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## **SG ELECTIONS**

# **Banners may** violate rules

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In a potential violation of Student Government election codes, houses on fraternity row have large advertisements draped over their walls supporting and stating authorization by The Gator Party.

SG election codes dictate that "posters may not exceed 352 square inches," about 19 inches by 19 inches. Several of the displays on fraternity houses span entire floors.

All the banners read that they are paid political advertisements of Gator Party Treasurer Brian Seel. The codes require that the person named on the banner authorize "the creation of, disbursement of, or payment for" that banner.

But Seel said he had nothing to do with the displays. Campaign material also needs the authorization of Supervisor of Elections Daniel Maland, who said he never approved the banners.

Maland contends that the banners are not "posters" and are therefore not subject to the 352-square-inch requirement.

This defense jars with Maland's statements at an Aug. 31 meeting with party officials, during which he reviewed the election codes with them and warned of penalties ranging from restricted campaigning to disqualification.

"Watch what you do; be careful what you do," he said at the time. "Ignorance is no longer an excuse."

During the meeting, Maland said Fraternity Row is considered off campus because Greek organizations bought the

land from UF in the 1990s. Thus, it is not under the jurisdiction of SG statutes.

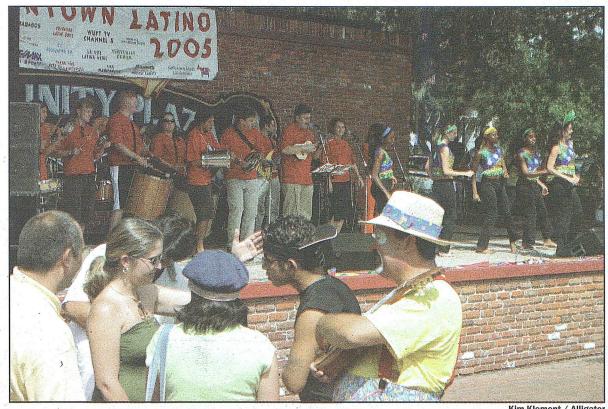
The Office of Greek Life and University Police refuted this argument Monday. When asked again about the advertisements, Maland said he would ask the houses' occupants to take down any signs that violated codes.

In a later phone interview, he again asserted the advertisements were exempt from statutory restrictions, arguing that the displays are not posters.

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines a poster as "a bill or placard for posting often in a public place."

Maland filed the first official election complaint Monday against Impact candidate Victor Bard, running for the Broward-area seat.

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Kim Klement / Alligator

**Downtown dancing** 

Jacare Brazil exhibits Brazilian music and dance at the fourth annual Downtown Latino Festival. The festival, held by the Chamber of Hispanic Affairs, featured several free musical performances Saturday afternoon.

# Hurricanes spur energy advisory

**CONSERVATION NOW CAN** LOWER FUTURE BILLS.

By JESSICA RIFFEL

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Gainesville Regional Utilities is urging students and residents to conserve

"We already have a shortage of natural gas due to Hurricane Katrina, and Hurricane Rita further reduced the amount available," GRU spokesman Dan Jesse said.

Many oil refineries and platforms along the Gulf Coast have been shut down because of the recent hurricanes.

"If people don't cut back, prices will

continue to rise in the future," Jesse said. "What they do now affects prices

GRU suggests students and residents turn up the thermostat setting, turn off lights and fans when leaving a room, close curtains and blinds to keep

out the heat, and limit washer, drier and Around Gainesville dishwasher use.

"If the use of electricity stays down, we won't have to worry about the shortages because we'll just keep the coal [generators] running," Jesse said.

Natural gas fuels GRU's generators after its coal generators are running at capacity. During high-demand periods such as hot afternoons, the natural-gas generators are used.

Some students plan to follow GRU's suggestions.

UF student Carmen Bustillo said she and her three roommates are going to turn off lights and the television when they are not being used.

"We're doing this for everybody's sake," Bustillo said. "The more people that do it, the less likely prices will go up for all of us."

But many students do not plan to alter their habits unless there are huge electricity rate increases.

UF accounting major Josh Wiseman said he still plans on using his hot tub and television the same amount.

"I don't pay for that stuff anyway," he said. "My parents do."

The advisory was released Friday and was renewed Monday.

Though tail-Wynn has been seeing the bulk of UF's carries, he has not established himself as the Gators' primary back. See story, pg. 14.

Students can vote at any

of the following locations:

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Springs

Murphree

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Human Rights Awareness on Campus won a \$10,000 grant in May. Four months later, the group has yet to see a dime of it. See story, pg. 4.

