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Student money pays for private pig roast

By DAVID COHEN

Alligator Writer

A pig bought with student money was roasted at a tailgate party held at a potential Student Body presidential candidate's home

Spanish American Law Students President Association **Tared** Hernandez spent \$137.50 on the pig at the organization's annual roast held near the Levin College of Law.

Hernandez's organization requested about \$375 from Student Government for chairs, tables, soda, chips, salsa, ice and the pig. Most of the money was initially approved.

But Student Body Treasurer Cosimi said she dis-Lindsay covered Sunday the Activity & Service Fee-funded pig was eaten at Hernandez's private residence. Cosimi approved the sponsoring of the food but said she was unaware of the location until after the party.

It is a violation of Student Body

Statutes to use A&S Fee-funded

expenditures at a function hosted in a private resi-

"It's clearly against statutes, Cosimi noting that the Rules and Ethics Committee has

been informed and will investigate. Cosimi said she told UF's General Accounting Office on Monday to cancel funding for the event, but the \$137.50 used for the pig was already given to the organization

Hernandez said he will pay back every penny today.

"That was a mistake," said Hernandez, a student senator and UF law student. "I think that [Cosimi's] done the right thing in all this. I take full responsibility for that. I should be held to a higher standard:

Cosimi said the rules are printed clearly in the finance manual and provided to all student organizations when they go through financial training.

"Somebody that is so intimately involved in SG - it is their duty to understand the rules," she said. "It's explicitly written in black and

However, Hernandez said the organization's annual pig roast is traditionally held at an off-campus

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SFCC's veterans reflect

By ALEXIS LLOYD

on time served in wars

Alligator Writer

The darkness of night cloaked him while constant sounds from gunfire filled his ears as Saddam Hussein's government and Iraq fell to American forces in April 2003.

U.S. Army Pfc. Justin Rapp stood in Iraq with night vision goggles on his face and weapon by his side, vowing repeatedly to go back to college.

Rapp now is an SFCC criminal justice sophomore.

'I attended college before I went in [the Army] and didn't do too well, because I didn't have the character and discipline I have now to actually go to school," he said.

Rapp describes himself as being "driven" toward his education goal now.

'Once you have been in 'the suck,' everything now is just great," he said. "I don't take anything for granted

He chose SFCC after researching other schools because it was highly accredited.

'The school here is very supportive of veterans," said Rapp, who is the vice president of the SFCC Collegiate

Once Rapp finishes his associate's degree in Summer 2006, he plans on going back to the Army as an infantry soldier.

SFCC has more than 350 student veterans attending

The college also is home to veteran professors.

English professor John Feiber served in the Fourth Infantry Division during the Vietnam War from June 1968 to June 1969

He enlisted in the Army after graduating from UF with a journalism degree in 1967.

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Student is VP of farm group

By HEATHER RAPP

Alligator Contributing Writer

Some families take road trips to bond. The Der household raises

"That was nice family time," said UF junior Erica Der.

Since her first agricultural science class in sixth grade, Der said she's looked up to Future Farmers of America officers as role models.

Her agricultural aspira-Student tions were finally realized Nov. 3 when Der, 20, was elected National Future

Farmers of America Southern Region

vice president. Since becoming one of six officers chosen from across the country, Der's Nextel cell phone now beeps and rings incessantly.

She gets called at least five times daily by eager media representatives from Gainesville, her hometown of Plant City and other surrounding areas hoping for an interview, Der said.

Though the Fall semester has been Der's first semester at UF, after attending Hillsborough Community College, she will have to take a break from her studies at the end of this term.

She will travel the country 300 days of the year "to promote ag (agricultural)

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Guard Taurean Green took control defensively, as the Gators won their home opener Wednesday against St. Peter's, 80-51. See story, pg.

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SFCC student Justin Rapp served for one year in Iraq during his first

tour of duty. He plans to return to serving in the military.

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A 30-year veteran of the FBI and former White House insider said a disorganized Clinton administration was the cause of a national-security

breakdown that led to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. See story, pg. 5.

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Students can travel to hurricane zones during break

Today is the final chance for applicants looking to spend their Winter Break on a first-ever Florida Alternative Breaks outing to help with hurricane relief efforts.

Organized through the Dean of Students Office Center for Leadership & Service, the group will travel to several Gulf Coast affected by Hurricane areas Katrina.

"We really felt a need for the winter trip because we had a lot of people who wanted to help the hurricane disaster relief," said Rachel Manes, public relations coordinator for the group. "So we thought, 'Let's just get the people out there."

Three trips are being organized for Jan. 2 through Jan. 7, with 12 participants and two site leaders on each excursion. The cost will

be about \$150 per person.

The exact location of the Winter Break trip will be kept secret until the group members

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are selected and have met for the first time, said Erin Gehant, issue developer for the group.

Students will work with local organizations in repairing and rebuilding the homes of elderly and mentally disabled residents, she said, adding that the group strives to stay relevant and makes an effort to play a role in important social issues

"[Florida Alternative Breaks] takes you out of the bubble of Gainesville," she said. "It throws you into the middle of social issues that you aren't really exposed to."

The group aims to inspire students to bring their motivation back from their trip to help the Gainesville community, she

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"Instead of doing the typical college break, we get to provide service for the community," said Matt Nobles, a group site leader. "It is something that will spur you on for the rest of your

Five-year participant and site leader for the Winter Break trip Katie O'Neill said students are not giving up their break but getting "a mind-blowing experience that lasts a lifetime."

For more information and to apply, visit dso.ufl.edu/cls/fab.

- LINDSEY MESSICK

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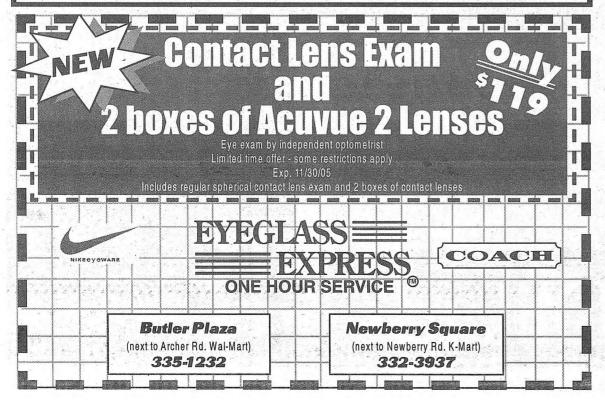
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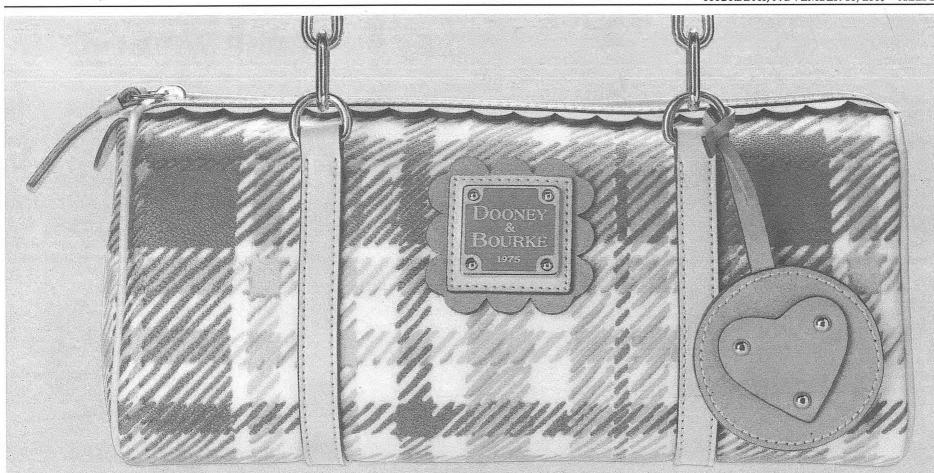
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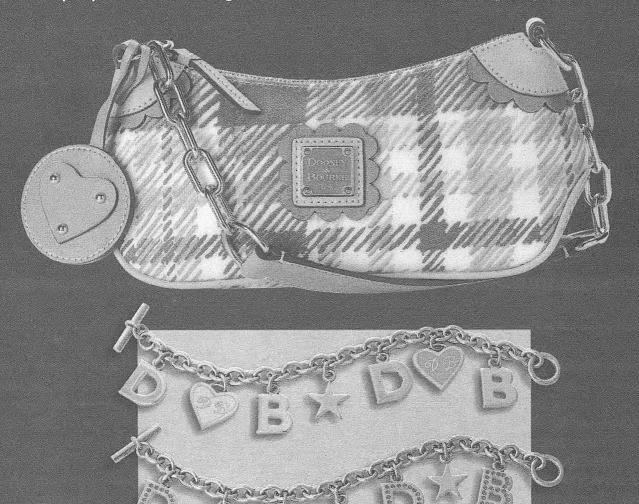
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GAINESVILLE

