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UPD safety week shows the ropes

TRAFFIC AWARENESS WEEK WILL INCLUDE A BIKE SAFETY CLASS TODAY AT 3 P.M.

By CHRISTOPHER HIATT

Alligator Contributing Writer

Sean Donovan, a 22-year-old electrical engineering senior, remembers his accident on a bicycle during the Fall of his freshman year.

"I was riding in the bike lane on Museum Road, near Frat Row, when a truck tried to take a quick turn to avoid traffic and broadsided me," Donovan said.

Dohovan broke his arm in the crash, and the incident was immediately reported to University Police.

But most traffic incidents, including bicycle accidents, aren't reported to UPD, said officer Holly Thomas.

This is one reason why UPD is hosting its bi-annual Traffic Awareness Week on campus. The series of events focuses its efforts on raising awareness of traffic safety and law among UF students.

Police officials kicked off the week Monday morning by distributing "Headlight on Traffic," a safety newsletter designed to raise awareness among students. UPD will also host a free bicycle-safety class at 3 p.m. today in its community services classroom.

While the class is geared toward those who have received a citation, officials are urging all students to attend.

"This is really about trying to get the information out there," said UPD officer Darren Sanders.

This week's activities are designed to raise awareness of the problems UF students face when combining cars, bikes and pedestrians in a congested area. It will also help students understand the law as it applies to them.

"There are 20,000 bikes on campus each day, and they need to be aware that bicycles are treated like cars on campus," said UPD Capt. Jeff Holcomb.

Running a stop sign or a stoplight on a bicycle results in a \$118 fine. The

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bicycle-safety class is offered as an alternative to paying the fine, Holcomb said.

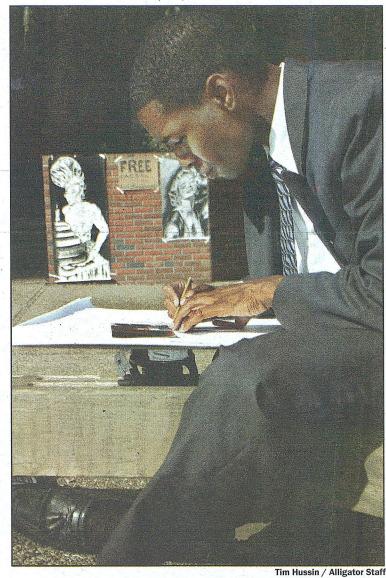
"It's kind of a get-out-of-jail-free card, but it's on a one-time basis,' Holcomb said.

Pedestrian and traffic safety is a long-standing issue at UF. There were eight bicycle injuries reported on campus in 2004, and four pedestrians were injured in traffic-related incidents.

UPD hosts an awareness week on campus each semester. In the Spring, it targets Spring Break in order to promote alcohol awareness as well as traffic safety.

Holcomb said this semester's events could not come at a better time.

"Fall is even more important because you have so many freshmen who don't know the rules," he said.



He's back

Jimmie Williams sketches a charcoal portrait of a student on Turlington Plaza. Williams drew free sketches while displaying his work Monday. See story, pg. 4.

AROUND GAINESVILLE Architecture grad students to design urban village

By JESSICA RIFFEL

Alligator Writer

UF architecture graduate students have been given the opportunity to design a student village around Southwest 20th Avenue.

"We look for the involvement of our students in real life situations so they can better understand the subject," UF School of Architecture Director Martha Kohen said.

The chance arose after UF architecture professor Martin Gold received a \$20,000 grant from the Alachua County Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to develop designs for the 20th Avenue area.

Gold's graduate students will work on the design for a high density urban student village, which could include apartments, shops, restaurants and parks.

"In this case, we are looking for an urban village, which is a point of intensity in the urban world," Kohen said.

She said the project should provide a walkable, environmentally healthy and social

UF architecture students have been involved in city and county design in the past.

"We look for the involvement of our students in real life situations so they can better understand the subject."

Martha Kohen

UF School of Architecture director

They presented a design for the Depot Avenue Eco-Development Project in 1999, and building construction students were given the opportunity to restore a historic dance hall in East Gainesville in 2004.

"The school of architecture is very interested and has been involved in the city of Gainesville and Alachua County issues,' Kohen said

This isn't a first for the issue of urban planning in the Southwest 20th Avenue area either. Meetings have been held since the mid-'90s regarding redevelopment and road construction on and around Southwest 20th

The ideas focused on making the area more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.

Plans also include provisions to reduce the traffic congestion.

■ UF point guard Taurean Green will orchestrate a newlook Gators' offense this season. Without UF's top-three scorers from last season, Green says the whole team must pick up the slack. See story, pg. 16.



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Continuous building and construction projects on UF's campus have not hindered its commitment to nature and wildlife, gaining certification as a sanctuary from the Audubon Society. See story, pg. 4. .

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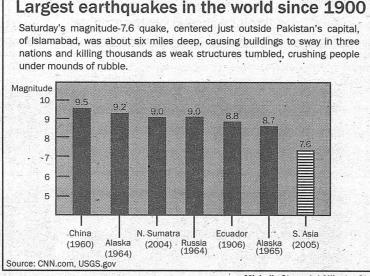
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Students can get legal information with their pizza

By CHRISTINA SIMAK

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Would University Police be harsher on possession of a fake ID or marijuana? What happens if a student is caught drinking underage in a dorm? Can Party Patrol hold the host of a party responsible for incidents that occur there? What happens if a driver refuses a sobriety test?

Campus Diplomats will hold its Laws Over Lunch event on campus to answer these and more legal questions over pizza today on the Reitz Union Colonnade at 11:30 a.m.

