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Gators take conference

By TIM CASEY
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It wasn't supposed to happen.

The UF baseball squad was in a tailspin after losing four consecutive series, but rebounded like champions.

The Gators won the Southeastern Conference championship after sweeping a three-game series against Vanderbilt in Nashville during the weekend.

No. 10 UF had technically already won the title when Tennessee lost to Georgia, but were unaware as they finished the regular season with a 6-3 win against Vanderbilt.

When shortstop Justin Tordi fielded a ground ball that he flipped to Adam Davis for the final out, the UF dugout emptied with players rushing onto the field.

The celebration that ensued was a chaotic pile of players that beamed in the satisfaction of proving its detractors wrong.

SEC coaches and Baseball America both owe UF coach Pat McMahon and his players an apology for predicting the Gators to finish in third place in the eastern division prior to the season.

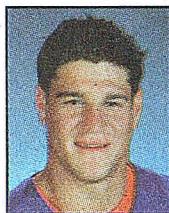
"I am extremely proud of our young men and the way they battled throughout the season," McMahon said Monday while en route to Birmingham, Ala. for the SEC tournament. "They have worked extremely hard and did everything we have asked of them. This is a special group."

UF (38-18, 20-10 SEC) had led the conference for most of the season prior to dropping seven of nine games from April 29-May 11. The Gators returned to form, taking two of three from Mississippi State last weekend and defeating Stetson on Wednesday.

Sophomore first baseman Matt LaPorta hit a game-winning home run in that game, the first of three consecutive games in which he would provide the winning run with a home run.

LaPorta hit a grand slam in Friday's 5-4 victory that was

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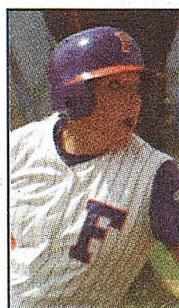
LaPorta

■ THE FACILITY IS UNDERGOING A \$1.1 MILLION FACELIFT.

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Bertha "Kika" Silva Pla, 84, obtained a hotel management degree when she was 67 years old, but she's not stopping there.

■ UF center fielder Lacy Howard reacts to being called out at third base during Friday's loss to Bethune-Cookman College. See story, pg. 18.



■ Mothers and daughters ignored their busy schedules to spend quality time together at the Mother and Daughter Day of Beauty held Saturday at the Thelma Boltin Activity Center, attending sessions on relaxation and makeup, massage therapy and a fashion show. See story, pg. 8.

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Bush names orange state fruit

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Gov. Jeb Bush is helping nurture Florida's citrus industry as the \$9 billion wedge of the state's economy begins to bloom again after the onslaught of hurricanes in 2004.

Bush announced Friday that the orange is now the 29th official emblem of the Sunshine State.

"The orange plays a vital role in our state's economy, with more than 90,000 people employed by the citrus industry and more than 1.2 billion gallons of orange juice produced each year in the state," Bush said, according to a press release. "It's fitting that we designate the orange as the official state fruit."

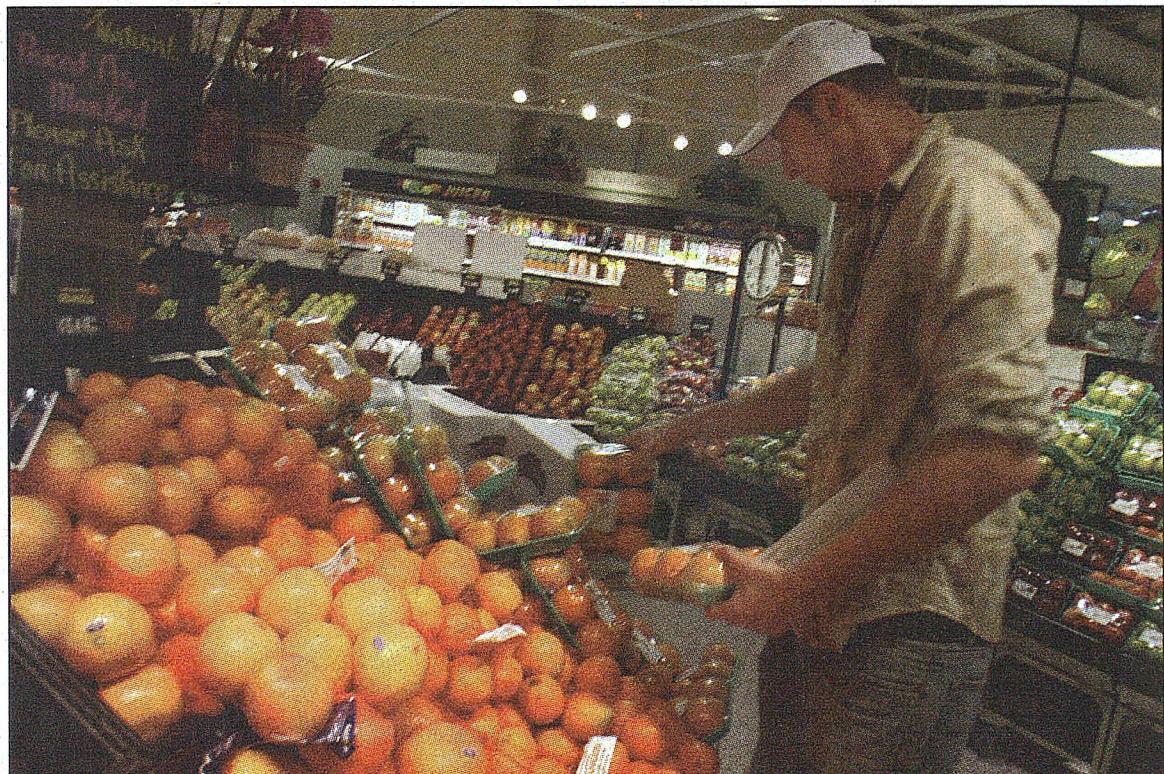
"It just enhances the visibility of the orange, which is good marketing for us."

Andrew Meadows

Florida Department of Citrus spokesman

The idea was brought to the legislature's attention by State Rep. Donna Clark, R-Sarasota, who spoke for an assertive fourth-grade class from Sarasota County's Southside Elementary School. The class developed the campaign to officiate the orange, solicited endorsements and created a theme song to support the bill making Florida's borders one big orange peel, according to the release.

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Danny Ghitis / Alligator

UF senior Andy Zawadzki browses for the "perfect" oranges at the Publix supermarket in Butler Plaza on Monday evening.

Gainesville's only planetarium gets \$300K donation

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Pla said she plans to study astronomy at SFCC this Fall, and if she is still taking classes in the Spring, it will be in the midst of a newly-renovated planetarium that bears her name.

The Bertha Silva Pla Planetarium is set to receive a \$1.1 million face-lift, with a \$300,000 jump-start from her son, John M. Pla and his wife, Amy L. Howard, who together own Venture Realty of North

Florida.

John Pla, his wife and several family members were honored at a reception on

the community college campus Friday, said Bennye

Alligood, SFCC associate vice president for college relations.

"It was like a family reunion for them,"

she said. "Some of them came from as far away as South America."

John Pla has made "substantial" donations to the college already, and with total project costs estimated at \$1.1 million, his pledge of \$300,000 is essential to the planetarium renovation, which should be completed by February, Alligood said.

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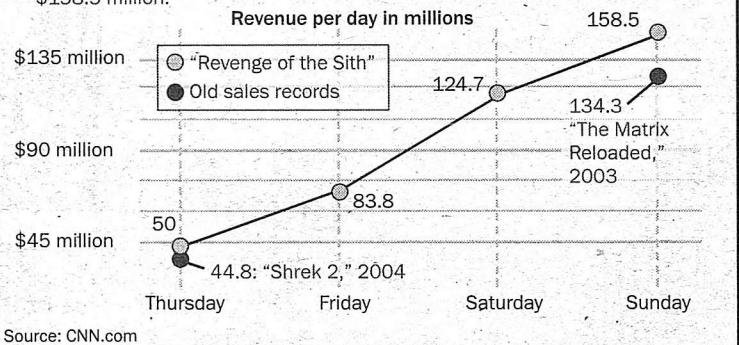
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AT THE BOX OFFICE

"Revenge of the Sith" breaks multiple records

"Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith," broke day one, two, three and four sales records at the North American box office as its total raced to \$158.5 million.



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CORRECTION

NKwanda Jah is a woman.
Due to an editor's error, we reported otherwise in Thursday's Alligator.

We regret the error.

