



UF going out of reach

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UF may become what it was created to remedy – an elite institution that is inaccessible to the working class.

UF's aspiration to become a top public research university may contradict the purpose of its founding, and UF officials are grappling to reconcile selectivity with inclusiveness as UF climbs the ranks.

To reach the level of a Top 10 public research university, UF hopes to double tuition, and the university already is highly selective, rejecting half of those who apply.

If the university's leaders get their way, UF won't be for everyone.

But as a land-grant university, that's for whom it was intended.

University of the people

UF traces its origins to the 1862 Morrill Act, which sought to give the working class access to higher education.

By granting federal land to the states, the act allowed the creation of public universities to provide rural farmers and workers access to a liberal, practical education, according to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Higher education from the existing private institutions was inaccessible to the working class.

Now, Michael Martin, UF's

former vice president for agriculture and natural resources and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the branch of the university most dedicated to serving state needs, wrote an opinion piece arguing that land-grant institutions are betraying their

purpose.

"They are becoming more like filters than ladders," Martin, who is now the president of New Mexico State University, wrote in a recent edition of *The Chronicle of*

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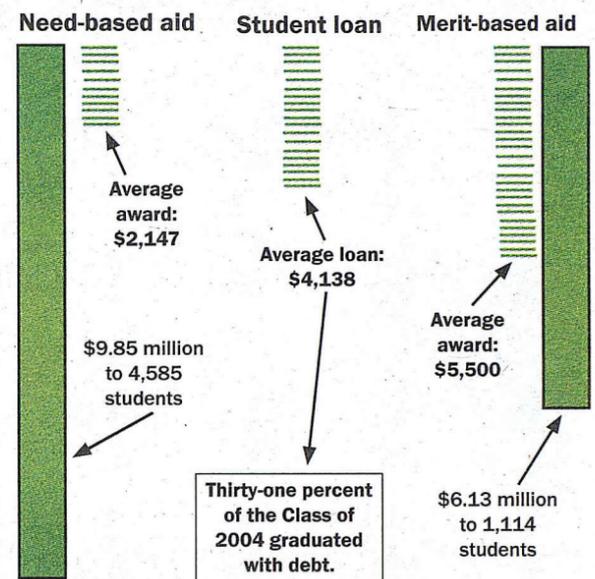
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Grace and style

Ashley Gantt performs a ballet routine for "A Night on Broadway" in the Reitz Union Auditorium on Monday night.

Putting cash in contrast

During the 2003-04 academic year, UF gave more money in need-based scholarships, but the award size was much smaller than for merit recipients.



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Fraternity club fight brings brutality accusations

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A brawl erupting outside a downtown club early Sunday morning has left one UF fraternity's members claiming brutality.

An Iota Phi Theta-sponsored party at the club 238 West on University Avenue ended earlier than expected when a fight broke out just after midnight, forcing the club to shut down.

Nobody in the fraternity could verify who

started the fight, but some fraternity members claim that security was insufficient to contain the growing brawl. An estimated 700 people were inside the club during the fighting.

Iota Phi Theta secretary Rafeal Dominguez said security used a Taser on him, before a Gainesville Police officer trampled him with a horse.

"I weigh 128 pounds," Dominguez said. "It was really unnecessary."

Neither GPD spokesman Keith Kameg nor club owners returned calls seeking comment.

"When you see guys that are 6-foot-6, 300 pounds, you're going to call them football players."

Gino Lerebours
 Iota Phi Theta Fraternity member

Several Iota Phi Theta brothers originally said members of the UF football team were involved in the brawl, although nobody could verify the claims. No arrests were made.

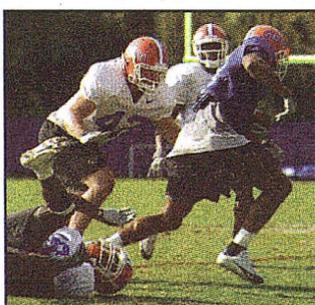
"When you see guys that are 6-foot-6, 300 pounds, you're going to call them football players," fraternity member Gino Lerebours said.

Defensive end Steven Harris said that he and other players attended the party but denied any of them were involved in the brawl.

UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley denied knowledge of the incident.

Fraternity officials said they will soon speak with UF administrators before deciding what actions, if any, to take.

■ Former fullback Billy Latsko pursues wide receiver Andre Caldwell during practice. Latsko is one of the new linebackers who has impressed Coach Urban Meyer. See story, pg. 34.



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■ UF students may one day be able to sip coffee, study for exams and check their e-mail around the clock when an Internet café at the "hub" of campus is completed. See story, pg. 9.

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Get Carded organization to form living ribbon

Today on the Reitz Union North Lawn, the organization Get Carded will celebrate the virtues of organ and tissue donation.

Students can join in the fourth annual "living green ribbon," a symbol of life given by donation.

Participants will be given green shirts, and at 11:30 a.m. they will form in the shape of a large ribbon, which will be photographed.

"The living green ribbon will unite students and also rally campus support for donation," said Stephanie Loy, Get Carded co-director.

Students will be given pamphlets explaining organ and tissue donation, as well as a donor card. "After you pass away, your organs are not used for anything, so it's

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a good way to give after you're gone," said Leah Carter, Get Carded co-director.

— JESSICA RIFFEL

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Contact the Student Government Lobby Director,

RobertMackatlobbydir@sg.ufl.edu to request a seat on a bus and travel with UF students to Tallahassee.

It costs \$20 to attend, and checks should be made to Florida Blue Key. The event is coordinated by SG and FBK.

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Representative stays on mission despite criticism

Baxley's drive based on faith, family

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TALLAHASSEE – Rep. Dennis Baxley is a man on a mission he did not foresee.

In 2000, Republican leaders called the former funeral-home director and asked him to run for the Florida House from his Ocala district. He hesitated, taking six weeks to pray about the decision.

After weeks of introspection, he called his family together and said he felt God calling him to public service. When they pledged to support him, Baxley called the party and agreed to run.

"I'm a reluctant leader," he said in an interview Monday. "As far as my personal enrichment, I'd much rather be at home with my business and my family. While I'm up here, I'm occupied, but at home all they know is that you're gone. That's the hardest challenge: the decision you make that your family pays for."

In his five years in Tallahassee, Baxley has risen in the legislative ranks. He has a corner office at the Capitol and is chairman of the House Education Council – where today he will hold hearings on his controversial academic freedom bill that aims to counteract the perception of liberal control of the state's universities.

Tact and diplomacy

Baxley has won notoriety for consistently charging to the forefront of similarly controversial issues.

Just 25 days into the 60-day legislative session, Baxley has sponsored bills to overturn the voter-mandated class-size amendment, increase vouchers for students attending religious schools and intercede to keep Terri Schiavo connected to a feeding tube.

He is also the author of a successful bill that will free Floridians from criminal or civil liability if they shoot someone – anyone, anywhere – if they feel threatened.

"I didn't come up here to blend in with the

wallpaper," he said. "I'm up here to make a difference, to leave a dent in the world."

In so doing, he's developed a provocative reputation for saying what he thinks.

Last week Baxley criticized discussions to offer domestic-partner benefits at UF because he said homosexuals are too promiscuous to stay in monogamous relationships.

In debates over the bill on academic freedom, Baxley has decried university classrooms as "niches of totalitarianism" occupied by "leftist dictator" professors.

"I like candor – to a fault," he said. "I like transparency. I don't mind people disagreeing with me, but I don't like coy and cunning – traits that turn up too often in this town."

Eye of the hurricane

Baxley said standing at the center of the storm has turned him into a lightning rod for criticism that sometimes turns ugly. UF students, he said, had used unmentionable epithets in several recent e-mails to his office regarding the academic freedom bill.

"I'm just a little bit stunned with the whole name-calling approach," he said. "The bulk of the opponents aren't reading the bill; they're just shouting names at me. This just illustrates the intolerance I describe for anyone who doesn't agree with them."

He said the name-calling hurts his family.

"I know it's accepted in this culture that you can be rude to people like me, authority figures," he said. "But it's hard for the families. I can take it. It's easy to take a punch. But it's harder to watch someone you love take a punch."

Students and faculty who disagree with his bill should write him with reasons why they think the bill is unnecessary, he said, but anything rude that comes across his desk is disregarded.

"It's OK if you disagree with my bill; I'm not mad at you," he said. "People should be free to say what they think. That's what the whole bill is about."

Friends in high places

Baxley also has several prominent fans to counter his detractors. Foremost among them is Gov. Jeb Bush, who at a recent news conference hugged Baxley and proclaimed him as his favorite legislator.

"Yeah, we have some bonds," Baxley said. "I met Jeb when he was in [then-Gov. Bob] Martinez's cabinet, and long before it was said publicly, I thought, 'what a young, powerful, fresh face for the state of Florida to have.'"

In 1994, when Bush first ran unsuccessfully for governor, Baxley became a co-chairman of

the campaign in Marion County, which went for Bush that election.

"Whenever Jeb flew into town, I'd pick him up at the Ocala airport, and we'd stop in at IHOP and talk about what Florida needed," he said. "I guess you could say we became friends long before the bandwagon got rolling. And people remember who was with them early."

Baxley said the success of the Republican Party in Florida – the GOP controls the House, Senate, governor's office, congressional delegation and all statewide offices except for Bill Nelson's U.S. Senate seat – is due to what he called the "maturation" of the baby boom generation in Florida.

"In the '70s at FSU, it was kind of the hippie age of love and peace or whatever, and I didn't identify with that," he said. "I think as those baby boomers aged, they realized they'd been working hard and wanted something for their children instead of it being redistributed by the government, as '60s and '70s socialist ideology dictated."

Baxley said true compassion is not connected to government but to individuals.

"Liberals think compassion is when the government takes people's money and redistributes it to people," he said. "If I took money from you and gave it to someone else, would that be compassion? One-on-one charity, the love of extended family, that's compassion."

But when it comes to issues like euthanasia, gay marriage and contraception in schools, Baxley has fought to legislate his values.

"I stick to my convictions," he said. "It's what I came here to do."

His charge to keep

With his star rising in state politics, Baxley's future could be bright. But he has no intention to run for statewide office in 2008, he said.

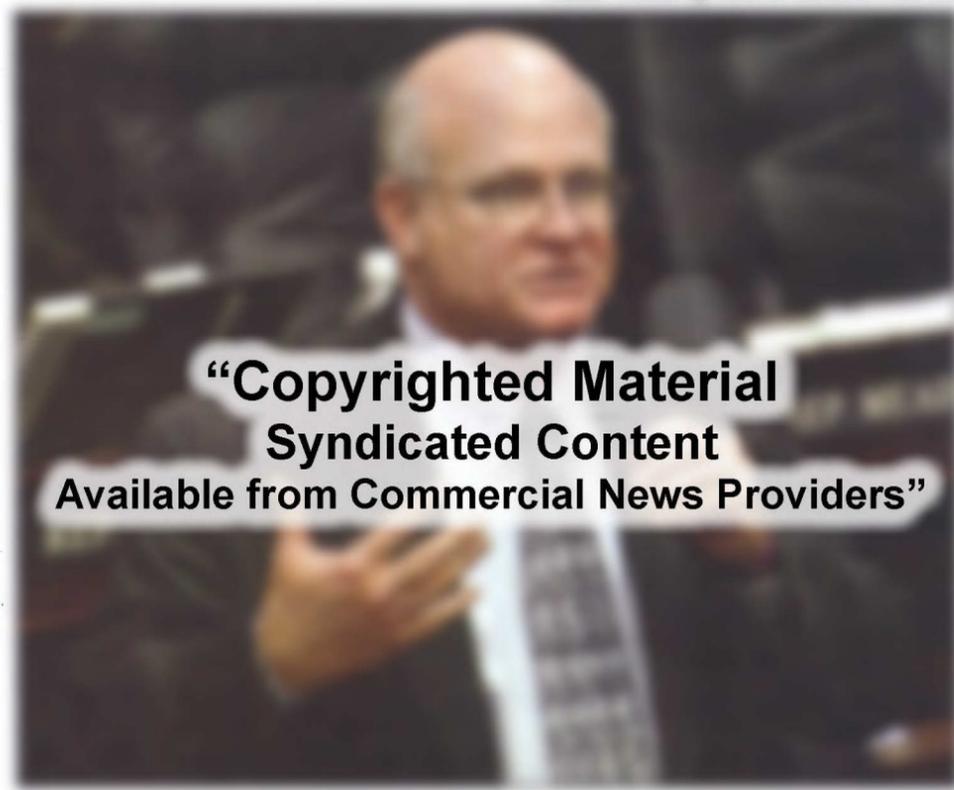
For now, he plans on fulfilling what he said was God's "calling to serve" his constituents.

"I have a charge to keep," he said, using a phrase from an 18th-century hymn he has memorized. It's also the title of a book written by President Bush, which stands conspicuously on his desk below autographed photos of Baxley with the president, vice president and governor.

"Everyone has a responsibility in this life," he said. "God directs the thoughts of all men who submit and ask for his guidance and wisdom."

Baxley said he doesn't mind when others mock his faith.

"That's OK," he said. "People without faith can no more understand it than a 3-year-old can understand not to play in the street. I don't expect them to."



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Activist cautions against labels

■ MONDAY'S SPEECH HELPS KICK OFF PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH.

By **LINDSAY TAULBEE**
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Nationally recognized gender-identity activist and author Riki Wilchins encouraged students Monday to challenge stereotypes and embrace principles rather than identities.

Wilchins, executive director of the national advocacy organization Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, spoke to an audience about 100 strong in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom as part of Pride Awareness Month.

She said there has been a shift in the way society views gender, which has been taking place for the past 10 to 15 years.

She attributed this shift largely to the feminist, gay-rights and transgender movements of the 1980s and 1990s, and to post-modernist theory, which she said described and exposed a gender system that punished those who

stepped outside their assigned roles.

Wilchins told students to instead challenge traditional ideas, recalling a friend of hers who had worn a skirt and high heels one day and was mistaken for a man the next.

"I think this is such an enlightened approach to thinking about gender and what we are and what we could be."

Riki Wilchins
gender-identity activist and author

"You just have to learn to use all your voices," Wilchins said her friend had explained.

"I think this is such an enlightened approach to thinking about gender and what we are and what we could be," she told the audience.

She cautioned against using stereotypical labels or identities, which sometimes can result in excluding others who don't fit neatly into a category.

"I'm never quite sure what I am,

or even if I want to be something specific," she said.

She used as an example the growing number of labels she said are tacked onto the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, or LGBT, movement, such as intersex, questioning, queer and straight-sympathetic.

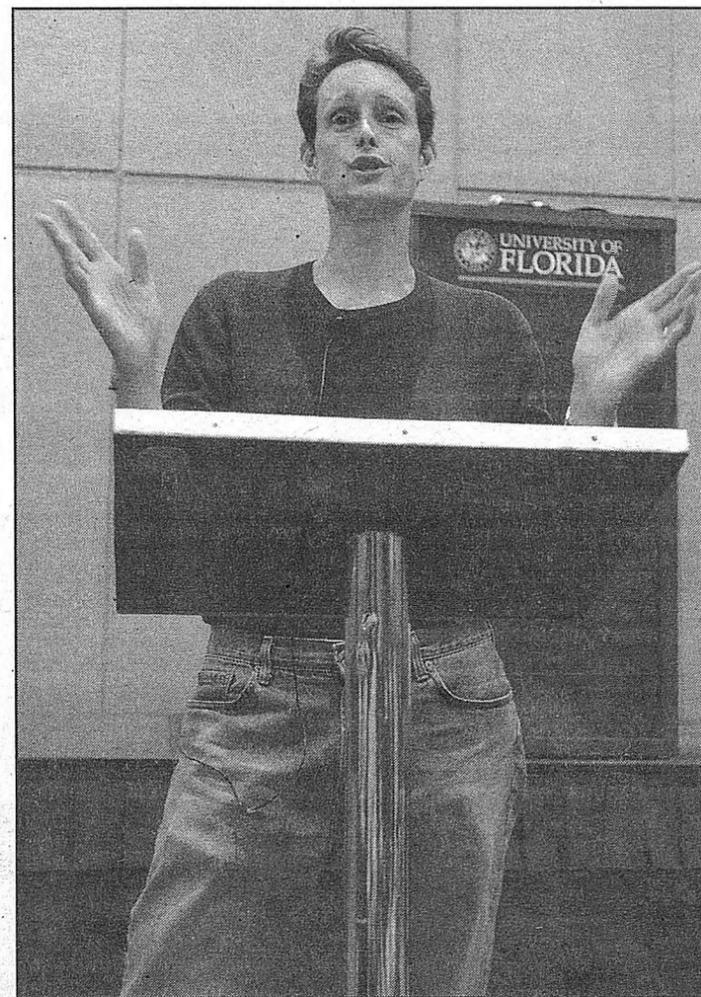
"Is the noun list going to keep getting longer?" she asked, later adding, "We need to emphasize principles, not identities."

Wilchins said the struggle to stop discrimination based on gender-identity expression will get more fulfilling in the next few years but urged students in the audience to take the fight to the next level.

In response to a question from the audience, Wilchins said there are more than just two genders, probably "thousands" of them, but that society does not have the words to describe them.

"We're black and white people living in a technicolor world," she said.

Wilchins' speech was co-sponsored by Accent, UF's speakers bureau.



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Riki Wilchins speaks to a large group at the Reitz Union on Monday. Wilchins' speech helps kick off Pride Awareness Month.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Online voting a no-show

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A bill to bring Student Government elections online will not be heard at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

Former Judiciary Committee Chairman and Senate President Pro Tempore John Boyles said he has not seen the online voting bill submitted to the committee by former Sen. Andrew Hoffman since he withdrew it during a committee meeting on March 13.

Boyles, elected pro tempore a week ago, said interviews are being conducted to find his replacement as Judiciary Committee chairperson.

He added that the committee could resume its official meetings to examine proposed legislation in less than two weeks once a new chairperson is chosen.

Boyles also said he is looking into forming a separate committee to revise the 700 codes of the SG statutes, which deal with election laws the bill sought to change.

He said he looks forward to working with Hoffman on the revisions.

The proposed bill, which was authored by Hoffman and Student Body Treasurer Dennis Ngin, came about

after a petition to put the issue of online voting on the ballot for the Spring election was denied in February by the SG Supreme Court.

Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski invalidated that decision March 8, citing a possible violation of Florida open meeting laws.

However, with only one week until the election, the petition remained off the ballot.



Ngin

Hoffman and Ngin's bill suggested doing away with physical polling locations and allowing students to vote online as early as Fall.

During the committee meeting, senators debated the definition of a polling location and security issues with online voting.

The committee proposed having the bill heard during the second meeting of the newly elected senators to avoid the politically charged atmosphere of the Spring elections.

Hoffman withdrew the bill, allowing him to present it again at any time.

