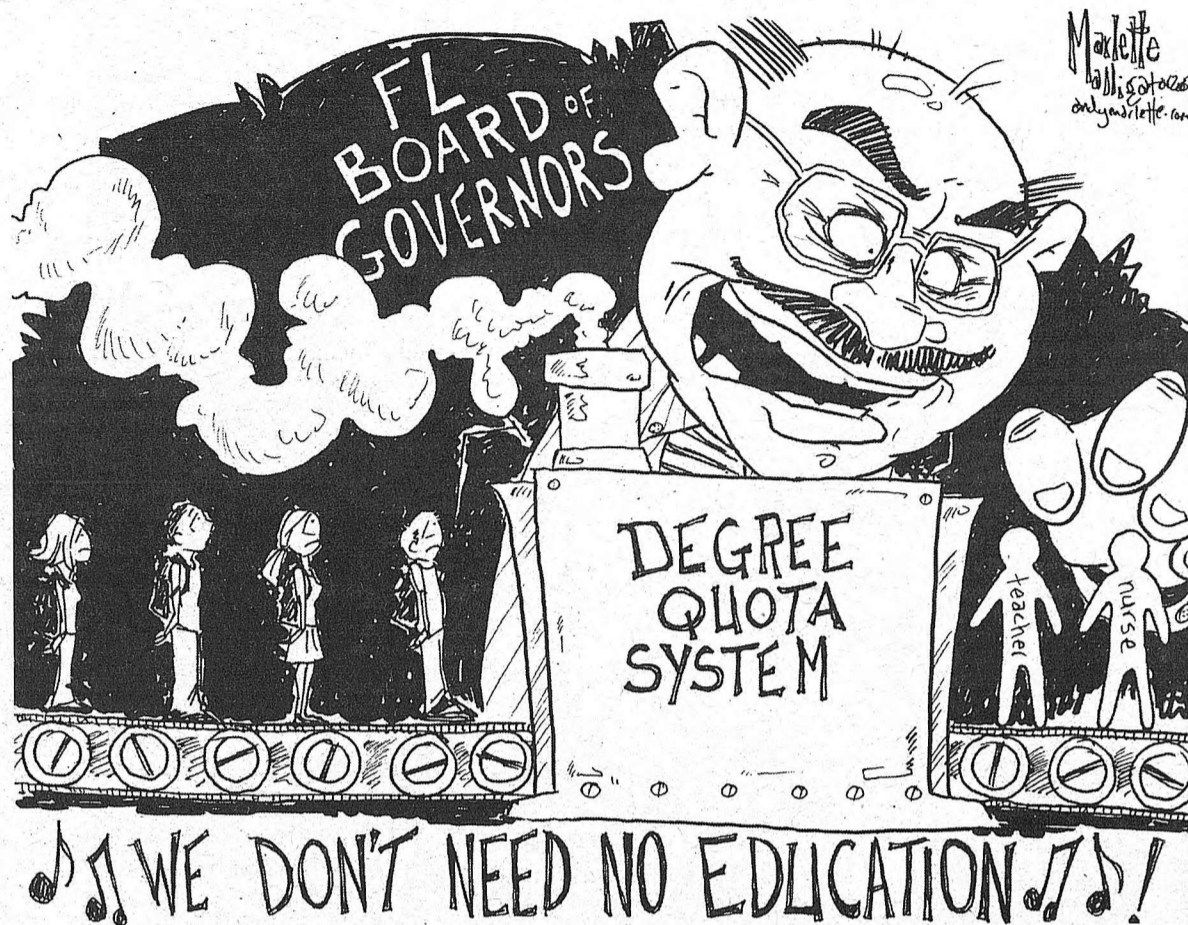
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Column

Modest proposal for university system

So what if the Board of Governors wants to institute degree quotas?

The Florida educational system is in shambles these days, and we need something to shake it up.

Educators say we should increase funding and invest in our children's futures, but when has throwing money at a problem ever solved anything?

Under the harsh new degree regulations, universities will have to get creative. They'll have to evolve if they want to survive.

This will produce a stronger, leaner and, I posit, more entertaining State University System.

I say this because I think this is a perfect time for Florida universities to combine two of their favorite things: the fight for the cream of the crop of our high school students and the NFL draft that costs them so many of their best athletes.

Throw those two things into the sociopolitical blender and we get a new yearly event for the handicappers to handicap and the pundits to pund about: the Florida Student Draft.

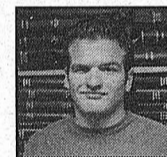
It'd be simple: each university would get a certain number of picks, depending on how many students they could handle.

They would use these to fill out academic areas they were weak in. It'd be just like when the Buccaneers decide they need a new quarterback and some linemen, only now it'd be a special-ed teacher and some engineers.

What's to stop the top universities from dominating the draft with their extra picks? Easy: Institutions would be ranked depending on how well they did in last year's Quota Bowl.

Unfortunately, this means UF probably would spend the first few years taking picks from the bottom and riding on their past successes, while FSU and UCF take all of the top picks.

