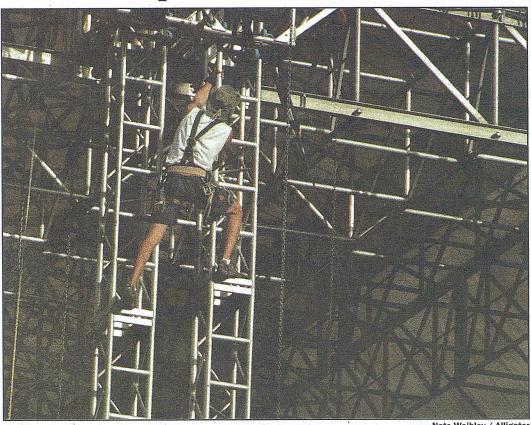


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# Growl promoters reach out to all Gators



Mike Booker adjusts a compressor to limit audio output for Gator Growl at The Swamp. Teams have been setting up night and day for Gator Growl, only stopping for inclement weather and meals.

#### By BRIDGET CAREY and **ANTONIO GONZALEZ**

Alligator Staff Writers

The first-ever Gator Growl Ticket Chomp will swarm over the North Lawn of the Reitz Union this afternoon, reminding students to buy tickets to the nation's largest student-run pep rally this Friday.

Today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., BUZZ 100.5 FM will broadcast a special live show offering several free Growl promotional items, to get students psyched about the rally, which stars comedians Greg Giraldo and Wayne Brady.

"It's something that I came up with 'cause I feel like the students don't really have an outlet to really learn about Gator Growl," said Christopher Chase, director of public relations for Growl.

In the past, Growl organizer Florida Blue Key has been criticized by students for not appealing to their interests.

'I wasn't impressed at all with last year's show," sophomore Buck Merritt said. "Hopefully, it will be better this

Brady, who has appeared on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and the Comedy Central hit "Chappelle's Show," and Giraldo, a renowned New York stand-up comic, are the featured comedians this year because their material is geared toward young adults.

"We're trying to showcase comedians that students are more familiar with," said Sharon Connell, FBK office admin-

She added that even though not all 15,000 discounted student tickets have sold yet, students typically wait until the last minute to buy tickets.

"It's (Gator Chomp) something that I came up with 'cause I feel like the students don't really have an outlet to really learn about Gator Growl."

**Christopher Chase** 

Gator Growl director of public relations

Friday night's event has more than 2,000 discounted student tickets remaining as of Monday afternoon.

FBK officials said they believe this year's Growl ticket sales will exceed last year's total.

The promotional team behind Growl has reached out to different parts of the community, including elementary stu-

"We want Gators of all ages to come to the show," Chase said.

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# Cancer center planned

**SHANDS HOPES TO BEGIN CON-**STRUCTION NEXT YEAR.

> By ALEXIS LLOYD Alligator Contributing Writer

Shands at UF announced Tuesday plans to open a cancer hospital across from its main facility to treat all types of cancer patients using the latest technol-

The facility will enable Shands to see almost 7,000 more patients per year.

"This cancer hospital is all about the patient being able to come to one facility where all of the cancer-care services that patients may need - surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, new diagnostics, getting blood tests done - can all be done in one place," said Shands Cancer Center Director William Stratford May Jr.

The \$250 to \$300 million-cancer center will provide 200 private rooms and a variety of healthcare services geared toward cancer patients, including diagnostic and therapeutic oncology care. The center will create 1,000 new jobs as

The cancer center will allow Shands to respond to the challenge of educating its students.

The challenge "is to educate young physicians, Campus nurses, pharmacists and dentists in the best environ-

ment for patients in need of care," said Tim Goldfarb, Shands HealthCare chief executive officer.

Construction is scheduled to begin August 2006, and the center should open its doors to patients approximately 3 years later, depending on weather and construction constraints.

# **UPD: Campus crime down**

By STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ

Alligator Writer srodriguez@alligator.org

Rape, burglary and car theft on campus are on the decline, according to the University Police Department's "UF Together for a Safe Campus" crime report.

Only liquor-law violations increased drastically, from 132 UPD arrests in 2003 to 222 arrests in 2004.

The report also provides information to improve student and community safety awareness

"The crime rate has been falling in the last 10 years or so," said UPD spokesman Lt. Joe Sharkey. "I think it's an important publication that we want students to be

In 2003, six rapes were reported on

campus property, compared to the four that were reported in 2004, according to the report.



The number of burglaries declined from 55 in 2003 to 33 in 2004, the

report stated.

The most important thing that students can do is protect themselves," Sharkey said.

The report includes information on crime

prevention programs and services. The statistics are in compliance with federal law named the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and

Campus Crime Statistics Act, which re-

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■ UF safety Kyle Jackson fails to atch Alabama receiver Keith Brown on a 65vard touchdown catch during the Gators' 31-3 loss to the Crimson Tide. See story, pg. 18.



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But when phoning in a restaurant reservation, he gets the best tables. See story, pg. 8.

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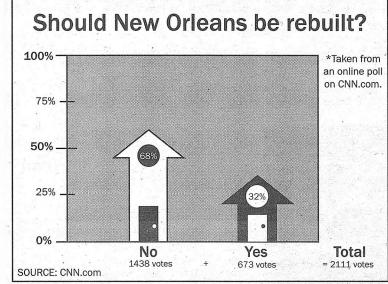
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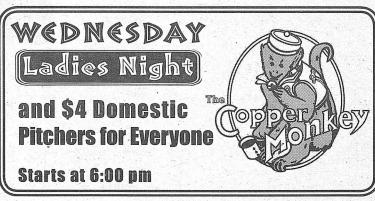
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Human Rights Awareness on Campus Treasurer Rochelle Meddoff was referred to another office by Student Legal Services in regard to making her organization a nonprofit. It was at that office where she was told her organization was not large or established enough to gain 501(c)(3) status. We reported otherwise Sept. 27.

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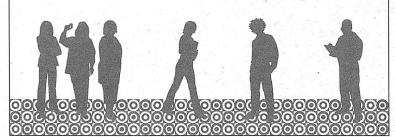
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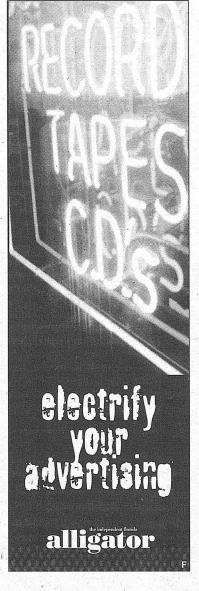
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# Alternative Breaks offers opportunity for service

■ A TRIP AIDING HURRICANE RELIEF IS IN THE WORKS.