Commissioners take steps to ease traffic

By STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ

Alligator Writer

A \$39 million transportation plan is in the works to relieve the growing traffic congestion problem in Gainesville.

A meeting was held Wednesday morning by the Gainesville Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization to discuss a 20-year plan to improve roads and traffic signals, among other things.

Marlie Sanderson, staff director of MTPO, explained five priorities they have to relieve traffic.

"We are expecting future traffic congestion on the west side of Gainesville," Sanderson said. "It's going to be a slow process, but it will be resolved."

MTPO's first priority is synchronizing traffic signals throughout the city. Sanderson said that alone will improve traffic by 46 percent.

The second priority is to redirect traffic from State Road 24 to Southeast 16th Avenue. State Road 24 includes linked sections of Archer Road, 13th Street and University Avenue.

Sanderson said semitrailer trucks travel on Southwest Archer Road, which leads to University Avenue, and that county and city commissioners want them off those thoroughfares.

The Florida Department of Transportation said it will only consider funding the project if Southeast 16th Avenue is expanded to a four-lane road, Sanderson said.

The third priority is to reconstruct Southwest 20th Avenue by adding medians, transit "super

stops," sidewalks and left-turn lanes.

"This road will be designed so that when a bus stops, you don't need to stop, but rather just slow down because the lane will be wider," Sanderson said.

The fourth priority is to add leftturn lanes to Northwest 34th Street at four to five locations.

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It's going to be a slow process, but it will be resolved."

> **Marlie Sanderson** MTPO staff director

The final priority is to reconstruct Depot Avenue.

The project for Depot Avenue is receiving special federal funds for as much as \$4.8 million, leaving an estimated \$11 million balance.

"We don't know where the rest of the money is coming from," Sanderson said.

City and county commissioners presented other ideas to relieve traffic congestion, such as a beltway, a road surrounding the city.

However, commissioners turned it down because it would attract development outside the city.

Other ideas discussed were road extensions for Radio Road and Southwest 23rd Terrace, but Sanderson it is doubtful those other plans will be completed.

"They will probably not happen because of the lack of funding," Sanderson said.

Hockey on and in water at UF

UNDERWATER TEAM A WORLDWIDE SPORT.

By MICHAEL HURCOMB Alligator Contributing Writer

For a non-contact sport, underwater hockey has its moments of brutality that a group of UF students throw themselves into two nights a week.

"The only thing that keeps you out of the water is an ear infection," player Dalila Barragan

The Underwater Hockey Club started on campus Spring 2004; now more than 30 members strong, the team is gearing up for its first competition of the year this weekend in Charleston, S.C.

Unlike the football team in nearby Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, underwater hockey in not a spectator sport. In fact, on most nights, the only person watching is 20-year-old lifeguard Aaron Jeckell.

"It looks like a feeding frenzy; like a shark is attacking them," Jeckell said. "From up top, it looks like chaos.

Underwater, participants are armed with a one-foot, wooden stick shaped like a hook. The stick is used to bat around a puck as players push, shove and lunge along the bottom of the pool, midway between the shallow and deep ends. Gender and physique do not

matter with water acting as the great equalizer.

"We have a 70-year-old man who comes down from Canada each year to play with us, and he does just fine," 18-year-old club President Mark Mullersman said. "Some of the best players in the world aren't in fit shape. It's just everyone brings their own aspect to the game.

Players wear masks, fins, water polo headgear, a snorkel and a gardening glove wrapped in white tape. Mullersman said the longest a player stays underwater is 40 seconds.

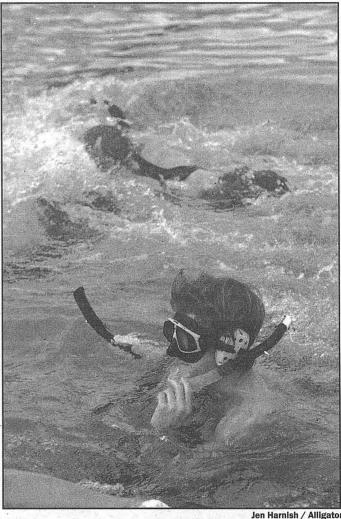
Play starts with the puck placed in the middle of the pool. Two teams of six line up at each end and wait for the screams of "sticks up" and "go" to lunge off the wall in a mad swim.

There are no goalies, and the object is to slam the puck against the opposing team's goal board.

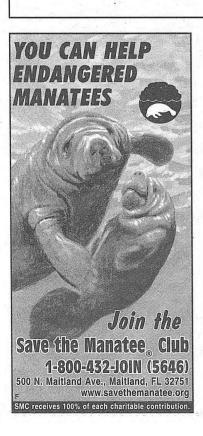
Underwater hockey can be traced back to England, circa 1954. Today, the sport is played in more than 20 countries, including Australia, France and

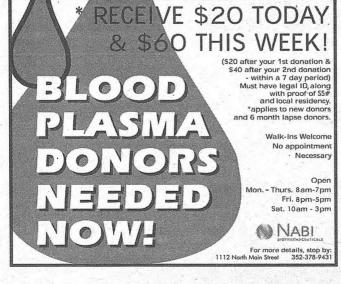
Mullersman International Committee has toyed with the idea of making the sport an Olympic event but said it is still far from being an NCAA-sanctioned sport. He said only a handful of colleges have teams.

"The cool thing would be to root for football or play normal sports," Barragan said. "But when you find something as different as this is and you develop a skill for it, you ultimately develop a love for it."



A player comes up for air before diving under to find the puck in a game of underwater hockey Monday night.









Speaker blames Clinton administration for 9/1

GARY ALDRICH PLEADED WITH STUDENTS FOR MORE CONSERVATIVE VOICES.

> By MIKE JAYNE Alligator Contributing Writer

A disorganized Clinton administration, composed largely of communist sympathizers and former drug users, was the cause of a national security breakdown that led to the



attacks, said a 30year FBI veteran and former White House insider.

111 "[Sept. can be put at the foot of Bill Clinton and his administration,

said Gary Aldrich, founder of the Patrick Henry Center and author of "Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House."

Aldrich said 25 percent of those he investigated for White House security clearances had a "serious drug lifestyle" before coming to Washington.

Aldrich spoke to about 75 students in Turlington Hall about the need for a stronger conservative voice on campus. The UF College Republicans hosted the speech.

He spent most of the hour-long discussion offering anecdotes about

former presidents Bush and Clinton. His Clinton impersonations garnered giggles from the audience.

Aldrich told the crowd he transferred to Washington, D.C. to fight organized crime, but investigations of Washington officials led him to wonder if politics itself was a form of organized crime.

The majority of cases he investigated for political corruption involved Democrats, Aldrich said. He found links between radical political groups of the 1960s and the current perior of the 1900 — Democratic Party leadership.

After the speech, College Republicans Chairwoman Ashlee Black said she wanted people to open their eyes.