"We just want this to happen as soon as possible," Hoffman said in an earlier interview.

Speaker goes inside Cuba

By **BRITTANY SCHLORFF**

Alligator Contributing Writer

A Cuban human-rights activist shared his insider's view of the civic resistance movements in Cuba with an audience of about 30 people Monday night.

Orlando Gutierrez, national secretary and former president of the Cuban Democratic Directorate, a nonprofit human-rights organization, spoke about the country's politics and outsiders' perception at the Cuban-American Student Association's Human Rights in Cuba panel.

"It's not a political movement; it's not a party," he said. "It's a movement of people to earn their rights."

Gutierrez referenced movements such as the Ladies in White, a group of wives and mothers of dissidents who attend church each week and, after the service, march silently in the front of the church to protest their relatives' continued imprisonment after their March 18, 2003, arrests.

Audience members received a booklet prepared by the Directorate listing that group among several others and their actions of civic resistance in Cuba.

Gutierrez said this movement's actions

are not spoken of in the debate over Cuba.

"Oftentimes, I see the issue of Cuba being lost in stereotypes," he said.

In the debates, people forget that Cuba is a living, breathing nation, he added.

Third-year engineering major Jose Noriega agreed.

"Very few Cuban Americans in the U.S. see Cuba from the inside," Noriega said. "Gutierrez is the small percentage of people that are interested in what's going on in the country and a positive and progressive change."

On Campus

Gutierrez cited power, social struggle, sovereignty and national identity as the four key issues protesters are trying to resolve, but outsiders don't think of them as part of the debate, he said.

"People look at Cuba from their own reality," he said. "I think we should look at Cuba based on the reality of Cubans on the island."

Chris Caraballo, president of the Cuban-American Student Association, said that is why the association invited Gutierrez.

"He offers a unique insight as a member of the Directorate," Caraballo said. "They have contact with the protesters in Cuba."

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Editorial

Top 10 time UF is moving on up, but it needs to focus on faculty

In President Bernie Machen's quest to make UF a Top 10 public research university, it's hard to choose a measuring stick by which such a ranking should be determined.

The most obvious is the U.S. News & World Report's annual, well, report. While there are questions as to its ranking criteria, there really isn't any clear competitor.

Certainly most UF students flipped through its pages when deciding where to go to undergrad, and most probably will pick up the graduate school edition if they choose that direction for their future.

If these reports are to be the marker, then initial reports are that President Machen has done a passable job so far. In the six major programs covered in the recently released graduate rankings (business, education, engineering, law and medical research and primary care), UF moved up an average of about two or three spots.

While this is a positive change, these same rankings prove that disproportionately low showings in some categories are dragging down UF's status.

Some of these categories can't directly be improved. Undergraduate GRE scores, acceptance rate, degrees granted, research funds and other categories — all of which UF does well in anyway — tend to improve as the prestige of the university grows.

Others likely won't be improved. Let's face it: Out-of-state tuition rates aren't going to go down. Ever.

However, the primary culprits in the report are the same that we have been harping on all semester, and they are infinitely fixable: Peer reviews — which are affected by UF's treatment of faculty — and student/teacher ratio.

Their effect clearly is evident in the numbers from the U.S. News data.

UF consistently was underrated by peers compared to its overall standing. In engineering, for instance, the seven schools ranked immediately below UF all were ranked higher in the peer review.

The peer numbers are thrown into sharp perspective when compared to assessment from professionals and recruiters in the respective fields. These assessors, who are less likely to consider faculty treatment, ranked UF an average of .25 points higher than did its peers — not a small amount on a scale of only four points. In the rest of the field, the general trend was for peer reviews to be higher than professional reviews.

These peer reviews constitute 25 percent of the total rankings in all fields except medical research (20 percent). This is equal to or higher in each field than all student selectivity categories combined (GRE/GMAT/LSAT scores, undergraduate GPA, acceptance rate, etc.).

UF's student/teacher ratio fared better in the graduate report than it typically does in the undergraduate, but it still is deficient when compared to higher-ranked institutions.

We're sorry for throwing all of those figures on you, but they illustrate a point: Prospective faculty are being deterred by the UF faculty's low salary rates, deficient benefits (such as the domestic-partner benefits that recently have come up for discussion) and threat of being overstretched to cover for the high student/teacher ratio.

UF under President Machen slowly is creeping toward its goal of becoming a premier public institution. If it ever wants to reach this goal, however, it must focus on those upon whom UF's success is based: the teachers.

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Column

Parents move to fully wussify children

With the revelation of SpongeBob's deviant lifestyle, which is paving the way for a general failing of American children's ability to ignore the dangers of reality, concerned parents have decided to step up their efforts to reduce our youth into useless, sheltered bubble-children.

At the forefront of this movement are a crack group of PTA pundits and sympathetic teachers who believe they have discovered the root of the problem: Our schoolchildren's delicate psyches are being ravaged by the seemingly ceaseless stream of red ink that teachers use to correct shoddy work.

"My generation was brought up on right or wrong with no in-between, and red was always in your face," Justin Kazmark, a 25-year-old teacher who still is haunted by the remarks of teachers past, told the Associated Press. "It's abrasive to me," he said.

These parents and teachers are part of a nationwide trend in which red pens are being thrown into the trash to make way for colors that are more sensitive to young students — mostly pastels, known alternately as "those colors that no self-respecting kid touched in art class."

Because of the growing trend among teachers to avoid the evil color, manufacturers have enjoyed a sharp increase in purple-ink pen sales.

"[Teachers are] trying to be positive and reinforcing rather than being harsh," said Robert Silberman, Pilot Pen's vice president of marketing, who has no conflict of interest regarding this issue whatsoever.

He continued by asserting that negative marks made with Pilot purple pens statistically are proven to cause 40 percent fewer D-students to pee their pants, and they're on sale for a limited time.

With the support of broken-spirited teachers and the pen



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manufacturers on their side, they decided to bring in the scientists to cement their rainbow revolution.

When color specialist Leatrice Eiseman was called in to discuss the issue, she explained the red-ink phenomenon by saying, "The human eye is notoriously fickle and is always searching for something new to look at it."

Unfortunately, she immediately was deported for violating several laws of English grammar before she could explain exactly what that means.

With such hard evidence to back them up, it's hard to imagine that the parents will stop until the day when no student has to face the abject shame of a red "X" — or worse, a frowning smiley-face — on his spelling test.

All parents interviewed agreed it was far better to isolate their children from reality than to let them make their own mistakes, though none were willing to go on the record.

They realized that the children likely then would become utter failures at life after receiving a proverbial punch to the face from said reality, but they considered this an even trade.

Thankfully, reading and writing specialist Janet Jones provided a voice of reason for those who have had enough of seeing red.

"If you're just looking at avoiding the color red, the students might not be as frightened, but they won't be better writers," Jones said.

In unrelated news, red pen sales among college professors recently have increased 370 percent.

Matt Sanchez is opinions editor at the Alligator.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you find it traumatic when teachers mark your papers with red ink?

Monday's question: Should UF offer domestic-partner benefits to faculty and staff?

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Letters to the Editor

Voting would keep 'Baxleys' out of office

Editor: Rep. Dennis Baxley's quote concerning the "promiscuity" of gay and lesbian individuals was so obviously moronic that I just have to say something. Baxley, who accuses gays and lesbians of having "300 partners in their lifetime" and of not practicing monogamy simply because of their sexual orientation, also is chairman of the House Education Council. How can such ignorance be tolerated from someone who can have real material effect on education in Florida?

Of course, Baxley is well within his rights to disagree with the proposed plan at UF to extend domestic-partner benefits to same-sex couples; however, his virulent rhetoric exhibits a dangerously flawed logic and is not at all what we should expect from one of our state leaders.

Although I don't think there's much Baxley can do in the case of UF and same-sex partner benefits, besides threaten us with the possible loss of funding from his constituents, I am left wondering what we can do in response to his, as Allison Andrews put it, peddling of "cheap stereotypes." My most immediate thought is that, in light of the recent elections, Baxley's comments should remind us that voting is more than just electing a president every four years.

President Bush may be the head of the executive branch in this country, but it is Baxley and other members of state, county and local

government who have the most direct effect on our everyday lives.

We can choose our local leaders if we go to the polls in those seemingly unimportant off-year elections and stay informed through resources like the Iguana, the Alligator and the Civic Media Center. In the election for City Commission, only 130 or so people showed up to vote at my polling location. My vote actually was pretty important.

While I know voting is not the only answer, or even the best answer (many of us had no say in Baxley's election), it is a step in the right direction toward a more humane governance in our country. I encourage people like Pride Student Union President Allison Andrews to keep up their fight for human rights for all at UF, in the state of Florida and throughout the United States. We must not let the Baxleys of the world decide who does and does not deserve the most basic of rights: to care for the people you love.

Kate Casey-Sawicki
8LS

Cartoon was irresponsible, not humorous

Editor: Political cartoons often reflect the artist's wit, humor and intricate insight into the realm of current events. Unfortunately — as is evident in the cartoon printed March

30 — they sometimes are nothing more than an artist's irresponsible voicing of his own opinion on a matter he simply does not understand.

Considering the nobility of their work, it is appalling to see criminal defense attorneys characterized in such a negative light. We must remember that a criminal defendant is innocent until proven guilty and that a criminal defense attorney's job is to make sure that proof is there. Criminal defense attorneys do not exist to put felons back on the street; they exist to ensure the state plays by the rules. They provide an invaluable check on the state's awesome power to deprive its citizens of life, liberty and property.

Johnnie Cochran undoubtedly will be remembered for his defense of clients such as O.J. Simpson and Sean Combs. However, these types of cases only scratch the surface of his illustrious career. Cochran helped prosecute a lawsuit on behalf of public high school students who were denied access to advanced placement courses. He represented Reginald Denny, a white truck driver who was assaulted during the 1992 Los Angeles riots. He supported low-income housing projects, provided assistance to minority artists and helped found the Domestic Violence Council of Los Angeles County.

Marlette's cartoon quipped Cochran's infamous rhyme from the O.J. Simpson trial. However, his life work better is charac-

terized by the words of Martin Luther King Jr., words that Cochran himself often repeated: "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Marlette's cartoon served a grave injustice to the memory of a distinguished attorney and a courageous human being.

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2L

Rapper didn't present balanced message

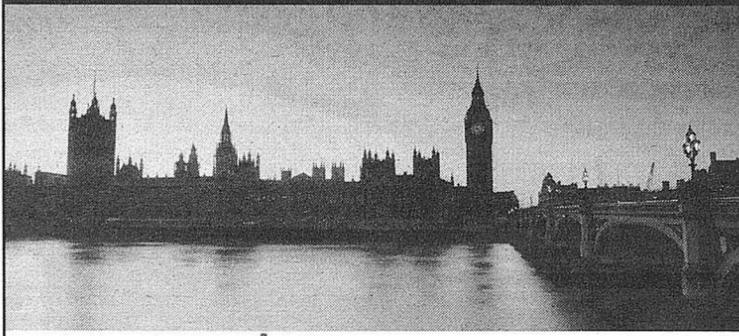
Editor: Your newspaper's March 31 article covering the event featuring rapper Will Youmans, who claims to "provide a framework for understanding the conflict" and notes the importance of taking "truth, history and context" into account regarding the Israel-Palestine Middle East conflict, may give one the impression that Youmans' views were fair and balanced.

If this were the case, why does he not mention the nearly one million Jewish citizens of various Arab nations — Iraq, Egypt, Yemen and Morocco to name a few — who forcibly were expelled after having their properties confiscated, synagogues ransacked, valuables looted and cemeteries desecrated without any compensation or promise thereof?

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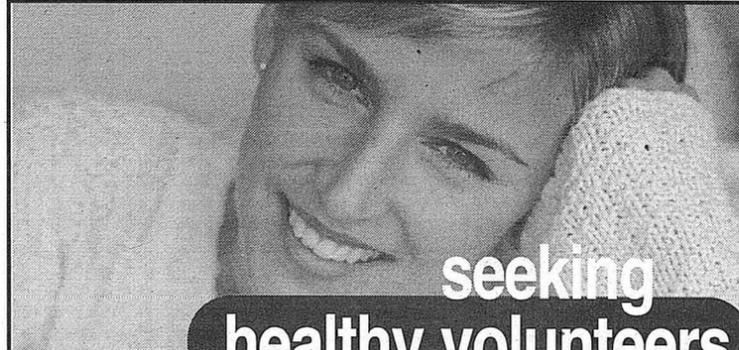


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POPE JOHN PAUL II 1920-2005

UF students recount life-altering visit with the pope

By JOHN COX
Alligator Contributing Writer

She was 3 feet from the pope, and all she could do was cry.

"It was just amazing," said UF sophomore Sarah Luffman.

One week after arriving in Italy instead of watching UF's win over rival FSU at Doak Campbell Stadium, a group of 21 UF students saw Pope John Paul II.

"What would you rather do, go to the FSU game or see the pope?" UF Italian professor Joe M. Paden said.

The students didn't regret their decision, he said. In an effort of goodwill, John Paul handed two relics to Orthodox Christian leader Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew that had been in Rome for centuries, Paden said.

"It was something that made me think I needed to go back to church," Luffman said. "He was inspiring."

Those same sentiments were felt thousands of miles away in Vatican City, where the pope's body was on display Tuesday.

People who had never had an audience with the pope felt as if they had lost a loved one. "Every time I saw him (on television) he told me something, he gave me a message," said Silvia Sandon, 23, a student in Rome, after viewing the body. "Now, I just saw him."

Crowd members cheerfully chanted and clapped hands on the street leading to St. Peter's Square as they moved slowly toward the Basilica. As soon they entered the square, people fell silent as if they were entering a sacred place. Their glimpse of the pope's remains was quick at best, as police whispered, "Hurry up."

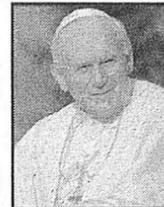
But some still managed to snap photographs with cell phones as they passed John Paul's body, clad in a scarlet velvet robe, his head crowned with a white bishop's miter and a staff topped with a crucifix

tucked under his left arm.

"I would like to tell him how much I love him," said Lorenzo Cardone, 9, waiting in line with his parents.

Outside, the mourners stood in line hour after hour, starting when the sun's heat blazed off the Vatican's old stones and into the late night chill. Pilgrims older than the late pope struggled to remain standing. Young children, even infants, were unusually well-behaved.

Up to 2 million pilgrims are expected in Rome to pay their final respects this week.



Pope John Paul II

For the UF students in Italy last Fall, having the two leaders of two of the largest churches in the world in the same room was a historical moment, Paden said.

"I think the kids were really impressed by the importance of that," he said.

People will remember the pope for his fight against communism and the length of his reign, Paden said. The pope was more than a man; he was an institution.

Luffman said she is not Catholic but still had admiration and reverence for John Paul.

His unwillingness to quit working was moving, she said.

"He has been in this ailing state for so long, and he really did make an effort, even if it was bad for his health," Luffman said.

Paden, who was raised in Italy, said he saw the pope in the United States early in his papacy.

"He had a million kids there," Paden said. "The Beatles didn't pull that many."

During the summer, the pope held services in the mornings. His draw was the greatest evidence of his influence, Paden said.

"How often can you say 'let's have church at 10 in the morning' and have 250,000 people show up," Paden said. "You can't do that here in Gainesville."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Center opens lab to foster awareness of sleep deprivation

Hot bath, music may aid insomnia ails

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Those with cavalier attitudes about sleep are underestimating the importance of getting enough shut-eye, and the doctors at Gainesville's North Florida Regional Medical

Center are opening their sleep lab to let people know what the consequences could be.

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, the open house aims to educate anyone with questions or concerns about sleep disorders, giving them a chance to talk with the staff and get a tour of the five-bedroom laboratory.

The most common disorder is sleep apnea,

a condition in which the tissues of airways loosen during sleep and cause anything from snoring to blocked airways, said Susan Purdy, a polysomnographer, or sleep technician.

Santa Fe Community College

"We treat a few college students," Purdy said.

Another common problem for young adults is poor sleep hygiene, which is the ten-

dency to use a bed as work space instead of a place of rest, she said.

"Your bed is for sex and for sleep. That's it," Purdy said.

Incorrect sleep patterns can lead to reduced productivity and grouchiness through the day.

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Hub set to reopen with new diversions for students

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UF students may one day be able to sip coffee, study for exams and check their e-mail around the clock when an Internet café at the "hub" of campus is completed.

The Hub's renovation, scheduled for completion in May 2006, includes 11,000 square feet for an Internet café, complete with wireless Web access, computer terminals and a food outlet.

UF officials said they hope to leave the area, once the university bookstore, open 24 hours a day.

"There's going to be food, coffee, just a place to actually relax," said Lydia Washington, a Student Government official involved in the project. "I definitely think this will be a big place, the new hot spot."

Although the renovation's more than \$8 million bill has not been settled, the finished design also includes skylights, videoconferenc-

ing rooms and movable furniture, allowing students to create comfortable study areas.

UF's Academic Technology offices will surround the café, providing computer aid, said Bahar Armaghani, Hub project manager.

Rumors of the Hub's impending renovation into a multicultural affairs center motivated Washington, the SG director of multicultural affairs, to become involved in the project.

On Campus Although the renovated Hub will not include any multicultural aspects, Washington said she thinks the redesigned space will continue to be the "hub" of student activity.

"It will be very beneficial because of time and because of distance," she said.

Both Armaghani and Washington said the Hub committee tapped students for ideas.

Surveys revealed that a 24-hour study area was paramount on stu-

dents' wish lists, Washington said.

As the plans stand now, students will get that space, which partially will be paid through a tuition-funded pool of \$2 million.

Last year, UF received \$13 million from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund to pay for new and improved facilities. A UF committee decided how to disburse those funds, and UF's highest governing body approved the list in September.

But only 11,000 square feet of the Hub's 52,000 square foot space has been given specifically to students. The remaining 41,000 square feet will be used as office space for the International Center and for Academic Technology.

The merging of these departments into one central location ensures students get efficient and convenient service, UF officials said.

"We hope this will be a very vivacious, high-activity spot where students can access their services," said Lynn Frazier, associate director of the International Center.

The International Center, which manages services such as study abroad and international-student support, is "maxed out" in its current office spaces in Grinter and Peabody halls and needs staff to support a growing interest in international services, she said.

Moving to the Hub, she added, will allow the department to expand and better serve the students.

