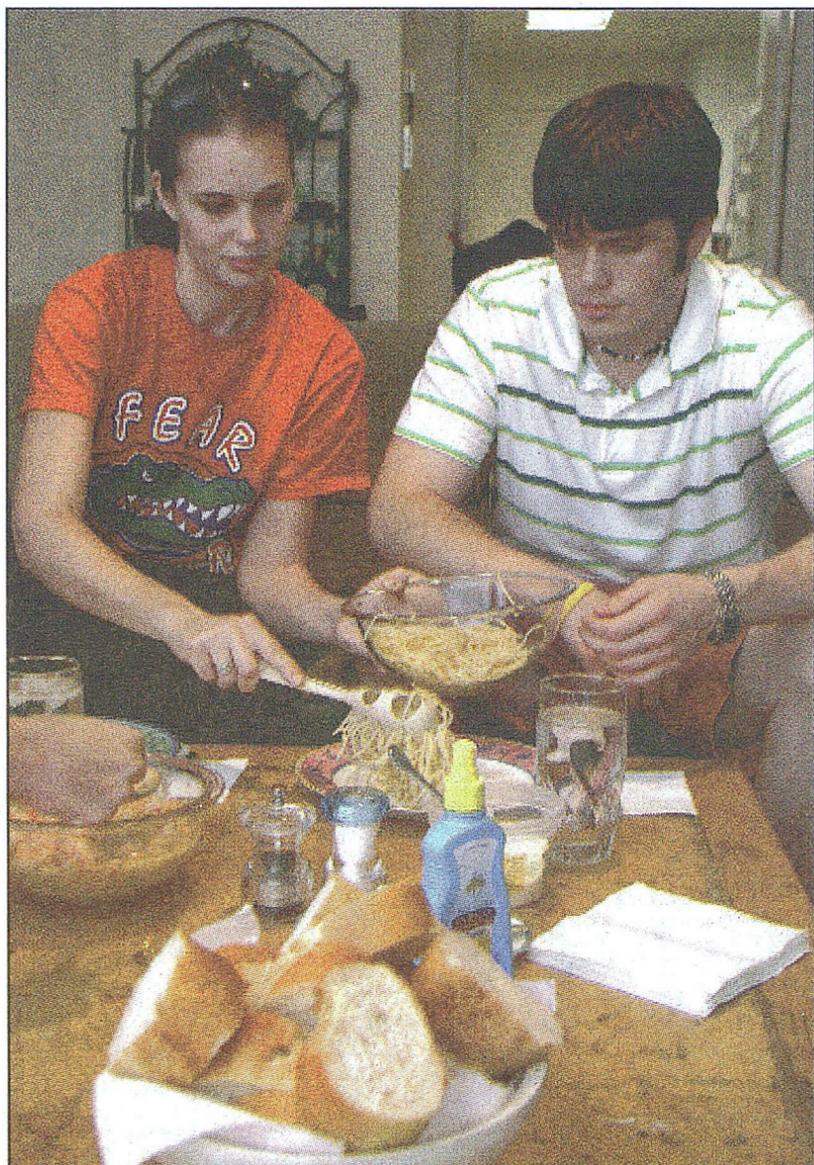




Survivors among us

Katrina evacuees start over at UF

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Cody Adams and his girlfriend, Amanda Wittenberg, share their first homemade dinner together since they were forced to leave their schools.

Libby Michelini's stint as a resident assistant in a Tulane University dorm was over before it even began.

"At 11 a.m. on the same day the freshmen moved in, we were issued a mandatory evacuation," the 20-year-old Tulane student said. "We had until 6 p.m. to get everybody out."

Michelini, who initially believed she would be able to return to Tulane, eventually became one of the 69 college students displaced by Hurricane Katrina who have enrolled at UF for the Fall semester.

Many plan to return to the city in the Spring semester to finish their education there, but in the meantime they are encountering various challenges as they attempt to acquire financial aid, secure housing and battle UF's administrative bureaucracy.

"The only things I brought with me from Tulane were a suitcase, a pillow and my laptop," Michelini said. "I'm really excited to be here now, but UF hasn't figured out what its official stance is, so there's a lot of red tape."

Although Michelini is a Florida native, she is ineligible for a Bright Futures scholarship because of her status as a transient student at UF.

"They told me I'm not admitted, just enrolled," she said. "It sort of really hurts, because schools all over the country, like the upper-echelon ones, are waiving all costs."

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said UF lacks the financial resources of private schools offering free tuition and the uni-

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Parking tops Board agenda

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Though thousands of students pour in and out of UF on a daily basis, campus roads are in no shape to handle more traffic, a UF official said Thursday afternoon.

The effects of a growing student population surfaced in discussion during committee meetings of the university's highest governing body, the Board of Trustees.

Though UF's 10-year master plan calls for 13 new parking structures, only one or two are likely to be funded in coming years.



Poppell

The Facilities Committee's presentation on the plan shifted to a question-and-answer session on campus parking availability.

The plan limits how many parking spots UF can add on campus each year, and that limit has not been met, said Ed Poppell, vice president for

Finance and Administration.

One reason, he said, is UF's tendency to erect buildings on parking lots.

He added that mass transit alternatives, such as buses, have been promoted, and in recent years on-campus parking has been discouraged because road conditions around campus are too poor to handle the increase in daily car traffic.

"You have prepaid, unlimited ridership" on RTS buses, Poppell said of UF students.

The Facilities Committee also voted to redirect \$1.5 million in student-funded Capital Improvement Trust Fund allocations. The money

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'Krewe' serves up Big Easy fare for hurricane relief

■ ALLEN LEBLANC'S FAMILY LIVED RIGHT NEXT TO A BROKEN LEVEE.

By **MELISSA JACOBS**
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Having escaped a house now filled with 7 feet of water, Allen LeBlanc and his family have felt the brunt of Hurricane Katrina.

LeBlanc's family comes from Lakeview, a neighborhood right next to the 17th Street Canal where the levee broke, causing massive flooding and damage.

"My family's house is nothing like it once was. It's completely devastating," he said.

Stricken by the disastrous impact of the storm, LeBlanc and a longtime friend, UF junior Justin Farge, decided it was time to take action.



"Basically, we got tired of being depressed and decided to do something about it. Raising money seemed like the best alternative."

"Allen and I would sit around for hours on end surrounded by hurricane coverage on the news, watching our city turn to hell," said Farge, whose family also was affected by the storm.

LeBlanc and Farge will be supporting hurricane relief through their fundraiser, nicknamed "The Jambalaya Krewe."

The Krewe will serve jambalaya, a signature New Orleans Creole dish, during Saturday's football game versus Louisiana Tech at the corner of University Avenue and Northwest 18th Street to benefit those affected

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■ Vernell Brown jukes during a punt return against Wyoming, but Brown's best moves have been coming off the field. See story, pg. 17



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Kanye West tickets available

Tickets go on sale today at noon to see Grammy winner Kanye West, known for his provocative rap lyrics, on Oct. 13 at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

Students can buy tickets for \$36 at the University Box Office in the Constans Theatre lobby. The first 2,000 students to present a Gator 1 Card will receive a \$10 discount.

West won Best Rap Album for "The College Dropout" and Best Rap Song for "Jesus Walks" at the 2005 Grammys. He received eight other nominations.

Non-student tickets are available through TicketMaster. For more information on ticket sales, call the O'Connell Center at 392-5500.

O'Connor to speak today

Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced this summer her re-

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tirement from the U.S. Supreme Court, will visit UF today.

O'Connor will address about 1,000 alumni, faculty and staff at the 11 a.m. dedication ceremony for the new Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center at the Levin College of Law.

She will give "words of encouragement" to the college, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Patrick Shannon said.

For security reasons, both events require tickets to attend. All available tickets already have been handed out, Shannon said.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gator Party will be hosting an open forum and brainstorming session with all candidates and any interested students. The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Bryan and Matthews lounges in the Reitz Union.

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GRU lifts power alerts

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UF students and residents can lighten up on conserving electricity without much fear of overusing power.

The Florida Reliability Coordinating Council discontinued alerts advising residents to limit the use of natural gas by cutting down on electricity.

The alerts were issued after two Louisiana processing plants, which contributed to the pipelines carrying natural gas to Florida, were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, said Don Jesse, a Gainesville Regional Utilities spokesman.

“If the state had not heeded the advice and we had hot days, we could’ve had rolling blackouts,” Jesse said. “During a rolling

blackout, we’ll purposely turn off power in parts of the city for several hours to conserve energy.”

Gainesville, he was happy to say, never has had a rolling blackout.

With hurricane season reaching its peak, more alerts and high costs are probable.

“Prices are re- treating because the units are back on line,” said

Paul Sotkiewicz, director of energy studies at UF.

Still, he said that even before Hurricane Katrina damaged four fuel refineries, electricity prices were on the rise.