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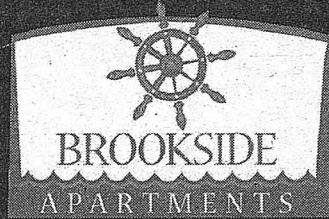
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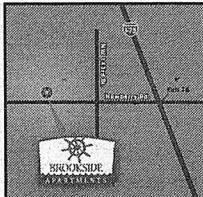


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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Festival attendees gather to celebrate cultural art

By CRISTYLE WOOD
Alligator Writer

This year marks the second in a row Nick Nassar traveled from Jacksonville to attend the summer arts festival that has become a cultural staple in Gainesville since 1979, when the fair began.

"We came last year and enjoyed it, so we're here again," Nassar said.

Despite weekend rains, about 10,000 people traveled from all over Florida to attend the 26th Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival, making the downtown event a big hit again this year, said NKwanda Jah, director of the Cultural Arts Coalition and festival organizer.

The two-day festival, which ended Sunday, featured about 40 vendors, many selling Afrocentric items like clothing, bags, sculptures, jewelry and artwork.

Several groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Organization for Women, and black fraternities and sororities were on hand to answer questions and pass out literature.

Yasin Efunde, of Afrocentric Textile Art in Miami, has been a vendor at the festival, off and on, since 1979.



Ami Sarr displays her selection of handmade sandals, masks, earrings, sculptures and necklaces Saturday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival.

Jayme Gough / Alligator

"There was nothing for the African-American people in the area, and they wanted something to bring them together," said

Efunde, whose booth displayed handmade African-style pillows and other keepsakes.

Ricky Steele, 46, of Panama

City attended the festival to show original paintings, prints and custom frames.

Steele, who is known as "The

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alleged shooter remains on loose

By IVETTE MENDEZ
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A 24-year-old Gainesville man has a warrant out for his arrest for attempted murder, according to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Jason Trevor Wharton, of Majestic Oaks Apartments, 5800 SW 20th Ave., allegedly shot 19-year-old Peter Williams in the head Thursday night, according to an ASO news release.

Williams does not live in the complex and did not know Wharton before the shooting, ASO spokesman Jim Troiano said.

The incident allegedly stemmed from a disagreement that began when Williams made comments to a girl who was going upstairs in the apartment complex, Troiano said.

Wharton waited for Williams to leave the complex before shooting him in the parking lot, Troiano said.

Williams reportedly checked himself into a hospital after sustaining minor injuries to the back of the head.

Police do not know if Wharton, a resident of Majestic Oaks Apartments, stayed in Gainesville or if he left the area following the incident, Troiano said.

"We don't really know where he lives anymore," Troiano said.

Wharton has two other outstanding warrants for his arrest. The first is for possession of a controlled substance, and the second is for failing to appear on a possession of cocaine and marijuana charge, according to an ASO news release.

The 5-foot-9-inch Wharton is a black male and was last seen wearing blue jeans, a white shirt and blue Nike sneakers. He weighs 180 pounds and is considered armed and dangerous.

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for tips leading to Williams' arrest. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 372-STOP.

New sex-predator tracker loads

■ THE SYSTEM WILL ALLOW RESIDENTS TO SEARCH UP TO FIVE MILES.

By BRENT STEINBERG
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville residents are now able to search for registered sex offenders and sexual predators living within a five-mile radius of a home or school thanks to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Attorney General Charlie Crist and FDLE Commissioner Guy Tunnell announced the changes in a press release May 17.

Under the old system, Floridians were able to search the FDLE sex offender database on the FDLE Web site by zip code, county, city or name.

The new features allow Floridians to "zero in on registered sex offenders and predators who live nearby," according to the release.

"It's a fantastic Web site," said University Police Department spokesman Lt. Joe Sharkey. "The only problem is no one uses it."

The Web site enhancements came just months after the highly publicized deaths of two Florida girls, Jessica Lunsford and Sarah Lunde, who were fatalities of sexual assaults in two unrelated crimes.

"With all the sexual assault crimes within the last year, hopefully people will start using it," Sharkey said, referencing the FDLE Web site.

From 1994 to 2003, statewide sex offenses were down 4.9 percent in number and 22.7 percent in rate, according to the Florida Statistical Analysis Center. There were 252 forcible sex offenses reported in Alachua County in 2003.

However, ten times as many rapes are committed than are reported, according to the Rape Awareness Defense program brochure provided by the UPD.

"Sex offenders are not generally concentrated in just one place," Sharkey said. "They're everywhere."

As of Monday morning, 310 registered sex offenders or predators were living in Alachua County,

excluding those who were incarcerated in local jails, according to the site. Of those, it reported 228 sex offenders or predators living in Gainesville.

To be considered a sexual predator, the more serious of the two classifications, a person must be convicted of a first-degree felony sex crime, or two second-degree felony sex crimes.

With more than 35,000 sexual offenders and predators living in Florida, Sharkey said it is vitally important that people are informed.

"I was shocked and disgusted to see how many sex offenders live within a one-mile radius of my apartment."

Valeria Lento
UF student

Valeria Lento, a third-year public relations student and member of Campus National Organization for Women, said she would search the database for sex offenders before moving to a new home.

"I think the site definitely gives women the power to be informed about threats that are present in their community," she said. "I was shocked and disgusted to see how many sex offenders live within a one-mile radius of my apartment."

Jane Mitchell, a local mother, said she often fears for her family's safety.

"The site is phenomenal," she said. "The fact that it is customized to your neighborhood is an invaluable resource."

Mitchell said she was going to be on the lookout for the 33 sexual offenders and predators living within five miles of her home.

"Information is a powerful resource," Mitchell said. "The more you have, the better you can protect your family."

For more information, visit the sex offender/predator database neighborhood search Web site at http://www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/neighborhood/proximity_search.asp.

"Emotional Painter," is "always looking for a Kodak moment to inspire a piece," he said, as he pointed to a young boy walking by his booth wearing an oversized cowboy hat as an example of a subject that he might paint.

Live entertainment, like the 1970s revival group Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, and rhythm and blues artist Jon B were featured throughout both days of the event, with a gospel program serving as opening entertainment each day.

"The Blue Notes sang well and had a stage show that was just excellent," Jah said.

SFCC, a co-sponsor for the event, had several booths promoting various educational outreach plans, like earning a high school diploma and Adult Education Family Literacy programs.

"Santa Fe is excited to be a part of the festival," said Karen Cole-Smith, executive director of the SFCC East Gainesville Initiative.

Jah arranged for some of the artists to visit local schools and detention centers in the area, with some of the artists planning return visits, she said.

According to Jah, the festival was successful on all counts.

"The familiar faces and returning vendors are a sign things went good," she said.

Automotive club competes in national racing week

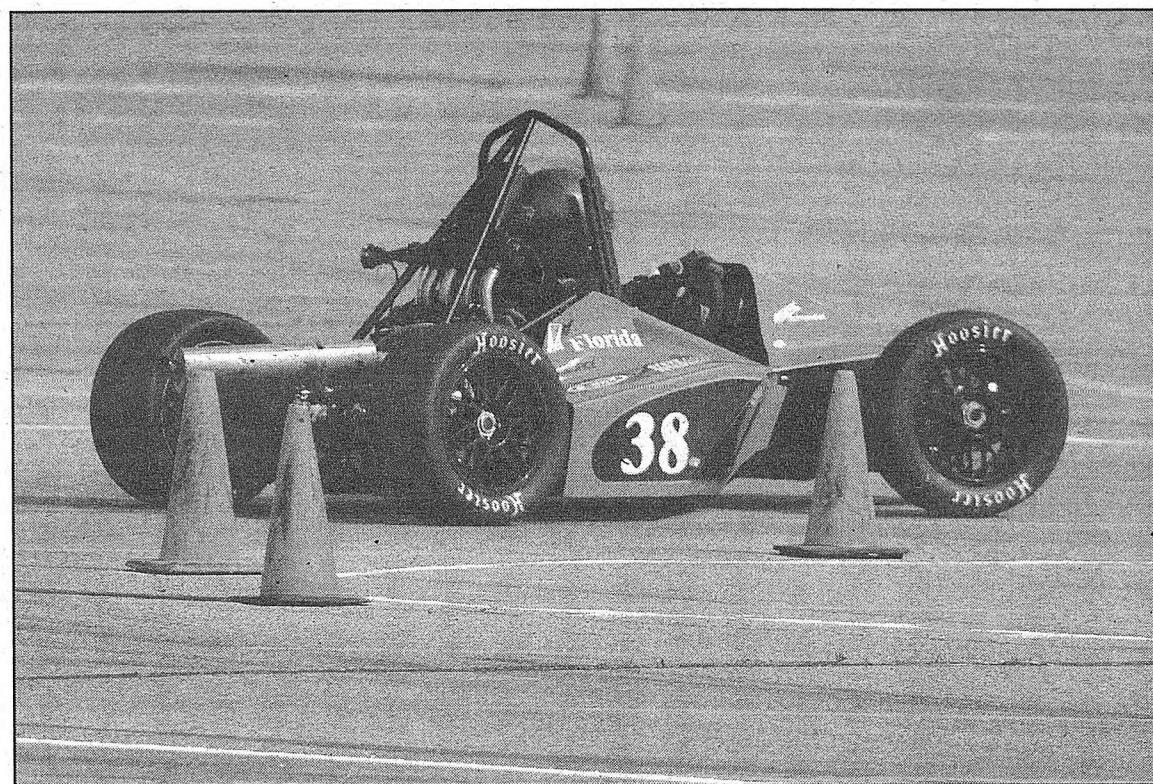
By LYNDSEY LEWIS
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Constructing a car to race in the world's largest collegiate engineering competition was no simple feat, said Khalil Mohamed, president of the UF Society of Automotive Engineers.