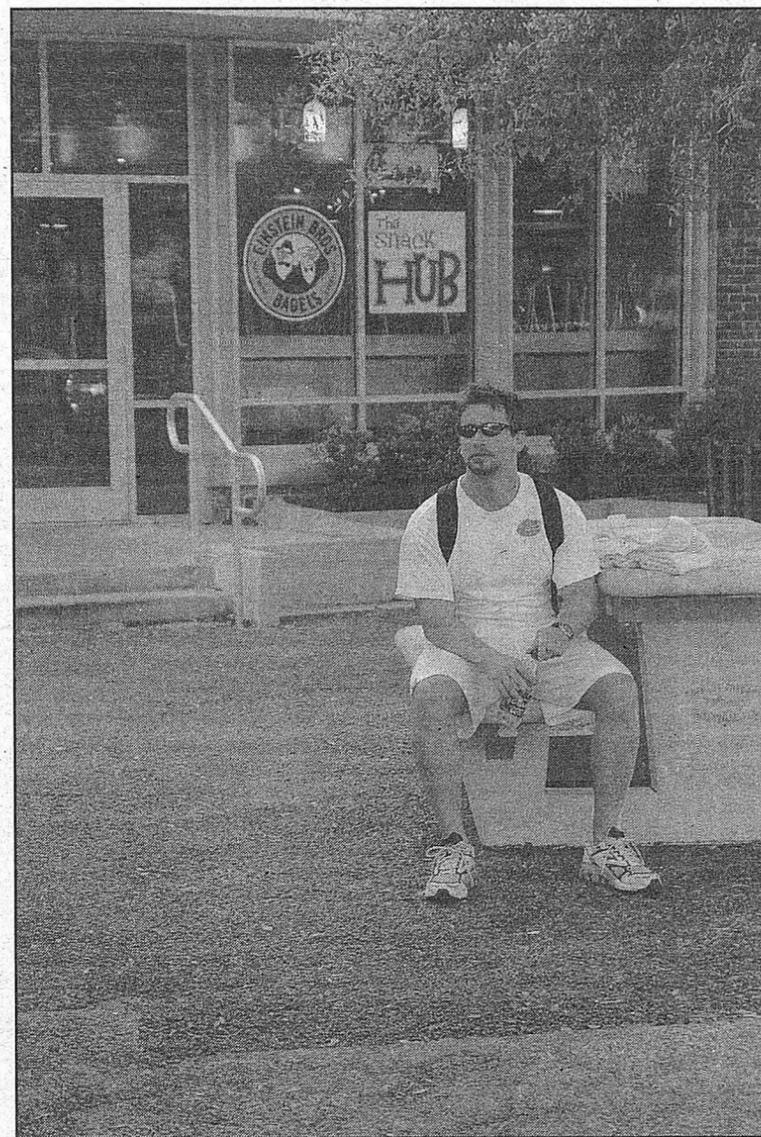
"The move will benefit students, first of all, because facilities will be more inviting and student-friendly," she said.

Even though Frazier said the move will "greatly" increase office space, Armaghani said the center will be the smallest section in the building, only taking up 9,000 to 10,000 square feet.

Academic Technology offices will take the biggest slice of the floor plan, filling the entire second story of the Hub and several sections on the first floor.

Staff is now split between six different buildings, said Amalia Shortsleeve, associate director of Academic Technology.

The funding for the project is still tentative, Armaghani said, but the renovation will be completed all at once or in phases. If UF administrators decide to fund the project in stages, the Internet café will come first, followed by two stages for the office space.



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Chris Stephens rests in front of the Hub on Monday. The Hub will soon undergo a renovation transforming it into an Internet café.

Frazier said she hoped the project would be completed in one step, as staff can't be moved in stages and still be efficient.

"Because the services are integral to one another and because of the small space involved, I don't think we could function," Frazier said.

Although wireless Internet, video-conference rooms and large television screens will adorn the renovated building, designers said they were careful to keep some remnants of the Hub's past.

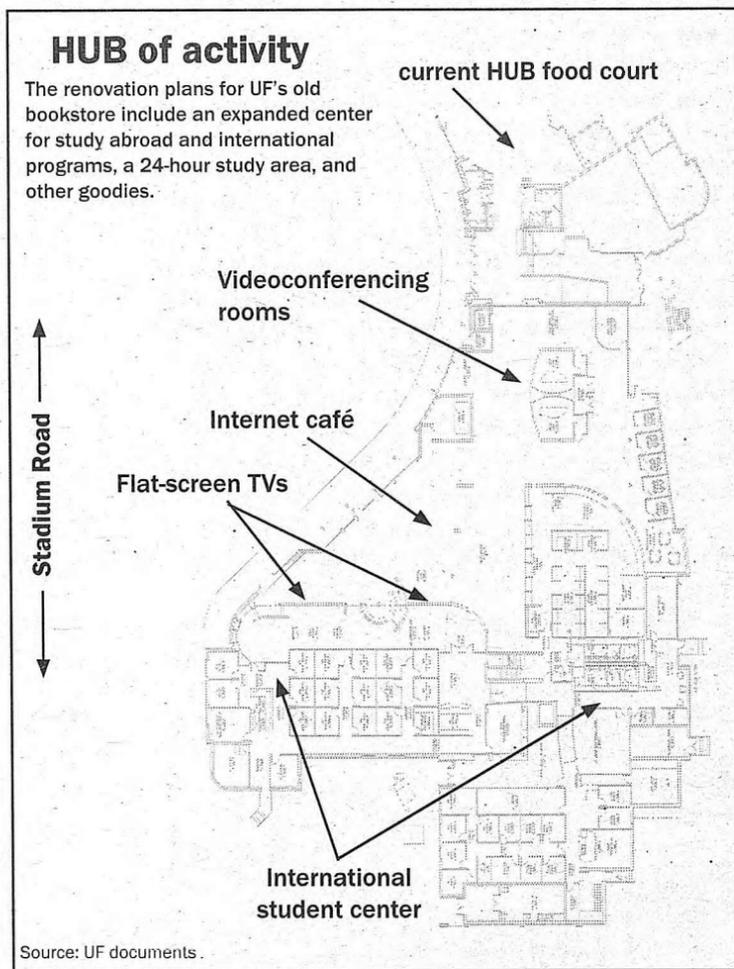
In 1950, the building opened as the center for student services and was named the Hub in a student competition.

The building was remodeled

during the '80s, but the terracotta floors on the first level remain. When the Hub is renovated, this link to the past will be preserved, Armaghani said. The only major structural change will be the raising of part of the roof.

The building will also be "green," meaning its utilities will be energy- and water-efficient. Urinals will be waterless. Window tints will minimize the amount of heat that seeps into the building, thus saving on air-conditioning usage.

The existing food court, which includes Chick-Fil-A, Zia Juice and Einstein's Bagels, will not be affected by the renovation.



STUDENT LIFE

Junior heading to Nationals — in rock-paper-scissors

By **ANDREA VEST**

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Whether relying on skill or luck, the age-old method of decision-making through rock, paper and scissors hand signals has moved into the realm of competition.

UF junior James Combs will compete April 14 to 17 in South Beach in the National Collegiate Rock Paper Scissors Invitational Tournament.

Combs won a spot in the tournament after being randomly selected in a drawing sponsored by The

Florida Book Store.

"I think James has a real shot at winning this thing," store manager Nandy Ferguson said. "He just needs to remember that nothing beats rock."

Combs will bring a guest or trainer to South Beach to help him practice prior to the competition, Ferguson said.

As a benefit of being selected to compete, he will be provided with airfare, hotel accommodations and \$300 in cash.

"I was just excited that I won a

free trip to Miami," he said.

Combs said he doesn't know anything about RPS.

"I am an RPS ninja."

James Combs
UF junior

Since he found out he will be competing in South Beach, however, he has been making decisions using RPS, Combs said.

"If my friends can't decide where to eat, we play RPS. Who gets to ride shotgun on the way to eat? Rock

Paper Scissors will decide," Combs said.

President and founder of UF's Rock Paper Scissors Club Logan Schneider has taken the game seriously for quite some time.

RPS is an "innate part in all of us," he said. "It's the essence of our decision-making and how we resolve problems and conflicts."

The idea for the club began while he was competing with his friends for the last slice of Hawaiian pizza, he said.

"We were in an altered state and

felt that the only way to go for it in a fair way was Rock Paper Scissors, of course," Schneider said.

At the collegiate championships, Combs will be competing for a \$5,000 top prize, making what was once a childhood game big business.

The winner also will compete in the 2005 World RPS Championship.

When he was informed of the grand prize, Combs described what his playing style will be in the tournament.

"I am an RPS ninja," he said.

Applications for high SG positions now available

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Students seeking control of some of the most influential non-elected positions in Student Government now can apply in the same way they would for a job or internship.

Positions such as Accent chair, lobby coordinator, supervisor of elections and cabinet

directors, all of which are appointed by elected SG officials, are open to all qualified students for the 2005-06 school year.

Four applications — SG agency heads, directors, cabinet directors and cabinet chairs — are available in the SG Office on the third floor of the Reitz Union.

Student Body President-elect Joe Goldberg said his administration also will appoint applicants to positions on more than 30 university committees, which cover issues such as parking and transportation, financial affairs and campus student housing.

"There's positions available for everything

right now," Goldberg said.

He added that while agency and cabinet positions are geared more toward students with experience in that branch, applicants for university committees need no SG experience.

"I think every student can find something that interests them," Goldberg said.

Chosen students will be appointed during Summer A in May, after Goldberg's administration takes office and gives its recommendations to the Senate for confirmation.

All applicants are required to submit their name, address, GPA, class and work

schedules, a resume and written responses to questions on their motivation and involvement in SG.

Candidate interviews will play a crucial role in deciding appointments, Goldberg said.

"You only get a few minutes to set yourself apart from the rest in an interview — that's what we're looking for," he said.

Applications are due at 4 p.m. April 13 for non-cabinet positions and 5 p.m. the same day for cabinet positions.

University committee applications are due April 20.

STUDENT LIFE

Three-university partnership aids job opportunities

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UF engineering students will soon have the opportunity for internships with Florida companies and businesses on the edge of high-tech innovation thanks to the university's \$2-million commitment to the Florida High Tech Corridor Council.

The council teams up 215 technology-based businesses from 23 counties in North Central Florida with UF, UCF and USF.

The partnership is meant to foster research and create trained labor for high-technology jobs, UF Vice President for Research Win Phillips said.

"This is going to be fast track," Phillips said, adding that UF should see the first partnerships happen by the first Summer semester.

The council, which was founded in 1996, specializes in laser and information technology, aviation, microelectronics and medical technology.

Though no specific position proposals have been received yet from businesses in the corridor, Erik Sander, UF College of Engineering director of industry programs, is excited about the prospects.

"Successful UF-industry collaborative research projects with large and small companies throughout the corridor will provide students with greater opportunities to experience university-industry collabora-

tive research environments," Sander said. "This really adds tremendous value to students as they seek internships and employment opportunities."

"This (the partnership) is going to be fast track."

Win Phillips

UF vice president for research

UF President Bernie Machen's \$2-million pledge to the council was announced in January. Through corporate matching funds, a university's financial contribution is typically tripled, Phillips said.

According to the council's Web site, more than \$128 million in university and business contributions

from throughout the corridor was accumulated by January.

Seventy-five percent of the money was used to create 500 projects, providing internship opportunities for 1,000 graduate and doctoral student and research assistants along with 300 faculty members, the Web site states.

"These funds will be used to work with industry entrepreneurs," Phillips said.

Working with risk-takers means the possibility of new discoveries, Phillips said, and the resulting profits from patents and royalties would be split between the company and the university, with the former retaining the manufacturing license, he said.

"This is a unique resource

opportunity for business and the university," Phillips said. "Business is able to research their problems with one-third of the price off."

Other university departments, such as physics, chemistry and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences also could benefit from additional projects and internships, Phillips said.

Additionally, community colleges within the corridor could become training grounds for paying jobs.

More information will be available next week when UF launches www.fhtcc.ufl.edu, the university's Web site for information about its specific partnerships with the council, Sander said.

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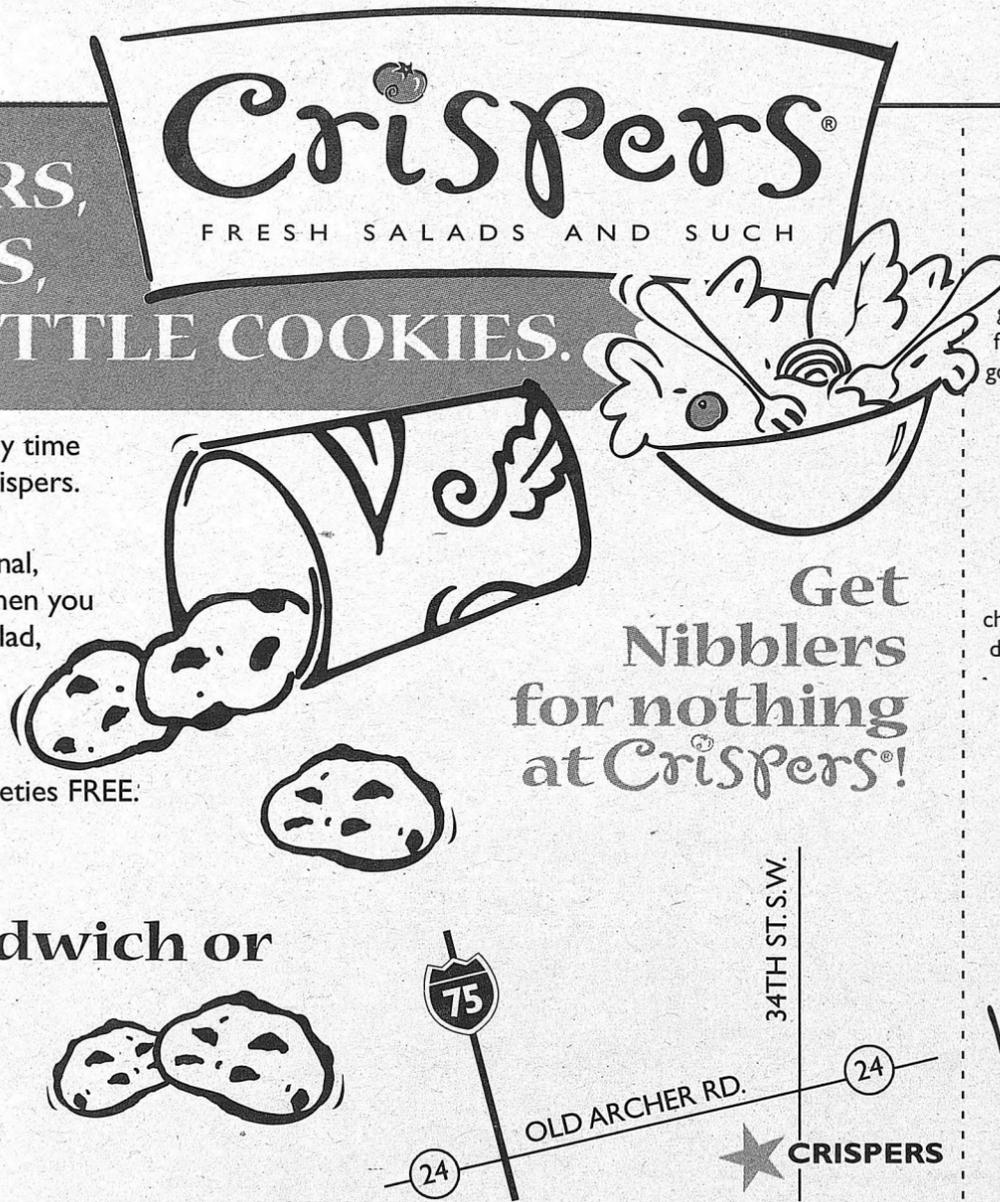
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ON CAMPUS

Garden for the blind would engage other senses

By JESSICA RIFFEL

Alligator Contributing Writer

The visitors to the proposed garden at UF won't care about the color of the flowers, the plant arrangement or what the sculptures look like.

They won't be able to see it.

UF music professor Miriam Zach and her husband, Iowa State University architecture professor Mikesch Muecke, are planning a garden for the blind on the south slope behind the Honors Residential College at Hume Hall.

The professors came up with the idea during the 2004 Winter Break.

Zach and Muecke were discussing volume when they realized that they were talking about two completely different things.

"We realized that we used the same vocabulary, but the mean-

ings are different," Zach said. "For example, volume in architecture is the space, whereas in music it is the loudness."

They decided to start a project that would combine their two fields. Plans for the garden include aural aspects such as wind chimes, plants that rustle in the breeze and feeders to attract songbirds.

"You cut off one sense, and you're suddenly more aware of others," Zach said.

Construction plans for the garden would emphasize the other four senses. Lamb's ear and licorice plants are soft; allspice trees have a distinct scent; herbs can be tasted and bushes will rustle in the breeze.

Zach involved her honors music and health class in the project, first taking them to the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity's

"All of my students have a voice. It's a collective project."

Miriam Zach
UF music professor

Butterfly Rainforest and having them tour the exhibit blindfolded. They observed how gearing the exhibit toward other senses would improve the visually impaired experience.

Then, each student wrote a three-page essay on what he or she would include in the garden.

"All of my students have a voice," Zach said. "It's a collective project."

Advertising freshman Karen Kayir focused her design mostly on touch, which included marble

statues that would be hard and cool and padded handrails that would be warm and soft.

The students may be involved in the construction process as well. Zach said that she would like volunteers to help build the garden and assist with its upkeep.

"I definitely want to help," Kayir said. "It just seems like a fun project — something that would be beneficial to the university."

Before they can begin, the garden for the blind must be approved by UF's Facilities Planning & Construction.

Linda Dixon, manager of the FP&C planning office, heard about the project when Zach requested maps to aid in the students' essays.

"It's something that UF would be interested in," Dixon said.

However, she explained that

most of these types of projects have outside funding and a maintenance endowment. The garden does not have any benefactors yet, but Zach is optimistic.

For now, Zach and Muecke are just working on getting attention for the project, hoping awareness will lead to funding.

"We've written up a proposal with the student essays and the designs, and we've sent those to various administrators at UF and Iowa [State University]," Zach said.

Muecke designed a Web site for the garden to include in the proposal, which was sent out to key decision-makers at the end of February.

The Web site can be found at <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~arch.404/gardenForTheBlind/project1Home.html>.

Over-exercising can lead to addiction, physical injury

■ LIKE EATING DISORDERS, EXERCISING CAN BE AN ADDICTION.

By STEPHANIE SHAEFFER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Most see exercise as a positive habit to pick up, but it can become harmful and addicting if taken too far.

Exercise addiction is now seen as a legitimate problem much like eating disorders, according to the American Council on Exercise. An addiction can lead to physical injuries, social alienation and psychological dependence.

The term "exercise bulimia" is often used to describe this problem, but Heather A. Hausenblas, exercise psychology professor at UF, said the label should be avoided.

"Excessive exercise is secondary to an eating disorder, not a separate eating disorder," Hausenblas said.

Because exercise addiction does not have a clear medical definition, it is hard to draw a clear line between when healthy exercising becomes obsessive.

