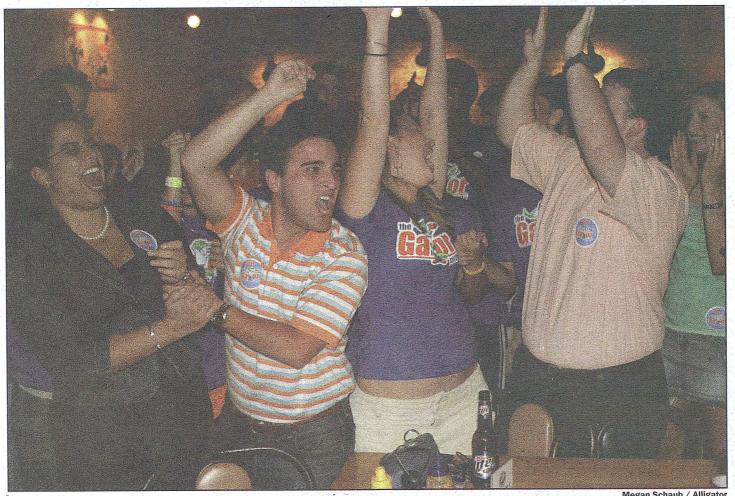
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# ONE NATION UNDER GATOR



Student Body executive officials Joyce Medina, Joe Goldberg and Lindsay Cosimi (from left) celebrate the announcement of the Gator Party's winnings at the Orange & Brew on Wednesday at midnight.

# Turnout nearly doubles Fall '04

By DAVID COHEN and JUSTIN RICHARDS

**Alligator Writers** 

The Gator Party built more foundation for its nation Tuesday and Wednesday, winning most seats by a wide margin in this Fall's Student Government election.

Gator won 40 of the 46 open Student Senate seats, while rival Impact Party claimed five. There was a tie for a District D seat between Impact's Amanda Kane and Gator's John M. Lloyd-Montgomery.

The ominous total of 6,666 students voted in UF's first Intranet SG election, nearly doubling the Fall 2004 election tally of 3,727.

Gator District B Senator-elect Mike Patrone found out today he will have a third term.

"This is what college is for me," he said. Gator not only won the battle of seats, it captured nearly two-thirds of the total vote, counting multiple votes in districts with several open seats.

"Obviously, our campaign really connected with people on the ground on-campus, person-toperson," Gator spokesman Thomas Philpot said.

Impact President Thomas Jardon said he was optimistic about his party's future despite Gator winning about 87 percent of the seats.

"I think we put up a better fight than anyone expected," he said. "I think this puts us in a good position to run a viable candidate in Spring.

Impact spokesman Adam Roberts echoed Jardon.

SEE ELECTION, PAGE 5

# Campaigners file several complaints

By JUSTIN RICHARDS

Alligator Writer irichards@alligator.org

His rejection of two Impact Party campaign posters raised questions about the breadth of the Student Government supervisor of elections' powers.

One poster featured a quote from Student Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Jackie Pace that read, "In the past we kind of tended to give away money" and cited an Aug. 31 Alligator article that quoted Pace.

Impact officials said they verified the quote with a tape recording of the Senate meeting at which Pace, a Gator Party senator, spoke.

The poster comprises only Pace's quote,

"There's definitely a distinction between dirty campaigning and truthful campaigning. The function of elections is to hold elected officials accountable."

> **Thomas Jardon** Impact Party president

the phrase, "Vote Impact," and the words required on campaign material by SG statutes. "I felt that it was a direct attack on Ms. Pace,"

Supervisor of Elections Daniel Maland said.

Though this power is not specified in the election codes, Maland said he can deny the use of offensive campaign material. He

deemed offensive material to be anything that "has the potential to put the general student body in a state of discomfort.

Impact Party President Thomas Jardon said Maland's act was a violation of the party's right to free speech.

"There's definitely a distinction between dirty campaigning and truthful campaigning," Jardon said. "The function of elections is to hold elected officials accountable.

Maland also rejected a poster that read, "Vote naked," advocating a vote-from-home Internet voting system.

Impact spokesman Adam Roberts said the party plans to file an official elections complaint about the posters' rejections.

SEE COMPLAINTS, PAGE 5

### **Election Results**





Out of 46 seats contested. One tie for a District D Senate seat between Gator and Impact will be decided by the Senate.

■ Without reverence for Alabama's football Jarvis Herring as added to this week's collection of bulletin board material, guaranteeing a win against the Tide on Saturday. See story, pg. 20.



"Copyrighted Material **Syndicated Content** Available from Commercial News Providers' After years of absence, Israeli programs have returned to the Study Abroad Fair with full force. Two opportunities to study in Israel marked a change on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Wednesday, giving options to students that have been unavailable for five years. See story, pg. 8.

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#### **News Today**

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#### Vigil to note hurricane relief

The Gator Hurricane Relief student group will hold a general meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union Auditorium, followed by a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. in the Amphitheater.

"The main focus of this event is to educate students about what has happened, what they can do and what needs to be done," vigil coordinator Nicole Varma said.

The vigil will begin with a performance by the University Gospel Choir, followed by addresses from Student Body President Joe Goldberg and Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski.

Gator Hurricane Relief has raised significantly more than \$36,000 for victims of the recent storms, Varma said.

The event will be highlighted by first-hand accounts from displaced

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students, as well as Loyola profes-

sor Sherry Lee Alexander, who is

advising Tulane students enrolled

evacuees at the vigil," Varma said.

"They will start the vigil by light-

ing the audience's candles with

their own. It's kind of symbolic

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87/69 87/69 sumption have been discontinued because Florida's fuel supplies are stable, the company reported in a

release. The release stated that GRU still urges its customers to conserve electricity, which is partly fueled by natural gas.

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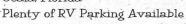
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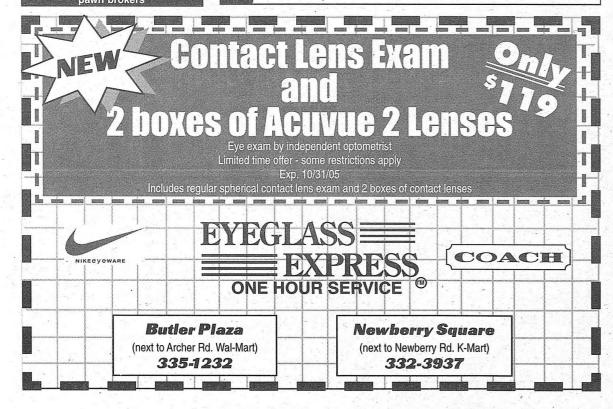
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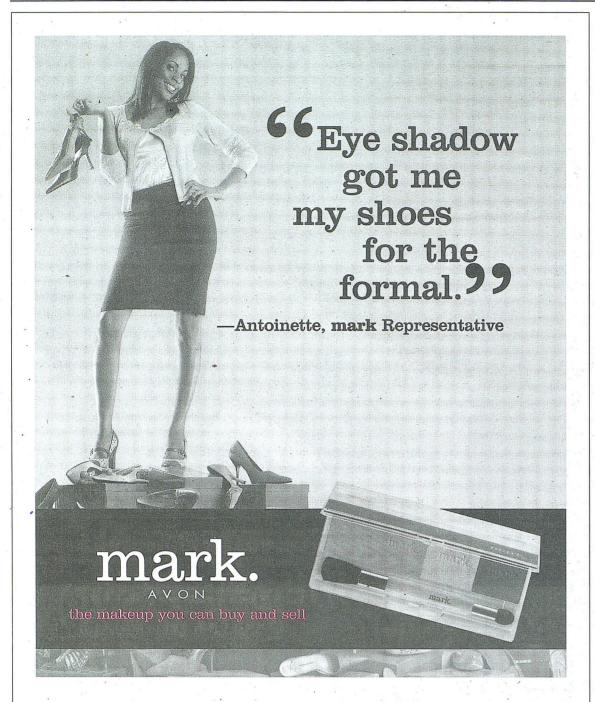
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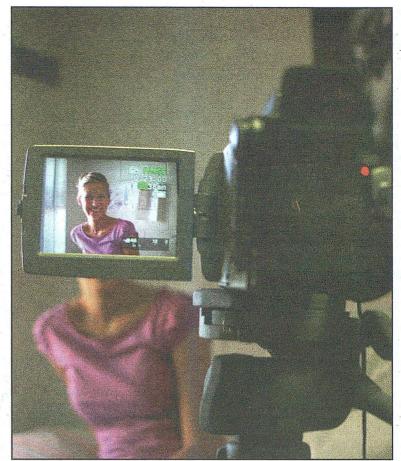
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Project Freshman's Jessica poses for the camera in her dorm room. The show aired for the first time last week.

# **UF freshman stars** in **AOL** reality show

■ JESSICA IS ONE OF ONLY SIX ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

By JENNIFER FREIHOFER

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Jessica is one of more than 7,000 freshmen who started at UF this Fall, but she's the only one to star in a new reality show.

Nineteen-year-old Jessica, whose last name is not being released for privacy reasons, is one of six first-year college students from across the United States chosen to be featured in America Online's "Project Freshman," an online reality show that documents the students as they adjust to their new college lives.