The group designed and built a car from the ground up, and despite a wreck that left them scrambling for time earlier this year, the automotive society placed 53 out of 140 competing schools in an international competition in Pontiac, Mich.

Mohamed, a 22-year-old senior, and other club members spent almost a year building their entry for this year's Formula SAE contest, an annual event that judges custom-built cars on cost, design and racing abilities.

"The past three months, I don't think there's been a day when I've spent less than eight hours in the shop," Mohamed said. Seventeen members of UF's automotive society traveled to Michigan to compete, along with 139 other schools, in the Pontiac Silverdome



Collin Wheeler / Special to the Alligator

Khalil Mohamed races the UF entry during endurance events at the Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) competition in Pontiac, Mich. last week.

last week.

There, the Gainesville group presented and raced their vehicle in this year's competition.

"Each year, we build a car from scratch for the competition," Mohamed said. "But the cars are judged on design and costs as well

as racing, so you have to justify the choices you made in building."

Three judges evaluated the car's design innovation and cost-effec-

tiveness, after which the vehicle was tested in four events to measure several automotive features, like endurance and acceleration, Mohamed said.

"Our members applied what they learned in classes to real life, and we built a car that goes from zero to 60 in 3.5 seconds and exceeds speeds of 100 miles per hour," he said.

Although Mohamed said he wasn't pleased with UF's final standing in the event, a number of unforeseen hardships hindered this year's construction process.

"We ended up 53 out of 140, which I don't think is very good, but we faced a lot of challenges," Mohamed said. "Our car got wrecked midway through the year, so we had to completely start over."

Although many group members returned to Florida after the conclusion of the competition, a few remained in Michigan to compete in this week's Saginaw Valley Grand Prix, Mohamed said.

"We want to win these events so badly," he said. "Everybody has devoted a lot of time to this, and I basically haven't had time for anything beyond working on the car — just ask my girlfriend."

Gainesville high school plays host to MTV program

UF students take advantage

By DRU ORTEGA
Alligator Contributing Writer

Producers of an MTV program showcasing high-school scandals documented the story of an Orange Park girl Sunday, using East Gainesville's Lofton High School as the backdrop and UF students as extras.

MTV's "High School Stories: Scandals, Pranks and Controversies" filmed the story of Kelli Davis, 18, a Fleming Island High School student who became involved in a yearbook photo fiasco during her senior year.

"I wore a tuxedo in my senior picture," Davis said. "And the principal, he was just like not going to allow it to be put in the yearbook because I wasn't wearing a drape and I'm a girl."

Her story made the news when her neighbor wrote an article for Folio Weekly, an opinion magazine in Jacksonville, she said.

"That's how it got started," Davis said. "That's when all the news started coming in."

Davis said the media coverage captured the attention of

MTV, which eventually contacted her to document her story. "It's exciting," she said.

A crew of producers, production coordinators and camera operators were brought to East Gainesville to tape the episode.

Production associate Ryan Willard said Lofton High School was the closest school to Orange Park that would allow the documentary to be taped in its hallways and classrooms.

E-mails were sent to various student organizations about the show's taping, requesting volunteers to be extras.

UF junior Ali Gaffey was one of the extras on the set.

"I just thought it'd be fun to do," she said. "And being a telecommunications major, I thought it'd be fun to see a show being produced."

Members of the student-run UF theater group Florida Players also took the chance to appear on television.

Lauren Lunsford, a recent UF graduate, drove from Jacksonville to attend the taping.

"MTV is a big name," Lunsford said. "It's a good start."

Other UF students also jumped at the opportunity to appear on MTV and meet with producers.

Sophomore Laura Henry said she never really imagined MTV would come to a small town like Gainesville.

"It's one of those rare occasions where you kind of just do it because the opportunity is presented to you," she said.

Extras were asked to show up to the one-day shoot at 10 a.m. for the 10-hour taping.

"I wore a tuxedo in my senior picture, and the principal, he was just like not going to allow it to be put in the yearbook because I wasn't wearing a drape and I'm a girl."

Kelli Davis
Fleming Island High School student

"It's a lot of waiting," Henry said. "But when they finally use you, it's cool to be a part of it."

The taping gave hopefuls a chance to show off their acting.

"They ended up giving me a line to read," Henry said. "I was really nervous because I was just expecting to be in the background somewhere."

MTV spokeswoman Jennifer DeGuzman said she expects the episode to air sometime this fall.

UF contributes to soaring Peace Corps volunteer support

■ THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS HAS RISEN.

By ERIN CHALFANT
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has played a significant role in the regional recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers, as the organization has seen its overall membership increase.

"The University of Florida, and University of Georgia are the biggest recruiting spots in the Southeast," said Michael Jenkins, a regional recruiter at the Peace Corps headquarters in Atlanta.

"They're neck-and-neck in applicants, but UF is usually No. 1,"

he said.

Heather Brown, a UF Peace Corps recruiter, said 28 students applied for the Peace Corps this school year. She had no record of previous years' numbers.

The Peace Corps, a federal government agency started by President John F. Kennedy in the '60s to promote peace and understanding cross-culturally, has been enjoying substantial increases in volunteer support over the past few years.

This year, an estimated 8,704 Peace Corps volunteers are serving in more than 70 countries around the world.

According to the Peace Corps' Congressional Budget

Justification, this year's increase is estimated at more than 30 percent from 2001.

The boost is partly attributed to the new recruitment campaign launched in September 2003, urging volunteers that "Life is calling. How far will you go?"

Although 82 percent of Peace Corps volunteers are in their 20s, Jenkins said the surge in volunteer numbers is not only seen in younger people; it's across the board.

While applicants must be at least 18 years old and U.S. citizens, there is no upper age limit. One of the most recent brochures proudly admits the Peace Corps has accepted volunteers as old as

85, when in good health.

The budget documented increased volunteer support as part of a Peace Corps campaign to double the current number of volunteers in the field by 2008.

The budget stated that the Peace Corps asked Congress for a \$62 million overall increase in funding last year and a \$91 million increase this year.

Inquiries also are up 9 percent since budget increases in 2003, according to the budget justification report.

The agency requires a low-paid, 27-month commitment from its volunteers. They are sent to the

most underdeveloped countries in the world to try to make a difference through education, community development, healthcare and environmental services.

Jenkins, who volunteered in South Africa from 1999 to 2001, said he repeatedly asked himself, "Am I going to be able to do this?"

Although it was challenging, Jenkins said it turned out to be one of the best experiences of his life.

Scott Biorel, a UF linguistics senior considering the Peace Corps after graduation, said, "It's a way to go to other countries, experience other cultures, to feel like I'm doing something that matters and helping people."

Bush visits EPA, vows science will have policy role

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UF wins first SEC regular season title since ‘98

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also highlighted by an impressive pitching performance by junior transfer Alan Horne (7-2). Connor Falkenbach earned his seventh save of the year by recording the final two outs.

After hitting the grand slam, LaPorta was slow to run towards first base, a move that got the following batter hit with a pitch.

“I was just watching it, enjoying the moment,” LaPorta said. “[Brian Jeroloman] stood in and took the pitch like a man.”

LaPorta tied the UF single-season home run record with his 23rd home run of the season in the 13th inning on Saturday to give the Gators a 2-1 win.

“I wasn’t thinking about the record,” LaPorta said. “I thought the [left fielder] was going to catch it. It stayed up just long enough to get over the wall.”

Senior pitcher Mike Pete said the team wanted to enjoy their accomplishments, since it was the first time UF has won since 1998.