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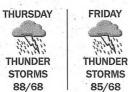
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## Fugitive sex offender caught

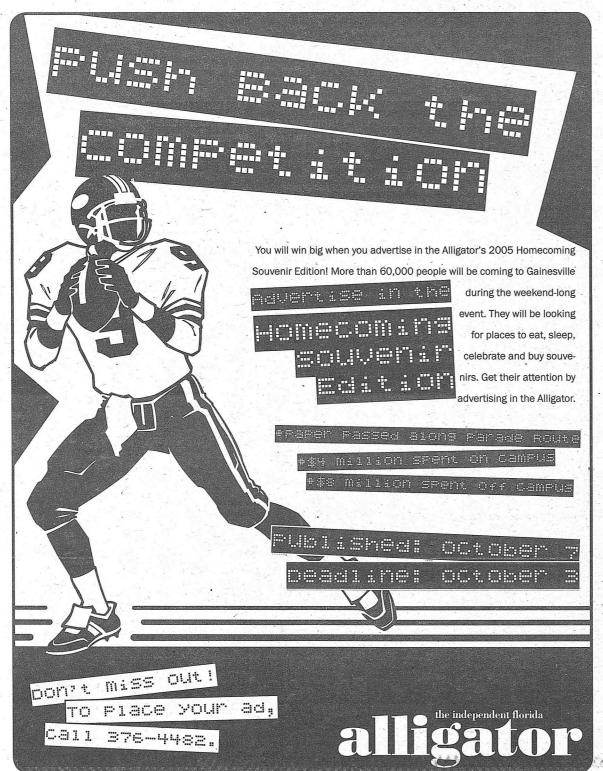
A convicted sex offender who fled Gainesville while on probation was arrested in North Carolina, according to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Edgar Baughn Bird, 43, removed his monitoring device last Monday and eluded police until Thursday, when he was arrested by U.S. Marshals at a makeshift tattoo parlor in Sanford.

Bird's criminal history includes robbery and child molestation, according to police reports.

## - JEFF SIRMONS

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## Study-abroad programs send students into new waters

By TIM HUSSIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students looking to earn credits overseas: Your ship may be call-

The Study Abroad Fair, this Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade, offers students the chance to learn far from home.

For Erika Short, a 65-day trip across the globe with the Semester

at Sea study abroad Student program was the experience of a lifetime

the middle of June, she awoke at midnight to see the sun disappear below the Icelandic horizon.

Freezing cold in

"It was beautiful — the sun setting over the ocean," said Short, an industrial and systems engineering major. "I got used to getting up early and sitting on the back of the ship to watch the sun rise or set. I won't be able to do that many more times in my life."

Among the many study abroad summer programs available, Semester at Sea took 500 students, including two from UF, to eight different countries in northern Europe.



Erika Short takes a walk in a T-shirt she got in Russia during her Semester at Sea study-abroad program. The shirt translates to "Eat a beaver, save a tree."

"It was the time of my life," said Ashley Gordon, a history and psychology major. "I would do anything to do it again."

Between ports of different

countries, students would eat, sleep, socialize and attend classes aboard the ship.

"It was really cool being able to sit on a ship in class and look out Internet service, students still had

a window to see water for miles — nothing else," Short said.

Despite the lack of resources, such as a large library and quick to do normal class activities such as research assignments, homework and discussions.

They also had the opportunity to do programs in the countries themselves, mixing academics and culture, creating a real-world learning environment.

The field programs in Short's classes took her to a Caterpillar, Inc. machinery fabrication plant in Russia and a shipyard in Poland.

"It's a pretty hands-on approach to learning," she said.

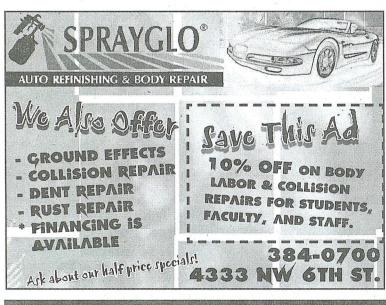
Susanne Hill, the International Center's study abroad coordinator, said students get a global understanding through programs such as Semester at Sea.

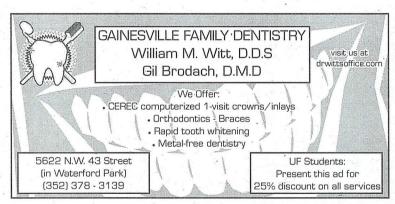
"They get a different perspective after they have experienced how the program has widened their horizons," Hill said.

The International Center at UF awards \$75,000 a year in scholarship money to help students finance the study abroad programs, she said.

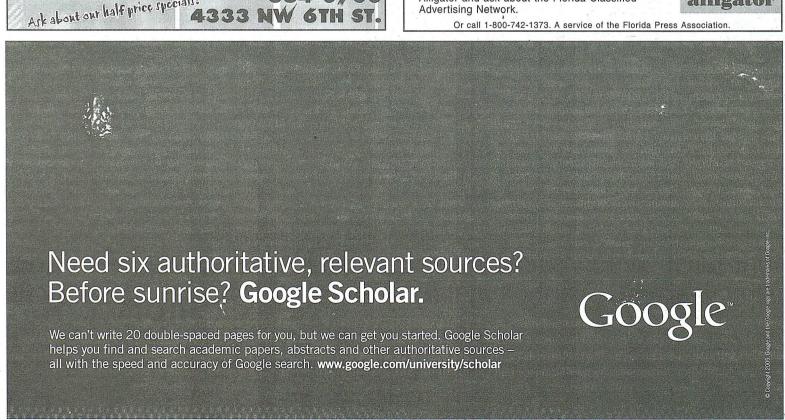
From seeing a rainbow while mountain hiking in Ireland to climbing the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Gordon said she had many unique experiences that will stay with her.

"It was worth every penny," she said.

