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False fire alarms could mean large fees

A NEW CITY ORDINANCE IS SET TO TAKE EFFECT OCT. 1.

> **By STEPHEN MAGRUDER** Alligator Writer smagruder@alligator.org

UF's classrooms, residence halls and student union have received final inspections to ensure their fire alarms are in top working order before the city of Gainesville begins charging the university for false alarms Oct. 1.

Gainesville's False Fire Alarm Ordinance will fine all residents and business owners inside city limits who cause multiple false fire alarms. The ordinance is modeled after a similar law regarding burglar alarms in 2000. A false fire alarm occurs when the fire

department responds and later determines no real emergency existed. "Our hope is just to reduce the amount of

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Gainesville Fire Rescue spokeswoman

false fire alarms in the city," said Gainesville Fire Rescue spokeswoman Shawna Traub. She said there are risks involved with false-alarm responses involving speeding fire engines moving through city traffic.

'We respond as if it was a real fire," she said. "It puts everybody on the road at risk, and it also takes us out of service.'

GFR reports an average of 1,400 false fire alarms per year, costing the city \$370,000. From 2001 to 2004, UF was the site of 860

false alarms, or 15 percent of Gainesville's total.

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GAINESVILLE **Tenants file lawsuits** for UCorners parking

By JESSICA RIFFEL Alligator Writer jriffel@alligator.org

There will be no free parking in the new University Corners if developers get their way

Three tenants are disputing the \$180-million project because parking fees may inhibit business. The Brick Oven Pizza and Pasta Company has filed a lawsuit.

"I think that most college students wouldn't pay to park,' owner Ryan McGuinness said.

There is free parking now for customers of Gator Plaza, the development at University Avenue and 13th Street, but the proposed change is prompting tenant Maui Teriyaki to file a lawsuit as well.

"This is only going to be for the rich," owner Steve Marzke said. "People in Gainesville will not pay to park. This is a fiasco. This is not South Beach."

of the new University Corners because of the charge for park-ing, as well as the higher rent. "We intended to be there until 2022 and beyond, but we don't want to be in the new shopping

He does not plan to be a part

center," Marzke said. The new University Corners is planned to be a three-block commercial and residential complex, and developers said they hope to attract more unique stores and restaurants.

Frank Darabi, the chief executive officer of University Corners LLC, the developer, said businesses can pay for their own customers' free parking.

"That would all be worked out between the owner and the developer," Darabi said.

However, Marzke said the charge for parking violates his lease.

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Norma Lizardo, a UF junior, serves Vanita Hensel at Maui Teriyaki. Restaurant owners fear that proposed parking costs in the University Corners development will deter their business.

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PLERSE 1

UF opens new office to better, further Gator Nation

By CASSIDY MILLS Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has moved sustainability up on the priority list - all the way up to Tigert Hall.

In hopes of meeting the needs of today's UF community and preserving resources for the next generation, UF has announced it will open an Office of Sustainability in the university's chief administrative building.

"The Office of Sustainability symbolizes the importance of sustainability to UF and especially to the students," Faculty

A converted fullback. Joe Cohen struggled as a defensive lineman last season. Cohen will now have to fill in as defensive end for injured Ray McDonald. See story, pg. 26.



Senate Chairwoman Kim Tanzer said.

Tanzer said the office, which the Faculty Senate initiated, should help coordinate the sustainability work On that is already going on at UF and help prepare Campus for more work in the future.

The office will not officially open until November, when an executive director is hired, but some sustainability efforts are already underway. They include everything from advocating for living wages to the design of new buildings

The living-wage program was announced in 2000 for entry-

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level employees. The current starting salary is \$8.67 per hour. "It is important that we don't just pay people minimum wage. We need to provide them with enough money to live,"

said Les Thiele, a professor of political science and chair of the Committee on Sustainability at UF. He called the office "a good idea whose time has come."

Some results of increased sustainability practices on campus will be more recycling, a reduction of waste, greater efficiency of energy in buildings, greater interest in community service

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With his Southern drawl and frequent use of "ain't," Rick Bragg may not have given the impression of a man who won a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1996 this week as a guest of the College of Journalism and Communications. See story, pg. 3.



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ON CAMPUS Pulitzer winner visits college

By BOBBY KEITH Alligator Contributing Writer

Don't tell. Show. Journalists strive to achieve this goal in their writing, and some might say Rick Bragg has perfected it.

Bragg was an official guest of the College of Journalism and Communications at UF this week, speaking to classrooms full of students eager for the opportunity to learn tips from a

world-renowned author.

"It's not about the craft. It's not about the money," Bragg said to the students. "It's about the adventures you have along the way."

With his Southern drawl and frequent use of "ain't," Bragg may not give the impression of a man who won a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1996.

His jobs have taken him on a number of adventures. Just ask and he'll tell.

Starting at a small weekly newspaper in Alabama, Bragg honed his skills and became the premier feature writer for The New York Times.

He has written stories about the Oklahoma City bombing, the race riots in Miami, the Elian Gonzalez crisis and the 2000 election.

He even offered to "kiss a camel on the mouth" to write from the Middle East when he worked for the St. Petersburg Times. Luckily, he said, it didn't have to come to that.

Bragg didn't just give the facts about events he covered; he focused on the people the facts affected. He has so many memorable news-feature stories that he filled a book with them "Somebody Told Me."

"I've been mad, hurt, so sick to my stomach in all my years of doing this," he said. "But I've never been bored."

Bragg warned young writers about the hardships he encountered while being a journalist, and how starting out as a writer can be like being on the "tail end of a dragon."

It's a job requiring more than determination - youth is also a necessity, he said.

Bragg made national headlines in May 2003 when he resigned from The New York Times after using a stringer to assist him on a story without giving credit.

He denied fault in the situation, saying it was a common practice at the paper at the time.

While he no longer has a full-time feature-writing job, he writes occasional opinion pieces for various national publications.

Master lecturer Mike Foley, who was an editor at the St. Petersburg Times when he hired Bragg as a reporter, introduced Bragg to many UF classes.

Bragg now works as a professor of writing at the University of Alabama. He said he plans to write at least two more books.



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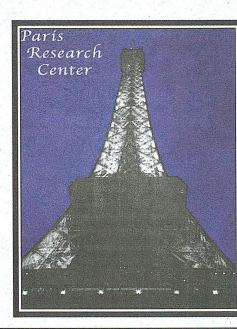
Pulitzer-winning journalist Rick Bragg autographs his book at

the College of Journalism and Communications on Monday.

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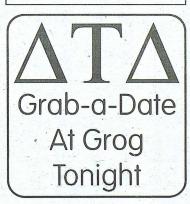
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PUBLIC SAFETY Police search for sex offender

By STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ Alligator Writer

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A local registered sex offender violated probation Tuesday and became a fugitive, spurring law-enforcement agencies statewide to initiate a manhunt.

Edgar Baughn Bird, 43, removed the monitoring device strapped to his ankle.

Bird has a violent criminal history that includes robbery and child molestation, according to reports.

"We are trying to do everything in our power to capture him," said Alachua County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Stephen Maynard.

A statewide alert has been issued to locate Bird.

Bird is a white male, approximately 5'11" and 240 pounds, according to the police report.

 picture of Bird can be found at http://www.fdle.state.fl.us. His last known residence is 6805

SW 51st Ave. in Gainesville. Police are considering a reward for

anyone who knows his whereabouts. Those with information may contact ASO at 955-1818. Callers wishing to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 374-7867.

MAGAZINE POSERS: Management at Lexington Crossing apartments sent out a notice of the dangers of door-to-door magazine vendors after Gainesville Police discovered that some of them were robbers.

"If you don't know people, don't let them in your house," said GPD spokesman Sgt. Keith Kameg.

"If you want to buy a magazine, call the company." Kameg advised residents to secure

any sliding glass doors, as those are the easiest targets for robbers.

With the several occupied-home burglaries of the past few weeks in two other apartment complexes, GPD is investigating whether both incidents are related.

ATTEMPTED MURDER: A man tried to kill two North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center employees because he was denied a request for changes to be made in his housing and counselor assignments at the facility, reports state.

Ramon Sanchez, 35, kicked Cindy Hopson and Pamela Borders in the head repeatedly while threatening to kill them with a small knife if they didn't comply with his demands.

Security officials at the facility were able to contain the situation.

COCAINE POSSESSION: Two men were arrested for possession of 35 grams of cocaine near Joseph A. Williams Elementary School, 1245 SE Seventh Ave.

Chauncey Presley, 26, and Michael Spann, 21, were in a white Buick when an officer approached the car because they were playing their music too loudly, according to reports.

When the officer approached the car, he noticed that Spann, who smelled like marijuana, attempted to hide a "partially smoked cannabisfilled blunt" in his pants. As the officer called for backup because drugs were involved, Presley fled from the car, who was caught later.

Police found baggies full of cocaine and \$6,194 in the vehicle and suspect the cocaine was mainly for distribution.

Last day to apply for Preview staff

By DAPHNE CHARLES Alligator Contributing Writer

Many are called, but few will be chosen for the Preview Staff 2006 experience. Today is the last day to turn in applications for

Preview 2006. More than 100 students are expected to attend the first round of group interviews at the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, but only 40 will be selected, said Ann Ho Becks, director for New Student

Programs. Student Life Becks said her office is looking for applicants who will be strong role models to students and families. It seeks individuals

students and families. It seeks individuals who are willing to do the hard work, have an energy, passion and love for UF, as well as genuine

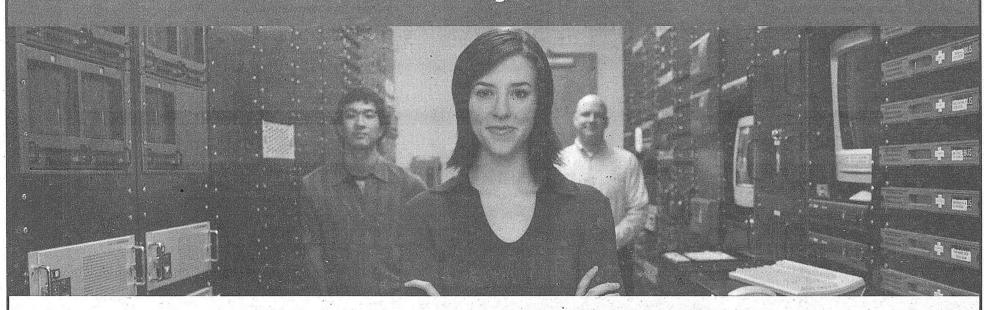
care and concern for people. After all entries are submitted, applicants go through a selective interview process, said Eva Trowbridge, senior secretary of New Student Programs, who receives the applications.