The presentation will feature speakers from

UPD, Student Legal Services, Student Judicial Affairs and the Office of the Ombudsman.

"Most people come into school thinking they know their rights, but at a university, the rules are different," said junior Amanda Shapiro, chairwoman of the program.

She said the program will open with a short presentation from each speaker, followed by questions from a moderator, then an open question-and-answer session.

Moderator Dave Boneparth said students' most frequent questions concern underage drinking, DUIs, house and apartment leases, fake IDs, traffic tickets, campus safety and academic-honesty policies.

"Underage drinking is a hot topic on cam-

"Most people come into school thinking they know their rights, but at a university, the rules are different."

> Amanda Shapiro Laws Over Lunch chairwoman

pus right now," he said. "All the questions we ask are based on students' feedback."

Daintry Cleary, director of Student Legal Services, will discuss consumer law, criminal charges, divorce, adoption, name change and other family matters that affect students Boneparth said the program tries to direct students to the service that can help them.

"Most students who are unhappy about their grades don't know that they can go to the ombudsman with a dispute," he said. "They don't know what happens when an officer comes to their home during a party or what their rights are."

UPD spokesman Capt. Jeff Holcomb said the forum gives students a chance "to ask questions of people who enforce the laws and rules of campus in a less intimidating atmosphere."

Shapiro said the event usually lasts one or two hours and expects about 100 attendees. Although registration is recommended, Shapiro said walk-in students are welcome.

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UF recognized for environmental leadership

Alligator Writer

Though UF is a site of seemingly constant construction projects, the campus has not lost its natural beauty and continues to be a sanctuary for wildlife, earning it a sanctuary designation by a prestigious nature-conservation group.

UF is the first university to become a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International, a not-for-profit environmental-education organization.

"It was a very fulfilling experience," said Jan Weinbrecht, former UF biological scientist. "The campus set a standard nationwide."

UF was given the designation for maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in five areas: environmental planning, wildlife habitat management, resource conservation, waste management, and outreach and education.

According to the Audubon International Web site, certification is a way to recognize properties and people who are demonstrating environmental leadership through real, meaningful action.

There are 607 certified sanctuaries worldwide including businesses, schools and golf courses in the United States, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe and Southeast Asia.

Audubon International also teamed

"The campus set a standard nationwide."

> Jan Weinbrecht former UF biological scientist

with UF to launch the organization's Sustainable Communities Campaign for Florida. The only other university to participate in this program is North Carolina State University.

To help with this campaign, UF announced in September the creation of the Office of Sustainability, which is intended to help pursue current environmental, social and economic welfare projects, such as new buildings, throughout campus

without compromising its resources for the future.

Audubon International's education and certification programs are serving as a basis for training with UF faculty providing outreach programs, research expertise and on-site consultation for program members. This effort is to help Audubon test programs specifically designed for university

and college campuses.
Sustainability efforts with Audubon will assist the organization's collective research and staff strengths to provide better and more available tools for Floridians looking to balance economic, social and environmental goals in communities across the



Kristin Nichols / Alligator

A plaque in the Corry Village butterfly garden commemorates the victims of last year's tsunami disaster, some of whom were family and friends of residents.

Garden honors tsunami vict

By ASHLEY ORTAGUS Alligator Contributing Writer

Saiprassad Gunasegaran walks by the flowers every day after school and pictures the faces of the children who were lost.

The butterfly garden near his UF Corry Village home was created shortly after the 2004 tsunami to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the disaster.

Saiprassad, 13, said he particularly reflects on those who were affected in his home country of Malaysia.

The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake was one of the deadliest disasters in decades, and more than 150,000 people were killed off the coasts of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South India, Thailand and other countries including Malaysia.

Saiprassad said his aunt and uncle who live off the northern coast of Malaysia were affected by the tsunami. Although part of their land was damaged, they were fortunate enough not to lose their lives

"When I am standing in the but-terfly garden, it's nice because it reminds me of the tsunami victims," Saiprassad said. "Every day in the

evenings, I walk with my friends near the garden, and I can picture the faces of small children that died in the tsunami."

Carolina Gomez, programming staff assistant manager and resident of Corry Village, said the idea for the butterfly garden began during People Awareness Week, shortly after the tsunami happened.

"The butterfly garden was something that was initiated by our residents, and we wanted to show our support for them."

Mohammed Hussain UF director of family and residential housing

"It was a group of people's idea to start something to help relieve the grief," she said.

Gomez said after they had the idea for the butterfly garden, they requested funds from the Department of Housing and Residence Education. Six months later, their request was granted, and Gomez was asked to create a design for the garden.

The housing department contributed \$900, and the UF Grounds Department Physical Plant supplied the materials and assistance needed to create the butterfly

Mohammed Hussain, UF director of family and residential housing, said he wanted to become involved with the project because so many of his residents were affected by the disaster.

"The butterfly garden was something that was initiated by our residents, and we wanted to show our support for them," Hussain said.

President of the South Asian Student Alliance Prasanna Duraira was not involved with the creation of the butterfly garden, but she said it is a great way for those deeply affected by the tragedy to preserve their memories about their lost

It is the responsibility of Gomez and other Corry Village residents to maintain the butterfly garden.

Ă plaque in the 700-square-foot butterfly garden commemorates the lives of those lost during the tsunami.

Artist prevails in fight to stay at UF

By TIM HUSSIN Alligator Writer

Hovering over his artist's pad, Jimmie Williams sketches the image of a student's face in Turlington Plaza on Monday a privilege that was previously revoked.

