



ADMINISTRATION

UF greenlights Israel program

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Despite a federal warning advising Americans to "defer travel to Israel," UF officials announced Monday that the university will offer a study-abroad program to the Middle East after a four-year hiatus.

The Israel program now serves as the exception to a UF rule that prohibits study abroad programs to countries with U.S. State Department travel warnings, said Lynn Frazier, associate director of the UF International Center.

In fact, the program was cancelled in 2001 when the warning was first issued. The warning has remained ever since.

Consistent student interest convinced UF administrators to resurrect the study-abroad option, UF Interim Provost Joe Glover said.

"We constantly get inquiries about it," he said, adding that several students have approached UF President Bernie Machen about lifting the ban.

UF now is part of a very small circle of American schools offering a study-abroad program to Israel, Frazier said.

Still, the move leaves questions over whether UF officially will change its policy.

Although Frazier said she couldn't comment on whether she supported an official UF program, administrators defended the suspension in the past by asserting that UF cannot send students into danger.

In a 2002 Alligator column, Dennis Jett, dean of the International Center, quoted the federal travel warning as evidence of that danger.

The current warning, revised last November, catalogues recent terrorist attacks and concludes that "the U.S. government has information indicating that American interests (in Israel) could be the focus of terrorist attacks."

However, many students attended universities in Israel during the program's suspension and were allowed to transfer their credits to UF.

"Students could and did regularly study in Israel," Glover said.

But because UF didn't work officially with those universities, students couldn't use financial aid, such as Bright Futures scholarships, to pay for their trips.

That system also forced students to enroll in programs on their own without knowing whether UF would accept their coursework, said Britt Tevis, UF Gators for Israel president.

Many students and alumni have contacted her to voice excitement over the decision, she said.

"The university has finally seen a new perspective in that Israel is actually a safe place to study and an amazing place to study," she said.

Tevis said she has been to Israel six times but has never studied there. Now that UF is reinstating a study-abroad program, she said she may participate.

The program will work with universities in Israel to offer UF students credit, Frazier said.

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Frazier



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Head in the sky

Artist and activist Sunny Taylor is watched by one of her projected paintings while speaking at the "Building a DisAbility Movement" Conference's "A Celebration of Beauty" Thursday in the Reitz Union.

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'Drunk' radio show suspended

■ THE DECISION FITS UF'S PLAN TO FIGHT ALCOHOL ABUSE.

By **DAVID COHEN**
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UF administration has dumped the keg of Gainesville's airwaves.

Broadcasts of the Cox Radio segment "Drunk Bitch Friday," an offshoot of the popular Lex and Terry program, have been suspended by UF officials in connection with the

university's plan to discourage student alcohol abuse.

Also stated as a reason for the suspension is the possibility of indecency violations for the Friday program under Federal Communications Commission guidelines.

"In light of the University of Florida's efforts to foster responsible social drinking and help reduce binge drinking and its serious side effects, Rock 104 and the University of Florida are reviewing with attorneys the content of Lex and

Terry's Friday show," said WRUF General Manager Larry Dankner, reading from a release.

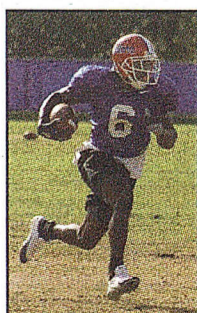
"We have currently suspended the Friday show pending the advice of our attorneys," he continued.

Lex and Terry will continue to broadcast Monday through Thursday without restrictions.

The contestants of "Drunk Bitch Friday" are driven into the show's Jacksonville studio Friday morning and their alcohol consumption is

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■ Wide receiver Jemelle Cornelius will be one of several explosive players to watch during the Orange and Blue Game taking place this Saturday. See story, pg. 22.

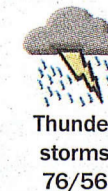


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Local and national celebrities have gotten in touch with their inner artists to benefit Hospice of North Central Florida. About 40 Gator Masks — decorated by musicians, sports figures and others — will be sold through a series of auctions during Viva! 2005: A Bayou Bash. See story, pg. 10.

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UPD, county aid victims

■ UNIVERSITY POLICE IS WORKING TO IMPROVE SENSITIVITY.

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While some sexual-assault victims at UF may feel more comfortable using Alachua County services, university officials want students to know there are options on campus.

"It really depends on the person," said Tanja van der Veen, University Police victim advocate. "People may feel more comfortable using services on campus because this is their home."

But often times, sexual-assault victims may perceive police officers as cold or standoffish when they're conducting an investigation, Alachua County victim advocate Laura Kalt said.

Van der Veen said some victims may have the wrong impression of police work because of TV shows.

After a sexual-assault call is made, for example, the first officer on the scene usually is there to confirm that a crime occurred.

Victims may feel "brushed aside" if they think they are supposed to tell the intimate details to the initial investigating officer, van der Veen said. It is the more experienced detectives that later do in-depth interviews with victims.

"The officer doesn't want the victim to go through all of the details multiple times," van der Veen said.

But the law-enforcement phase may not be the only traumatic process following a rape.

"I don't think it's the fault of any one entity in the system in general," van der Veen said. "I don't think blame can be laid anywhere for how people feel."

Van der Veen said the overall judicial process can be "re-victimizing" for sexual-assault victims because they may have to relive the incident.

Kalt points out that area labs don't test for so-called "date rape" drugs, such as rohypnol and ketamine, unless a victim files a complaint with police.

"There are things in the works to change that," UPD spokesman Joe Sharkey said, noting that "date rape" drugs leave a victim's system very quickly.

"We're working on a way where people can have the sexual-battery kit done and have it stored for 30 days," he said, adding UPD Police Chief Linda Stump was involved with a similar program at Purdue University.

UPD officials are discussing the program's feasibility with the Student Health Care Center and other advocacy groups, he said.

GAU to pick new provider

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UF graduate students may or may not graduate their health insurance next week.

A council opted Thursday to hold off making a decision about whether to keep graduate students' current contract with Scarborough Insurance.

Alternatively to severing the relationship with Scarborough, UF's insurance provider, graduate students may tinker with age brackets to see if students can use their allotted health-insurance money for other expenses.

Victor Romano, co-president of Graduate Assistants United, said the decision will come next Thursday.

"We're trying to find out whether we can find a plan where more graduates pay less for their health insurance," Romano said.

If the council decides to depart from the current plan, the change would stay in effect for one year beginning in August. The contract will then be re-evaluated for a longer term.

The Scarborough plan currently offers five different age brackets, with younger graduate students getting cheaper rates.

The council requested information to see if three or fewer age brackets would benefit more students.

"We decided we didn't have enough information to determine a deal," Romano said. "I'm glad they agreed to give us more information."

"We cost more and get less."

Michael Bowen

Graduate Assistants United co-president

UF administration offered better coverage last year in order to attract more quality graduate students. However, some have requested faculty insurance, arguing that since they teach, they should be treated as teachers.

The plan was adopted last August, when graduate assistants were granted a \$400 subsidy toward healthcare.

For that amount, Scarborough was their only choice, GAU Co-President Todd Reynolds said in March.

Compared to other institutions in Florida, UF's health-insurance coverage is good, said Michael Bowen, president of the Graduate Student Council.

But, he added, the plan isn't competitive with the Top 10 institutions UF strives to be like.

"We cost more and get less," he said.

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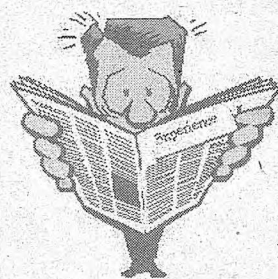
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A fixer-upper
Amy Kinsler and other youth group members work on the new Christian Campus House. The house, formerly the Hillel Center, continues to undergo renovations by its new owners.

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SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Extreme show today

By **SKYLER SMITH**
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When a former three-time X-Games competitor walked onto the Santa Fe Community College campus with an idea for a BMX show, he wanted to take it straight to the top.

"I just walked onto campus and asked to see the president," said Phil Hajal, a 28-year-old pro skateboarder. "It was a shot in the dark."

It turned out that Hajal was speaking to Student Government President Laura McCormick. When Hajal proposed having a skateboarding and BMX show at SFCC, McCormick agreed.

The result, the first-ever Rock 'n' Style Jam, takes place today and will feature Hajal along with pro skateboarders Sergie Ventura, Mike Frazier and Anthony Furlong, and BMX athletes Dave Brumlow and Tom Haugen.

All athletes will perform three 30-minute exhibition sets.

Hajal, who grew up in Ocala and now owns Fluid Skate Shop in Gainesville, said he has been all over the world doing skate shows but never participated in one from his home

area.

"It was something I've wanted to do for a long time," Hajal said.

The event will last from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at SFCC's northwest campus track field.

SFCC students will be admitted free. Admission for UF students and the general public will be \$5.

"I'm excited about this because we've never done anything like this before," McCormick said. "It'll attract a whole new crowd. It'll be an awesome show."