“The demand for heating and electricity and the lack of significant findings to meet the demand will cause this,” Sotkiewicz said.

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Board expected to decide fate of Bandshell today

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was promised for renovation of the Flavet Field Bandshell, a concert venue, but the administration asked the Board to use it to replace sewage pipes and elevator shafts in the Reitz Union.

The Union, which sees thousands of students every day, could lose its popular food court if the sewage pipes break, Student Body President Joe Goldberg said.

He added that the money would fund renovations of the Rion Ballroom and student organization offices on the Union's third floor. But the reallocation first has to be approved by the full Board of Trustees today, then by the Board of Governors, the body that oversees the State University System, and finally the Legislature in its next session.

During a meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy, UF's student body of nearly 49,000 was cited as pushing resi-

dence halls and classrooms to their limits as well.

Associate Provost Joe Glover said that about 550 more freshmen than expected enrolled this year, causing class sizes to swell and on-campus living to reach near capacity.

“We poured a record amount of money into hiring additional faculty,” Glover said. “The academic infrastructure has been pushed to the limit.”

As a result, he said UF, which had intended to keep the freshman class size constant, would have to rethink its admissions strategy.

Despite the increase in enrollment, Glover said that nearly every department on campus meets the student demand, except for some chemistry labs, which are limited by the amount of equipment available.

Provost Janie Fouke added that nearly 70 students from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina have enrolled at UF.

The entire Board of Trustees will meet today at Emerson Alumni Hall to vote on issues brought up in Thursday's committee meetings.

Jambalaya on sale for \$3 near Saturday's football game

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by the storm.

Starting at 11 a.m., fans can enjoy a taste of the Big Easy for \$3 a bowl while supporting a worthy cause.

“We decided to sell the jambalaya on gameday because it is just so important for people to remember how unique New Orleans is and how we all need to do our part to make sure their culture and tradition stays alive,” LeBlanc said.

“Everyone should feel the need to help out.”

Proceeds from the jambalaya will benefit Catholic Relief Charities, he said.

Farge and LeBlanc based the idea for their event on a group of Louisiana natives that called themselves “The Gumbo Krewe.” The original “Krewe” traveled to ground zero after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks to feed rescue workers and later to Afghanistan and Iraq to feed soldiers.

LeBlanc said he is unsure of whether his family will ever be able to return to his home in Lakeview, and if the community can ever rebuild to what it once was.

“I’m hoping for the best for my neighborhood, and that it is able to survive beyond this disaster,” he said.

“Right now, all I can do is put every last bit of effort into doing my part to help the situation.”

Charity events this weekend

GatorNation Can Food Drive — ongoing donations to be dropped off at the Center for Leadership and Service and other locations.

American Red Cross — shelter volunteers needed: (352) 376-4669.

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UF and SFCC open doors to displaced students

SFCC offers free tuition

By **ALEJANDRA CANCINO**
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Before Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans last week, Amanda Gonzalez, 18, was a performing and media arts student at Delgado Community College in New Orleans.

Gonzalez's house, along with her goal of transferring to the University of New Orleans, is now underwater, but SFCC is giving her a chance to continue her education at the Andrews Center in Starke, a satellite campus, for free.

SFCC will waive or reduce tuition and fees for students from ar-

reas affected by Hurricane Katrina on a case-by-case basis depending on the student's living situation, said Benny Allgood, SFCC associate vice president for college relations.

"We are concentrating on removing barriers and giving the students the best possible education under the circumstances," Allgood said.

Three affected students are enrolled at SFCC, but officials expect more transfers as they learn about the offer.

Gonzalez and her family arrived in Starke on Aug. 28, the day before Hurricane Katrina submerged the first story of their two-story house.

"I am glad that [Amanda] was able to get in school," said her mother, Robin Gonzalez. "I didn't want her to get behind."

Newest Gators want to go back to Big Easy

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versity is doing its best to accommodate everyone.

"Of course there's going to be a financial consideration anytime, but that's not the main concern in people's minds right now," he said. "If there's a need, we're here to help people."

Although UF is not waiving tuition costs, it is offering in-state rates to all evacuees enrolling at the university.

So far, the school has received 340 inquiries by displaced students.

Amanda Wittenberg, a 20-year-old junior from Loyola University who began classes at UF this week, said she is having a hard time ad-

justing to the school and receiving information.

"When we first called UF, they said they didn't know if they were accepting students," she said.

"Eventually I got in, but I'm not used to the campus, and it's hard to get things done. I can't get a lot of my books, because I don't know what's going to happen with financial aid."

Wittenberg added that she doesn't feel faculty and administration members are being as helpful as they can.

"Students have been very nice helping me catch up," she said. "But with the faculty and staff, it's hard to get done what I need to do, and I just spent a lot of time going to different offices."

"However, Tulane junior Cody Adams, a Keystone Heights native,

said he's pleased with UF's efforts to enroll student evacuees despite the setbacks he's encountered.

"I spent a good five hours walking from office to office getting paperwork signed, but I think for such a big school they're doing a good job," he said. "The hardest thing about this is finding somewhere to live because I'm not going to be here for a full year, and most of the leases aren't short-term."

While Adams' friends from Tulane escaped the hurricane safely, he said he hasn't heard from many of the New Orleans locals he knew.

"It's a 283-year-old city, and Tulane's been there for like 170 years," Michelini said. "Tulane was my first-choice school. I'm in love with it and the city, and I worked hard to be there. I want to go back."

Gator Nation TAILGATE

Gator Nation Tailgate... the Place to be on Game Day.

Students, come by the Gator Nation Tailgate at Emerson Alumni Hall this Saturday and enjoy Gator Dockside's wings, a chance to win an iPod and a Diet Pepsi Party Truck, as seen on the Super Bowl commercials. ESPN will be broadcasting their pre-game radio show live in the lobby. For more details, please visit www.ufalumni.ufl.edu.

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Editorial

SG atrocities

Students' voices are ignored in Reitz plan

Today is supposed to be Darts & Laurels. But something has come to the attention of the Editorial Board that cannot wait until Monday's column.

We'd like to step over all the DART-worthy missteps of this week to focus on one atrocity that affects all UF students who value their right to have a say in the way their tuition is spent.

Thus, we shoot a huge our-money-isn't-your-personal-home-decorating-fund DART at UF administrators and Student Body President Joe Goldberg for circumventing the student body and announcing they will take \$1.5 million from a tuition-funded fee to spruce up the Reitz Union.

Almost a year ago students decided the money would go to the Flavet Field Bandshell, an outdoor campus venue in disrepair. In the past, acts such as Outkast graced its stage for free concerts in front of a sea of students.

The money comes from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, which is compiled from a fee attached to tuition. Every three to five years, the legislature gives the university a chunk of the revenue. The most recent windfall was \$13.6 million.

Last Fall a board of students and administrators decided how to divide the money. Information was collected, lists were drawn up, and eventually the entire committee decided how much would be spent and where. The spending was approved by the university's highest governing body.

That should have been the end of it.

But now Goldberg and Reitz Union officials are disregarding months of planning because they fancy themselves dictators.

We're not gonna take it.

They plan to use \$200,000 for new sewer lines and elevator pistons. The remaining \$1.3 million might be put toward redecorating the Rion Ballroom and the Student Activities Center.

First of all the Rion Ballroom is not in need of such a renovation. It's not in disrepair and is far from being unusable. Students and faculty members use it all the time. They will continue to use it, mostly for meetings and occasionally for concerts. It doesn't need to be a fancy room lined in gold trim. The Grand Ballroom can serve as the "nice" one.

The Bandshell, however, is completely shut down. It needs renovation. And more students will benefit by its re-emergence than by the sprucing up of the ballroom.

Secondly, the Student Activities Center only has so much space it can give to organizations. They can't add to the third floor; they can only restructure what they've got.

Goldberg's plea was that only 18 organizations have offices on the third floor. Of course more than 60 percent is used by Florida Blue Key, which is not a UF organization, and the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs.

We really don't buy that one.

Finally, the \$200,000 allotment seems logical at first. The Reitz has some serious sewer problems, and none of us want our Union submerged in sewage.

This would still leave \$1.3 million for the Bandshell.

More important, however, is the way the Union milks SG for all it's worth.

Last year SG loaned the Union \$500,000 for its hotel and gave another \$100,000 for a sewer line. Sure, it's supposed to be for the students, but we'd argue that the university administration reaps benefits and yet never lends a helping hand.

The Editorial Board's final complaint is that Goldberg is undoing what the SG administration before him did. Last Fall he expressed distaste for the way former Student Body President Jamal Sowell left the Union out of the trust-fund list.

Now he's overturning that decision without any student input.

Today the Board of Trustees will decide whether to give the funds to the Reitz Union.

Go to the meeting in Emerson Alumni Hall and raise hell.