By DAPHNE CHARLES
Alligator Contributing Writer

A homeless man led Liliana Bustamante and the other participants to the middle of nowhere. It was a place to sleep, she said. That night, she woke up shivering from the cold.

"My leaders kept saying, 'It's OK, one more night," said Bustamante, 20, a microbiology senior. "I was thinking how there are others who don't have an endpoint, who go through that every day."

Bustamante, membership co-

ordinator for Florida Alternative Breaks, was recalling a FAB experience from last year.

The program allows UF students to participate in a year-long commitment to community service, leadership and social change, according to its Web site.

FAB Director Tyler D'Andrea said the program also sends individuals during Spring Break on trips of intensive community service and reflection about service.

"We strive to get UF students out of their bubble — out of the UF campus bubble and expose them to social issues that are prevalent in our nation, that they wouldn't get in their normal, privileged daily

This year, FAB organizers are contemplating having two international trips instead of one and also having trips that service areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Applications will Student be available starting Thursday at the Center

for Leadership and Service in the Dean of Students Office as well as on the program's Web site, www.dso.ufl.edu/cls/fab.

The information session is Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in AND 34, and applications are due Oct. 21. Spring Break trips will take place March 11-19.

All the issues addressed in the program exist in the Gainesville community, he said, because the focus is for participants to bring what

they learn back home.

"Overall, it's to open up students' eyes to the daily social injustices our nation experiences that you don't see in the news, you don't read in the newspaper and you don't experience growing up in a privileged community or educational system," he said.

He said every trip has two leaders and a maximum of 12 participants

D'Andrea has been on three trips thus far, he said. His first year, he was a participant in a low-income housing trip to Huntsville, Ala.; his second year, he was a site leader for an urban poverty trip to Atlanta, Ga. For his third year, he was a site leader for an equity and education rip to Jackson Miss

On the wall of his apartment hangs a large world map. On the left side of the map are framed pictures of his family. On the right side are framed pictures of the children he worked with on his last FAB trip.

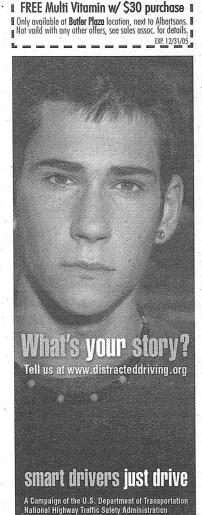
"That was actually one of the hardest trips to leave," he said.

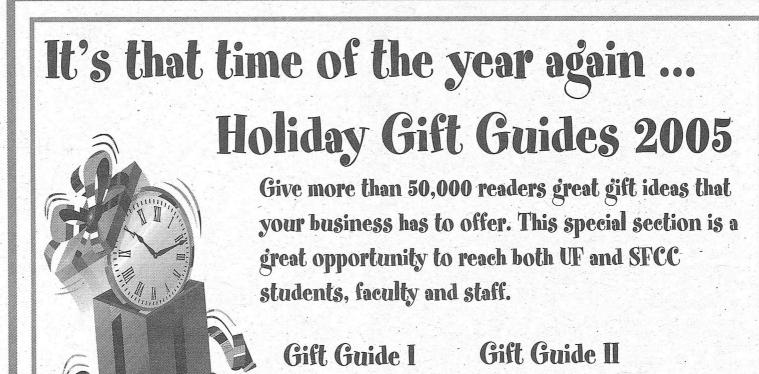
On that trip, he worked in a second-grade classroom in a low-income neighborhood.

"At the end of the week, the class secretly wrote me goodbye cards and the teacher bought me a cake," he said.

"It was so touching to me that I meant so much to them and they felt that I made a difference in just that one week."

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# **UF** holds security sessions

By KARI M. TARR

Alligator Contributing Writer

Computer viruses cost UF almost \$2 million in lost resources in 2003, according to a study conducted on the August attacks against its computer networks.

Local and national presenters will address issues like prevention and education at the seventh annual Information Technology Security Awareness Day on Oct. 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Reitz Union Auditorium.

"You can go sit down at a booth, type in your password and see how quickly a hacker can guess it."

**Dan Cromer** 

acting director of information technology, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

Anyone interested in security awareness can attend this free event presented by security experts from the FBI, Microsoft, Cisco and McAfee. Topics will range from hacking to forensics.

Besides the usual crowd of information-technology professionals, general users will have topics geared toward them, said John Polefko, the director of information technology for the College of Fine Arts.

"One topic this year, for example, is identity theft, which has the potential to affect anyone," Polefko said.

Eric Olson, assistant director of the Dudziak-McClintock Business Technology Center, said the event brings in speakers from outside UF with new viewpoints and up-to-date information on security risks.

"The most important thing is protecting the data we have: student records, grades, sensitive information. We have a responsibility to do ev-

erything reasonable to protect that information," Olson said.

Attendees can visit vendor booths set up outside the lecture halls with demonstrations of security software and how easily hackers can break into security systems.

"You can go sit down at a booth, type in your password and see how quickly a hacker can guess it," said Dan Cromer, acting director of information technology for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Many information-technology professionals agree the average person does not know how to adequately protect themselves.

Croner, a UF graduate, said he remembers the feeling of invincibility younger people have.

"My experience is that most students have that feeling of 'It won't happen to me," Croner said. "It's just a young person's attitude."

Event spokeswoman Julia Emko cited three basic ways students can protect themselves.

"Have one strong password, use the current updates by Microsoft and install an antivirus software program," Emko said.

McAfee is one such program available for free to all UF students.

Olson compared using the Internet to visiting the city of Amsterdam — there is a broad lack of understanding about the risk.

"There is a dark side, and it is important to know what you are doing," Olson said.

One afternoon session on identity theft is geared specifically toward students. However, anyone can benefit from attending the event, Croner said.

"Even if you are an art major, I can't think of any job that doesn't have some use of computers." he said.

ITSA Day is free and open to the public. No advance registration is required. For more information, visit www.itsa.ufl.edu or call 392-



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#### Saving the day

A Gainesville Fire Rescue worker tries to control a fire that broke out around 11:30 a.m. in an abandoned house at 14 NE 10th St. The cause remains unknown, according to GFR spokeswoman Shauna Traub.