While spectators take in the extreme sports, four local bands will be playing - The Know How, The Worst, Ten13 Concept and headliners Hot Water Music.

SFCC Student Government and the Office of Student Leadership and Activities have already given \$13,000 in funding to the event, McCormick said.

The athletes are receiving compensation but not as much as they normally would for a show, Hajal said.

"I called in a bunch of favors," Hajal said, saying he personally spoke with the bands and the other athletes to bring them to Gainesville.

"It's something fun for everybody who goes to school," he added.

College of Law gets \$1.5M donation from alumni

By **NICK WEIDENMILLER**
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With a gift of \$1.5 million, UF Levin College of Law alumni John and Mary Lou Dasburg are giving more than just money back to the law school they attended.

They're giving the school a professor.

The John H. and Mary Lou Dasburg Professorship Fund is expected to "support a current or new faculty member in the area of corporate law, including national and international law relating to business transactions," according to a release.

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release.

"My wife and I consider our law-school experience as a key element in our intellectual growth and development," he said.

John Dasburg graduated from the college in 1973, and Mary Lou Dasburg graduated in 1980.

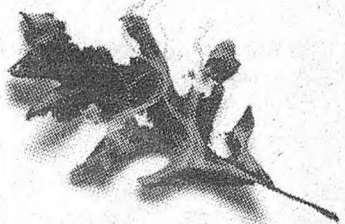
Besides money, John Dasburg has also donated time as a former member of the

Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, and as the current vice chairman of the Florida Board of Governors.

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GREEK LIFE

Rally to aid charity

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The Interfraternity Council will host "The Rally," the Orange and Blue Debut spring football game pep rally and the official student welcome for Coach Meyer, tonight.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. in the Reitz Union Amphitheater.

The UF band, Gators cheerleaders, team mascots Albert and Alberta and the Florida football coaching staff will be in attendance.

IFC Administrative Vice President Jeremy Martin said he hopes the event will give students the chance to really get to know Meyer.

"We're hoping this will be an

opportunity for Coach Meyer to learn about some of the traditions of UF football," Martin said.

Florida Blue Key and Student Government will be selling orange and blue wristbands for \$1 to students at the event.

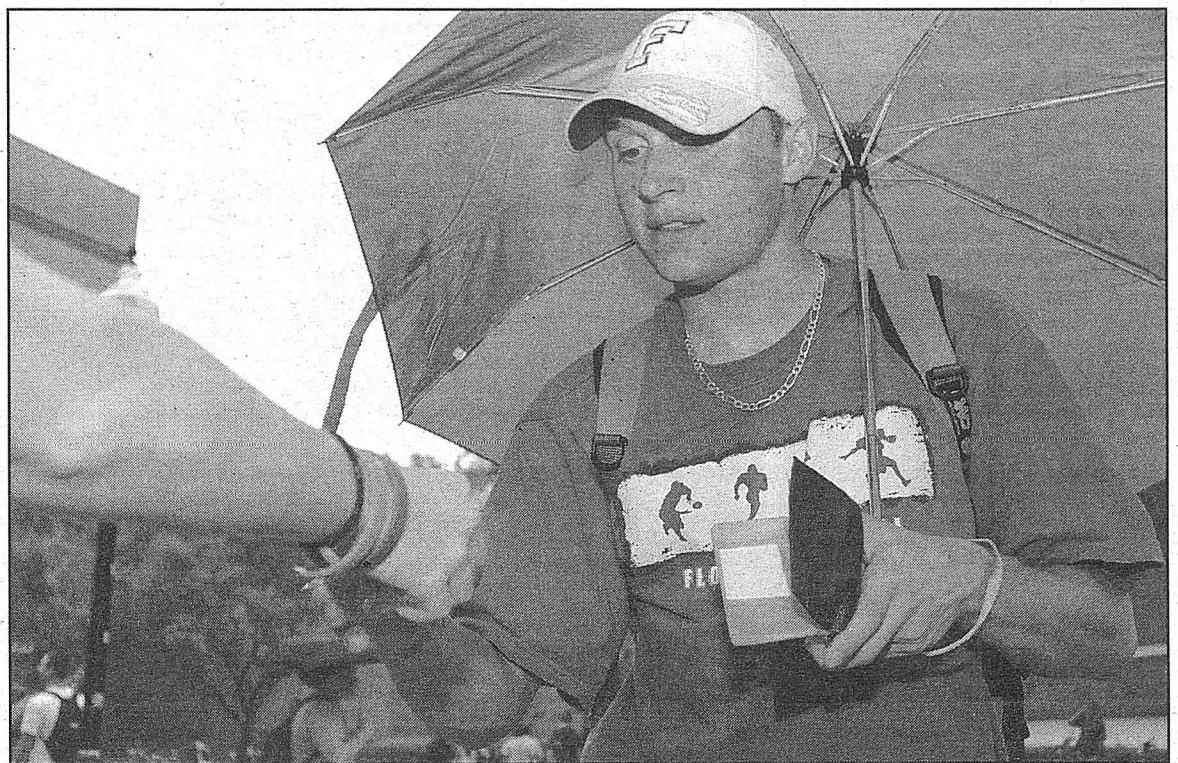
Proceeds from sales will go toward the Children's Miracle Network and Shands Hospital.

The colors of the bands also represent the different UF football lineups in Saturday's football game.

The losing team, along with their fans, will take part in a UF community-service event on April 16.

IFC president John Dicks said in the event of rain, "The Rally" will still take place.

"If it rains, we'll probably just rally in the [Reitz Union] Colonnade."



Jarrett Baker / Alligator

Jared Bradshaw purchases an orange spirit band at Turlington Plaza on Thursday afternoon. The bands, which cost \$1, are being sold by Student Government and Florida Blue Key through Friday.

UF FOOTBALL

Contest will allow students to name their Swamp area

■ THE VENTURE IS A COMBINED EFFORT OF URBAN MEYER AND SG.

By RYAN MOSS
Alligator Contributing Writer

The "Rowdy Reptile" student section at UF basketball games has been a hit. Now Urban Meyer wants the football student section to get its own catchy name.

Meyer joined forces with Student Government to hold a contest that will give

UF students a chance to name their section.

"I want the general student population at UF to feel like this is their football team," Meyer said. "We want all students to have ownership of the program and this is a step in that direction. We also want the rest of the country to know what we already know here in Gainesville — that we have the best student fans in the nation."

The contest begins Monday at 8 a.m. UF students with valid UFID numbers can submit their ideas on the UF Student

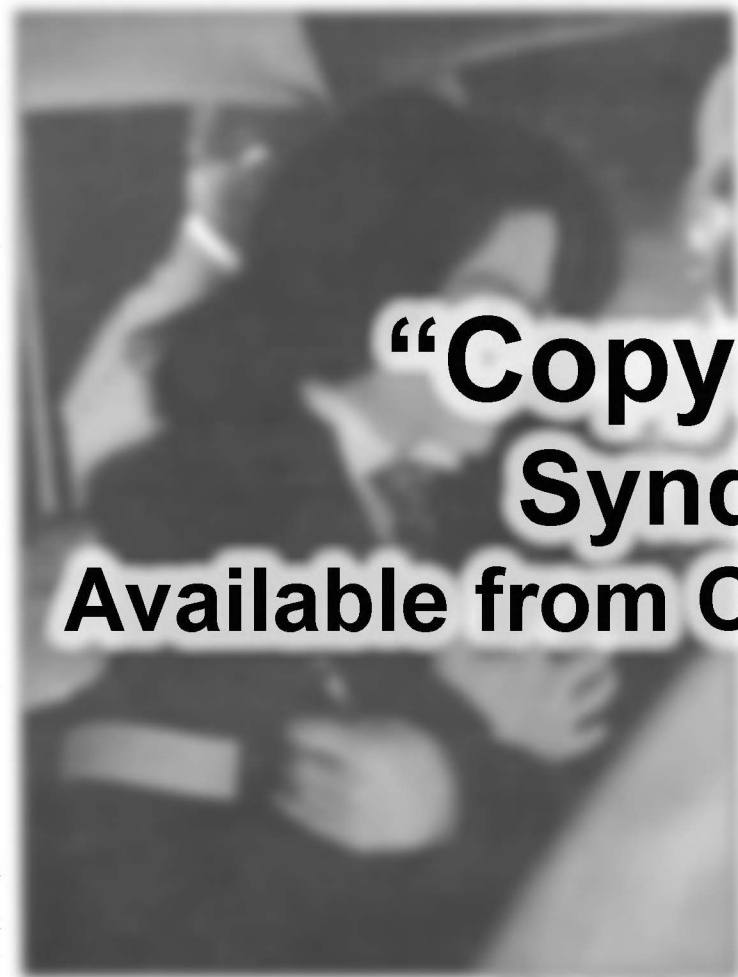
Government Web site at www.sg.ufl.edu/gatorfootball. Students have until April 14 at 4 p.m. to submit entries, with only one entry permitted per student.