The students were given digital video cameras to film their experiences in personal, real-life settings.

"Basically, our job is to film ourselves in our most candid moments," Jessica said. "All of that is put together on the teen section of AOL so that people of our age group and younger can vaguely get an idea of what it's like on a real student's first day when they go to college."

Jessica, a telecommunications major from Doylestown, Pa., was contacted by UF in June about the opportunity.

She said she thinks UF recommended her because she is from out-of-state, applied early decision and was highly involved in the application process.

"I talked to the admissions office so frequently that I would just say, 'This is Jessica from Pennsylvania,' and they'd say, 'We know you,'" she said

She completed several applications and interviews and made a 20-minute casting video before being selected for the show. She said the application process took about a month and a half.

"It was grueling, because they would ask for one thing and you'd send it in and be like, 'There's one thing I can cross off,'" she said. "Then they'd be like, 'Will you do another interview? Will you e-mail us a photo? Will you send us a tape?'"

Making the casting video posed a challenge for her, she said.

"It's a little bit awkward at first, trying to portray who you are in a very unnatural situation of sticking a video camera in your face and basically talking to it."

**Jessica** UF freshman

"It's a little bit awkward at first, trying to portray who you are in a very unnatural situation of sticking a video camera in your face and basically talking to it," she said. "So basically I boiled it down to how I am and acted silly and goofy. I think the thing that AOL appreciated most when they watched it was the fact that I was very real, and I was very natural and genuine about it."

Each week Jessica gets an assignment from her producer based on her schedule for the week. She also is required to record video confessionals and keep a blog on AOL at least once a week, and converse with viewers if they have questions or comments.

Project Freshman's first episode aired Sept. 22, and new episodes will air every Thursday at www.projectfreshman.com.

# **Board quashes Plaza** homeless sleepover

By ASHTON GROSZ Alligator Writer

Members of the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board unanimously passed a motion Wednesday to disallow a planned homeless sleepover in the downtown plaza due to concerns over its legality.

The sleepover, organized by Alachua County Commissioner Rodney Long and the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, violates an ordinance restricting the use of public spaces, such as the plaza, for sleeping. A permit is required.

"We're not sure whether awareness of homeless on the plaza benefits what this board is doing — trying to do."

Karen Slevin

Downtown Redevelopment Advisory

Board's staff liaison

During the meeting, regulations "that prohibit the use of public spaces for private uses that result in persons eating, sleeping and using public outdoor 'rooms' as living quarters" were stressed in a city report revised by board member Linda McGurn.

Yet last October, UF's Gators for Kerry camped out overnight in the pla-

za for at least 12 hours to vote early the next morning, said College Democrats President Stephanie Sims. She said she believed the group had to reserve a permit beforehand.

The board also expressed concern the sleepover would counter the board's efforts to add aesthetic appeal downtown, encourage safety and promote development in the area.

"We're not sure whether awareness of homeless on the plaza benefits what this board is doing — trying to do," said staff liaison Karen Slevin.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, and Jon DeCarmine, project specialist for the Alachua Housing Authority, expects to hear opposition from members of the committee regarding a one-night stay in an otherwise illegal public place.

"There is definitely some concern," DeCarmine said. "There shouldn't be a double standard."

He said Long asked him to help set up the sleepover, which also includes the annual Breakfast in the Plaza. The breakfast is for anyone in need of food, bike repair, clothing or food stamps.

Long's whole idea is to make this issue public, DeCarmine said.

"He wants to use it as a way to raise awareness of the people experiencing the plight of homelessness," he said.

Long could not be reached for comment.

# Gator hopefuls gather info

MORE THAN 1,000 SFCC STUDENTS ATTENDED THE EVENT.

**By ALEXIS LLOYD**Alligator Contributing Writer

SFCC students floated through a sea of orange and blue, gathering information about UF admissions and transfer requirements at the annual Gator Day on Wednesday.

UF admissions counselors donning their finest Gator gear answered questions, handed out information packets and offered advice to the UF hopefuls.

Many student attendees knew exactly what information they were after.

"I now know what I need to do to get in [to UF] instead of wondering and wondering," said Alan Shealy, who plans to attend the College of Pharmacy once he finishes two more prerequisite courses.

More than 1,000 students kept a consistent flow throughout the five-hour event at the SFCC Northwest

"Usually you sit around waiting for people to stop by, but I've had many students coming by," said Lisa House, Food and Resource Economics undergraduate coordinator.

UF Distance Learning Director Christopher Sessums had set up shop for his program's second year.

"There have definitely been more students who have stopped by since last year," he said. "This is a great way to educate the Santa Fe community about what's going on and what's available at UF."

# **GPD** clarifies container law

■ OFFICERS CAN NOW ISSUE WRITTEN CHARGES TO OUT-OF-TOWNERS.

By KIMBERLY GOUZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

Confusion erupted over a Gainesville Police Department policy that required officers to jail out-of-state residents who committed a misdemeanor crime.

The policy came into question after two Tennessee fans were taken to jail in violation of the open container ordinance, a misdemeanor, while in-state Florida fans received only written citations.

"This incident brought an outcry from the public," GPD spokesman Keith Kameg said. The policy was amended Monday by GPD Chief C. Norman Botsford and allows police to issue a written charge to out-of-state guests.

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"This change to our policy has not in any way changed the open container ordinance,"

Kameg said. "The open container ordinance is in effect and will be enforced, but now our officers have more latitude in dealing with out-of-state residents."

The change in policy pertains to all misdemeanor violations and not just the open container ordinance. GPD will continue to carry out the open container law at fotball games and otherwise, Kameg said.

"We've seen a direct correlation between an increase in alcohol enforcement and better fan behavior," Kameg said.

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# SFCC reaches out

By STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ

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In an effort to reach out to the East Gainesville community, SFCC revealed a 10-step comprehensive plan geared to improving the area.

The five-year strategic plan will bring college resources to residents in high-poverty regions.

"Santa Fe Community College has made a commitment to be certain that all the resources are provided equally," said

SFCC President Jackson Sasser.



Sasse

With a standing budget of more than \$150,000, the plan is aimed at improving education, transportation, technology, volunteerism and communication with the East Gainesville community.

SFCC has already provided \$8,500 to three schools in East Gainesville to improve their FCAT scores.

Students at Oasis Enrichment Academy were provided with pencils, pencil sharpeners, snacks and paper, said Sharla Head-Jones, principal.

"I think hundreds and thousands will benefit from the services and programs that will be offered," Head-Jones said.

In addition to providing materials for the students, the plan gave teachers stipends if they work after school and on Saturday to improve student's scores.

"Our students gained 500-800 points [on the FCAT]," Head-Jones said.

The East Gainesville Initiative expanded its role in education by establishing an advisory board of 23 members at the downtown Blount Center. The board is partnered with 14 faithbased organizations.

The plan will provide 32 computers a year to faith-based churches and several computers to the St. Francis House for homeless persons to acquire or improve computer skills

"We're there everyday to help students reach their goals," said Dean of Educational Centers Paul Hutchins.

## Wednesday's voting smoother than Tuesday

### **ELECTION**, from page 1

"For the not-so-Greek party to win any seats in the Fall election, (that) hasn't happened in five years," he said. "This is the first time since 2000 that it's been anything but a clean shot. I could cry, but I'm really excited."

Election problems were minimal Wednesday, in great contrast with Tuesday's complications.

"We were up and running before 7:45 [a.m.]," SG Supervisor of Elections Daniel Maland said of the second day of Intranet voting. "Everything is running really smooth today. Yesterday was the worst anyone will see the system."

Maland said the only downtime Wednesday occurred at the Holland Law School Internet Café. No one could log into the system before voting began.

The location opened at 8:20 a.m. but no voters had arrived yet.

Kent Tambling, vice president of operations for Accelerated Data Works, Inc., the company that digitized UF's voting system, said Tuesday's problems were due mainly to human error.

Tambling said many poll workers never touched a mouse before.

"Poll workers had to be trained on the new system," he wrote in an email. "They are certified poll workers from the county, I believe, and some were unfamiliar with web browsers."

Tambling said the majority of comments about the new system on Tuesday were positive.

Maland said the online system went through a test run before the election but every problem did not surface. Only a cumulative exam would show all the bugs.

"You can't eliminate all the problems in testing until you have a first full-scale test." he said.

Senate Secretary Glenda Frederick said Tuesday's issues are not a valid reason to keep digital voting from calling UF home.

"It works much better than PeopleSoft," she said of UF's implementation troubles with the finance and human-resources computer program. "Look how long (15 months) we've been using that."

Maland said he was optimistic about the future of online voting.

"You've got to give something a fighting chance" he said

fighting chance," he said.

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Alligator Writer Stephen Magruder
contributed to this report.

# Both parties join in watchdog whistleblowing COMPLAINTS, from page 1 Boyles and Perry declined comment, and Gator Party

Impact officials brought up this issue with Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski, along with concerns about Gator Party Rawlings-area candidate William Perry. They accused Perry of battery and sexual harassment.