"You have to look at each case on the individual level to see what is motivating that person to exercise," Hausenblas said. "Thirty hours a week can be healthy if someone is

training for an event, but if they are exercising that much to be thinner or change their body shape, it is dangerous."

Janis Mena, UF nutritionist, said exercise becomes a problem when it starts to interfere with other areas of a person's life.

"I've had girls tell me they don't want to go home because their mom won't let them exercise," Mena said.

Staff of the UF fitness facilities are trained to watch for people they suspect are excessively exercising, judged by the duration, frequency and intensity of their workouts.

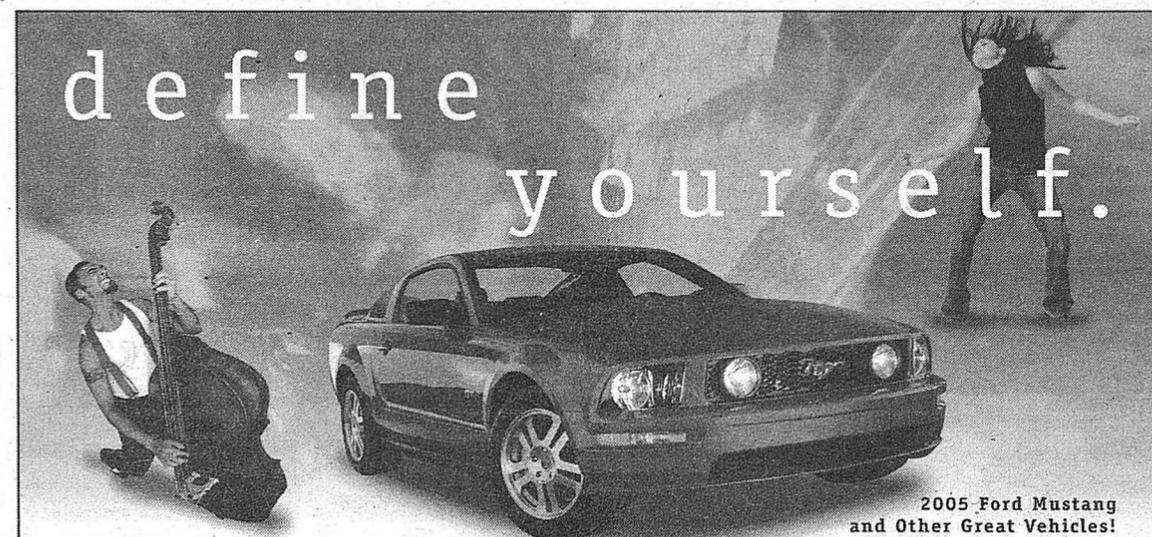
Gayle Patasnik, a UF sophomore, works out

five times a week but said she pays attention to her body and knows when to stop exercising.

"I have a set routine that I do at the gym," Patasnik said. "I don't exercise more just because I might have eaten poorly one day. I also make sure my body has adequate rest between workouts, and I definitely don't work out if I am injured."

Decreased performance, loss of coordination, prolonged recovery, headaches, loss of appetite, muscle soreness/tenderness, gastrointestinal disturbances and a decreased ability to ward off infection are all physical clues that exercise has gone too far, according to the American Council on Exercise.

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STUDENT HEALTH

Rabid bat bites Samaritan student at Weimer Hall

By DAVID COHEN

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Students may be aware that bats are the only flying mammal and that they make screeching noises, but one student also learned to beware their bite last week.

An injured bat found its way into the Weimer Hall courtyard last Tuesday, and when UF student Danny Depaz tried to help, the animal bit him.

"I was just trying to save the little guy's life, and he bit me," said Depaz, a public relations junior. "If someone were to open the door, he was going to get crushed."

Unknown to Depaz at the time, the bat was infected by rabies, and it was the resourcefulness of a classmate that got him the prompt treatment necessary to fend off the potentially fatal virus.

When Depaz noticed the bat in a small hole at the bottom of a classroom door during a break, he said he was thinking about its safety, not his own, in his attempt to rescue the animal.

"Let's get this little guy out of here" was running through his mind, he said.

However, when he tried to move it using a leaf of notebook paper, the bat bit his finger, making Depaz the one in need of rescuing.

At the time, though, Depaz said he did not think anything of it. But a classmate, Erin Tam, a UF public relations senior, followed her instincts and called the College of Veterinary



Tim Casey / Alligator

A swarm of bats take to the sky from the campus bat house at sunset. A UF student was bitten by a stray rabid bat recently in Weimer Hall.

Medicine.

She was told to bring the animal to them without touching it, so Tam got an envelope box from the journalism office in which she carried the sick animal to the veterinary school.

"I knew not to touch it because it carries diseases," she said. "I was scared for Danny and for myself."

The bite happened around 4:30 p.m., and Tam said she was worried she would not make it to the

veterinary school before it closed at 5 p.m.

When an animal contracts rabies, it goes through the spinal cord and into the brain. It concentrates in the salivary glands and makes the animal want to bite. Rabies is fatal in humans if not diagnosed in its early stages.

Given the potential severity of the situation, neither Tam nor her mother thought the veterinary college handled the situation in the

most capable way.

"They weren't very helpful, unfortunately," Tam said. "[My mother] wasn't too happy that I transported the bat."

However, Sarah Carey, spokeswoman for the College of Veterinary Medicine, said that picking up wildlife is not the school's job.

"They did the right thing by calling," she said.

But she added, "No one should pick up wildlife. You are putting

your life at risk. Call the police. We don't usually take bats. We don't want to mess around with that potential for disease."

Once Tam arrived at the college, the bat was put to sleep and autopsied, which revealed that it carried rabies.

Depaz said he did not think about the bite until a veterinarian from the college contacted him later in the evening.

"I felt pretty scared," Depaz said, remembering his heart rate speeding up at the news. "I was definitely shook. That's a pretty drastic thing. I was definitely scared and worried."

In hindsight, Depaz was thankful for Tam's concern and efforts to find out the bat's condition.

"If the girl wouldn't have taken the bat in to get tested, I would have never thought about it," he said.

Depaz also had some advice to pass on to anyone in a situation involving an unknown animal.

"It's one of those things you just have to learn from," he said. "Don't attempt to approach or help a wild animal. That's my advice to anybody out there. There's people you can call."

Carey added caution should be exercised when a normally nocturnal animal is out during the day and when it does not appear fearful of humans.

Depaz started treatment Friday at the Alachua County Center for Disease Control and is expected to make a full recovery.

"I'm just glad I did it because Danny is OK now," Tam said.

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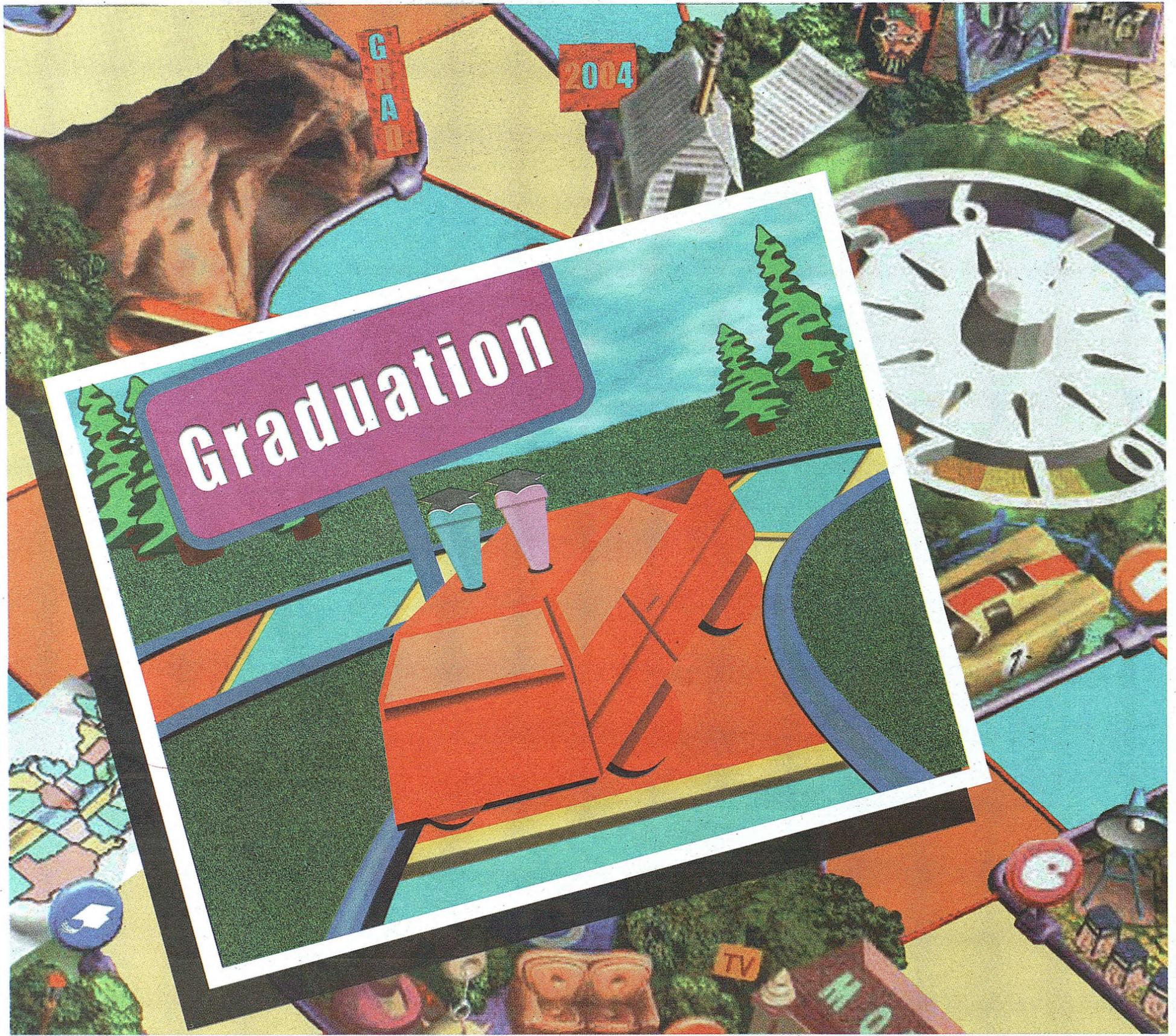
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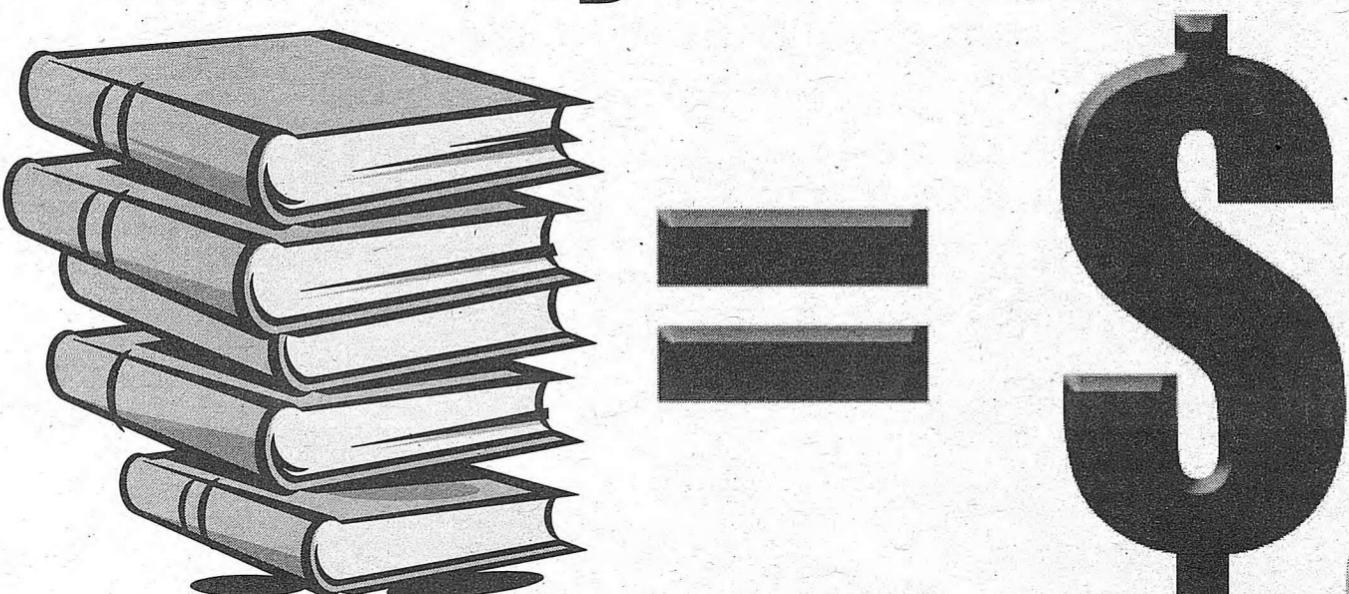
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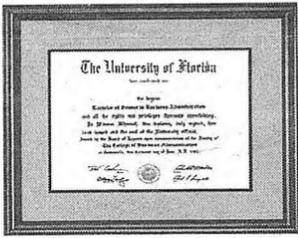
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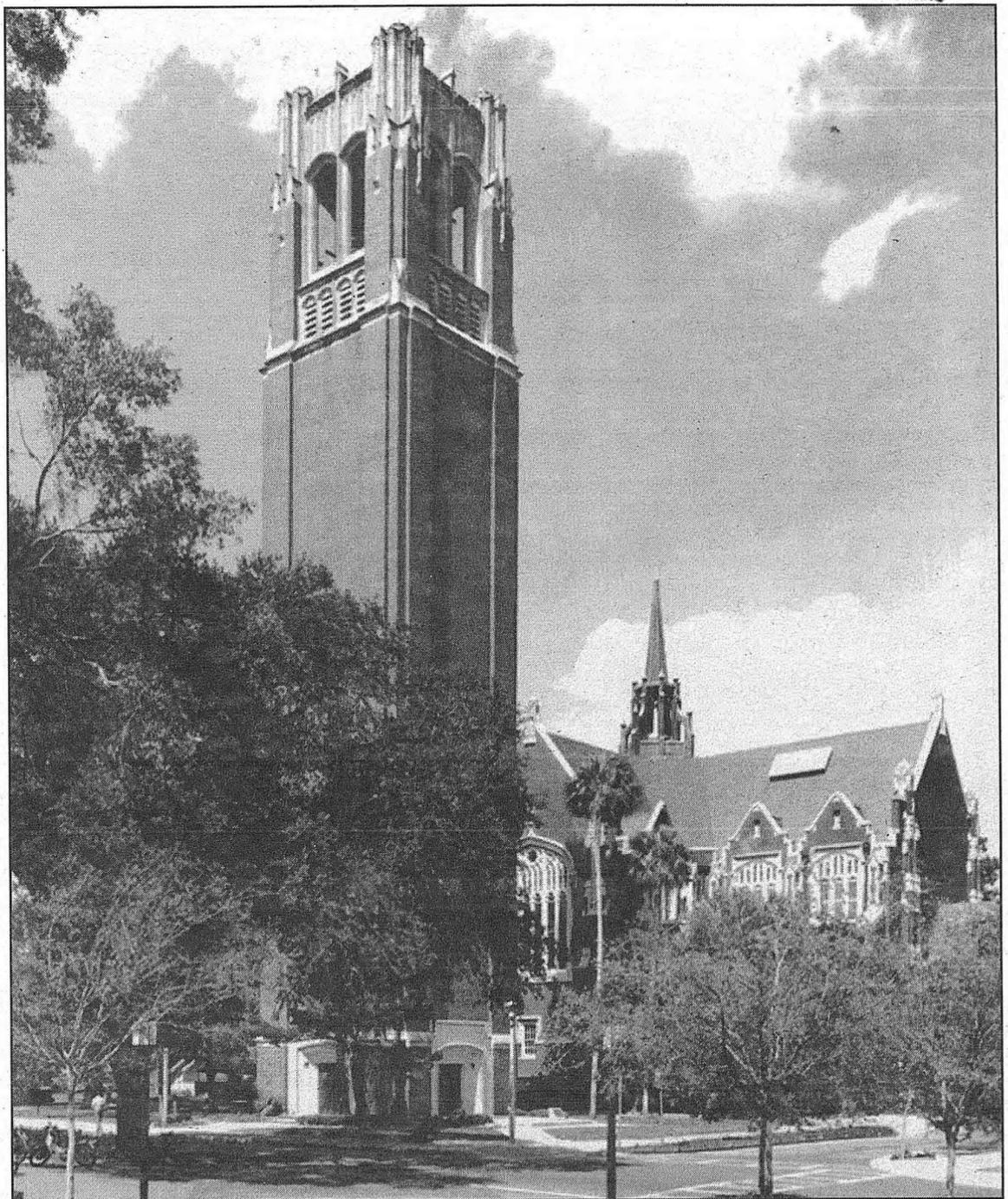
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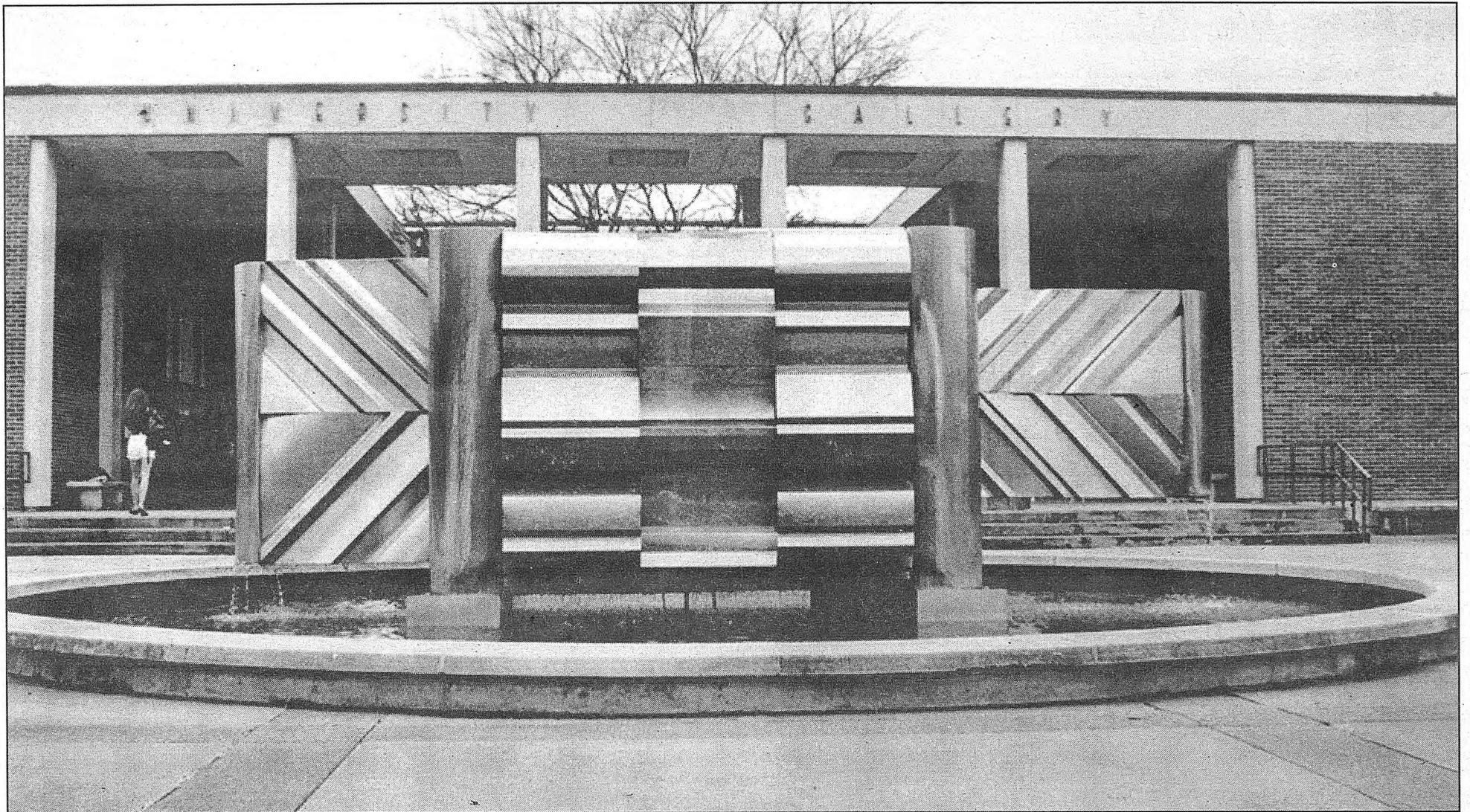
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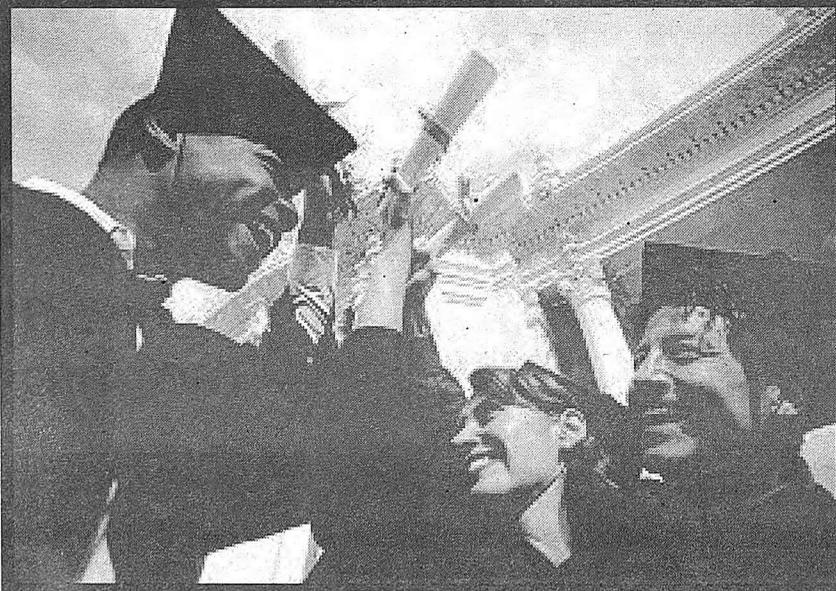
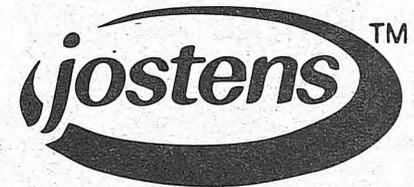