Aldrich urged students to stand up to liberal bias on campus.

These college campuses are safe havens for people to say 'I'm a Marxist and if you don't like it you're the devil," he said.

yes turn skyward for rare Mars viewing window

By VANESSA GARCIA Alligator Contributing Writer

The Alachua Astronomy Club invites all earthlings to catch a free viewing of the red planet Saturday night as it reaches its closest approach to Earth until 2018.

This rare Mars viewing will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Powell Hall Education and Exhibition Center of the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Founding member of the astronomy club, Howard Cohen, said he expects hundreds of people of all ages to attend the event. Up to 10 different types of telescopes, owned by members of the club, will be available for public use.

At its closest point, the planet will be about 43 million miles away from the center of the earth, according to NASA.

Mars came even closer in 2003, but the view will be clearer this time around. The local weekend forecast of clear skies promises a crisp telescope view of the planet's surface, Cohen said.

Visitors have a chance to view Student the dark bands surrounding the planet that were once thought to be vegetation that could support

life on Mars. Observers can also see an icyblue collection of clouds, nicknamed "Purple Haze," that hovers over the planet's northern pole, he said.

The event will begin with a presentation about various spacecraft missions to Mars. A continuous computer presentation projected on the outside of the building will demonstrate how to use telescopes to observe Mars, the moon and other celestial bodies.

Cohen urges people not to miss this unprecedented glimpse into the celestial heavens.

"This is as large as Mars ever gets," Cohen said. "It's thrilling to see with your own

Senator to pay back funds

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Student Senate President John Boyles attended the roast and said about 35 attended the party, which had a keg.

"It was just a typical barbecue in my mind," he said.
Boyles added he did not know the pig was purchased with A&S

Student Government money.

Cosimi said it is impossible for student money to be used for alcohol because receipts are required to release money for food purchases.

Hernandez would not comment on whether or not identification was checked before entrants were allowed to consume alcohol at what he called a "private party."

Hernandez said he wasn't positive where the organization would hold the pig roast when officers first requested funding in October.

However, Susan Henriques, a student assistant in the SG Finance Office, said Hernandez told Senate about two weeks before the event that it was to be held at his home. Henriques added it's widely known in SG circles that Hernandez is run-

ning for president next term.
"The treasurer should have caught that," Henriques said, noting that it's up to Cosimi to accept a money request without a listed location.

Cosimi said it is impossible for her to catch every student organization that tries to find a loophole in its budget.

The system's flawed," she said. "We do rely on the honesty of the organization."

Student will travel to promote agriculture programs

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education, the FFA and the agriculture industry," she

Along with an \$8,000 scholarship, the program will also send Der and the other officers to Japan for 10 days to observe how agriculture is practiced internationally.

She said she looks forward to her first overseas trip in February, but not because of the foreign cuisine.

'I'm not a big sushi fan," she said with a laugh. "It's

Unfortunately for Der, the trip is the same time of year that Plant City bears its fruit, earning its title as the winter strawberry capital of the world.

This will be the first time in 10 years that Der won't be able to participate in the annual Florida Strawberry

Festival as an ambassador for the Florida Strawberry Growers Association.

Der grew up around livestock. Her parents own a feed and farm supply business, and her grandparents, who live next door, harvest citrus fruit.

"I kind of grew up in agriculture," she said.

Her father, a former member of the Future Farmers of America, used to help Der and her younger sister when they had livestock-rearing assignments.

"Our projects have always been more like pets," she

Now that she's away from her tight-knit household, she said she misses some of her best friends from home: Lyle and Phil, the family's pigs

"They have such a personality," Der said. "You have to watch them because they can get out of their pen. They're tricky creatures.



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Erica Der, elected as National Future Farmers of America Southern Region Vice President, will take a year off from UF to travel around the country and to Japan with other members of the organization.

War a learning experience VETERANS, from page 1

"It was a very turbulent time, and Vietnam was a very unpopular war," Feiber said. "I use some of my military experiences to talk about current issues in my literature classes.

"With the situation in Iraq, I use those experiences to illustrate some of what is going on over there, but I don't try to preach about it though," he said.

The hardship of war gives veterans a different perspective that serves as a benefit for student veterans, Feiber said.

"I think that you become who you are after taking part in a war," Feiber said. "There are certain strengths [veteran students] have that other [students] may not have," he said.

There are about 25 million veterans in the United States.

At the 2005 Veterans Day proclamation on Nov. 2, President George Bush stated, "Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed for our liberty and for the security of our nation. We express deep appreciation to our veterans — the men and women who stepped forward when America needed them, triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents and answered the prayers of millions around the globe."

Feiber said he uses Veterans Day as a time for reflection.

"It is a time for me to reflect on my military service and to focus on all soldiers in U.S. history who paid the ultimate price or those who will have to," he said. "It is a time to single out the veterans for what they have done for their country."

Editorial

lasses are canceled Friday for a holiday most UF students know nothing about.

Without any statistics on the matter, we're betting the majority of students will use the extra time for keg stands and football preparation.

But the Editorial Board isn't going to set anyone straight, partly because that would entail looking up Veterans Day on the Internet.

Instead, we're going to launch into something much more fun and much less honorable.

With all the political chaos and academic slavery going on in our world, we thought our peers would rather laugh at the stupidity of others than scream at the nonsense.

So sink into a chair, grab some popcorn and kick off your shoes for this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurels

The Editorial Board is a fan of animals. We like to pet them, feed them and eat them. But animal activism sometimes gets a little out of hand.

So we throw an extreme-animal-loving-has-no-place-in-legislation DART at Rome's city council for approving a 59-point statute ordering better treatment for pets.

Among the new laws, which went into effect Wednesday, are stipulations that goldfish are entitled to a full-sized aquarium and that dogs must be walked at least

Cat ladies (those who feed many strays) will also be officially recognized.

Apparently, small fish bowls confine goldfish to lives of swimming in circles. We suppose bigger aquariums mean they can swim in bigger circles.

The best part of the entire story is how much praise the animal-rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, is giving officials.

Do any of these people expect to be taken seriously? Aside from the obvious ridiculousness of the entire

scenario, many critics are asserting the laws will be unenforceable. We doubt Roman police will search door-todoor for dog-walking perpetrators.

But we're happy to report Gainesville has no such soft spot for animals.

We hand an every-so-often-poultry-needs-a-kick-inthe-butt LAUREL to UF student Cornelius Edward Regan Jr., who, according to University Police reports, killed a rooster and injured a hen when he shot at them with a rifle pellet gun.

He said he was tired of the noise the chickens made in the morning.

We don't know what chickens were doing in the backyard of a fraternity house, but we do know that they needed to be given a lesson in manners.

If Regan hadn't courageously acted in time, Gainesville would soon be overrun with rebellious poultry.

Moving away from our animal-rights theme and on to the affairs of our fellow brethren, we softly throw a Bo-Diddley-concerts-don't-count-as-homeless-experiences DART to the homeless imposters who slept in the Downtown Community Plaza on Wednesday night.

You're not homeless. You're taking up space. And you'll be eating food that could have gone to the homeless when you eat Breakfast on the Plaza.

On the other hand, we think you're great for donating tents and sleeping bags to the cause. So we come back and hand a giving-stuff-to-the-less-fortunate-is-always-welcome LAUREL to the charitable homeless imposters.

We're just of the opinion that we're all aware of homelessness, and watching free entertainment isn't going to make us more aware. It's like Gainesville's version of Live 8

Can't we just all donate to the cause without having to get something in return?