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



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But if parity works for the NFL, it certainly could work for the educational system.

The best thing about this is that the different universities will be forced to work together, even if they absolutely hate each other.

UF doesn't want to give up that computer whiz from Tampa who already owns three software companies? Okay, but it's going to cost them when they're short two nursing students at the end of the term and FSU won't settle for a couple of architects and a second-round pick.

There will be setbacks, of course. We may see a university going on probation after offering a plump scholarship to a nationally ranked business student in exchange for a conveniently timed switch over to medicine just before a competitor could snatch him or her up.

And if the system really takes off, we'll have to deal with schools padding their sports teams with awkward honors kids so they could sneak a few more in under the degree cap.

But what's a little corruption on the glorious path toward progress?

So, if you want to improve the educational system from the ground up, don't put more money into the system. That's just not good business, and it's not going to make apathetic students care anyway.

Instead, court them with math groupies, free Bentleys and a chance to go on national TV and hold up a polo shirt from the university that picked them in the first round.

If that's not an incentive for Florida kids to hit the books, I don't know what is.

Matt Sanchez is opinions editor at the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question: Should the Board of Governors have authority to institute degree quotas?

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Letters to the Editor

The Alligator chooses design over content

Editor: Despite being aggressively misquoted by the Alligator in a story earlier this semester, I did not write then to ask for correction or clarification. However, Monday's story about the Gainesville Sun's effort to move in on campus, get Student Government money and produce a wraparound features'n'news section gives the wrong impression. You guys need to get it right.

The headline on the jump of the story on page 9 says the journalism college "backs" the Sun plan. Yet, our dean is not quoted in the story, and I appear only in the last sentence — really a non-sentence, since it was obviously cut to fit and ends with a comma. The quote-out from me that decorates the second part of the story does not appear in the story.

I don't hold the reporter responsible. I assume she accurately quoted me in a part of the story that was cut. If it had been included, it would have been clear that we are skeptical about this wraparound section seen as a possible competitor to the Alligator. Competition is good. The Alligator needs competition. But this project is apparently driven by the Sun's circulation department, not its news department. No one on the Sun news staff has contacted me about this. If the newspaper plans to use our students

as unpaid interns, we need to approve this project for those students to receive credit. The Sun insists its interns earn credit, since it doesn't pay them. For the record: We want our students to have paid internships. (Since professional work is expected of the student, being treated like a professional is important. Professionals get paid.)

For decades, the Sun and the journalism program had a great relationship. Students produced full sections — later cut to single pages — for the Sun on a daily or twice-weekly schedule. The Sun ended that relationship in the early '90s. We would welcome a good working relationship with the Sun's news department. This project, however, seems like a cynical effort to dine at the SG trough.

The errors in Monday's story — and my aggressive misquote in a story earlier this year — seem to be the result of poor editing, of allowing design (stories that had to fit in boxes drawn by page designers) to dictate content. Try to get it right next time.

William McKeen

Professor and chair, Department of Journalism



Even Republicans say 'wars' are too much

Editor: As a conservative, I tend to cringe every time I read Andrew Meyer's column.

His writings condemning the privatization of Social Security are ignorant at best and deceitful at worst. Last Friday's column lambasting "big government" Republicans, however, was dead on. The War on Drugs, the War to Save Baseball, the War to Save Terri Schiavo and the most ambitious yet — the War to Save the World from Tyranny — are an embarrassment to the conservative tradition of small, limited government.

To be fair, it should be pointed out that the War to Save Baseball is being fought by a bi-partisan army, not solely a Republican one; marijuana arrests ballooned under President Bill Clinton's Justice Department despite the fact that college kids still think his administration was the "grooviest" yet; and Janet Reno's travesties with Waco, Ruby Ridge and Elian Gonzalez were more indicative of a police state than anything that has come to pass under the Patriot Act.

Still, with their own well-intentioned-but-always-bungled "wars" to save humanity, Republicans are trampling individual liberties, flouting the Constitution and doing as big a disservice to our founders — who considered government but a necessary evil, as does the failed socialism of the Democrats' Wars on Poverty and Unemployment.

David Stauber
UF alumnus

Editor's note

The preceding letter from Professor William McKeen resulted after a production error caused Emily Yehle's story "Sun seeks UF newspaper deal" in Monday's Alligator erroneously to contain duplicate paragraphs and to omit the concluding paragraphs.

The article, as it should have appeared Monday, has been reprinted on page 9 of today's Alligator.

The Alligator staff certainly did not intend this to happen.

We believe the complete version of the article addresses the concerns of the letter. For example, Terry Hynes, dean of the College of Journalism and Communications, is quoted in the full version.

Despite being apprised of the error, McKeen stood by his statements, including his belief that the story and his comments were cut to fit the design of the paper.

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Bill may cover transplant costs

By SKYLER SMITH
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Florida patients faced with inadequate funding for a life-saving lung transplant may receive help from the Florida Legislature.

Rep. Larry Cretul, R-Ocala, unveiled House Bill 453, also known as the Josh Abbott Lung Transplant Bill for a local boy who inspired him to propose it, in the Shands at UF atrium Monday afternoon.