"We have to make sure we get top quality," she said. "It will show what a true Gator is about as far as academics and leadership — the real reasons you really come to college — not just the partying."

Bonding and interaction among staff members and their faculty advisers are important parts of the Preview experience, said Adam Freehling, third-year recreation and event management major and Preview staff member.

"I learned from my other staffers how to deal with other's leadership styles, personality and diversity," Freehling said.

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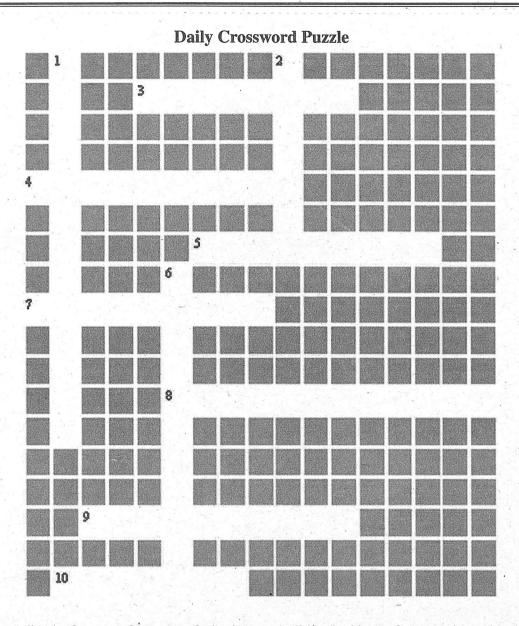
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- 3. A ______ is an attempt to predict the future performance of a business, usually by looking at figures or by undertaking market research.
- 4. The process of leading and directing all or part of a business through the deployment and manipulation of resources.
- 5. The rise in general prices and the reduction in the value of money.
- 7. The process of planning and executing the conception, pricing, promotion, and distribution of ideas, goods, and services to satisfy customers.
- 8. A person who undertakes the risks of production in order to make a profit.

9. The output of goods and services.

10. Goods and services one country produces and sells to others.

DOWN:

- 1. The growth of interdependence among world economies.
- 2. One of the factors of production that consists of man-made resources like machines, factories, and offices.
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Editorial

Hasty acts Joe Goldberg makes damaging decision

The topic of today's editorial is close to home. However, with Student Government elections coming up, we feel it must be addressed.

At Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, Student Body President Joe Goldberg issued an executive order prohibiting all SG agencies from advertising in the Alligator.

We know we may not be able to step back from this enough to judge it in the right context. But we are the main newspaper covering the university, and we're going to take a shot at it.

A section of the student body is upset. Somehow, that has snowballed into SG deciding to remove itself from the entire student population.

This move could be much more disastrous for UF students than for the Alligator. We'll take the bullet, but students shouldn't be hit in an all-encompassing drive-by.

Goldberg's haste has punished the uninvolved. To find out what their tuition is buying, students will be forced to search online and around campus for SG events, rather than open up a readily available newspaper.

We're not sure anyone will put in the effort.

And does this mean SG agencies will also be told not to speak to Alligator reporters about upcoming events?

If so, we're sorry that the Alligator's news stories will lack the views and information from the SG officials who organize these student-funded activities.

But don't get us wrong. We'd rather they cut their advertisements and talk to reporters than not talk at all.

It irks us even more that Goldberg, the lead student who makes decisions on our behalf, has decided to break student statutes to make his point.

He wants to take away all SG advertisements from the Alligator, but the statutes state that certain notices be placed in "the newspaper with the greatest circulation among University of Florida students.'

Goldberg's assertion that the UF Wednesday Update and the SG Web site can fill this role is simply incorrect.

If SG wanted to make this move, its statutes should have been changed. That way, Goldberg would not have broken SG rules, and officials would have had more time to think about making this big decision.

Furthermore, senators would have had a say. We can't tell how many were for this move and how many were against it. Goldberg announced his decision; he didn't ask for senators' input. When statutes are changed, however, the Student Senate has to vote.

We don't know if Goldberg knew he was breaking rules, but this isn't the first time he has shown a disregard for the laws that uphold Student Government. When he was senate president last Fall, Goldberg made several questionable moves

At one Senate meeting, he allowed a second meeting to convene directly afterward despite a Florida statute that states "reasonable notice" should be given for all such open, public meetings

At another session, several senators accused Goldberg of manipulating Senate procedure in an effort to stop a certain candidate from being voted in as president for Student Government Productions.

This is not the leadership UF students need and deserve. Goldberg should be carefully considering what best suits the student body. He should not be making hasty decisions. Goldberg's attempt to make a point has revealed his ques-

liga the independent florida Mike, Gimignani **Emily Yehle OPINIONS EDITOR** EDITOR Eva Kis Andrew Meyer, Tom Durrenberger MANAGING EDITOR EDITORIAL BOARD The Alligator encourages comments from readers. Letters to the editor should not exceed 150 words (about one letter-sized page). They must be typed, double-spaced and must include the author's name, classification and phone number. Names will be withheld if the writer shows just cause. We reserve the right to edit for length, grammar, style and libel. Send letters to letters@alligator.org, bring them to 1105 W. University Ave., or send them to P.O. Box 14257, Gainesville, FL 32604-2257.Columns of about 450 words about original topics and editorial cartoons are also welcome. Questions? Call 376-4458.

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Column artoon backlash incites new debate

ast week, I ran a cartoon that has received more attention than I ever expected.

Sure, I get responses every day that criticize and support the cartoons and columns I place on this page.

The Alligator's cartoonist, Andy Marlette, has a knack for pushing people's buttons when he illustrates his political and social commentary.

But in the past, most of the backlash fell on the Opinions section. I knew what I was getting into when I accepted this position, and I'm happy to take the heat.

I answer every call. I respond to every e-mail that poses a question. I welcome readers into my office to talk about their concerns.

This time, however, emotions are high enough that people are harassing the Alligator's reporters and News editors.

To make it clear: The News section of this paper had nothing to do with the decision to publish the infamous cartoon. Marlette drew it, and I made the decision to run it. The editor and managing editor of the paper gave it final approval.

The rest of the Alligator staff saw it for the first time when it appeared in the Sept. 13 paper. And they have no say in this section's response to the protests. If some students paint the Opinions section as racist, they cannot use the same brush for our entire paper

I understand that some students and Gainesville residents are offended. I regret that it hurts those who remember it from the days when it was used as a weapon. I hate that, in some places, it is still used as a derogatory term.

I am most saddened by the apparent mistrust black students have of our paper. I promise that we do welcome diversity, and we know that more student interaction can only improve this publication. It was never our intent to hurt, only to provoke discussion

That said, I do not believe the cartoon was racist, and I think it made a salient point.

originally, it would have been to avoid If I had held it have this aftermath. That is a poor way to run a newspaper, espe-

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cially the Opinions section of a news-Editorial Notebook paper. Opinion faces touchy issues. Opinion hopes to provoke thought and discussion. Opinion is opinion. And make no mistake: We are a

student newspaper, but we are a newspaper nonetheless. I will not retract something because people misinter-

pret it. I agree that a newspaper that is not run by students would probably hold off on running such a cartoon. They would wait until the word did not hold such power.

However, we are young, and we have the ability to forego the ideas and stereotypes that are imprinted on an older generation's mind. It's the younger generation that has recycled this controversial term into something completely different. And yes, it's primarily used by popular culture and media; not all of the black community uses it. The cartoon put Kanye West's words into Condoleezza Rice's mouth purposefully.

A newspaper's role is not to correct society by ignoring society; a newspaper benefits society by commenting on society.

Of course, the cartoon's meaning has been somewhat buried under all the baggage of its language. It is unfortunate that the discussion it was meant to spark is almost nonexistent. Most of us have ignored whether Kanye West's comments rang true, and whether Condoleezza Rice has really made a step forward for the average black American.

However, I think the conversation that is taking place is perhaps even more important.

Why are so many offended when the word is simply printed? Why does the context in which it's used have no effect? Should blacks be able to use it because they are "flipping" its meaning? Should whites be barred from using it because their families have not suffered under its oppression? I can't answer these questions alone. I can only try to stir

ne conversation by printing a cartoon like Marlette' Emily Yehle is a journalism senior. She is the Opinions editor.

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

Reader response Today's question:

Should Goldberg have banned SG advertisement in the Alligator? Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Wednesday's question: Should Democrats vote in favor of John Roberts for chief justice?

75% YES 25% NO **59 TOTAL VOTES**

Letters to the Editor

Outsiders cannot use 'nickname' This letter is not to condone the use of the word or to trivialize this issue. I am trying to explain how some people might feel.

In June 1995, Michael Jackson released his HIStory two-disc set. In one song he used the term "kike." He explained he was trying to promote multiculturalism and that he wasn't a racist. No one bought that explanation, and Michael Jackson went back to the studio and recorded a more acceptable version of the song. This is similar to what happened to this newspaper.

The terms that we consider derogatory that people of various groups use with each other are like nicknames. The nickname that your family gives you might be one that is controversial, but you know your family members love you when they use it.

Outsiders are not as compassionate because of your nickname's connotations. Therefore, only family gets to use your

nickname.

Arlana Shields

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SG should fight all racism on campus It's great that Student Government and the

UF administration are concerned about racism on campus, but if they are worried about solving problems of inequality, they should look elsewhere.

Today, at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, as I did my sit-up routine, Jay-Z's song "99 Problems" came on the stereo. The chorus, repeated numerous times, is: "If you havin' girl problems, I feel bad for you son. I got 99 problems but a bitch ain't one."

As I looked around the fitness center at the women and men there, I felt embarrassed for all of us. Half of us were referred to as "bitches" who should not be taken seriously, while to the other half it was implied that they are not real men if they take women seriously.

I am confused as to why no one seems to mind that at this UF facility women are blatantly referred to as "bitches" and clearly degraded while Andy Marlette's cartoon is causing such an uproar when it made no value judgments of any particular group.

I don't doubt that both race and socioeconomic status played an either direct or indirect role in the evacuation procedure of Hurricane Katrina or that there is rampant racism in government and society at large. I also don't think anyone can infer from Marlette's cartoon that he would disagree.

So, if SG wants to take away funding from the Alligator because of perceived racism, I

think it should also take away funding from the Student Recreation and Fitness Center because of the obvious sexism it allowed. Sarah Bidmead

4LS

Meyer has shown superiority to Zook

Andrew Meyer needs to re-watch a tape of the Gators' first three games this season before passing his judgment on our football team.

I agree that we have been quick to anoint Coach Urban Meyer as the savior of Florida football (I remember thinking, "Hey, this Zook guy's pretty good" after his first win against UT.) But Andrew Meyer needs to examine the reasons behind the Gator Nation's views.