# **UF reaches TurningPoint**

# Standard quiz system arrives

By STACEY WROBLE

Alligator Contributing Writer

What are radio-frequency waves, Alex?

That was the answer for the new, more cost-efficient personal-response system technology implemented at UF this Fall.

A technology first used in interactive game shows and corporate circles has gradually extended its market to higher

While the technology has been used sporadically in UF classes for the past few years, it has been adopted as the single system throughout campus, with installation in 26 classes.

In using the TurningPoint system, a professor accesses a PowerPoint slide featuring a multiple-choice question and projects the slide onto the overhead screen. Students select their answers by pressing the number or letter on their individual keypads that corresponds to it, which is then sent to a receiver via radio-frequency waves.

In an instant, the receiver gathers all of the responses sent and tabulates the results in PowerPoint.

"The TurningPoint system had the best feature set and the slickest interface of any of the other products we looked at," explained UF academic technologist Mark McCallister. "It was the most well-integrated product, with the most commonly used presentation tool: PowerPoint."

Radio-frequency technology is more efficient than infrared in its ability to receive response signals instantaneously, regardless of the number of signals sent. Additionally, its installation and upkeep require less effort on the part of UF's academic technologists.

"With the old systems, infrared receivers had to be installed in multiple areas of the classroom; as many as a half dozen receivers. They were difficult to deploy into

classrooms quickly," McCallister said.

To students, TurningPoint's most appealing feature may be its business model. TurningPoint keypads retail at an average of \$33.50.

"TurningPoint's receivers are more expensive, but it's a one-time charge," geology professor and member of the personal response selection committee Matthew Smith said. "Once you buy the clicker, it's yours; you can use it for as long as you want. With [other models we were considering] you'd pay a much smaller up-front cost, but then have to pay a semester fee each semester you registered the clicker."

In the past, students enrolled in several classes that used separate methods of personal response had to purchase different remotes dictated by class requirements. Those infrared receivers were sold at an average of \$20.

# **Fast to help Darfur survivors**

■ DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE REITZ UNION COLONNADE.

By CHERYL CLARKE
Alligator Contributing Writer

Human Rights Awareness on Campus wants the UF community's Thursday lunch money.

The group is asking UF students and staff to donate the money they normally would spend on one meal or luxury item, such as a recreational activity, to Darfur Fast, an event organized to help genocide survivors in Darfur, Sudan.

Darfur Fast will mark the anniversary of the first time President Bush used the word genocide to describe the situation in Darfur, HRAC President Nikolas Wolfe said.

"We have to do something once we use the word, otherwise it's null and void," he said.

The money donated at Darfur Fast will be given to the United Nations World Food Programme, an organization that distributes food to refugee camps.

Students from Stanford and Brandeis universities created Darfur Fast, which has grown to include more than 70 universities nationwide. With the involvement of companies and individuals, the event's fundraising goal has been pushed up to \$10 million, Wolfe said.

Donation locations will be set up on the Reitz Union Colonnade, the Broward Hall area and Anderson Hall on Thursday. HRAC will also table today at the Union to distribute information about Darfur as well as encourage students to sign pledge sheets to get involved in Darfur Fast.

Vanessa Toolsie, a UF junior and HRAC member, said the genocide in Darfur has been going on for two years, and nothing substantial has been done until now.

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She said that more than 3.5 million people are starving and 2.5 million have been displaced.

HRAC Secretary Ashley Rahing said she wishes more UF students knew about the genocide in Darfur.

"The fast is only for a day, but there are hundreds of thousands of refugees who are starving every day," she said. "If there is any way we can help, why shouldn't we?"

Those who have been displaced now live in camps in Darfur, where many have died of starvation, Wolfe said. The camps have become like concentration camps because they're overcrowded and the refugees have no place to go.

HRAC is a nonprofit organization that promotes activism and raises awareness about humanitarian issues.

For more information about the situation in Darfur, visit www.darfurfast.org.

Editorial

# **Instant text**

# Service follows corporate trend on campus

Telemarketers call us at home. Pornography stuffs our e-mail. Credit-card offers overflow from our mailbox. Now UF officials are trying to get us to give up our one private form of communication — cell phones.

A new text-messaging service is now available to students for free through Mobile Campus, an advertising company. The service allows the university to send emergency messages to students and gives student organizations a way to communicate

It's free to students and student organizations. And it's not being forced upon anyone; students must sign up and are able to choose which organizations' messages they want to receive.

But there are a few catches.

First of all, students must pay for the incoming text messages. Since the service has only been running for a couple of weeks, this cost isn't likely to be exorbitant. But if the service grows to the size it aims, it might be more than students originally expect.

Secondly, the whole thing is paid for by advertisements. Businesses pay Mobile Campus to circulate their ads to stu-

Admittedly, only two such messages a day are allowed to each student. Subscribers pick which companies to receive ads from, and every advertiser is required to give rebates.

We're not saying there aren't good intentions all around or that some students might not benefit from the service.

But this school is getting a little corporate.

The university gets millions of dollars to place Pepsi machines on campus. Advertisements are everywhere when concerts come to the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. And plasma screens that play repeating videos now adorn the walls of the Reitz Union food court, thanks to Mobile Campus.

With the text-messaging service, the university will even receive a cut of the advertising revenue

So we guess UF's motives weren't purely emergency oriented.

Why is an academic institution beginning to rely more heavily on the corporate world?

We hate to say it, but it's because our tuition is so low and our government is too stingy.

Just like public high schools have taken to opening their doors to the money of fast-food joints and snack foods, public colleges are taking the initiative of raising the budget through corporate inclusion.

UF President Bernie Machen wants to improve UF. That's not going to happen with the fiscal pittance that comes through this university's door.

Ever seen a private school with such overwhelming ad-

You won't, because those students pay tens of thousands of dollars, and those administrations can afford to pay for services rather than barter for them.

We're poor, and we have accept it.

Public universities are like the free software we download from the Internet: They're cheap, so we have to deal with the unwelcome pop-ups.

So students can sign up for the text-messaging service if they want to help the university's plight.

As for us, we think student organizations can reach us quickly enough through e-mail.

We can't really imagine a message from any club that is so urgent that it can't wait for us to check our inboxes.