The legislation would fund the disparity in cost between the price of a lung transplant and Medicaid's current funding, which stands at approximately \$227,000 per pediatric patient.

"Quite simply, this is a good bill, and I'm sponsoring it because it will save additional young lives and will allow these young people, like Josh, to live a longer, healthier and productive

life," Cretul said. "Josh and others like him fight hard every day with battles you and I can't even imagine, and I found out there's something I can do to help."

Abbott, 21, has cystic fibrosis and is awaiting a double lung transplant.

At this time, transplant patients who cannot afford the full cost of their treatment must fundraise to cover the extra medical costs associated with their care.

Shands at UF is the only Medicaid-approved lung-transplant center in Florida, Shands spokesman Lance Skelly said.

According to Cretul's office, \$3.4 million is currently appropriated to fund the bill.

"I'm tickled to death that there is money available," Cretul said. "What we have to have to hope and pray for are that there will be donors."

Sen. Rod Smith, D-Gainesville, is sponsoring a similar bill in the Florida Senate. Cretul said he hopes his bill passes before the session ends May 6.

Blunt head trauma resulted in death

SMALL, from page 1

tered at .21.

However, though Kameg previously said a small amount of marijuana was found near the crash site, no other substances were found in Small's body.

The report lists cause of death as a result of blunt, traumatic head injury sustained in the crash.

It is not known whether Small was wearing a seatbelt.

Small was wearing a striped, button-down shirt with jeans, and around his wrist were two bands, one bearing "a white background and repetitive images of a cowboy boot and cowboy hat," according to the report.

The markings are consistent with accounts from Small's friend and former roommate, Gary Goldberg, who said Small was coming from the downtown club :08, a popular hangout for UF students on Thursday night.

The accident happened on Friday morning.

About 50 friends and acquaintances of the UF finance junior and honor student gathered for a memorial that night to share stories and pray for his family.

Friends remember "Smalls," nicknamed for his short stature, for his love of sports and outgoing personality.

A lifetime car enthusiast, Small bought and paid for the Integra himself last Fall and was looking forward to acquiring others in the future, his father, Larry, said.

"He loved being at college, he loved all of his friends, and just loved being there," his father told the Alligator in a previous interview. "He loved being a Gator."

Small was an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

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Trustee against gay, lesbian partner benefits

BENEFITS, from page 1

probably only a short time away from having domestic-partner benefits for faculty and staff," at a March 21 Pride Student Union event.

However, state Rep. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, recently criticized UF for appointing a director of lesbian and gay affairs, saying, "It makes it difficult for me to come up here and support giving more taxpayer dollars to institutions with these kinds of values."

But many of the schools UF seeks to emulate have those "values."

Eight out of the U.S. News & World Report Top 10 public universities offer their faculty and staff some form of domestic-partner benefits, such as health care or discounted tuition. The University of Michigan, where Machen once worked, has offered its faculty domestic partner

benefits for 10 years.

Despite the political climate, Michigan officials "will continue to offer these benefits and, should we be challenged, we will defend our right to do so," Vice President Laurita Thomas wrote in an open letter posted on the university's Web site.

But UF Trustee Al Warrington said UF would be wrong to follow in the steps of Michigan and University of California schools.

"The fact that a few left-coast schools have done it doesn't impress me," he said. "They do all kinds of wrong things out there."

Warrington, for whom UF's college of business is named, was opposed to the benefits issue when it came up at a Trustees meeting in

2003.

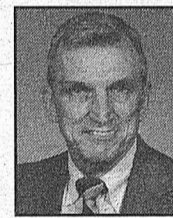
"It's a violation against state law and biblical law," he said. "I'm not for discrimination, but this tears at the moral fiber of our country."

Domestic-partner benefits would open a "Pandora's box" because unmarried heterosexual couples and people in casual relationships might abuse the system, he said.

"There's just no limit on it," Warrington said. "It's an endless pit."

It's hard to say how domestic-partner benefits would affect UF's standing with the Legislature, though lawmakers are inclined to appoint trustees who do not support domestic-partner benefits, he added.

"I think they appreciate the fact that someone's willing to stand up for Florida law and not be in favor of the university administration," he said. "Short of the Lord, no one will change my opinion."



Warrington

Public invited to watch board, mayor count votes

ELECTION, from page 1

About 1,160 residents cast their ballots through mail, with more continuing to arrive before the submission deadline at 7 p.m. today.

Normal turnout for local elections in Gainesville is about 20 percent of the registered voters, Carpenter said.

The election will move out of the Supervisor of Elections Office to the designated precincts for each of the Districts 2, 3 and At-Large races.

The public is welcome to watch the Canvassing Board, including Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, in action as they begin counting votes beginning at noon today, Carpenter said.

Polls close at 7 p.m. and election results will be certified as soon as all the votes are counted by the board, Carpenter said.

"It's just really important to get out and vote in any election," Carpenter said.

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59	Days Inn	1901 SW 13 St.