All it took to get it back was some persistence and the help of an anonymous student orga-

After he was asked to leave campus by University Police on two occasions for selling portraits without a proper permit, a student organization offered to include him under their permit so he could return.

Williams, 30, of Lake Butler, has been trying to make his name as an artist known around Gainesville.

"The whole goal is to be-come renowned, and I think I'm doing a good job of that," Williams said.

He said the best way to get his name out is to do the drawings for free.

'Sometimes you have to give something to get something," Williams said.

In July, Williams was asked to leave campus for the first time. He charged about \$5 for a portrait near his spot at the Hub, but now he does facial portraits for free.

"I'm not a vendor," Williams said. "I'm just trying to market my name. I'm not trying to sell anything.

The conflict on campus caused awareness of his situ-

He said there was an upheaval from the students who saw what happened when he was kicked off campus about three weeks ago, and a student organization reached out to

"People saw what hap-pened and offered to help me after they saw the injustice,'

he said.

Although Williams was kicked off campus twice, he is back to demonstrate his persistence.

"I think many times people limit themselves when they try and give up," Williams said. "That's something I want to help them overcome. That's what I'm doing here."

Williams did not give up his goal of becoming an artist and now is appearing at Gator Nights on Oct. 21 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"Why would you quit on something you believe in?" Williams questioned. "Quitters never win, and winners never quit.

Jean-Victor Legros, Williams' partner Student who moved to Gainesville 2000 from Haiti to attend SFCC, helps Williams

with graphic design. He printed out pictures of Kanye West for Williams to draw and give to West when he comes to Gainesville on

Oct. 13 Williams said he hopes this will boost his career by catching West's attention with the

"He's got a lot of ambition," Legros said of Williams. "That's

what you need to make it."

Williams said he will not stop here but will take his name worldwide.

"The beauty of the whole world is what I'm after now," Williams said. "America is beautiful, but it's just a very small part of the whole. My No. 1 goal is to touch as many lives as I can through my art-

He said his next ambition is to take his work to Europe, the birthplace of original artists.

"If I don't reach as many souls as I can, I'll leave the Earth unfulfilled," he said.

NATIONAL

Miers' nomination causes in-party division, doubt

By OLIVIA ORMOS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Harriet Miers' qualifications to be a Supreme Court justice and her views on privacy rights will be the focus of her confirmation hearings, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter said Monday.

Miers must show she can handle complicated legal issues and that she has not cut deals with the White House to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion, Specter, R-Pa., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

President Bush's nomination of Miers, a longtime confidante and White House counsel but never a judge, has caused division among conservatives. A leader of the right said he will not be satisfied until it is clear whether she would vote to overturn the abortion ruling.

A chorus of complaints and cheers from both liberals and conservatives echoed throughout campus since Bush's decision last week to appoint Miers to replace Sandra Day O'Connor.

Miers has worked on previous judicial nominations with many of the same senators who will now judge her candidacy.

"I believe it is better to have a constitutional jurist on the Supreme Court, not to take away from her career in Texas where it is an old boys network, but there is a difference between practicing law and interpreting the Constitution," said Richard Conley, UF political science professor.

Conley said there is legitimate criticism that Bush chose the White House counsel for the position and can see the appointment as a type of cronyism, or hidden power relationships.

Conley said both Democrats and Republicans are nervous but for different reasons. Democrats could try to filibuster this case. Republicans hope Miers will be an ultra conservative.

"Everyone knows that Counsel Miers has a good relationship with the president, and she is obviously someone he respects and trusts," College Republicans Chairwoman Ashlee Black said. "I don't think that our president would make a decision and not understand the importance of it."

Black said she is extremely supportive of the president and proud of his appointment. She hasn't heard contradictory views from the College Republicans.

"I do not think that Roe versus Wade will be overturned anytime in the near future. I think this is a cry that the Democrats are using to scare people," Black said.

"Miers' religious background has nothing to do with her ability to be a good judge."

Black said the College Republicans feel the president knew what he was doing when he picked Miers. Approximately 10 to 15 percent of Americans want to do away with abortion altogether, and 50 to 65 percent feel that abortion should be legal with some restrictions, Conley said.

"You can be an evangelical and you can be self-described pro-life," Gary Bauer, president of the American Values Coalition, said of Miers. "But it doesn't tell us what she will do about a decision like Roe that has been set in stone now for over 30 years. And that's the rub."

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College Republicans chairwoman

Specter, noting that a justice has lifetime tenure, said, "If there are backroom assurances and if there are backroom deals and if there is something which bears upon a precondition as to how a nominee is going to vote, I think that's a matter that ought to be known."

Specter and the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat, Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, are considering having James Dobson, founder of the social conservative group Focus on the Family, testify to the panel.

Dobson has said he is confident that Miers opposes abortion, based on private assurances from the White House.

Disputing that, Leahy said Miers assured him she had not made any promises on how she would vote on Roe.

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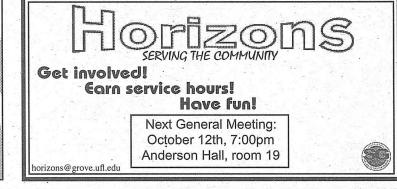
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Staying put

Pulling troops out of Iraq is unreasonable

mericans are really getting on our nerves. Four years ago, all we heard was how the United States was going to free Iraqis, restore order to the world and overcome all evil.

Now most of us seem disillusioned with the war.

In fact, only 48 percent of those surveyed in a New York Times/CBS News poll thought the United States did the right thing by invading Iraq.

A little late, don't you think? Or are these different Americans than the ones who supported this crazy mission in the first place?

A majority of Americans supported going to war, and now

a majority of Americans are against it. Turn on the television, and you'll see liberals insisting that

the government bring our troops home.