This was the first off-season in recent memory that passed without incident, due to the discipline instilled by Coach Meyer. The players as also playing with this discipline and with a heart and desire that was lacking in three seasons under Zook.

True, Coach Meyer did call a conservative game, but I'm sure it wasn't his choice. Tennessee's defense is talented enough to force you to change your game plan. I'm sure Coach Meyer wishes he could have been more aggressive, but UT's defense wasn't allowing enough time for these types of plays to develop. Coach Meyer took what was given to him and won with it.

If Zook was still coach, I guarantee we wouldn't have walked away from that game with a victory.

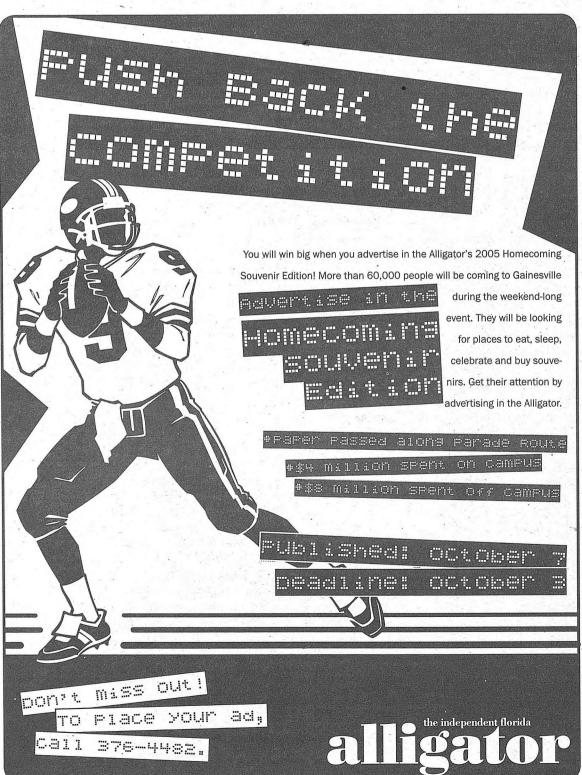
As for Josh Portis starting over Leak, I think Mr. Meyer may have lost his mind.

Portis deserves to start based off what — 20 plays? National championship-contending teams don't have 17-year-old quarterbacks starting for them. Period. Do me a favor and re-watch the Tennessee game. On almost every play, Chris Leak was running for his life, yet he stepped up and made the plays he needed to time and time again.

He played almost flawlessly considering the appalling lack of blocking and constant pressure he had to face. Leak is one of the most talented players in the country and has the potential to be a legitimate Heisman candidate. Unfortunately, like most quarterbacks, he needs time to be able to make plays.

Portis will be a great QB at UF in the future, but this is Leak's team, and I have faith that he will put up more big numbers this season and next. Ask college coaches and I'd bet 99 percent of them will take the three-year starting, conference passing yard-leading, 17 consecutive pass-completing junior quarterback over the wide-eyed freshman who has only completed one five-yard pass and has yet to see action against any real opponents.

> Paul Johnson 5HH





Cost of false fire calls may alarm students

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Each building with a registered fire alarm is allowed one false-alarm call per year.

After that, fees start at \$25 for false alarm No. 2 and could go as high as \$400 for false alarm No. 9 and above.

UF will keep a record of any future false alarms to understand potential causes, such as electrical malfunctions, heat, cooking smoke, or accidental or intentional manual activation. However William Properzio, UF

environmental health and safety director, said no campus alarm system renovations were necessary.

All our fire alarms are inspected by the state fire marshal, and they all meet code," he said.

In the last three months, UF has stepped up its quality control of monitoring each alarm. "We have re-emphasized and en-

Buildings with the highest number of false fire alarms on campus during the past five years were residence halls and fraternity and sorority houses.

Factors playing into the high number of false alarms include continuous occupancy, frequent cooking and possible alarm activation by residents.

Residents now are required to register their fire alarm with the city at a cost of \$15 and are encouraged to check with their alarm company if they ever have a false alarm.

keep our business open," Marzke said. "We'll do every-They say they can, so it'll be up to a judge to decide." The facilities, planning and construction division has thing in our right to make sure the lease is enforced." Michael Conroy, project manager of University an estimated \$365 million in current projects. The owner of Gator Cuts, the third business in dispute, Corners, said they would like to start the project at the refused to comment. beginning of 2006, but it depends on the three disputing GAINESVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY Starting Next Week... William M. Witt, D.D.S visit us at drwittsoffice.con Gil Brodach, D.M.D e's Alberry We Offer CEREC computerized 1-visit crowns/inlays • Orthodontics - Braces Rapid tooth whitening Metal-free dentistry 5622 N.W. 43 Street UF Students (in Waterford Park) Present this ad for (352) 378 - 3139 25% discount on all services HEALTH HOW WELL **INSURANCE** do you know UF's campus? "Students need Health Insurance. Help protect yourself from the rising cost of medical services. You deserve quality health insurance coverage, and it is available for you. We at Chip Williams & Associates will help you acquire that insurance." **Chip Williams** WE FIND ANSWERS. **CHIP WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES Independent Insurance Agents** A Contracted General Agency For: BlueCross BlueShield of Florida alligator 3669 S.W. 2nd Avenue Form Number: 18533-599SU

hanced what we're doing," he added. Project cannot start until disputes are settled

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"Parking is critical," Marzke said. "Without parking there, it will kill a business."

The lease prohibits University Corners from demolishing the Gator Plaza, as the developer plans, he said.

"They are only allowed to build above and around us," Marżke said. "They can't demolish the building. tenants, financial issues and negotiations with the city. The project cannot start until the disputes are settled, whether in or out of court.

"I remain hopeful that things will work out and it will be a win-win situation for both parties involved," Conroy said.

Brick Oven is waiting to set a court date, and Maui Teriyaki anticipates filing a lawsuit.

"For now, we're going to try to fight it in court and

New building designs meet higher standards SUSTAINABILITY, from page 1

and more courses in sustainability, Thiele said.

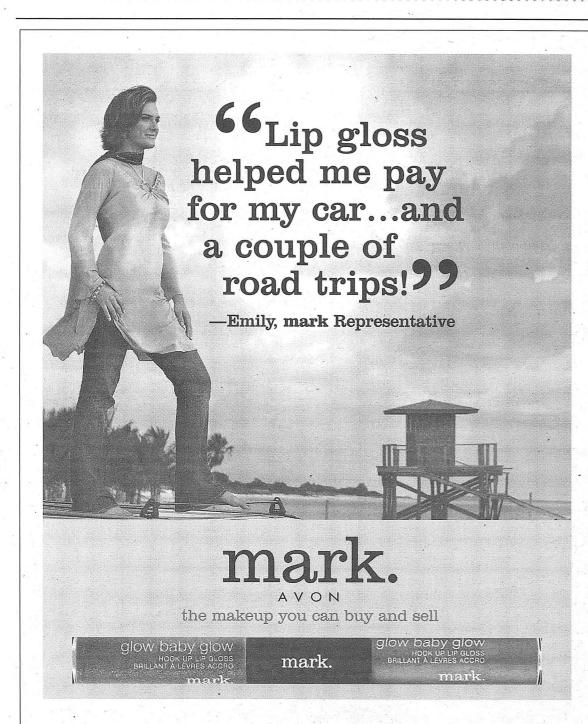
UF is also designing buildings that meet standards for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Current buildings on campus with the LEED design include additions to the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Levin College of Law. Rinker Hall was also built with this design.

LEED standards will be used more in the future, said Bahar Armaghani, project manager and quality assurance coordinator in the facilities, planning and construction division at UF.

"As of right now we have adopted LEED to do all of our major building renovations and construction," Armaghani said. On average, buildings made to be sustainable are 37-percent more efficient than those that are not.

Rinker Hall cost an initial 7 percent more during construction because it was built to be sustainable, but that initial cost will be made up in 10 years, he said.



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Grads' financial aid up for consideration

THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL TALK TONIGHT.

> By STEPHEN MAGRUDER Alligator Writer smagruder@alligator.org

Graduate students who receive financial aid are encouraged to come to tonight's Graduate Student Council meeting to discuss their experiences and offer suggestions for improving the aid system. The meeting is scheduled for

6:30 p.m. in Room C1-9 of the Communicore building off Center Drive, behind Shands at UF.

A liaison from the UF financial aid office is expected to attend and speak on the aid process.

Graduate student Lindsey Collins said she and many of her graduate friends have dealt with a variety of complications when it comes to receiving their money.

"I really do think graduate students are in a different situation," Collins said.

One reason might be that graduate students must complete a waiver to show how much aid they need, whereas undergraduates do not.

"There seems to be lots of disorganization in the financial aid process," Collins said.

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'Sometimes it is the student's fault, but I've noticed that a lot of times it isn't."

Graduate students typically are older than undergraduates, and many occupy roles as teachers, researchers and spouses in addition to their roles as students.

'Graduate students who take out loans depend on financial aid - and timely disbursement — as much as undergraduates do, and perhaps more so since they tend to be less dependent on parents, and sometimes have dependent children

of

their

own," she Administration said.

"I have talked to many graduate students who have horror stories about financial aid disbursements coming weeks and months late, resulting in late rent, car and utility payments," Collins said. "Some have said that they have told prospective graduate students that ÚF is unreliable when it comes to financial aid, and that if they need aid to get by, UF might not be the best place for them."

Financial aid officials were not contacted Wednesday because at the time of the story the office was closed.

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By KEVIN MAHADEO

No Money, Mo[°] Problems

Filmmakers need funds

culties of Hollywood life the hard way. Now all she wants to do is give other people a start.

Andres started Student Upstart Films in January, a student organization dedicated to all things concerning the silver screen, from production to print. The idea was to get students interested in the various aspects of filmmaking to work together on their projects.

In mid-March, Andres made Upstart's first request through the Student Senate Allocations Committee, asking for microphones, lighting kits, a camera and other basic film equipment.

While the \$6,000 request seemed reasonable to Andres, Allocations Chairman Jason Lutin felt differently.

Andres said Lutin informed the group that Allocations did not have the precedent to fund Upstart for equipment. Instead, Lutin suggested they borrow necessary equipment from the university's telecommunications department. However, the department has barely enough equipment for its own students, much less some new student group, Andres said.

"Allocations doesn't understand we don't have access to equipment," Andres said, "period."

After a few compromises, Upstart approached the Student Senate with a bill requesting a por-

ue Andres learned the diffi- table hard drive for editing purposes and money to make copies. Although a few senators spoke in favor of funding the organization, the bill was passed as-is, without the extra funds, April 19.