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STUDENT LIFE

Newspaper seeks greener pastures on UF campus

Editor's note: The following article originally appeared in Monday's Alligator. See pg. 7 for more information.

By **EMILY YEHLÉ**

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The Gainesville Sun is on its "hands and knees begging" Student Government to pay more than \$16,000 for its newspapers to be placed around campus for free, said Student Sen. Stephanie Ruby, who has been involved in the negotiations.

The Sun has approached SG several times over the past few years with a proposal to make its papers available to students for free like The New York Times and USA Today, said Jim Miller, circulation director.

SG officials, including Student Body Treasurer Dennis Ngin, have been in talks with the Sun to distribute the paper throughout campus during the Summer and Fall. Both parties say the proposal is tentative.

For the Summer, the program could cost students approximately \$4,000 for about 500 papers a day.

If the distribution is successful during the Summer, SG officials will consider a \$12,500 program for the Fall, where 1,250 papers a

day would be provided.

All the money would come from SG's tuition-funded reserves.

Furthermore, SG and the Sun have talked about including a two-page insert that would be student-oriented. The section would probably be written by interns and edited by the Sun's staff, Miller said. Ruby said she envisioned the pages including stories and advertisements about organizations' events.



McKeen

"This has the potential to be fun and artsy at the same time as being hard news," she said.

Both Miller and Ruby said the section could create more opportunities for students to get published.

Providing an alternative to the Alligator also would help both papers produce better stories, Ruby said.

"My own view is that a little competition is a good thing, and while the Alligator is a great student newspaper, it would push both newspapers to check facts," she said.

However, Miller said he

didn't think the program would make the Sun a competitor to the Alligator.

While the Alligator's circulation is 39,000, most of which is distributed around campus, the Sun is only talking about a little more than 1,000 papers a day, he added.

The free papers would provide a service to students and increase the Sun's circulation, which is appealing to its staff and advertisers, Miller said. Furthermore, the Sun runs more nationwide and state news than the Alligator, he said.

"It's apparent to me that they're so different," he said.

City Commission candidate and Student Sen. Mike Belle, who has been pushing the proposal, agrees that the additional paper will add something different to campus.

The Sun, he said, would provide students with stories by writers who are "entrenched" in the local scene.

Although Ngin has been involved in the talks with the Sun, he said he is unsure of whether more money should be poured into newspapers when SG already spends \$40,000 a year to provide free New York Times and USA Today newspapers. Add to that the Alligator, and students might

have all their bases covered, he said.

Belle said cost was the issue when the Sun staff approached SG executives last summer. Student Senate had just spent \$40,000 on the readership program, and it was unclear how another similar program would benefit the students.



Hynes

Student Body President Jamal Sowell decided not to pursue the offer, said Belle and Student Body President-elect Joe Goldberg,

who was the Student Senate president at the time. Sowell was unavailable for comment.

Goldberg said he supported the program, which would include a student-oriented Web site.

"I think it's great," he said. "I think students need another outlet besides the Alligator."

Goldberg said he would continue the talks when he takes his position in May but promised to continue the current readership program, which must be funded annually.

Although the Sun has never had a deal with SG, several versions of the two-page insert have

occurred over the years.

Once students wrote a few pages at the Sun as part of a journalism course, said William McKeen, chairman of the department of journalism within the College of Journalism and Communications.

"The department has always regretted that the Sun chose to discontinue letting our students produce pages for the paper," he wrote in an e-mail. "That's why it's funny to hear this rumor - coming from students."

And Miller said about 10 or 15 years ago a student-oriented page appeared in the paper, which was mostly written by student interns.

Bringing the section back appealed to some journalism administrators.

McKeen and Terry Hynes, dean of the College of Journalism and Communications, said they support the program.

The information has come from word-of-mouth, and the college has not been included in talks with the Sun, they said.

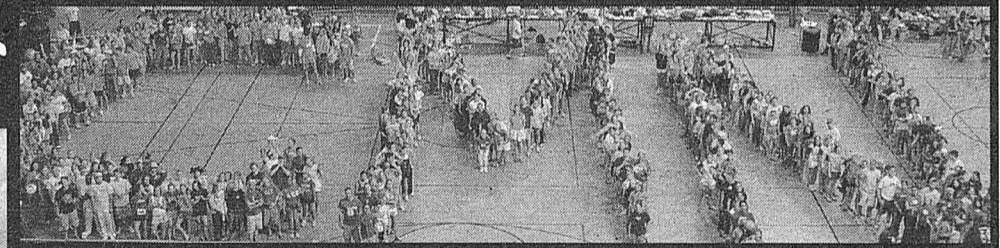
"The more the merrier. I like to see people reading newspapers," McKeen wrote. "Hell, I like to see them reading anything. It's much better than seeing them walking around with cell phones held up to their skulls."