“It was something I’ve been dreaming about my entire life,” Pete said. “Me, [Jeff Corsaletti], Tommy [Boss] and Connor were so close to it in the past.”

“It really hasn’t sunk in for me yet,” Pete said. “The Gators are SEC champions, I can’t believe it.”

When the team rushed the field, LaPorta said he wasn’t sure how to react.

“Everyone just ran to the same spot and threw their gloves in the air,” LaPorta said. “I’ve never been a part of anything like this. I got in there, then I got out. I was never in a pile like that before.”

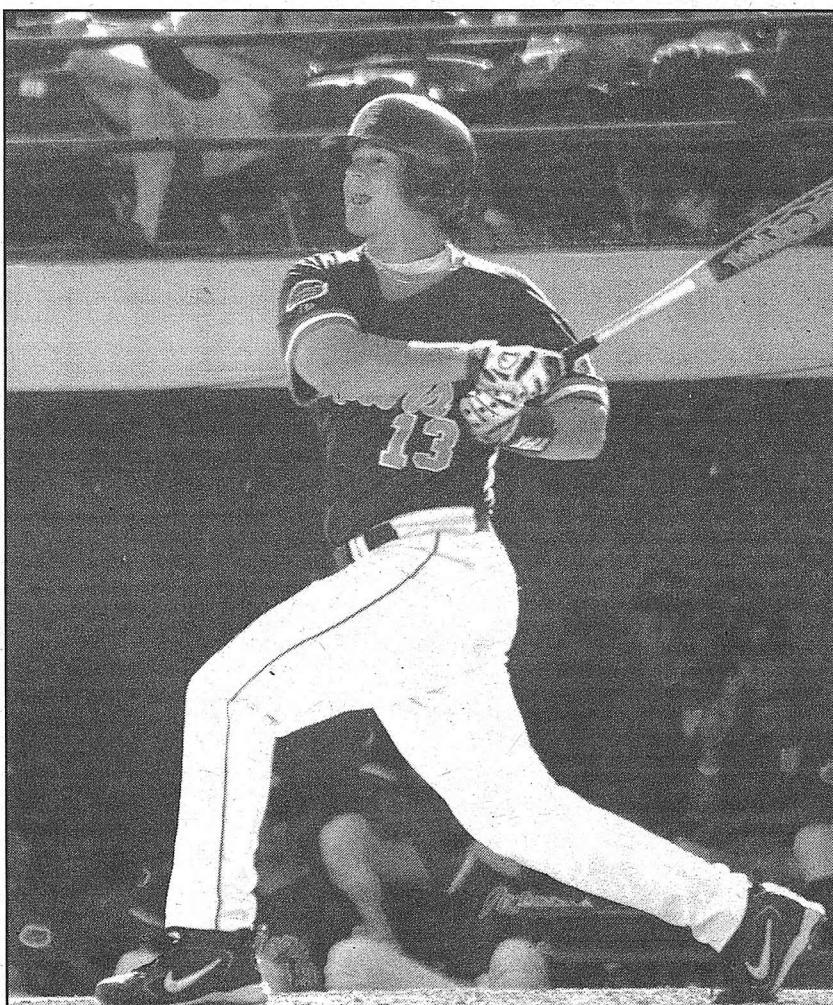
The Gators arrived in Birmingham, Ala. last night in preparation for the SEC tournament. They will face Arkansas (37-18, 13-17 SEC) Wednesday at 6 p.m.

College will expand planetarium’s size and role

SFCC, from page 1

The planetarium will extend night-sky observations and planetary motions to other SFCC colleges, provide training programs for teachers, schedule activities for public school education from kindergarten through grade 12 and provide planetarium theater shows for the general public, she said.

According to Alligood, SFCC is the only place in Gainesville with a planetarium, which is a building in



Tim Casey/Alligator Staff

Matt LaPorta tied the UF single-season record of 23 home runs with a solo shot in the 13th inning on Saturday.

McMahon has not decided which pitcher will start the game yet.

“Alan Horne will probably get the nod on the second day; he feels great,” McMahon said. “Our dilemma is who we will start in the opening game

against Arkansas. We’re going to have to go with one of our young guys. One of the strengths of the club is that if we can get to the fifth inning and sixth inning we can mix and match with our relief pitchers.”

Pla, a UF graduate, said when he was eight years old, he went to a planetarium in Miami, and it piqued his interest in science.

He said he hopes the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium will provide children in the community with the same experience.

Pla, his mother, wife and two daughters have all attended SFCC, and according to Pla, after hearing about the planetarium, his son wants to follow the family tradition.

“My 12-year-old son said, ‘I want to go here too, Dad.’”

Fruit’s sales rise

ORANGES, from page 1

“It’s a great honor,” said Florida Department of Citrus spokesman Andrew Meadows. “We didn’t lobby for it. It was great that it was the idea of these kids. Their genuine effort influenced the governor.”

Meadows said his department sent 100 pounds of oranges to the fourth graders, who attended the signing with their teacher.

Meadows said the move could help the citrus industry financially.

“It just enhances the visibility of the orange, which is good marketing for us,” he said.

Meadows said that during the latest four-week evaluation period ending April 19, orange sales are up 2.5 percent from the same period last year.

“It’s been quite a long time since that has happened,” Meadows said. “The good news is people are drinking more juice.”

Meadows said this is probably due to the decrease in popularity of low-carbohydrate dieting and the maturity of the health and wellness campaign that the citrus industry started in April 2004.

In the 2004-05 growing season, which is about to conclude, 30 percent of Florida’s orange crop was destroyed, along with 68 percent of its grapefruit crop, when four hurricanes battered the state.

“There is still some long-term impact,” Meadows said. “In ‘03-’04, we had a really big crop. I would venture to say that the upcoming crop will not be as big.”

However, he added that he does not expect the upcoming growing year’s crop to be as small as the previous season despite comparable predictions of hurricane activity this summer.

“We are bouncing back,” he said. “Overall, there is a sense that there is a recovery happening.”

Meadows added that it is essential for members of the state’s agricultural community to keep a sunny attitude.

“It goes with the territory,” he said. “If you’re not optimistic, you probably shouldn’t be in agriculture. The unknowns are extremely prevalent.”

Tropicana purchases one out of every three oranges grown in Florida and Pete Brace, director of public relations, said his company approves Bush making the fruit a Florida emblem.

“We applaud the efforts of [the students] and all those within the Florida state government,” he said.

Brace said that despite the dearth of oranges last season, Tropicana will continue coming to Florida for its citrus needs.

“We’re committed to buying Florida oranges in the future,” he said.

Editorial

Coke is it

Pepsi doesn't add life to the Alligator newsroom

Get ready for the exodus.

Nary a single vending machine on campus is expected to offer Coke products by the end of the summer thanks to UF's newly signed, lucrative contract with Pepsi.

Widely believed to be worth more than \$25 million to UF over the 10 years of the agreement, the announcement ends four decades on campus when Coke was it.

But what could possibly go better with a 15-minute walk across campus in 88-degree heat than Coke? No doubt this will drive up revenues for gas stations and supermarkets around Gainesville, as thousands amble elsewhere for the red-labeled pause that refreshes.

It's going to be hard for us to have a smile with our Pepsi. This actually has been measured scientifically, in case you don't believe us: Recently performed brain-chemistry studies showed that the Coke brand affected the brain differently, and more positively, than the Pepsi brand.

We concede that there are a fair number of local students who feel Pepsi really does have more bounce to the ounce. We salute their honesty as well as their enormous luck.

And yet, the deal leaves a bitter taste in our mouths — and we're not talking about Pepsi's too-sweet recipe.

If students had a say in the process that led to UF choosing Pepsi as "the one," we haven't seen any evidence of it.

Unlike the campus alcohol debate, which has raged on into committee after committee after subcommittee for months, this decision was made quietly, almost surreptitiously.

UF administrators have an obligation to handle a decision as important as what tinted sugar water students will drink for the next 10 years with a liberal dose of pomp and circumstance.

If these open forums had in fact existed, and were advertised to the public, we would have reported on them the way we always do.

Which is exactly why we feel the switch was made in the dark: In order to follow the larger pile of cash, UF bypassed due process.

We also would have liked to see a fair commitment by whoever won the UF cola wars to market their "healthier" beverages — meaning soft drinks containing less than ten teaspoons of sugar per can — in an encouraging way on campus.

Or at least agree to add more non-caffeinated options to the menu, because we don't see many right now, not that our debilitating addictions to such substances would let us say anything about it.

But beyond who gets to rot our teeth for the next decade, inquiring minds want to know what the million-dollar discrepancy in the contracts is going to fund. Will student groups get more discretionary spending for speakers and events? Is UF President Bernie Machen finally going to round out his serving set with some snazzy flatware? Or perhaps Student Government can write its comrades in Florida Blue Key another hefty check?