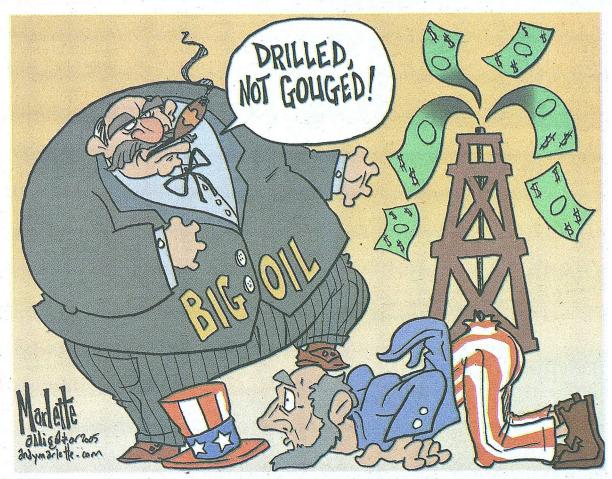
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Column

Clinging to loopholes won't help bill

Tirst, let's get one thing straight: I support the proposed ban on torture and inhumane treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody that's making its way through Congress.

However, I don't think the ban will have much effect on the actual treatment of detainees because torture and mistreatment are obviously not an official policy of the United

They do take place, of course, but they happen in secret. And if someone's hiding the fact that they do something, it means they already know it's something they aren't supposed to be doing.

When reports of mistreatment proliferate in the news as they have of late, they begin to seem the rule, rather than the exception.

The U.S. government, to put it bluntly, has earned a worldwide reputation of disdain for the basic human rights of those not lucky enough to be American themselves

The ban, then, is a good first step, in that it sends out a clear statement that our government finds those actions as repulsive as the rest of the world does.

That being said, I think the way the ban has been handled by its proponents is just another example of U.S. politicians' willingness to exploit any loophole in the law in order to get their way.

Sen. John McCain said he and other sponsors of the ban would make sure it is added to all major Senate legislation until it is passed.

They certainly have the power to do so. Because of the way Congress works, legislation on any issue can be appended to bills addressing any other issue, regardless of how different they may be.

Once the two disparate pieces of legislation are combined, however, they are inseparable until the bill is either passed or defeated. If one is found to be unacceptable, the other is

Thus, if President Bush vetoes a bill in order to kill the

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ban, the original legislation dies as

If this occurs over and over — as could happen, if the ban's proponents are as committed as they say numerous pieces of important legislation would have to make their way through Congress multiple

This process incurs significant costs. Each additional time a piece of legislation must pass through

Congress, it costs taxpayers more money.

Even worse, this practice brings with it the possibility that a piece of time-sensitive legislation could be defeated, allowing a problem to go unsolved just so this ban could have another shot.

The ban absolutely should be passed. Shame on President Bush for even considering a veto.

In truth, though, I believe the ban ultimately will be passed with a minimum of fuss.

I can't imagine the Bush administration being able to hold off for long, regardless of how strongly it feels. Continued resistance would be too damaging to its image - and, more importantly, to America's.

Proponents should therefore let the ban through normal channels and consider a more responsible form of corrective

If the Bush administration is able to continue to stall a bill as well supported as proponents claim it to be, this indicates a fundamental problem in the system that we should address

It's time we try to work for real change, rather than clinging to loopholes like kindergarteners arguing the rules of a newly made game.

Matt Sanchez is a journalism senior. His column usually appears on Friday.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Do you know the meaning behind Veterans Day?

Wednesday's question:

Should students stay for the entirety of UF football games?

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Letters to the Editor

Football column was misunderstood

All who mistook Tripp Miller's Tuesday column — calm down.

He wasn't saying that it is your duty to go to football games. He's saying that if you attend the game (any game for that matter), stay for its entirety. He directed it especially at those who left early from Saturday's game, most likely because they felt the team was going to lose. How would you feel if you were playing in a sport and all your family and friends walked out because you struck out, fumbled or fouled?

Some of the members of the football team probably felt disparaged upon seeing their so-called fans leaving the stadium, and some probably played even harder because it upset them that they'd lost hope. It's a horrible feeling to know you're trying your hardest, and just because you happen to be down for the moment, your fans feel as though there is no hope for you.

Don't get it wrong, for I am by no means a football fan. I can just understand his point of view.

> M.J. Angrand **UF Alumna**

French poor don't have important rights

My letter is in response to that of Christina O'Neill in Wednesday's Alligator. You're right! Poverty does not give anyone the right to take the wealth of another. However, wealth does not give anyone the right to oppress and take advantage of the poor.

You claim that jobs were created by those who knew their only true entitlement is "the full use of their reason in order to acquire what they want and need, so long as they do not infringe upon this same right in any other man." Do the impoverished immigrants of France have the option to use the full extent of their reason for their own benefit? Are they just lazy and unreasonable, or is it that the one entitlement you claim every man should have is the one entitlement they have been deprived of?

These people cannot simply choose to use their faculties of reason for their gain because they are oppressed by a system that discriminates against them. Their ability to satisfy their needs has been infringed upon for the satisfaction and benefit of others who might be where they are today, not just because of their ingenuity and reason, but because of the special preference they have historically enjoyed as well.

The plight of the disadvantaged in France has been neglected for too long, and while violence is never the answer, we are witnessing a situation best explained by Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "A riot is at bottom the language of the unheard." The evil here is not the people themselves but a world with such disparity in quality of life and opportunity that the destitute lash out in despair.

Erica Cook

Gator attendance influences outcome

Attention Ilycia Schwartz (and all of your "left-early" friends, too): Tripp Miller was not referring to ALL UF students.

Not even half of the student body buys student tickets. Miller was simply expressing his disdain for those who do not live up to their end of the deal.

This is a textbook example of an opportunity cost situation. Why go to the game at all if you are going to leave early when someone else (who would stay the entire game) could have your seat — aiding in bringing our team a victory?

The real question here is who are you, Ilycia Schwartz? If you knew anything about sports, you would know football is a sport in which spectators can directly influence the outcome of a game. The same cannot be said for the sports you listed. In fact, the fan base

can be such an influence that there is a thing called "home-field advantage."

Due to a few mediocre seasons, and other people like you, the Swamp is in the process of being "taken back" by the Gators. Coach Urban Meyer has even publicly asked for the student body's help in this process.

The point of Miller's letter was to inform students that they are taking a privilege for granted. Watching the illustrious Gators play is the experience of a lifetime.

Go Gators!

Ryan D. McIntyre

A modest proposal for early departures

Tripp Miller's article on Gators fans leave football games early was nearly perfect in its indictment. My only qualm comes from the fact that he did not emphasize the malignant danger these early exiting deviants place on the very thread that binds us to the Gator Nation. The audacity found in those who capriciously choose to leave for recreational and scholarly pursuit in place of big hits and end zone dances threatens to undermine the very reason we are attending this fine academic institute: FOOTBALL!

I, for one, propose the use of mandatory Monday-morning exam sessions that would allow professors to depart from their tiresome, boring, ultimately useless lectures and instead question students on final scores, passing yards and other facts that will ensure the production of dynamic members of the Gator

In the meantime, perhaps scholarship funds could be diverted slightly to ensure the -presence of armed guards around all stadium exits as extra insurance against these subversive so-called "fans."

Dan Pfleegor

Judical bias may be a problem locally

The Alligator is to be congratulated on its perceptive editorial Tuesday about the potential harm to this community by judicial bias. The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Bench/Bar Committee is being asked to consider related issues at its public session on the fourth floor at the Family and Civil Justice Center at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 18.

Dean Robert Jerry, still new to the UF Levin College of Law, also may consider the potential conflict of interest when members of the local judiciary are asked to teach trial skills to law students who soon will appear before them as counsel in civil and criminal actions. Conflicts of interest here are particularly great because of ties between Florida Blue Key and politicians at all levels.

Certainly such potential bias apparently was ignored when a local judge connected to the university denied a petition filed for Charles Grapski, who successfully sued FBK several years ago. Grapski has been seeking access to e-mails allegedly in the custody or control of UF President Bernie Machen. The decision may have been proper but doubt is cast when the deciding jurist has special loyalty to the university.