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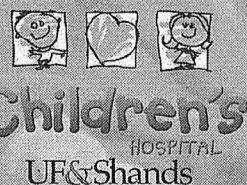
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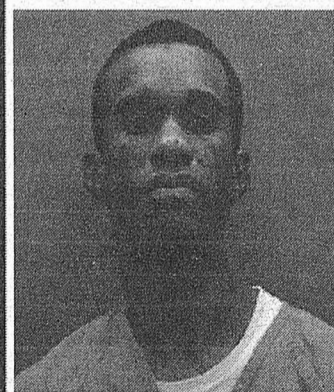
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Gymnastics to host NCAA Southeast Region meet

STAFF REPORT

The Orange and Blue Game isn't the only thing going on April 9.

The NCAA Gymnastics Committee announced the fields for each of the six 2005 NCAA Region Championships sites on Monday. The No. 7 UF team will play host to the NCAA Southeast Region.



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Start time is set for 6 p.m. in the O'Connell Center. Based on regional qualifying score, the nation's top 18 teams were seeded into the six regions with three teams per region. The remaining three regional slots were filled from within the region.

The winner and runner-up at each of the six region sites will make up the 12-team field at the NCAA Championships, set for April 21-23 in Auburn, Ala.

The Gators have advanced to nationals 22 times in the 23-year history of the NCAA Gymnastics Championships. Last year, UF finished fifth at the NCAA Championships held in Los Angeles.

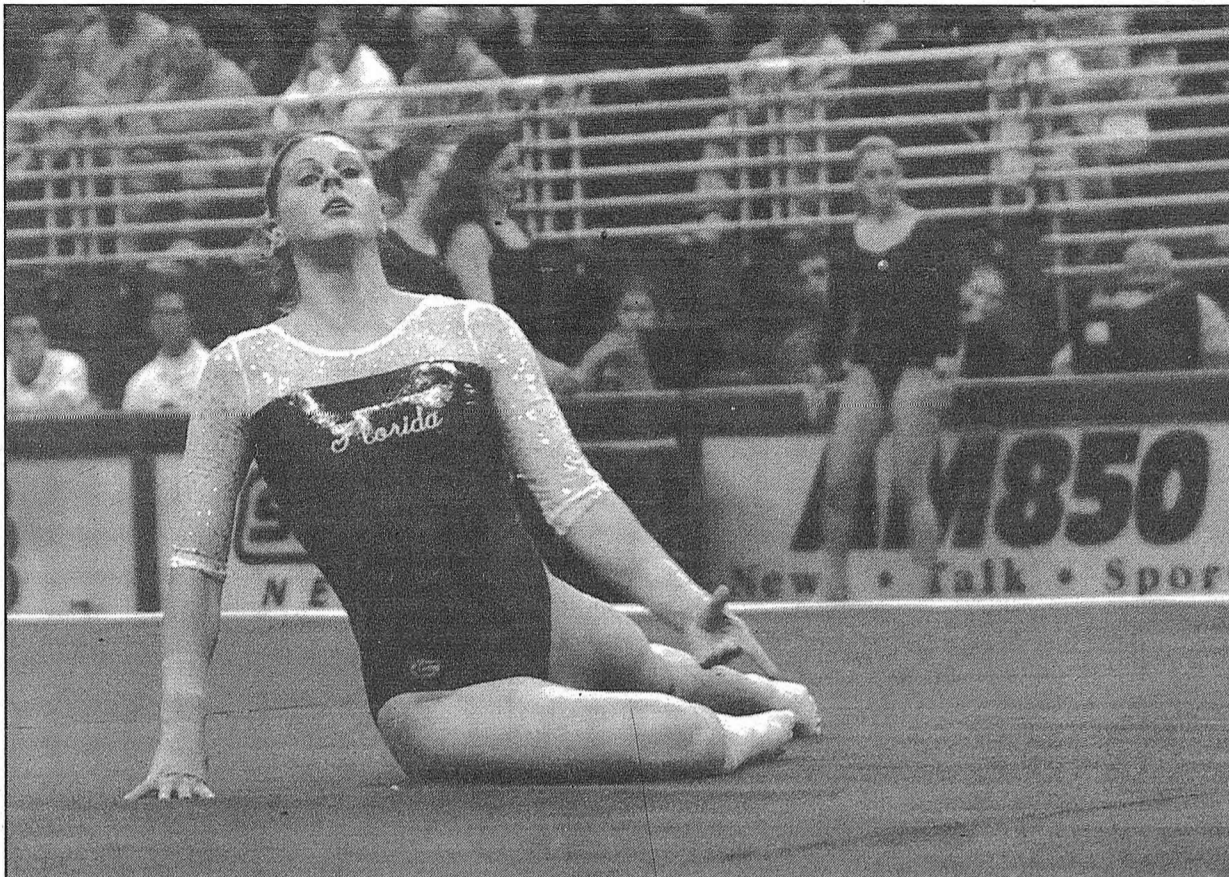
No. 5 Georgia and No. 17 Denver are the other seeded teams at the NCAA Southeast Regional. Denver's head coach is former Gators gymnast Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart. No. 25 North Carolina, No. 26 West Virginia and No. 28 North Carolina State round out the field for the Gainesville site.

The Gators would have hosted No. 6 Nebraska, but the Cornhuskers are also hosting a regional.