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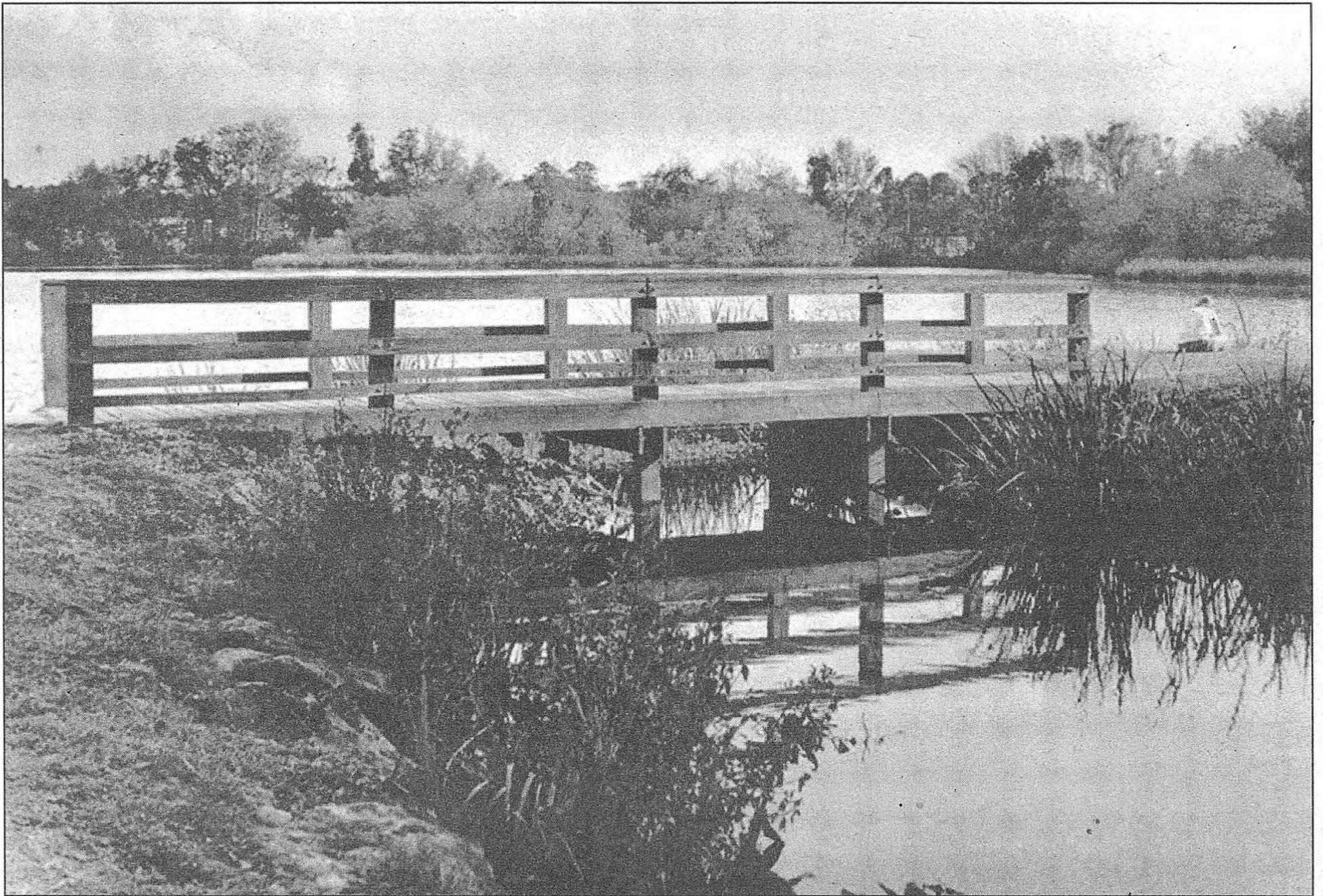
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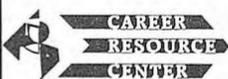
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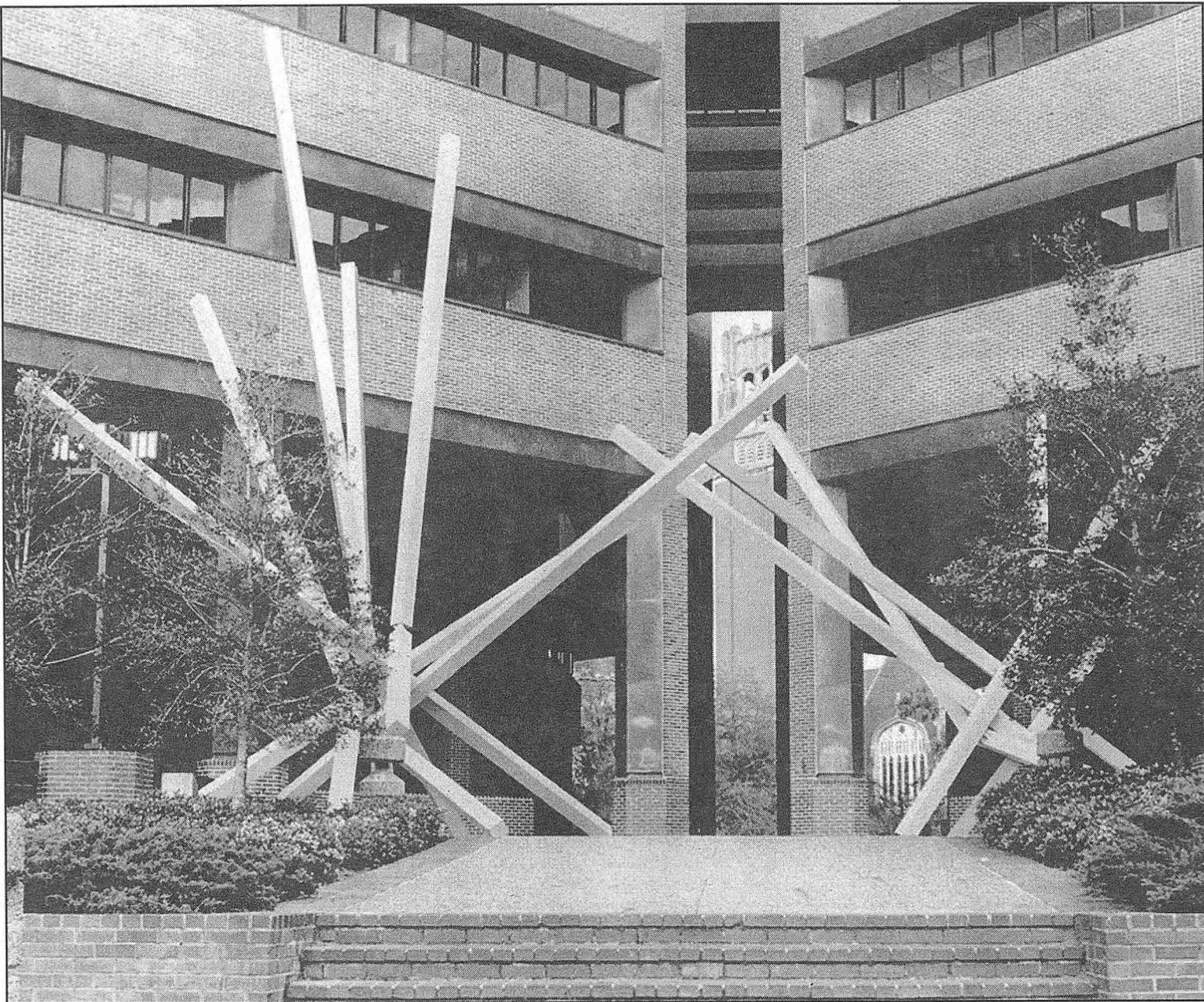
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Paying their dues

Students learn to survive

By **JEFF SIRMONS**
Alligator Writer
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STARKE — Twelve miles of pine forest, mud and scrub separated 36 UF Army ROTC students from civilization in 40-degree weather. Coyotes and hyenas howled, raising the hair off the shivering cadets' backs. Cadets used still-smoking matchheads to burn off blood-sucking ticks.

The cadets were in survival training class at Camp Blanding, a 56,000-acre National Guard facility about 25 miles north of Gainesville. The outdoor overnigher was only a portion of their three-day field training exercise last weekend.

From Saturday morning to Sunday morning, they slept in a shelter made out of a regulation army poncho, constructed spears and clubs and beheaded, feathered and cooked roosters over open fire.

"If you're in the middle of nowhere and you go one week without chow, you can't wait to stick this bird in a pot and cook it," said Maj. Jeffery Bailey, military science instructor. "But first you must know how."

Four of the first-year and second-year cadets had the privilege of beheading a rooster. They gently massaged the rooster's neck to tranquilize it, placed its neck underneath a stick, stepped on both ends of the stick and quickly pulled the body from the head.

Michael Mealor, first-year cadet, slaughtered his rooster easily and led his squad of nine in feathering and skinning the

chicken. Mealor is an experienced hunter.

"Killing a chicken is essential knowledge even the general public should know," he said. "If you go to a foreign marketplace and ask for chicken, they'll give it to you fresh — complete with feathers and a clucking head."

Mealor, 18, attends UF on an Army ROTC scholarship, which means he signed a contract ensuring he will be an officer in the Army upon graduation.

"If you don't like it, you quit. This isn't for everyone. A lot of students just can't cut it."

Michael Mealor

"It's important to learn everything you can, because there's a war going on, and there's a good chance I'll get deployed," he said.

Mealor said he has always wanted to be in the military, which is why he's learning everything he can while in ROTC in order to lead a platoon into battle and defend his country.

"My mom isn't too excited about my probable deployment to Iraq," Mealor said. "But she knows that being deployed is just part of my job — part of the career I've chosen."

The cadets have a greater sense of urgency knowing they are joining the military branch that has suffered the most casualties so far in the Iraqi conflict since April 2003, senior cadet Jonathan Oblon said.

"We all take this program seriously," said Oblon, who will be an active-duty officer later this month. "But since the start of the

war on terrorism, Sept. 11, you see the cadets stand just a little bit straighter and move just a little bit faster."

Food for thought

All day the cadets stayed quiet, acting as if they were surviving in enemy territory. By nightfall, however, they relaxed a bit and joined each other around the fire, scratching at insect bites and listening to jokes and war stories from previously enlisted cadets. Most cadets slept less than two hours total.

"I've heard many stories from a few veterans in the program," Mealor said. "If I get deployed to Iraq or any other place, I'll be aided by their experiences."

Waking up at 4:30 a.m. Sunday after an uncomfortable sleep on the damp dirt, the cadets quietly packed their stuff in 10 minutes and marched toward the bus, thankful it would take them to a breakfast they didn't have to kill, clean and cook.

While gobbling down eggs, grits and sausage, the cadets talked about their experiences the previous night, including the traveling habits of ticks.

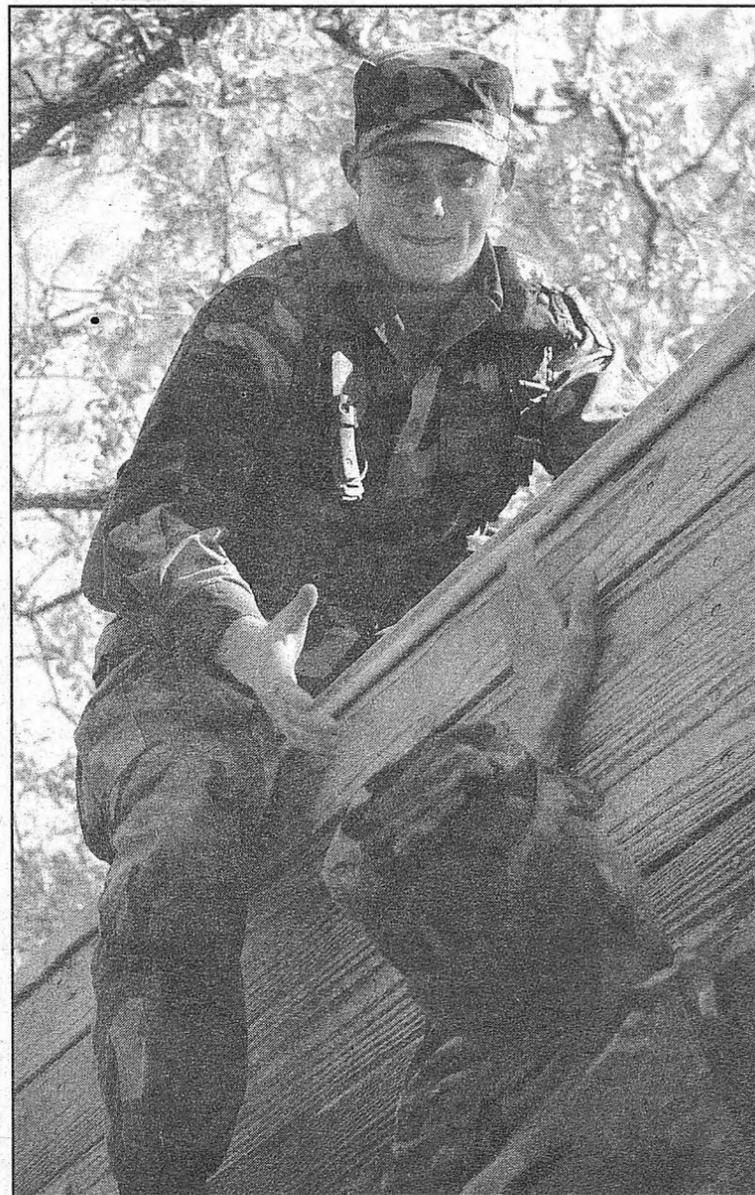
"Ticks travel to the warmest parts of your body, which means your armpits and, well, the groin," Mealor explained. Mealor later removed a tick from his navel.

But no one complained about the experience.

"If you don't like it, you quit," Mealor said. "This isn't for everyone. A lot of students just can't cut it."

Cadets train specifically for opposition they may face while in Iraq, Oblon said. Some of them will be deployed only six months out of college.

"You read about all these deaths in the paper, and it hits



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UF Army ROTC cadet Michael Mealor helps pull a fellow cadet over a wall in Sunday's field leadership course at Camp Blanding.

home to us the most," said Stephen Smith, cadet battalion commander. "It hurts to see those names, but we use it as a driving force so that we won't end up in that section of the paper."

Cadets learn military command in the first three years of ROTC training.

The conversion from soldier training to officer training occurs the following summer, when the cadets attend a Leader Development and Assessment Course, or LDAC.

Fourth-year cadets sound like World War II veterans as they reminisce about their experiences at LDAC.

"There's this one part where you're 60-feet high and you jump on a zip line and fly over the water and fall in when you're about five-feet high. This one girl dropped when she was about 55 feet high, and I think she broke her ankle on the water," senior cadet Forrest Vaughn said.

LDAC requires cadets to stay outdoors — rain or shine — for four days straight and conduct tactical raids against mock enemies.

Last weekend, third-year cadets only spent two nights outdoors.

One outdoor night was canceled due to rain.

But by the end of the rigorous

trial, cadets were eager at the prospect of joining the Army as a second lieutenant.