"It is difficult to project how much participation we'll get, but I do think we will get a lot of participation because of the interest in Gator football," said Mike Hill, assistant athletics director for external affairs.

UF students will select a winner online from a pool of finalists April 18-22. The new name will be announced on April 25.

In addition to being able to take credit for naming the section, the winner will also receive a prize package that includes a football autographed by Meyer and two tickets and hotel accommodations to the 2005 UF-Georgia football game in Jacksonville.

"This is a great opportunity to be able to influence a tradition that will be attached to Gator football for years to come," Student Government Recreation Cabinet Director David Nigliazzo said.



Former maid, guard testify at trial

Former maid, guard testify at trial
 Takes hold of inappropriate touching of Ash by Jackson
 The woman who testified that she was the former maid of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. testified Thursday that she saw the doctor being touched inappropriately by a guard at the time of his assassination. The woman, who is now a witness in the trial of the man accused of shooting King, said she saw the guard touch King's arm and hand in a way that was inappropriate. The woman, who is now a witness in the trial of the man accused of shooting King, said she saw the guard touch King's arm and hand in a way that was inappropriate. The woman, who is now a witness in the trial of the man accused of shooting King, said she saw the guard touch King's arm and hand in a way that was inappropriate.

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Editorial

This time, we actually are feeling positive here in the Department of Darts and Laurels.

It isn't because of the lovely spring weather we've been having recently — though yesterday was particularly nice.

It's not because of that first teasing hint of football season known as the Orange and Blue Game.

It isn't even because Rep. Dennis Baxley has shown us that the Legislature cares so much about students' academic freedoms.

No, it's because there are only a couple more weeks left until we can go on vacation. It's not an easy job here, slaving over newspapers, Web sites and gossip columns so that we can decide what the most important news is and then make fun of it.

Plus, we hear that whole "not having class" thing is pretty nice.

So put those books away, pay that smart friend of yours to write that last 10-page paper for you and get ready to relax as we head on out to this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Starting off with the hope that we finally will be able to give those bad guys exactly what they deserve, we give a you'd-better-take-your-hands-off-of-me-and-my-lunch-money-you-dirty-thief **LAUREL** to the **Florida Legislature** for passing a bill that would allow Floridians to respond to threats to their lives with equal force — even to the point of drawing a gun on their attacker, if their life is in danger.

Opponents wonder if this will lead to even more violence now that residents can retaliate without fear of repercussion—and if this is just another example of the National Rifle Association flexing its political muscles—but they will come around once they see the benefits of an "eye for an eye" self-defense policy.

Instances of violent crime in Florida, which from now on will be known as "The Thunderdome," surely will decrease now that would-be muggers will have to wonder if that bulge under a potential mark's jacket is a cell phone or a magnum.

Because nothing puts us more in the giving mood than seeing other people, well, giving, we give a the-best-philanthropy-is-the-kind-that-gives-everyone-more-cool-toys-to-play-with **LAUREL** to a team of **MIT scientists and corporate sponsors** for starting the "one laptop per child" project, in which they plan to develop a fully functioning, Web-capable laptop that can be produced for \$100.

The human-interest element in this collaboration is all well and good — they plan to mass-produce these computers and sell them to governments so that someday all children will have one — but the most important thing is: They're going to make a laptop that only costs \$100.

It certainly won't be a high-performance machine, but imagine a future in which access to the world of multimedia and the Internet is cheaper than a pair of trendy jeans.

Because we have a policy of leaving everything relating to our school assignments to the last minute, we give a so-we're-academically-advanced-enough-to-be-the-flagship-Florida-university-but-you-can't-trust-us-to-teach-our-students-to-read-good **DART** to the **Board of Governors** for requiring UF to define and provide a means of measuring the knowledge and skills that students will obtain from their degrees.

The board members apparently are not convinced that universities actually are teaching students anything useful.

As a result, students may be required to take an exam before they graduate that will ascertain what they have learned.

The board is hopeful that this will work, because it has seen how fabulously well this idea has worked in the public school system, where the FCAT, the SAT and other tests have revolutionized how the state mismanages educational funding.

Besides, what student wouldn't want to take a last test before they had to go out into the working world and never take one again?

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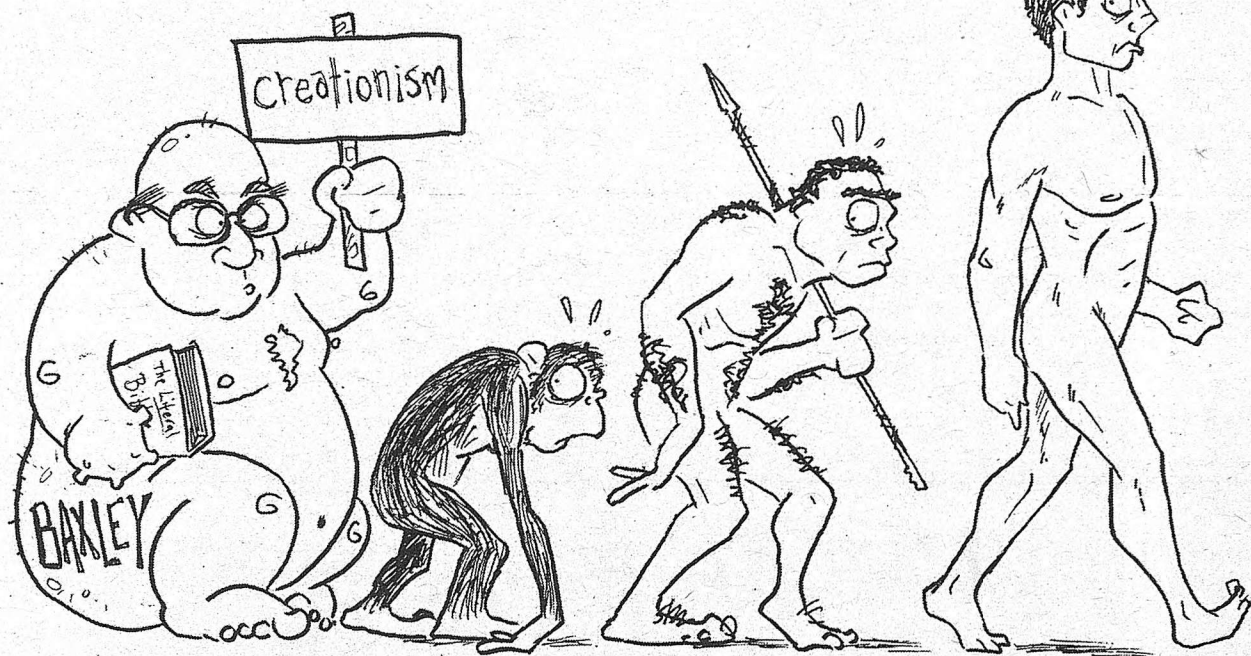
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Column

Who needs a topic? Not this columnist

This week, instead of writing about a single topic, I've decided to babble incoherently about all the random thoughts I've had lately. These are insights that in no way merit their own column but that I still want to put out there. I'm pretty sure I've seen at least four other writers do this, but screw them — I'm stealing it.

Backstreet Boys songs sound way better than they did five years ago. Seriously, I heard one the other day, and I had no desire to kill anything. It didn't give me headaches; I didn't even mind. Maybe it's because today's pop is so much worse. I call it "the Ashlee Simpson effect."

I think that without toilet paper, civilization would collapse. Think about it.

When was the last time you hopped somewhere? Not only is it faster than walking, but it's really fun. Try it around campus sometime. People may look at you like you're deranged, but it won't even matter.

"Don't worry about it" may be the most irritating phrase I've ever heard. About four of my friends use it, and it makes me want to claw their eyes out. I asked you a question; I want an answer, not inane advice.

Jennifer Connelly is the most underrated hot actress of this generation. She's not in Jessica Alba's category, but she's close. Google her right now and you'll understand.

Why do they sell so much insurance on late-night television? Do they really expect me to buy a life insurance plan between "Family Guy" and "Futurama?"

I never have heard anyone call World Wrestling Entertainment the "WWE." It's still the WWF to me, World Wildlife Fund be damned.

Speaking of wrestling, I saw WWF's Monday Night

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Reader response

Today's question: Are you staying in Gainesville for the summer?

Thursday's question: Should a student be allowed to sue if a professor "singles them out?"

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Raw at a sports bar the other day, and they had this Arab wrestler named Muhammed Hussein, or something like that. He comes out speaking Arabic, and the crowd boos and waves American flags. Does anyone else think this is a bad idea?

I had a great idea last night. I'm going to write a letter to everyone on the Forbes billionaire

list and ask for money. \$10,000 is like lunch money to those guys, so I think if I can amuse one of them, he or she might just send me a check.

Ever notice that people love to brag about disgusting things they have done? I personally would not boast about not having showered in eight days.

Somebody has my copy of "Super Troopers." If I could get that back, that would be great.