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Column

Hurricane race issue is a fabrication

Kanye West was right: George Bush doesn't care about black people.

Unfortunately, West was so focused on reading the teleprompter, he forgot to read one of the words.

George Bush doesn't care *specifically* about black people. How did this become a race issue, instead of a tragedy that affects all Americans?

As happens so often these days, it became a race issue because members of that race — and sympathetic media representatives and activists — made it a race issue.

Contrary to West's opinion newspapers aren't referring to black scavengers as "looting" and white scavengers as "looking for food."

One Associated Press photo caption referred to one black man as a looter, because the photographer — according to Jack Stokes, the AP's director of media relations — saw him loot from a store.

One AFP/Getty photo caption referred to white people as having found goods, because photographer Chris Graythen — as he said in a public statement — believed they had picked up those goods as they floated by.

But even if there wasn't an easy explanation for the wording choices, two photos aren't a trend.

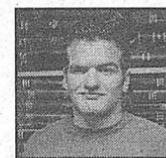
To assume automatically that they constitute racism because the harsher caption features a black man and the lesser depicts white people is ridiculous.

Worse, every time the media picks up this sort of reaction, impressionable people hold it up as gospel truth.

I say "impressionable" because any words that truly would apply are not suitable for a public forum.

Only a few days after West's meltdown, I sat in class and listened to an impressionable student tell the professor she had no idea if what West said was true. But she thought it sounded pretty bad, and West obviously knew what he was talking about because the events made him so emotional.

West himself is guilty of the same crime as the student, as each successive complainer builds upon the original



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overreaction until the public believes it to be true because it's heard it so often.

For him these two photos constitute "the way they portray us in the media," as if there were a long history of similar occurrences for which this only is a recent example.

I'd like to see some evidence of these occurrences.

True, there is a lot of black crime in the media. There also is a lot of black crime.

If you think that statement is racist in any way, then you probably aren't the sort of reasonably thinking American who I'm trying to reach with these words.

White people aren't racist just because they're white. Black people in trouble aren't facing racism just because they're in trouble.

New Orleans wouldn't be in any better shape right now if the percentage of black residents and white residents were flipped — unless it were because the white residents had more money and thus had easier access to relief.

That's not a problem of racism; that's a problem of inequality.

That inequality isn't caused by racists. It's a relic of a dying social order that has a long way to go before it's rectified.

But it will be rectified, and its path will be much easier if both sides are willing to treat each other as equals.

Yes, both sides.

A disaster occurred, and its aftermath was and is a tragedy because of a deadly combination of poor preparation and questionable relief efforts.

To try to make it anything more only directs energy away from the issues causing legitimate human suffering.

Matt Sanchez is a journalism senior. His column appears on Friday.

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Reader response

Today's question:

Should the Flavet Field Bandshell be renovated?

Thursday's question:

Should SG spend \$50,000 on towels for the recreation center?

27% YES

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Guest column

Student Government should stop trying

For the first time in a long while, Student Government is making a concerted effort to reach out to the student body and really show how it works for us.

In a painful twist of irony, however, this era of helping the common student already has proved to be more damaging and inconvenient for the student body than the status quo of years gone by.

During its election campaign of Spring 2005, the Gator Party made numerous promises regarding the services toward which it would work for the good of the student body. Towels would be provided at the recreation centers. Online voting would become a reality.

These were typical campaign pledges, and it remained to be seen whether or not these promises would materialize.

When the "secured-site" online voting initiative was passed this Summer, many understood exactly what it stood for. SG had stonewalled a strong call for student involvement in elections before it could become a reality. By merely placing computers at the standard polling locations, it technically had answered the online-voting question while barely

Scott Gilton touching the spirit of the whole idea. The fiasco was accepted resignedly by most of the student body, which knew that was the way SG works sometimes.

It's a shame SG didn't give up on reaching out to the students after that intentionally bungled initiative.

Instead, SG is now furthering the greater good of the student body by considering seizing a quarter of the computers in the Reitz Union lab for its brilliantly planned secured-site voting later this month. Perhaps the members of SG don't make the trip to the third-floor computer lab too often. If they did, they might see that the room is almost constantly at full capacity. The student body would have been better off with the paper-ballot voting of past years.

The "free towels for everyone" initiative also backfired miserably.

With the campus laundry services closing, common sense would dictate that the gym-towel concept would be put to pasture for reasons of increased expenses or unexpected circumstances.

Instead, SG, acting as the champion of the everyday student, has decided to outsource the laundering of towels. While some may argue that forgotten gym towels are one of the direst inconveniences plaguing the student body today, \$50,000 seems to be too steep a price to pay for a remedy, especially considering that laundering would be a continuing drain on SG funds in future semesters.

All told, SG has followed up on its promise to provide more services for students and increase its visibility on campus. However, the bumbling and sheer inefficiency it has displayed in pursuit of this promise is so painful at this point that I cringe to admit I was one of many predicting SG would really do something for us last Spring.

The embarrassing blindness The Gator Party has exhibited in delivering on its campaign promises makes one wonder if we would be better helped if SG would mind its own business.

Perhaps increasing student awareness of SG services should consist of unnecessary and overpriced TV spots instead of public deeds.

Scott Gilton is a physics senior.

Letter to the Editor

New Orleans needs to relocate inland

The past 10 days have been some of the worst in our nation's history. Following the initial shock of Hurricane Katrina, I began to analyze the situation.

Into my thoughts came the realization that New Orleans was on an impossible site. When the French arrived they loved the delta where rice could be grown abundantly. The city flourished.

Now we are confronted with the task of rebuilding. It would test Job beyond any reason.

An answer came to me: Scrape New Orleans clean.

Retain any surviving buildings of value but relocate the city to a site far removed from the old. Build a new city with houses, schools, colleges, churches, apartments, condos, shopping centers, roads and airports. All should be planned and built in a new context. The problems of charters, deeds and leases would be solvable.

The way is clear to me. We can do it if our population has the will and our elected officials the resolve. A catastrophe can be an opportunity unimagined.

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UF professor, School of Architecture

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Assembly brings out South Asian American pride



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Rajiv Sharma, Rocky Singh and Umang Batu wait to perform with the UF Bhangra Club during the South Asian American Student Assembly on Thursday night.

By **DIANA MAZZELLA**

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They wore saris, "Swamp Thing" T-shirts, suits, jeans and tunics. Some were barefoot and some wore shoes.

The first South Asian American Student Assembly held at UF included Sikh, Hindu, Islamic, and national and cultural organizations in the Reitz Union's Rion Ballroom on Thursday night.

Associate Dean of Students Mary Kay Schneider told the students there to "make sure you claim the University of Florida as your own."

With the orange and blue tunics and saris of the UF Bhangra Club dancers and the Gator chomp cheer spread throughout the night, they appeared to be doing just that.

"This has been a long-standing dream of mine," said South Asian American Student Alliance President Preeti Sharma. She said she had wanted to have the South Asian groups on campus together at one event.

Main speaker Sarwat Rumi, a self-described Bengali American

Muslim, read her poetry and shared her experience with women's issues, especially South Asian women.

Though dancers at the event wore a kaleidoscope of colors, Rumi wore jeans and a brown, short-sleeved shirt.

Her poems and message spoke of her own experiences of being raped and being in an abusive relationship during her college years.

On Campus She said she wanted students to form communities that went beyond social networks.

In a slow, lulling voice, she sang and spoke of her recent trip to Bangladesh, where she often heard the Muslim call to prayer.

She flowed into an intimate poem in which she prayed to Allah.

"I never thought I could know you like this," she recited.

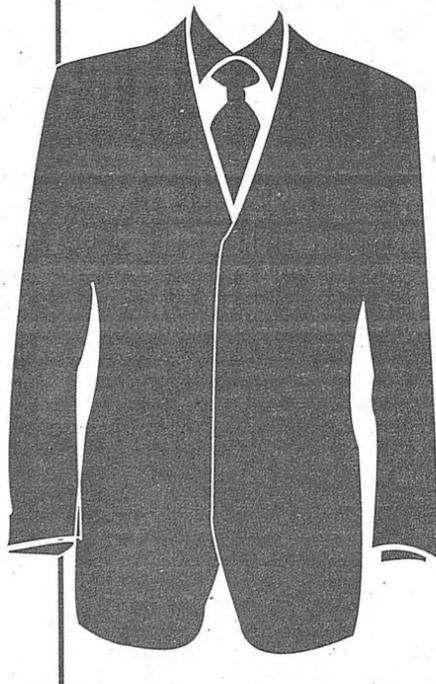
The Bhangra Club may have drawn the most cheers from the audience of more than 400 people.

In orange-and-blue veils, tunics, vests and turbans, the dancers hopped and twirled their arms, their bracelets and long earrings jingling.