While it may seem odd that an organization with some Senate support doesn't receive more funding, the decision is not an easy one to make.

SG Treasurer Lindsay Cosimi said it is difficult to determine how much each organization should receive, while remaining fair to the others, especially in the case of new organizations.

"Many new organizations are what we call 'narrow-focus groups," Cosimi said.

Narrow-focus groups are organizations that appear promising at first, but drop in membership over time, Cosimi explained. Once the founder of the organization leaves, the group fizzles.

"We look for growth in an organization," Cosimi said. "We look for growth in membership, programming, planned speakers."

Cosimi said the best example of a rags-to-riches student organization was the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Although NORML began as a small organization with little funding, in about a year it became one of the largest student organi-. zations on campus.

"They really branched out,"

Kristin Nichols / Alligator

Student Upstart Films president Sue Andres, treasurer Natalie Andres and member Brian Brown discuss upcoming film projects Tuesday.

Cosimi said. "Did a lot of co-programming, outside funding and kept detailed records of how many members attended each meeting."

If this is the example Upstart needs to follow, Andres said she feels they are already on their way. "We already have 200 people

on our listserv," Andres said. "So many people at UF are interested in film, from all different [majors]. We have members from liberal arts and aerospace engineering."

The group has already completed three projects and will hold a screening of the latest two at the Reitz Union Cinema on Tuesday. Upstart is also working hard to raise money for the muchneeded equipment. They will hold a car wash Saturday at the BP gas station on Archer Road and Southwest 34th Street.

As with any new organization, only time will tell whether or not Upstart will survive. However,

the club going. "Video production is connected to so many fields," Andres said. "Knowing how to convey ideas on

film is a very beneficial skill."

Andres is confident Upstart offers enough appeal to students to keep

Controversial 'Bodies' art exhibit educates, awes

n the soft lighting and quiet of the Museum of Science & Industry, a young girl questioned her father.

"That's a heart?" she asked.

It doesn't look like the hearts on playing cards or the heart that beats from a cartoon character's chest.

The heart is in a display case with a short description beside it, explaining how the awkwardly shaped muscle once pumped blood through a human's body.

Such revelations are the purpose of "Bodies: The Exhibition" at the museum in Tampa — an effort to help visitors understand the complexity of the human body and encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

"To see is to know," proclaims a banner. And there's plenty to see in the 14,000-

INSIDE

This weekend the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels will raise money for Katrina victims by performing daredevil stunts over the Gville skies. Find out more, pg. 13.

square-foot exhibit that utilizes 20 whole-body specimens and 260 organs and partial-body specimens. The exhibit is divided into nine. rooms, each focusing on a different part of the body.

As patrons walk into the dimly lit exhibit, a spotlight shines on a skeleton holding up its thumb like a hitchhiker. Complete with eyes, toenails and expressions on

their faces, the bodies in the exhibit pose for stronger impact on the observer.

'Wow, look at this soccer player!" a man said to his daughter. The body is in midair, doing a kick flip to show how the muscular system works. It's hard to believe these bodies are actual cadavers — they are preserved using a

process called polymer preservation, a process by which tissue water is replaced with silicone rubber, giving the specimen a "rubbery" look.

But they all are real: the black, cancerstricken lung; the wrinkly, cirrhotic liver; the tiny fetus

> "Makes you think about not smoking," one woman said after comparing a

smoker's lung to the ivorywhite lung of a non-smoker.

UF alumnus John Vincent, 29, was fascinated by the total dissection of one cadaver, which was horizontally cut multiple times from the feet to the head. Observers can view the entire body as one would look at the rings on a tree stump.

"I think that was one of the most interesting things I've ever seen," Vincent said. The circulatory system is displayed in a

pitch-dark room, save for red, glowing arteries that look like seaweed.

"It's beautiful," said Beth Young, 22. "It's perfect."

Young is one of many people who were skeptical of the exhibit.

'Everything was mind-blowing," she said. Kim Fetner, of Largo, went to the exhibition

with her daughter and was quick to agree. "It's good for kids to see the inner workings of the body," she said.

Comment books located at the end of the exhibit are full of messages of positive feedback

The general consensus: "amazing."

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ONLINE

Dear and Glorious Physician will play this weekend at the SideBar. Get to know the band online at www.alligator.org. Also, check out book reviews and more.



QUOTABLE

"Actually, I do not think white people are allowed to use slang until it is ast least a year old. So if the slang is a little played out, you're all good." Kanye West

June with a cleft lip. Capiello Playlist heavenue@alligator.org

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Band rocks past age crisis

Tome bands will give you a phone interview from their drunken post-show party. The Mid Life Crisis Band gives you one from their niece's baseball game.

Mark Chirico and Greg Smith, both lead guitarists and vocalists, say the reason for the name of their band is simple: It's completely true.

"We're definitely a mid life crisis band," said Chirico in a phone interview amid cheering at a local ballpark in Union, N.J.

"All of us are, I guess, in our 40s except for one of us that just crossed the great divide (into 50)," said Smith, in a separate interview.

The Gainesville band, which specializes in blues, classic and southern rock covers, is playing at Calico Jack's on Sept. 23.

Outside of the band, the four members lead typical lives.

They all have wives and children except for



drummer Larry Thompson, the only full-time musician in the band. AGainesville

resident since Tom Petty and

Don Felder of the Eagles were locals, Thompson is also in Dbl Wide and Killer Bees. The rest of the band members are not quite

Doctor Feelgoods at their full-time jobs. Chirico is a pharmacist, Smith is an X-ray repair

technician and bassist Tony Gray is a nurse anesthetist.

When they play, Chirico says, "We bring everybody with us from the hospital in town."

Supportive friends, wives and kids are also at their shows.

Chirico's son's band, The Fantasmics, even plays in between The Mid Life Crisis Band's sets.

They play band and crowd favorites including Lynyrd Skynyrd and Stevie Ray Vaughan covers. They also play two originals, "Brand New Start" and "Going Down to Georgia."

They aren't strangers to song requests, though "sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't," said Smith.

A list of The Mid Life Crisis Band's songs and upcoming shows can be found on their Web site, www.mlcrisisband.com



Sister Hazel performed at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Friday night. The band, whose loyal following refers to themselves as "Hazlenuts," performs regularly to stay in touch with fans.

Gainesville keeps nightlife new

lthough going to the same place, listening to the same music and seeing the same people is always nice, sometimes change is good too.

As luck would have it, Gainesville's nightlife is constantly changing, so there's no excuse for a repetitive nightlife.

Those who look for new places, Gainesville has two downtown club openings to look forward to in the next couple of weeks. Both are different and appealing.

The former location of Simon's, 8 S Main St., will soon be home to Rehab, a chic nightclub with a dance floor, lounge and upstairs cabana bar called Moonshine. Club manager and part-owner of Rue

Bar, Jason Mitow, said it has been com-

pletely redone and will feature padded walls, mosaics, a \$20,000 hanging fish tank, plasma TVs and a "killer sound system." The rooftop bar was redone with a "real

Miami flavor" and a floor girls can actually walk on without their high heels

getting stuck, he said. The club's big rap and R&B nights will be Fridays and will have

various themes - including rock and '80s — throughout the week. Rehab and Moonshine should be open within two weeks.

"It should be pretty crazy," Mitow said. A slightly more low-key venue to look out for is That Bar, by the owner of downtown's That Burrito & Smoothie Place, Chuck Owens.

Julia Carvalho Night Writer heavenue@alligator.org

pressed a.m. in hopes of giving

more options to people who like to eat late, Owens said.

That Bar will also have live acoustic music to complement its casual atmosphere. It is scheduled to open Monday, Oct. 3.



That Bar, on 110 S Main St. where Kresser's Deli used to be, will be a casual place for beer, wine and late-night food. They will serve Cuban sandwiches and hamburgers until 3

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GAINESVILLE AIRSHOW Blue Angels, stunt flyers soar for Katrina victims

By BRETT KELMAN Avenue writer

It is not every day that F-18s descend on Gainesville.

This weekend they will, as the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels soar through the skies at Gainesville Regional Airport as part of the first annual Heart of Florida Airshow.

The show will include low-level aerobatics routines, a fully restored B-25 Mitchell Bomber and Otto the clown helicopter. Gates open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday; tickets cost \$15.

The airshow has been made possible by the Gainesville Regional Airshow Consortium Inc., which made a five-year commitment to establish the show as the premier aviation sporting event in North Central Florida.

The show will raise money for several lo-

cal charities and Hurricane Katrina victims and will award an annual aviation scholar-

Hundreds of local volunteers will comprise most of the airshow staff and entertain an estimated 50,000 "It is kind

audience members. The stars of the show, the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, are an elite flying team charged with bolstering Navy recruitment, embodying teamwork and representing the "Naval forces to the United States, its elected officials and foreign nations.

Their aerial display, which should be the highlight of this weekend's show, is widely renowned for its close-unit flying like the four-jet Diamond Formation and six-jet Delta Formation.

"We are, of course, extremely excited

to have the Blue Angels," said Christy Hendricks, airshow spokeswoman.

Since their inception in 1946, the Angels have performed in front of 381 million fans. In 2004, they performed at more

than 70 airshows in 34 locations around the United States and of neat to be flying Canada.

The theme of the Heart of so close to home. They Florida Airshow is A Salute rarely have them in your to Veterans.

Gainesville native and highly decorated World War II pilot John R. Alison has been named Honorary Show Chairman.

Alison first flew combat in 1942 with the 75th Fighter Squadron of the 23rd Fighter Group. For his leadership, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and eventually promoted to commander of that squadron.

In 1946, Alison resigned from the Air Force as a colonel, only to re-enlist in 1950 for the Korean War. Alison was inducted into the Air Commando Hall of Fame in 1994.

Along with the Blue Angels, the airshow will feature Olympic-level aerobatic flyer Patty Wagstaff. Wagstaff has built a reputation as "The First Lady of Aerobatics" and is famous for an unparalleled display of daring low-level flying.

Patty Wagstaff Airshows Inc. is based in St. Augustine.

"It is kind of neat to be flying so close to home," she said in a telephone interview Monday. "They rarely have them in your backyard.'

Wagstaff is the first woman to win the title of U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and has performed in airshows on five continents.

"I'm really working on Antarctica," she joked.

Local electronic music scene thrives in rock domai

backyard."

Patty Wagstaff

aerobatic flyer

ainesville Rock City. That's us, right? 1 Not anymore, at least if

Christopher Miller has his way. Miller is the head of Electronic SubSouth, a small collective dedicated to fostering a successful live electronic music scene in Gainesville.