We sure don't know.

The only known Alligator staffer who prefers Pepsi over the canned confection of our hearts was forced to drink it while employed by the corporation as a supply-truck driver — or he would be fired. Company policy.

Hey, we've done worse things for less money.

In fact, pretty much the only advantage Pepsi could bring to campus is Gatorade, which it owns. But wait, UF has that anyway.

Coke may not be the real thing on campus anymore, but neither do we feel Pepsi is the choice of our generation.

Kangaroo, here we come.

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Guest column

'Sith' redefining the concept of 'nerds'

A long time ago, in a high school far, far away... One's character and popularity were determined by a map of the school lunch tables.

The tables, labeled accordingly with the clichés of every teen movie known to man, would have read jocks, preps, drama nerds, metalheads, band geeks, stoners and today's subject, nerds.

Ah yes, the fashionably-challenged individuals who always knew the most about computers, played video games, read comic books and obsessed over "Star Wars."

Although I hate to use stereotypes, this was what we knew to be the typical "nerd." Today, this definition has significantly changed.

As I waited for the famous yellow text signifying the start of "Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith," I looked around the audience thinking about today's image of a nerd.

To my left was an attractive college couple on their weekly movie date. To my right, and thankfully not in front of me, was an elderly woman heightened by her AquaNet hairdo. Behind me was the typical all-American family, barely able to control the kids from repeatedly playing soccer with the back of my seat. "Star Wars," a bastion of nerd pop culture, has officially infiltrated the mainstream.

As I continued to ponder, I realized there was more to my "Star Wars" epiphany than meets the eye. Nerd culture is everywhere!

In the past, playing video games after middle school was social suicide, but this is no longer the case. You cannot even watch MTV, the epitome of mainstream television, without seeing famous people tout their Xbox or PlayStation 2 as essential to a home theater system or their

Aaron Blye
Speaking Out

Escalade on dubs.

Technological savvy is no longer exclusive to nerds. The streets are crowded with people whose ears are plugged by the headphones of an iPod. Recently, I found out my grandfather caught my grandmother e-mailing and playing solitaire on the computer at 3 a.m.! You go, Grandma!

An examination of other recent box-office blockbusters further alludes to the proliferation of nerd culture. Stories about wizards and elves used to be a far cry from what the majority of people considered "cool," but look at the success of "Lord of the Rings." Also, comic book-influenced movies such as "Spider-Man," which raked in more than \$403 million, have achieved enormous mainstream success.

Even the use of the word "nerd" seems to have changed. Instead of being defined by the previously mentioned characteristics, nerd merely includes them in a far more encapsulating definition. Today's nerd is someone unafraid to "drop it like it's hot" as sober as a Catholic schoolgirl, as long as it brings him joy. Nerd has become a synonym for uninhibited.

The nerds of yore were never too self-conscious to read a comic book, play video games on a Saturday night or dress up as a Jedi knight. Enjoyment, not appearance, took precedence. So if it makes you happy to read a comic book before class starts, admit you are a "Star Wars" geek to your frat buddies or simply dance like an idiot for some laughs, then go ahead and do it.

Now let's all go have a lightsaber duel in Turlington Plaza — who's coming with me?

Aaron Blye is a political science senior.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Which soft drink would you like to see on campus this fall, Coke or Pepsi?

Monday's question: Did you see the final "Star Wars" film during its opening weekend?

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

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Letters to the Editor

Pepsi takeover leaves bitter taste

Editor: The divide between the UF administration and the UF Student Body is nowhere better defined than in high-end and lucrative business dealings.

As a former member of the Reitz Union Board of Managers, I remember raising the issue that as students, it was unfair for us to not even have the right to put a single member on the committee handling this matter.

At no time was there ever any sort of student survey conducted as to whether students preferred the change or if they preferred the [slight] incentive Pepsi was offering in exchange for exclusive pouring rights.

An interesting irony is that even in our own "student-run" newspaper, not a single student is cited in this article; but I guess that wouldn't be much of an irony since our job isn't to opine, it's to consume whatever it is we're served by the "adults."

Look, I'm not saying we should go out and riot or plan hunger strikes; Pepsi is a great product and has a vast arsenal of empty-calorie, corporate-corn-syrup-based beverages just like Coca-Cola, but I do find it very uncomfortable that if students buy these beverages at the Reitz, the Set, the Swamp or even on their way home that we don't have so much as a single vote on the committee(s) that make these decisions.

Even a setup like the Vatican to the U.N.,

— where it has a seat, can speak, but can't vote — even that would at least be a step in the right direction for the 50,000 apparently censored voices of UF.

Christian Duque
Former student senator

and courts have for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Finally, Heineken is a Dutch beer and not highly regarded among connoisseurs of German beer. You're more likely to find trendy Germans drinking Corona.

Richard Glenn
UF alumnus

Beer not more prevalent in Germany

Editor: It was with bemusement that I read the "Speaking Out" piece by Matt Sanchez.

He could use a few fact-checking tips.

Having lived and worked in Germany for more than 15 years, I can tell you that it is not "normal" to encounter beer-sipping shoppers or commuters.

You will see them occasionally, but they belong to the same societal fringe as our own public drunks. You will see almost as many drunks at the corner of Northwest 18th Street and University Avenue as you will outside a German soccer stadium on any particular Saturday in autumn.

Berlin and many other densely populated areas of Germany do have large mass-transit systems that make it easier for late-night revelers to get home safely.

The systems are similar to those found in Atlanta, Boston, New York or San Francisco. A strong incentive for using public transportation or taxis is the zero-tolerance the police

Filibustering must go on in Congress

Editor: The use of the filibuster has protected the rights of both parties in the Senate for over 200 years. It has ensured that every voice in America is heard yet could today be deemed unconstitutional, despite the majority of Americans who feel it should continue to keep an important check in place.

The Democrats who have approved all but 2 percent of Bush's nominees have used this tool correctly, only filibustering nominees based on their extreme viewpoints, not based on their lack of qualifications. Republicans continue to reiterate the need for a standing vote on nominees, yet they fail to mention how they blocked the right to a vote for over 60 of Clinton's nominees during his tenure.

No matter who is currently in the majority, the Senate should represent all Americans, and its citizens wish to keep their right to be heard. The majority party must show restraint,

for that is a true hallmark of Democracy. As we spread Democracy around the world let us not become the image of hypocrisy as we fail to honor the ideals of the institution itself.

Alexis Martinovich
Vice President, College Democrats

Restaurant review missed the mark

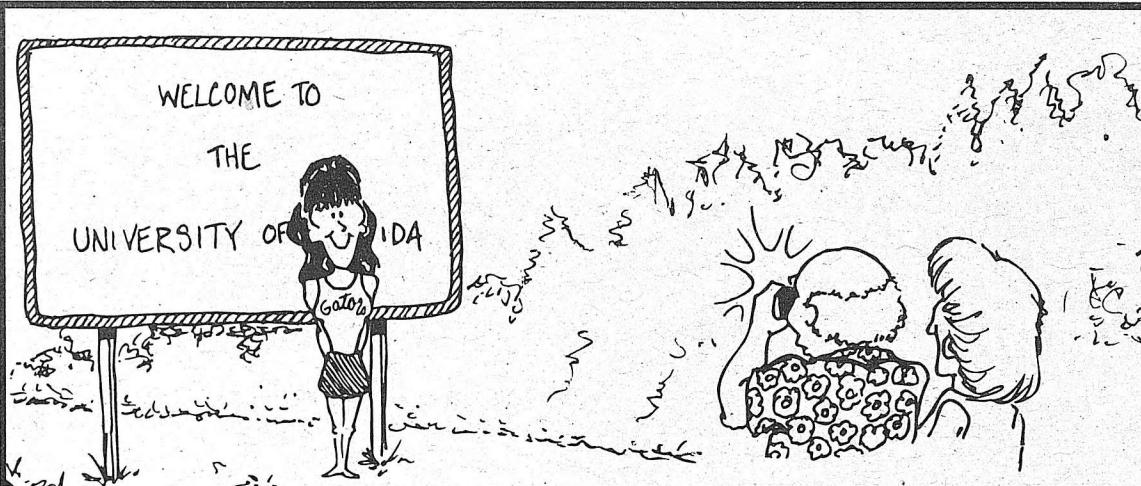
Editor: This is regarding the restaurant review of Home on the Range. I am a regular at the diner, which has been open for over 10 years.