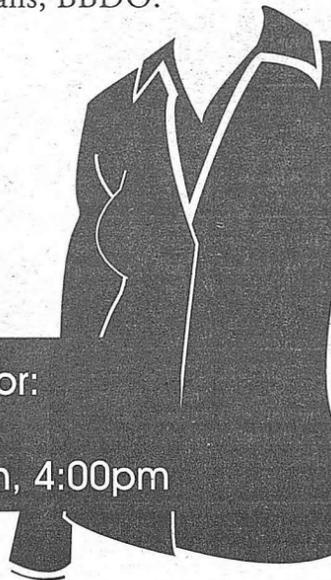
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3 Subleases

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4 Roommates

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4 Roommates

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Sometimes, the laughter subsides and the world becomes a serious, scary place. It's hard for us to imagine such a thought, because here at alligatorSports, we usually find the serious route awfully boring.

But after listening to Louisiana Tech coach Jack Bicknell describe the horrors of Hurricane Katrina — even though the Bulldogs play five hours away from New Orleans — one thing is clear: this game is about much more than football.

So, for the first and last time in alligatorSports Brand Picks Column™ history, we're turning serious. No jokes or bashes, especially not with this week's token picker being Dan Hollingsworth, the mayor of Ruston, La., where the Bulldogs play football.

Hollingsworth, who hopes to make the trip to Gainesville this weekend, says the Bulldogs are using this weekend's game as a type of therapy.

"I think the fact that life goes on, the team is still going to try to do their best to represent our university and our state, which has always had a lot of pride," Hollingsworth said. "They'll play hard and do their best, and we certainly wish them well. I hope it's a really good contest. Y'all [in Florida] have had your share of storms, you're not immune."

Ruston and nearby Shreveport are flooded with hurricane evacuees.

SEE PICKS, PAGE 20

Forgotten corner now UF's posterboy

By LOUIS ANASTASIS

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Vernell Brown spotted the wobbling ball and they were alone.

He dove to his left and vacuumed it in and it was just Brown — all 5-foot-8 of him — and the football.

After watching him intercept a pass from Wyoming's Corey Bramlet, you were probably surprised.

Just like when you saw him start the game.

Just like when you saw him nearly de-cleat running back Wynel Seldon in the backfield.

Especially when you glanced at the box score after the game and saw that Brown, one of the shortest cornerbacks in college football, led the Gators with six tackles. Surprised? Don't be.

"Every time I step on that field, I always feel like there's somebody questioning me," said Brown, his words making him appear much taller, much bigger. "I just come out and make plays. I try to work hard and help the team."

Didn't it look right — Brown and that intercepted ball all alone? Yet from 2001-2004, the redshirt senior barely tasted Swamp turf. He arrived as a local Gainesville High stud. Then the transformation began.

The coaches made him a defensive back, then a receiver, then a punt returner, then a defensive back all over again. Still, he rarely played until the infamous day.



Tricia Coyne / Alligator Staff

Vernell Brown jukes during a punt return against Wyoming, but Brown's best moves have been coming off the field.

With all the Bloomin' Onions on the line, UF asked him to pass the ball. The Gators, with a hot Rex Grossman and a promising drive, asked a 5-foot-8 speed demon to use his arm, not his legs. With UF down a touchdown and two points on Michigan's 27-yard line, they asked Brown to complete the

comeback in the 2003 Outback Bowl. He was intercepted. He doesn't want to remember.

"I live in today," Brown said. "[It stuck with me] maybe an hour after the game, and it was over and done with, and then you have to move on."

Brown, indeed, tried to move

on. But under Zook's tenure, he was only running in place. He would see the field sparingly, wondering why his talents were being overlooked, wondering what he was doing wrong.

But with the new coaching staff,

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UF FOOTBALL

Improving shovel pass a must for Gators

By IAN FISHER

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Although the Gators passed for 320 yards and only ran for 91 against Wyoming, that would be different if they used Coach Urban Meyer's measure of the shovel pass.

Meyer said Thursday he considers it a run; however, it is counted statistically as a pass.

Either way, Meyer emphasized its importance in his offense.

"When you have a play like a shovel, you're limited to how many blitzes you'll see," Meyer said. "That's an important part of our offense. Not that we'll call it 10 times a game, but you have to have it."

Meyer said UF didn't do a great job with it

Saturday, but it'll get better. He compared it to the timeline at Utah. Meyer said during his first year at Utah, the shovel pass was average, but in his second it became quite successful.



Meyer

was the ugliest 40 points in the history of college football."

LINEUP CHANGES?: Meyer said a few players will likely play against Louisiana Tech that

That being said, Meyer was a lot happier with his first game with the Gators than with his Utes debut.

"It was horrible," Meyer said of his first Utah game. "We beat Utah State 40-20; I remember it very well."

didn't against Wyoming. Defensive end Javier Estopinan, who sat out with a pulled muscle, may return to special teams, and offensive lineman Jim Tartt may make his college debut after missing the first game due to off-season shoulder surgery. Meyer said it's more of a need for reps for Tartt, since he is a redshirt freshman.

DeShawn Wynn will be back at running back, but the starter will be a game-time decision. Also, safety Tony Joiner may see the field after not playing against Wyoming.

After reserve punter/holder Nick Fleming botched two snaps on extra points last week, Meyer will use reserve quarterback Matt Kynes as well as Fleming as a holder.

"Matt Kynes will probably get the first one, but Nick Fleming is an accountable guy," Meyer said.

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I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ Former UF tennis player Lisa Raymond and partner Samantha Stosur will play for the U.S. Open doubles title Saturday, after upsetting the third-seeded pair Thursday.

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1989: Ron Zook wasn't the only UF coach to kick off a season on the hot seat. A 29-14 season-opening loss to Ole Miss sparked the "Fire Galen Hall" era in Gainesville. Hall was replaced four games later.

ON TELEVISION

■ Football: Pittsburgh vs. Ohio ESPN2, 8 p.m.
■ Baseball: Marlins at Phillies FSN, 7:05 p.m.

Gators prepare game by game

Despite some high-profile matchups in the near future and recent past, the UF women's soccer team cannot let either of this weekend's opponents fly under the radar.

While this weekend's games are sandwiched between last week's pair of top-10 showdowns and next weekend's in-state rivalry matches against FSU and Central Florida, the No. 12 Gators must focus on facing Loyola College tonight and Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday.

Head coach Becky Burleigh doesn't anticipate easy victories and expects Wisconsin-Milwaukee, in particular, to present a challenge on the field.

"Wisconsin-Milwaukee made the tournament as recently as 2004 and they have a good team," Burleigh said. "They're very old — they have a lot of juniors and seniors on their roster and a lot of experience."

Last weekend, the top-ranked Irish pummeled UF 4-1 on Friday, but the Gators redeemed the loss Sunday with a 5-0 win against

then-No. 9 Connecticut. "We certainly didn't want to lose to Notre Dame and that was disappointing," Burleigh said. "But they were a really good team. It was good for us because it gives us an idea of where we need to be."



Burleigh

"We need to work somewhat on our defensive shape, because I think Notre Dame pulled us apart defensively a little bit. In terms of offense, the goals we scored against UConn were good, but we want it to come out of more combination play than by individual effort."

Practice this week would focus on better combination play between her midfielders and forwards, Burleigh said, as well as more shutout victories against this weekend's opponents. But Burleigh is certain of one thing going into the weekend — her

team will not be looking ahead, past the upcoming matches.

"Every game is important," she said. "Every single game. We stress that all the time, so I can't imagine anyone looking ahead at all."

— SPENCER DAVIS-VANNESS

STARTING GUN: Cross Country coach Jeff Pigg is hoping to lead his mens' team back to the NCAAs this year and take the women there for the first time, as UF will begin competition this morning.

Even though UF will not be running against any conference rivals, the team knows how important each building block is.

"The first meet is always important because it's a confidence booster," sophomore Kristen Johnson said. "The first meet gets the anxiety and nervousness to go away. We see how we're going to work as a team."

— BRIAN STEELE

UF basketball regular season schedule

Nov. 1	Embry-Riddle (exh.)	Jan. 11	Mississippi State
Nov. 4	West Florida (exh.)	Jan. 14	Auburn
Nov. 9	St Peter's College**	Jan. 18	Savannah State
Nov. 10	TBA**	Jan. 21	Tennessee
Nov. 17	TBA**	Jan. 25	South Carolina
Nov. 18	TBA**	Jan. 28	Vanderbilt
Nov. 25	Florida State	Jan. 31	Ole Miss
Nov. 28	Alabama State	Feb. 4	Kentucky
Dec. 3	UCF	Feb. 8	South Carolina
Dec. 6	Providence	Feb. 11	LSU
Dec. 9	Bethune Cookman	Feb. 15	Vanderbilt
Dec. 18	Jacksonville University	Feb. 18	Arkansas
Dec. 22	Miami	Feb. 22	Tennessee
Dec. 30	Florida A&M	Feb. 26	Alabama
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VOLLEYBALL

UF looks for redemption against USC

By **BRYAN JONES**
Alligator Writer

If the UF volleyball team's 2003 season were a sandwich, Southern California would be the stale bread that ruined a perfectly nice lunch.