That's all well and good, but isn't it an act of futility in a town best known in the music community as the home of seminal punk label No Idea Records? Wrong again, said Miller.

"The fans and the interest in the music are already here. The problem is the lack of venues which are willing to host such events or bring electronic acts into town," he said. Chris Kolodziej, of local elec-

tronic act On*tic, agrees. "The fans come in droves," he

said. "I've even met people from the Orlando and Tampa areas that drive all that way just to see the locals."

Two venues not falling into that category are The Atlantic, which has hosted several ESS shows, and The Side Bar, soon to be home to a monthly electronic music showcase beginning Sept. 28. But Miller's plans stretch beyond increasing the volume of events SubSouth has lined up for the next few months. "UF has had an electro-acoustic

music scene for over a decade, and I'd like to figure out a way to partner with that. There is also the possibility of an electro-

clash-themed night at a newer downtown venue," he said.

But electronic music has a few barriers to over-

come before it can really take off in Gainesville. Dave LeBleu of Textual, another local electronic act, said he believes electronic musicians need

to put on more of a show to pull in a bigger audience.

There needs to be more of an actual visual or live experience as opposed to just a few people sitting behind their

laptops," LeBleu said. SubSouth is also looking

for musicians to have "more of performancea

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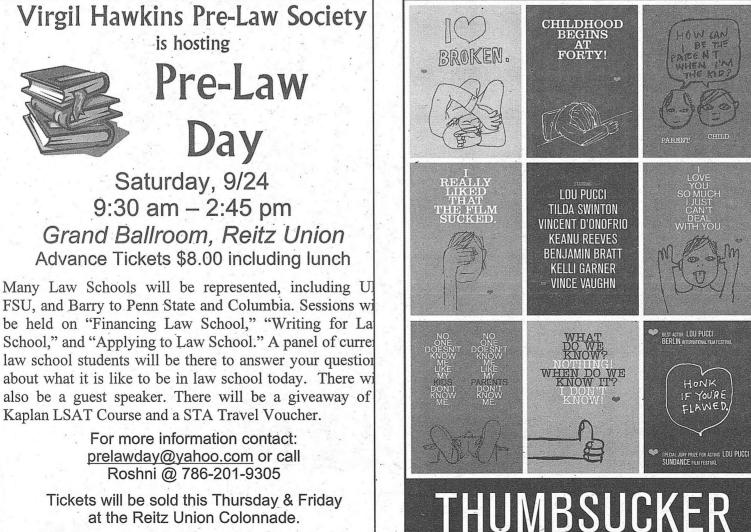
their live shows.'

For this to happen, and for new electronic acts to flourish in Gainesville, a strong support system needs to be in place. With SubSouth, these factors have now come together and the scene can only continue to grow.

'It's the ultimate networking tool for musicians and fans," said Kolodziej.

Perhaps the next big thing to come out of Gainesville will eschew guitars and drums for a laptop and a synthesizer. If that's the case, it could happen because of SubSouth and the dedicated community of musicians and fans they have helped bring together.

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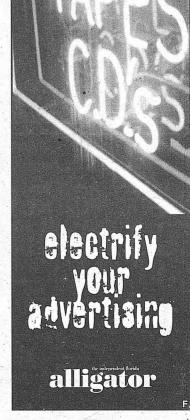
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Earplugs preserve quality

By MARIA LAVERGHETTA

Avenue Writer

If you've ever used the cheap, yellow foam earplugs, you're well aware that sound changes in the process.

Although earplugs protect your ears from the damage caused by loud speakers at a bar, they distort the quality of music, said John Wiseheart, a local audiologist.

Research shows that custom-made musician earplugs can help the listener or musician hear the quality of the music better without damaging their ear, Wiseheart said.

The musician earplugs can either be custom made for your ear, which cost about \$150, or can be non-custom for \$15 to \$20.

'Sixty percent of the inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame have hearing impairment," Wiseheart said.

Normal conversation uses about 60 decibels of sound, but the level of the ear's resources that are used increases exponentially by every added decibel, Wiseheart.

If you are at a rock concert, which is about 112 decibels on average, you could listen for an hour and 25 minutes with the musician ear plugs — instead of only listening for five minutes - without causing muffled hearing, ringing in your ears, or with repeated exposure, permanent hearing loss, according to the Etymotic Research, Inc. Web site, www.etymotic.com.

Because the older earplugs protect against higher-frequency sounds, the music is not heard as well, Wiseheart said.

"It's like someone just turning the volume

and the second second

down," he said. "The older, yellow earplugs are great if you want maximum attenuation or protection but not if you want to enjoy the music."

Rashon Medlock, a local singer and graduate of the UF School of Music, said he sees this as arbitrary.

"In Gainesville, pretty much everybody plays as loud as they can anyway," he said. 'The quality of earplug would really only matter if you were a serious concert patron.

However, other local musicians who play in the brass section feel as though this is an important investment.

Dakeyan "Dre" Graham, a music education major at UF and saxophone player in the UF Jazz Ensemble, said the older earplugs are not helpful when he uses them during his performances.

"They block out the sound," he said. "They don't allow you to tune as well as you could because you can't use all the resources of your ears.'

Erik Augereau, a trombonist at UF, doesn't use earplugs but understands why other players use them.

"I sit in the back, so I never use earplugs," he said. "There are even orchestras which have Plexiglass shields between the brass and strings to protect them."

Due to the benefits of the musician ear plugs, musicians of all kinds, including marching bands and sound crews, are encouraged to wear them. Any protection is better than none at all though, Wiseheart said.

"People don't appreciate how easy it is to lose your hearing," he said.

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hall With 13 billiard tables, there's often no wait. Simply trade your ID for a rack of balls and pick a table.

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Possibilities limitless are even for the fickle pool player. The bar offers fast and friendly service. Just don't put your cup on the pool table — they don't like that. Even if pool isn't your thing, you can shoot hoops, play air hockey, foosball or watch something sports-related on TV.

Don't avoid Silver-Q just because you don't know how to play pool. They don't make you sign a statement at the door stating your affinity or your pool intentions.

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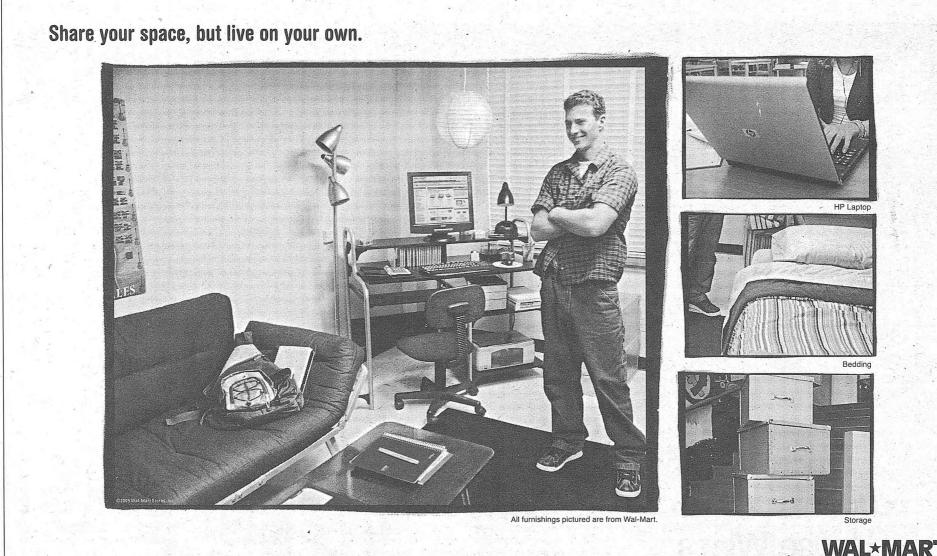
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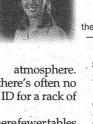
As you call your eight-ball pocket, consider the greats who played before you. English and French royalty used to play billiards much like CEOs and salesmen play golf today. Mary, Queen of Scots enjoyed billiards so much she was wrapped in the cloth from her table after she was beheaded. When you're looking for a chill night with friends or decide the line at :08 is too long, walk next door to Silver-Q, 225 W University Ave., for a good time. Cover is free, service is fast, and you only dance if you want to.

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Grasshead, 10:30 p.m., \$4 Orange and Brew, live music: Adam's Out, Select Start, The

Duppies, 8 p.m., free friday

Eddie C's, live music: Chasing Yesterday, In Stereo, Too Late May, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, 9 p.m., \$5

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, live music: Lizz Wright, 7:30 p.m., \$10-\$25

The Side Bar, live music: Dbl Wide, The Alaskan Pirate and his Salty Seamen, Rob McGregor, 9 p.m., \$5

saturday

Café Gardens, live music: Mellow Fellows Edible Jazz, 6–9 p.m., free

Eddie C's, live music: Visceral, April, False Idols, Verity, 10 p.m., \$5 The Side Bar, live music: Apollo Quartet, Dear and Glorious Physician, Crash the Satellites, Jason Choi and the Sea, 9 p.m., \$5

sunday

The Purple Porpoise, live music: Bayside, I am the Avalanche,

June, The Forecast, Never Again, 5 p.m., \$8 Reitz Union Cinema, movie: "The

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," 8 p.m, 10:30 p.m., free monday

Common Grounds, live music:

Prefuse 73, DJ Nobody, Textual, 10 p.m., \$12

tuesday

Common Grounds, live music: Battle of the Bands (Part 2) Maxwell Edison, Smoked Mullet, Crash

Pad, Killarney Star, 10 p.m., \$5 Florida School of Massage, live music: Gainesville Liberation

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The Side Bar, live music: Brentina, On*tic, Phsychic Killers, The_ Virus, 9 p.m., \$5 Minus the Bear Menos el Oso Suicide Squeeze

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The Seattle quintet is notorious for its comedy song titles, but just because this album doesn't boast anything quite as ridiculous as "Thanks for the Killer Game of Crisco Twister" doesn't mean they've decided to drastically change their sound. "Menos el Oso" follows the same blueprint that made 2002's "Highly Refined Pirates" a success — jerky, post-punk rhythms melded to electronic flourishes and serious lyrics which belie the silly song titles.

CDs play upbeat, retro

It's a formula which is particularly successful on more upbeat, danceable tracks like "The Fix" and "Pachuca Sunrise," although there is sadly nothing to match "Highly Refined Pirates."

However, Minus the Bear's problem has always been making its songs catchy enough to stick in listeners' heads, and "Menos el Oso" is no different — the unexpected time changes and the unconventional vocals of Jake Snider give the record a certain initial level of inaccessibility. If given enough time to grow on you, these elements can become the album's strengths.