Apparently, these guys never received the most fundamental childhood lesson: Finish what you started. Or to translate it to the current situation: Finish cleaning up the mess you

We have a solution: Why don't all those who claim to care about our troops enlist?

We don't have nearly enough soldiers to control the chaos. More troops would mean more stability and less danger.

Unfortunately, not many people want to enlist when a war is going on. Instead, we send a few out to do our dirty work, and then we cry foul when it doesn't go as planned.

None of the Editorial Board believes the United States should have invaded Iraq in the first place. We were against it then, and we are against it now.

But we cannot fix our nation's past mistakes by abandoning a country whose course we have already changed. Their blood is now on our hands, and we have to clean it

And no, we're not saying people weren't dying before. People are dying all over the world, and we can't save everyone. However, the minute we declare war on a government, we have to follow through. To do otherwise would be irresponsible and irreparable.

Our goal should be to stabilize the region, not to run away

We just hope our military doesn't sneak away when the national interest is exhausted. Our country has a habit of dipping its finger into international politics, stirring the pot and watching the resulting chaos from afar.

Our meddling with Panama at the beginning of the 20th

century resulted in the country seceding from Colombia and installing its own president. We helped rebels create a government that became unstable and corrupt. And then we invaded

After we fiddled with domestic conflicts in Vietnam and helped spread the war to surrounding countries, we suddenly left when enthusiasm faded.

And we slyly helped an Iranian monarch get back into power in the 1950s after he was ousted from the country. He clearly wasn't welcome; the Iranian revolution finally succeeded in getting rid of him more than 20 years later.

America can't be blamed for the political upheavals and the atrocities that happen in foreign nations, unless we have used our power and money to tip the scales.

When we do that, we must realize our responsibilities to the citizens whose lives we've helped throw into new chaos.

Otherwise, we're like a father who takes his child out of an inadequate school, drives to the middle of nowhere and deposits his offspring on the side of the road.

It's wrong, it's irresponsible, and it will create exactly what we set out to eradicate: terrorists.



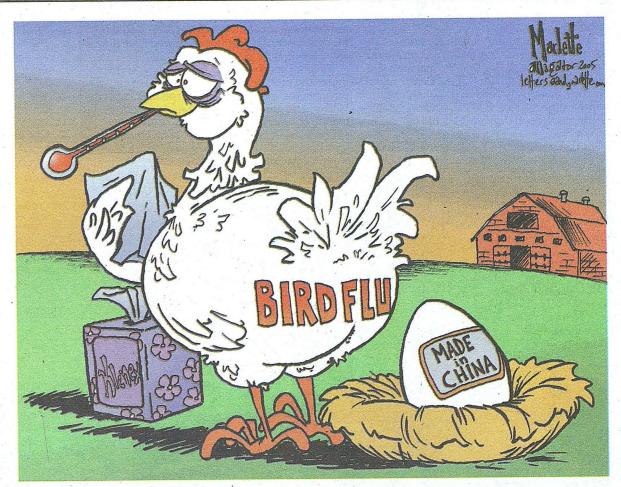
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Politics threaten endangered species

ions and tigers and politicians - oh my.

The Sept. 29 vote to slaughter sections of the 1973 Endangered Species Act has members of both parties roaring. If it passes the Senate, our government will have signed death warrants for 1,268 endangered plants and animals protected under the act.

One of the most glaring problems with this bill is that it eliminates the "critical habitat" for endangered or threatened species. Under the current act, when an endangered species is found, the surrounding area becomes protected. Building on the land would have the owner in the lion's den.

But the modification eliminates critical habitat entirely. So it's still illegal to shoot a species, but you can take away its habitat without question.

Hasn't America learned that messing with Mother Nature usually doesn't work to its favor? Have years of hurricanes, tornados, wildfires and earthquakes taught us nothing of the potential destruction an upset in nature can cause?

For those still not making the connection between extinction and its adverse effects on the balanced ecological harmony in nature, Scotty Johnson of Defenders of Wildlife put it best: "What is a fish without a river? What is a bear without woods?"

The answer? Dead.

The bill eliminates the creatures' habitats but adds a requirement for the government to come up with a "recovery plan" for relocating species within two years. Right. One look at the government's track record for planning in a timely fashion shows it works slower than a three-toed sloth. Moreover, even if the government does invent some kind of recovery plan, the land still isn't protected from federal action. Sound fishy? It gets worse.

The bill would also repeal restrictions on pesticides that are illegal due to the hazard they pose to endangered species. Eisinger

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Furthermore, federal agencies could avoid consultation with environmental specialists when building.

Oddly enough, none of these changes caused much outrage in the House. Instead, the most heated controversy stems from a

provision about taxes. Taxpayers would compensate landowners whose building plans are quashed because of the development's potential harm to an endangered species. And this compensation has no set limit.

The government would be paying landowners to simply comply with the law.

Aside from unnecessary, I'm wondering if this is even

What's more, skinning the act to its raw carcass favors property owners far more than the very animals it should be protecting. Giving money to landowners becomes a financial disaster for taxpayers, and eradicating critical habitats is an environmental time bomb.

In bills such as this, we can usually depend on the Senate to fix the grave oversights of the House. But with the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act, there's

nothing worth salvaging.

How can anyone think that repealing 150 million acres of critical habitat would do any good for wildlife? Passing this bill would once again be a money-fueled decision based on personal agendas. It's a quick fix to a much more complicated problem: overpopulation in America's

Instead of working against the environment we live in, why don't we try to work around nature and endangered

After all, they were the property owners first.

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

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Should the United States pull its troops out of Iraq?