The food is always great, as evidenced by their loyal customers, some of whom eat there every day. I see people of all ages and walks of life there enjoying the cozy and friendly atmosphere.

As for the open kitchen, the reviewer must have missed some larger, newer and fancier restaurants in town that boast about theirs. The diner has reasonably priced and generously portioned items on the menu.

Home on the Range is not geared to Southwestern food or only vegetarian food. They have wonderful homemade muffins and sweets and their side salad includes five vegetables. I also had the roasted veggie tart last week, not for the first time, and found it wonderful, with a great crust.

Barbara C. Nixon
Local resident



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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Event brings female bonding

By MELISSA GARCIA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Mothers and daughters ignored their busy schedules to spend quality time together at the Mother and Daughter Day of Beauty held Saturday at the Thelma Boltin Activity Center.

Organized by the City of Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department, the event hosted sessions on relaxation and makeup, massage therapy and a fashion show.

"The focus of the program is not so much on beauty," said Recreation Supervisor Karen Cayson, "but on mothers and daughters being together, spending time together and talking to each other."

The staff plans to hold the event annually after receiving a request for more family-themed events, she said.

Seventy-five mothers and daughters signed up for the day at \$20 per couple and \$5 per extra daughter, she said.

All of the money raised by the event will go back into the program to fund other events, Cayson said.

Both volunteers and sponsors were present to help make the day fun and carefree.

Richard Green, a licensed massage therapist, literally lent his hands to the event.

"There aren't a lot of family-building events anymore," Green said, "and since this is a spa event, I thought it would be a good chance to support moms and what they do."

His massage chair was never empty, as both mothers and daughters waited in line to receive back rubs and Green's tips on stretching and relaxation.

Hilda Salisbury, mother of four, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of five, was one of the first partici-

pants to sign up for a massage.

Salisbury invited her daughter-in-law to the event for some stress-free quality time together, she said.

"We usually only find things to do with the whole family, so we are going to try to do things like this more often," she said.

"The focus of the program is not so much on beauty, but on mothers and daughters being together, spending time together and talking to each other."

Karen Cayson
Recreation supervisor

Door prizes were the highlight of the night for children eager to go home with free T-shirts and beauty products.

Elizabeth Jones' 9-year-old daughter Kendal wanted to enter every contest and, hopefully, win a prize.

Jones said her husband and son enjoyed the city's father and son sports day, and since her daughter was excited about beauty day, she wanted to come to this one.

Participants were split into groups and rotated through stations. The staff helped one group with relaxation techniques, and others learned how to apply makeup or do special stretches for stress relief in the home and office.

The day ended in a fashion show featuring mothers, daughters and children from the city after-school program.

Recreation Supervisor Cayson said she wanted to give mothers and daughters a way to talk and have fun outside the normal course of the day.

"Beauty was just a way to get them here," she said.

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Prairie sparks book series

By CHRISTINE CUSATIS
Alligator Contributing Writer

Unusual things are happening at Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park, and murder, scandal and impending environmental doom are just a few of them.

Or at least this is the case in "Murder on the Prairie," the first novel in a developing eco-mystery series by local environmentalist Marjorie D. Abrams, who promoted the novel at a book signing at Wild Iris Books on Friday.

"I chose to write an eco-mystery because of my appreciation of the nation's fragile natural beauty," Abrams said. "I chose the mystery genre because people love the entertainment."

The story, in which protagonist Lorelei Crane battles to protect Payne's Prairie from development, was inspired by reality.

"Shortly after I moved to Gainesville, there was a protest over a hunting club that was trying to develop on the rim of Payne's Prairie," she said. "That sparked my interest."

Abrams said she hoped to create awareness of the richness and diversity of the preserve. Working

with environmentalist Marjorie Carr through the Florida Defenders of the Environment, a nonprofit environmental organization, also gave Abrams an increased awareness of ecological issues, she said.

"So many people in Gainesville don't have an appreciation for what sits a few miles down the road," she said. "People may drive past it and think of it as a dull and boring place, but when you look closer, it's incredible."

Around Gainesville Abrams said she will donate 10 percent of the book's profits to the local chapter of the Sierra Club for use in the effort to preserve natural areas, including Payne's Prairie.

"Art mirrors reality, and reality mirrors art," Abrams said. "Today, there is a continuous attempt for development on Payne's Prairie."

Anne Boches, who attended the signing, said the story's many facets are what make it interesting.

"If you are interested in the environment, acting or crime, then you'll enjoy the book," Boches said.

Abrams' "Murder on the Prairie" is available at Wild Iris Books on 802 W. University Ave. It can be ordered from Booklocker.com, Inc. in online format at <http://www.booklocker.com/books/1958.html>.

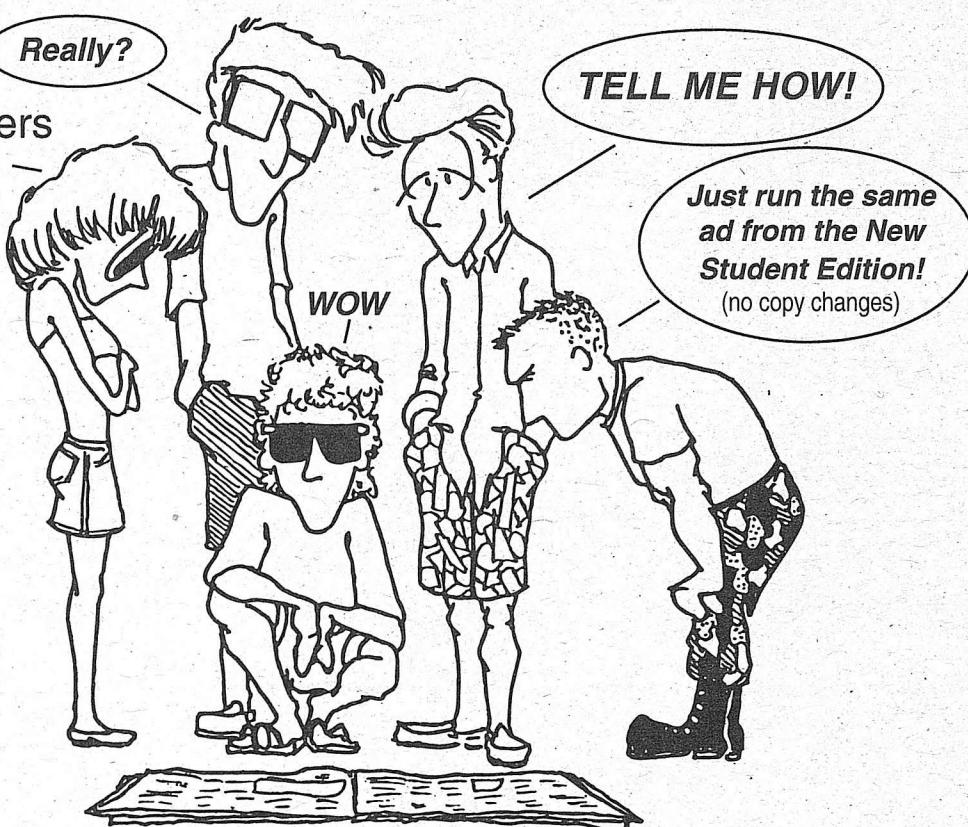
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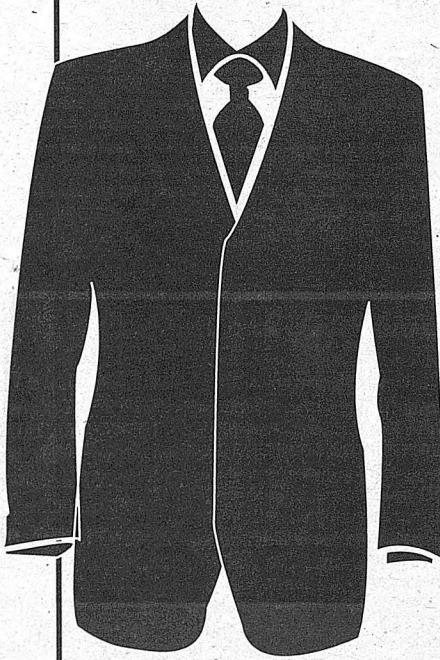
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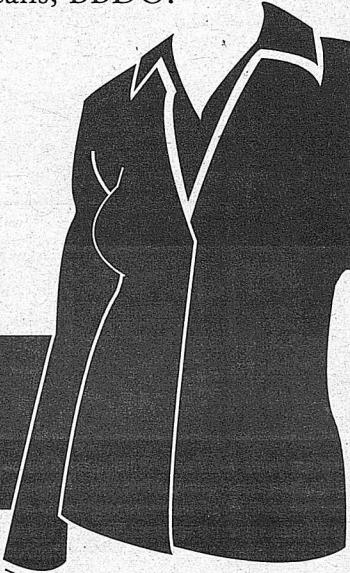
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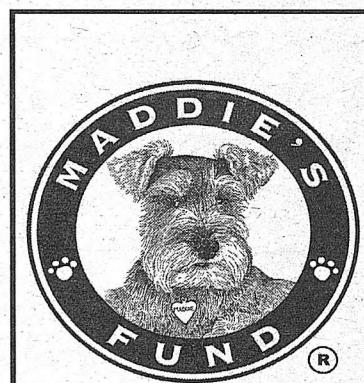
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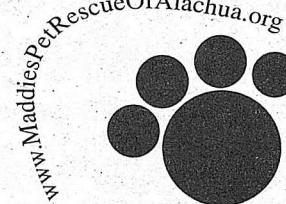
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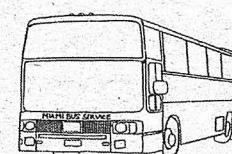
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NCAA WOMEN'S TENNIS

Gators fall short, championship dreams dashed

Hopes crushed after UF struggles in singles

By MICHAEL MAURINO

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Wait until next year.