With Hunter S. Thompson gone, I think FOX News is the last bastion of gonzo journalism. Think about it: What is gonzo? Super-subjective journalism where the reporter cannot separate fact from his own opinion. FOX News is gonzo.

UF won't let me take Beginning Spanish 1 because I took Spanish in high school, but anyone can take MGF1106, which is like the basic algebra I learned in 9th grade. That makes sense.

Finally, Mitch Hedberg passed away last week, and I just wanted to acknowledge one of the most original comedians I've ever heard

Mitch, you'll be missed.

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

Letters to the Editor

Bill is common sense, not controversial

Editor: People are going crazy over Rep. Dennis Baxley's H-0837 bill regarding academic freedom.

I've read the bill over and over. I've also read the other statutes surrounding them from <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>. I can't understand where the hysterical ranting against this bill is coming from.

The bill simply lays out some additions to existing statutes that outline basic rights for students and faculty. This bill is as much for people who work for the university as it is for the students. What's so wrong with standing up for academic freedom on both sides?

What's sad is that it has to come to this and that we have to actually spell out what should be common sense. Read it line for line and tell me what's so outrageous about this bill.

Dan May
UF alumnus

really great job.

Conservatives such as Baxley have decided to ignore the beliefs of their constituents and instead attempt to push their antiquated minority "values" on those trying to adapt to the times. Republicans continue to push issues that the majority of Americans disagree with (see: Terry Schiavo, Social Security privatization, denial of rights for same-sex couples, etc.). Their control can't last too much longer.

I find it laughable that Baxley's so-called "Academic Freedom Bill of Rights," which he claims is intended to help and protect students, has met staunch opposition from students, including a resolution unanimously passed by the Student Senate denouncing the recently proposed bill. All he's managing to do with all this controversy is sway votes away from the right. For that, I thank him.

James Larson
4EG

only are my boys welcomed and included in basketball games or rounds of pool, but they even are mentored by the fraternity brothers while they are here. When I took the job of cook, I worried about childcare during my working hours. Instead, the brothers requested I bring my boys to work.

Please put the preconceptions aside and look for a little more good in the Greek system: It definitely is here at Phi Sigma Kappa.

Pat Arnold
Cook, Phi Sigma Kappa

opinion that differs from their own.

I don't understand how the Alligator gets away with this stuff. Look at its criticism of certain individuals in Student Government, for example. Imagine if The New York Times had an op-ed piece that criticized the Bush administration — they'd be shut down! And Andy Marlette? He must think he's some sort of editorial cartoonist. The nerve.

To help reform this publication and their strange ideas about freedom of speech, opinion and press, I'd like to suggest the following things: 1) Encourage more letters to the editor where the writer doesn't provide an alternate opinion or rebuttal, but instead just complains and whines that whatever offended them should never have been printed in the first place; 2) Take each issue to President Machen, Athletic Director Foley and the Student Senate for approval before distribution to ensure that there is no chance of anyone being offended; 3) Distribute custom editions of the paper to each student based on political ideology, religion, ethnicity, race, gender and sexual orientation to ensure that there's no chance of any group having to read opinions they disagree with.

If the Alligator follows these simple steps, I think we'll be well on our way to creating a world-class open forum of student expression to match the world-class, tolerant and diverse student body we have here at UF.

David Tarabocchia
7BA

Baxley does excellent work — for liberals

Editor: Although I have denounced Rep. Dennis Baxley in past letters to the editor, I finally have had a change of heart. As a liberal, I feel it is important for the conservative right to assist in promoting the liberal cause by showing how ludicrous and dangerous right-wing politicians can be. Baxley has been doing a

At least one fraternity deserves praises

Editor: Fraternities often are attacked instead of praised. Hopefully, this will help to change that. I am the cook at Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and I couldn't be more proud of these men.

I also am a therapeutic foster mom of two boys, who now have a second home here. Not

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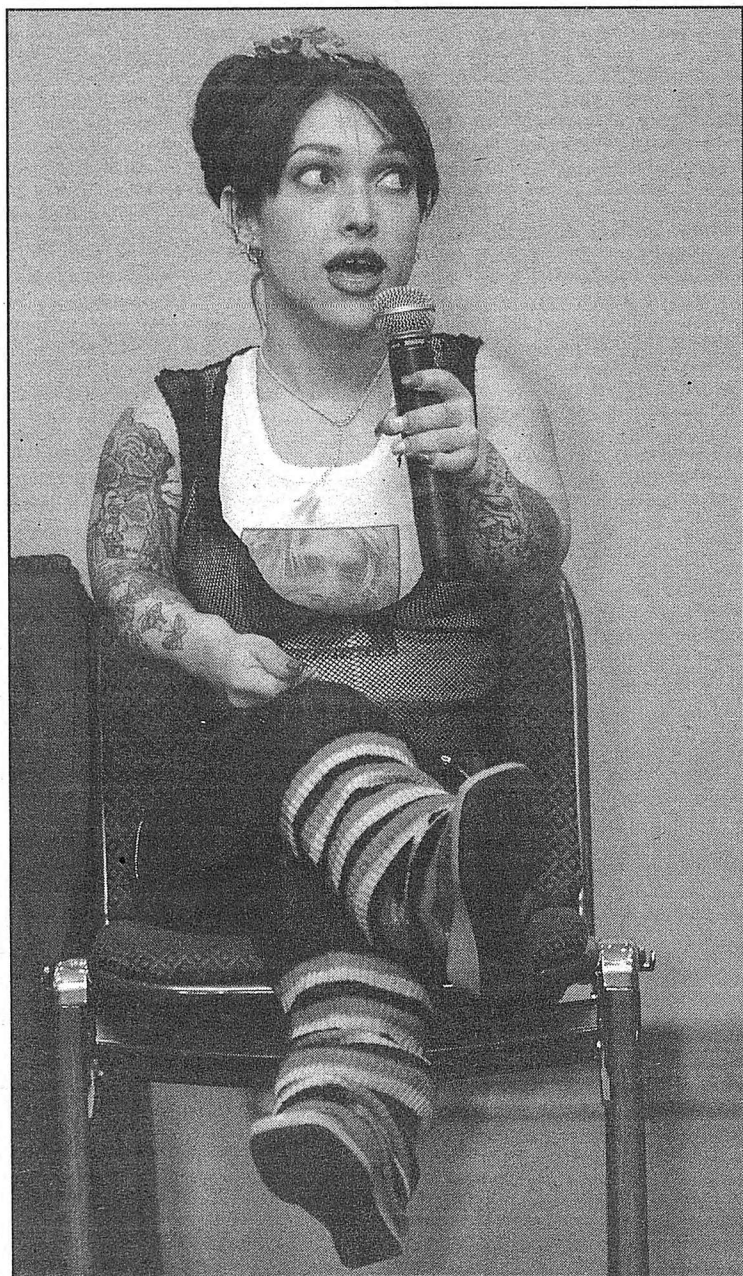
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ON CAMPUS

Porn debate discusses virtues of sex and disability

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Former porn star Bridget "the Midget" Powerz passed on perceptions of sex and disability in adult films to a lively audience.

The great porn debate continued at UF on Thursday night – sort of.

"I think we should all watch midget porn. It's fun," said Bethany Stevens, president of the Union of Students with Disabilities.

And with that attention-grabbing statement, Stevens introduced one of the more controversial speakers to visit UF.

Former porn star Bridget "the Midget" Powerz was the main attraction at the "Building a DisAbility Movement" conference in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Powerz was one of a number of speakers who discussed sexuality and disability in a blunt and, at times, brutally honest fashion.

"I did catch an STD (sexually transmitted disease) doing an adult film," Powerz said. "It was, I believe, chlamydia. For those of you not familiar, it is treatable if it's caught on time.

"I didn't want to die," she added.

Powerz's negative experiences in porn led her to leave the industry. She remains, however, an adult dancer, which she said earns her a lot of money.

"My left knee is crooked," she said, referencing her disability, "so that's why I always wear leg warmers when I'm on stage dancing."

Powerz said she believes her roles in mainstream films such as "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" and "SWAT" have given positive exposure for people with disabilities.

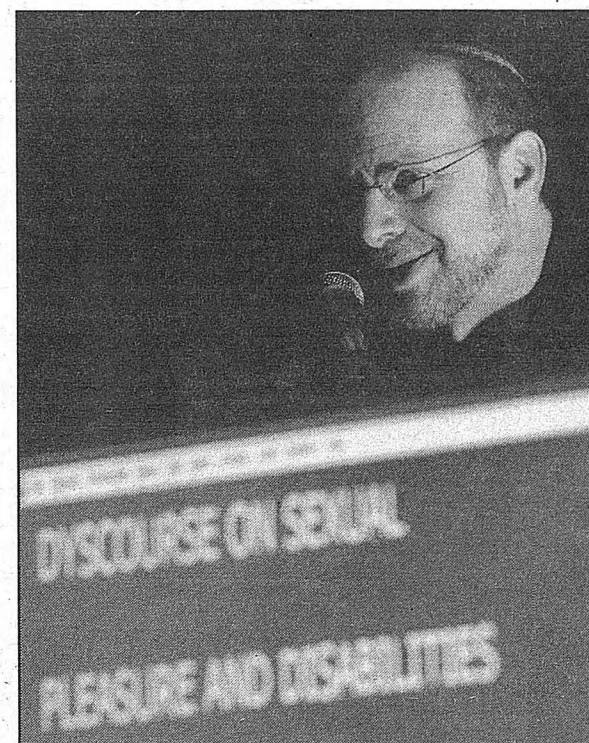
Stevens, who organized the conference, said she received a great deal of criticism for having a porn star represent disabled people.