Remove the metaphorical bread and you have a 36-0 season in which the Gators' opponents rarely avoided getting swept. In reality, UF's streak was bookended between two losses to USC—one to open the Gators' season and the other in the National Championship game.

For the first time since 2003, the No. 6 Gators will face off against the No. 8 Trojans on Saturday at the UTSA Dome Rally in San Antonio, Texas.

Opposite hitter Amber McCray insists the Gators are not worried about avenging the tough losses.

"Yes, I think we are [excited to face USC], but at the same time we are not too focused on revenge or anything because we are playing three really tough teams this weekend," McCray said. "College volleyball has changed so much just in these two years that there is not one dominant team like USC was.

"Now, we're just looking forward to playing everybody because we know

they are all going to be really tough competition, and we are excited to see how we do against them."

The Gators also will face No. 13 Texas A&M on Friday for their first-ever meeting.

Wrapping up the weekend with No. 19 Notre Dame on Sunday, UF will complete a slate of three top-20 opponents in three consecutive days.

"I think that no matter what happens this weekend, we have a chance to get better because of the quality opponents."

Coach Mary Wise
UF volleyball

Coach Mary Wise acknowledges that the weekend schedule is challenging but expresses excitement to have the opportunity to play such high-level competition.

"It's going to be as tough a three-match weekend as we've ever had here at Florida," Wise said. "That's apparent because we are going to be playing all sorts of good teams that feature elite-level players.

"Three consecutive days we are going to be playing All-Americans, and

the great thing about our sport is that you really can take a chance scheduling these types of matches because an early season loss doesn't affect you.

"When we got a call about this tournament, the answer was a quick yes."

The Gators are 1-5 all-time against USC, but they have won four of their five prior meetings with Notre Dame.

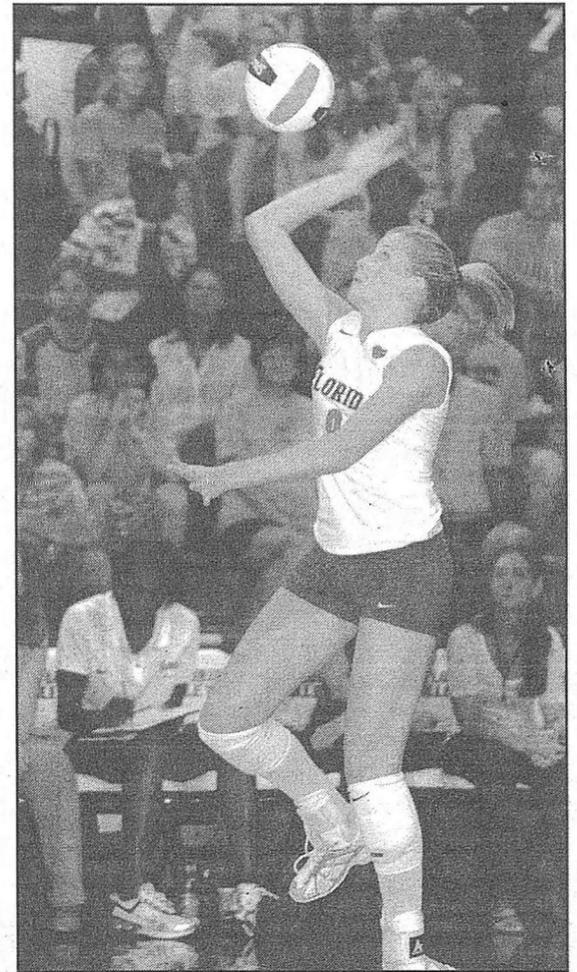
Sophomore setter Angie McGinnis said that after sweeping four opponents in four days last week, UF is up to the challenge of taking on such difficult teams.

"I think we are very prepared—definitely after [last] weekend...playing all different types of opponents and all different types of hitters," McGinnis said. "Of course, they're going to be a little bit better teams, but I think we are all set for it.

"A couple more days of practice under our belt and we'll be fine."

No matter the outcome, Wise insists the upcoming matches will not make or break this UF squad.

"I think that no matter what happens this weekend, we have a chance to get better because of the quality opponents," she said. "But I think this team, as every year, our goal is to play our best volleyball in December."



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Sophomore Angie McGinnis will get her first crack at rival USC on Saturday.



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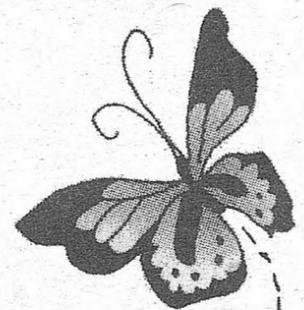
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Brown's size not a problem

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something changed. Because, while Brown stayed the same, he began receiving respect.

"I don't know what V. Brown was like last year," co-defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "All I know is that I wish I had 11 of him now. He comes to work every day trying to get better, he practices as best he can and he's a tremendous leader. That's all you could ask for in a guy."

Brown has been such an example, the coaches anointed him "the face of Florida football" during a preseason team meeting. Maybe it was that he graduated last May with a degree in Family, Youth and Community Sciences. Maybe it was because Brown never takes a play off, never makes an excuse, never takes any-

thing for granted.

"Me, personally, I've always been a fighter," Brown said. "I've been down, and at points and times in my career I've been at the bottom, but regardless of where I'm at, I'm going to continue fighting."

But you are still amazed. He is just 5-foot-8, don't forget. Then again, he has a 40-inch vertical and a heart even larger.

"When he speaks, everybody listens," Mattison said. "They know, 'OK, he's doing it so let's listen to him.' He not only speaks it, but he shows it on a field, and that's what you're looking for as a leader."

So don't be surprised to see him on the field all season. In fact, expect him there.

"It's not about how you start, it's about how you finish," Brown said.

PICKS, from page 17

"We've seen some incredible stories, tragic events, and all and all you wonder how you get through these things. Sometimes it's makes you stronger."

While nearly everyone has their money on the Gators, the mayor picked a major upset with the Bulldogs shocking Urban Meyer and the Gators 21-17.

As for the rest of us pickers, there will be no bashing this week. Instead, in a one-time event, we will praise each other for the good that we each bring to Gainesville, UF and the world.

Last week, Kit Cody, the great-grandson of Buffalo Bill and a self-described spectator sports hater, humbled the alligatorSports staff with a Rudy-esque 7-3 record.

So, hitting first in the giant glut of 5-5 records is free-lovin' flower child Andrew "I dig the groovy tunes so that everyone should play in the band" Abramson, who could give Gandhi a lesson in passive resistance.

Batting second at 5-5 is staff philanthropist Bryan "I'll drive anywhere in the world, including overseas, if it means covering a basketball game for the Alligator" App, who can set a somber but intellectual mood at any bar by engaging in conversations about starving people in Nigeria.

Hitting third at 5-5 is West Coast partier Eric

"I love to argue about football, but it's always a meaningful, deep look at the gridiron," Esteban, who overcame numerous odds, including Fidel, to become Tenacious E.

In the cleanup spot at 5-5 is DeShawn Wynn sympathizer, Farzad "I love to look at the trees, the flowers, the air and the football players wearing extra-baggy clothes, because life is so beautiful," Safi, who knows more woodland creatures by their first names than Snow White.

Leading off the season under .500 with a 4-6 mark is the Romanian disco god, Louis "I want to tanz" Anastasis, who puts that fat guy on the Internet to shame when it comes down to an O-Zone dance-off.

And with a brighter future certainly on the horizon, sporting a 4-6 record is all-time capitalist Ian "My cell phone can cure cancer" Fisher, who could pull the world out of an economic depression with his monthly iPod budget.