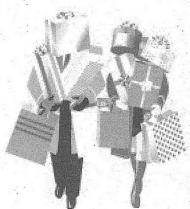
Such tarnish on the appearance of justice is especially worrisome in this area, for reasons not addressed in the editorial. All but one of the Alachua County Circuit Court judges are white. Those claiming discrimination rightly may believe their complaints are falling on deaf ears or, worse, that the area bench has endowed the school.

Thanks again for your insight on what takes to let the public know the significant local threat to an independent judicial system if judges do not disclose affiliations with potential conflicts of interest, especially in legal actions brought here against the university.

Gabe Kaimowitz Gainesville attornev

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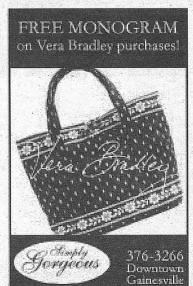
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To their own beat



By DANIELLE LUCEY

Avenue Writer

If Mitch Soule from The Leftovers has his way, Gainesville will soon teem with drummers.

Soule is putting on a benefit concert Monday to benefit local nonprofit organization Studio Percussion. The charity, started by UF alumnus Tobin Wagstaff, uses drums and percussion instruments to motivate children's development and leadership skills.

The early show, located at the Civic Media Center at 1021 W University Ave., also includes the untimely death of..., and X-ray Ted on the bill.

The money raised will provide Studio Percussion with needed equipment and scholarships for private lessons, which are given out to children based on financial

Soule started working with Studio Percussion after he saw a post on gainesvillebands.com



by Wagstaff requesting help on rebuilding the organization's Website. After forming a relationship, Wagstaff also wanted Soule to intern at the studio.

Soule had played drums "off and on" and was put in Studio Percussion's advanced class held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, he said. The organization has a range of classes, including a Kids Love Drums class for children 3 and under.

The Leftovers are recording a yet-unnamed demo featuring five new songs in guitarist Charles Rye's new studio.

"We really turned a corner with the new music we tried to do," Soule said. "It's a whole new process of pretty much beginning anew."

The last CD was a transitional phase for the band, which used to play "three-chord Green Day rock," Soule said. These days the band draws inspiration from bands on No Idea Records, even though they've still maintained most of their post-hardcore sound. Now, instead of spending two days formulating songs, the band is spending as much as two months, Soule said. To complete the band's transition, they are also searching for a new name, Soule said.

So far the band has completed two songs, both clocking in at over six minutes. They are holding off on recording more vocals until Soule recovers from a cold.

Along with new songs, the demo will include an electric version of "Computer Scans" from their previous album, "These Ships Have No Cannons.

For more information on Studio Percussion call 338-8302 or visit its-Web site at studiopercussion.org.



Tyler Lattimore, 11, practices at Studio Percussion, a nonprofit benefited by the Sunday concert at the Civic Media Center.

QUOTABLE



"I do not have a child, and all allegations saying so are false." Janet Jackson

About having a "secret" daughter.

Local artists find everyday inspiration

By GABRIELLA A. VIGIER

Avenue Writer

Ordinary doesn't have to be a bad thing, in fact, some would even call it art.

The WARPhaus Art Gallery, 818 NW First Ave., will hold a free opening reception for the "Everyday" exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

A collection of sculptures, ceramics, photography, video and paintings give dynamic depictions of what the artists consider to be everyday life.

The nine artists involved, who will attend the opening reception, are: Wesley Berg, Kyle White, Lisa Iglesias, Jeremy Mikolajczak, Leonard Trubia, Matt Grady, Conner McKissack and Joy Drury

Cox, a photography student at UF, said the world around her was an inspiration for the art.

"A lot of us were making art that dealt with the everyday — a questioning of our surroundings," she said. "For some of us, it is through art-making that we offer other possibilities and alternatives to the things we experience daily."

But daily objects aren't the only things the artists use to express themselves.

"While some of the works in the show deal with objects that we encounter on a daily basis, others deal with notions of time and experiences that routinely occur," Cox said.

The gallery is run by a different graduate student in the UF fine arts program each year and receives its ideas for exhibits from community

"It's just an opportunity from students, both graduate and undergrad, to send proposals, but it's not limited to UF students," said Kendal Johnson, a 23-year-old graduate student in the UF arts program and coordinator of the "Everyday" exhibit.

The gallery is open for student proposals from both UF and SFCC, as well as to all local artists.

The WARPhaus Gallery offers not only a forum for artists to express themselves, but opportunities to practice their artistic skills and studies adjacent to UF.

UF art professors Bethany Taylor and Sean Miller are in charge of the gallery, which is not affiliated with the university but gets most of its resources from there.

The gallery offers classes, workshops and research for individuals to practice their work, Johnson said.

The gallery is also accepting proposals for its Spring 2006 exhibition.

INSIDE

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Comic begins long, dusty road

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Years ago, Azzarello reinvented the crime genre for

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Now, Azzarello has taken the reins of what he's dubbed a "noir spaghetti western" and created "Loveless."

It sounds like an oxymoron, but with Azzarello teaming up with Marcelo Frusin again, his "Hellblazer" collaborator, bound to work.

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Set several years after the end of the Civil War, it's the story of Wes Cutter, a former Confederate soldier, a man who escaped from a prison camp. A man everyone thought was dead.

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side him.

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So, it's one of those books that you find yourself rooting for the bad guy in a world full of, well, worse guys.

Cutter's going to find that some of those "worse guys" he ran off his property are coming back for his blood

We'll also learn a little bit about the skeletons in his wife, Ruth's,

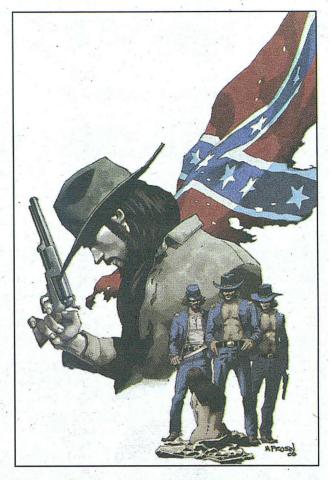
"Loveless" isn't a miniseries; it's got a long, dusty road ahead of it. Azzarello does have an ending in mind, but it's a few years down the

A warning: Azzarello takes the opportunity to really utilize the time period.

He doesn't beat around the bush at all with race relations, the state of unrest in the United States or violence.

"Loveless" is gritty and gunslinging, and though Azzarello uses the "n-word," it seems historically appropriate.

Giddy up.



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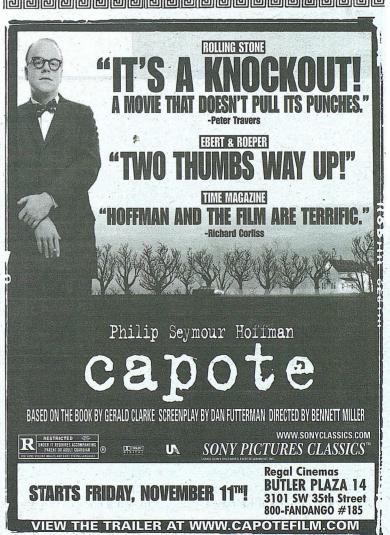
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The Joggers' sophomore album good, not great



The Joggers With a Cape and a Cane Star Time

The Joggers come from Portland, and as impressive as their second album can be at times, you can't help but feel that they're destined to be lost in the glut of Northwestern indie rock bands.

The Joggers take the Q and Not U route of slightly angular post-punk, and they're clearly good at what they do. Vocalist Benjamin Whitesides recalls Cursive's Tim Kasher, minus the angst. The comparison resonates

further on the second track, "We've Been Talked Down," which has the dark, brooding quality of something from the Omaha band's "The Ugly Organ.'

Jake Morris' drumming keeps things interesting, and the band shoots for a catchy dance floor hit on "Wicked Light Sleeper."