Impact spokeswoman Allison Cullin said Perry catcalled to Impact campaigners, shouting phrases like, "Hey baby, I'll give you a real shirt," and "I'm always looking for a first lady."

Party officials also allege that Perry knocked flyers out of Impact candidate Victor Bard's hands and pulled away a student Bard was campaigning to.

Cullin said she spoke to Gator Party campaigner and Senate President Pro-Tempore John Boyles and asked Perry to stop his behavior, but the actions continued.

"We just lament the fact that possibly someone like this will be representing the Rawlings area," Jardon said.

Boyles and Perry declined comment, and Gator Party spokesman Thomas Philpot did not return phone calls from the Alligator regarding Perry.

Both parties have expressed concern about votes submitted by Rawlings-area residents for Broward-area Senate candidates.

Until 3 p.m. Monday, students registered in the Rawlings district could only vote for Broward senators.

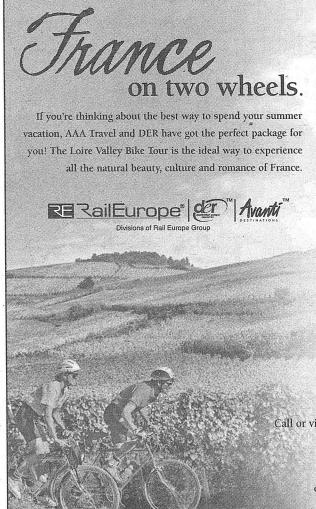
Philpot said those votes may need to be invalidated.

"Students have a reasonable expectation to walk into the polls and simply vote and walk out and not deal with these problems." he said.

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The Impact Party filed election complaints Wednesday about polls opening late, polls out of order, a banner hung in the Plaza of the Americas, and unapproved, oversized banners hung outside fraternity houses.

The Gator Party filed five election complaints, but their nature was not revealed to the Alligator.



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Editorial

# **Gator wins**

# Officials should allow true Internet voting

o The Gator Party is the overall winner. Surprise, surprise.

This bodes bad tidings for the Editorial Board, which has senselessly abused Gator officials nonstop for weeks.

It also means these editorials are entirely useless.

Don't we have any faithful followers?

We're just going to assume that everyone who reads this meant to vote for Impact but had a terrible accident before they

And our ego doesn't stop there. We're going to tell those Gator senators exactly how they should run things, now that they've proven they don't need us.

Better listen up.

First and foremost, we want true Internet voting. If this election has shown us anything, it's that "secured-site" voting is a mess, mostly because of the unneeded middleman.

Sure, this will make more students vote and could end the Greek monopoly. But it would give the whole campus confidence in Gator's dedication.

And it would be easier to garner votes when no one is thinking about what a pain in the ass it is. By implementing Internet voting through GatorLink and letting every student vote at home, Gator will show how wrong this Editorial Board has been all along

Wouldn't that feel good?
But since this isn't likely, we'll move on.
We've already discussed how most of Gator's platform issues are impossible to implement. But that doesn't mean we

can't tell them how to do it.

And hopefully more students will get involved to help them attain some of their goals. If you can't beat them, join them

and then fight from the inside.

Let's begin with their promise to close off portions of University Avenue for football games.

We think officials shouldn't even try. It would just increase

traffic and drunken revelry. We'd rather see Gator focusing on parking issues during

games. Every home game, hundreds of students with parking decals are kicked out of their paid campus spots so big-shot alumni can take their place. Parking always gets everyone's blood boiling, and the last thing students need is less parking spaces. Isn't this school sup-

posed to be about the students? Or do some alumni just give money to get curbside parking for games? But since Gator won most of the Senate seats, we'll assume

that a closed University Avenue is what the voters want. Alumni are the key. If they want parts of University Avenue

closed, parts of University Avenue will be closed. Done.

The other issue we attacked this week is their promise to move toward "green", natural gas buses.

Everyone likes the idea, but the funding just isn't there.

We think implementing Sunday bus service on campus is the promise Gator should focus on. It's something students will immediately benefit from, and it's a nonpartisan issue.

Gator has a chance to do some re-evaluating this semester. The Editorial Board isn't stupid; both parties had some good candidates ready to do some good work.

These past few months have shown that spending needs to be controlled. Senators can serve their constituents by simply reading all the bills and truly thinking about the consequences before anything goes to the Senate for a vote.

Don't pass off this responsibility to a few senators and then take their word for it. Senators should do the research them-

Too often, bills slide through Senate with most not knowing what they're passing. Paying more attention can go a long way toward fiscal responsibility.



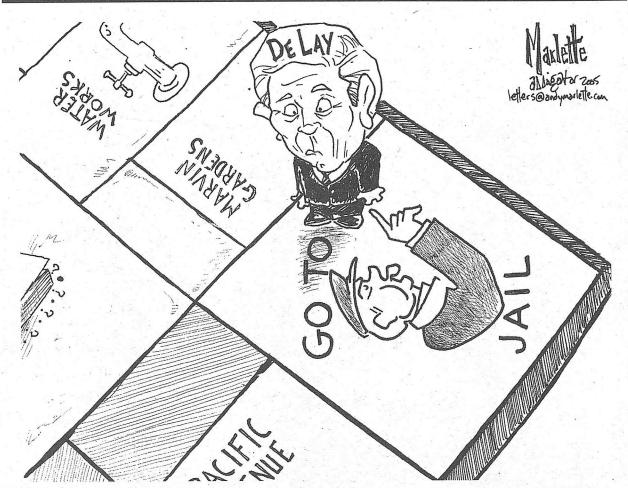
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Column

# 'Duo of evil' still an evil nuclear threat

emember the term axis of evil? It hasn't been used much since Saddam Hussein got booted, and no official name was provided for the axis' remaining members. But I'm proposing one, and I urge the president to start using it: the duo of evil.

Last week, Israel's foreign minister said that Iran is six months away from knowing how to build a nuclear bomb. Considering that the Iranian leadership and the nation's president, alleged former terrorist Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, are hardly shy about declaring their intention to wipe Israel off the map, I can sympathize with

But the European Union's major players are freaked out about Iran going nuclear too. The International Atomic Energy Agency passed a resolution Saturday stating that Iran be reported to the UN Security Council for failure to prove the peaceful intent of its nuclear program.

There were 22 votes for the resolution, 12 abstentions and one vote against. Russia and China were the biggest names opposing the resolution, according to Al-Jazeera.

Russia is building a \$1 billion nuclear reactor for Iran, and China hopes to exploit Iran's vast energy resources for itself. The one vote against the resolution came from Hugo Chavez's Venezuela.

Chavez loves getting cozy with America's enemies, such as Fidel Castro, Muammar Gaddafi and even Saddam. His country's vote was less about economics than it was about giving President Bush the diplomatic finger.

Meanwhile, recent news out of North Korea has been as disturbing as ever. Pyongyang has requested that the U.N. stop providing food aid, partly because the government hates being dependent on the United States. North Korea is emerging slowly from a famine that wiped out 2 million people by some estimates, and the UN thinks this decision could kill more than 100,000 more.

Six-nation talks with North Korea produced an agree-The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.



**Matthew Melone** Taking Up Arms letters@alligator.org

ment last week similar to one negotiated by the Clinton administration. The 1994 Agreed Framework paved the way for a policy of naïve optimism and appeasement, which did not break down until violations were uncovered in 2002 and U.N. inspectors were kicked out.

The new draft accord, which was initially hailed as a break-

through, called for Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons program in return for economic aid and security assurances.

But hours later, North Korea declared it would not dismantle any nuclear weapons program unless the United States supplied the country with light-water reactors for

Two days later, on Wednesday, the government accused the United States of plotting to "crush it to death with nuclear weapons."

The very idea that America has to sit down and be diplomatic with these buffoons is insulting. They claim to have nuclear weapons and have threatened to test one to prove it, but America shouldn't make concessions based on speculation.

If using the word evil to describe the thugs in Tehran or Pyongyang makes you want to roll your eyes, give me a call if you're still smirking when those regimes start using the bomb to blackmail their neighbors or leak nuclear

Americans do not have the stomach for regime change and another lengthy military occupation in Iran or North

But if we don't start talking tougher about the duo of evil, we may miss our last chance to stop them.

Matthew Melone is a political science and journalism major.

#### Reader response

#### Today's question:

Should America get tougher with Iran and North Korea?

Wednesday's results are unavailable due to technological difficulties.

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**Guest Column** 

# Humanity's politics all over campus

Then I was a kid, my-mom used to tell me I would have to get used to politics for the rest of my life. I assumed she was referring to the meaningless bickering between parties every four years when the nation finds itself overcome with an election.

I was very, very wrong.

Recently, I've discovered that in actuality, my mother was referring to the politics of humanity. The way we shout out accusations and cover our ears. The way we point fingers and run away. The way we focus our magnifying glasses and shun mirrors.

Even here on campus, a haven for intelligence and discussion, the same politics force their way into every

Republicans say Democrats lack patience, patriotism and strength. Democrats claim Republicans lie, swindle and are trigger-happy. African Americans claim that minorities are still oppressed by a CaucasianAndrew Aun dominated Speaking Out

society that doesn't care about

community's needs. Caucasians say racism doesn't exist anymore in mainstream culture.