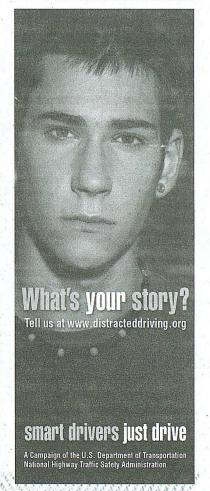












## STUDENT LIFE

## **Group strikes out on grant**

By ANGELA CASTELLANOS

**Alligator Contributing Writer** 

Human Rights Awareness on Campus won a \$10,000 grant in May. Four months later, the group has yet to see a dime of it.

The Darfur Activism Award, provided by the Reebok Human Rights Foundation and mtvU, was awarded to the best startup student organization focusing on raising awareness of the genocide in Darfur. To receive the money, however, the winning organization had to be a federally registered, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

After only a month of existence, the group was barely a student organization
— let alone a tax-exempt, nonprofit one
— when its president, Nikolas Wolfe, entered the contest on a whim in April 2005. When the 501(c)(3) status became an issue in receiving the grant, the group consulted Student Legal Services but without success, Treasurer Rochelle Meddoff said.

"They simply told us we were not large enough or established enough to handle the

responsibility," she said. Wolfe paid about \$200 of his own money to gain the group's certification as a Florida nonprofit organization and to show intention of gaining 501(c)(3) status. The group hoped this would mean the grant money would be released.

However, Reebok still insists on federal registration, which involves a 52-hour application process followed by an eight-month application review.

But that may change after Student Sen. Ramone Looby directed the group to the Student Government business manager last week, who promised to help with the grant.
"In the 20 minutes I spent with him, I was

able to get more done than I had in the past six months," Meddoff said.

"They (Student Legal Services) simply told us we were not large enough or established enough to handle the responsibility."

**Rochelle Meddoff** 

Human Rights Awareness treasurer

SG is researching options for the organization, helping it get the most amount of grant money in the least amount of time, Meddoff said.

One option is finding a religious group to agree to be the organization's fiscal sponsor and take the check on their behalf.

Without this help, she said, the group may not have seen the money September 2006.

Because the organization began in March 2005, it has yet to receive funding from SG.

"We do everything out-of-pocket at this point," Meddoff said.

The 1,300.letters concerning the genocide in Darfur have since grown to around 4,000 handwritten letters from students and faculty, and the group now has 416 people on its listsery.

# **LGBT-ally frat in works**

**By DIANA MAZZELLA** 

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A lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender co-ed fraternity is in the planning stages at UF.

Organizer and UF sophomore Davier Rodriguez said he wanted to join a fraternity but thought one that supported the LGBT community was needed at UF.

LGBT organizations exist on campus, but he thought they didn't have the brotherhood and closeness of a fraternity.

Established fraternities that welcome LGBT members still may make them feel like they are a minority in the group, he

After six months of research, Rodriguez is holding meetings to determine the type of fraternity that could form.

He originally planned to create a men-only fraternity that supports the LGBT community, which would mirror already existing chapters in the nation.

But after an LGBT assembly two weeks ago, women expressed interest.

If Rodriguez was to create a co-ed fraternity supporting the LGBT community, it would be more complicated because no such organizations currently exist, he said.

If he sees interest in a co-ed fraternity, a new national organization would have to be formed, which could take five years.

Before the fraternity can be created, Rodriguez would need to find out how many people would join.

Having both an LGBT fraternity and a sorority is another option, he said.

UF junior Chris Harper said he was interested in being a part of a fraternity like the one Rodriguez is trying to create because he liked the idea of brotherhood.

He thought being in a fraternity would give him more social opportunities.

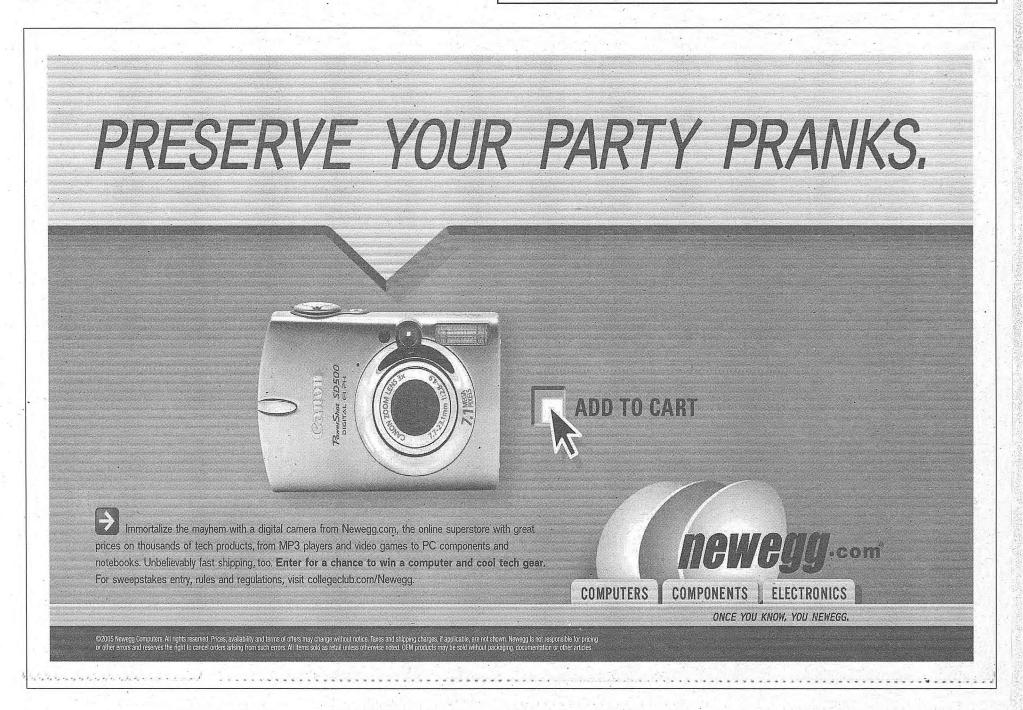
Rodriguez said he expects positive and negative responses.