Nebraska and Georgia traded spots, setting up the fourth matchup between UF and the Bulldogs this season.

UF drew the same rotation that it had for the 2005 Super Six Challenge on Jan. 7, opening the meet on the balance beam.

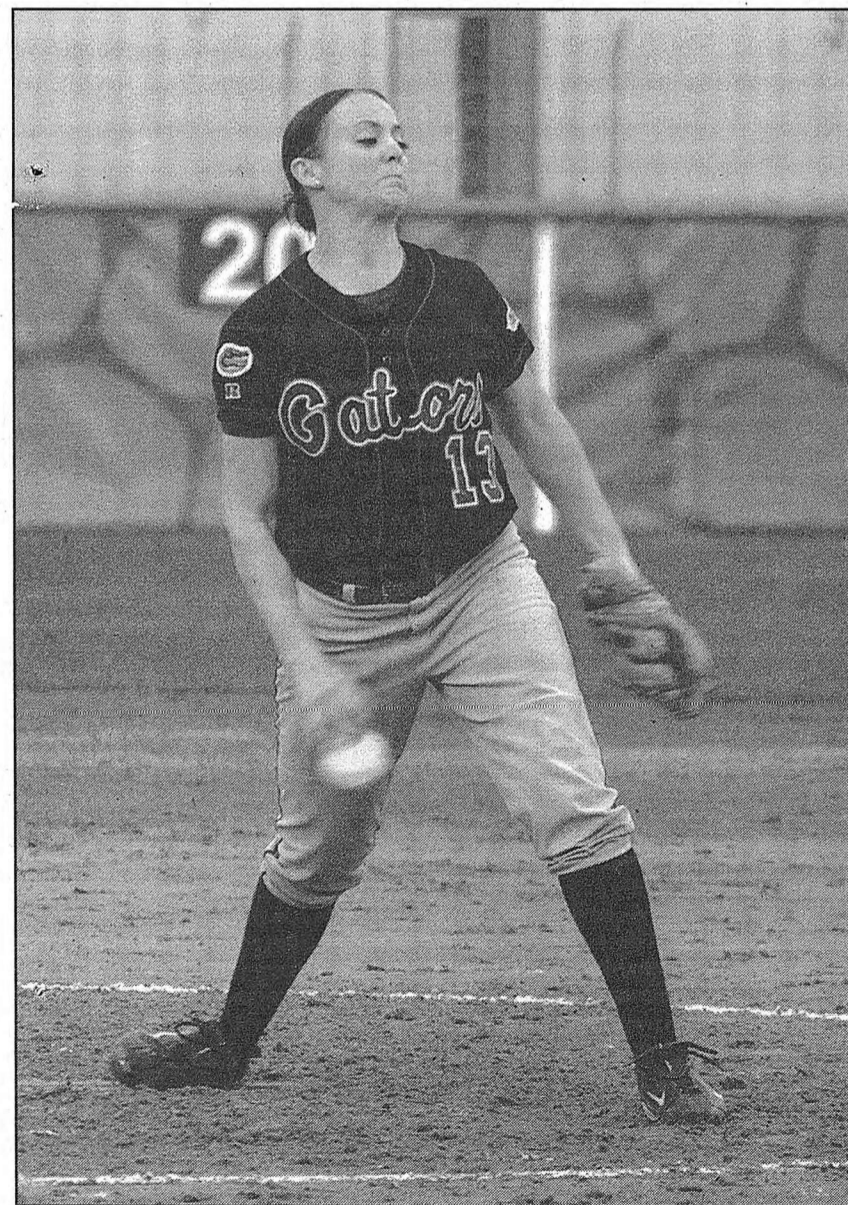
Alligator Writer Dan Treat contributed to this report.



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Breanne King and the Gators hope to make more noise in the NAAs than they mustered in the SECs. UF will host the Southeast Region of the NCAA Tournament.

Gators face first top-10 team since start of streak



Tim Casey / Alligator

Sophomore right-hander Stacey Stevens, named the SEC Pitcher of the Week, has helped catapult the Gators to a 13-game winning streak.

SOFTBALL, from page 20

days to prepare for its series with the Crimson Tide, UF may have found a silver lining in one of its rain delays over the weekend.

"We turned a little bit of attention to Alabama [on Saturday]," left fielder Lindsey Cameron said. "They were on the [SUN Sports network] playing LSU, [during the delay] so we got to have a sneak peek at that."

Cameron, who leads the team with a .405 batting average and boasts an eight-game hitting streak, will look to continue her offensive production against an erratic Alabama pitching staff.

"It looks as though their pitching has been a little bit inconsistent for them," Johns said. "We have seen two of their three pitchers, so we're very familiar with what they're going to throw."

Alabama is only the second top-10 team that UF has faced this season and the first since beginning its record win streak.

Focusing on the streak, though, is a trap that Johns says her team won't fall into.

"It's never been in my personality, in my career as a player or a coach [to focus on streaks]," Johns said. "I probably don't enjoy the highs as much as I should."