She remarked that she is comfortable talking about her sex life, noting that a nude painting of her was featured in the presentation by artist Sunny Taylor, who also spoke at the conference.

"Grow up. Wake up. It's just sex. It's just expression," Stevens said.

Sexologist Mitchell Tepper spoke of sex that most of the media won't discuss — sexual activity between people with disabilities.

"People with disabilities have routinely been viewed as childlike and not interested in sex or sexual behavior,



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Sexologist Mitchell Tepper brought his insights on sexuality and persons with disabilities to the table while his words were projected on a screen for the hearing impaired.

nor primary targets for reproduction," Tepper said.

Tepper, who uses a wheelchair, has done research on people who experience orgasms after spinal-cord injuries; they are typically perceived not to experience sexual pleasure.

But the spiritual and emotional pleasures of sex are just as important as the physical ones, he said.

Immediately after injury, people feel "sexually devastated," he said, but years later, disabled people can have a healthy sex life.

"Sex is a bonding mechanism that can bring and keep people together," he said.

The event's other speakers were radio talk-show host Greg Smith and self-described "adrenaline junkie" and wheelchair daredevil Tyler Deith.

UPD auctions off property

■ BIDDERS HAVE PURCHASED BICYCLES FOR AS LITTLE AS FIVE CENTS.

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Semester's end may not be the time students are looking to buy a scooter or bicycle, but it's probably when they can get one the cheapest.

University Police will host its end-of-semester Abandoned Property Auction on Saturday to find new owners for 13 cars, 12 motor scooters, a 3-year-old Honda motorcycle and at least 450 bicycles.

UPD spokesman Joe Sharkey said the event is a great opportunity to save money on generally expensive items.

"It's definitely beneficial for students," said UPD spokesman Joe Sharkey, citing an instance at a previous auction when a bidder purchased a bicycle for a nickel.

"We've seen people purchase two or three [bicycles] and then take the parts to create one good one," he said.

The auction will take place at the Webb Livestock Pavilion, located on Southwest 16th Avenue and Shealy Drive. Bidder registration

and property inspection begins at 8 a.m.

UPD holds the event every semester, but future auctions will be conducted through an online auction by the University Surplus Department, making Saturday the last hoorah for the live event.

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Joe Sharkey

University Police Department spokesman

Sharkey said there tends to be an impressive turnout, but a specific estimate is unpredictable because of weather and personal schedules.

"I've seen as many as a couple hundred and as few as 50," he said.

"The more the merrier," he added. "Come out and get it."

However, he said his agency has never had to take anything back to storage because the items always find new owners.

All proceeds from the auction will go to benefit the Gator Loan Fund, a scholarship established to provide need-based financial assistance to UF students.

Rain soaks Panhandle

The Panhandle region of Florida experienced heavy rain and flooding on Friday, April 8, 2005. The rain was part of a larger weather system that brought significant precipitation to the area. Many roads were flooded, and some areas experienced power outages. The National Weather Service reported that the total rainfall for the day was between 4 and 6 inches in some locations.

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STUDENT ACTIVISM

Club cleans creek**Group seeks volunteers**

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The UF Wetlands Club is looking for a few good volunteers to help them clean up a creek this weekend.

In partnership with the UF School of Natural Resources and Environment Council, members of the Wetlands Club will spend Saturday morning from 9 to noon cleaning up trash along Tumblin' Creek.

"The underlying issue is water quality," said Jeff Smith, president of the Wetlands Club, which actually adopted a portion of the creek.

Smith and club treasurer Bill White explained their group got involved with the creek after one of their members wrote a thesis on the impact of dredging on the creek.

This will be the club's third cleanup of Tumblin' Creek since April 2004.

"We've collected over two tons of trash," White said, including everything from old credit cards to shopping carts.

Smith said this cleanup is also a convenient way for students to get involved because Tumblin' Creek runs so close to UF's campus and student housing.

The creek begins near Shands at AGH, flows behind Sorority Row and eventually empties into Biven's Arm Lake west of Southwest 13th Street.

The Wetlands Club will clean the portion that lets into Biven's Arm, or the delta area.

"The floodplain serves as a filter for the large trash," Smith said.

The SNRE Council will clean up the section of Tumblin' Creek near the intersection of Southwest Depot Avenue and Southwest Sixth Street.

Adopt-A-River Coordinator Fritz Olson said Gainesville residents should be concerned about the creek's health because its water eventually flows across Paynes Prairie and into an aquifer that supplies drinking water to the city.

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Fair helps students 'play to win in the game of life'

■ THE COLONNADE HOSTED A BEVY OF STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES.

By JESSICA RIFFEL

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Students were informed of leadership, internship, research and study-abroad opportunities at "Gatoropoly: Playing to Win in the Game of Life" on the Reitz Union Colonnade

on Thursday.

The Freshmen Leadership Cabinet along with the Career Resource Center, which also offered resume critiques, hosted the fair.

The theme of Gatoropoly reflected the event's goal of equipping students with the skills they need for future success.

"Life is a game, and you need skills in order to succeed in any ventures you take on," said Frantz Duchatellier, Freshmen Leadership Cabinet assistant director.

The Freshmen Leadership Cabinet offered applications for Student Government positions to promote leadership. Applications included positions for 41 cabinet directors, a spot in the office of the assistant treasurer and on a university committee.

Career ambassadors and student assistants from the CRC offered resume critiques and information about the services the center offers.

"It's important that we get out on campus to reach out to students to help them to understand the services we offer and to maybe get them in our office," graduate student Josh Funderburke said.

The event was designed to motivate students to become more involved on campus and in the community.

"All students should get involved and add some spice to their study here next fall," Duchatellier said.

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UF auction has Cajun touch

By **LINDSAY TAULBEE**
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Local and national celebrities have gotten in touch with their inner artists to benefit Hospice of North Central Florida.

About 40 Gator Masks — decorated by musicians, politicians, sports figures and others using glitter, feathers, sequins and paint — will be sold through a combination of live, silent and online auctions during Viva! 2005: A Bayou Bash.

Hospice is hosting the "casual-Cajun"-themed celebration to raise money for its programs.

"We've had really good turnout from all facets of public life," Hospice spokesman David Friedman said.

On Campus Chef Emeril Lagasse, baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron, musician LeAnn Rimes, humor columnist Dave Barry and Governor Jeb Bush were a few of the contributing "artists."

From Gainesville, UF President Bernie Machen contributed a red-and-gold mask resembling a Chinese dragon, and Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan's gold mask featured sunglasses and beads. Several UF coaches and other notables also contributed.

FSU football coach Bobby Bowden was one of the first to send his decorated mask, Friedman said.

"We've been thinking of creative ways to display the Bobby Bowden mask," he said.

Though Hospice mailed boxes of art supplies to the celebri-



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This alligator craft by Bernie and Chris Machen will be auctioned to benefit the Hospice of North Central Florida.

ties along with the blank masks, many used creative touches of their own, Friedman said.

An aqua-painted mask decorated by musician and Gainesville native Tom Petty featured guitar picks for teeth, including several with cartoon depictions of him from a "Simpsons" episode.

The original masks were created by Jeff Huber of the Florida

Museum of Natural History. Bidding will start at \$50 and increase in \$10-increments.

About 300 are expected to attend the function April 16 in the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center at 7 p.m., he said.

Tickets are on sale for \$100 at (352) 271-4655. More information is available at www.vivameanslife.org.

ACADEMICS

Cheating reports up

By **STEPHANIE GARRY**
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The number of reported academic honesty cases approximately doubled last academic year compared to the two years prior.

From Fall 2003 to Summer 2004, about 222 incidents were reported, in contrast to about 107 during the Fall 2001 academic year, according to a Student Affairs Update released recently. Professors handled 80 percent of the 528 total cases in the three-year period, mostly through grade penalties, which accounted for 68 percent of the consequential actions against violators.

The incidence of violations peaked in 2003, when half of the academic-honesty cases from 2001 to 2004 were reported.

That March, UF implemented a leading plagiarism-detecting software called Turnitin, which searches billions of Web pages and databases to match students' papers with online content.

The software creates an originality report that color-codes a student's paper by how similar it is to other work. Professors can then compare the suspected segments to the original online source to decide if the student plagiarized.