"There will be a lot of opposition in the beginning," he said. "Several fraternities on campus...have rejected members because they are LGBT," he said.

The response from the LGBT community will decide if this fraternity comes into being, he said. He has heard a positive response from at least 25 people.

Gator Gay-Straight Alliance member Jonathan Keane said although he is not interested in joining a fraternity, some people he knows might want to join one.
"I think it could be very popular with the right people in it," he said.

Being a part of the LGBT community would not be required to join the fraternity, which would also be a haven for those who want to learn about the community.



# **Container policy** remains the same

**COMMISSIONERS URGE PRUDENT ENFORCEMENT.** 

By KIMBERLY GOUZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gainesville City Commission did not amend the controversial open-container policy Monday after discussing the strides that police have made in protecting local residents.

Commissioner Warren Nielsen described the gameday environment in years prior to the crackdown on the open container

"I would see fights. I would see blood. I would see people acting in code violation," Nielsen said. "I can still close my eyes and see people sitting on the curb bleeding from the altercations taking place."

Nielsen said the penalty for an open container of alcohol should be strict enough that it cannot be ignored but added that

Gainesville City
Commission

it is within the police department's discretion to limit the number of fans who are arrested.

"We have to make sure that when people come to Gainesville that they ... are treated with dignity and respect," he said.

Commissioner Jack Donovan proposed that signs warning of the open-container law be posted along University Avenue,

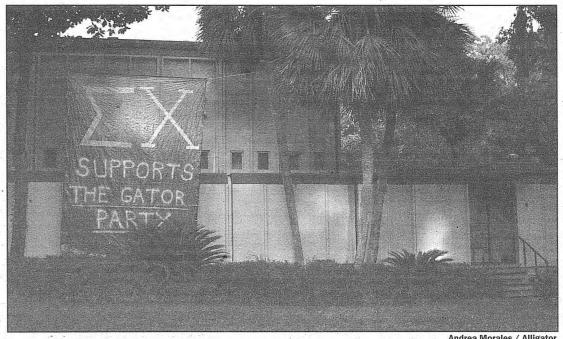
Nielsen said that periodic discussion of the open-container law is prudent, and the commission would continue to adjust its position if needed.

"This is an important tune-up, and we need to do'it."

It is unfortunate that a "few jerks" are causing problems that stain the whole community, Commissioner Ed Braddy said.

Student Government Lobby Coordinator Thomas Philpot said the discussion — provoked by the arrests of Tennessee fans at the Sept. 17 home football game — will affect police interpretation of the law.

"Even if the law hasn't changed on paper, I think that a clear message has come out of this discussion," Philpot said. "I think you'll see more of a move toward evaluation of the policy on a case-by-case basis."



Andrea Morales / Alligator

Sigma Chi Fraternity displays a large banner supporting The Gator Party during election week.

## Supervisor files complaint against Impact

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Maland said an assistant saw Bard campaigning door-to-door in Broward, which election codes forbid, and gave him a warning.

When Bard was caught a second time, Maland said, a complaint was filed against him. His hearing will take place tonight at 9 p.m.
"None of this ever happened," Bard said of

"None of this ever happened," Bard said of Maland's account. He said he delivered a stack of Impact T-shirts to supporters who had requested them. "I was always escorted by the people who wanted me on that floor."

Bard said he was never spoken to by anyone but

his Resident Assistant on the second floor, who told him that if he was door-to-door campaigning, he should stop.

Impact spokesman Adam Roberts said in a phone interview that the fourth-floor Broward RA who reported the complaint is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. The Gator Party candidate for the Broward seat is a Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge.

Generally, party leaders said they have been keeping each other in check rather than filing complaints.

For example, Impact President Thomas Jardon said he saw a Gator Party banner on the SG-funded poles in the Plaza of the Americas.

He called Maland, and Gator Party members took the banner down within 11 minutes, Jardon said.



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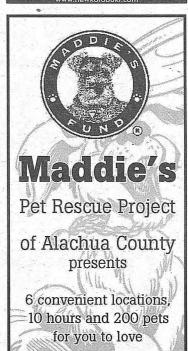
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Editorial

# **Vote today**

# Unlike Impact, Gator's platform is not feasible

The Editorial Board has weighed in on this week's Student Government election.

Now it's your turn.

We didn't want to use this space to talk about something that would distract you from voting today and Wednesday. That job goes to the columnists.

One more time, we want to make our position clear.

We support the Impact Party. We would marry the Impact Party. We might even be convinced to have 12 children with the Impact Party.

But today we're going to focus on The Gator Party, just to amuse ourselves and take up space.

However, before the fun, we want you to get all the facts straight on how to go about this voting thing.