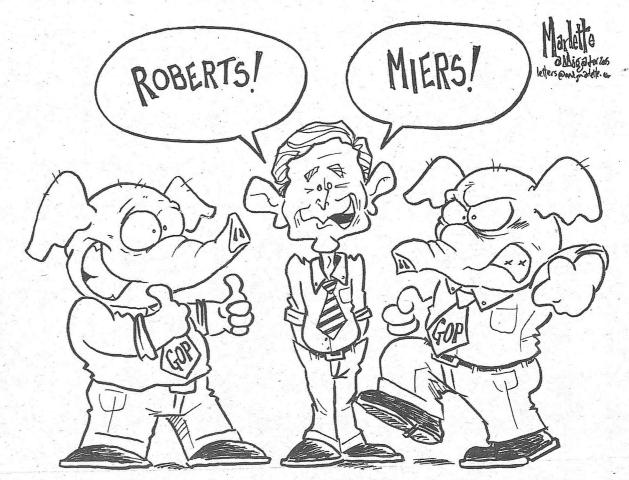
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Column

# Space exploration worthy of attention

Too often, the most amazing discoveries are the ones we

You're forgiven if you haven't been paying close attention to the Cassini-Huygens effort, a joint mission of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

The spacecraft, Cassini, and the probe, Huygens, garnered media attention when they launched on Oct. 15, 1997. They briefly flew back into the public eye when they arrived at their destination, Saturn, on July 1 of last year.

On Jan. 14, the Huygens probe successfully landed on

Titan, Saturn's largest moon.

And on Sept. 24, Cassini performed fly-bys of two other moons, Tethys and Hyperion. Remarkable photos taken of the moons' surfaces by the spacecraft can fail to delight only the most cynical. In a rather admirable move, NASA has placed video of the Hyperion flyby on its Web site, www.nasa.gov.

See anything on the nightly news? Read anything in your morning paper?

In so many ways, we live in an extraordinary scientific age. We're mapping the human genome and finding new and exciting paths to curing crippling diseases. Every day seems to bring new discoveries.

But something is missing.

Space exploration used to be the crown jewel of science, the ultimate symbol of man's limitless capacities. But where children once dreamed great dreams of exploring the universe, enthusiasm and childish joy have been replaced by the coldly mechanistic cost-benefit analyses of accountants.

Yes, it's been a rough time to be a fan of space exploration. With the tragic loss of the shuttle Columbia and its crew in 2003, and the assorted technical issues plaguing the aging shuttles since the disaster, it has become increasingly difficult to find officials willing to spend billions on space travel.

But we must.

The practical benefits of exploration are many, but they



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admittedly don't balance out the accountants' ledgers.

But men are not accountants. Men are explorers, and explorers are not always constrained by the strict logic of unforgiving numbers.

It is curiosity that is the spark of humanity, the trait that makes us human. It is curiosity that drives us to greatness and propels us along the timeline of history.

The men and women of NASA are but personifications of the noblest inclinations and instincts of mankind. From the astronauts to the janitors, these are the explorers of our age. These are our Balboas, our da Gamas.

And as those explorers faced the cynical cackling of bitter men without curiosity and without hope, so do our modern heroes. We have too many who can not see beyond the black and red inks of accounting books, who cannot imagine the joy of discovery and new knowledge

We are asked, "What are the benefits of space exploration?

We have a chance to know more tomorrow than we do

What is a nobler mission?

On Sept. 19, NASA Administrator Michael Griffin outlined a plan to return man to the moon by 2018. NASA plans to use this as a springboard for an eventual journey

Griffin and the rest of NASA should be greeted with just

Go to the moon, go to Mars, go to Pluto and beyond. Go and expand the very limits of our imagination.

Go. Remind us of what it means to be human.

Andrew Bare is a journalism senior. His column appears on Wednesday.

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#### Reader response

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**Guest Column** 

# Editorial unfair to pep rally

The Editorial Board's comments in Monday's Alligator pertaining to Gator Growl were unfair and didn't tell the whole story. The Alligator is entitled to its opinion about Florida Blue Key and Gator Growl. Regrettably, I believe our opinions often diverge.

FBK thinks Gator Growl is a wonderful opportunity for students to get real-world experience while upholding an 80-year tradition. The Alligator seems to think Growl and FBK — which are run by students — should be run like a Fortune 500 company. Unfortunately, by being student-run, we sometimes make mistakes, as the Alligator occasionally makes mistakes, like in Monday's editorial.

The editorial asked, "Is it a coincidence that most senators are members of [FBK]?" The fact is only 10 to 15 percent of senators are in FBK — a rumber that hardly constitutes "most senators."

The Alligator also stated that the "entire situation reeks of mismanagement and fiscal nonsense." This year, FBK cut nearly \$200,000 from the Gator Growl budget to make the show more fiscally responsible. Is this fiscal nonsense?

Additionally, the Alligator has consistently argued that Student Government subsidizing student tickets is wrong and a mismanagement of funding. To put on a show the students and alumni have come to expect, Growl costs a lot of money. In order to have a balanced budget, ticket prices have to be higher. This leaves two options: We can cut the comedians, fireworks and technical aspects of Gator Growl and charge \$5 to \$10 for everyone to come see the band and cheerleaders, or we can charge \$18 to everyone and SG can help subsidize the cost for students,

**Brian Roof**Speaking Out

allowing Growl to remain the best student-run pep - rally in the world. Plus,

the SG money never even touches an FBK bank account.

The Alligator said that most students aren't even going to buy the subsidized tickets; as of Friday, there were nearly 13,000 student tickets sold, surpassing last year's total figure a week early. Even if the last 2,000 students decide not to attend, the SG money will never come to Growl.

Finally, the Alligator claims that Gator Growl has not lived up to its reputation in recent years. The 2002 Cosby Growl had a sell-out crowd. The show in 2003 had around 40,000 people, which is about normal for Growl. Last year's show, unfortunately, came after four hurricanes hitting Florida, our football team losing to Mississippi State and our coach being fired. It is hard to have huge ticket sales after those circumstances.

Those who did attend still saw a great show.

FBK is not perfect when it comes to running Gator Growl, as the Alligator is far from perfect when it writes editorial opinions. Both are run, however, by students who make rookie mistakes.

I think it is time for the Alligator to stop throwing stones from their glass house on University Avenue and start supporting Florida traditions and student involvement rather than finding the negative in every positive. Right now there are 500 students working around the clock to ensure the best Growl ever.

With that: Let the Gator Growl!