Monday's question:

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Guest column

Abortion is not akin to genocide

love when pro-lifers invoke death-toll numbers to get their point across.

In his letter in Friday's Alligator, Thomas Harrington wrote that 46 million fetuses have been aborted.

That is a large figure to be sure, but what if a sizable proportion of Americans didn't think those 46 million Americans-in-the-making were, well, people? According to a Pew Center report this month, 65 percent of Americans are against overturning Roe v. Wade, while a plurality of Americans feel that abortion should be "generally available.

The question of when life starts is still one that is up for grabs, although people who are against abortion would have you believe that conception starts when you look a person of the opposite sex squarely in the eyes with romantic intentions.

This fundamental issue has yet to be resolved to the comfort of both parties in this case, but prolifers still espouse the view that a tiny organism without the capability to breathe on its own or make its own decisions could take the stand in a hearing deciding the right to life.

Secondly, this "harsh truth" hardly qualifies as "genocide." The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines genocide as "the systematic and planned extermination of an entire national, racial, political or ethnic group." Unless Josh Gellers Speaking Out

unborn fetuses start a lob-bying group in Washington, I am not ready to commit to the fantasy that abortion

constitutes genocide. To even imply so would be to show a lack of respect for those who have died at the hands of genocidal actions.

Finally, I am going to go out on a limb and say that many pro-life advocates like Mr. Harrington probably prefer red over blue, Condoleezza over Hillary, and are most likely against big government and a welfare state.

Therefore, I find it highly hypocritical for someone to talk about the millions of children we could have saved. Most likely, if they were all alive, you would be ranting about the terrible injustice that is the state of affairs regarding welfare in the United States since parents unable to afford a child would now have many kids without any potential alternative.

Is bringing a child into a life of poverty not a crime in itself? I find it humorous that conservatives want to have their cake and eat it too.

If you are anti-abortion, get ready to lobby your elected officials for increases in welfare spending. To do otherwise would be downright irresponsible.

Josh Gellers is a UF senior and the editor-in-chief of UF International Review.

Letter to the Editor

Morals may have divine origin

In Monday's guest column, Allison Pritchard said that nonreligious citizens are discriminated against and ostracized. To her and those in similar situations, I am sorry. That should not be the response of the Christian community.

As a young woman with a very real and personal faith in Jesus Christ, I would ask her to also not forget that the persecution of Christians and Jews "in earlier times" has not ceased. The battleground and war tactics - especially in the United States — have just changed.

She also wrote that atheists or agnostics can have moral values. And I agree with her. However, I believe that the root of the issue lies much deeper than that. Most of us are aware of the need for some kind of agreement on morality. In truth, there is a core of moral constraints underlying human civilization. So the question begs to be asked:

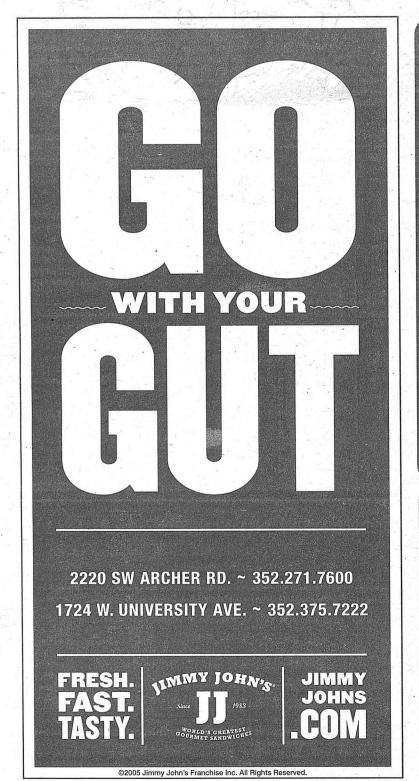
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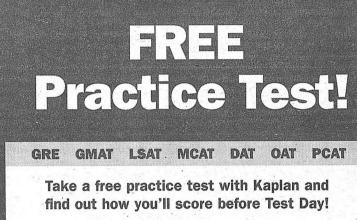
Take the idea of selfishness, for example. Although various cultures have differed on whom to be unselfish with — one's family, friends, nation, etc. — most people have always agreed that, at some point, selfishness is morally wrong and that ideas of goodness, compassion and understanding are ethically upright. Why?

Reason and study have led me to assert that these moral values have been put into the very core of our being by an "intelligent designer."

I must agree with Allison once more. Adherence to this overarching term of "religion" is not a necessity for moral standards. However, I hope those sincerely investigating truth will not grow complacent in their search and instead honestly consider the belief that a very personal God does, in fact, exist.

Tara Fox





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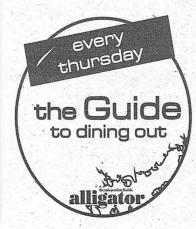
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Seniors aim to 'go out with a bang' this season

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Carolyn Peck better watch her back.

The UF women's basketball coach learned that on Saturday at the UF football game against Mississippi State, when she encountered a critical Gators' fan sitting behind her.

The fan uttered remarks about Urban Meyer's Gators and their play against the Bulldogs. Peck stuck up for Meyer.

"I turned around and I said, 'If you're a Gator, you're a Gator all the time," said Peck at the team's media day on Monday. "So you've got to stick with the Gators through thick and through thin."

That same message could be the motto for ment, senior forward Dalila Eshe said.

the UF women's basketball team's 2005-06 season. After coming off their second losing season in the last 17 years, the Gators experienced the thin last season, going 5-9 in the Southeastern Conference and dropping their final five games.