There are 12 on-campus voting locations. Everything will be done on computer. For the first time, you can vote at any of these locations, which will include Turlington Hall, the Reitz Union and Library East, and not be tied down to one precinct.

Apparently, this has given SG officials a reason to eliminate three polling places. It's probably because they couldn't steal enough computers from campus.

Seriously, why didn't they just let students vote on their home computers? That is apparently too economical and easy.

Don't be tricked when you enter the Union. Voting is on the third floor. It is not on the first. Hopefully there will be signs, but you never know with these sneaky SG people.

You might have to go through a booby trap filled with sharp objects and torture devices, all bought with your tuition money

Don't be deterred. However, you should to bring a wooden stake and silver bullets as safety precautions.

Now that you've been primed for the quest before you, we shall turn to why this all shouldn't end in a vote for Gator.

First off, they'll never implement true online voting. All they talk about is how dangerous it would be to enable voting through GatorLink accounts.

A big argument is that this would lead to block voting, or one person entering the votes for a group of people. Gator also argues that if you could vote on any computer, someone could stand behind you.

Then we guess absentee ballots should be outlawed too.

Furthermore, if we can pay our tuition, sign up for classes and look up our financial aid through the system, we can certainly vote with it.

But these points have all been made before.

The issues Gator is fighting for are perhaps even more troubling in their infeasibility.

Officials want to close sections of University Avenue for football games. This is a city issue. If SG represents only the small section of campus that votes, we can't see Gator convincing the city that traffic should increase just because some people want to walk in the street.

Gator also wants to "increase movement toward" getting "green" buses. We don't even know what this means. Are Gator candidates going to symbolically walk toward a green bus? It's just so vague and confusing.

If they mean that they'll try to fund that huge project, then that's just a little ridiculous.

But the most frightening Gator platform issue is their promise of biweekly lunches with SG officials.

This is an issue of mercy. More bureaucratic meetings are the last thing on our minds. Not even free food can draw us to such torture.

Of course, we probably wouldn't be invited.

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# Opinions

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Column

## Alligator will take steps to improve trust

Then we print Andy Marlette's cartoons, as with every time we decide to print someone else's opinion in the Alligator, our motives are genuine. I don't believe I've ever seen Marlette fail to make his points. In any event, people are entitled to their opinions,

which are the keystones of American life.

But sometimes, good intentions lead us where we don't expect to go. We did not foresee the hurt and offense many would feel on the basis of a single word, or a single opinion, or a series of opinions.

Our critics are correct: we must always take responsibility for our actions.

There are those who remember a time, more than I ever could, when racially sensitive statements would have been silenced, dominated and tinged with violence.

To those who felt real pain upon viewing these cartoons, I apologize.

But the cartoon has stirred up so many feelings, I cannot regret that all this has happened.

The controversy proves that our community has polarized on the discussion of race-sensitive issues so much, it interferes with constructive cooperation and continuing dialogue. Talk in some places has devolved into raw hate and a whole lot of empty rhetoric.

The Alligator certainly is not innocent in this course of events. As a source of news and opinions for the entire campus, we must be committed to inform from the most educated positions we can have.

We plan to set an example for the university by keeping these issues in the spotlight, now that they are exposed.

We have taken some of the first steps, with the help of administrators and campus groups, and I invite everyone to suggest ways the Alligator can make this a learning experience for all.

First, we must take steps beyond the typical open houses and speeches in reporting classes to encourage fresh, diverse voices to speak with the Alligator.



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We're reopening our doors. Apply as a writer or an editorial board member, and you could have a significant say in what the national UF community reads on a daily basis.

Let this also be an invitation for comments from anyone who has held back opinions in the past, or who sees wrongs being committed in our community.

The Alligator's job is to expose injustice for the benefit of everyone. We try very hard right now to do this; but we must try even harder in future, and for that we need your help.

I am confident the changes we make to our approach will lead to widespread discussion and growth among students, faculty and staff.

On the other hand, I know Marlette wouldn't agree to change his opinions for sensitivity reasons. In fact, there are many readers, not separated by race, gender or status, who consider it wrong for us to temper anyone's opinion for the benefit of anyone else.

I wish there were a simple truth I could deliver which will satisfy all angles of this debate, but it's not the Alligator's job to tell anyone what to say or how to say it.

As a newspaper editor, I can tell you that censorship of any kind is dangerous to everybody. Remember that many cases of genocide and oppression started in censors' hands.

I remember an Alligator columnist who two years ago, after another cartoon drew ire from campus groups, put the paper's dilemma in perspective: "When free speech goes, the first people to suffer are minorities."

That sage advice came from Marlette himself. *Mike Gimignani is editor of the Alligator.* 

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

## Reader response

## Today's question:

Are The Gator Party's platform issues not feasible?

## Monday's question:

Will you vote in the Student Government elections?

60% YES 40% NO 52 TOTAL VOTES

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## Column

## Focus needs to return to Iraq

'm going to be insensitive. In fact, I'm probably an absolute jerk.

But it's time we get our minds — and the national media — to turn away a little from the hurricanes and return to the fact that we're in a war with no end in sight.

Don't get me wrong: The victims of Katrina and Rita have all my sympathy. I'm not saying we shouldn't continue our donations, but it's time to split our focus.