Even recently, we've dealt with this same issue on campus. Kanye West claimed George Bush doesn't care about black people, while Bush's defenders are pointing at Condoleezza Rice and statistics to prove otherwise.

There is no way that every single one of these groups or people are right, and it's impossible they're all

But none of them are willing to admit any truth in their opposition's argument, nor are they going to proclaim the holes in their own.

Let's be honest for a second. Our nation is far from perfect, but it's not evil or worthy of the term "the great Satan" either. We've supported terrorism, but we've also done a lot of really good things for the world.

Furthermore, the politics of our officials do not directly represent the beliefs and thoughts of our people, who have much more in common with the rest of the world than we ever hear.

Our nation has come a long way from the segregation and racism of our past, but we also have a long way to go before we eliminate many of the unfair disadvantages minorities still deal with today. Politicians are politicians, but I think we can all agree they each have different ways of getting to the same goal.

I propose we re-evaluate the way we approach each other in our lives and our debates. Look for what you have in common with your opposition. Be willing to admit the points in your argument that are mere perspective rather than actual fact. Maybe if we start caring more for everyone's right to a voice rather than the volume of our own, we can leave the politics to the politicians and get back to being equal members of an open society.

Andrew Aun is an English sophomore.

#### Letters to the Editor Airshow paid by sponsors; real problem is SUVs

I am writing in response to John Kotsay's letter, which argues the Blue Angels waste government money on fuel, and the elites and government profit from the \$15 park-

It is important for Gainesville citizens and UF students to know this is not the case.

The corporate sponsorships and paid attendance of somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000 went to paying for the expenses of the airshow. All proceeds went to hurricane victims.

According to Department of Defense regulations, the sponsors pay all expenses at the event except for fuel at the current government contract. The government contract for fuel is surely below the grossly hurricane-inflated prices they are now, so it is the patrons of the airshow that footed the bill for this one.

I would like Mr. Kotsay to really think about the real fuel problem our nation now faces. Is it the overwhelming automobile fuel consumption caused by our insatiable lust for huge vehicles and unnecessary travel, or is it an air show that demonstrates our nation's military to its citizens and provides a means to recruit future leaders of our country, who will defend it from those nations causing these fuel problems.

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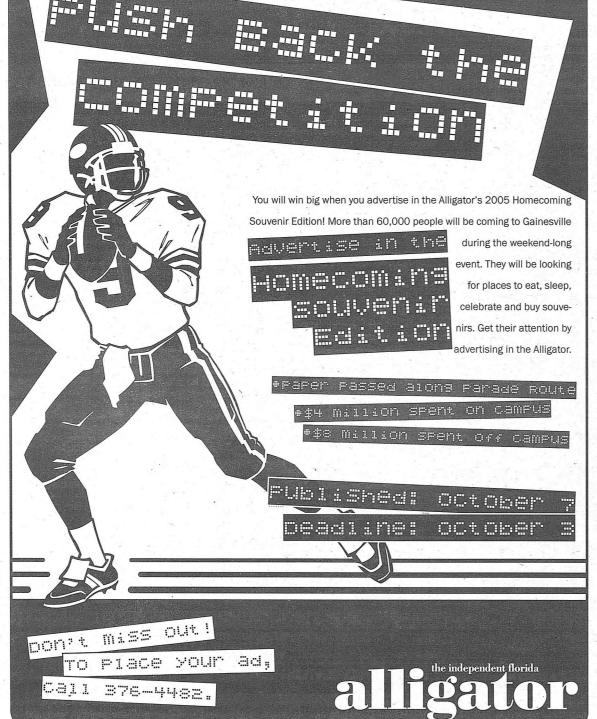
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**ON CAMPUS** 

# Israeli study programs return

By IVETTE MENDEZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

After years of absence, Israeli programs have returned to the Study Abroad Fair with full force.

Two opportunities to study in Israel marked a change on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Wednesday.

"It's calmed down a lot in Israel," said Lisa Berman, the admissions coordinator for the department of overseas studies at the University of Haifa.

Since violence erupted in Israel five years ago, UF hasn't run the program, Berman said.

The program submerges students in the Israeli community with internship and career opportunities, Berman said.

Students who take part in the program live on campus with Israeli roommates.

"It's very important to us that students are with Israelis and not Americans," Berman said. Berman said parents are still concerned about their kids traveling to Israel, but they seem less worried than they used to be.

The University of Haifa program won't take students anywhere that doesn't have any type of warning system, Berman said.

"It's calmed down a lot in Israel."

Lisa Berman

University of Haifa overseas studies admissions coordinator

The program aims for students "to continue their academics while experiencing Israel to the fullest degree," Berman said.

Students get first-hand advice at the fair from students and faculty who have gone on successful trips in the past.

The programs at the fair are all for class credit and can be covered by financial aid, said Lucy DiLeo, fair coordinator.

Even if the program is not at

the fair, students can approach the International Center about the trip they want, she said.

DiLeo said traveling abroad adds to a student's resume and helps to differentiate them from other students.

The programs at the fair are individualized to meet the student's specific needs.

"I think a lot of students want to go to Israel, and we want to make that happen for them," she said.

In a period of 15 minutes, at least eight students approached the Tel Aviv University table.

"I have studied in Israel, and my sister studied at Tel Aviv University," said Sharon Markowitz, associate director at the office of academic affairs for its school for overseas students.

"By the time you're done, you really have a great basis for being self-sufficient and traveling around the country," she said.

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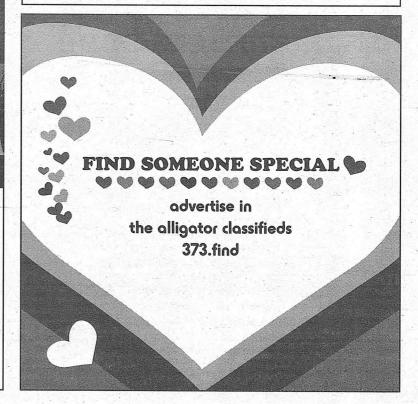
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# Stepping Out

By MELISSA FILIPKOWSKI

Avenue Writer

Apple iPod nanos and high-speed wireless Internet connections hint at society's need for constant entertainment and distraction in all aspects of life.

This need has spilled over into the world of fitness, and a new revolution of working out has been born. It's called dance fitness and it's the latest trend.

Dance fitness is any dance-oriented fitness class choreographed specifically to the music. There are a variety of dance-fitness classes across the country, but one called Dance Trance is hip-hopping its way into gyms right here in Gainesville.

Sporting black Dance Trance muscle T-shirts with the tattoolike Dance Trance logo, students of all ages and dance-experience levels mimic instructor Melissa Dameron-Vines' moves.

Switching between recent hip-hop beats such as "Don't Cha" by the Pussycat Dolls and hard-rock favorites such as "Sweet Emotion" by Aerosmith, Dameron-Vines leads the class through what she describes not as a workout, but "dance therapy."

"You don't think about that bad day at work, everything gets left at the door," she said.

Dance Trance Fitness was created by Jay Hadline in 1993, and its first central location was in Birmingham, Ala. Dameron-Vines has been involved with Dance Trance since 1993 when she took a Dance Trance Master Class in Birmingham.

She was one of four substitute instructors for Dance Trance until Hadline moved the home-base studio to Jacksonville in

In August 2004, Dameron-Vines and her husband moved to Gainesville so he could attend UF.

With a little help from Orion Fitness, 3441 W University Ave., Dance Trance Gainesville was born.

Dameron-Vines said the main difference between Dance Trance and a regular workout is the opportunity to break the grind of daily life.

"We're so inhibited in daily life," she said. "You can't bust out a hip roll in the middle of work or in the grocery aisle. That's totally normal here in class."

Dameron-Vines also considers the music in the class another major asset of Dance Trance. Using the latest hip-hop and rock beats, Dance Trance dancers rock out for an hour to an hour and a half. Dameron-Vines thinks the music is so important

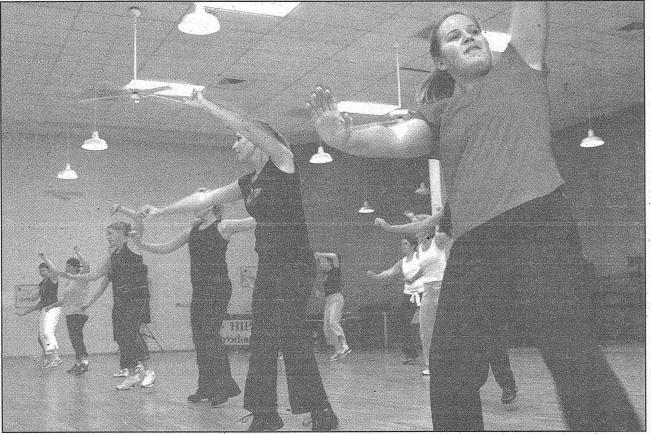


Photo by Jennifer Walker

Holly Quirk gets into a recent Dance Trance class. The new dance fitness trend has become popular in Gainesville and the rest of the country.

that she even hired a DJ to spin live at one of the classes.