Cyrus Williams, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said academic honesty cases fluctuate every few years, though the Turnitin software may have contributed to the spike.

UF also sees an influx of violations at the end of the semester, as students turn in papers and prepare for exams, said Allison Lane, Honor Court chancellor.

"Everybody sees that it's a problem and wants to fix it," she said.

Starting Monday, the Student Honor Court is bringing the issue of academic honesty into UF classrooms with presentations it hopes will curb plagiarism and cheating on the eve of exams.

But Williams said this semester's emphasis on academic honesty, including the campaign to get students to sign to the Honor Code and the in-class presentations, is not a result of that 2003 spike.

Rather, the Dean of Students Office has chosen to focus on academic honesty in its annual Code of Conduct push.

"It's central to the university," Williams said. "We need to make sure that academic integrity continues to be an issue that we discuss and reinforce."

"Everybody sees that it's a problem and wants to fix it."

Allison Lane

Honor Court chancellor

The court created 10-minute presentations about the consequences of academic dishonesty that they will deliver to a class when a professor invites them.

Lane said she's already received "tons" of phone calls and e-mails from interested professors, though the offer was only sent out Thursday.

"We're so excited about it," Lane said. "We wanted to start doing something to make the Student Honor Court more known on campus."

The presentations will include information about the negative effects of cheating and plagiarism on students and UF, how students can avoid accidental plagiarism and the consequences students face in violating academic-honesty standards.

Though the presentations will discourage unethical acts by drawing analogies to corporate scandals, they also will address common, innocent mistakes in citing sources.

"We're trying to figure out a way we can inform the students," Lane said. "Students are getting these academic violations and not even realizing it."

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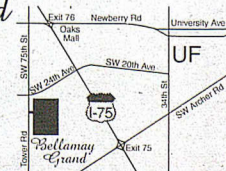
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RESEARCH

UF joins ESA, NASA black-hole research project

By **ADRIENNE SERRA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students and researchers may play a vital role in discovering some of the greatest mysteries of the universe.

A team in the Department of Physics is researching components of the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna, a joint mission between the European Space Agency and NASA to detect gravitational waves in space.

"It's opening a new window to the universe," said Guido Mueller, head of UF's LISA research team.

Gravitational waves are caused by the movement in space of massive bodies, such as black holes. Scientists have been unable to directly detect these waves from Earth because of their low frequency, but LISA may solve this problem.

"If you look at the dynamics of black holes, black-hole physics is mathematically an unsolved problem at this moment," Mueller said. "Super-massive black holes in the center of the galaxies are jumping, crashing into each other, and these big processes generate tons of gravitational waves and will tell us a lot about the space-time curvatures around these black holes and how often this happens in the universe. This is very important if you look into galaxy formation."

LISA, with a launch date set for 2013, will be composed of three separate spacecrafts flying in a triangular pattern, with distances of 5 million kilometers between each one. Gravitational waves will be measured by changes in the distances between freely falling objects inside the spacecrafts.

"Formation flying is one of the

next big things in technology, and LISA is the first major mission that's testing these things," Mueller said.

The aspect of LISA that UF is researching is laser interferometry, a very precise technology that will measure the distances between the spacecraft to within 10 picometers, or half a billionth of an inch.

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Guido Mueller
Head of UF's LISA research team

"We are at this moment the only university in the United States that's involved in the interferometry," Mueller said.

UF is working with the NASA field center Goddard Space Flight Center and Jet Propulsion

Laboratory, the University of Colorado, the Albert Einstein Institute in Hanover, Germany, and the University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom on the laser interferometry and data analysis for LISA.

One of the technological challenges of LISA will be analyzing data collected from lasers, which will also be carrying informational signals and frequency noise.

"We essentially build an experiment downstairs that simulates all aspects of the LISA interferometry and that would produce data streams which are virtually identical to the data streams we expect in space," Mueller said.

For students, an average day in the lab might involve aligning lasers, working with vacuum chambers, building electronic components and analyzing data.

"It's a lot of optics, a lot of electronics, a little bit of vacuum physics and a little mechanical engineering," Mueller said.

UF's LISA team includes three graduate students and five undergraduates.

"These types of research projects, I think, are especially good because the graduate students get a feel for big-scale research," Mueller said. "It is a little bit different from a little experiment which you do in your own closed group."

"It's all kind of cutting-edge electronics which is pretty interesting," said Ira Thorpe, a graduate researcher. "The long-term goal is to have this as a facility that's basically as good a representation of the LISA interferometry that you can do on the ground and add in as many of the technical features as we possibly can."

Interest runs high

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Also, students will be able to use Bright Futures scholarships to pay for that credit.

Consequently, administrators will make sure the Israeli schools' courses are beneficial and legitimate, she said.

Dangers and warnings also will be spelled out to students, Glover said.

Frazier said she didn't expect a study-abroad option for this Summer, but the International Center already has started working with institutions to prepare for Fall and Spring semesters.

The program shouldn't have a shortage of interested students, based on inquiries received during the program's hiatus, she said.

"We occasionally get interest in other countries with travel warnings but nothing compared to the interest in Israel," she said.

UF Board of Trustees has control over Rock 104

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closely monitored, said Peter Welpton, director of syndication for the Lex and Terry Morning Network, in an e-mail.

When the participant enters a "state of inebriation that is entertaining," Welpton added, she is not allowed to consume any more alcohol.

The contestant is required to bring a female companion, who is not allowed to drink, and during the program, listeners are discouraged from driving drunk.

Thousands compete to be on the show and multiple interviews are conducted to determine participants, Welpton wrote.

He called the show "a good educational tool to demonstrate the effects of alcohol."

Dankner said he does not know when or if the show will air again on WRUF.

"What we are looking at is the legalities of the show," Dankner said. "Basically, I think that the law is just concerned if the show violates any FCC standards. Until we know the eventual outcome, everything is speculative."

WRUF is a commercially licensed radio station; however, the Cox Radio contract that includes clearance to air Lex and Terry broadcasts is controlled by UF's Board of Trustees.

Dankner said the decision to suspend was mutual between the trustees, UF President Bernie Machen and WRUF.

Lisa Hupf, a UF graphic design freshman, does not see what the fuss is about.

"It's all in good fun. It's kind of a silly entertainment piece," Hupf said.

But she added FCC violations would be valid reasons to suspend the show.

Blair Welsh, co-founder of Women's Interlocking Network, had a more vitriolic perspective.

"I think it's just a clear objectification of women," she said. "The sheer title of it is derogatory towards women."

Welpton said he understands that people may find the title offensive.

"We realize that some people may find the show's name insensitive and even offensive," he said. "But after over two years ... it would be difficult to change the name of what is now our most popular feature."

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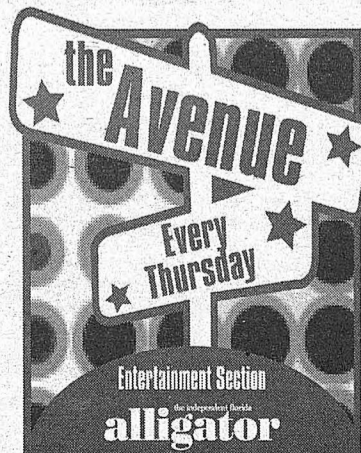
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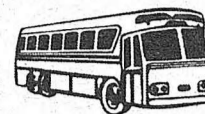
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love with Serena Williams (a large man with boobs), but thinks Gwen Stefani is an "ugly, skinny rich bitch." Two of those four are actually true, but last I checked, skinny and rich were good things.

In the three-hole is alligatorSports.org Editor/night owl Andrew "facts aren't really important" Abramson, who is going to break the record for most times a newspaper gets sued for libel in one semester when he takes over this rag in the fall.

In fourth for no particular reason is columnist/future teacher Brian "Yes means yes!" Shaffer, who has dealt with more drama this semester than every prostitute at UF combined. Yay, ninth grade!

In fifth because he takes seven hours to write a short notebook is columnist / bad luck charm Gregg "I think I'm going to write a religion column instead of one on sports" Girvan, who we're going to choose not to make fun of here because God already beat us to it.

Last, and always least, is this week's token newsroom picker/resident frat boy, Nick "Wild Iris lesbian bookstore's best customer" Weidenmiller, who didn't like the girls in thongs and wet T-shirts at the club on Wednesday, so he got drunk enough to get kicked out.

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Meyer admits Gators still not ready

FOOTBALL, from page 22

matchups."

Meyer said inefficiency in the running game will equal an average offense, and there are plenty of question marks concerning the running game.

While fans will be focused on the tailback competition between DeShawn Wynn, Skyler Thornton and Markus Manson, all eyes will be glued on third-year starting quarterback Chris Leak and the passing game.

"[Fans will see] the option, the shovel pitches and all of the different tricks we've got going in," Cornelius said. "I think they'll be excited about that."