Somehow, though, they never quite hit the target dead-on, leaving the listener with a record of well-written songs that are ultimately difficult to remember. Whitesides' nonchalant vocals, too, begin to grate a little by the album's end. A good indie rock record, but not an essential one.



Bonk "Western Soul" Racing Junior

It's hard to know what to make of

Bonk. From the album's cover, a photo of the Norwegian duo looking disheveled and shirtless, you might expect some kind of down-tempo electronica. Then you listen to the bass rolling ominously over spoken-word samples on the opening track, and you start to anticipate yet another disco/postpunk fusion. One minute in the guitars arrive, and you realize that Bonk plays hard-and-fast rock 'n' roll. And they play it loud.

That guitar sound grazes a little too close to nu-metal for comfort, but thankfully Bonk likes to rock out in a different way on each of their two-minute blasts. From one track to the next, they replicate nothing except the volume level. Fans of early-90s post-hardcore will appreciate "Sara," while "Ni Hao Mama" is introduced with a riff Black Sabbath would have been proud of, and the blues-rock of "Wasted Love" is fueled with

an energy Jack White could never hope to match.

"Western Soul" blows by in less than half an hour and is all the better for it, for the quick play time enables them to keep everything short, sweet and fresh. Don't come looking for anything remotely cerebral, but if you're a rock fan of the old school turned off by the depressing, self-important excuses for metal and hardcore populating the airwaves, Bonk is definitely worthy of your time.

- MATT CLEAR

ocal band draws inspiration from criminally

ing some funky beats.

Greg Pishko

Pet Monument vocalist/guitarist

By VERA HADZI-ANTICH

Avenue writer

Local band Pet Monument's main inspiration tends to be craziness. Jon Waller, guitar/ vocals for the band, works with criminally insane people. He has a psychology degree from UF and works for the state of Florida

"I'm not allowed to bring CDs into my work," Waller said. "CDs are considered weapons."

Waller's profession has inspired at least two of Pet Monument's songs — "God's Tears," about a cult's use of poisoned lemonade for group suicides, and "Nurse Sara," about an insane man's love for the nurse who takes care of him

"That actually happens a lot," Waller said of patients infatuated with nurses. "It's how a person almost gets healthy because of this goal they are working toward.

Even though Waller's jobinfluenced those two songs,

the other members of the band work to write songs that have little to do with reality. Unlike bands that sing about past loves, this band finds inspiration in sources as unlikely as a program on Discovery Channel about lions.

"Two young lions took over the patriarchal head position," said Chuck Smyth, electric piano/guitar/vocals, about [Bo Diddley] calls us those Discovery Channel-inkids down the street play-

spired song, "Alpha Male."
"It was really sad to me."

Another song was created with a cell phone at the center.

Pet Monument name refers to the idea of an

inferior monument — is playing three shows this weekend, starting tonight at Common Grounds. The band will also be perform Friday night at a benefit concert at the Civic Media Center. Saturday, Pet Monument will perform as part of an all-day festival at Tim and Terry's

This band's sound needs to be heard to be understood. It's difficult to label it, but the band came up with "atmospheric indie rock" by the end of the interview.

Since there are different people writing the songs, the songs sound so different, drummer Chris Pettit said.

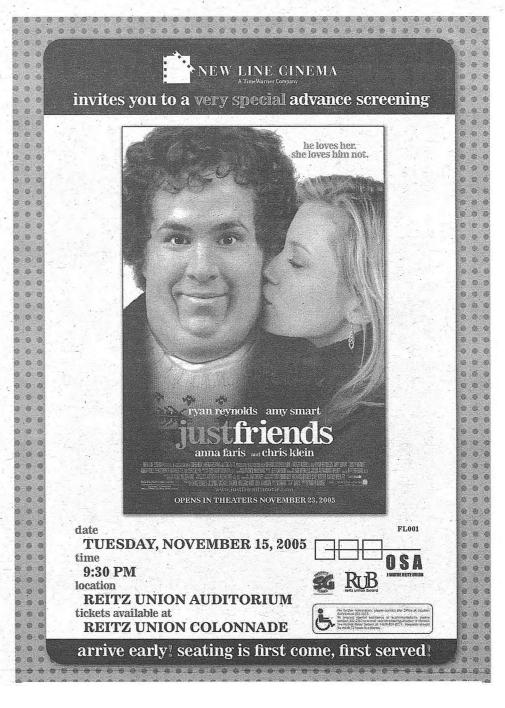
Perhaps the band is best described by one of its neighbors, Bo Diddley.

"He calls us those kids down the street playing some funky beats," guitarist/vocalist Greg Pishko said.



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calendar

today

The Shamrock, live music: Morningbell, The Shitty Beatles, Inuit Jargon, 10 p.m., \$5 The Hippodrome, theater: "Dracula," 8:15 p.m., \$25/\$22/\$17 Common Grounds, live music: Ithaca, Cassette, pet monument, 10 p.m.

friday

Midtown, live music: Kachina Weak, the untimely death of ..., In Memory, The December Drive, 9 p.m., \$5-\$6

Eddie C's, live music: Psycho Theory, Gettendeep, Higher Ledge, 9 p.m., \$5 The Side Bar, live music: Maxwell Edison, Velveteen Pink, 10 p.m., \$5

saturday

University Auditorium, concert: Sherrie Maricle & The DIVA Jazz Orchestra with special quest Rachael Price, 7:30 p.m., \$10-\$30

Tim and Terry's Music and More, 1417 NW First Ave., live music, comedy to benefit charities the Breakfast Brigade, HOMEvan and OXFAM on Campus: Maxwell Edison, The Monistats, Liquid Limbs, Snare & A Chair, Cara Del Gato, The Shitty Beatles, Mr. Ainsworth, The Callous Dowboys, Lady Death Maggot Trash-A-Thon and Ambient Hands, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., \$5 to \$10 donation

Eddie C's, live music: Lake Effekt, Bedside Manner, Stendhalic Response, 10 p.m., \$5 Common Grounds, live music: The Perceptionists featuring Mr. Lif & Akrobatik, ASPCI W/ DJ Big Wiz, Cool Calm Pete W/ Junk Science, Asamov, 10 p.m., \$10

sunday

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, concert: Jen Chapin, 7:30 p.m., \$35 McGuire Pavilion Constans Theatre, musical theater: "Hello Dolly!," 2 p.m., \$13/\$9 Downtown Community Plaza, arts festival: Lost Safari Drummers/Audacity, Quartermoon, Moondog, Gainesville Ballet Theater, Danscompany, Next Generation, Le Ballet Ivoire, Sound Stage Cloggers, 24th Street Klezmer Band, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free

monday

University Auditorium, concert: University of Florida New Music Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.,

Common Grounds, live music: Deerhoof, Death of a Party, Fun Killer, 10 p.m., \$8 Civic Media Center, live music: The Leftovers, the untimely death of..., X-ray Ted, \$5. Proceeds to benefit Studio Percussion.

tuesday

Eddie C's, karaoke: 8 p.m., free

University Gallery, exhibition: "Greater than the Sum: Selections from the Craig Robins Collection," 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

wednesday

Common Grounds, live music: The Suicide Machines, Stretch Arm Strong, Whole Wheat Bread, For Dire Sake, doors at 8 p.m., show at 9 p.m., \$10

University Auditorium, concert: University of Florida Wind Symphony, 7:30 p.m., free Eddie C's, live music: Jukebox Wagon, Officer Flossie, Chasing Yesterday, 10 p.m.

Artfest attendance up

By BOBBY KEITH and SHARILYN WISKUP

Avenue Contributing Writers

Gator football isn't Gainesville's only weekend event to enjoy a hike in its rankings this year.

The Division of Cultural Affairs' 24th annual Downtown Festival and Art Show moved up to 81st place from last year's 85th in the 200 best art festivals in the United States, according to Sunshine Artist

magazine. Sunshine Artist employee Angel Ross said the best-of list is narrowed down from about 10,000.