"Music is a huge influence, it's a fundamental part of Dance Trance," Dameron-Vines said. "It gives you a club feel without going to a club."

Dameron-Vines said the music, lack of inhibition the selfconfidence boost makes Dance Trance a triple-threat experience.

"It's a connection of mind, body and soul," she said. "All three of those fit together every class."

Dance Trance classes are offered at Orion Fitness on Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. It is \$10 per class or free with an Orion Gym membership.

Dance Trance classes are for people of all ages and all dance levels, and no one should be intimidated to come, Dameron-Vines said.

"All levels fit here," she said.

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# Comfort, excitement found in sex with the ex

Then a friend told me she had slept with her ex-boyfriend-once-removed, instead of questioning the long-term conflicts or soon-to-be problems, my curiosity piqued on one point.

Was it old and comfortable or new and exciting?

She responded, "Both."

As I find myself falling into a specific sexual routine with my boy-friend, I find the greatest satisfaction in the slight variations on our old, comfortable habits. It's like hearing a good cover of your song or seeing

Then a friend told me a favorite movie for the first time in she had slept with her a long time.

When I heard my friend had a similar experience, I couldn't help but be a little envious. I can never decide whether I prefer old and reliable or new and exciting — the habit or the high. Some people's preferences show in their relationship patterns.

My serial-monogamist friends cherish the safety of comfort sex, while my more promiscuous friends favor the exploration of new territories. The pros and cons are equal.

Comfort sex provides safe, consistent and generally masterful

orgasms. With all that prior practice and preparation, the stumbles and frills are gone, and all that is left is free-base sex.

The same thing gets monotonous, and that holds true with comfort sex as well.

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sex is anything but boring, thankfully. For me, as well, the greatest individual experiences have always come when the relationship was still young and fresh.

Unfortunately, as all of my promiscuous friends say, you can never know beforehand whether someone will be good in bed. So even though

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Hooking up can be its own habit as it provides a kind of immediate comfort. If you know how to ask for and get what you want, then sexual consistency isn't that difficult either. So then you can get both the stability and the ecstasy.

Monogamous sex can have its own great highs as well, as long as a couple works on variety. Fighting sexual atrophy in relationships is the easiest way to prevent boredom, according to sex therapists and TV sitcom writers. If achieving these ideals were that simple, sex therapists would be unnecessary.

So even if the situation isn't the best, such as sex with the ex, I encourage any chance to blend the styles and achieve the semi-elusive comfortable excitement.

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# Grad students' poetry inspires, offers cheap date

oetry does not have to be scary. Contrary to my initial fears, the first poetry and fiction reading of the Writers at Florida series held at Goerings Book Store was inspirational. And it was free.

I drove down University Avenue in dread. I pictured a candle-lit room, unwelcoming stares from critical, artsy eyes, and pointed questions relating to my opinion on Sylvia Plath's contribution to modern poetry.

My worries proved unfounded. In fact, every light in Goerings was on for the reading. No one discriminated against me because I don't color my hair, wear fishnet hose, or snap in response to something I like. Even the guy with an almost-mullet

in front of me was nice.

About 25 people gathered last Thursday to listen to Saara gathered Raappana and Georgia Gelmis, both candidates for UF's Masters of Fine Arts program, read selections from their original works.

Raappana's poems covered a wide range of themes. A hatred of laundromats inspired her to write one of my favorites. Like Raappana, haven't we all wished for 30 more pairs of underpants to stall the washing process?

Gelmis read a haunting short story, after prematurely apologizing if she "blushed furiously." Her story painted pictures that still appear in my head.

The introductions of both writers

were almost as entertaining as their readings. This is not a slam on their creative works but high praise for the MCs' creative antics. Gelmis' intro included a short story she allegedly wrote in grade school about

a faithful pony that turned into a beautiful princess after many vears between its master's legs. She denied hav-

ing written the story. Either way, I laughed.

Audiences will have similar opportunities to enjoy good introductions and good writing for months

Every Thursday at 8 p.m.,

Martin McBriarty

through Dec. 8, two students or alumni will read their original work at Goerings with a reception to fol-

John Mahon, Goerings' manager, describes the series, which is co-

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sponsored by the department English and the graduate creative writing program, as a "rite of passage" for students

in the M.F.A. program.

Ali Lomneck, a second-year student at SFCC, ventured to her first reading a few weeks ago for extra credit. She came back because she said she values the insight of hearing a poem in the author's own

So, even if you have been scared by high school teachers who made you write reflections on Robert Frost, give poetry a fresh start. While it's not polite to deceive a date, taking them to a poetry reading may give you bonus sensitivity points. You may even be moved to go home, dust off your old journal and write. Poetry is not reserved for professionals, go try it. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Go with an open mind. Relish in this artistic escape. Even if you don't like it, one day you will find yourself in a situation where the I've-actually-been-to-a-poetry-reading card will pay off, and you didn't even

# New student organization unites music eccentrics

By RACHAEL RYALS Avenue Writer

If you happen to pass by Tim and Terry's Music and More on a Sunday night and hear some strange sounds, do not be alarmed.

Stop by and say hi, grab a beer and jump onstage if you are so inclined; it's just the Gators for Eccentric Music club trying to save the future of music

The newly formed UF club is an organization for people who are fed up with cliché music and want a place to hear and play intelligent, genre-bashing music that would not be heard on the radio or on stages around town, said President Martin McBriarty, a sophomore material and science engineering major.

"In Gainesville there are so many strange people, so many creative people out there that have the ability to get together and make some great new sounds," McBriarty said. "But there is nowhere for them to really as-

The club is not limited to UF students. Anyone who is interested in new, strange music is welcome to stop by for the open mic/jam nights every Sunday at 6 p.m.

The atmosphere is laidback, and anyone is welcome to jump onstage and jam.

**Gators for Eccentric Music** Gators for Eccentric Music club president Treasurer Daniel Schoonover, a electrical engineering senior, said the point is to open people's eyes to what is out there beyond the omnipotent Top 40 radio rock.

Once the club gets enough people interested and coming out, it plans to have movie nights where they showcase weird music movies and bring in guest speak-"In

ers to talk about music. Gainesville there The club would like to have are so many strange "instrument-experimental" people, so many creative where sessions people out there that have the discuss and build new instruments. It also hopes to ability to get together and make promote a few bands that some great new sounds." are good enough to play

shows around town. The mixing of genres, for example, techno with death metal or rap with jazz, is something the club is excited about.

Mixing genres has always been around, but now that genres are more defined it makes for

more interesting music, Schoonover said.

Rock is a "melting pot of butter" that encompasses everything these days, McBriarty

Both Schoonover and McBriarty said they would like to see punk music collapse because it all sounds the same and would like to see jazz and funk come back in new forms.

If you have a new twist on an old song or just want to jam with some musicians that want to go beyond the status quo, grab your instrument and stop by to do some sonic explorations with the Gators for Eccentric

Expect anything to happen at the jam nights, McBriarty said.

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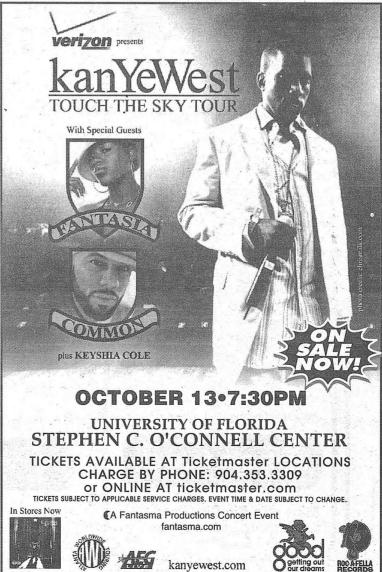
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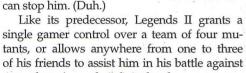
Never before have uneasy alliances been so much fun.

In X-Men Legends II, Activision's and Marvel's new released for all major systems on

video game released for all major systems on Sept. 21, everyone's favorite mutant heroes are forced to team up with their most common enemies, Magneto and his Brotherhood of Mutants.

Why?

To save the world, of course. Apocalypse, the aptly named immortal super-mutant, is doing stuff. Bad stuff. And only this unlikely team can stop him. (Duh.)



Apocalypse's nearly infinite horde.

The game is exponentially more fun as more people play.

And more so than before, gameplay in Legends II is rewarding and diverse. Every character has about 10 individual powers such as super strength, flight, freeze beams and even teleportation.

Though some characters share "passive" powers, individual attacks reveal every hero has his own niche in combat, demanding that you try them all. Even similar bruisers like

Juggernaut and Colossus have different attacks, powers and weaknesses.

So whether controlled by a buddy or AI, every mutant acts like he or she should. Cyclops leads, sending orders and eye blasts in every direction. Toad double-jumps out of trouble, tongue attacks from safety and spits goo. Fanfavorite Wolverine is still "the best at what he does."