Fans will also get to witness the debut of the H-back position, which gives Meyer the luxury of sticking a receiver in the backfield. Last year, Utah's Paris Warren totaled 1,076 receiving

yards, 157 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns as Meyer's H-back.

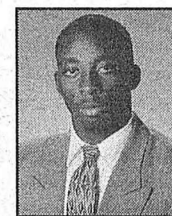
It's a role that Chad Jackson - UF's most consistent offensive weapon in the spring with a similar build to Warren - could potentially excel at.

UF's offense spreads - not a coincidence - the ball around the field and utilizes an array of receivers, which includes Andre Caldwell and Dallas Baker, among others.

"It's a spread offense," offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said. "The toughest part is really fundamentals within the offense."

But even Cornelius will remind you not to forget about the defense, which should be blitz-heavy all season.

"All the blitzing we're doing on defense is crazy," Cornelius said. "I think [the fans] will get excited about that."



Cornelius

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chip prospect who arrived in Gainesville last summer.

It's a good thing that Josh Portis and Cornelius Ingram

can run, because the guys in the trenches won't be doing them any favors. Head on a swivel, guys. Keep yo' head on a swivel.

The Orange and Blue Game is nothing more than an off-season Gatorade for UF fans thirsty

for pigskin.

However, it is also part of the tradition that Meyer is looking to embrace, a glimpse into the future of Gators football and a chance for these three players to prove that I am not, in fact, an idiot.

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Yes, yes we know. You have missed the Alligator Brand Picks Column™. Well, fear not, kiddies, because we're back in action. However, I bet we know something you don't miss: Ron Zook.

That's right, he's gone (in case you've been living under a rock for the past half a year or so). And we couldn't miss him any less.

But, you know what they say. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

To find out how Zook is doing at his new job at Illinois, we rang up Adam Zook, a recent Illinois graduate that luckily isn't related to Ron.

Adam said he was a fan his first couple of years, but not so much anymore.

"They were so bad, it got annoying to watch," he said.

Something tells me that's not getting better. I can't even imagine the damage Ron could do to a crappy team.

"Not everyone is ecstatic about it," Adam said. "The feeling is that he's a good recruiter but not a good coach."

Not a good coach? Adam was off on that one. I'd say closer to "terrible" than "not good," but that's just me.

Adam said he predicts four wins for the not-really-Fighting Illini, but he wants to use Zook for something else.

"I do plan to e-mail him to see if I can get any tickets out of him," Zook said.

That begs the question: How hard could it be to get tickets for such a crappy team? Anyway, on to the picks!

Leading off and listening to one of his 50 rainbow-colored iPods while cleaning up keg spills in Jeremy Foley's detention room is Sports Editor/text-messaging addict Ian "I've tried Odor Eaters but it won't help my funky feet" Fisher, who is considering moving closer to H&R Block so he can balance his Donald Trump-like bank statements.

Coming in the first loser spot is Assistant Sports Editor/resident stink machine Louis "still called The Gay Model" Anastasis, who is madly in

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Wide receiver Jemalle Cornelius will be one of several explosive players to watch in the Orange and Blue Game on Saturday.

Meyer's debut to draw big turnout

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History's most revered fifth-year coach to never run a team in a major conference has arrived.

And if calling Meyer historical sounds a little premature, just listen to UF receiver Jemalle Cornelius's assessment of the large number of fans expected to arrive for Saturday's Orange and Blue Game.

"People like to be around greatness," Cornelius said. "So they want to come out and witness that first hand."

The greatness Cornelius alludes to is Urban Meyer, the two-time defending national Coach of the Year at Utah.

However, Meyer has compiled a 0-0 record at UF and won't be coaching his first official game until September.

Perhaps only when Heisman-winning quarterback Steve Spurrier returned to coach his alma mater was there as much buzz surrounding a new UF regime as now. Another object of interest to fans Saturday will be Meyer's almost indescribable spread offense, which the Gators have spent weeks attempting to grasp.

If it were up to Meyer, the Gators would have a few more weeks to truly master the art of

Urban.

"We're going to [play on Saturday]," Meyer said. "But no, we're not ready."

Even if the spread offense is months away from perfection, the players admit they can't wait to play in front of an estimated crowd of 50,000. And to ensure fans will enjoy a competitive scrimmage, Meyer will mix and match players from the first- and second-string teams.

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Jemalle Cornelius
UF receiver

So what can fans expect to see from the Gators?

Meyer couldn't quite describe the offense at this developmental stage, but he stressed the importance of the running game. Meyer's trademark has always been his unorthodox approach to the passing game.

"I think we're a balanced offense that takes great pride in knocking people off the ball," Meyer said. "We're a physical group. If you're good running the ball and you put an extra guy in the box, and then you have

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Writer tells fortune for Gators' faithful followers

ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit and Sports Illustrated's Kelly King deemed it important enough to pay a visit.

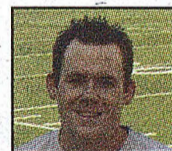
More fans showed up for the first day of spring practice than they did for the Orange and Blue Game a year ago.

And somehow Chris Leak has seen his name dropped as a Heisman contender, despite the presence of Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush, Ted Ginn Jr. and Adrian Peterson.

Yes, the Swamp is abuzz with excitement, thanks to Coach Urban Meyer.

Saturday's Orange and Blue Game is the final showcase for Meyer's Gators before shutting it down until the start of summer camp. People will show up in droves. But what will they see?

Ah, that's where I come in. Good news for you, because not only am I a mediocre



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columnist, I am also a mediocre fortuneteller.

First, I see Chad Jackson. I see him high-stepping into the end zone more than once. He is one of the only guys that Meyer has consistently praised throughout the spring.

Former coach Ron Zook was able to finagle Jackson away from his home state of Alabama, but he did little to tap into his full potential. Jackson will flourish under Meyer, becoming the most productive receiver in the Southeastern Conference next season. Saturday's game will set the stage for Jackson's breakout year.

Next, I see Billy Latsko — yes, Billy Latsko. And I see Latsko pacing both teams in

tackles. Meyer has moved the former fullback to linebacker and has once again proven that he can see things that Zook whiffed on.

Latsko has been a terror throughout the spring. And while he might not be in the mix as a starter, he is knocking on the door. Saturday, Latsko kicks that door in by tackling everything that moves.

Finally, I see Derrick Harvey. I see No. 91 having about that many sacks in the spring finale. However, this speaks as loudly about Harvey as it does about the Gators' reserve offensive linemen.

Apparently, the UF women's pole-vaulting squad has a better chance of providing the Gators with solid pass protection than this unit. Harvey has had a solid spring and is beginning to prove that he is the blue-

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I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF golfer and redshirt senior Richard Treis was named Men's Golfer of the Week by the Southeastern Conference Thursday.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1997: Mr. Do-it-all Brad Wilkerson helps shut down Florida Atlantic 9-8. Wilkerson, who hit for his second MLB cycle Wednesday, struck out all three Owls in the ninth inning. The Gators won by scoring on a ninth-inning wild pitch.

ONLINE

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UF FOOTBALL

With new-look Gators, everyone is a winner or loser

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The sound of helmet slaps and curse words erupted from the bouncing defensive squad as they broke huddle.

They assumed their positions, backs against the goalpost, as the nose of the pigskin peeked over the 3-yard line.

The UF defense knew it had to protect pay dirt.

"If they score, they get 2 points," redshirt freshman defensive end Derrick Harvey said. "It was like 18-16. We had to stop them, or it would be 18-18."

A snap of the ball and a short underneath route later, it was the offense firing off taunts as the defense sulked toward the sideline.

But why did this matter? The offense wore orange and blue, not garnet and gold.

Because spring practice or January bowl game, everything has a winner and a loser. That's UF coach Urban Meyer's motto.

"If there's not a winner or loser, why the hell are we doing this?" Meyer said.

At the start of spring practices, Meyer proclaimed every Wednesday and Saturday "competition days." But after witnessing one of those workouts, any rational per-

"If there's not a winner or loser, why the hell are we doing this?"

Urban Meyer
UF football coach

son might wonder if Meyer operates on a two-day calendar.

Almost every practice ends in a competitive scrimmage. At the end of the day, the losers run.

"When there's a winner and there's a loser, everybody is going to go a little harder," offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said.

Like the infamous Circle of Life, which pits teammates one on one

in gladiatorial-like combat, Mullen explained, the eternal scrimmage is another of Meyer's offbeat but long-standing methods of increasing tenacity and toughness in his players.

"I know when he was coaching receivers [at Notre Dame], those guys were leaving with headaches every day because they'd be smashing and butting up," said Mullen, a former Irish assistant with Meyer. "Like [how] we circle up, he'd be doing that with his receivers. Those guys were a little bit spooked, I guess." Besides, regular old football drills aren't even that exciting, right?

"Sometimes I find myself getting bored during practice, watching

guys run over bags," Meyer said.

But Meyer's practices? "You don't even realize that you're working," freshman linebacker Brandon Siler said. "Instead, you just realize that you're competing, and you're just trying to win."