"By the time you're a senior, you're just cruising, waiting for that golden bar," Oblon said of the position's insignia. On Sunday afternoon, the cadets wearily loaded the bus for the excursion home. There is one pit stop, however.

Homeward bound

The bus stops near the camp's exit, conveniently close to a lake. As the cadets leave the bus, the junior cadets attack the senior cadets, wrestling and carrying some of the outnumbered seniors to the lake and tossing them in, as tradition would have it.

The wet senior cadets load the bus knowing that this is the last extended experience they will have with UF's ROTC. Despite facing a wet ride home, they prepare themselves for the future, which for some could be dangerous.

"UF's ROTC has taught us how to lead nearly every type of person," Smith said.

"I graduate fully confident of my ability. I know I will be as safe as possible if I go to war, as I have received top-of-the-line training."



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UF Army ROTC cadet Thomas Cobb serves as the foundation for a bridge to help his fellow cadets cross an imaginary river.

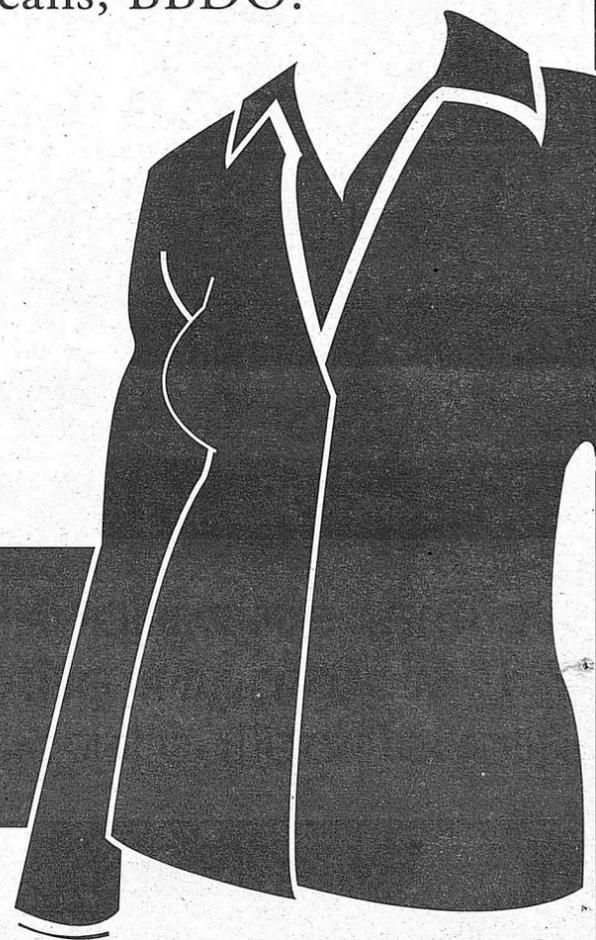
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The Florida Players rehearse on the Reitz Union North Lawn for a performance of "The Knight's Tale" by Geoffrey Chaucer.

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Race-blind admissions adversely affects awards

MERIT, from page 1

Higher Education. "If the institutions specifically created to serve the common student do not do so, who will?"

UF President Bernie Machen said he doesn't think UF is departing from its land-grant mission by becoming more selective. UF serves its charter and the state by boosting the economy and through research, he said.

"That's the part that we focus on," Machen said.

Machen and others have recognized the necessity for need-based aid but are looking for the resources to fund it.

But Martin, who did not return messages, wrote that instead of helping the disadvantaged, top-notch universities compete for the best students, "often ending up subsidizing the education of those who need subsidies least."

Money for merit

That may be what UF is doing through its zealous recruitment of National Merit Scholars, and Machen said he would be willing to reconsider the use of more than \$6 million to lure them.

Surveys by the College Board, the organization that makes the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program, show that students from affluent families consistently score better than their disadvantaged peers. White students also score better than Hispanics or blacks.

UF touts its rankings in National Merit Scholars on its Web site, in press releases and even in its new branding campaign. This year's freshman class brought 259 of them, making UF No. 2 in the nation for the number enrolled.

The only university to recruit more was Harvard.

UF also recruits National Achievement Scholars, who are high-achieving minority students, but that contest is much smaller. This year's freshman class brought 40.

Sheila Dickison, director of the Honors Program that handles the scholars, said UF started targeting them during the term of President Robert Marston as a way to bring talented students to UF. The number of scholars started increasing in the 1980s.

Dickison said the program had been "very successful" but declined to comment further.

Interim Provost Joe Glover said the scholars enhance the educational environment for the entire university.

"I think they bring some of the best scholars in the state and the nation to the university," he said. "I think all of us like to work at exciting places filled with bright and exciting people. The National Merit Program is one way to make sure campus has students of this ilk."

The university pays the scholars plenty to create that environment.

In-state National Merit Scholars receive \$22,000 over eight semesters, or \$5,500 per academic year. Most of them also qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, which pays up to 100 percent of tuition plus a stipend for books.

Since in-state National Merit Scholars glean both UF's money and the state's, the university offers an even more generous package for out-of-state scholars.

They receive \$38,000 over eight semesters, or \$9,500 each academic year. The university allows those out-of-state students to pay in-state tuition, which is about \$3,000 a year. Both in-state and out-of-state students receive an additional \$2,000 for approved expenses.

Machen said he's considering putting some of that money toward need-based aid to better serve UF's core value of diversity.

Race-blind admissions

Admissions play a key role in the inclusiveness of the university, but recruiting an ethnically diverse class has been harder since Gov. Jeb Bush eliminated race as a consideration for admissions and scholarships five years ago, said Pat Herring, interim director of admissions.

"You've got to have the tools in the box if you're going to do the job," Herring said. "That's one less tool in the box."

Now the admissions office gives preference to high school students who would be the first in their families to attend college, come from low-income families, attend low-income schools and come from single-parent households.

However, UF also favors legacy students, or those who have alumni in their immediate families. Legacies have come under political

criticism lately.

Machen said he has discussed legacy in admissions with Bush.

"I think we're all uncomfortable about it being a significant factor," Machen said. "It is a small factor, and I think that's probably the right way to do it."

While recognizing that fewer minority students might benefit from legacy, Herring defended the practice.

"Just because they're (minority students) less prevalent doesn't mean it's discriminatory," he said. "I think that's a leap of logic."

Despite the emphasis on socio-economic factors in admissions, many consider UF's student body to be wealthy.

A BMW school

The joke is that with the Bright Futures Scholarship Program footing their tuition bills, UF students can spend the money from their parents' savings on luxury cars.

A Student Financial Affairs survey suggests that's no joke.

Though the voluntary survey has only a 35-percent response rate, the 2002 results showed that the median income of UF students' parents was between \$85,000 and \$90,000. Twenty-one percent of parents reported incomes of more than \$150,000, said Karen Fooks, Student Financial Affairs director.

Only 14 percent reported incomes of less than \$30,000, she said.

As UF becomes more elitist, it should make a point of including poverty in its definition of diversity, said Terry Mills, the associate dean for minority affairs for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Diversity is usually equated with race or ethnicity, but UF shouldn't forget about those who are simply poor, Mills said.

UF's tuition is a bargain. But it's rising, and up-front costs such as application fees, housing deposits and Preview costs can keep poor students from choosing UF, Mills said.

"This is truly a barrier for many students," he said.

Though socio-economic status should be included as an element of diversity, UF's limited resources won't allow it to serve everyone.

"We're bulging at the seams already," Mills said.

Aid may increase

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UF officials are looking to guarantee low-income students a debt-free college education in a proposal they hope to announce this Summer.

As tuition increases, UF President Bernie Machen is concerned that some qualified students might not be able to afford a UF education. So he's meeting with Student Financial Affairs to see how much it would cost the university to pick up the tuition tab for students below a certain income.

"Our hope would be to wipe out the loan part," Machen said.

It's what Harvard, the University of Michigan and other prestigious schools do to provide access to higher education.

Manny Fernandez, chairman of the university's highest governing body, the Board of Trustees, has been helping with the proposal. He said the guarantee would be a moral move that

improves UF's diversity and competitiveness.

UF Administration

"This is the right thing to do," Fernandez said. "I meet with a lot of kids who are accepted here but cannot come."

The issue is how much UF can afford to put into the program, which will determine the income level that will qualify students. Harvard's cutoff is \$60,000, Machen said, but UF would probably aim closer to the national poverty line.

The university realizes what a commitment such a program would be, Fernandez said. The school would have to honor it consistently for the message to be taken seriously.

"When you commit to something like this, you have let the genie out of the bottle forever," Fernandez said.

The average loan for undergraduate students is \$4,138, and nearly 40 percent of last year's freshman class applied for need-based aid, Student Financial Affairs Director Karen Fooks said.

Minority students made up about 50 percent of students applying for need-based aid, Machen said.

Financial aid is a crucial part of low-income students' decision to go to college or which college to attend, Fooks said.

"Our aid packages would help to recruit students from a diverse background because we're focusing on a population that's needier than most," she said.

Low-income students are less familiar with financial aid and more likely to fear debt and overestimate the cost of college, Fooks said. Pitching a no-debt college education at middle and high schools might show low-income students that a college education is possible for them and encourage academic preparedness, she said.

"I think that's a very powerful message," Fooks said. "That would certainly be very attractive to a number of students when they're trying to decide whether to go to a local community college or even another state university."

Smart students often realize too late they can afford college, and by that time, their academic record doesn't put them in a position to go to college, Fooks said.

Murder conviction hardly soothes a family's loss

By MEGAN V. WINSLOW

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Surrounded by a bevy of ceramic angels, Barbara Harris-Mitchell sat in her living room with her shoes off and slowly sifted through a home-made scrapbook last week. One of the last pictures in the book is of her grandson, Tristan.

He was four months old at the time, struggling in his mother's arms as he reaches for his father, whose body lies in an open casket.

On Thursday, an Alachua County judge sentenced Willie James Hudson to 30 years in prison for the July 2, 2003, shooting deaths of Gainesville resident John Adkins, 28, and Kevin Harris, Harris-Mitchell's eldest son.

Through three court trials — two of which ended without a verdict — prosecutors maintained that Kevin Harris, 29, climbed into Hudson's car to buy cocaine from Adkins, the driver. Hudson, who was in the backseat, attempted to rob Harris of approximately \$8,000 in drug money, but when his intended victim fought back, Hudson, 30, shot Harris to death.

During the struggle, Adkins was killed when a stray bullet hit him in the back of the head.

Although pleased that the trial has finally concluded, Harris-Mitchell said she and her family are still coping with their loss and memories of Kevin Harris' violent end.

Eyvette Harris, 35, was five months pregnant when her daughter ran into their home screaming about her uncle's death.

"I told her to shut up, don't say that," Eyvette Harris said. "But she said, 'Mama, it's for real,' and I could tell by the look in her eyes that she was serious."

The girl, 9-year-old Rey'jean Harris, had been playing along a neighborhood street when a silver Buick sped by and crashed into a nearby house. Inside the car, draped over the center console, was the body of her uncle.

When Eyvette Harris arrived at the Northeast Fifth Avenue address, she could only watch as police examined Kevin Harris' body.

"I could see my brother's leg hanging out, and I thought they weren't helping him," Eyvette Harris

said. "I didn't know he was dead."

Blocked by yellow crime scene tape and unable to reach her brother, Eyvette Harris struggled with police officers and started having contractions. Her baby, named for Kevin Harris, was born two months later, eight weeks premature, and died from labor complications.

A day after a jury found Hudson guilty, Eyvette Harris sat in her living room in an apartment located off Northeast Eighth Avenue. Her neighborhood, located in what is commonly known as the Gainesville "projects," is a close-knit community where old folks wave from front porches and children scramble to the street with money for the ice-cream truck.

Wrapped in a bathrobe, Eyvette Harris was sleepy-eyed but eager to talk about her brother.

"I was telling him that for every criminal job, there's a legal job to do it. I told him, 'If you really want to be a drug dealer, maybe we can get you into Santa Fe [Community College], and you could become a pharmacist,' and we'd laugh."

Eyvette Harris
Kevin Harris' sister

During his life, Kevin Harris faced charges of grand theft, battery and possession of cocaine, according to Alachua County records.

However, Eyvette Harris said her brother's criminal history fails to depict his true character.

Though she readily admitted Kevin Harris sold drugs for a living, she said he was a good person.

"I was telling him that for every criminal job, there's a legal job to do it," she said, smiling. "I told him, 'If you really want to be a drug dealer, maybe we can get you into Santa Fe [Community College], and you could become a pharmacist,' and we'd laugh."

Eyvette Harris said her brother helped house friends when they were evicted and footed their electric bills and jail bonds when they were short on cash. He spoiled

his nephews and nieces and the children of the neighborhood with pocket money and small gifts.

"He never had nothing to stay out of jail; he had no responsibilities as far as a house, paying bills — none of that stuff," Eyvette Harris said. "All he did was spend his drug money on other people."

But Kevin Harris' carefree nature changed in March 2003 when his girlfriend, Kimbree Anderson, gave birth to the couple's only child, Tristan Anderson-Harris.

It was Tristan's birth that convinced Kevin Harris to give up dealing drugs, Eyvette Harris said.

At the time, however, he was facing drug-related criminal charges and a possible prison sentence. Believing he needed a private attorney to win his case, Kevin told his family he would complete one more drug deal so he could afford the lawyer before "retiring."

"I kept saying, 'You ain't tired of going to jail? You're not good at what you're doing. Your job ain't working — you keep getting caught,'" Eyvette Harris said. "But he said, 'I got a son now.'"

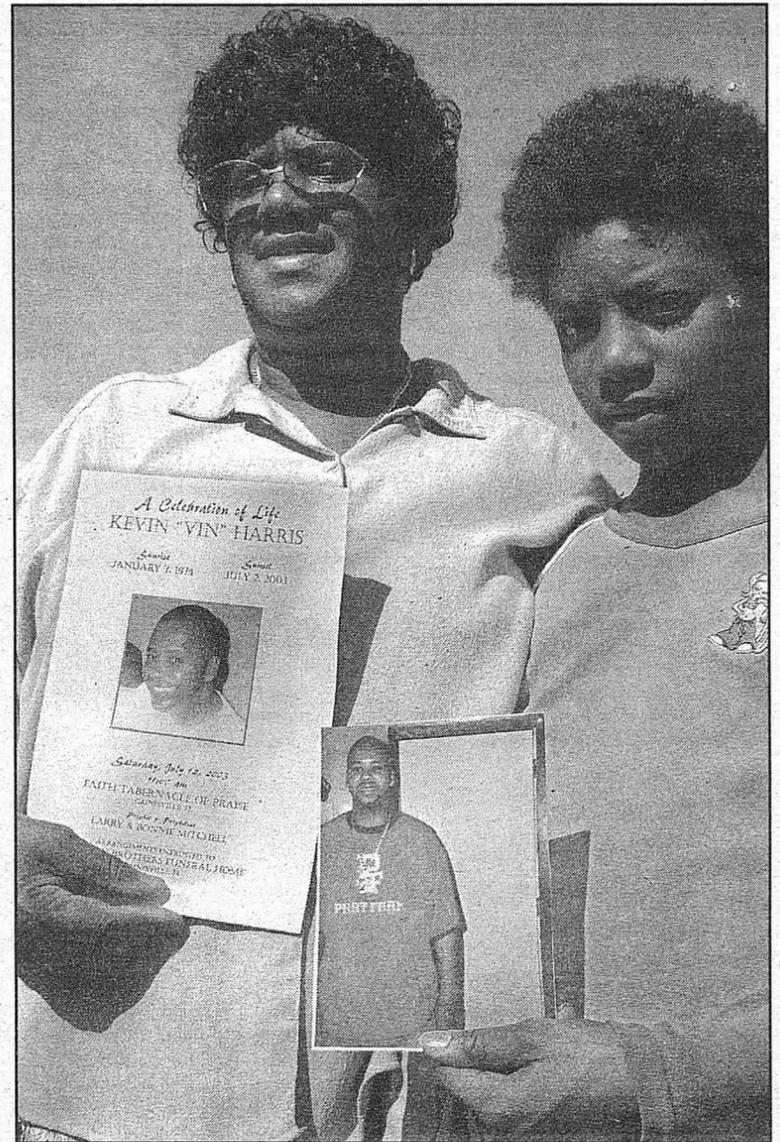
Harris-Mitchell still lives on the road where her son was killed. She remembers Kevin Harris as the joker in the family, the one who could always make you laugh. He enjoyed fishing trips with his family and wore army fatigues almost every day of his adult life.

"It wasn't like he was a gangster, walking up and down the street — that's not how Kevin should be portrayed at all," Harris-Mitchell said. "Kevin was a nice person. He'd give you the shirt off his back."

Originally from Philadelphia, Harris-Mitchell moved her three children to Florida in 1980, leaving behind memories of domestic abuse and her husband's violent death.

"Alcohol used to tell my daddy my mama was cheating," Eyvette Harris said.

Wielding mops and brooms, she and her brothers would hit their father to keep him from hurting Harris-Mitchell when they were children. At one point, when her father was beating her mother into a corner, Eyvette Harris managed to drag a shotgun out from a bedroom, and as Kevin Harris propped up the gun's barrel, Eyvette Harris took a shot at her father. She was nine.



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Standing near the site where he was killed, Kevin Miller's mother, Barbara Harris-Mitchell, and niece hold photos honoring his life.

Beal Butler managed to escape death that night, but six years later, Kevin Harris' half-brother, Calvin, stabbed Butler to death, also while defending his mother.

Because Butler died when Kevin Harris was a child, he didn't have much of a father growing up. As a result, he was determined to be there for Tristan and promised to stop dealing drugs, Eyvette Harris said.

"It meant something when he had a son, to be a father — it changed his life," she said. "It was the first positive moment in which I saw my brother was really trying to change ... He didn't have to die.

Willie did not have to play God."

As strains from an ice cream truck melody seeped into the room, Eyvette Harris sat on the edge of her fuchsia sofa, leafing through a copy of the program she put together for her brother's funeral. On the back of each pamphlet is a picture of Kevin Harris at the beach, fishing. Linda Jo Jackson's poem "I am Free" is printed on the ocean waves.

"He was easy-going, he was gentle, he never said goodbye — he'd always say 'I'll holla' at 'ya later,'" Eyvette Harris said, smiling. "He'd always say, 'Goodbye is permanent — I ain't going nowhere.'"

UF resource center open to all students with disabilities

■ THERE MAY BE AT LEAST 1,000 STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING SPECIAL-NEEDS AID.

By CRYSTAL HENRY

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When Brooke Nelms sits down for dinner, she has to make sure she has the next three to four hours free.

Nelms, a graduating senior at UF, was diagnosed two weeks ago with an inflammatory bowel disease known as Crohn's disease, which she said causes her to have to use the restroom eight or nine times after she eats anything.

"I can't eat dairy, raw vegetables, tomato paste, large amounts of protein, highly refined carbs, caffeine, sugar or alcohol," Nelms said. "So basically, no eating or drinking at all."