With all that variety, the team possibilities are endless.

endless. Only when you aren't fighting does the

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aren't fighting does the tension between X-Men and the Brotherhood rear. Between missions, mutants from one team poke fun at or threaten the other, and the potential brawl escalates until

Papa Xavier steps in and settles the kids down.
These cheesy cut scenes may be just a chance for a bathroom break amid long sprees of action, but it can be funny to watch the professor lay

down the law. ("Robert! Be quiet!")

My only grievance with X-Men Legends
II is that while the Brotherhood characters
play so well, only four get to fight. Sabertooth,
Mystique, Quicksilver and even Blob — a pretty
formidable team right there — are all included

but only as non-playable characters.

X-Men Legends II is a game I have been looking forward to since the moment three of my buddies and I beat its predecessor. A year's worth of anticipation birthed some uncanny expectations, but this gem simply refused to disappoint.

# Play shows sad, real life

ou've still got time to see a cliché-breaking play, on your very own UF campus. The Constans Theatre has a show

The Constans Theatre has a show that will make you run to the nearest blues bar, hoping to catch a good act.

"Side Man" offers a story line that goes beyond the well-known image of a jazz player at a bar. It goes into the life story of a trumpet player's son and his complicated life.

Clifford tells the story of how his parents met and essentially ruined each other's lives, while explaining why he thinks they

were happier before he was born. He drives that point home when his mother explains it's his fault she never got to see Frank Sinatra. He was born on the day she was supposed to

go to the concert.

The play also describes the relationship between Clifford, his father Gene, and his fellow jazz players.

Those on the bar scene include: loose-lady bartender Patsy; Ziggy, a player with a lisp; Jonesy, a druggie jazzman; and Al, who refers to a very good trumpet player as a "mother[expletive]!"

Clifford describes his memories of his father as a jazz player who was flexible enough to do both backup and leads — a "Side Man."

He also narrates how his parents first met and their wedding night that ended in jail. He says after he was born, things progressively got worse.

Clifford can tell you all this because he is essentially the one who held the family together all his life.

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His mother couldn't do it because she was too drunk, and his father was indecisive about everything except his music.

As Clifford puts it, his father was aware of everything when he was playing the trumpet and of nothing when he was not.

The set of the play is amazingly authentic. It gives the audience an even greater chance of being pulled into this realistically sad story.

You can't help but feel for Clifford. Who wouldn't feel for a guy who basically took care of his incapable parents all his life and was afraid to move on because he worried about what they'd do if he left?

This one's worth seeing.



# Everyman hero pleases all ages



Bone: Out from Boneville Telltale Games

I love Bone!

OK, now that I have your attention, get your filthy mind out of the gutter and listen up.

For all you fans of Jeff Smith's comic "Bone," be sure to check out the video game adaptation of "Bone: Out from Boneville" by Telltale Games. There's a free demo available on the Web, kids.

And for the rest of you, here's the skinny: Jeff Smith created "Bone" back in 1991 and worked on it intermittently until finishing the 55-issue saga about Fone Bone and his cousins Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone in 2004. The comic — which has won multiple awards, including the prestigious Eisner Awards and Harvey Awards — follows Fone Bone, the everyman hero, through a tale that falls somewhere between the

stories of J.R.R. Tolkien and Walt Kelly's "Pogo" comic strip. The comics have been collected for your consumption

into nine volumes and one all-encompassing 1,300-page volume. You can also snag the new volumes from Graphix, Scholastic's graphic novel imprint for kids.



One particularly delightful thing about the Scholastic reprints, other than getting comics into kids' grubby little paws, is that they're in color for the first time. Don't let the Scholastic thing throw you off though: "Bone" is great no matter your age.

So now that we're all just about on the same page, Telltale Games has taken the first volume, "Out from Boneville," and made it into an interactive fun house where you romp around as Fone Bone, following the plot of the comics.

I've played the demo and let me tell you, the voices are dead on, the dialogue

is straight out of the comics or so character-appropriate that you can't tell the difference.

My only complaint about the

demo: It's too short.

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But Telltale Games will give you the rest of the Bone adventure for a crisp \$19.99, and that's a deal that even money-grubbing Phoney Bone wouldn't turn down.

So, even if you hate reading, you can check out the video game, fall in love with the characters, find yourself craving more "Bone," and turn to the comics. Somehow, I'll still feel like I've done my job. Get the demo at www.bo ne.telltalegames.com.

# Sony-BMG gives away free stuff

The Sony-BMG Santa Claus seems to have found his way into little old Gainesville with tons (and we mean tons) of free stuff from artists like Coheed and Cambria, Switchfoot, Augustana and The Fray.

The SideBar will hold a CD listening party (read, no live music) on Wednesday at 9 p.m. for the label's artists. They will be giving away shirts, CDs, stickers and samplers. For those on the constant quest for free food, there will also be pizza.

"We just want people to come out, have a good time with their friends and pick up some cool, free stuff," said

Alex Brody, the Sony-BMG marketing representative for Gainesville.

In addition to all of the super-sweet free schwag, the Avenue has teamed up with Sony-BMG to give away two tickets to the Coheed and Cambria, The Blood Brothers, Dredg and mewithoutYou show in Jacksonville at Plush on Oct. 30. To enter, submit your name and phone number via e-mail to theavenue@alligator.org. The winner will be announced at the CD listening party.

- JACQUELINE DAVISON

## Calendar

#### today

Common Grounds, live music: The Commercial Free Tour, Little Brother, The Away Team, Legacy, Darien Brockington, Joe Scudda, Chaundon, 10 p.m., \$12

Constans Theatre, play: Side Man, 8 p.m., \$9 - \$13

#### friday

Atlantic, live music: Rachel Sage, Killarney Star, Mercy, doors at 9 p.m., \$6

Eddie C's, live music: Impurity, Secrets She Kept, Dead Passion's Curse, 9 p.m., \$5

#### saturday

Tim and Terry's, live music: Rosedale, The False Idols, Starting Over, 10 p.m.

#### sunday

Common Grounds, live music: Minus The Bear, Headphones, Criteria, The New Trust, doors at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m., \$10

Eddie C's, live music: Red Cross Relief Fund Benefit Show, Over Lord, MisFit Toys, Rising Up Angry, Huge Richard, Naked Bones, Gettin Deep, 4 p.m., \$5 or more

#### monday

Café Gardens, art show: "Subsiding Currents" underwater photographs, free

#### tuesdav

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# Defensive end talks trash; expects win at 'Bama

By IAN FISHER and BRYAN APP

Alligator Staff Writers

Apparently, Coach Urban Meyer isn't exactly thrilled with Jeremy Mincey's mo-

During UF's weekly press conference on Monday, the defensive end talked a little trash about Alabama.

Mincey said No. 10 Tennessee, a team the Gators defeated 16-7, is a better team than No. 15 Alabama. He also claimed that if the UF defense plays well on Saturday, the Gators should leave Tuscaloosa with a solid victory.

After practice Wednesday, Meyer responded to Mincey's comments.

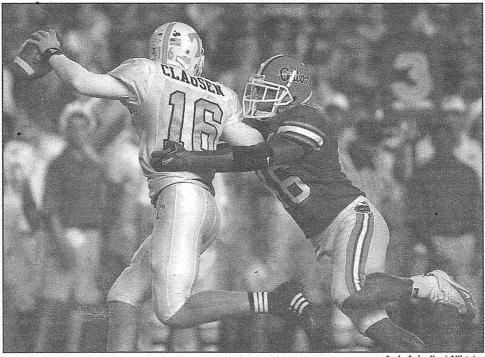
"I didn't like that," Meyer said, "but I

Meyer's wife, Shelley, asked him if he was going to punish Mincey since the coach once levied a former trash-talking player with a two-week gag order.

But Meyer said he forgot about Mincey's comments and isn't going to worry about it.

"There's no harm in what he meant; there's no disrespect there," Meyer said.

When asked if there was any similar trash talk during practice, Meyer added: "We don't have time to talk about what's



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Jarvis Herring has added to this week's collection of bulletin board material. Herring said Alabama's rich tradition wouldn't factor into the game and expects a UF win. said when Mincey opens his big mouth." out what senior Jarvis Herring is saying

MORE FIGHTING WORDS: If Meyer didn't like Mincey's verbal jabs, just wait until he finds these days.

As talk-radio shows in the Birmingham-Tuscaloosa area were abuzz with reac-

tion to Mincey's comments on Tuesday, Herring poured fuel on the fire.

Forget the 12 National and 21 Southeastern Conference championships the Crimson Tide has amassed during its 113-year gridiron legacy. According to Herring, none of that matters.

"We don't care anything about [Alabama being forgotten]. We're going to win," Herring said. "We're going to take care of business. We're not worried about the past. [I don't care about] none

While the Gators likely will hear the state of Alabama's reaction to Herring's statements when they run out of the tunnel at Bryant-Denny Stadium on Saturday, the strong safety isn't too concerned.

"We come from the Swamp so there's nothing that we're not used to seeing," Herring said. "There's a big game 'cause the Florida Gators are coming to town."

SHULA, AGAIN: In 1986, Meyer was starting his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ohio State. His first game came against the No. 5 Crimson Tide.

Alabama's quarterback at the time: Mike Shula, now the Tide's head coach.