The decision is made by input from festival artists and craftsmen throughout the country who send in a ballot that lists their best-selling shows from the year.

The festival will be held downtown Saturday and Sunday from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m.
"Twelve years ago, we had 170 booth spots and only 150 artists applied," said Linda Piper, the events coordinator for the City of Gainesville's division of cultural

This year, about 600 artists applied for the 250 booths to be erected on the blocked-off streets between the Hippodrome and city hall, Piper said. "It is a competitive process that

begins in the summer and we only take the best," Piper said.

While the artists in attendance will be from all over the nation, Florida artists who applied to the festival were given preference over out-of-state artists. Gainesville artists had the best chance of getting

But local or not, diverse forms of art will be for sale this weekend for all types of art lovers and buyers.

Vendors will sell everything from original oil and watercolor paintings to decorative ceramics, sculptures, jewelry and photographs.

The prospect of creative gift may

be part of Artfest's success.
"I think it is so successful because during this time of year, people like to start their holiday shopping early," said Cecily McLeod, UF law

student and returning festival vol-

Each individual artist will compete for \$14,000 in cash prizes and \$4,000 in purchase awards, Piper

But before the first painting or necklace is sold Saturday morning, the festival will have already kicked off its musical events.

The festival will host live jazz and blues concerts Friday and Saturday

Friday night's blues concert begins at 7 with local band Terraplane before Beautiful Bobby Blackmon hits the stage, followed by Delta Moon.

The jazz festival starts at 6 p.m. Saturday with Gainesville's Mindwalk, followed by saxophonist Eric Darius, returning from last year's show, and then Pieces of a Dream will plug in at about 9:30

In addition to finding unique items and listening to music, students can sample barbecued ribs, turkey legs, gyros, bloomin' onions, sausages and strawberry shortcakes.

Some say glimpsing through artist's creations and listening to harmonic musician's tunes makes students feel like part of a diverse Gainesville culture.

"This is a completely different side of a college town that a lot of people don't get to see," said Katie Levy, UF freshman and Gainesville resident who has attended the festival in past years.

But the most impressive part of Gainesville's downtown festival is that the city didn't spend a penny to make it happen, Piper said.

It's funded entirely through fees from participants and contributions from private sponsors.

Most other festivals of this caliber charge admission, but the down-town festival's 120,000 expected patrons will get in free.

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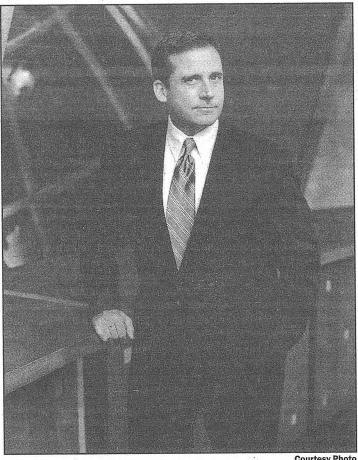
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Former 'Daily Show' star aims to overexpose himself



Steve Carell on the set of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." His new cynical sitcom airs Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. on NBC.

By KEVIN MAHADEO Avenue Writer

Steve Carell wanted to be a lawyer but persued his dream to be a 40-year-old virgin.

Carell was in the process of filling out applications for law school when he realized he would rather pursue his acting hobby.

Twenty years later, Carell has become one of the biggest stars in comedic entertainment.

Carell's career "began" with a local McDonald's commercial in which he played a three-armed man eating a triple cheeseburger.

"I thought to myself, 'This is it. I'm a complete and utter success," Carell joked during a Nov. 3 conference-call interview.

'There was no way I could achieve a higher goal, and frankly, it was all downhill from there."

In truth, Carell actually came to fame with "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

There, he served as one of the fake-news reporters and participated in the "Even Stevens" segment with former colleague Stephen Colbert. Carell said he has nothing but the utmost respect for Stewart and Colbert.

"Just to be mentioned in the same sentence as those guys - it sounds very much a cliché - is really an honor.

Carell has starred in a number of popular roles, skyrocketing him to superstardom. His recent endeavors include "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," the television series "The Office" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," which Carell

"I've sort of taken whatever job I've been given," Carell said.

"Aside from appearing in pornography, I've pretty much done anything that's been handed to

Carell said his favorite character to date is Brick Tamland from "Anchorman," who he relates most to because, like Brick, he is a fairly oblivious person himself.

"Brick is the Minotaur. He's sort half-man/half-beast," Carell said.

"I think Brick is mostly beast, and partly man...," he said.

"Anchorman" gave Carell a chance to expose his comedic talents; many of his scenes were not scripted, and Carell ad-libbed

The entire exchange between

Carell's character and Christina Applegate's concerning the "party in his pants" was made up on the

"Adam McKay would say, 'You know what Steve? At the end of this scene, just say anything.' It was a huge amount of freedom to say anything, and it didn't have to apply," he said.

Over the next two years, Carell is signed on to star in eight different movies — including a sequel to "Bruce Almighty" titled "Evan Almighty.'

With so much going on, it may seem as though his career has reached its peak.

"My goal is to be completely overexposed," Carell said. "In the next nine months, I'm going to take as much in as possible.

Then I'm going to disappear in a fiery wreck of a career.'

Carell said he gets sick of himself as much as anyone else, but he really isn't too worried about being overexposed.

"I just try to do things I find interesting or funny, with people I respect or find funny, or both," Carell said.

"I just want to have fun with what I'm doing."

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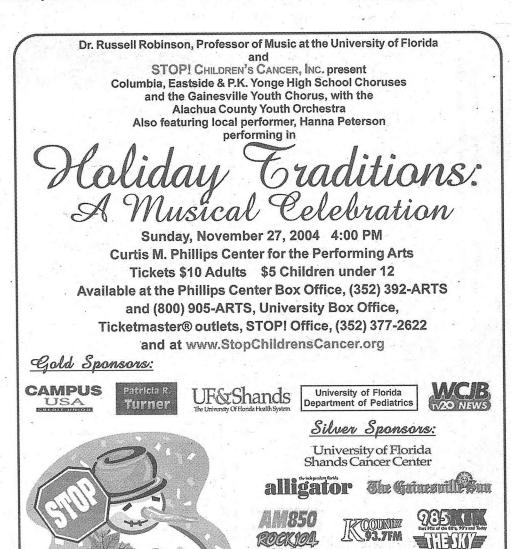
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Talent jam expands

Mark Berdin

Avenue Contributing Writer

What started out in 1993 as a small, four-act talent show with an audience of 75 has morphed into one of Gainesville's hottest annual events with an estimated audience of 1,400.

Def Talent Jam 13: "Jump, Jive 'n' Wail" is taking place Friday through Sunday.

Def Talent Jam is a 10-act talent competition featuring dance troupes, singers and musiperformances. plus the chicks dig it." The weekend event is one of the most anticipated in the southeastern Filipino student community.

This year, dance groups from Filipino Student Association chapters at several universities in Florida and Georgia will compete for prizes from \$250 to \$1,000.

The talent competition will start at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at The Venue. Admission is \$13 before 9 p.m. and \$15 afterward.

UF's Filipino Student Association chapter hosts the event every year in Gainesville. Despite not being allowed to compete because it is the host, Berdin said UF does not intend to forfeit the honor.

"This is our baby," said coordinator Mark Berdin, 20.

Berdin, the chapter's vice president of internal affairs, has been planning the event since Summer with chapter president Daniel Doromal, 22.

Berdin took on the position because he wanted a challenge in his

"You don't want your college years to be boring," he said. "And plus the chicks dig it."

He first heard people rave about Def Talent Jam while in high school.