Brian A. Roof is president of Florida Blue Key and a UF law student.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Filibuster important to balance

I believe many people (namely Republicans) have illusions as to the nature of our government, and I believe they should be enlightened.

The claim that a president has the absolute right to shape our Supreme Court is as ridiculous as the claim that Republicans have never filibustered or blocked a nominee. In fact, Republicans blocked far more nominees during President Clinton's terms than Democrats have during President Bush's. Historically, Republicans have used the filibuster far more often than Democrats.

This is not a damnation of the blocking of nominees or the use of the filibuster. Both are important because both exercise the intentions of our founding fathers, which were as much to protect the minority from the majority as vice versa. It is the Republicans who, now in power, have disrespect for the procedures of our government (a disrespect that extends beyond judicial nominees). It is

the absolute right of Congress to "advise and consent." Put simply, that means the right to say "no" to an unqualified nominee (or a crazy one, such as Robert Bork).

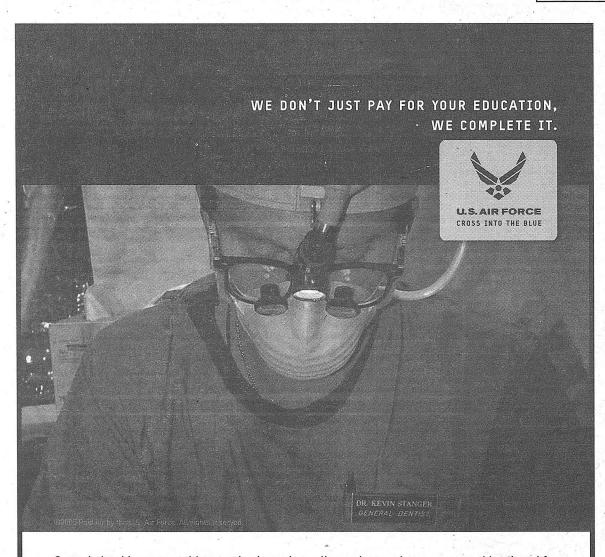
This system is called checks and balances, for those who didn't know

Peter Laumann 1LS

## Cracker cartoon makes a shameful, empty racism charge

The Alligator opinion page is looking more like a graffiti wall these days. Tuesday's "cracker" cartoon was not clever or insightful in any way. I understand that Marlette thinks his niche is edgy satire, but that's no excuse to abandon civility. The cartoon did nothing but level an empty, shameful charge of racism at the university's president. It was almost as tasteful as Marlette's blundering attempts to make humor out of disaster in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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# UF's Bacon wants to give namesake the sixth degree

#### By BRIDGET CAREY

Alligator Staff Writer bcarey@alligator.org

Kevin doesn't want you to know his last name.

Practically every time he says it, he is laughed at.

But it's not all bad.

When phoning in a restaurant reservation, he gets the best tables. And when he applies for a job, employers never forget him.

Such is the life of Kevin Bacon.

For the UF engineering junior and student senator, having a celebrity name is more often a burden than a blessing.

Every time he introduces himself to someone, he'll hesitate to say his last name. "Hi, I'm Kevin." A nearby friend will interrupt — "His name is Kevin BACON."

There's always a laugh.

"I know every joke that's coming," he said. There are numerous responses, and they've been the same since he was a kid. There hasn't been a new quip thrown at him in years, he said.

"Is Kevin Bacon your favorite actor?"

"Hey, I saw you in 'Footloose!'"
"Do you have six degrees of separation

between Kevin Bacon?"

The laughs and dreaded chatter about his name always follow.

But it's not funny for Bacon. It's his name.
"I can't see it objectively," Bacon said. "I have nothing to laugh at. It feels like they are

#### Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon

Kevin Bacon attends UF in Gainesville, where Keanu Reeves was recruited by Lucifer in "The Devil's Advocate."

But in "Constantine," **Keanu Reeves** fought the forces of darkness, saving **Rachel Weisz** along the way.

Rachel Welsz went on to spur Ralph Flennes' quest through Africa in "The Constant Gardener."

Ralph Flennes will terrorize the wizarding world as Lord Voldemort in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" alongside Alan Rickman's Professor Snape.

Kevin Costner made trouble for Alan Rickman, the Sheriff of Nottingham, as "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves."

In his role as a district attorney, **Kevin Costner** dug into the assassination of "JFK" with Hollywood's **Kevin Bacon**.

laughing at me

But depending on his mood, he'll make an effort to grin and try to be a good sport.

"I have to pretend it's still funny," he said.

#### All business

The 20-year-old talks seriously about his name. He strives to be an individual, wanting to be remembered for more than a famous coincidence

He's been active in the Benton Engineering Council and Student Government, and last Spring he was elected as a student senator for the Impact Party.

In Senate chambers every Tuesday night, Bacon is taken seriously. He's garnered the respect of the nearly 90 other SG representatives. Bacon doesn't hesitate to speak up about a bill and has taken part in authoring a few.

During the announcement of the SG election winners Sept. 29 at the Orange & Brew, with most everyone sporting either a Gator Party or Impact Party T-shirt, Bacon stood out from the crowd, wearing a black suede cowboy hat and an orange Innovate Party T-shirt from Spring 2004.

But when he steps away from SG, it's back to the usual quips.

When roll is called in class, professors cannot suppress the urge to call out his full name.

He compares the annoyance to waiting at a red light in the middle of the night. He sits and takes it.

"My first name is Kevin Bacon," he said. "It's almost like I don't have a last name."

#### Understanding the annoyance

There are rare instances when someone doesn't make the celebrity connection.

His girlfriend of five months, Student Sen. Adelle Fontanet, said she didn't know who Kevin Bacon, the actor, was when she was first introduced to Bacon.

After they began hanging out, Fontanet said she was surprised at Bacon's annoyed reaction to his celebrity name.

"People think it's funny. Why don't you think it's funny?" she would ask him.

But after seeing how his name gets laughs three or four times a day, she understands.

"It definitely annoys him," Fontanet said.

#### Not a fan

The actor is a pop-culture icon for a few reasons, but one that pops into many heads is the game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." The object of the game is to connect any actor to Kevin Bacon in six or fewer degrees of separation.



Jennifer Walker / Alligator

Student Sen. Kevin Bacon sits outside Senate chambers Tuesday night. On a daily basis, the engineering student is compared to his actor namesake and nemesis.

But Kevin Bacon, student, isn't trivia savvy. He said he was never interested in seeing if he could connect to a movie star.