[The seniors] want to go out with a bang," senior guard Sarah Lowe said. "For us, it's going to be looking at last season and looking for ways to improve."

Peck may be on the hot seat, but she will get a chance to prove herself as the three other players with whom she started three years ago enter their senior year.

"Personally, I know that she's a really good coach, and I feel like she doesn't have to prove that to us," senior guard Danielle Santos said. "But this year we're going to help her prove to everybody else how good of a coach she is."

The past three years have been an adjust-

"The transition from being freshmen under Coach Peck to being seniors now has been interesting," Eshe said. "We've been through a number of different styles of coaching, and have finally gotten adjusted to each other as far as the player-coach relationship has developed with us over the years."

The Gators will look to replace their top three scor-Baskethall ers, Bernice Mosby, who transferred to Baylor, Tashia Moorehead, now an assistant

to Peck, and Tamia Williams. The three combined for 36.9 points per game last season.

The scoring can rebound, but the intangibles brought by the departed seniors will be tough to replace, Peck said.

[The toughest part of] losing seniors like Tishona Gregory, Tamia Williams and Tashia Moorehead — especially Tashia and Tamia — is the leadership that they brought," Peck

Four returning Gators have logged starts and have improved their shooting over the off-season; Peck said.

"The key though is that we have players who can score," she said. "Sarah Lowe has worked on her shot a lot in the off-season. Brittany Davis and Dalila Eshe, have worked extremely hard on theirs. Having Danielle Santos back on the court will bring us back some offense as well."

A top-10 recruiting class, the highest-ranked in school history, of six freshmen will aid UF's seven returning players.

Peck wants them to contribute right away.

"I demonstrated in my first year here with the group not to be afraid to put it on the floor and learn on the job," Peck said. "That's what we're going to have to do with the six freshmen that we have this year. It's going to have to be on-the-job training."

Gators eager to defend

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Green says that fact will greatly benefit his team.

"Teams like to key-in and focus on one player, like 'Ok, if they need a bucket they're going to go to this player,"" Green said. "We want it to be all five players on the court is a threat to score, and instead of just having one person, a team won't know who's going to shoot it or who's going to score for you, that's how we want it to be."



Sophomore Al Horford blocked 51 shots last year, the most by a UF player since Andrew DeClerq in 1993-94. He will join Brewer, who averaged 1.4 steals last year, as an anchor of a defense that held eight of its last nine opponents under 70 points in the 2004-05 season.

· Last season's Gators finished third in the SEC in points per game allowed with 63.1, which was in sharp contrast to their

11th-place finish in the same category a year earlier.

Richard feels like the attitude that allowed UF to develop a reputation has more than carried over to this team.

"Everybody is eager to play defense this year," Richard said. "Everybody wants to get stops, everybody wants to press, everybody wants to do all that stuff, there's a lot of pride on defense."

Leak to return to practice in preparation for LSU

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Still, Meyer stopped short of saying Grace, who hasn't played this season, was suspended from the team.

I'm trying to get a team ready to play LSU," Meyer said. "He won't be on the trip [to Baton Rouge] or anything like that. I've just got to find out more about it."

LEAK TO RETURN: After mysteriously missing practice last week with a secret shoulder injury, UF quarterback Chris Leak sat out Monday's drills but will return on Tuesday.

Leak was replaced by true freshman Josh Portis in the first quarter of Saturday's 35-9 victory against Mississippi State when Leak re-injured the shoulder. Leak would later return and throw a touchdown as well as an interception.

While Meyer said he's concerned about the injury, offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said he is less worried, adding that Leak should be at 100 percent when the Gators face LSU on Saturday.

CHAMPIONS: Meyer announced the list of inductees into his Champions Club on Monday.

Highlighting the list were Southeastern Conference Defensive Lineman of the Week Jeremy Mincey and junior receiver Dallas Baker, who finished with a personal-best 123 receiving yards against Mississippi State on Saturday.

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Saturday: "Jemalle couldn't have played. We knew that on Monday."

Meyer's comments on Monday came before he knew the extent of the injury. He didn't say anything about it on Tuesday, and on Thursday he didn't say either way if Cornelius would play. On Wednesday, Meyer said Cornelius would probably play, then after the game he said he actually knew on Monday that Cornelius wasn't go-

·That, by definition, is a lie. This is a fact — not my opinion.

That is the only problem I have with any of this.

However, it shouldn't be that big a deal. Did Meyer lie? Yes.

But coaches lie all the time. It's nothing we aren't used to in sports. Every time a coach is asked if he is going to leave his school, the answer is always, "No, I'm happy here." Even Meyer said something to that effect. Every coach would've done the same thing in both situations, so Meyer shouldn't be singled out.

Yes, they're lies, but they're nec-

essary lies, like this one was.

He said Monday that his obligations are to the safety of his players and the production of his team. Not telling the media about injures accomplishes both of those, so Meyer is acting in his best interest. Meyer could've handled Cornelius' injury differently, just saying he wouldn't comment on it Wednesday, but what's done is done.

Meyer released more injury information Monday, but we don't know what is true. All I know is that Meyer doesn't have to tell us about players' injuries. That's no lie.





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Former Marine begins UF career at 25

By ANDREW ABRAMSON

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Name, age: Cam Brewer, 25. Height, weight: 5-foot-7, 163 pounds.

Previous experience: High school varsity football (1997). Marine Corps (1998-2004), including two years in Japan, 15 months in Rome and 19 months in New Delhi, India. Personally guarded former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Position seeking: A spot as a wide receiver on a top 10-caliber college football team that already boasts several NFL receiving

OK, so Cam Brewer isn't your typical college freshman and he's anything but your everyday college football player.