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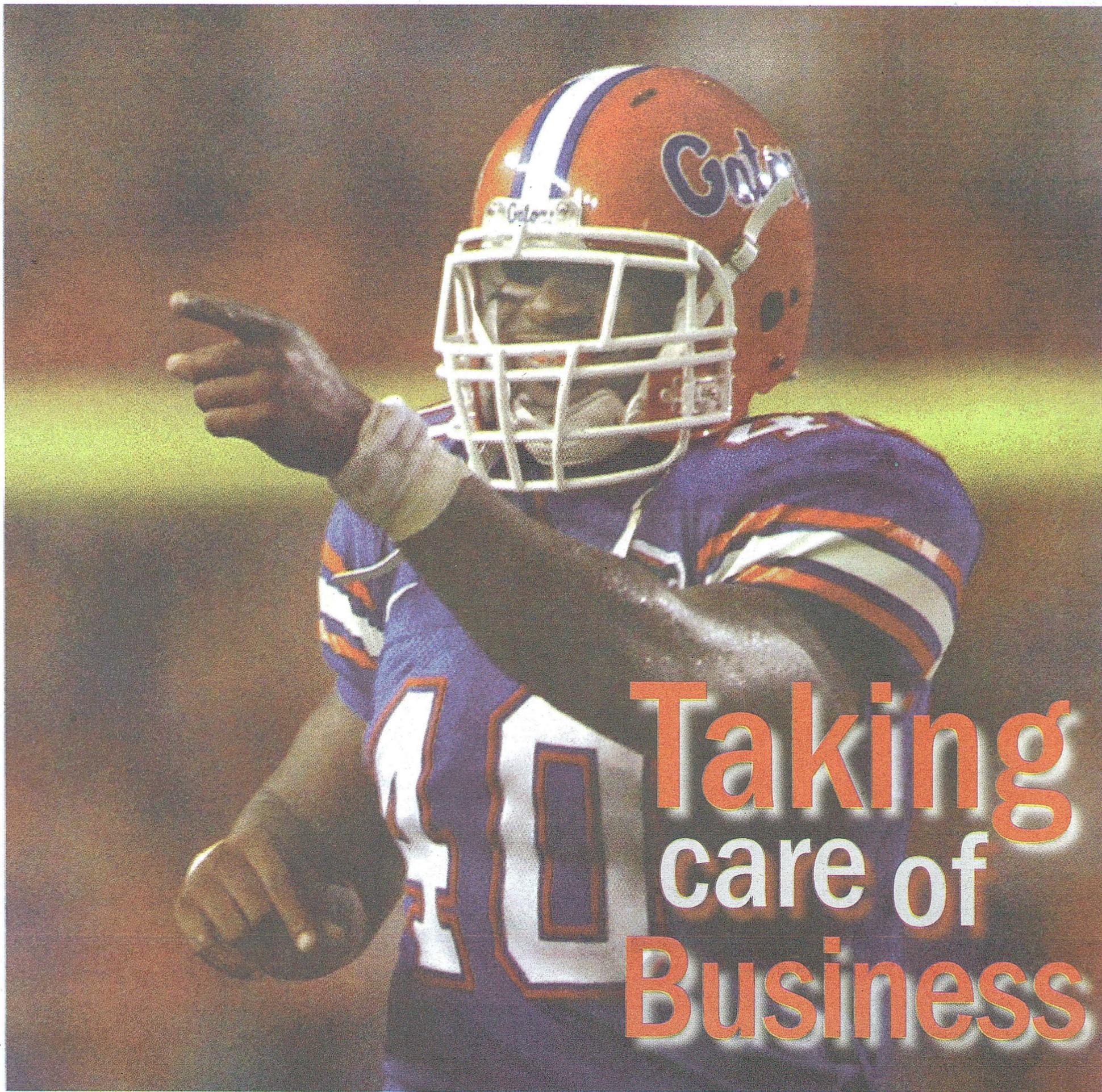
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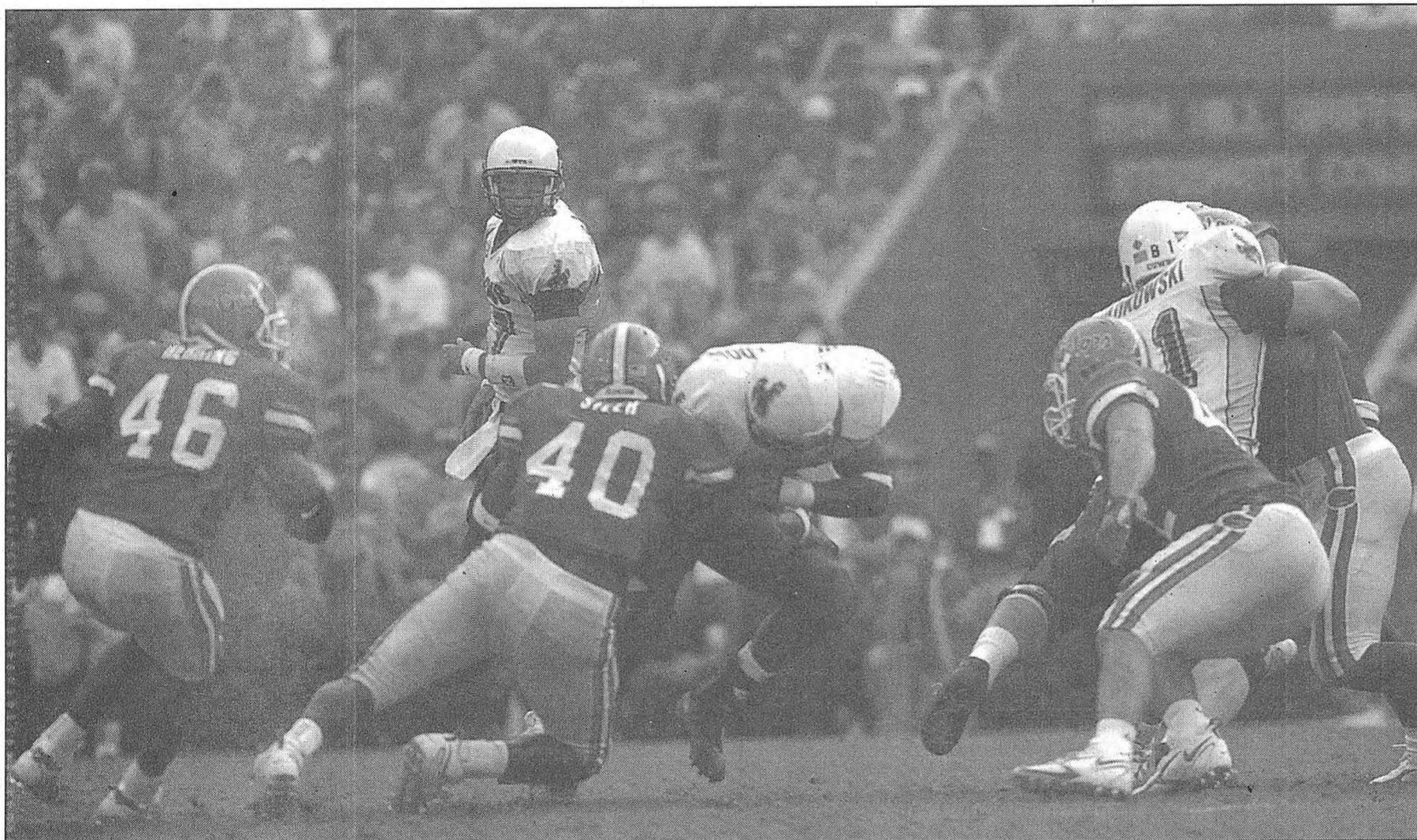
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► UF running back DeShawn Wynn (21, left) will return to action against Louisiana Tech Saturday. Coach Urban Meyer has stated he wants one of the backs to step up and take the job. Is Wynn his man?



Taking
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Brandon Siler's off-the-field resume includes being part of Urban Meyer's select 16-player committee and convincing freshman Jonathan Demps to commit to UF after his mind was set on Florida State.

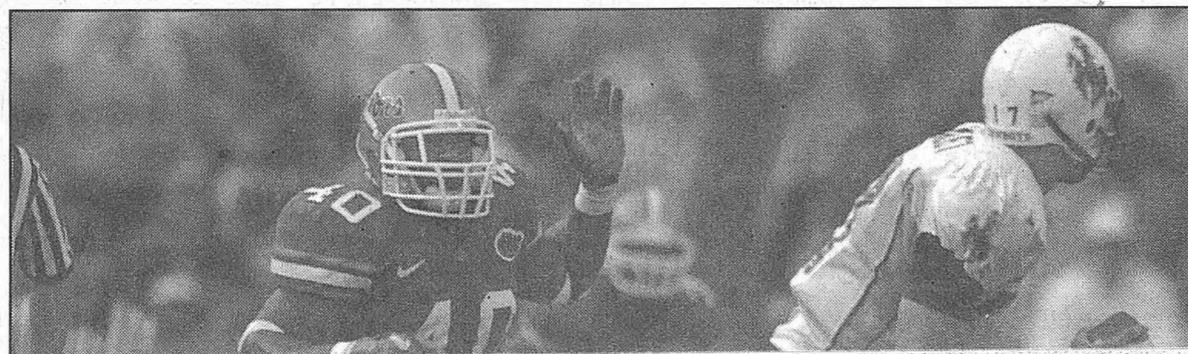
BORN LEADER

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Good isn't good when greatness is expected. These words — permanently etched onto Brandon Siler's right arm — remind him that complacency is not an option.

From an early age, a lot was asked of the Orlando native. A single parent raising five children, Siler's mother Annette Robinson was forced to work every day, leaving Siler to care for his siblings after school.