"Menos el Oso" is a solid record. MTB fans will love it, but newcomers might want to try the slightly superior "Highly Refined Pirates" first. **The Coral** *The Invisible Invasion* Sony/BMG

Being from Liverpool can be something of a handicap for a band; it means that reviewers almost invariably find some way to mention The

B-----s. Luckily for the Coral, it bears no musical resemblance. That doesn't mean the band doesn't look to the past for inspiration. A good portion of the album's harmonies and guitar licks are reminiscent of '60s surf pop, often providing us with the album's best

moments — propulsive opening track "She Sings the Mourning" in particular. But the Coral isn't just a one-trick pony. Lead single "In the Morning," quite rightly a hit in the band's native UK, is the very essence of chilled-out summery pop "The Operator" features a fantastic mockspooky keyboard line, and on "So Long Ago" and "Late Afternoon," the guitar melodies and softer vocal style (although not the vocals themselves) recall some of Belle & Sebastian's more upbeat numbers.

It's debatable whether this album, with its strong tendency toward the retro, will have a lasting impact. But before the '60s plundering begins to wear a little thin, it undoubtedly will provide great enjoyment for those looking to keep the spirit of summer alive.

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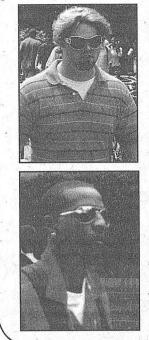


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If the eyes are the windows to the soul, what happens if you're wearing sunglasses?

I guess you're incognito, you sneaky devils.

Slummy style creates sex-life strain

y ex-boyfriend used to say he liked taking me out to show me off. I would wish I could say the same.

Who wants to be shown off by a guy whose clothes have more holes than my fishnet stockings and buttcheeks that peek out when he bends over?

In nature, men are the ones who are supposed to show off.

They always have the most beautiful features — the male cardinal with his brilliant red, the mallard duck with his iridescent green, the lion with his regal mane.

When in the evolutionary chain did this gene disappear?

Now guys show off by competing to see whose boxers hang out the most.

I've come to rely on healthy skepticism in the beginning of a relationship when guys tend to look their best to win our affection.

It's not real because once they get you after a few months, their true style re-emerges. Thus, you see the paper-thin, grease-laden, pit-stained,

seethrough, once-was-white-now-isgrey cotton T-shirt increasingly in his wardrobe repertoire.

The clothes he used to wear he considers his nice clothes, and they hang in the closet for special occasions that never happen.

Sure, you have a few apples who fall far from the tree, but for the most part, men have turned into total schlubs.

When did this become OK? Because it's not just a phase, it's the norm.

Women accept guys who don't care, and the worst thing is we continue to let them get away with it.

You've seen the mismatched couples - the princess and the pea, the beauty and the beast, the fair and the frog, the radiant and the rabid.

Why should you take the time to look adorable if your guy walks around wearing the same clothes to toss the football, play X-Box, and club hop with you and his buddies?

Please note — there is a huge distinction between a guy whose look is scruffy and the guy who just doesn't care

You can tell the difference. It's one thing to be comfortable but another to be lazy.

Some of you may consider this materialistic and vain,

Christine Steffens Fashion a Go-Go theavenue@alligator.org

but it's not; it's pride — a completely different sin. So, what can you

do? I'm not here to

play devil's advocate, but a friend of mine once withheld sex from her boyfriend until he cleaned up his act.

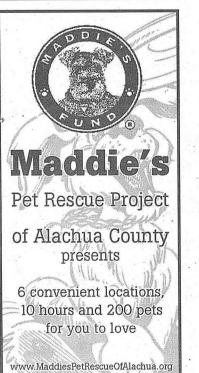
He let himself go after they started dating, but once he shaved, sprinkled on some cologne and rid himself of his beer belly, she had her first non-selfstimulated orgasm in six months.

Not to say you should do the same, but let's get the creative juices flowing. We cannot accept less. If we see it,

let's take action; women unite. Ladies, it's time to stop settling.

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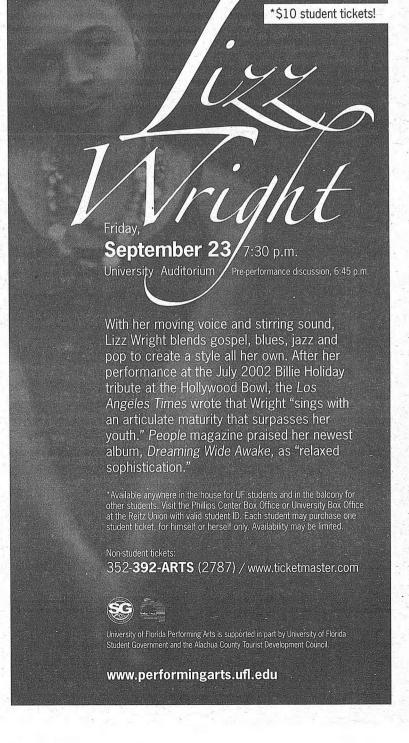




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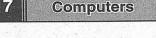
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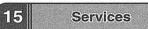
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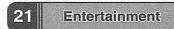


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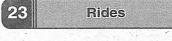
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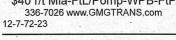
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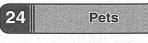




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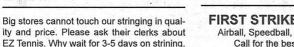
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McDonald injury thrusts Cohen into starting role

By IAN FISHER Alligator Staff Writer ifisher@alligator.org

For defensive end Joe Cohen, a year made a huge difference.

Last year, he started 12 games at end before taking a backseat to Ray McDonald

Now with McDonald out four to six weeks with a partially torn ACL, Cohen is back starting at end.

"Me, personally, I don't think I should have been

starting last year." **Joe Cohen**

UF defensive end

Starting every game last season, Cohen failed to record a single sack. He's the first to admit that he was ineffective.

"Me, personally, I don't think I should have been starting last year," Cohen said. "I still had a ways to go at D-end. I still was way off on my technique. I just needed more work."

Cohen, a fullback before switching to defense, hadn't played on the defensive line since ninth or 10th grade. No wonder he lacked technique.

"He was a running back," fellow defensive end Jeremy Mincey said. "That's the running back state of mind: 'I want to get the ball and run.

"He used to pass rush like he was running the ball sometimes." Not anymore.

Cohen is finally getting the defensive mindset, Mincey said.

Although Cohen only has one tackle this season, Coach Urban Meyer graded him one of four defensive champions after his performance against Louisiana Tech, even before McDonald was injured.

"He's a guy that didn't practice real well around here for a while," Meyer said. "Even before Ray's injury, he was making a big push about three or four weeks ago."

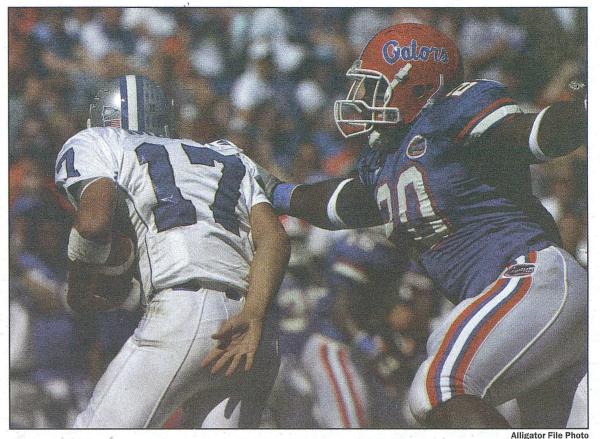
With McDonald gone, that push is going to have to be harder. Cohen will start at end with

redshirt freshman Derrick Harvey backing him up until McDonald can return. But Cohen doesn't see it as a

chance to prove himself; he'd rather have McDonald playing.

"I try not to look at it that way," he said. "I wish Ray was out there with us. But so far this year I've been trying to establish myself in second

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A converted fullback, Joe Cohen struggled as a defensive lineman last season. Cohen will now have to fill in at defensive end for injured Ray McDonald.

UF FOOTBALL Portis, Thornton may see playing time against Kentucky

POOR BALL PROTECTION HAS **KEPT RESERVES ON BENCH.**

> By BRYAN APP and ANDREW ABRAMSON Alligator Staff Writers

After earning a nod to start the season opener against Wyoming, tailback Skyler Thornton has apparently fallen out of Coach

Urban Meyer's good graces due to ball-handling issues.

Thornton didn't play a down against Tennessee but could see a limited role against Kentucky on Saturday.

"He dropped the ball as well," Meyer said. "He and Markus [Manson] had a little ball-security issue. Skyler's getting a little better. He had a very good week. We might see a little more Skyler this week.'

Quarterback Josh Portis also didn't play against Tennessee due to Meyer's lack of confidence in the freshman's ball-handling ability.

"Are you kidding me?" said Meyer regarding whether Portis' ball-handling contributed to his lack of playing time in the 16-7 UF win against the Volunteers.

"You lose that game if we turn the ball over.

But Portis seems to be improving in practices and should play in Lexington on Saturday, Meyer said.

"There's a plan [to play Portis]," Meyer

said. "He's doing a little bit of a better job this week. We have a plan, and I think you guys know what it is - to take care of the football and get in the game."

LOW OUTPUT: While UF's defense continues to receive praise, Meyer's offense has received a bit of criticism.

UF's offense — considered one of the best in the nation heading into the season - is cur-

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Gators must return to special teams glory; give Dee a chance

"t certainly didn't happen in 2004. Tack on a big negative in that stat category for 2003. 2002? Fat chance, and if you Lese a trend developing you might as well just skip 2001. "Come on," you must be saying, "what stat category do the Gators have a big goose egg in dating back till 2000?"

The last time UF had a punt return or kick return for a touchdown was when Lito Sheppard took a pair of punts to pay dirt back when Steve Spurrier was the Ol' Ball Coach five years ago.

One of Zooker's many, many problems was the special teams play. How many games were there that a special teams' touchdown could have ignited the Gators? Not only would

it have re-energized a team in disar-

Eric Esteban **Tenacious E**

ray, but imagine how a game changing play can put a 10,000-watt charge into a sideline, coaching staff, stadium and fan base. Just one play in four of the Gators' five losses could have been the difference in Ron Zook retaining employment through 2005. I don't go by the moniker of Silky

Johnson, but hating on a 3-0 team might just be worthy of an induction to the belated Chapelle's Show's Player Hater's Ball.

However, the question begs to be answered: why have Florida's special teams tanked harder than a ludicrous Alligator editorialist's Tuesday column stating that "Chris Leak is a bad player?"

It can't be the athletes. With a talent-rich state waiting to be plundered by Coach Urban Meyer's recruiting, there's no reason for a capable, play-making athlete not to be in the back throwing down the jukes NCAA Football 2006 style. Miami has Devin Hester and Florida State has flashy freshman Fred Rouse, but Meyer's returner so far has been flat.