To answer another popular question, Kevin Bacon is not a Kevin Bacon fan. He hasn't even seen "Footloose."

As a gag gift from high school friends, he received the soundtrack to the film. The CD is still in its plastic wrapping.

"What am I being remembered for?" Bacon asks. It's disconcerting to know that throughout his life, he sticks in everyone's mind as the guy with the same name as that actor, he said.

'That has nothing to do with who I am."

#### Actor or sandwich?

When learning his name, some suggest it was a cruel joke of Bacon's parents.

But in 1985, his parents didn't think it would be a big deal, Bacon said.

Bacon's mother wanted to name him Kevin because it was a strong, Gaelic name meaning "handsome one," he said. His father said he wanted to name him Mickey. His mother won, and he became Kevin Luke Bacon on April 19, 1985

At the end of his high-school career, Bacon decided he would start telling people his name was Mickey when he got to UF. If every-

one knew him as Mickey, he thought, perhaps he could be taken more seriously and be seen as an individual.

But after more thought, Bacon realized that many names are shortened into nicknames friends give. For instance, Jennifer becomes Jenny. Patrick becomes Pat. If his friends shortened Mickey, he'd be Mick. Mick Bacon.

#### No laughing matter

It's a battle Bacon will continue to fight for years. The jokes will continue to pour in, and Bacon will continue to prove he's more than a famous name. He still doesn't laugh along.

"I'm not a good sport," he said.

He wishes he could feel the same excitement as others do when they learn of his name for the first time.

When the comments pour in, as expected, he stands there with an unimpressed attitude and brushes it off. He has no choice.

"Hey, Kevin Bacon," they say. "I saw your enis!"

He's heard that one before, too.

"I wish people could know how unoriginal they are."

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# **Author talks about** media-politics fight

By DONNA MITRANI Alligator Contributing Writer

Columnist Craig Crawford spoke about the ongoing battle between politicians and the media to about a dozen listeners at the UF Bookstore on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The purpose of Crawford's lecture was to discuss his new book, "Attack the Messenger: How Politicians Turn You Against the Media," which came out this month. Crawford wrote the 40,000-word book in 30 days for news consumers, students and people trying to find the truth, he said.

The book was inspired by an interview that took place in 1988 between CBS' Dan Rather and the vice president at the time, George Bush, Crawford said.

In the interview, Rather wanted to ask questions focusing on Bush's involvement in the Iran-Contra Affair, but the Bush campaign had anticipated this and prompted him to verbally attack Rather.

The interview ended up with Rather and Bush yelling at each other, and the story's focus shifting from the Iran-Contra Affair to the pair's televised fight.

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Growl," he added.

tickets for the event.

of the show.

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the winner will be announced at the show.

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when bad relations between politicians and the media escalated from conventional warfare to nuclear warfare, Crawford said.

"Sometimes you have to get people angry to get people to open up."

**Craig Crawford** columnist

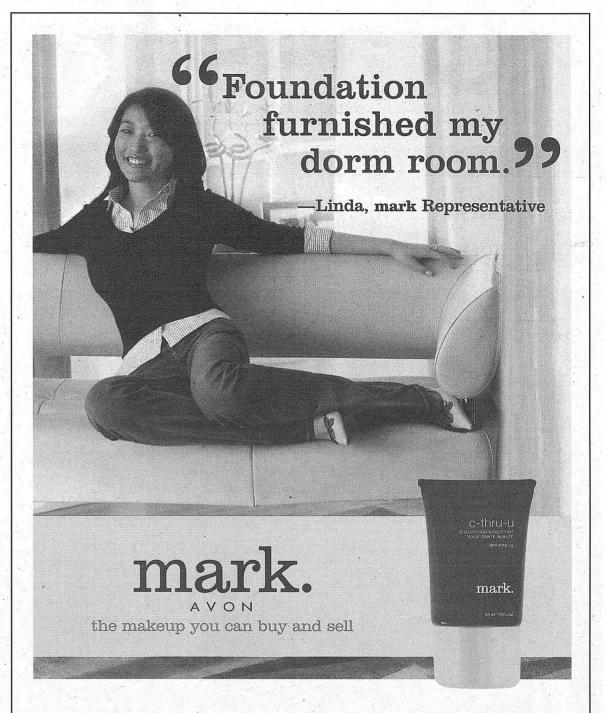
He said the public should allow the media to be rude rather than make it an issue every time a reporter asks tough questions and gets brutal.

"Sometimes you have to get people angry to get people to open up," Crawford said.

He then discussed the public's

dislike of the media and said his book includes polling data that proves public distrust of the in-

Part of the problem is that the media doesn't stand up for itself, he said. Crawford cited the media's Hurricane Katrina coverage as an example, in which many members of the media have been criticized for reporting incorrectly.



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year, Student Government allocated \$140,000 of its tuitionfunded Activity & Service Fee budget to subsidize student

CRIME, from page 1

quires UPD to disclose information about crime on and near campus.

The act was named in memory of Jeanne Anne Clery, who was raped and murdered in her Lehigh University dorm room.

Clery was asleep while her attacker gained access to her room through unlocked doors.

"Students need to take precaution and not leave doors unlocked," Sharkey said.

Congress to enact this law because they discovered that students hadn't been told about 38 violent crimes on campus in the three years before her

There was an e-mail sent out to all students on the UF listserv regarding the report and the information available to students about campus security.

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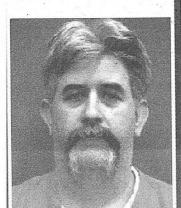
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# Making the Grade

# cademics jump-starts Young's UF career

By NICK ZACCARDI Alligator Writer

n a team chock-full of scoring it, yet devoid of a true super-Jessica Young fits in perfectly. he senior forward has four s this season and a lone goal, she's not griping over playing

oung has just two goals in her e career at UF, but that's two than she expected to get four

ne graduated from Neptune h Fletcher High in 2002, a team all-state member of a I Four squad.

ut that wasn't good enough

look at her.

"Really, in soccer, it's different unless you're really a big star player," Young said. "You kind of have to do your own recruiting. I sent letters out and videos out."

A Gators fan growing up, most of those letters were addressed to Gainesville and UF coach Becky

"I sent her a video and my profile, and basically it was just me kind of being persistent," Young said. "[Stressing that] 'I'm going to be at this tournament, and come to this tournament.""

Through scheduling mix-ups, the UF staff couldn't make it to

for high-profile colleges to take a any of Young's club games, only managing to watch her on the high school field.