While Siler may be one of the happiest guys on the



UF looking to perfect offense

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Urban Meyer's Gators: Take two. A week after the Gators scored "only" 32 points, UF returns to the field against a Louisiana Tech team in disarray from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

While Louisiana Tech's woes, and a major talent differential, should equal a copious victory for the Gators, fans are hoping for a Steve Spurrier-style 60 or 70 point outburst by the Gators.

UF fans and players alike hoped to watch one of Meyer's patented offensive attacks last week, and while the Gators showed flashes of greatness, mistakes held UF to four touchdowns, all courtesy of receiver Chad Jackson.

Now, the Gators have one final chance to perfect, or at least improve, the offense before Tennessee heads to the Swamp.

"We still got some things to clean up and we could get a whole lot better, but for the most part we did well in the first game," junior receiver Jemalle Cornelius said. "I think the offense that we run, it's our job to go out there and put up points. We should have had three or four touchdowns more [against Wyoming]."

But Meyer and the Gators realize that even if quarterback Chris Leak once again completes 17 consecutive completions, and Jackson scores another four touchdowns, UF needs to establish a running game before facing Tennessee.

That gives Meyer just one more chance to improve an offense that gained 176 yards on the ground, but lost 85 for a net total of 91.

Enter DeShawn Wynn. Meyer wouldn't allow UF's 2003 rushing touchdowns leader to grace the field against Wyoming, instead alternating Kestahn Moore, Skyler Thornton and Markus Manson.

Wynn certainly has the talent to excel, but after his breakout season two years ago, injury and work ethic issues have plagued his career.

This could be the opportunity for Wynn to separate himself from UF's glut at tailback.

"[Wynn] knows it's his time, and he's got to go now, so he's focused," offensive lineman Tavares Washington said. "He's in there lifting harder, he lost all that weight, and he just says that he feels better."

Washington refused to call Wynn the top tailback on the team, but said the Gators cannot defeat Tennessee without Wynn's contributions. Wynn, who refuses to talk to the media, wouldn't give his thoughts.

Leak, however, still remembers Wynn's breakout game against Miami in 2003 when the then-freshman ran for 100 yards.

"DeShawn is an explosive guy," Leak said. "I remember when he broke that long run he had against Miami. You can see how explosive he is."

Wynn's mystery

Who are you, DeShawn Wynn, and what do you want?

to work numerous shifts at the post office to support her family.

Siler passed up house parties to take care of his much younger brothers while his mother was at work.

"I grew up real early because my mom was a single parent," Siler said. "I've always had that drive like I was older than I am because of my home. While my friends were out partying, I was cooking Oodles of Noodles and tucking the kids in bed."

While some would be ecstatic to leave that demanding environment, Siler adores his home life and makes frequent trips to Orlando.

It's his family that drives Siler, and he hopes to one day be able to support everyone back home.

"I have a baby sister who is 2, and she is the sweetest thing," Siler said. "If she calls me on Wednesday and says, 'Big brother, I miss you,' I'll be on my way home that night."

Of course, helping around the house wasn't Siler's only homework. His teachers and coaches knew of his immense talent and expected him to keep up his exemplary grades and leadership on the field.

Now, the Gators starting middle linebacker enters only his second season with a world of expectations already upon him.

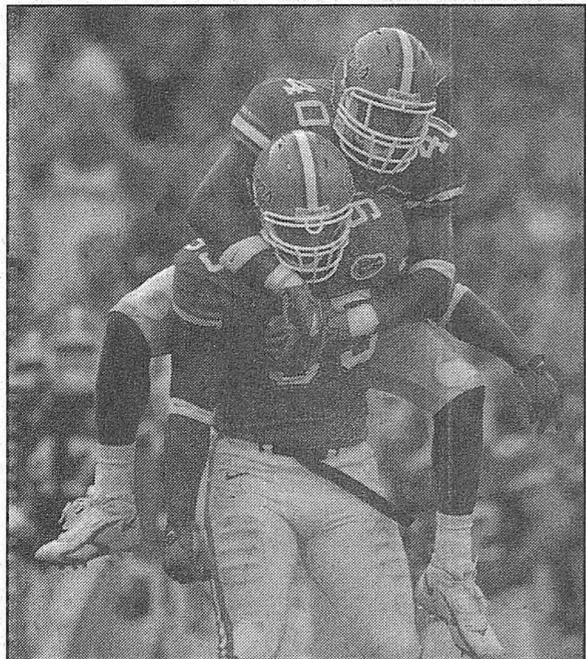
UF coach Urban Meyer has repeatedly asked Siler to take control and make the defense his own.

Gators fans expect Siler to not miss a beat, filling in for former first team All-SEC linebacker Channing Crowder.

Siler has already accomplished so much in so little time. After being named the SEC Defensive Freshman of the Year last season, this year Siler's on the Butkus Award Watch List, honoring the top linebacker in the nation.

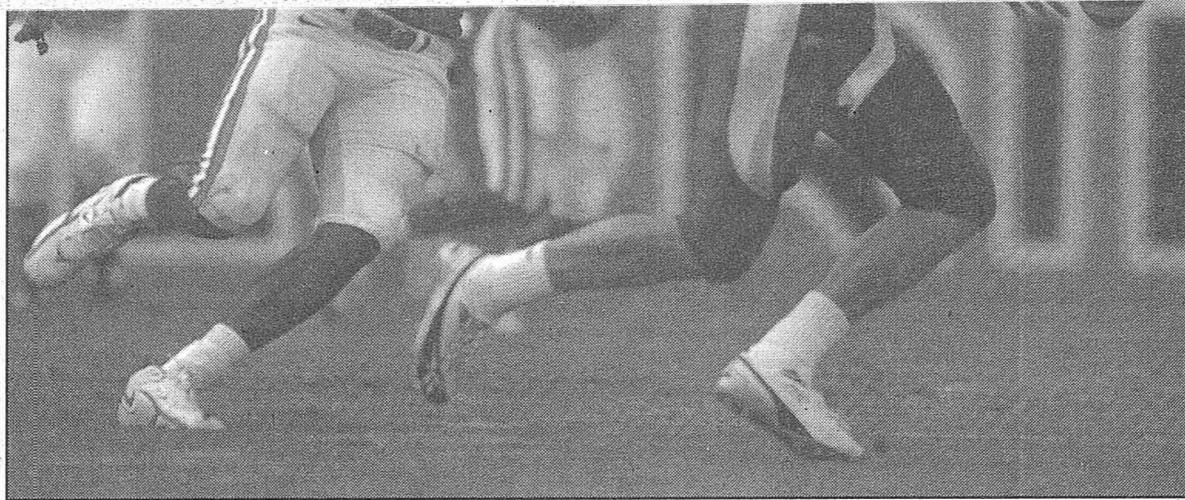
Siler, however, always taps the tattoo on his right arm twice to remind himself of his path.

"The tattoo is how I look at my life," Siler said. "I never want to settle for being just above average or better than the guy next to me. I have to hold myself to a higher personal standard."



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Brandon Siler (40) has plenty to celebrate as the centerpiece of a new blitz-happy defense.



Andy Apicella / Alligator

For Brandon Siler, chasing quarterbacks comes easy after experiencing a childhood that saw him pass up on parties so he could watch his younger siblings.

Marches to the beat of a different drum

Siler may be an intimidating force at 6-foot-2, 239 pounds, but that doesn't mean the player seen demolishing running backs on the field is the same man off the turf.

The anchor to UF's defense is rarely seen upset or not making a teammate laugh.

"You always saw that boy with a smile on his face," high school coach Max Purcell said. "He would trick you though. You saw him acting like the nicest guy in the world to the offensive players before the play. Then once the ball was hiked, Brandon was merciless in putting them on their backs."

Siler definitely made an impression on the coaches, students and faculty at Evans High in Orlando.

Rarely is the most talented player on the football team also the school's best actor and one of its smartest students. Then again, Siler's story is unique.

Fellow students at Evans never thought of him as a typical jock, because he had a higher GPA than most around him. Siler accumulated a 4.2 GPA during his time at Evans.

The standout linebacker was also the captain of the tennis and basketball teams, lettered in track and baseball, and still had time to play the lead in school plays "Say It Loud" and "A Raisin in the Sun."

Siler's mother recalls what her son's performances were like.

"He was so big as a football player, so it looked kind of funny to see him on stage," Robinson said. "People were shocked to see how good he was, but I wasn't. He's been a character since he could talk, and I bet you he could play any role he wanted."

Meyer may have to worry more about Siler leaving UF early for Hollywood rather than the NFL.

"I actually thought about going to college just for acting," Siler said. "I still plan on breaking out. Why not? I'll be a pro football player and a Hollywood actor."

A leader since day one

Last December, the entire football team was in shambles. Beloved players' coach Ron Zook had been fired, and numerous Gators discussed transferring.