Nelms said she is living on a diet of Sunny Delight because tests run last week involved drinking three Dixie cups of barium, so doctors could see if she had a blockage in her intestines.

Rick Nelson, the program assistant for the Disability Resources Center at UF, said Nelms is a perfect candidate for help from the university.

She got out of the hospital the day before school started this semester, and she has missed so many Spanish classes that she will automatically lose 10 percent of her participation grade.

"I really want to go to class, but some days it's impossible," she said. "I'd have to get up and go to the bathroom so much I wouldn't be in there long enough to learn anything anyway."

Nelson said he wishes students like Nelms would come to the center early in their academic career because although 1,400 students are registered for help, he believes there are at least 2,500 to 3,000 students who need help and are not registered.

"I think the problem is that these students don't know about us," he said. "And then there are some brave students who just don't want to ask for help and try to go it alone."

Nelms said she was not aware there was anyone on campus who could help her.

She said she could have graduated with her bachelor's degree in political science in December, but because she was in the hospital during an exam last Spring, she failed the class. She could not register for her Fall classes on time.

Nelson said he could have helped Nelms if she had come to him earlier in her academic career and would try to help her if she would come to the center.

He said the program helps students with all disabilities. If a blind person needs to take a multiple-choice test, the program will provide someone to read the test aloud, he said.

If a student in a wheelchair has a class in a building on campus without wheelchair access, they will move the class to a building that has it, he said.

Nelson said in cases like Nelms', the program informs a student's teachers that he or she needs to be excused from classes or tests. Nelson said the excuse is not meant to be a crutch but is meant to relieve the student's stress.

"We're just waiting to help our students," Nelson said.

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HUGE 1& 2BR * Pool
Skylights * 1.5 miles to UF
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Living it up!! Luxury style!!
1 & 2 BR, Private patios, walking
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DEAL OF A LIFETIME!!!
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★Sorority Row Area★
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31-2

★8 Blocks to UF★
Huge 2BR/1BA apt. Best deal in town.
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Furnished Living Area
W/D, Pool \$405/mo
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preferred. Lease option. Furnish option.
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\$1250/mo 4-8-11-2

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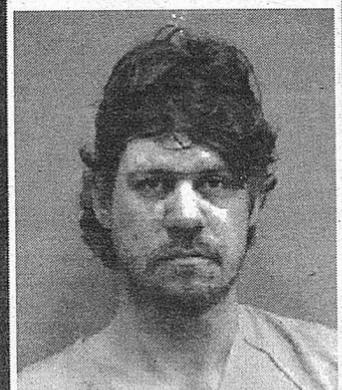
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White Male
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Free Cable w/ HBO/Sho, Tan, 24 hr gym,
Aerobics, W/D, Gated, Pet Friendly, Alarms
The Laurels, 335-4455

4-20-16-2

LARGE 1BR APT Hardwood floors, ceiling fans, new appliances & upgrades. Beautiful wooded lot. Close to shopping & UF. Water, sewer included. \$395/mo. Call 352-373-5295 4-8-7-2

DUCKPOND AREA HOUSE Avail Aug 1st. Large 4BR/2.5BA, W/D, hardwood floors, fireplace, glassed in porch, util bldg, etc. Bike to campus. \$1400/mo, \$350/per person. 1st, last, dep. 352-466-0165 4-13-10-2

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Call 386-365-7105 or 365-7822 email: unstable-ping@hotmail.com 4-13-10-2

1BR 1BA 1Blk to UF!
1218 SW 3rd Avenue
Wood Floors, Window A/C, \$400/mo
Call Merrill Management Inc. 372-1494 4-7-5-2

2BR 1BA Apts 1 Block to UF
New Carpet, Window A/C, Nat Gas Ht
1210 SW 3rd Avenue \$540/mo
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3BR 1BA Home with wood floors
Central H & Air, Washer/Dryer Hkups
1100 sq.ft. \$725/mo, Off NE 16th Ave.
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Management Inc. 372-1494 4-7-5-2

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Central H & Air, Carpet, Inclds
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1. Room Studio, with full kitchen.
\$450/mo Across from Stadium. Newly
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Great Location. Avail in May.
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2BR 1BA \$595 1953 NW 31st Pl.
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Absolutely perfect 3BR/2BA in Millhopper.
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Adorable 2BR/1.5BA cottage on bus line.
W/D hkups. No dogs. 2943 NW 6th St. \$640/
mo. 215-7199 4-20-14-2

DUCKPOND

Historic house, hd wd flrs, lg front porch, lots
of charm. Studio & 1BR avail. 306 NE 6th St.
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LIVE IN THE DUCKPOND!

Avail May 1 or 2 BRs in 3BR/1BA house.
Quiet street. MUST LOVE DOGS. Lease
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3 Subleases

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4-6-3-3

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3 Subleases

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5-3

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CAMPUS LODGE APT for sublease May
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4 Roommates

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cious 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 4-20-38-4

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Norman Hall/hospital/buses for city/UF.
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4-5-20-4

Avail May 2 rooms in lg house, 1 blk from
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UF sisters share bond beyond running

By **CHUCK BAER**
Alligator Writer

Ask any athlete about her teammates, and she'll tell you that they are nearly as close as her family. For three members of the UF track and field team, their teammates literally are their family.

Carling, Charlie and Shea Cookerly aren't just teammates — they're sisters.

Carling, a 21-year-old senior, became the first to start running competitively when she joined the track team in her freshman year of high school.

"I had some friends going out for it, so I thought I'd try it too," Carling said.

She enjoyed the sport enough to encourage her sisters to join the team with her when they started high school.

"She came out and ran track," said Shea, a 19-year-old sophomore. "She did pretty well and told us that she wanted us to come out for cross country the next year, so Charlie and I just got into it. We kind of fell into it."

The three attended Pine View High School, which did not have any sports, and competed together at Riverview High School, both in Sarasota.

"A lot of people from Pine View were actually on the cross country and track teams at Riverview," Carling said.

"It was nice," said Charlie, a 20-year-old junior. "We met a lot of people. We knew both schools pretty well."

Charlie and Shea were all-area runners, while Carling was named runner of the year in 1999 and 2000 by the Sarasota Herald Tribune.

"I guess when you have three you get noticed no matter what you do," Carling said. "It's kind of unusual to have so many people from one family on a team."

When Carling graduated, running in college wasn't high on her

list of priorities.

"I actually thought I could never run for the University of Florida," she said. "I wasn't even looking here, but [former cross country assistant coach J.J. Clark] contacted me. I loved it here after the recruiting trip."

Carling wasted no time establishing herself at UF. She competed in 11 meets her freshman year, placing 10th in the 5,000-meter run at the SEC Indoor Championships and 11th in the 10,000-meter in the SEC Outdoor Championships.

When Charlie came to UF the next fall, it was only natural that she would join her sister on the track.

"I like to run a lot," she said. "I enjoy doing it, so I thought I would continue trying it."

"They're definitely typical sisters. They'll have a little snip at each other and five minutes later they're back hugging."

Sylvia Kamp

Charlie redshirted her first year and in 2004 competed in two indoor and two outdoor meets.

The youngest of the three, Shea, initially resisted joining her sisters, waiting until the summer before starting college before deciding to compete.

"I saw how much fun they were having," Shea said. "I thought it would be a good fit."

Carling and Charlie usually run the 10k, which Carling won at the Florida Relays on March 24. Charlie took fourth.

"Very rarely does someone come in and think they're going to be a 10k-er," said Carling. "My freshman year, I ran it twice and I'm not sure what I thought of it the first time, but it's probably my favorite race. It seems to best suit the way I run."

Last Thursday's race was only the second 10k on the track for Charlie, who normally runs the 5k.

"I don't have very much speed," she said with a laugh. "I like the longer distance better."

Shea competes in the 5k, which she sees as a way to balance her

speed and endurance.

"I'm not fast enough for the shorter events and not quite ready for the longer ones," she said.

The sisters also differ on which sport is better. Shea prefers the standard times that come with running on a flat 400-meter track, while Charlie likes the variations in times from a hilly cross country course.

Carling likes different elements of each sport.

"I like racing on the track," she said. "But I like the small team of cross country."

Being sisters as well as teammates gives the three an advantage other teammates don't have. The Cookerlys spend the summer training together, running workouts that include tempo runs and speed

drills on some days, and easy workouts on others. Of course, an "easy" workout is a 13-mile run.

"Most of the team is usually jealous that we have training partners in the offseason," Carling said.

Assistant coach Sylvia Kamp describes the girls as great role models both on and off the field.

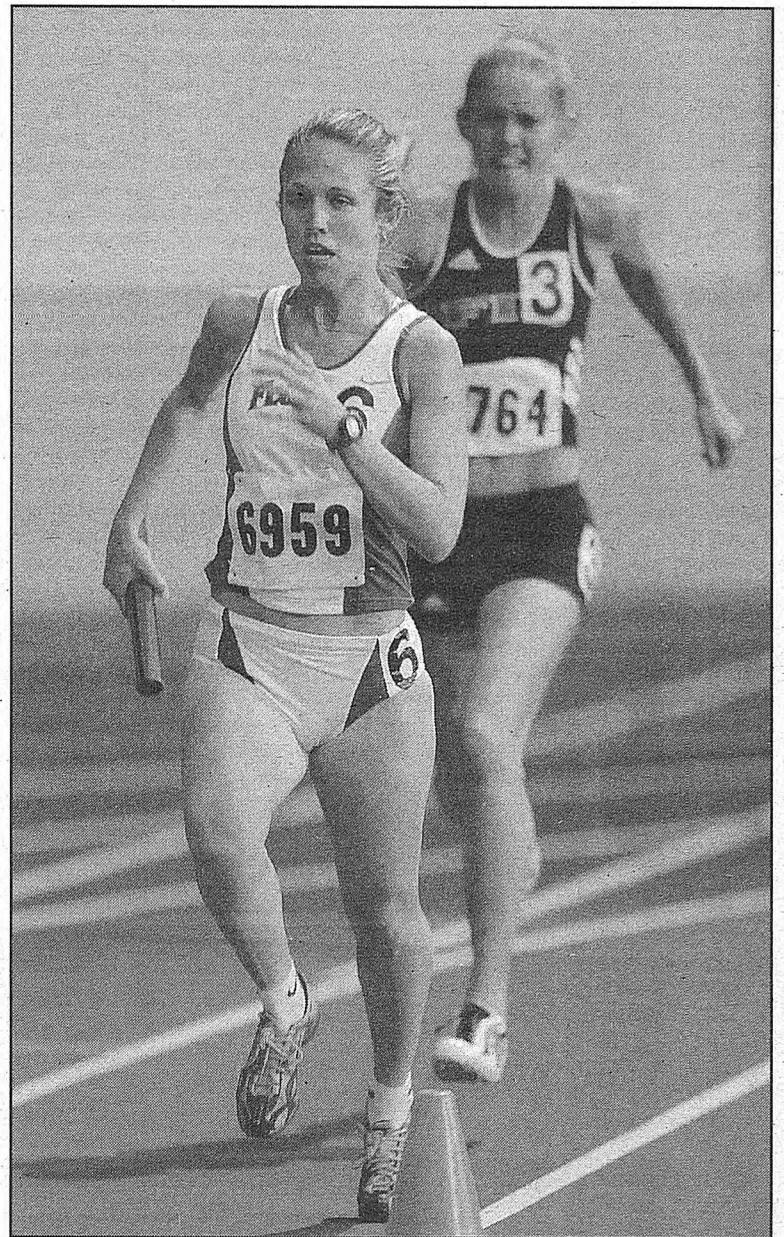
"They're not the most outspoken leaders," Kamp said. "But they lead real well by example. They're the biggest sweethearts. They'll do anything for the team, whether it's going running with a teammate at 6 a.m. or taking someone to the doctor or going shopping."

Coach Kamp is quick to point out that however dedicated they are to the team, the trio are sisters first.

"They're definitely typical sisters," she said. "They'll have a little snip at each other and five minutes later they're back hugging."

Carling, Charlie and Shea aren't the only runners in the family. Their younger sister, Channing, a high school junior, runs track and cross country for Riverview.

This season will be the last season that the three Cookerly sisters will be on the same team. Carling,



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Sisters Carling (above), Charlie and Shea Cookerly have been long-distance runners since their days at Pine View High in Sarasota.

an accounting major, graduates this year, and has a job waiting in the finance department of IBM.

"I'll always run," she said, "but I don't know how serious I'll be. I'll probably train for a while before I start racing again."

For Charlie and Shea, it isn't just

their sister graduating. It's also a teammate and leader leaving.

"I'm going to miss her," said Charlie. "We have a couple seniors that will be on the team next year; we'll have to work with the juniors and the sophomores to help out the freshmen."

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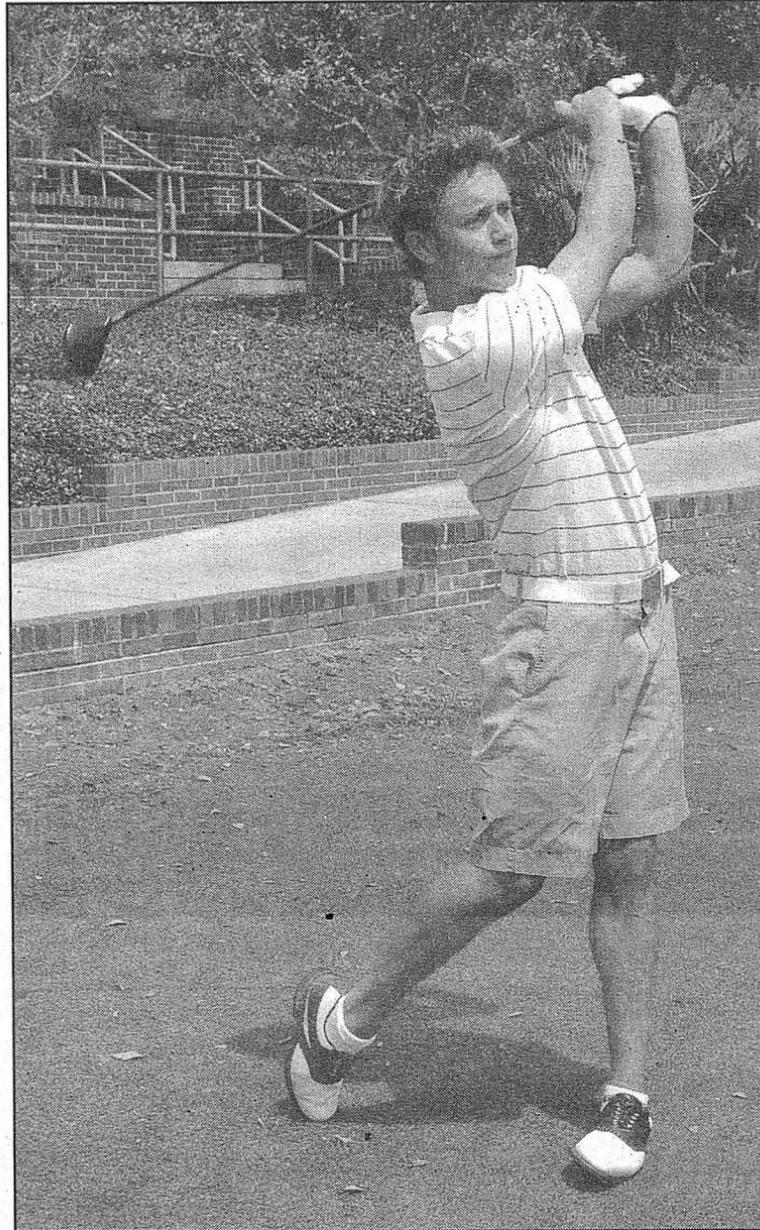
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Bum Thumb

Golfer overcomes misdiagnosed tendon injury

By NICK ZACCARDI
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Richard Treis has become a valuable UF men's golf player despite missing the 2003-04 season at North Carolina with a thumb injury.

In the 2001-02 North Carolina media guide, Richard Treis stated bluntly why he chose the Tar Heels.

"Because there is no better place," the then-sophomore said.

More than three years later, the best place for Treis is UF.

The golfer battled an international transition, a career-threatening injury and a post-graduation transfer on his way through a roller-coaster ride of a collegiate golf career.

But now Treis has found stability as one of the horses in Coach Buddy Alexander's stable.

While his numbers — a 73.77 scoring average and three top-20 finishes — won't earn him accolades, the redshirt senior represents a reliable component of the No. 6 Gators.

"He's been a very pleasant surprise for our team and consistent," junior Matt Every said.

"He's pretty much all we could ask for and a little more. By the end of the week, he's going to be in the top 20 and we can rely on him and bank on him for that."

As a junior golfer, Treis consistently cashed in on top-five finishes.

Over his three years at Chapel Hill, Treis became a regular member of the UNC rotation, including playing in every tournament in the spring of 2003.

That semester, Treis finally met adversity on his 23rd birthday, when he nearly blew out the candles on his golf career.

Playing in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference Individual Championship on April 18, 2003, Treis turned in a life-altering even-par effort.

On his sixth hole in rainy conditions, Treis injured his left thumb while swinging but kept playing.

"I was playing well at the time, which is why I continued to play," he said.

Continuing to play provided bittersweet returns for the German.

Treis fired consecutive rounds under par and edged Wake Forest's Bill Haas by two strokes for the improbable victory.

But what initially was thought to be a sprain was later diagnosed as a stretched tendon and then a torn tendon.

"We did X-rays and didn't see anything, so we kind

of got fooled," Treis said. "Maybe in hindsight I should have taken it easier. It was just that I was playing well and I wanted to play."

After playing at Regionals and the NCAA Championships, Treis rehabilitated what he thought was a stretched tendon.

But workouts designed to strengthen the tendon did nothing for the tear and kept Treis at a standstill during the 2003-04 season.

Treis spent much of his 14 months off the course earning his degree in business administration and economics. But UNC did not offer the landscape architecture masters program he wanted.

Treis wasn't ready to call it quits with an extra year of eligibility gained from a medical redshirt, so he weighed his options and chose the best opportunity to make it back on the course.

"There were a few other choices out there but in the end it was a pretty easy decision to go to Florida," Treis said. "The other [choices], I tell you, they were up north and for golf, that's a bad choice anytime. If you can't play half the year, that's not going to help your game. And I wanted to keep improving my game."

It didn't take much to convince Alexander, who had little scholarship money available, to take a chance on the injured player.

"It was a very low risk for me other than the fact that his former coach said that, 'To be honest, I don't know whether he'll ever play golf again,'" Alexander said.

As soon as Treis reached UF he began a different form of rehab, starting with chipping and putting and working his way up to tournament play.

After a couple of months, Treis returned to action at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, nearly a year and a half after injuring himself at UNC.