> By the time UF had seen her and Young made the decision to come to UF, it was too late for a scholarship.

#### Brains over brawn

That didn't deter Young, who had been playing soccer since she was 9.

"So then I said to myself, 'Well I need to get in academically," she said. "I wasn't a scholarship athlete, so the coaches said, 'You can walk on now and we'll see how you do.'

Getting in academically pre-

sented a bigger challenge.

"What I did was early admission because I wasn't sure whether or not I was going to get a scholarship," Young said. "So you receive your admittance [letter] early and I was flat-out denied."

A fighter, Young wasn't ready to give up and fall back on other schools like Texas, Florida State or Colorado.

"I take everything kind of as a lesson," she said. "I don't do pity parties for me. It was kind of like where do you go from here? What are my options now? You've just got to fight for whatever it is that you want."

The aspiring Gator found her battlefield when a family friend informed her of UF's appeals process. Young began working harder in high school, improving her grade-point average from 3.5 to 3.8 and accumulating leadership positions in soccer and other extra-curricular activities. Young even took the SAT three times to improve her score.

That, combined with an interview with an admissions officer, gave Young hope of making it

"We were proud that she didn't give up and stuck with it," said Young's father Stuart. "She did what she needed to do. She persevered."

Soccer was put on the backburner, as working toward academic admission to UF took Young's full attention. Still, Young continued pestering Burleigh.

"I always kept touch with Becky and just told her kind of what was going on with me," Young said. "I probably did send her an e-mail when I wasn't accepted, and then when I was going to try and appeal. [She said,] 'Ok, just let me

know how it goes.'"

Burleigh held a spot on the team for Young, even though it wasn't a given that she would make it through the appeal.

"The fact that she really wanted to be a Gator made a big impact on us," Burleigh said. "It's always great to have people here who understand the rivalries, who bleed orange and blue before they get here. She certainly was like that and that helps a lot in the recruiting process.

Next on her agenda after squeezing into UF academically, Young had to walk on to the defending Southeastern Conference championship-winning

Coming in as a preferred walkon, Young's athletic battle wouldn't

scale the same heights as her academic journey.

There are preferred walk-ons and there are tryouts," Young said. "Preferred walk-ons are basically on the team. So it wasn't necessarily a tryout versus somebody different who tries out. It was more of a tryout personally than it was in the vernacular."

Young made the team, but didn't collect a single start until this sea-

"The fact that she really wanted to be a Gator made a big impact on us."

**Becky Burleigh** UF soccer coach

"I love it," Young said about coming off the bench. "If anything, when you're off [the field] playing offense, you can always play hard defense. That's always something I've been able to do, it's a mental-

Instead, her role on the team serves a bigger purpose than tallying points.

Young is one of three captains on the team this season, and she has earned it, Burleigh said.

"I just think there's a ton of respect for her on this team," Burleigh said. "She always goes out of her way to help people, whether it's freshmen or upperclassmen. That makes them spect her."

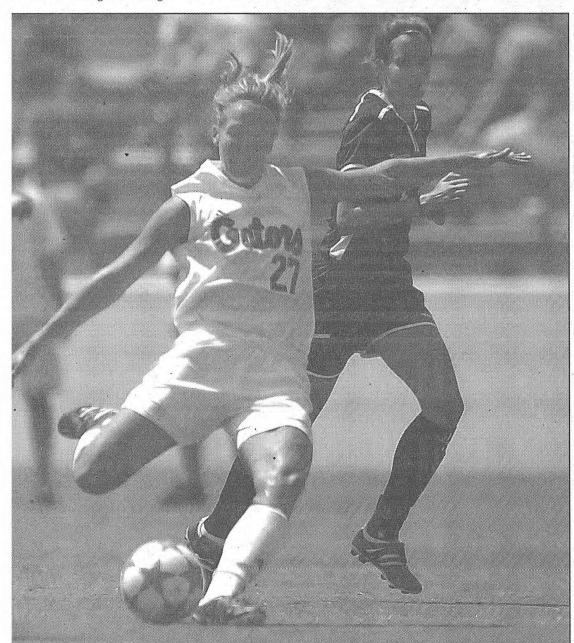
With her collegiate career winding down, Young has started looking to the future, which will start with a year off from school.

She is looking at the public service field, either joining the Peace Corps or the Carter Center. The center, started by President Jimmy Carter, aims toward advancing human rights and alleviating suffering.

"My intentions are eventually to go into grad school for psychology," said Young, who majors psychology and anthropology. "Life experience before then is pretty important. Peace Corps and the Carter Center each have altruistic motives. I want to serve, help people that are in need.'

Looking back on the experience, Young can take satisfaction in what she has accomplished.

"I didn't expect this," she said. "It's not about soccer anymore at this point, it's more about life because it's been this psychologically, emotionally and physically taxing experience. I've learned so much and gained so much from it. That's what I have to take with me the rest of my life."



ore senior forward Jessica Young could take shots at SEC opponents, she had to score admission into Despite not receiving an athletic scholarship, she persisted unitl gaining admission academically.

# econdary seeks confidence; defense to retain scheme, personnel

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I line.

When our free safeties, corners and ng safeties are not making the plays they have all year, you have a harder e playing the style of defense we play," rer said.

All problems aside, the secondary remains confident, Brown said.

"All the mistakes that happened on Saturday are mistakes that could be corrected," Brown said. "We came back and corrected them on Monday."

Cornerbacks coach Chuck Heater said they just have to get back out and play to build their confidence back up.

As far as making any personnel changes,

there just isn't anyone else, Herring said.

"Depth was a problem, so you can't really do anything," he said. "You just have to make them better."

Gators Defense

Although both touchdowns came on zone coverage, that won't change the way UF schemes defen-

Heater said UF must use both zone

and man coverages to stay ahead of the

"It doesn't matter what defense you play; you have to execute it," Heater said. You have to make the play - that's what is asked of you in every defense no matter what it is, man or zone."

Otherwise, a defense can go from "one of the best" to "not very good" in one game.

# Gators secondary struggles with zone

**SAFETIES LOOK TO RE-**COVER FROM LOSS.

By IAN FISHER

Alligator Staff Writer

All it took was two plays. Two long touchdown plays by Alabama, and before Tide receiver Keith Brown can turn a short pass into a 65-yard touchdown, UF's secondary is suddenly in question.