The anti-war movement should build momentum now that our nation has had the chance to see the bumbling response to Katrina. It's been four years since Sept. 11, 2001, and our Department of Homeland Security is still so inadequately prepared that we don't even need an international terrorist to show the lack of real plans to real disasters.

And who's to say that the same thing hasn't been happening in Iraq? Bush has shown that unless the public and media continue to view his policies under microscopic scrutiny, things fall apart faster than a Hollywood romance.

And how have things been faring in Iraq? The latest debacle features the Iraqi constitution, which will go to a referendum Oct. 15.

The constitution is anything but secular, enshrining Islam as the official state religion and stating that no law can be passed which contradicts the rules of Islam. Didn't hear

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Amy Eisinger any mention of women? That's because the constitution leaves out any statement of their rights

entirely. We should be ashamed that the occupying multi-national forces that helped draft this constitution allowed these pseudo-representations of democracy to slide.

But not all focus on the war has been lost. Last weekend, anti-war rallies were held in the United States and in London. At least 100,000 citizens gathered in Washington. In London, 10,000 protesters took to the streets Saturday, topping the number of troops Britain has stationed in Iraq by 1,500.

Why aren't these stories still making headlines across the nation? Have Americans and media alike become bored with a seemingly pointless war?

Try talking "boredom" to the families of the 1,900 members of the U.S. Armed Forces whose lives have been lost since the war began. This war remains just as serious as ever, and our lack of attention won't make it disappear like a bad dream at the break of dawn.

If we want to see a stop anytime soon, it's going to have to come from an informed and outraged public.

Amy Eisinger is an English and classics junior. Her column appears on Tuesday.

## Letters to the Editor

Air show wastes fuel in gas crisis

I would like to thank the federal government and the U.S. Navy for yet another act of irresponsibility.

We are being told to cut back on fuel usage and only drive when necessary. Gasoline prices went up because yet another hurricane was threatening our Gulf Coast on the same day oil prices dropped \$2 a barrel. Yet the Blue Angels can afford to burn thousands of dollars' worth of aviation fuel that our tax dollars pay for, while select individuals and local government profit from the parking and \$15 admission fee.

Thank you, U.S. Navy, for leading the way in the government's conservation policy while our fuel prices continue to soar and the U.S. Government does nothing to curb the

I guess conservation is only for the private sector, not the government.

John D. Kotsay Gainesville resident

## One kind act reveals Impact's true commitment to UF students

When I first got to Gainesville, all I could think about was football and wild parties. Little did I know how serious Student Government is at UF.

The other day while walking through Turlington Plaza, I noticed many people from both the Gator and Impact parties. At first I had no clue

who these people were, and my gut instinct was to avoid them. When I walked past the tower, I dropped several dozen loose note cards I was carrying to class. It was pretty windy that day, and after a night of sleep deprivation, I was just about ready to have a breakdown right then and there.

But just as the cards fell across the pavement, someone in a red shirt from the plaza across the street pointed at me and yelled something out loud to the others. While I reacted to the scream with a sigh of confusion, half a dozen red shirts sprinted across the street, one almost getting hit by a moving car, and they descended around me to pick up my note cards.

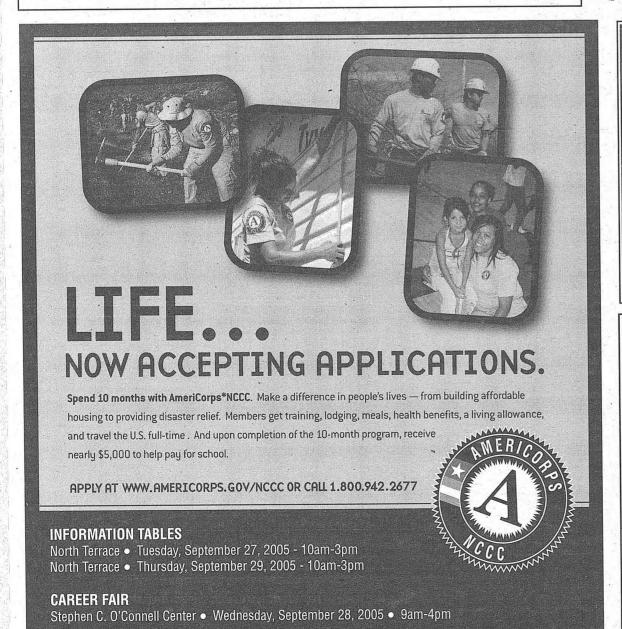
I didn't know what to say. I was caught off guard by their kindness. I figured they'd start to butter me up, but no one did.

So I asked them about their party.

I'm no expert on SG and probably never will be, but one thing I know for sure is that if these Impact kids would sprint more than a hundred feet to the rescue of just one student, one student who may not have voted for them or voted at all, then you just have to cut across all the red tape and all the rhetoric. It's not about who promises you the biggest things or who pledges to work the most hours. What counts is who's ready to help you in the here and now with no strings attached.