Meyer didn't even remember that until

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# **Jackson set for homecoming**

By ANDREW ABRAMSON

Alligator Staff Writer

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Sure, he had two choices. Alabama or Auburn.

Jackson chose UF. And on Saturday his hometown fans have their first opportunity to thank him in person.

"We'll see how the fans react and how they treat me when I come back home," said Jackson, a Hoover, Ala., native. "I know they're kind of mad at me because I left there. "I've never been booed before,

not personally. I don't know how I'll react to it, but I won't take it to heart. I know where they're coming from.

"It was real difficult. I thought 'why did I come here?' I thought about transferring and coming back home, but I just stuck with it."

> **Chad Jackson UF** Receiver

How could Jackson not understand the pain and disbelief felt by the entire Crimson Tide community?

With no professional sports team to speak of, the Hoover youth has a glorified team clad with tradition just 45 minutes west in Tuscaloosa.

And when you're the biggest star on a state championship team, playing for Alabama is more of a birthright than an opportunity.

"He had the media, the press, the Alabama boosters on him. The teachers at school were all Alabama fans," Hoover High football coach Rush Propst said. "They'd constantly tell him 'I can't believe you're not going to Alabama.

'Alabama is right down the road. We can come see you play, it's only 45 minutes away."

While Jackson says he never thought twice about a fresh start in a new state, Propst remembers former UF coach

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## Tide could upset Gators

f Urban Meyer and Co. are smart, they won't take this Alabama team lightly, because this Saturday has all the makings of an upset.

"But wait," you ask, "LSU isn't for another few weeks?"

Despite predicting otherwise in the preseason, I don't think it will be the Tigers who drop the

first loss on

UF this year.

reminds

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**Farzad Safi** Far's Side

me a lot of last year's Gators team. Inept coach? Check. fsafi@alligator.org Talented

vet underachieving players? Check. Fourth quarter choke jobs? Check.

Alabama has what it takes to win for more reasons than you may think.

First off, they will be playing

in front of a home crowd that hasn't had much reason to cheer in a long, long time.

I'd be shocked if Chris Leak's streak of no interceptions prevails in that hostile Tuscaloosa environment.

Second, Alabama matches up really well to exploit the Gators' weaknesses. Meyer calls Kenneth Darby, the Crimson Tide's lead tailback, a faster version of Gerald Riggs Jr.

Combine his speed with ninth-year senior Brodie Croyle's knowledge of the game, and the Gators defense will see the first balanced offense it has faced all

Finally, I think this game. means a lot more to Alabama than it does to UF. For the Gators, this is just another tough road test before LSU and Georgia.

The Crimson Tide, thanks to

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# \_atsko's versatility leads to new role in UF offense

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Billy Latsko was a football ayer without a position.

After moving to fullback from nebacker under Ron Zook, atsko had to move back to lineicker because Urban Meyer's fense doesn't use fullbacks.

But Latsko played against ennessee on offense, then again gainst Kentucky — a game in hich he also spent time at line-

"I felt back at home with hat I was used to doing these ast two years," Latsko said. [Former running backs coach like Locksley] did a good job f coaching me with the fullback chnique, and I've done a good b carrying it over."

Latsko got a taste of being a wo-way player, but Meyer said atsko is going back to offense ull-time.

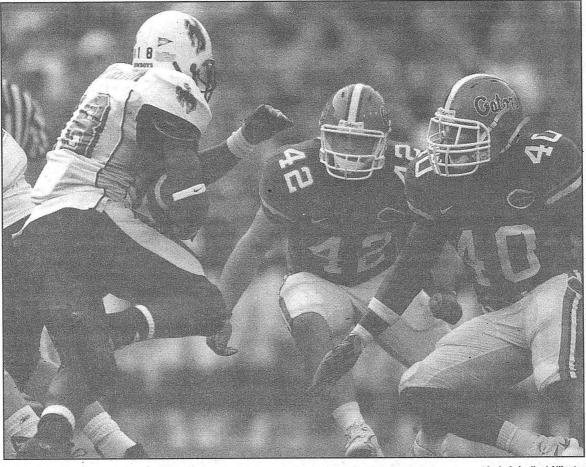
"Billy is a journeyman," runing backs coach Stan Drayton aid. "He's going to help us out vherever needed. Wherever help s needed, he's going to jump up n there."

But what is he? What position s it?

His position is called U, the ame as Tate Casey, Meyer said.

But Drayton said it - the lreaded F-word: "Fullback."

Drayton described Latsko's ole as a fullback or U-tight end. atsko lines up between the tack-



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A linebacker-turned-fullback, Billy Latsko's position was terminated when Coach Urban Meyer arrived. Now, Meyer says Latsko will play on offense full-time.

the ball.

Although there wasn't supposed to be a fullback, the coaches are quick to deny altering their

"We're still within our offense," Drayton said. "We're just

les about two-to-three yards off playing into our strengths right now."

> Drayton said he will use Latsko for blocking, running and catching the ball out of the backfield:

"He's getting a little bit of this and a little bit of that, but Drayton said. "He's a guy who is sition has one again.

that's how our offense works. Our players have to be versatile," Drayton said.

Last year, Latsko caught 11 passes for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's got great hands,"

going to fit into a lot of roles for us on offense."

Latsko, who played mostly linebacker at Buchholz High, came to the Gators in 2002 as a walk-on at that position but was redshirted.

He was moved to fullback prior to the 2003 season and played as the team's main fullback that year and in 2004, when he received a scholarship for his efforts

Latsko also plays on special teams, and his versatility is one of his best qualities.

"The good thing about it is he has a full off-season in the spring on the defensive side of the ball, so if we ever have any depth issues at linebacker, he can help us there," Drayton said.

Meyer said part of the reason Latsko is back on offense is because the only U-back the Gators have is Tate Casey.

"I'm used to having a couple of guys that can give you short yardage and that you can have in the middle of the field," Meyer said. "We need him. He's a leverage player, he's a great young man and he's skilled."

Latsko is glad to have an increased role.

"I'm here to help out the team in any way I can," Latsko said. "It felt great, but now that I'm actually designated to the offense, I have to keep preparing each week and get better at offense."

Now, the player without a po-

## Meyer to face Shula for second time; Linebacker makes award list

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omeone brought it up during a telecon-

"I was a first-year G.A.," Meyer said. The question was, 'What was it like?' I

said, 'I made a bunch of cups of coffee that week and vacuumed the carpets and cleaned the coaches' windows. That's what my job was. I know they beat us."

Alabama won 16-10.

THIS AND THAT: Linebacker Brandon

Siler has been added to the Lott Trophy Watch List. The award is presented by The Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation of Newport Beach, Calif. Siler is the only sophomore on the list. The trophy, in its second year, is the first sports award based on personal character and is named after defensive back Ronnie Lott...Reserve cornerback Nick Brooks will probably not play this week due to a knee injury and will have it scoped, Meyer said...Sophomore linebacker Javier Estopinan likely will receive a medical redshirt due to strained ligaments in his leg, Meyer said.



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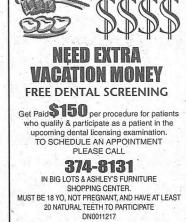
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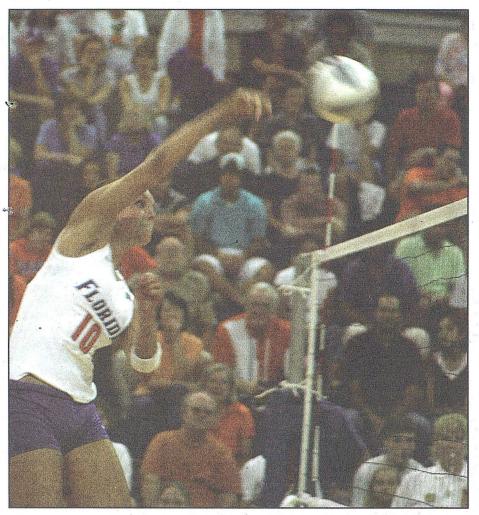
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Kari Klinkenborg stood up to a pair of experienced Georgia seniors, helping Coach Mary Wise to a 3-0 victory against the Bulldogs in Athens on Wednesday.

#### **UF VOLLEYBALL**

# **Gators sweep Bulldogs**

By BRYAN JONES

Alligator Writer

Georgia coach Steffi Legall and assistant coach Nicole McCray were major contributors in UF's streak of Southeastern Conference titles. On Wednesday night, however, they found themselves on the wrong end of a Gators' win.

The No. 5 UF volleyball team (13-1, 3-0 SEC) defeated Georgia 3-0 (30-26, 30-28, 30-22) in their third consecutive road victory to open conference play.

Legall and McCray both played for the Gators during Coach Mary Wise's tenure at UF. McCray was not only up against her former coach in the match, but also her sister, Amber McCray, who is UF's starting opposite hitter.

Faced with the task of matching up against Georgia's star middle blocker Alexandra Oquendo, UF sophomore Kari Klinkenborg responded with possibly the best performance of her career. Klinkenborg came up with a career-high 13 kills and 5 block assists, while hitting .611 in the match.