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O-line struggles to adapt

AFTER GIVING UP FIVE SACKS TO TENNESSEE, UF'S OFFENSIVE LINE IS TRYING TO REGROUP.

By FARZAD SAFI Alligator Staff Writer fsafi@alligator.org

While most of Gainesville celebrated UF's win against Tennessee last weekend, two Gators could hardly enjoy themselves.

* Seniors Mike Degory and Randy Hand went straight home Saturday night, because they were too angry to party.

The Tennessee defensive line sacked quarterback Chris Leak five times, stuffed the Gators on a 4th-and-inches play and dominated UF's offensive line for most of the night.

"Mike and I were disgusted after the Tennessee game," Hand said. "We were mad because beating them was one of the biggest wins of our career and we played poorly."

But was the Gators' offensive line that bad, or was Tennessee's defensive line that good?

"Tennessee had amazing talent on the defensive line," Coach Urban Meyer said. "They had three seniors, and all three of those guys are going to be making a bunch of money playing in the NFL next year."

Regardless, Degory believes that the offensive line did not show up to play.

"Up front, that was one of the worst games I've ever been associated with," he said.

How could a unit led by four experienced seniors be one of the last to adapt to the new offense?

Meyer and the players have different explanations for the latest dilemma with the offense.

"I don't think it was a lack of courage or a lack of talent with the offensive line," Meyer said. "I think it's a lack of technique."

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Tennis look good. We are lower than them in prices - faster in stringing- stock better "We've spent so much time focusing on scheme," he said. "Right now, we need to focus on the fundamentals. Those guys need to work on their base footwork and hand placement, because they looked awful on film."

Meyer has changed how the offensive line has been practicing this week. Tight ends coach Steve Addazio has been assigned to work specifically with the tackles.

Sophomore tight end Tate Casey may also see his role change in the offense until the play of the line improves.

"I'm happy spending most of my time on the field blocking," Casey said. "A tight end makes his living off of blocking. Whatever catches he makes are just bonuses."

While Meyer believes the problem is due to a lack of fundamentals, one of the starters thinks it's the new system.

"It's a new offense for us too," Hand said. "The tackles have a lot more responsibility this year because we have to make more reads. Last year, we only had to go one way and block somebody."

As long as the offensive line continues to struggle, the entire offense will suffer.

Following a 247-yard performance against Tennessee, the Gators rank seventh in the Southeastern Conference and 60th in the nation in total offense.

Meyer admitted that he has had to limit a lot of his play calling due to the line's errors. Conveniently, the offensive line has an ex-

cellent opportunity to boost its self-esteem this week against injury-riddled Kentucky.

The Wildcats have the worst rushing defense in the SEC, allowing 223.7 yards per game.

"I'd be all for running the ball 50 times this week against Kentucky to get the bugs out the system," Hand said. "We need to get at least 150 yards rushing to be satisfied though."

UF Women's Basketball Schedule

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Nov. 19 at Seton Hall, 5 p.m.

Nov. 23 at Florida State, 7 p.m.

Nov. 27 STETSON, 2 p.m.

Nov. 30 at Charlotte, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 3 at Temple, TBA

Dec. 5 SOUTH ALABAMA,

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Dec. 9 ILLINOIS, 6 p.m.

Dec. 19 TEXAS-ARLINGTON, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21 FLORIDA A&M, 1 p.m.

Dec. 28 RHODE ISLAND,

Dec. 29 LIBERTY, 7 p.m.

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Jan. 5 ALABAMA, 7 p.m.

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Jan. 19 at Ole Miss, 8 p.m.

Jan. 22 VANDERBILT, 3 p.m.

Jan. 26 at Arkansas, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29 GEORGIA, 3 p.m.

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Feb. 5 at Kentucky, Noon

Feb. 9 at Mississippi State, 8 p.m.

Feb. 12 SOUTH CAROLINA, 3 p.m.

Feb. 16 LSU, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19 at Auburn, 3 p.m.

Feb. 26 at Tennessee, 3 p.m.

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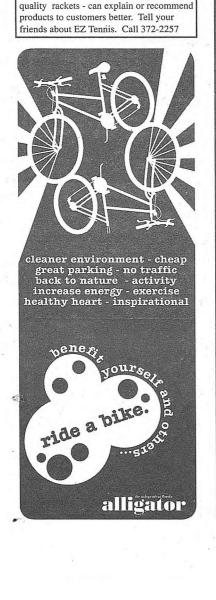
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Hungry for competition, former fullback tweaks defensive technique

COHEN, from page 23

team so it really doesn't make any difference. I just know when I'm in there now, I'm going 110 [percent], giving all I've got."

Mincey has noticed that too. "I feel good about Derrick Harvey and Joe Cohen," he said. "Harvey's young, but the more he plays, the more snaps he gets, the

better he can get." Mincey said he's confident about Cohen, and their position coach

"I'm not worried at all about Joe Cohen," defensive line coach Greg Mattison said. "Joe Cohen since day one has been a starter for us. He's been a starter. He's like everyone else.'

Mincey credited Mattison with

helping Cohen catch on and improving his technique.

But that's not even the biggest change in Cohen this year. What is the main difference since

Cohen's sub-par 2004 campaign? "I think it's his hunger for the

game," Mincey said. "Last year, he

didn't like defense as much. "Now he's taking pride in what he's doing, and it's making him a better player."

How much better?

"I feel I'm more ready now than I've ever been," Cohen said.

Gators' offense 'not very pretty' FOOTBALL, from page 23

rently ranked just seventh in the SEC.

. On Wednesday, Meyer said the criticism is warranted.

"They should be critical, [the offense is] not very pretty," Meyer said. "What you can't be critical about is field position and ball security. [But] we're here to score points.'

Some Heisman watch lists continue to rank quarterback Chris Leak in the top five — several as high as No. 3 but there are critics who believe Leak simply isn't suited for Meyer's option offense.

"I think it's a combination [of people not stepping up]," Meyer said. "It's not [just] Chris Leak. It's a group of 11 people doing the jobs, and right now they're not; it's a breakdown here and there."

O-LINE WOES: After allowing five sacks against Tennessee, the Gators' offensive line could experience more problems with an injury to offensive guard Tavares Washington.

Coach Urban Meyer said Washington is suffering from a sore

Senior corner back Vernell Brown has played beyond lights out and Meyer calling him "The face of Florida Football" speaks volumes of how far the Gainesville native has come. While Meyer praised him during fall and spring practice, I didn't buy into it. I was busy sipping the Reggie Nelson Kool-Aid, and yes, he has proven to be the Real Deal Holyfield, I thought Nelson would be starting by LSU. Brown's play speaks for itself-his 18 tackles leads the Gators and he also has an interception, but his job at punt returner has been nauseating at best. UF is

dead last in the Southeastern Conference in punt returns and 101st in the nation, and Brown's 13 returns for 57 yards, a 4.4-yard average, is not what Meyer could have pos-

> sibly imagined. The proposed solution is simple. For those that were lucky enough to see his recruiting film back in the day, Dee Webb could only be described as a game breaker while returning punts at Jacksonville's Ed White High. Already one of the fastest guys on the team, Webb showcased and harnessed that speed in the spring when he competed with the track team on top of his rigorous football and academic schedule.

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elbow after possibly hyper-extending it against the Volunteers. Freshman Jim Tartt, who has played only as a reserve in one game this season while recovering from a shoulder injury, is receiving more practice reps at guard, Meyer said.

ESTEBAN, from page 23

WALK-ON WATER Former soccer star a secret no longer Almost lost in the shuffle

By LOUIS ANASTASIS Alligator Staff Writer

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His dirty brown hair flaring into a puffy tuft, No. 39 and his modest physique trots off the practice field. Could he be a walk-on punter? Perhaps one of UF's water boys has decided to have a laugh and try on a Gators uniform.

But you see two reporters flank this walk-on - yes, you guessed right about the walk-on part — and there is something going on here. This is no football Joe-Schmo. He is redshirt sophomore Chris Hetland, UF's 5-for-5 kicker and veritable campus rock star.

'All the hard work is paying off," Hetland said. "I just do what I know how to do."

Where did this kid come from? Is he really this good? The answers may surprise you.

Self-made kicker

Rewind seven years. Location: Lee County High in Leesburg, Ga. Hetland, a freshman, a bona fide socer center/midfielder and a middle school linebacker/defensive back is getting cocky. He thinks he can kick a football.

'As far as soccer went, he was probably the best ball distributor I had ever seen from the middle," father Randy said. "He was a playmaker, and he could put the ball wherever he needed. So when he saw football, he said, 'I can do that."

Solid and always improving, Randy saw potential in the midfielder.

An engineer and soccer guru himself, Randy, despite having never kicked a football in his life, became Hetland's coach. They bought kicking books, attended kicking classes and camps — including UF camps after his freshman and sophomore seasons - bought kicking tapes, then made kicking tapes of their own.

"We've grown together," Hetland said. "I mean, I didn't know a whole lot about kicking. I just kicked the soccer ball, and then I would kind of go up there and kick the football. We taught each other and we learned from each other. We kind of put things together and molded."

Soon the two became experts. Hetland finished his senior season 3-for-3 from beyond 50 yards.

His college search was anything but a touchdown. No one wanted him except small schools. A handful of decent colleges asked Hetland to walk-on. Then came the ultimatum. Hetland demanded to kick for a Southeastern Conference school, specifically UF or Georgia.

Lucky for him, "[Ron] Zook called him at the last moment, and so he ended up coming here," Randy said.

Recruited by Steve Spurrier, yet stuck behind a bevy of kickers when Zook took over, Hetland waited, watched and maintained his kicking regimen with his father. But Zook noticed a little some-

thing about Hetland. Despite the fact that Matt Leach

became the entrenched starter, Hetland secured a back-up role and a promise: After Leach graduates, it's your job.

"And so when Zook got canned, that sort of created some anxiety because we didn't know what a new coach would do," Randy said. "Sure enough, when Coach [Urban] Meyer came in, he recruited [Jonathan] Phillips."

Faced with more adversity than ever, coupled with the fact that paying for

"He said, 'Are you a good

While Gator Nation expected

Phillips — the No. 2 kicker in

the nation at the time, according

to scout.com - to step into the

starting role, Hetland established

a training routine to overtake the

good because I'm going to go out there and give it my best," Hetland

"I was like, 'He better be damn

Sometimes with his father,

By the beginning of two-a-

sometimes alone, Hetland dedi-

cated three to four days a week to

days, Hetland knew he had the

inside track to starting, to starring.