"I probably dislike losing more than I like winning, but I try not to let that reflect on the team. But they do enjoy it; they know what they want to work for."

Alabama leads the all-time series against UF 17-7, including a 7-3 advantage in Gainesville.

CONTROL, from page 20

Johnson and all the other old-schoolers played a different game, you start to consider Spahn baseball's true win king.

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But while we're talking numbers, I have to relay my thoughts on the Pat Summitt situation.

If the NCAA really wants to consider Summitt the all-time leader in coaching wins for both men and women's basketball, then it must merge all the stats.

So long Jackie Stiles, currently the women's all-time leader with 3,253 points.

Pete Maravich scored 414 more points than you, and the Pistol needed just three years.

That's my rant for the week, and considering that I nearly flunked every math class I've ever taken, that wasn't too shabby.

SG plans fundraiser

■ MEYER TO ATTEND "THE RALLY" ON APRIL 8.

STAFF REPORT

UF coach Urban Meyer is following through on his wishes to unite the student body and the football team.

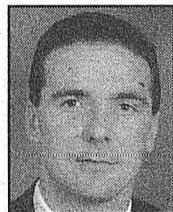
Several UF student organizations have scheduled events in conjunction with the Orange and Blue Game, scheduled for April 9 at 1 p.m. at Florida Field.

The Interfraternity Council will hold "The Rally" — the first annual Orange and Blue Pep Rally and the Official Student Welcome for Meyer. In addition, UF Student Government and Florida Blue Key have organized the Orange and Blue Spirit Drive and fundraiser and the first ever student-athlete community service initiative.

"The Rally" will be held at the Reitz Union Amphitheater at 8 p.m. on April 8, and will include the UF band, cheerleaders and Albert and Alberta, along with the UF football coaching staff and the Meyer fam-

ily.

"The Rally" will be one of many venues SG and FBK will use to sell orange-and-blue spirit bands with a "Florida Gators" logo on them. The bands will be sold for \$1 to students and \$3 to the community and alumni at various locations from April 2 through April 8. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network and Shands Hospital.



Meyer

The bands are either orange or blue; fans will buy a color according to the team they wish to support at the Orange and Blue Game. Fans that supported the losing team can continue to show their support for UF through a community service event.

The annual event, organized by SG and FBK, will be held on April 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The goal is to plant 100 crepe myrtle trees on Radio Road. All of the athletes on the losing team will participate in the event.

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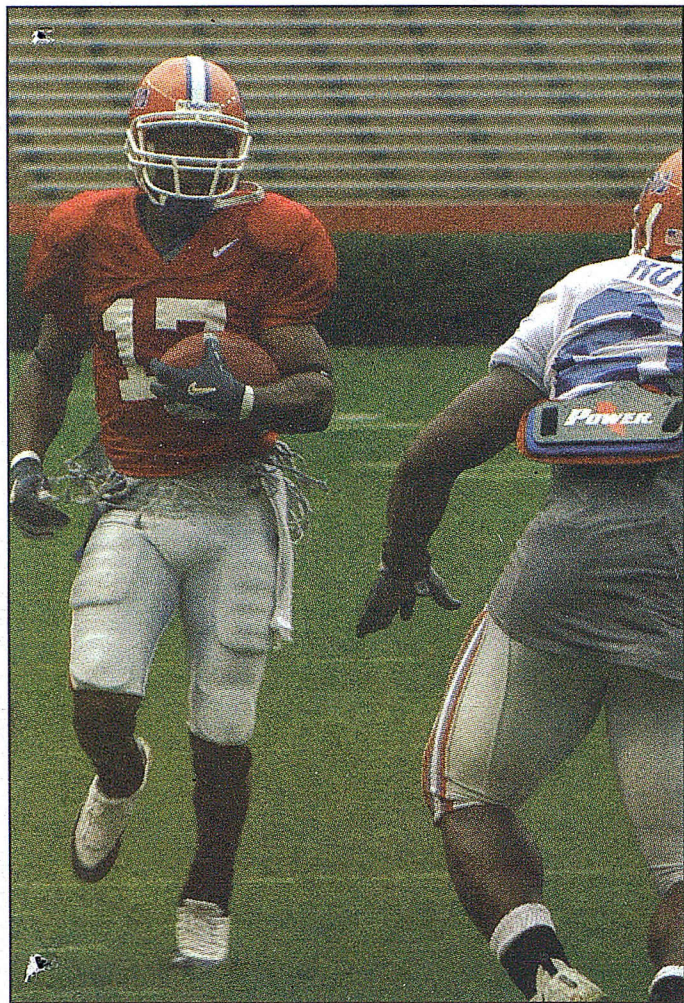
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FOOTBALL

Dickey adds receiving to repertoire



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Backup quarterback Gavin Dickey is taking advantage of Coach Urban Meyer's offense to see the field more often. Dickey's newest role has him snagging passes.

By IAN FISHER
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As if UF reserve quarterback Gavin Dickey isn't busy enough balancing football and baseball, he may be adding to his hectic schedule.