"She was terrific in all parts of the game," Wise said. "We have told our team that we have so many different talents that any one player on any given night can lead your team, and tonight I felt it was Kari's night.

"You have to think that for Georgia, that Kari Klinkenborg wasn't going to be at the top of their scouting chart."

Despite being swept, Georgia challenged the Gators in all three games, especially in game two, where an error on UF's lineup card caused a flurry of confusion for the Gators.

"If you want to know how valuable [assis tant coach] Nick Cheronis is to our staff, for 1-years he has been able to read my handwriting," Wise joked. "If I had better handwriting it would have been seen, but we put the lineur in wrong because it was just read wrong."

"You have to think that for Georgia, that Kari Klinkenborg wasn't going to be at the top of their scouting chart."

Mary Wise
UF volleyball coach

The confusion forced some UF players to play out of position, but they rallied to wir the game 30-28.

While Wise said the down official did not do her job, as she should have spotted the mistake right off the bat, she was just proud of how her team responded.

"I didn't throw the official under the bus; I threw me under the bus," Wise said. "[I told the team] I made the mistake and now, I need you guys to play hard here and make up for our mistake. And they really did."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

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## Jackson considered transfer after playing limited role during freshman season

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Ron Zook spending four hours in the Jackson home giving his spiel, while former Alabama coach Mike Price — who was forced to leave the school in a scandal before ever coaching a game — spent about 30 minutes recruiting

"I think if Mike Shula had been the football coach here with the staff [of Alabama natives] he presently has, I think [Alabama] would have had a better chance to land him," Propst

"But Chad was always a kid who wanted to go out of state and he made up his mind a long time ago."

That was three years ago.

Now, Jackson returns home every bit the star the locals expected him to become.

With Alabama's most meaningful game this decade quickly approaching, Jackson could be the man who derails any plans of a Crimson Tide revival.

Since Urban Meyer and his spread offense arrived in Gainesville in January, the first-year UF coach made it clear that Jackson would be a key ingredient to a Southeastern Conference championship.

Jackson's 32 receptions put him on pace eclipse Carlos Alvarez's 36-year old school record of 88 receptions in a season.

Reidel Anthony's record of 18 touchdown receptions is also in danger of falling -Jackson already has six and another on the

"He's a big receiver, very athletic, and he can catch," UF tailback Skyler Thornton said. "He can practically do anything he wants to anybody out there on that field."

That is now, but at one point Jackson couldn't do anything to anyone on the field.

Despite his accolades coming out of Hoover, and his public spurning of the Tide, a dejected Jackson saw just limited time on special teams his freshman season.

Propst said he was disappointed Zook didn't just redshirt Jackson instead of wasting a year of eligibility.

But Propst said he couldn't blame Zook, since Jackson apparently came to UF harboring somewhat of a negative work ethic.

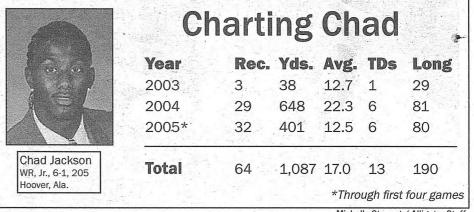
"It was real difficult," Jackson said. "I thought 'why did I come here?' I thought about transferring and coming back home, but I just stuck with it."

Jackson decided to let his talent speak for itself.

In the 2004 game against Tennessee, Jackson recorded just one catch. But a single 81-yard touchdown reception seemed to announce his arrival.

After that, it was one big play after another for the player already nicknamed "Big Play Chad" by his teammates.

When he learns to take care of the little things," Propst said, "I don't think there's a better football player out there."



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an easy schedule so far, have had plenty of time to prepare for UF.

"This game against the Gators has been the one we have been looking at since the summer," Croyle said. "A win against UF would show people we are back on track."

In his weekly press conference Monday, Meyer admitted that he really hadn't looked at this Alabama team.

Those words sound like a death sentence from a coach who prides himself on preparation.

What was it that Meyer proclaimed when he first arrived in Gainesville?

"There's no such thing as luck, there's a big word called investment," Meyer said. "I've never been involved in a game where the most invested team lost."

Still, the Gators have a shot

to win because of the advantage they have in the head coach de-

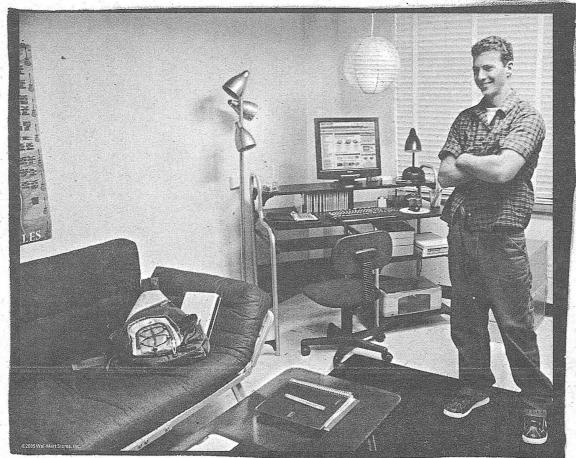
Meyer is riding a 20-game winning streak, while Alabama Coach Mike Shula has only defeated one Top 25 team during his tenure there.

You'll have to wait until

Friday's Picks Column to see my prediction, but consider this: Shula is 0-6 in games when the outcome was decided by 7 points or less.

When teams are evenly matched, I always go with the better coach.

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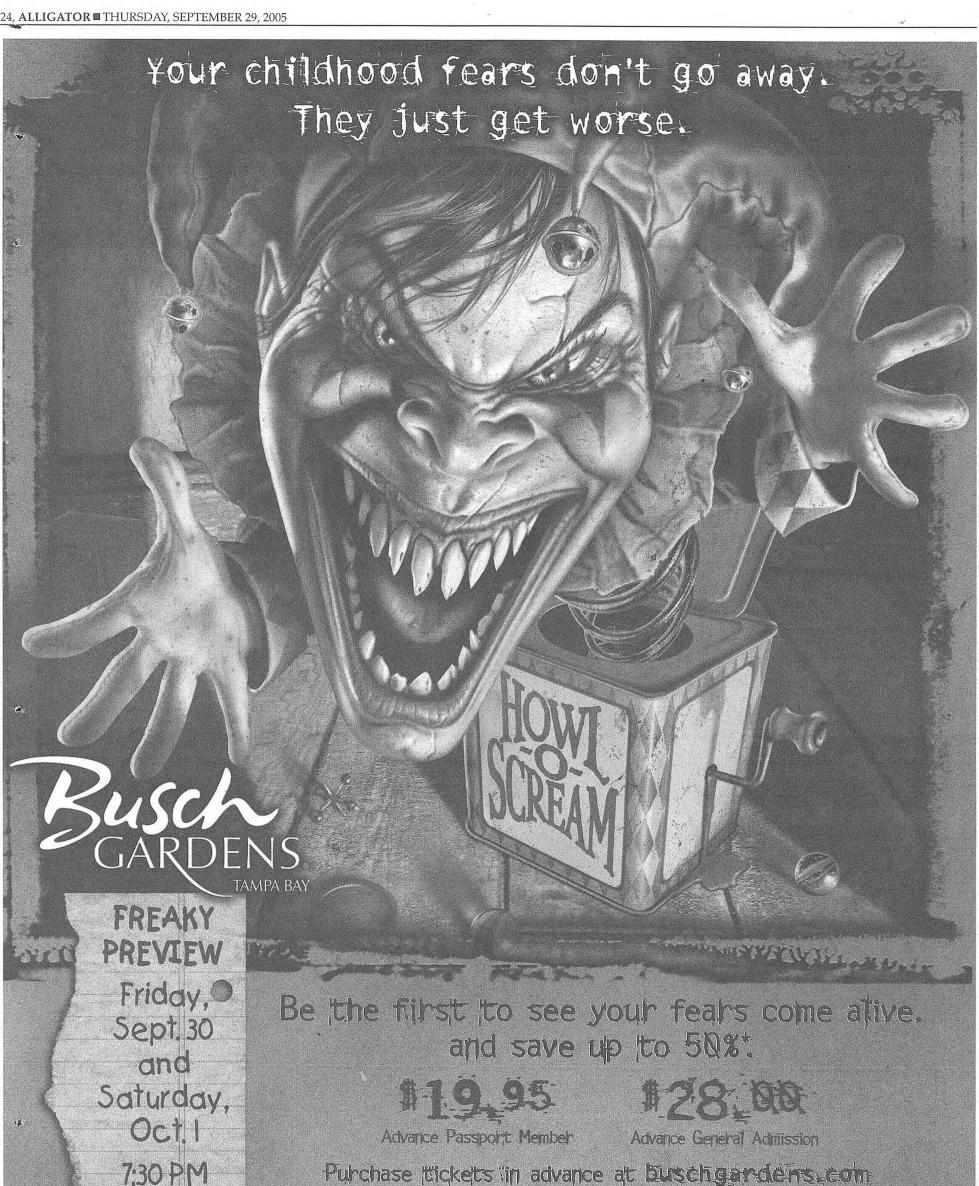




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