'Up until this point, they were one of the best secondaries in the country," Coach Urban Meyer said. "A couple of great throws and a couple missed tackles, and now we're not a very good secondary.'

How did this happen?

The Gators were in zone coverage on both plays, even though Meyer prefers a mancoverage defense.

And both were because of mistakes by sophomore free safety Kyle Jackson.

The first play was an 87-yard bomb to Alabama's speedy Tyrone Prothro, who was being covered by cornerback Vernell Brown off the line. Prothro ran aspost route and ended up by himself behind Brown around the UF 45-yard line. Jackson was nowhere to be found.

"They found a hole in the. zone," Brown said. "The free safety was supposed to be back



UF safety Kyle Jackson fails to catch Alabama receiver Keith Brown on a 65-yard touchdown catch during the Gators' 31-3 loss to the Crimson Tide.

On that play, strong safety Jarvis Herring was playing up. Although it appeared that Prothro beat Brown, that wasn't the case because it was zone

"The way you cover that the line of scrimmage. Brown position, he was already so far ran past Dee Webb, but Jackson

away, so [Brown] was in perfect shape," Herring said. "Even if Vernell wasn't there, it was the safety's fault."

On the second play, quarterback Brodie Croyle threw a short slant to Brown 7 yards off

was back and should have been able to make a tackle. He overpursued and took the wrong angle and Brown ran toward the middle of the field, leaving a handful of UF defenders chasing after him as he crossed the

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# Meyer criticism excessive despite 'Bama blowout

ere any of you naïve enough to book passage to Pasadena in September?

I hope not. Domestic airlines have enough troubles on their hands without fielding cancellation requests from disillusioned and fickle football fans.

Is anybody out there that surprised that oh my God – UF actually lost a game?

Did any of you really believe that the Gators would blaze a westward trail to the Rose Bowl just because of a new coach?

Don't count on Urban leading your imaginary wagon train.

[People were saying] we're going to Pasadena after we beat Tennessee," Meyer said. "I don't even know where Pasadena is. I don't worry about that."

Then man cranks out 17 consecutive wins while dominating the Mountain West Conference, and he's suddenly the second coming of Spurrier. And why did Gator

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Nation consider it essential to deify the coach? Just to martyr. him when he didn't live up to their ridiculous expectations only five games into the season?

Of course, it hurt. The 31-3 elephant bitch slap UF sustained on Saturday

smarted worse than Tyrone Prothro's busted leg. Well, that's if your name isn't Mike Shula. Great call, Coach.

The thrashing seemed to prove the preseason hypotheses of Meyer naysayers far and wide: The gimmicky spread option won't work against the speed of SEC defenses.

Now, it's all aboard for message-board zealots, trying to railroad a promising young coach out of town. Some are even suggesting

that the Ol' Ball Coach still would return to UF if not for Athletics Director Jeremy Foley. Rubbish? Probably.

Because a bare-chested 300-pound, 45year-old man, who spends his day with one Cheeto-stained hand toggling between Bangbus and Gator Country and the other firmly tucked inside his BVDs, isn't exactly a reliable source.

Still, no matter how invalid, the gossip relates an underlining sense of panic throughout at least a large - and I definitely mean that in more ways than one - segment of Gator Nation.

But here's something other than a Slim Jim to chew on: Not so long ago, another UF coach was annihilated in his first big-time road game.

His name was Steve Spurrier.

After Spurrier defeated perennial pow-

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# **UF** learns from loss

By IAN FISHER

Alligator Staff Writer

UF captain Jarvis Herring obviously didn't want to lose against Alabama Saturday, but he said it served a purpose.

"Some of the stuff [Coach Urban Meyer] talks about sometimes, the guys finally really bought into it," Herring said. "Some of the stuff he tells us, you think 'this isn't true' or 'this can't be real.'

"We're figuring it out now. Everything he says, it comes true."

Herring said a lot of the younger players couldn't understand what Meyer was saying until they actually experienced such a bad loss.

"Coaches know from experience, but players don't know because they're not old enough or mature enough to understand about certain things you have to do to consistently get victories," Herring said.

That being said, Herring felt like a highly-contested game, not Alabama's 31-3 domination of UF, would have made the Gators listen.

"We needed a wake up call," Herring said. "We didn't need to lose that bad, though. We got our [butts] whooped."

PRACTICE NOT TOUGHER: Meyer said he isn't any more intense in practice after losses. In fact, he's tougher on his players after they win.

"I learned this a long time ago," Meyer said. "You coach them the same pretty much, but you even turn it up more when you win. When you lose, you have to fix the problems. When you win, you think you have all the answers.'

WHO'S YOUR DRADDY?: UF center Mike Degory was named a semifinalist for the 2005 Draddy Trophy by The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

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erhouse Alabama, 17-13, in his second game as coach in 1990, Gators fans proclaimed a changing of the guard in the SEC.

Less than a month later, No. 5 Tennessee embarrassed No. 9 UF, 45-3, in Knoxville. Sound a little familiar?

After Meyer's Gators knocked off the Volunteers, hopes ran as high as ever.

Now, because of one loss - albeit a blowout - the man can't coach?

Please. Consider what he's working with. This was a 7-5 team last season.

Could you imagine Ron Zook's Gators doing

anything but peeing themselves during the second half of the Tennessee game?

To adapt a Zookism, the Gators are getting tougher and tougher.

And if this team responds to adversity like the 1990 UF squad, which finished the season 9-2, Meyer deserves a Gator Nation of indentured servants.

With the parity found in the SEC today, one loss — to a western division team at that — means little. With a leg up on Tennessee, it wouldn't be shocking to see the Gators in Atlanta come December.

So hop off those message boards and start rebooking those flights.

## Degory finalist for Draddy award

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success, football performance and exemplary community leadership.

Degory is one of 184 semifinalists and was nominated by UF. He is majoring in physical education teaching with minors in education and business. He is also very involved in the community, as he has been named to the Southeastern Conference Good Works Team

Degory sat out Tuesday's practice with minor ankle and knee injuries, but will likely return today, Meyer said.

UF SLEEPS EASY: Following concerns that the Gators may be forced to fly to Baton Rouge, La., the morning of the LSU game next week, the Gators have found hotel accommodations in Lafayette, La., about an hour from the city.

When Tennessee played LSU on Sept. 26, the Volunteers were forced to fly to Baton Rouge on game day and leave that night.

Meyer said that was more feasible for the Vols since it was a night game, but the Gators play at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

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