Then, the UF women's tennis team's trio of freshmen will be a year older and a year wiser. Then, junior Jennifer Magley will be entering her second year at the top of the lineup.

Then, UF might have Alexis Gordon back after she left school in the fall. And, maybe, the Gators can win their fifth National Championship.

That was the hope for this season, but the dream died Saturday in Athens, Ga. as the No. 2-seeded Gators lost to No. 11 Texas 4-3 in the National Semifinals.

Coach Roland Thornqvist might

have been disappointed with the outcome, but with so much youth on the team, he was pleased with the overall picture.

"Five out of the seven players we had on the roster this year had never hit a ball at the Round of 16 site before," Thornqvist said. "So if you step back and realize that we really were very inexperienced, I think

ultimately we had a really good tournament."

The Gators (22-3) were down early after losing the doubles. Victorious in the first three singles matches, UF needed one more win to go to the National Championship.

But Magley was put away in straight sets on court one. At that point, it was up to junior Boglarka Berecz on court six and sophomore Nina Suvak on court three to clinch.

As Berecz was about to lose in three sets, the scene on Suvak's court was just as grim. Suvak had chances but struggled in the final set, and was defeated 7-6 (6), 2-6, 6-2.

For UF's lone senior, Zerene Reyes, the experiences of four years came out Saturday.

"When we lost against Texas, that really got me," she said. "I was crying when we lost. I couldn't be-

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Tim Casey/Alligator Staff

UF center fielder Lacy Howard reacts to being called out at third base during Friday's loss to Bethune-Cookman College.

Baseball team exceeding expectations with conference title surprise

The UF baseball team did what most thought to be unthinkable Sunday.

The Gators, predicted to finish third in the SEC East by the coaches, won the conference's regular season crown.

That's the SEC, as in the best baseball conference in the country.

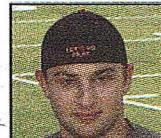
After Ben Harrison, C.J. Smith and Justin Hoyman left, this was supposed to be somewhat of a re-

building year.

But Pat McMahon and his Gators wouldn't let that happen.

Just about two weeks ago, UF lost six out of seven games. Fickle UF fans were calling for McMahon's head on the message boards. UF hosting an NCAA Regional was in doubt.

Now, it has all changed. A Regional is nearly a lock. McMahon should be SEC Coach of the Year.



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Miami, who UF seems to see in the

Gators finished 20-10 in the SEC and 38-18 overall. Included in the record is a series over perennial baseball powerhouse

postseason every year.

And there we have it: the postseason.

SEC Tournament play starts Wednesday and runs through Sunday. As the top seed, the Gators have some pressure on them, but my gut says they'll be fine.

I can almost guarantee they'll win a game, unlike that team to the west (Go with me here, the UF softball stadium is located on the west

side of campus).

I'm not taking away from the Gators' phenomenal season, but let's face it: no one remembers the regular season, which is sad.

Luckily, the Gators have Connor Falkenbach, whose arm is so superhuman that it seems like he could've pitched every inning of every game without tiring. It was Falkenbach

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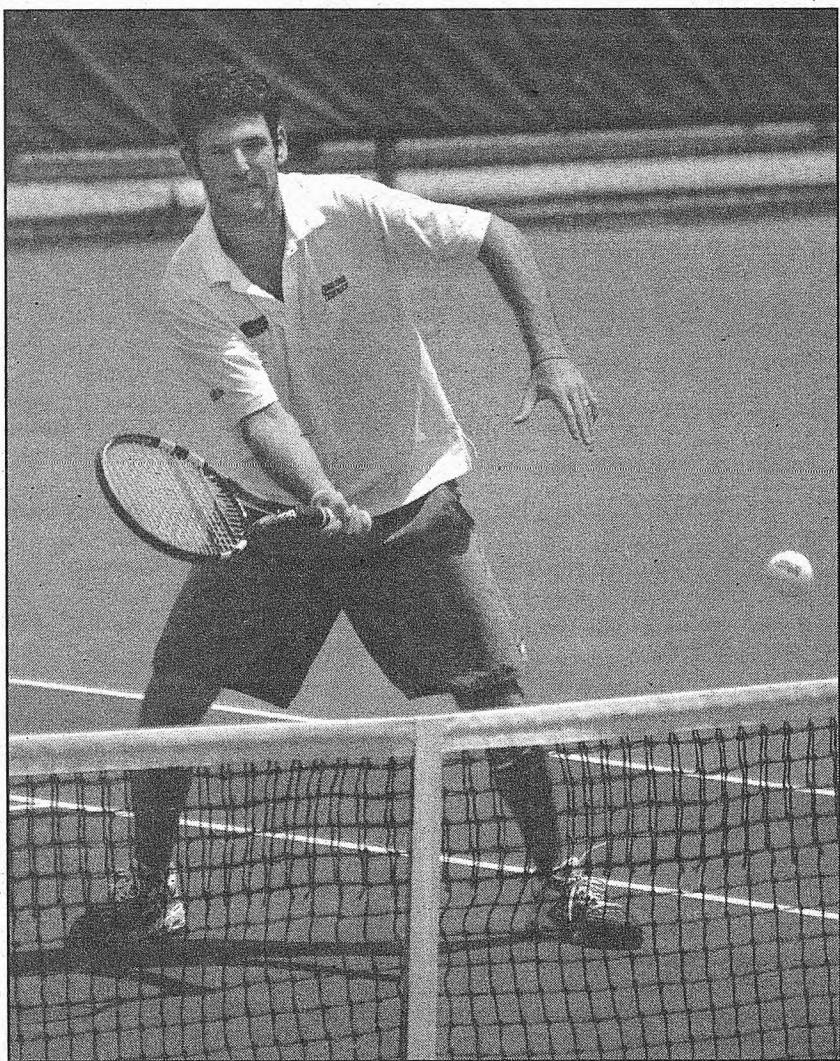
- Matt LaPorta became the first non-pitcher in UF baseball history to win the SEC player of the week three times in one season.

THIS WEEK IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

- May 25, 1985: After finishing in the top five in four consecutive seasons, the UF women's golf team became the second team in UF sports history to win a national title.

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Jordan Dolberg and partner Chris Brandi lost their doubles match 8-5, but the UF men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Championships.

NCAA MEN'S TENNIS Gators fail to upset Baylor

By MICHAEL MAURINO

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In January, few would have predicted the UF men's tennis team would be in the NCAA Semifinals. They had lost one of their best players, Janne Holmia, to season-ending back surgery, and besides, the Gators had only reached the Semifinals once in their history. Why would this season be different?

Yet UF won a share of the Southeastern Conference regular season crown and the SEC Tournament. But Monday night they ran into defending champion Baylor, and one of the most successful seasons in UF history came to an end as the No. 4 seed Gators lost 4-1.

Coach Andy Jackson said his team played well, but top-seeded Baylor was better.

"I don't feel like we did anything wrong," he said. "In fact, I felt like we played a good match, it's just we weren't quite good enough to get over the hump."

UF (24-6) was quickly defeated in doubles, and started singles with a 1-0 deficit. Playing from behind, they won the first sets on courts three, five, and six, but it was only a matter of time until the 33-0 Bears took over.

Jackson said they knew of Baylor's advantage in doubles and realized UF could pull the upset in singles.

"We knew that could possibly happen [losing doubles]," he said. "And we had to dig in and try to get a hold of them in singles. I felt like we did get a hold of them a little bit in singles. They just wiggled away a little bit."