Apparently, the memo that 25-year-old ex-Marines who are smaller than most kickers can't play big-time NCAA football. didn't make it to

Brewer's desk. And now. the most unlikely Gator, already nicknamed Rudy his uncanny

similarities to the film character, is also one of the most respected and inspirational players on the

But Brewer's just here to play a little football, even if he's a bit

"It means even more now than it would have out of high school," he said. "In a lot of ways for me it would be even harder to give it up now. I always talk about the dream and I always kind of knew I'd be here.

"It's not an impossible thing to do.

Stunning "final" game

Brewer surprised just about everybody when he became a force on the field his senior year at Gainesville's P.K. Yonge cient history, of course, to many of his current freshmen colleagues who were 11 at the time.

After Brewer proved that heart, and not necessarily height, can take a player further, it was difficult for him to leave football behind in 1997. But he did go out with a bang.

P.K. Yonge coach John Clifford will never forget his team's loss to Wildwood in the '97 playoffs. It was, and still is, Brewer's last appearance in a football game.

P.K. lost in the closing minutes when Wildwood scored a late touchdown.

To Clifford's recollection, Brewer finished the game with eight receptions, including about four catches where Brewer fought to stay in bounds.

After the game, an amazed Wildwood team approached Brewer

"He played so hard and this entire team came up to shake his hand," Clifford said. "I just sat back and watched it happen. Now that was a beautiful thing."

Surprise walk-on

That could have been it for Brewer's football career, and no one would have been disappointed.

How many high school football players can say they recorded eight receptions in a playoff game while also seeing time at cornerback?

But Brewer had bigger plans, and part of that meant getting

For the next six years, the Gainesville football community wouldn't hear much about him.

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until he starts getting on the field.

I'm going to try to GET HIM ON THE FIELD a little bit."

- Urban Meyer

His final game may have been legendary to those who were fortunate enough to witness it, but heart can only take a man so far.

Sure enough, a bigger, matured Brewer reappeared with numerous military tales to expound on.

Brewer, however, wasn't ready to reminisce. Instead, he decided to start exactly where he had left off six years before.

This time, Brewer was aiming even higher than high school stardom, and that meant seeking out the new head honcho in

"I thought that with Urban Meyer coming in here and the reputation he has, as far as looking for disciplined individuals, I kind of thought Cam would get a lucky break," Clifford said.

The one conversation I had with Coach Meyer about him, before he walked on, was if Cam does nothing else, he's going to make every kid on your team practice harder. I think that's one of the things he brings to the program."

Military secrets

When UF receiver Dallas Baker heard rumors about Brewer in spring practice, he envisioned a cold figure that would keep to

"Everybody else would take the chance to go to college. They look at the Marines as some hard-nosed stuff you can't make it through," Baker said. "I asked him about it and he said if he had the chance he'd do it again. He said it was one of the best experiences he ever had.

Brewer quickly became a popular figure in the locker room, and "those" questions, as Brewer remembers them, kept popping up:

A. Did you serve in Iraq? B. Did you shoot anybody?

C. Did you blow up stuff? No, Brewer didn't serve in

Instead, the Marines had other plans for him long before war broke out.

Brewer was placed on Embassy duty in Italy and India.

If an important figure, such as the United States president or secretary of state arrived, he would work in conjunction with the Secret Service and, at times, guard the entire area of a hotel.

Although Brewer finished first in his class at Embassy school and his job was not simple to obtain, he admits it was difficult not to serve in Iraq.

"A lot of people consider it fortunate, I guess, but all of us wanted to be in Iraq," Brewer said. "We were doing just as an important job, protecting the Embassy.

You join because you've got to serve your country and fight for your country and when the war came up of course I was like Well shoot. I want to be there with everyone else, doing my

But all along, the life-long Gators fan prepared for his next career as a 25-year-old freshman on the UF football team.

The grueling Marines regimen kept him in perfect shape, while he managed to play a little football here and there.

Brewer doubts he could have succeeded at UF as an 18-yearold, but it's no secret the Marines can make a boy mature quickly.

We train so hard to be the best, and it's the same thing here at Florida football," Brewer said. You train so hard to be the best, and that's why the Marine Corps really did give me that extra little edge I needed to be successful."

Preparing to play

These days, players like Baker, who have spent their entire lives thinking about football, video games and little else, truly see Brewer as an inspirational figure.

"We were complaining about how hot it was during two-adays, and he said it was a lot worse in India," Baker said. "He



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After a 6-year stint in the Marines, freshman Cam Brewer is ready to serve Gator Nation. The 25-year-old walk-on hopes to fulfill his lifelong dream of playing for the Gators on Saturdays.

saw all these poor people [suffering] in the heat, but they weren't complaining.

That's behind Brewer for now, and on Sept. 3, a lifelong dream finally became a reality.

Brewer received the opportunity to dress for UF's season opener against Wyoming.

It was sentimental to his entire family for so many reasons. Brewer spent much of his childhood breathing Gators football with his father Tom, who passed away when Cam was 13.

"Just seeing him run out of tunnel in that first game [was amazing]," Brewer's mother Melanie Wise said. "His uncle and aunt were there and ... all of us were wishing his dad could be there to see Cam run out of the tunnel.

"Even if he doesn't get to play,

But there's still that final issue. At 25, Brewer's grateful to be in this position, but he truly came to UF to make some sort of a difference on the field.

"He's a high-character human being that everybody cares about, but it's hard to be a leader until he starts getting on the field," Meyer said. "I'm going to try to get him on the field a little bit."

Added Meyer with a smile, "I wish he was about four inches taller and about three steps

After spending six years in the Marines, Brewer believes he can do more than just scrimmage against UF's third- and fourthstring defenses.