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# Sports

## Gators backs still vie for position

By ANDREW ABRAMSON and **LOUIS ANASTASIS** Alligator Staff Writers

Although DeShawn Wynn may have become the first player in UF history to score four touchdowns

twice in his career after accomplish-

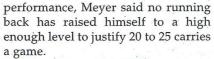
ing the feat against Kentucky, both head coach Urban Meyer and running backs coach Stan Drayton said the Gators will use a committee of running backs for now. Despite Wynn's four-touchdown

backup tailback, at least for now.

demotion well, which has helped him persevere and reclaim a spot in the

"There are a couple ways to handle not playing," Meyer said. "One way is to make phone calls and pout and stick your lower lip out, and those guys will continue not to play. That, or you can be like our guy Skyler Thornton, who, to be honest with you, did that for a couple weeks. Then Skyler thought, 'You know what? This is not working. This lower lip stuff might have worked when I was 6 years old to get my jelly beans or something like that, but its not get-

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Drayton said Wynn will get the majority of the carries against Alabama, but he hasn't made the position his own yet.

"We have a bunch of guys who bring a lot to the table," Drayton

"Right now, that is what's helping this football team win ball games, and we're going to play that card until there's a guy who says 'Hey this is my position...and you have to go through me to get it.' Right now we have guys working through that mentality but we're not quite there yet."

After being buried on the bench behind Wynn and true freshman Kestahn Moore, Skyler Thornton who finished the 2004 season as UF's No. 2 back — is once again the

Meyer said Thornton handled his

ting me on the field.""

## UF not haunted by 'Bama ghost

omewhere, Bear Bryant is doing tight little 360s in his coffin.

Forget the six national championships to which Bryant led Alabama during his 24-year

To a new generation of SEC players, the Crimson Tide might as well trade in their elephant mascot for a brontosaurus.

Forget about the 12 national and 21 SEC championship trophies tucked inside Bryant-

Denny Stadium in

Tuscaloosa.

Talking Bama foot-ball to a 20-something collegiate star in this day and age is like discussing all-time most-influential bands with my associcolumnist Louis Anastasis.

For the record, Louis, The All-American Rejects couldn't tote the Rolling

Stones' collective jock.

**Bryan App** 

App-etite

for Receptions

And so it goes with a group of Gators riding a dangerously intoxicating four-game winning

"Alabama football, 30 or 40 years ago, was the thing," UF center Mike Degory said. "They have the tradition-rich program just like we

That's kind of like Iraqi President Jalal Talibani comparing himself to George Washington.

Contrary to the beliefs of many Gators fans, people played football before 1990.

A decade's worth of SEC titles - six to be exact - and a national championship pales in

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## MEN'S GOLF

Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

Though tailback DeShawn Wynn has seen the bulk of UF's carries, he has yet

to establish himself as the Gators' primary back.

The No. 3 UF men's golf team finished the first round of the Shoal Creek Invitational on Monday tied for fourth. Matt Every finished the day tied for seventh at 1 under.

## TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1947: The Gators open up their season with a 14-6 loss to Ole Miss in Jacksonville. The Raymond B. Wolf-coached team lost the first three games of the season, finishing with a record of 5-5.

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Football: Toledo vs. Fresno State ESPN2, 9 p.m.

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## Gators knock on wood for Leak's streak; Tartt in hunt to start at guard

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SUPERSTITIOUS GATORS: Shh. Keep it down about quarterback Chris Leak and his interceptionless streak.

After four games, Leak has thrown nine touchdowns but has yet to be picked.

Just don't mention the streak

inside UF's locker room.

Monday, a reporter asked Meyer about whether the streak is similar to a no-hitter in baseball when the players stay away from the pitcher.

Responded Meyer: "Why would you say that? We don't want you here.

"I'm going to start calling you Shelly Meyer."

Joking aside, Leak's efficiency

rating should face its hardest test THIS AND THAT: UF has announced to date Saturday when he squares away against Alábama and its soft zone coverage.

Still, one can't help but wonder: Is it possible for a quarterback to go an entire season without throwing an interception?

Said center Mike Degory after knocking on the wood of a podium: "We'd like to try."

that the Oct. 8 homecoming

game



Mississippi State will kickoff at 12:30 p.m. Meyer loved what he saw from offensive

lineman Jim Tartt when he replaced the injured Tavares

Washington against Kentucky. Despite the fact that Washington's hyperextended elbow has healed, Meyer will wait until after this week's Bloody Tuesday to announce which combination of Tartt, Washington and Drew Miller will start at the guard positions.

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comparison to what Alabama has accomplished. I don't care if it did happen before the creation of the forward pass.

Steve Spurrier might be a god in Gainesville, but Bryant was the Zeus of all pigskin.

In Degory's defense, though, he's actually the most pragmatic Gator to speak at the team's weekly press conference Monday. He actually showed reverence for the Tide.

Defensive end Jeremy Mincey, not so much.

Mincey, a Statesboro, Ga., native, knows all about Alabamastyle football.

"Smash-mouth," Mincey said.

Still, Mincey spouts the kind of hubris unheard of since the

days of Achilles, or at least the Fun-N-Gun. Considering the win against Tennessee, Mincey likes UF's chances on Saturday.

"We were a couple mistakes from beating the crap out of them," said Mincey of the Volunteers. And since "Tennessee has more talent than Alabama - on both sides of the ball," Mincey claims the Tide "shouldn't be a big problem."

It seems that for Mincey, the swagger Zooked into exile for three years has returned.

"I think so. I honestly think so," said Mincey of whether UF has regained its swagger. "I just see the confidence when we go to practice. There's confidence everywhere. From the snapper to the kick-returning position, everybody is confident of what they are doing, and it's starting to grow more and more."