Dickey played some at wide receiver during UF's practice on Monday.

The redshirt junior said he doesn't mind being asked to help out at another position.

"I'm just open; I just want to play," Dickey said. "I've been here three years, going on four, and I just want to play anywhere that I can."

Dickey played mostly in mop-up situations last season. Meyer said if Dickey can handle the receiver position, it's a viable option.

"You saw what I saw in that scrimmage - I saw a good-looking athlete running around, so it doesn't do much good standing on the sideline," Meyer said. "We'll probably have a little package for him. If he can learn it all, the one thing we've been known for is that the best players touch the ball. If he's one of our best players, that could happen."

Dickey said going out and actually playing receiver hasn't been the smoothest transition, but having seen the routes as a quarterback helps.

"Running routes - it's dif-

ferent, but I think I'll learn it," Dickey said. "Getting thrown right in helps tremendously."

Injuries a-plenty

Tight end Dane Guthrie, forced to redshirt last year because of injury, is having problems again. He sat out a couple practices earlier this spring before returning, but didn't practice again on Wednesday.

"That darn hamstring - it's been hurt all last year, he's been hurt all spring," Meyer said.

Wide receiver Mike McIntosh spent practice in "The Pit," which Meyer said is actually worse than practice. Safety Terrence Holmes joined McIntosh in The Pit while wide receiver Kenneth Tookes sat out with a concussion.

Fan support

Fans have come out in big numbers at almost every practice UF has held this spring.

Even Meyer is surprised by it.

"I was at Notre Dame before and it wasn't like this," he said.

It is a more fan-friendly atmosphere this year. Meyer lets fans sit, whereas Zook made everyone stand. Also, Zook often practiced on the second field, farther from fans.

"I appreciate them coming out," Meyer said. "I try to do as much [on the first field] as I can to let them enjoy practice."

Softball looks to take two

■ THE GATORS TO PUT 13-GAME WIN STREAK ON THE LINE AGAINST ALABAMA.

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After having its last game delayed due to thunderstorms, the No. 14 UF softball team (27-6, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) will have to worry about a Tide rolling into Gainesville.

The Gators, looking to continue their school-record

13-game win streak, will host No. 10 Alabama (36-7, 9-3 SEC) in a three-game series starting with a double-header today at 5 p.m. The

Crimson Tide has won eight of its last nine games.

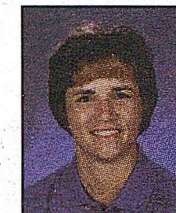
"They're really starting to play good ball," UF coach Karen Johns said of Alabama. "They struggled at the beginning of the year, but they had a huge [weekend] series against [Louisiana State]."

"We're going to have our hands full."

Noting that Alabama is a team that relies heavily on its quickness and base-stealing ability, Johns will be looking to neutralize the small-ball approach.

"I think we can contend with their speed with Kristin [Butler] behind the plate, so our big thing is going to be not giving up that big hit and creating that big inning," Johns said.

Despite having only two



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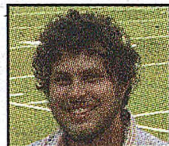
Columnist takes fresh look at baseball statistics

*Disclaimer - Following suspicions that Andrew Abramson wrote recent editions of Drew's Control while using steroids or other performance-enhancing substances, the validity of the following column cannot be guaranteed.

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I've escaped the evil wrath of nasty weather for a beach bonanza, but the sun (or is it the Crown Royal?) keeps making my head pound with numbers, and I can't make it stop. Will Bonds return to conquer Hank's 755-home-run record or even the Babe's 714? And how many teams are left in the Big Dance - one day it's 16, five minutes later it's four?

So, I've given up all hopes of sanity and decided to spew out a bunch of numbers for you to ponder.



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There's absolutely no chance baseball will tinker with its sacred records, despite the dirtying of some of baseball's greatest power numbers.

So I'm proposing a new way to look at baseball statistics.

Since different styles of play (or different injectable drugs) make each baseball era markedly different, we need to divide the eras.

We'll start with the Deadball Era (1871-1946). In this time, Babe Ruth amassed the most career home runs (714) and the most home runs in a season (60). Cy Young's 511 career pitching wins tops the list. The

Boston Beaneaters' Hugh Duffy tallied the highest batting average in a season (.440 in 1894).

You hear the arguments all the time - Duffy and Young played in a completely different era. Luckily, with the new system, you can recognize more modern heroes.

Take, for example, the Integration Era (1947-1985).

Hank Aaron and Roger Maris finished first for career and single-season home runs with 755 and 61, respectively. But suddenly, an overlooked pitcher jumps to the top. The Braves' Warren Spahn finished ahead of many outstanding pitchers with 363 wins. Since Cy Young, Walter

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

- 1998: UF's Derek Nicholson hits for the cycle, becoming just the second Gators baseball player to achieve the feat. Nicholson and the Gators finished the season 46-18 and won the SEC.

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- The UF gymnastics team will host Georgia and four other teams as part of the NCAA Southeast Region Championships. For the complete story and the rest of the teams competing, see pg. 18.