It's a vast departure from last season's practices, but one that could bode well for the Gators come September.

"Last year we just kind of went over schemes," freshman safety Kyle Jackson said. "During the season, it wasn't that competitive. [Now] it's a good thing because like Coach Meyer said, when you go into that Swamp, every play is competitive."

Meyer, Student Life keeping tabs on class attendance

■ **COACH SAYS ARRIVING LATE SHOWS LACK OF DISCIPLINE.**

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Thou shalt not skip class.

Thou shalt not be tardy for class.

These are Coach Urban Meyer's messages to his football faithful. Because while The Pit may steal the headlines, the classroom is where Meyer's core values are first enforced.

Sound like a frivolous policy? For a man that sees a connection between football and everything else, that couldn't be farther from the truth.

"If you have class at eight o'clock and you show up at 8:04, you're not a very disciplined person," Meyer said. "You're the same guy that's going to jump offsides in the fourth quarter against Tennessee."

And so the Gators — the younger players, the more troublesome players, the slower ones in the classroom — are tracked. Meyer has dispatched the Office of Student Life to ensure they attend every class — especially the early ones — on time.

"If it's [junior center] Mike Degory? I don't care if he misses a class," Meyer said. "If it's [sophomore quarterback] Chris Leak, I don't care. If it's one of our scarlet [letter] guys, there's a price to pay."

The Office of Student Life treks to every UF auditorium, hall and closet where players attend class. They peek through the

doors, jot down whether players are absent and leave — only to do it all over again the next day.

"Ever since Coach Meyer got here, he laid down some rules and told us that if we don't follow those rules we're out of here," freshman running back Markus Manson said. "Nobody wants to leave, so we're just following the rules."

Here's the kicker: most of the Gators don't know what the punishment for hooky is. Understandably, they don't want to find out.

"He wants us to keep guessing, but we don't want to guess," Manson said. "So we go to class because we don't know

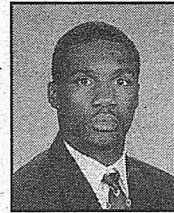
what Coach Meyer and them have up their sleeve."

Meyer's classroom ethics are based on his "Live Right" philosophy. From social etiquette to class attendance, Meyer has UF's collective chin up and alert about how to be a responsible person.

"The policy is, 'Live right and they don't check up on you,'" junior wide receiver Dallas Baker said. "I mean, they check up on everyone, but, 'Do the right things and we don't have to worry about you. Live right. Do right.'"

And not living right just isn't something players are considering anymore.

"It's either class or punishment," Manson said. "And the punishment is worse, so you have to go to class. Just go to class. It ain't going to hurt you."



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UF GYMNASTICS

UF prepares for regional

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Entering this season, expectations were never higher for the No. 7 UF gymnastics team. The team returned seven All-Americans and added one of the nation's best recruiting classes.

Coach Rhonda Faehn's goals for this squad were high — she wanted the Southeastern Conference and national championships. Despite those lofty goals, the Gators finished the same place they did last year — fourth — behind Georgia, Louisiana State and Alabama at the SEC meet.

UF admittedly put a large amount of pressure on itself to win that competition, pressure that Faehn is looking to alleviate at Saturday night's NCAA Southeast Regional.

"We're really just trying to not necessarily take it down a level as far as the level of pressure for this type of competition, for Regionals being a qualifier for NCAAs," Faehn said.

The gymnasts enter this meet with a completely different outlook than the one carried to the conference meet.

"We're going in there to prove something," sophomore Savannah Evans said. "We're not going in there to win. We're going to show each routine for each skill that we have, and it's a home meet. We have home-field advantage."

UF better at least focus on finishing second, as only the top two teams will advance to the NCAA Championships.

The Gators will face No. 17 Denver, who is coached by former UF gymnast Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart and has Cassidy Willingham, daughter of University of Washington football coach Tyrone Willingham, on its squad. Other

competitors include No. 25 North Carolina, No. 26 West Virginia, No. 28 North Carolina State and UF's old nemesis, No. 5 Georgia.

Georgia claimed the SEC title, defeating UF by 1.1 points two weeks ago, a defeat the Gators are eager to have the opportunity to avenge.

"The purpose of this competition is to go out and be consistent and hit extremely clean routines to prepare us for NCAAs."

Rhonda Faehn
UF gymnastics coach

"When we didn't know who we were going against in Regionals, I remember they were like, 'It's either Georgia or Michigan,'" Evans said. "And a bunch of us were like 'Oh, I hope it's Georgia.' We want to prove to them that last week was a mistake, that we have stuff to show."

While Faehn agrees with her All-American to a certain extent, she stresses that it is extremely important to be consistent tomorrow night.

"Well, obviously we feel like we have something to prove coming off of SECs because we know we're capable of so much more than that," she said. "However, in the same sense, it's really important that they just come back into the gym and cleaned up the areas with the mistakes. ... [It's] a big thing where we have to prove this at this competition."

"The purpose of this competition is to go out and be consistent and hit extremely clean routines to prepare us for NCAAs."

Bulldogs disappoint

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Disappointing.

There is no other way to describe the performance of the Georgia baseball team.

In a preseason poll, the Bulldogs were chosen to finish second in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division.

Instead, UGA (17-12, 2-6 SEC) finds itself looking up at the first-place Gators from fifth place. For UF coach Pat McMahon, he's happy to see his team starting to show the talent that has it ranked fifth in the nation.

"Confidence comes through hard work," McMahon said. "We've got guys that work extremely hard, and they believe in each other."

McMahon, who collected his 500th career victory last Saturday against Kentucky, knows his team isn't as good as it can be.

"There are areas of our ball club that still need improvement," McMahon said. "But we're making aggressive mistakes. Our guys understand and know that and still battle through that, through my wrath, etc., and other things that happen."

The Gators (23-7, 6-3 SEC) will start senior right-hander Tommy Boss (4-1, 4.93 ERA) tonight against

UGA's Michael Hyle (1-2, 4.58 ERA). Junior right-hander Alan Horne (1-2, 5.46 ERA) will start Saturday's game against Bulldogs senior RHP Sean Ruthven (1-2, 4.15 ERA). The pitchers for Sunday's finale are undecided.

McMahon has a tough choice to make between junior Bryan Ball and freshman Stephen Locke.

Locke was very impressive against Florida State on March 30, while Ball has a record of 5-1 and leads the team in innings pitched. Locke has won all four of his starts with an 0.83 ERA in 21.2 innings of work.



McMahon

UGA won both ends of a home-and-home series from Clemson earlier this week. The Bulldogs took Tuesday's matchup in Athens 11-10, as Jason Jacobs went 2 for 4 and drove in five runs. UGA defeated Clemson again on Wednesday, 4-1, with Jonathan Wyatt finishing 2 for 3 with two RBI.

In SEC play, UGA has suffered sweeps to Louisiana State and South Carolina while recording a sweep of Kentucky. The Bulldogs are 10-4 at home and have won their last three games at Foley Field.

Last season, UF eliminated the Bulldogs from the SEC Tournament.

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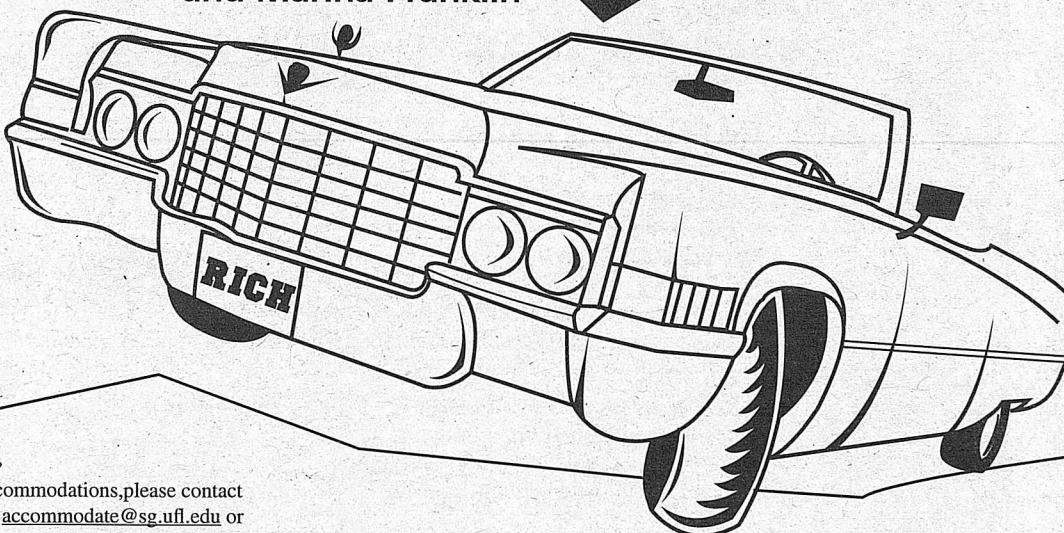
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