It didn't help matters out when Meyer entered the

scene demanding compliance to his way of running things.

While most players still clung to the departed Zook, one freshman pledged his allegiance to the new regime and the new coach.

"Once Meyer got here, I accepted him and wanted to move forward," Siler said. "I knew the quicker we believed in him, the quicker we would be great. I tried to set the example."

From that day forth, Siler has not stopped leading by example and eventually found himself as a team captain.

Siler was also selected to Meyer's leadership committee, one of 16 players chosen by his fellow teammates to help make important team decisions.

"What makes Brandon Siler so special is his leadership ability," co-defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said. "Every day in practice he always seems to be around the football. He is an amazing talent on the field, but he wants to be great role model too."

The precocious player even helped Meyer out in the off-season with recruiting. Jonathan Demps, a highly sought-after linebacker, had his heart set on attending Florida State. That is, until Siler convinced him otherwise.

"It really builds your confidence just to be next to him on the field," Demps said. "Brandon isn't scared of anything, and that fuels the rest of the defense."

Siler is well-liked by players and coaches, but some wonder if a sophomore that has only started six regular season games should have so much responsibility.

"Being a senior does not give you a God-given right to be a leader," Meyer said. "You have got to perform, do the right thing and want it."

Just ask Siler if he is up to the challenge.

"I expect to lead this team," Siler said. "I expect to get out on the field and dominate. When we're hanging out, I try and mentor the younger guys."

"No one has to announce that you're a leader when you reach a certain age."

With at least two years left in his college career, Siler still has a lot to accomplish at UF.

"SEC championship, national championship, the Butkus Award," Siler said. "I want all that."

"I want to be the face of Florida football and set the tone for what it is to be at Florida."

so bad and how, at the same time, you are everything in between?

Where did you come from and why are you here?

You arrived from Cincinnati as the Bluechips' No. 1 speed running back in the country. You scored eight touchdowns as a redshirt freshman, rushing for 540 yards at a clip of 4.7 yards per carry. You burst through tackles, blasted past ends, accelerated past safeties. You soiled other teams, then spoiled your own.

That was 2003, when Jacko was a smidgeon less Jacko, Zook 'Em was somehow still a viable pre-game T-shirt and I could still outrun everyone on a basketball court with my 6.0 40-yard speed.

Last season started different, with whispers of "Ciatrick Fason: SEC Player of the Year," "DeShawn, are you overweight?" and "Is there an direct relationship between how much a head coach can bench and how many games he can blow in the fourth quarter?"



Louis Anastasis

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We heard about your struggles, DeShawn. You weren't disciplined, even before Eastern Michigan. Fason whipped you with 105 rushing yards, Zook grounded you against Kentucky and you would be on three-quarter field arrest for the remainder of the season.

Funny how no one seemed to care. With Fason running everywhere, no one noticed you.

Did you even notice yourself?

Then Urban Meyer arrived. Who would win this clash between disciplinarian and bust? What would prevail — the shuttle drill or the Checkers diet?

We thought laziness would give way to obedience. You dropped a few burgers off your midsection, shaved a few cheese fries off your man-child legs. Then we waited. And waited. And waited.

One by one, like post-9-11 customs on return trips to America, Meyer cleared all of his suspicious baggage. Ray McDonald, check. Brian Crum, check. Todd McCullough, check. Jarvis Herring, check.

He sent them all off. Then, Meyer pulled you aside for additional screening. And DeShawn, you missed your flight to Wyoming.

Why, DeShawn, don't you pack light? We wonder why you don't want to make your next flight two hours early. Miss a couple more, and you'll be stranded for the season in the All-Airport team lobby.

Why, DeShawn, don't you speak? Does something burn you inside, the same way you bother my spirits, my conscience? I want to ask you, DeShawn: Why are you so good in NCAA Football 2006 that you became my only player drafted by the NFL after my season, yet you cannot emerge from the pack in Urban Meyer Football 101.

And so I have followed you this week, hoping you would speak for the first time in months. Perhaps you would suppress the thoughts pestering me inside.

On Monday you politely declined, saying you had to study.

On Tuesday, same — the only words you spoke being "I don't know," when I asked you if you would rush for 100 yards against Louisiana Tech.

On Wednesday, I gave you one final shot before I would judge for myself on Saturday.

Knowing football questions would further confuse the both of us, I kept it simple.

"Coke or Pepsi?" I asked.

You muttered something as you walked away, but I did not understand you.

FLORIDA

How They Match Up

LOUISIANA TECH

*Tech (2004 Stats)



FLORIDA RUN vs LOUISIANA TECH RUN DEFENSE:

Florida rushes for 91.0 yards per game; Louisiana Tech allows 176.6 yards rushing per game.

KEY PLAYERS: UF: Jr. RB DeShawn Wynn (DNP season opener), Jr. TB Skyler Thornton (8 att.-36 yds., 4.5 avg.) LT: Sr. LB Byron Santiago (35-89-94), Sr. LB Jeremy Hamilton (31-43-74)

ANALYSIS: After UF established little on the ground against Wyoming, Wynn will likely receive his opportunity to claim the tailback job. While not officially suspended, Meyer chose not to play the talented-but-often-troubled Wynn. The Bulldogs' linebacking corps is the strength of their defense, but Wynn should give UF a boost.

ADVANTAGE: Florida



FLORIDA PASS vs LOUISIANA TECH PASS DEFENSE:

Florida passes for 320.0 yards per game; Louisiana Tech allows 231.2 yards passing per game.

KEY PLAYERS: UF: Jr. QB Chris Leak (320 yds, 3td, 76.5 pct, 184.6 rating), Jr. Chad Jackson (10 rec., 138 yds., 13.8 avg., 3 TDs); Jr. Andre Caldwell (7, 99, 14.1, 0) LT: Sr. CB Tramon Williams (23 solo tackles, 43 tot.), Sr. CB Delone Williams (1-4-5)

ANALYSIS: Florida fans were nearly in shock when the Gators scored "just" 32 points against Wyoming. The Bulldogs' secondary is completely revamped, and the Gators have an opportunity to truly pour on the points and grasp the offense before facing Tennessee.

ADVANTAGE: Florida



LOUISIANA TECH RUN vs. FLORIDA RUN DEFENSE:

Louisiana Tech rushes for 200.2 yards per game; Florida allows 72.0 yards rushing per game.

KEY PLAYERS: LT: Sr. RB Freddie Franklin (45 att., 219 yds., 4.5 avg.), So. RB Mark Dillard (13, 2, 0.2, 0) UF: So. LB Brandon Siler (4 solo tackles, 7 tot.), Jr. LB Earl Everett (1, 3)

ANALYSIS: The Bulldogs' star tailback from a year ago, Ryan Moats, left Tech early for the NFL. Now, the Bulldogs' offense will include the option, but Florida's talented blitz-heavy run defense should match or exceed its impressive performance against Wyoming.

ADVANTAGE: Florida



LOUISIANA TECH PASS vs. FLORIDA PASS DEFENSE:

LT passes for 179.8 yards per game; Florida allows 150.0 yards passing per game

KEY PLAYERS: LT: Sr. QB Matt Kubik (1,818 yds., 10 TDs, 10 int., 50.8 comp., 119.3 rating), Jr. WR Johnathan Holland (19 rec., 422 yds., 22.2 avg., 1 TD), Sr. WR Eric Newman (19, 265, 13.9, 3), UF: Jr. CB Dee Webb (1 solo tackle, 2 tot.) Sr. CB Vernell Brown (6 solo tackles)

ANALYSIS: Florida's secondary stopped a solid Wyoming passing game. The emergence of Brown has given the Gators a legitimate second cornerback, and Florida should have recorded two or three interceptions had it not been for several dropped balls. Safeties Jarvis Herring and Kyle Jackson continue to impress.

ADVANTAGE: Florida



SPECIAL TEAMS:

FLORIDA KEY PLAYERS: Jr. Kicker Chris Hetland (2-2, 47 long) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (4 att., 44.5 avg., 53 long) LT: So. Punter Matt Butler (72, 39.2, 62), So. Kicker, Danny Horwedel (8-14, 43)

ANALYSIS: Despite losing long-time kicker Matt Leach to graduation, Florida didn't lose a beat with Hetland. He nailed 40- and 47-yard field goals en route to SEC Specialist of the Week honors. Wilbur now punts and performs kickoffs.

The Gators are still searching for permanent kick and punt returners.

ADVANTAGE: Florida



INTANGIBLES:

In the Steve Spurrier days, Florida would have looked to score 70-plus points in a game like this. The Gators still have a long way to go in mastering Urban Meyer's spread offense, but this is the final test before Tennessee arrives at the Swamp. Louisiana Tech is reeling with emotions due to the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina. While emotion could lead to hard play, it could also result in an even shakier performance by an overmatched team.



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