Freshman Greg Ouellette was the first to fall, as he lost at the second court, 6-4, 6-3. But even more concern was the status of Hamid Mirzadeh's match at court one.

As UF's only senior, Mirzadeh is looked at for leadership. He may also be a good luck charm. When he wins at the top court, UF is 16-0. But it was not a good night for the player known as 'Hammer,' as Mirzadeh lost 6-2, 6-4, to No. 2-ranked Benedikt Dorsch.

"I don't feel like we did anything wrong."

In fact, I felt like we played a good match, it's just we weren't quite good enough to get over the hump."

Andy Jackson
UF men's tennis coach

With the score 3-0, the Gators' glimmer of hope appeared on court six when junior Ryan Sherry took his match in straight sets. It was the first time the Bears lost a singles match in the NCAAs this year.

However, Baylor would clinch the match a few minutes later when freshman Nestor Briceno was defeated at court four, 6-4, 7-6.

It is hard to find the good in a loss when a team is so close to their first ever National Championship appearance. But Jackson said his team has achieved a lot this season, and they should be proud of that.

"I think they should be pleased with their achievement," he said. "But they're disappointed, because they are champions and they came to win the tournament."

Women's golf takes 10th in NCAA championship UF rallies behind freshmen but falls short

By NICK ZACCARDI
Alligator Writer

It was the first taste of NCAA championship golf for four UF golfers last week.

It was the last sip for another.

After missing the NCAA Championships in 2004, a core group of four freshmen and a senior guided the Gators to a 10th place finish on the Meadow Course in Sunriver, Ore.

Following two team scores over 300 in the first two rounds, UF rebounded with a 297 in the third round and a 293 on Friday to reach the top ten at 1195 (+59).

The Gators actually shot four strokes lower than NCAA Champion Duke in the final round, though the Blue Devils won by five shots and outlasted UF by 25.

"We hung in there. [Friday] we saw bad conditions and at times, it was hailing," UF Coach Jill Briles-Hinton said. "The wind was

terrible, but the girls fought hard and it paid off. We are very happy to finish where we did."

The freshmen led the late charge for the Gators, with each first-year golfer recording their lowest 18-hole score in either the third or fourth rounds.

"Taking four freshmen into the tournament was not a strong concern for me," Briles-Hinton said. "We prepared the girls as best we could and we did that well. Coach [Robin] Walton and I just kept reminding them to take it one shot at a time."

Freshman Tiffany Chudy's tournament best, a 1-over-par 72 in the fourth round, earned her a tie for 16th at +12.

Only two freshmen shot lower than the All-Southeastern Conference second team member.

Senior Andrea Vander Lende closed out her career at UF with a 76 (+5) and a tie for

39th at +15.

Finishing one shot higher than Vander Lende, Sandra Gal skyrocketed up the leaderboard with an even-par 71 on Thursday and a final round 72 on Friday.

The freshman jumped into a tie for 45th at +16 after completing two rounds tied for 94th.



Briles-Hinton

C.J. Kim (+23) and Whitney Myers (+27) rounded out the UF scoring, earning respective ties for 85th and 103rd.

Though UF could have shot lower, Briles-Hinton left satisfied.

"We all still feel that we left a few out there on the course," she said. "But considering the conditions [Friday] and the cold, windy days before it, we are thrilled to have shot what we did. I am very proud of this team."

UF returns all but two of its golfers in the

fall, including a talented group of five freshmen, one of who is Eleanor Tucker, who competed at the SEC Championships.

MEN EARN NCAA BERTH: The UF men's golf team advanced to the NCAA Championship for the fifth straight season by finishing in a tie for fourth at the NCAA East Regional on Saturday.

Wake Forest (-17) won the tournament by two strokes over Tennessee, with Georgia (-9), the Gators and Georgia State (each at -7) rounding out the top five.

With the top ten teams moving on from the 27-school field, the Gators were on the bubble Thursday night after a first round 287 (+3) effort that put them in a tie for 14th.

Led by Matt Every, UF rallied on Friday, shooting a tournament-best 14-under-par 270 to move into the top five.

Every, an All-Southeastern Conference first team pick, recorded an 8-under-par 63, his career low round at UF.

UF wins SEC all-sports award for 14th consecutive year

THE MEN'S PROGRAM FINISHED FIRST OVERALL.

STAFF REPORT

For the 14th consecutive year, UF has been awarded the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group SEC Overall All-Sports title. UF also finished first in the men's standings and third in the women's.

The UF men's program has now won four consecutive titles and seven of the last eight. The women's program finished in the

top three and has never finished below third in the 22-year history of the women's award.

The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group, which includes 14 newspapers throughout the Southeastern United States, awards trophies to the league school that captures each of those three all-sports titles.

UF won three regular-season SEC Championships in 2004-05 to raise its total to 48 since the 1995-96 academic year, the most by any conference school during the 10-year span. The Gators won the

SEC title in baseball and shared the league crowns for volleyball and men's tennis.

The UF's men's program finished first, totaling 72 points for the highest ever average of 10.29 points in its seven sports.

The UF women finished third with an average of 8.56 points (77 points in nine sports).

UF is hopeful of finishing among the nation's top 10 most successful overall athletic programs for the 22nd consecutive year when final national all-sports rankings are released in June.

Overall All-Sports Standings

Place	School	Points	Sports	Average
1	Florida	149.00	16.00	9.31
2	Tennessee	135.50	15.00	9.03
3	Georgia	137.00	16.00	8.56
4	Auburn	126.50	16.00	7.91
5	LSU	112.50	16.00	7.03
6	Alabama	99.00	16.00	6.19
7	Kentucky	95.00	16.00	5.94
8	South Carolina	87.50	15.00	5.83
9	Arkansas	83.00	15.00	5.53
10	Miss. State	67.50	13.00	5.19
11	Vanderbilt	54.50	11.00	4.95
12	Mississippi	60.00	13.00	4.62

Gators earn 2 wins in NCAA singles tournament

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lieve it."

While Thornqvist is not looking to next year, that team is coming together. He will add two players and Gordon, last year's player at court one is, "more than likely rejoin the team in the spring of '06," Thornqvist said.

Next year's lineup could

have a totally different dynamic.

"We'll have five players at 21 years or older next year," Thornqvist said. "And that certainly adds a lot of maturity to the lineup. And that I like. I think we'll be really good."

SINGLES ACTION: UF's singles tournament started with a bang and a whimper, and, most importantly, two Gators

wins.

Magley, who is fifth in the singles rankings, was in a tight match with Stanford's Whitney Deason. Struggling with a sore hip, Magley split the first two sets, and was behind 4-0 in the third. Yet she came roaring back, winning the match, 7-6 (9), 5-7, 6-4.

"I just have to dig deep and have faith," Magley said of her third-set comeback.

"Today, I don't know how that happened. I just kept trying."

Magley's partner in the doubles tournament, Reyes, had no problems, as she defeated South Florida's Neyssa Etienne, 6-0, 6-0.

Magley and Reyes continue singles play tomorrow. They are also in the doubles tournament, along with freshmen teammates Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan.

Coach calls 2005 a 'phenomenal year' despite postseason

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pointing postseason without excuses or open emotion.

In a subdued post-game press conference, senior Mandy Schuerman tried to put the loss into perspective for a team that returns eight of Saturday's nine starters to next year's squad.

"It's pretty difficult that it was my last time playing for the Gators, which is sad for me," Schuerman said. "It's sad

for me, but the big picture is the team, and they're going to do great next year."

Johns praised the team's inner-workings.

"Obviously we're disappointed," Johns said. "But I'm happy with this group as far as things that we've been able to accomplish internally in the program that didn't always externally show."

Saturday's loss capped off a postseason that saw the Gators go two-and-out in both the Southeastern Conference and NCAA Tournament.

"The unity level, the work ethic level, the ability to place themselves in the top 15 pretty consistently are things this team has done well this season," Johns said. "But the problem is the postseason, and that's the next step the program needs to take."

"You take out the last three weeks of the season, and it's a phenomenal year."

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who staved off elimination in the SEC Tournament last year with a complete-game shutout against Georgia.

Although he's pitched in relief all season, it wouldn't surprise me if we saw him in a starting role.

But even the SEC Tournament isn't what really matters.

As sad as it is, the Gators will be judged on how they perform come NCAA time. What should be the home-field advantage in the Regional should help.

Should the Gators fail to make it to a Super Regional, fans will once again be disappointed. (Especially if the Gators are eliminated by the Hurricanes).

To most, this team has overachieved all year.

I have no reason to believe they won't continue it, either.

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