Everyone else would have to wait

Mr. Perfect

With the media questioning UF's

to witness UF's best-kept secret.

hardcore kicking this summer.

kicker?"" Hetland recalled. "I said,

'Yeah.' He said, 'Well, let me re-

phrase that. Are you a great kicker?'

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some, Hetland

give him a shot.

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"Right now, I feel like if I miss and this might sound cocky -it's a fluke." too burden-

Chris Hetland, UF kicker ing. Meyer, however, would

difference in the game, I'm going, 'Holy cow.' It's like wow," Randy said.

Now that everyone knows who Hetland is, it's time for the serious question. Is he ever going to miss?

"I plan on making every one of them," said Hetland, who is quick to point out he feels comfortable from any distance 53 yards and in. "Right now, I feel like if I miss - and this might sound cocky

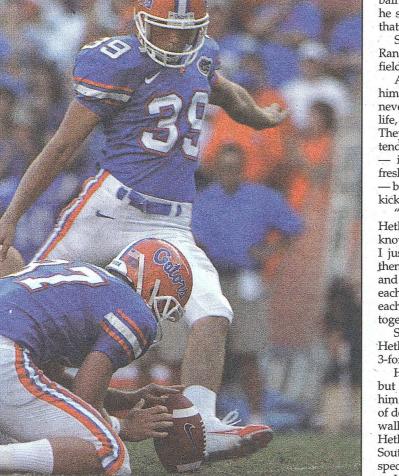
— it's a fluke." Another burning issue is his walk-on status.

Burdened by a fourth year of tuition, the Hetlands are crossing their fingers that something will give

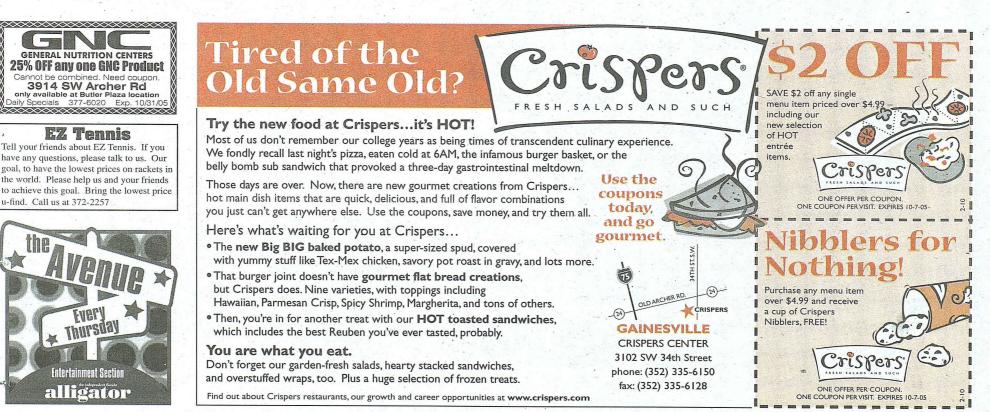
"If he's the guy who continues and plays the rest of the year, he'll be on scholarship," Meyer said.

What a secret weapon UF has had on its hands all along. As for the biggest secret of all, Hetland is aiming for the NFL.

"That's what his dream is," Randy said, "and that's why he went to Florida."



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff Coming to UF as a walk-on, kicker Chris Hetland almost didn't have the chance to be the Gators' savior against Tennessee.



kicking game, with fans scrambling through media guides to figure out who this walk-on was, a cool Hetland nailed field goal attempts of 40 and 47 yards in his season opener against Wyoming. Still, gossip abounded about Hetland's two muffed extra points.

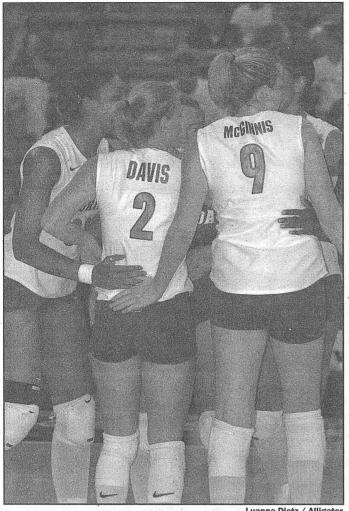
"It put things in perspective and got me even more focused," Hetland said.

Did it ever. In his first-ever action against an SEC team, Hetland froze Tennessee with his bionic foot.

Converting on all three field goals of 38, 35 and 20 yards, Hetland single-handedly booted the Volunteers back to Knoxville with a 16-7 loss.

What a far cry from the soccer fields of Leesburg.

"To score [10] points against Tennessee and to have that be the



Rhian Davis and the Gators must carry momentum into SEC play. Davis has responded well to increased playing time.





UF VOLLEYBALL Gators to enter lull in schedule

■ UF HEADS INTO SEC PLAY RANKED NO. 6.

By DAN TREAT Alligator Writer

Complacency is a word that always makes coaches cringe, and Mary Wise is no exception.

While the Gators exited their non-conference schedule with a 9-1 mark, including a victory against rival Southern California, Wise wants her players to continue progressing the way they have through the season's first month.

"As a coach you're always looking to the future and what more they can learn," Wise said. "Every time they learn something we want to give them something else, so they may never feel like they can ever accomplish everything. Because every time they get something we're going to add something to it."

UF is now entering a stretch of its season that could hardly be considered daunting.

Currently ranked No. 6 in the nation, the Gators aren't scheduled to play another team in the Top 25 for the remainder of the season.

Perhaps UF's toughest remaining competition is Tennessee, which is currently receiving the most votes of any unranked team.

The Volunteers defeated the Gators twice last season - the first win breaking UF's streak of 145 consecutive regular season Southeastern Conference wins, and the second to take the SEC Tournament crown.

"It's like the light has come on for Rhian. Understand that

she is incredibly fast, and now has a better understand-

ing of the game."

Mary Wise UF coach

Wise, however, wants to keep the Gators focused on the next task. "I just told the players we're 0-0."

BACK-ROW BREAKOUT: After playing sparingly her first two seasons, Rhian Davis has emerged as a major defensive contributor for the Gators throughout the season's first month

She has seen the court in every

match and has eclipsed 10 digs three times, including a season high 15 against Florida State Monday night.

That effort was just shy of her career high of 17 against Minnesota in 2004.

"It's like the light has come on for Rhian," Wise said. "Understand that she is incredibly fast, and now has a better understanding of the game in a position she's never played before.

"She's really a lot more comfortable, and thus able to get a whole lot more balls."

PACKING THE HOUSE: According to the Division I Volleyball Attendance Report, the Gators have the sixthhighest average home-match attendance in the nation.

UF has been ranked in the national top-10 in attendance each of the last 14 years.

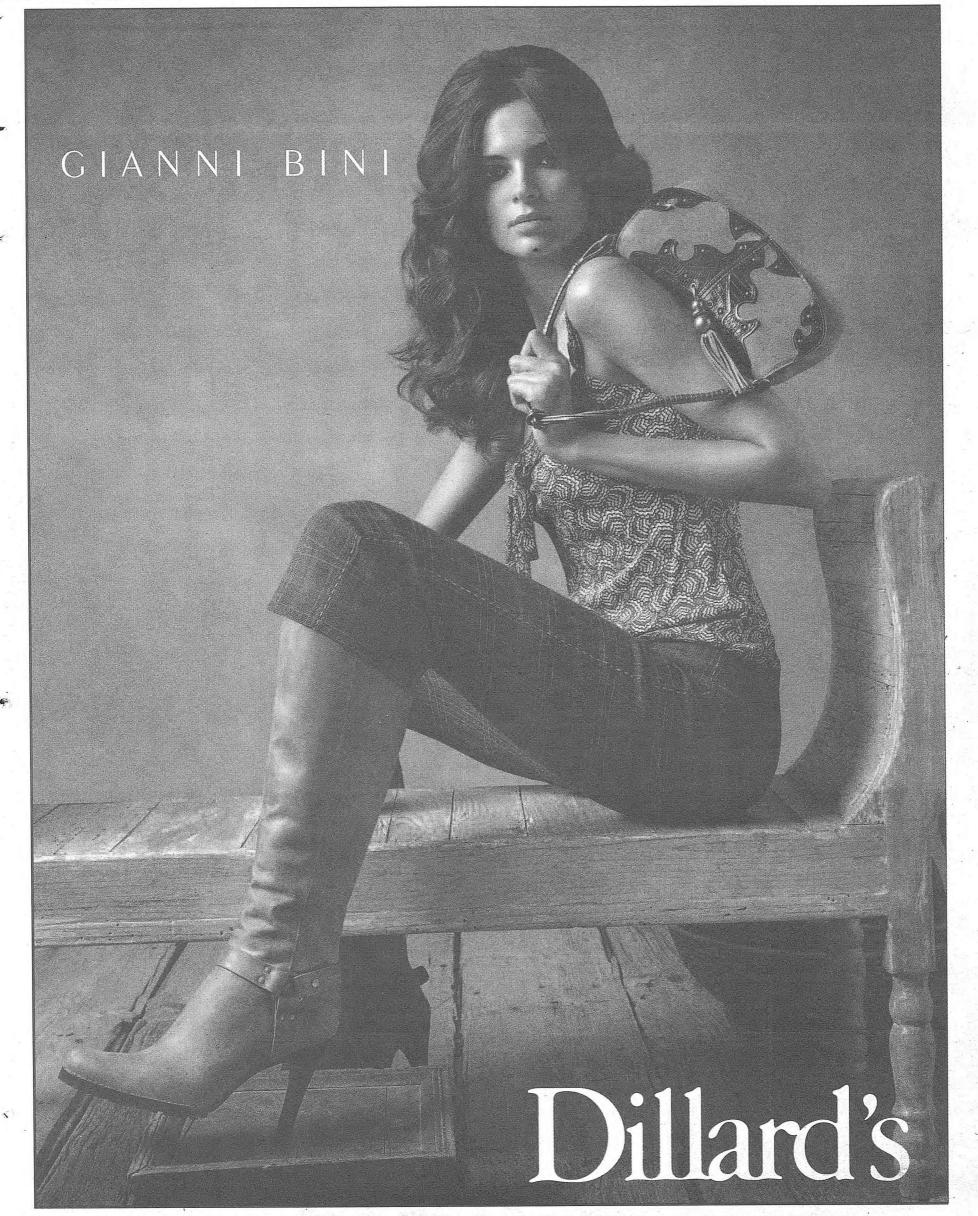
The Gators are averaging 2,376 fans per game, and their total attendance of 16,635 for seven home matches so far ranks behind only Hawaii.

UF is the only school in either the SEC or on the east coast ranked in the top 20.



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