It's funny what one half of perfection against Kentucky can do to a team's confidence.

Ever the realist, however, Degory isn't about to bust out his

pimp walk.

As one of few holdovers from the closest thing to a Gators dynasty, Degory knows four games don't amount to much.

"The swagger comes with a lot of walking," Degory said. "It's coming. Obviously [a win] would help out. [We'd] have a little hitch in our step, maybe, but not a swagger.'

He knows a 'Bama team with perhaps the toughest defense the Gators' still-unproven offense will face this season is backed up by an offense with the potential to put up some numbers.

He knows that the Swamp isn't the only SEC facility to host 50,000 rabid fans in a spring scrimmage.

Degory doesn't want to incite the ghost of Bear Bryant.

On second thought, neither does Mincey.

Before wrapping up his interview session Monday, the defensive end offered one final disclaimer: "I love Bear Bryant,



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# Gators offense to get major test from Crimson Tide

'Bama tied for tops in SEC with 13 sacks

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In the days leading up to UF's seasonopener against Wyoming, Coach Urban Meyer drilled the same mantra in each of his players heads: Put an emphasis on preparation and it will pay off on Saturdays.

Now more than ever, the Gators must live up to Meyer's challenge on the practice fields, preparing for arguably the most talented defense they will see all year against No. 15 Alabama on Saturday.

"This is going to be a big time test," Meyer said. "They are experienced, and

they have a lot of players back on defense."

With nine starters retuning from a defensive unit that finished second in the nation in total scoring last season, Alabama Coach Mike Shula has the personnel to run with UF's speedy spread offense.

The Tide's greatest strength on defense is their secondary, which was the No. 1 pass defense in the country last year.

"I feel good about the way our corners are playing," Shula said. "They'll be tested more this week than any other time this year, and we need all three of them playing well."

Alabama's secondary has been on lock-down so far this year, giving up only 144.8

yards a game through the air.

However, with a combined opponent record this year of 4-9, Alabama is looking for credibility with each chance it gets on the field, senior defensive end Jeremy Mincey said.

"I think they capitalize on their opponents mistakes," Mincey said. "They take full advantage of them."

Alabama ranked first or second in the Southeastern Conference in scoring, passing and total defense last year and 2005 has proven to be no different behind one of the SEC's strongest linebacker corps.

Senior DeMeco Ryans, the Tide's top returning tackler, is one of the SEC's best at stopping the run from the strong side spot. Ryans is quick off the edge and plays best when used in blitzing situations.

Along with Ryans, linebackers Freddie Roach and Juwan Simpson will be looking to stop the Gators run.

And apparently, Simpson isn't too concerned about the Gators' passing game either, despite UF quarterback Chris Leak's 319-yard performance against Kentucky.

"I'm one of those guys I've got to see it for myself," Simpson told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. "If he goes out and destroys a team, he gets my respect. But he hasn't faced us yet."

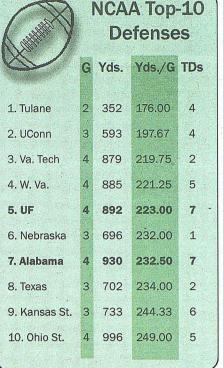
Leak will be facing a defensive scheme that has given problems to the spread offense system in the past.

Primarily utilizing a 4-3 stock defense, Alabama defensive coordinator Joe Kines' use of the 3-3-5 could be the difference maker.

"They are running the odd, three-down front around 75 or 80 percent of the time, and we have a history of struggling against that mentality," Meyer said. "Out west, that was all you saw."

The advantage to running a 3-3-5 is the added flexibility a solid safety could bring

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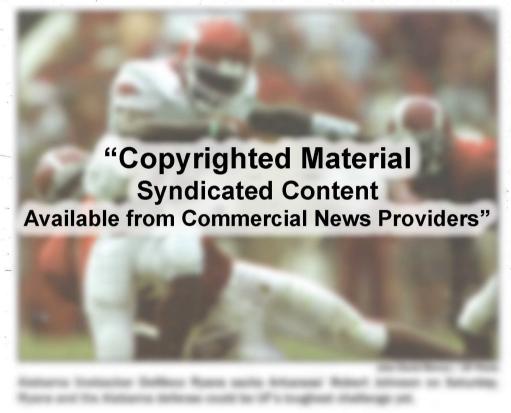
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fense formation, a 3-3-5 setup allows the defense to adjust by preparing for the rush, blitzing from different places or falling back to defend the pass with the extra defensive back.

In addition to talent and a proven scheme on defense, Alabama will hope to rattle a UF team from which no player has ever played a collegiate game in Tuscaloosa.

UF has dealt with crowd noise before, but the coaching staff has made it clear to players of just how tough it will be to achieve success on offense.

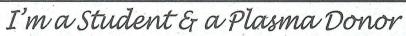
"They said that they are probably the best team we face so far and they probably have the best defense we'll face," offensive lineman Jim Tartt said. "Their secondary will be the best we face yet."





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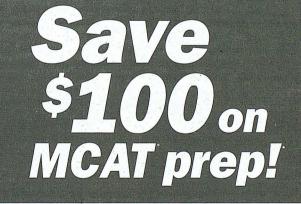


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