"I knew I needed the good support as well from the athletic department and from the training facilities and the trainers," Treis said. "I'm not sure that I would be able to play at this level right now if I'd gone upward somewhere north."

Over the next two months, Treis closes the last chapter of his fairy tale golf career — if he's finally ready to.

"For me, personally, I don't know what's going to happen after [the end of the season]," Treis said. "It's going to depend a little bit on how I play, and if I play exceptionally well, I may consider turning pro and go from there."

Whether it's toward the PGA Tour or the NCAA Championships, Alexander believes Treis will continue on the comeback trail.

"I don't think we've seen the best of Richard yet."

Dickey injures heel in baseball game Saturday

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"I think anytime you're an assistant coach your goal is to become a head coach, but like I said, my only job and concern is being here at the University of Florida," Holliday said. "Other than that I really have no comment on it."

BASEBALL INJURY: Quarterback Gavin Dickey, whom Meyer admitted would probably be Chris Leak's backup at this juncture, suffered a bruised heel during Saturday's baseball game against Kentucky. Meyer doesn't think the injury is serious.

Looking ahead to Saturday's Orange and Blue Game, it is not known whether Dickey will attend or

if he will travel with the baseball team to Georgia. Meyer will be happy to have Dickey full-time when the baseball season ends.

"I saw enough things on Saturday to know there's a role for him on this team," he said. "Obviously, I don't want to hear anything about baseball during two-a-days and summer workouts."

Williams: 'I'm so happy for myself, my family'

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— though no ending has been as sweet as this one.

"I'm just so happy for myself, my family," Williams said. "These seniors ... what they've been through for four years. They took me for a heck of a ride."

Luther Head led Illinois with 21 points. He had a wide-open look at a 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 17 seconds left, but it bounded off and Coach Bruce Weber's magical ride with the Illini wound up one win short of the real fairytale ending he hoped for.

His opponent, Williams, left Kansas to take over the Tar Heels two years ago, after the program Dean Smith built had faltered and fallen to 8-20. Williams took a ton of heat

for leaving Kansas after losing in the title game in 2003 — his fourth close call at the Final Four.

He defended the move, saying coming back to his alma mater had always been his dream. Then, this week, he dealt with a more familiar question: Did he need to win a title to call his career a success?

He told the story of Smith insisting he was no better a coach after he finally won one in 1982, but Williams conceded that answering that "same doggone question" did get a little annoying at times.

He finally broke through in a terrific game, the first meeting of the top two teams in the final Associated Press poll since 1975, when UCLA defeated Kentucky.

"For Coach to be able to say that the first team to get him a championship was the 2005 team is an honor," May said. "He'll win a few more before he's done."

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the field, May did what Paul Pierce, Raef LaFrentz, Nick Collison, Kirk Hinrich and so many other star players couldn't: win a title for Roy Williams.

You almost felt the collapse coming, like Williams' nightmare of Carmelo Anthony would be replaced by a recurring dream complete with a barrage of Luther Head and Deron Williams 3-pointers.

Call it the Ron Zook factor, but the Illini turned out to be just a tease.

Despite a nearly season-long flirtation with the No. 1 ranking, unexpected national respect and a great comeback, in the end, the line read: Roy Williams 1, Illinois 0.

Illinois, in its 100th NCAA season, remains the team with the most wins in NCAA Tournament history without a title. Williams' title of coach with the most Tournament wins without a title, suddenly disappears.

The team that just couldn't get it together, the team that fired Matt Doherty two years ago and still lost in the second round of last season's NCAA Tournament, the team that was forced to watch its hated neighbor Duke win three national titles while it won just one, can finally sleep a restful night.

And at least for this year, Illinois' only chance lies with Zook.

Meyer concerned about offensive shortcomings



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Former fullback Billy Latsko pursues wide receiver Andre Caldwell during practice. Latsko is one of the new linebackers who has impressed Coach Urban Meyer.

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It is the defense that excites Urban Meyer. It is the offense that he finds disappointing.

Following Monday's practice, Meyer found the defense to be on the rise, while the offense, particularly the offensive line, is not up to par.

Because the offensive line has no depth beyond the first team, the defense is far ahead. Even the first team line has issues — freshman Jim Tartt is starting at right guard, a troublesome development.

"At the University of Florida, freshmen shouldn't be playing on the offensive line," Meyer said. "What has happened is that there are some players in front of him that are not worth a darn right now."

Meyer would not only like to redshirt offensive linemen, but he wouldn't mind sitting them for another year until they're ready, either.

The problem goes beyond playing a freshman on the first team. According to Meyer, Tartt is struggling at the position, which means the entire offense falls apart.

"If one guy struggles on offense, it's a mess," Meyer said.

The positive is, of course, the defense. Defensive end Derrick Harvey has come on strong and the linebackers have stepped up as well. That includes oft-injured Todd McCullough, much-maligned Brian Crum and fullback-turned-linebacker Billy Latsko.

Since Earl Everett has been away tending to a family death and Brandon Siler has

battled a slight groin injury, the three have had a chance to shine.

McCullough, especially, stood out in Saturday's scrimmage.

"Todd McCullough has really been doing well," Meyer said. "He graded at a Champion effort in the scrimmage."

"If one guy struggles on offense, it's a mess."

Urban Meyer
UF football coach

While Meyer may boast an offensive mind, he has enjoyed seeing the defense most.

"I've been around some really good defenses and we're close," he said. "The emphasis on running to the ball, the effort — they're really starting to believe in each other. I really enjoy watching the defense."

NO HOLLIDAY AT MARSHALL?: Despite reports that Marshall's head coaching search could include UF safeties coach John "Doc" Holliday, the coach rebutted that possibility.

Holliday said he has not been asked to interview for the job vacated by the retirement of Bobby Pruett. The Huntington Herald-Dispatch also reported Marshall interim coach Larry Kueck, Ohio State defensive coordinator Mark Snyder and former Marshall coach Dave Roberts as possible candidates.

Holliday said he's satisfied with being part of Meyer's staff.

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

North Carolina tops Illini

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ST. LOUIS — Of course, there was no way it was going to be easy. North Carolina did it, though, and now it's time to stop asking Roy Williams that doggone question.

Sean May had 26 points and the Tar Heels didn't allow a basket over the final, excruciating 2 1/2 minutes Monday night to defeat Illinois 75-70, a win that finally gave Williams, the 17-year coaching veteran, the national championship that was missing from his otherwise stellar resume.

"I'm speechless," Williams said. "I usually talk my rear end off, but right now I'm speechless."

Freshman Marvin Williams had a tip-in with 1:26 left, Raymond Felton made three free throws down the stretch and the Tar Heels (33-4) won their first title since 1993, back when Dean Smith was coaching and Williams was at Kansas, in the middle of his Final Four futility.

"He is the greatest coach," Felton said. "If he retired tomorrow, I would vote for him for the Hall of Fame. He told us he would bring us a championship and we did it as a team."

Led by May's 10-of-11 shooting, UNC took a 65-55 lead with 8:51 left and it looked like Williams would win his 41st tournament game and first championship going away. But Illinois (37-2) never quits.

Forward Jack Ingram hit a pair of outside jumpers and Dee Brown scored six points as part of a 10-0 run that tied the game at 65 with 5 1/2 minutes left to set up a fantastic finish.

When it was over — after Felton had made his last two free throws, after May had cradled his 10th and final rebound — Williams took off his glasses and started looking for people to hug.

A few moments later, he was crying, much like he has at the end of every season

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Williams finally gets his title

Sean May became Bill Walton and in the process Roy Williams almost assured us he would outlive John Wooden.

Roy, finally winning the title that has eluded him for so long, has called off all suicide plans.

The North Carolina Tar Heels went from the nation's biggest underachievers to the ultimate winners on Monday.

And Roy Williams suddenly has a giant orangutan removed from his championship back.

After the game, Roy looked as relieved as he did drunken with happiness.

But Roy has plenty of reason to get drunk for the next month, because his near-collapse turned into jubilation.

Despite storming back from a 15-point deficit, Illinois proved that sometimes you just can't come back, especially when your opponent has more talent than some NBA



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rosters. It's almost unfair that North Carolina's sixth man, freshman Marvin Williams (one of the 27 Williamses in this game), will be a top-15 pick in next year's NBA Draft.

North Carolina's towel boy is considering a jump to the pros.

But there was one man who stood above the pack and made sure that Roy Williams stayed away from all sharp objects after the game.

With a Walton-like championship line of 26 points, 10 rebounds and 10 of 11 from

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ONLINE

■ UF swimmer Ryan Lochte finally met some competition while the UF men's golf team leads the Morris Williams Intercollegiate. Check out the stories at alligatorSports.org.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF senior and track athlete Cory Presnick has been awarded a 2004-05 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship worth \$7,500.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1947: UF pitcher Earl Stephens strikes out 18 Miami Hurricanes, the most strikeouts ever by a Gators pitcher. UF finished the season 14-15 and 2-6 in the Southeastern Conference.

INSIDE

■ Former UF star basketball player Matt Bonner got to the NBA the hard way. After a bout with salmonella poisoning in Sicily, Bonner overcame the odds and joined the professional ranks. See story, pg. 35.

Red Rocket-Man

Bonner now thriving in Toronto

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ORLANDO — His body drained of fluids, his temperature peaking at a dangerous 104.5 degrees, Matt Bonner was in trouble.

It would have been one thing to contract salmonella in America where a hospital bed and medical insurance could have pampered him. But in Messina, Sicily?

Bonner's mother Paula — along with her other son Luke — had coincidentally arrived in Sicily to visit Bonner when he fell sick.

So when his weight began plummeting, Mrs. Bonner asked her son's basketball team, Sicilia, for help. And they did — by sending a dentist who arrived to his apartment on a motorcycle smoking a cigarette.

He gave Bonner a number of shots, then purchased an IV packet at the local drug store. The dentist/doctor used a broomstick, a bedpost and the string from Bonner's hoops shorts to connect the IV. He used Bonner's shaving alcohol to help with the shots.

"In four days to lose 16 pounds, to have a fever of 104.5 at that age and to have a dentist, not a doctor, come — it was a little unnerving to say the least," Mrs. Bonner said.

Bonner eventually recovered, missing just one game and actually laughed off his sickness.

"That's just Matt," Mrs. Bonner said.

Master of deception

Bonner's mop of Alabama clay-colored hair screams something professional. Maybe a bank clerk or the owner of your local barbershop.

His cheery smile whispers something more ordinary. Perhaps a little league umpire or a janitor.

"When we looked at Matt Bonner we thought that he could be the guy next door or the guy in the movie 'Hoosiers,'" Toronto guard Jalen Rose said. "When you see him, that's what you think and that's what makes him likable."

But Matt Bonner has never been one to fit stereotypes. Not in Sicily. Not in Toronto, either, where Bonner is now a solid NBA forward.

In 2003, Bonner left the Gators a bona-fide do-it-all. His 3.96 GPA as a business administration graduate meshed with a UF basketball career that saw him average 15.2 points and 6.1 rebounds per game as a senior.

But despite Bonner's preparation in basketball and literacy, he slipped to No. 45 in the 2003 NBA Draft. He was traded on draft night — from the Chicago Bulls to the Toronto Raptors — for Tommy Smith, a virtual nobody. Then the Raptors politely told him to take a hike.

"They said, 'We don't really have a spot for you on the roster,'" Bonner recalls. "Go to Europe, play a year



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there and then we'll give you a contract when you get back."

And so, with nothing but a verbal guarantee from an organization younger than the player it was shipping, Bonner left for Sicily.

So far, so bad. But bad was just the beginning.

Lost in translation

Bonner could forget about the fact that none of Sicilia's players or coaches spoke English. He could manage living off paltry wages.

But halfway through the season, Sicilia filed for bankruptcy.

Sicilia stopped paying him. Bonner's heater broke. His apartment's tap spat cold water — only cold water. Bonner likely contracted salmonella because he couldn't wash his dishes in hot water. Even his electricity and satellite signal were cut on occasion.

"There were two eviction notices," Bonner said. "It was a pain in the butt."

So did Bonner leave the team like half of the players did?

"I was staying focused on getting better on the court," Bonner said. "My total focus was to make the NBA the next year."

Bonner toiled with Sicilia, averaging 19.2 points and 9.3 rebounds and holding out hope for

a future with the Raptors.

Making the pros (again)

Toronto promised Bonner a roster spot if he played in Europe for one season.

But during a tumultuous 33-49 2003-04 season, the Raptors fired general manager Glen Grunwald. Head coach Kevin O'Neill was axed at the season's end.

"I basically had to start from scratch and make the team," Bonner said.

**You look at him — he's a Red Sox fan,
a blue-collar guy, walks to practice every day —
he's not high maintenance.**

— Mo Peterson, Raptors guard

He still landed on the squad anyhow. Those close to him were not surprised.

"I thought he had NBA skill at the power forward position," said UF coach Billy Donovan, who coached Bonner during his days as a Gators player. "It's almost like he's a machine. He just works and he's focused and he does the same routine over and over."

Those who didn't know Bonner were a tad more skeptical.

"You look at him and you wouldn't think that he can play the game of basketball — there's the red hair and he's not the fastest guy," Raptors guard Mo Peterson said.

But all that doesn't matter if you can shoot. And boy, can Bonner shoot.

Being his own man

Bonner loves the elbows at the top of the paint. He gravitates to the left elbow during a pre-Orlando game shootaround.

There's nothing fancy about his stroke: just a little stutter step here, a baby hop there, ball cocks perpendicular to his head — but the results.

Swish.
Swish.
Swish.
Then four more, making for a total of seven consecutive

made shots from that lovable left elbow.

"It's not about being different," Toronto forward Chris Bosh said. "It's about being able to play basketball, and Matt can play. Everyone knows he can shoot the basketball. I think if he can keep shooting the ball, he can make it in the league for a long time."

Bonner began logging playing time for the Raptors from the onset of the 2004-05 season. He wouldn't dominate the ball, but if opponents left him open, he would fire.

At one point, Bonner led the NBA with a field goal percentage

above 60 percent.

The only thing more striking than that statistic is the way Bonner has lived his NBA life.

Toronto's Rafer Alston, also known as "Skip to My Lou," his AND 1 moniker, could qualify as Bonner's polar opposite, a spokesperson for the NBA culture. But even Alston can't discriminate against a teammate who says he has yet to club with his teammates.

"I don't know if he likes techno dancing or things like that, but we have to find out what kind of place he would like to go to," Alston said. "We don't mind hanging out with Matt cause he's a fun guy."

Maybe Bonner stays in because he doesn't have a car.

Instead he walks — yes, walks — to every home practice and game. Sometimes Bonner frequents the pricier of restaurants on the way there. Places like Mr. Sub and Subway.

"You look at him — he's a Red Sox fan, a blue-collar guy, walks to practice every day — he's not high maintenance," Peterson said. "He comes into practice, punches in and goes back home."

And on the way to work Bonner encounters his very own fans, who call him the Red Rocket.

"The fans go crazy for some reason," Bonner said. "It's a hockey town and they love when someone comes in and works hard."

The rap on Bonner's future

Bonner has scored 10 points or more 23 times this season.

He's drained 36 threes, 34 of those within the last three months.

And Bonner's field-goal percentage of 54.6 percent? That would be fourth behind Shaquille O'Neal, Amare Stoudamire and Yao Ming.

"Matt's a good kid, works good, plays hard and is very respectful," Toronto head coach Sam Mitchell said. "I wish there were more Matt Bonner guys in the NBA."

Bonner sees himself as a starter down the road. And Toronto's young nucleus of Bosh, Alston and Peterson looks to include Bonner in the future.

"That's up to Matt," Mitchell said. "If he works and continues to develop as a player, the sky's the limit. He can be whatever he wants to be."

Said Peterson: "He's put himself in a position where he's going to make a lot of money."

Something tells you he's not about the money. Even so, his financial troubles are likely over.

"How are we going to cut a guy that was leading the league in field goal percentage?" Mitchell said.

Of course, his shooting is no accident.

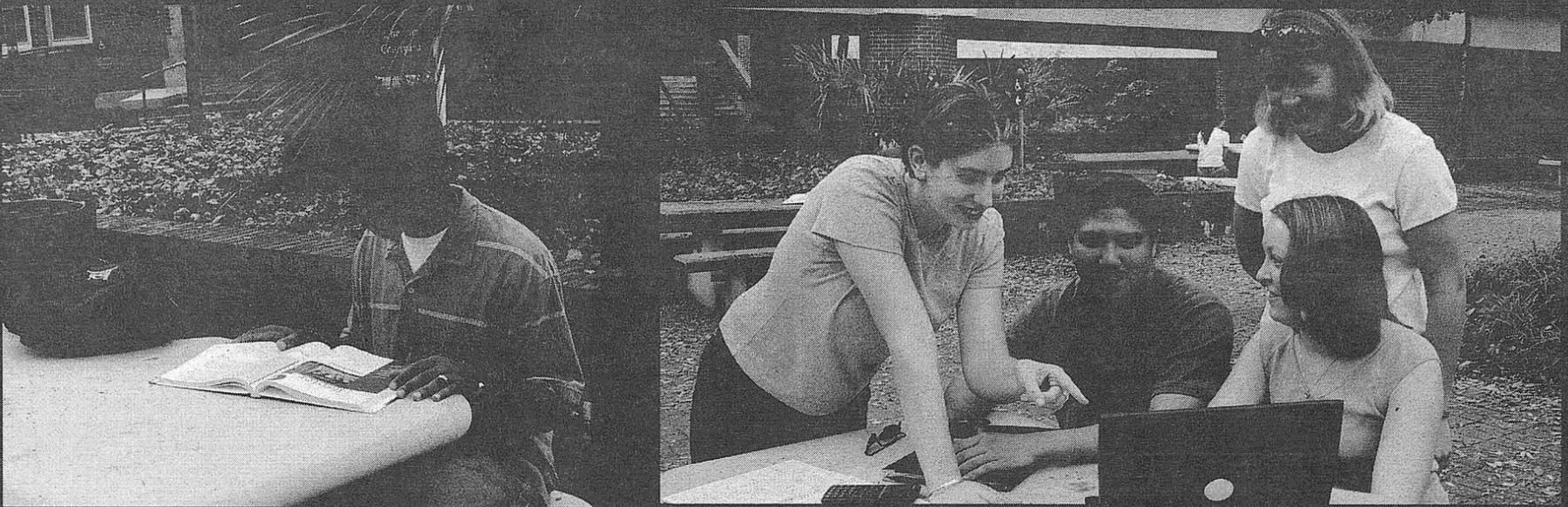
After nailing seven consecutive shots from the left elbow, Bonner trots in his own goofy way to the right.

At first he misses several uncontested jumpers — this is his own way of showing he is just Matt Bonner.

Then he casually hits eight consecutive shots — this is his own way of showing he is one healthy and soon-to-be millionaire Red Rocket.

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