"I think I can really do something that will contribute to the team," Brewer said. "Whether it's one thing I do, one play in a season - hey, that's one thing I did for the team."

But Brewer knows playing isn't a matter of life or death. That's a lesson he spent six years learning.

"I think [spending time in Third World countries] opens your eyes and makes you appreciate things a lot more," he said. "That's what made me a better person, understanding what A takes to be successful in life and what's important.

"I want kids to say, 'Hey I want to be like Cam Brewer.' Never say your dream can never

You're never too old, and you'ré never [too slow] to follow your dreams.'

Injuries call for white lies

oach Urban Meyer revealed after Saturday's game that Chris Leak hadn't practiced all week with a shoulder injury and that he knew Jemalle Cornelius wasn't going to play.

"I didn't want this out in the media," Meyer said about Leak. "Not that I keep things from you, but I kept something from you because I didn't want the opponent to know."

That's fine. Nothing wrong with that. Had Mississippi State known about Leak's shoulder, they probably would've tried to hit it like a piñata.

That could've led to further injury, so it's understandable. I don't know if it'll be better by this weekend or not, since getting accurate information on



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Leak's shoulder is like looking for the Fountain of Youth.

After the game, Meyer said it was injured all the way back in last season's game against Florida State and

was aggravated against Alabama. Leak wasn't in on the

"That was a whole different deal," Leak explained, saying it was just bruised.

The coach says one thing, the player another. So who knows what's really wrong with it?

Whatever the injury is, Louisiana State defenders are going to go after the bull's-eye that is Leak's shoulder, so maybe Meyer should've continued keeping it quiet, which would've been fine by me.

I have no problem with any college coach not releasing injury information to the media. In the NFL, coaches must disclose injuries, but Meyer doesn't have to, so why would he?

With Cornelius, it was an entirely different situation. Here is the timeline of Meyer's comments regarding Cornelius' ankle:

Last Monday: "Jemalle Cornelius should be fine. Limited today, but should be able to go."

Wednesday: "Jemalle is still sore, but we're counting on him going." Thursday: "He's sore."

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UF sports new look without Big Three

■ THE GATORS MUST CHANGE THEIR STYLE OF PLAY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF LEE, WALSH AND ROBERSON.

By DAN TREAT Alligator Writer

The Big Three is down to the Big Zero.

For the past two years, the Gators have been defined by the trio of David Lee, Matt Walsh and Anthony Roberson. Whichever way they went, the team often followed.

Last season, the trio led UF to its first Southeastern Conference Tournament title, but also another opening-weekend loss in the NCAA Tournament, a 76-65 defeat at the hands of Villanova.

Now, with Lee in New York, Walsh in Miami with Shaq and Roberson fighting for a roster spot in Memphis with ex-Gator Mike Miller, it's a whole new ball game for UF.

While many think the Gators will struggle this year because of the loss, don't try telling that to the players still sporting orange and blue.

"Personally, I think we'll be pretty good," junior forward Chris Richard said. "I think we're a defensive, stopping team, I think we'll score more points than a lot of people think that we will, but I mean I think we'll be pretty good."

The Gators return just 41 percent of last year's offense, and the leading returning scorer, sophomore Corey Brewer, averaged just 7.5 points per game.

UF will now rely on all of its players to produce offense rather than leaning on their three departed stalwarts.

"I mean, we're going to have a different look because we lost Peep, Matt and David, which was a lot of our scoring last year," guard Taurean Green said. "But like I said, as long as we create for each other and as long as we're unselfish, we're not even going to worry about scoring because scoring will be there."

Although Walsh and Roberson were particularly well known for their clutch shooting, no such proven commodity exists for the Gators now.

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UF point guard Taurean Green will try to orchestrate a defensiveminded, fast-breaking Gators basketball team this season.

Arrest ends perfect off-field behavior

By BRYAN APP and ANDREW ABRAMSON

Alligator Staff Writers

During Urban Meyer's 11-month tenure in Gainesville, a previously troubled UF team has impressed its disciplinarian coach with a squeaky-clean off-field image.

That came to an end on Sunday. Cornerback Dawayne Grace was arrested after fighting outside a nightclub early Sunday morning, according to a Gainesville

Police report.

The report states that GPD officers spotted Grace pushing somebody in the parking lot of the club, located at 238 W. University Ave. When officers told Grace to "break it

"[Grace's] making a statement that he didn't do something. I don't care. He will not play for Florida until he figures it out."

Urban Meyer UF football coach

up and move on," Grace allegedly threw a punch at another individual, prompting his arrest.

Grace was cited with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor charge.

Meyer said the reserve defensive back will not play until the matter is resolved.

"He's making a statement that he didn't

do something. I don't care," Meyer said. He will not play for Florida until he figures it

Meyer, a stickler for upstanding behavior, had seemingly corrected the Gators' notoriety for off-field incidents under former coach Ron Zook.

During Zook's tenure, former linebacker Channing Crowder was twice arrested outside of nightclubs, while fellow linebacker Taurean Charles was arrested after allegedly throwing a beer keg at someone's head.

Zook himself even reportedly threatened several fraternity members with whom UF players had an argument last year.

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1997: The No. 1 Gators fall to No. 14 LSU, 28-21, at Death Valley. Quarterback Doug Johnson threw four interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to seal the loss.

QUOTABLE



"I think Moss is like 28 years old right now. I don't know if he's embarrassed that he's still here. He's on an eight-year program."

UF basketball coach Billy Donovan

on Adrian Moss not appearing on
the cover of UF's media guide.