"It's been big for a long time," Berdin said. "It's weird; I came to UF and now I'm the coordinator for Def Talent Jam. Who would have thought that in high school? My "You don't want your col- friends can't believe

it. Out of excitement for the event, members have created several Web sites in

Def Talent Jam coordinator addition to the official Web site, including a Xanga page, MySpace.com page and Facebook.com groups, the

119-member including "[Expletive] School! I Wanna Go To Def Talent Jam 13!" Although UF's chapter is not al-

lowed to compete, exhibition groups from the university can perform.

To kick off the festivities, there will be a seven-on-seven football competition called Adobowl on Friday. For the first time, the event will also feature a basketball tourna-

Berdin said he decided to add the tournament because of the heavy role basketball plays in Filipino culture.

"Basketball is a very big part of the Philippines," Berdin said. regarding More information the weekend's events is on Def Talent Jam 13's official Web site at morice4me.com/dtj13.

Mohawk, accomplice return

By CHRISTINE STEFFENS

Fashion a Go-Go

With a mohawk here and a fauxhawk there, here a mo, there a faux, everywhere a mo-faux.

So, when did the mohawk come back in style?

It appears this hair-raising (ha!) spectacle is re-emerging in Hollywood, in professional sports and on campus.

"It's rebellious, going against society's norms, said Jessica Gordon, 24. "And that's hot."

You've got that right, sister.

This hairstyle pulled a Rip Van Winkle, falling asleep in the '80s only to wake up 20 years later — along with old comrades like the "Flashdance" T-shirt and Chuck Taylors - as if it never left.

But now the mohawk is also paired with 21st century digital toys like cell phones and iPods, reinventing mainstream nonconformity.

Move over mullet; it's time for a slick new 'do.

Take a look around, you'll see what I'm talking about. And your Fashion a Go-Go doesn't lie.

Jeff Peel, 18, rows crew. He also sports a mohawk. A few other teammates razed their locks in competitive vigor, for the sake of tradi-

"It's cool... It makes us more aerodynamic," said crewmate Danny Reach, 18.

Well, go Gators.

But what superstar haircut is complete without a sidekick?

Ah yes, the '80s are memorable as a decade of radical sitcom sidekicks.

Let's see, there were Crockett and Tubbs, Magnum and Higgins, and lest we forget, the originator of primetime mohawk fashion, Mr. T (also known as B.A. Baracus) and the A-Team.

The mohawk too has a sidekick: the fauxhawk.

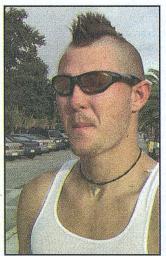
The fauxhawk is a prettier version of the mohawk, seen on some of the prettiest celebrity faces, including soccer star David Beckham and Brandon Flowers from The Killers.

The fauxhawk difference is that instead of shaving both sides of the head, the wearer keeps the hair long and spikes it all toward the center scalp — producing a less obvious spike than its cohort.

This is a more sleek and metro-sexual look, but the imitation loses its edge.

I pity the fool who wears a fauxhawk.

So, if you can't sport a mohawk, then be a mohawk supporter.



Christine Steffens / Alligator Jeff Peel and other crew members like the aerodynamics of the retro 'do.

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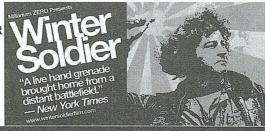
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the eyes of this rugged social critic.

Didion is most famous for her judicious essays on the '60s, collected in "Slouching Towards Bethlehem" and "The White Album." In them, she tore into the hippie movement, calling it a social hemorrhaging, at a time when most other writers

dubbed it "groovy."

In her previous memoir, which discussed her frontier heritage and gave voice to a veritable parade of characters, she maintained her characteristic distance with ease.

The vulnerability she evinces in this memoir render it much more moving.

What makes this book one of her best is that she breaks her own rules regarding self-disclosure, while maintaining her classic, brilliant style.

She is still terse. She still looks for facts to back up her claims — even if the claim is that people suffering from grief are temporarily insane.

Readers catch a glimpse of her emtion in her sen-

tences, which are not always completely orderly. Her thoughts are sometimes jumbled, but honest, and her pace has more urgency than ever before.

She lets us see it all.

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From her forgetfulness to her inability to cover the Democratic National Convention, she takes us with her through her bout with loss and reveals her feelings of inadequacy.

Each one of the 226 pages is filled with pure Didion wisdom. Her thoughts on self-pity and on the distinction between grief and sorrow lend a refreshing dose of personality to a writer who often hides behind subjects, offering only teasing glimpses into her psyche.

It is gratifying to see that even someone who seems to have it all so together can question herself.

This seemingly hardened critic penetrates the privacy of her marriage to reveal how she depended on her husband in her writing and

for her self-image. She describes things with such sincerity and attention that we forget the clichés of grief.

I admit I was skeptical about this book. I have never lost anyone close to me, so I simply assumed I was not a part of her target audience.

I was wrong. Didion's target audience is everyone. Anyone who wants to better understand other people, and certainly anyone who likes honest, insightful writing will love this book.

Netflix loses suit

Avenue Writer

Netflix Inc., the world's largest online movie rental service, may be sending out a few more DVDs than it planned next month, according to an e-mail to subscribers

On Nov. 2, all account holders who have had subscriptions since prior to Jan. 15, received an e-mail explaining that Netflix had settled the class-action lawsuit Chavez v. Netflix Inc., and that recipients of the e-mail are therefore entitled to benefits.

The settlement decrees that these subscribers can receive a free onemonth extra DVD upgrade to their account. Former Netflix members who were subscribers before Jan. 15 but are no longer members are also entitled to a free one-month membership of the three-DVDs-at-

The lawsuit was first filed in San Francisco Superior Court on Sept.

According to the Notice of Class Action and Proposed Settlement, plaintiff Frank Chavez alleged that Netflix did not live up to its advertising, "including statements of 'unlimited rentals' and 'one-day delivery." Netflix settled the lawsuit but denied any wrongdoing or

"Netflix settled the lawsuit in the best interest of the company and its customers," said Steve Swasey, director of Netflix Corporate Communications, in a Nov. 4 e-mail. Aside from reaffirming a complete denial of wrongdoing, Swasey declined further comment.

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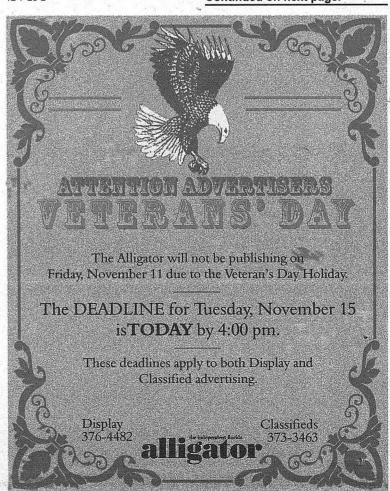
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There's annoying. And then there's South of the Border —a South Carolina government experiment about how to annoy I-95 travelers gone absolutely, horribly right.

If you've driven anywhere between Georgia and Virginia you've seen one too many of the 200 signs telling you about this peculiar Pedro man and this South of the Border phenomena.

Because flanking the North Carolina-South Carolina border in much the same way that mold grows between slices of stale bread, South of the Border continues thriving as a tourist hotspot.

Afraid you might burn at the stake during your Paris honeymoon? South of the Border offers a bevy of honeymoon suites.

Need some explosives to keep Bernie Machen up after he downs his nightcap? South of the Border sports Fort Pedro and Rocket City, fireworks stands with enough munitions to blow Fort Sumter into smithereens.

Craving a sweet-tooth fix? Check out Ice Cream Fiesta. Because who knows more about ice cream than Americans posing as Mexicans?

"Of course people say it's cheesy," said Susanne Pelt, South of the Border's spokeswoman. "Some people love it and of course some people don't. But it's a great place."

Conveniently nicknamed

South of the Border started in 1949 when Alan Schafer set up an 18-by-36 foot beer stand just south of the border because of North Carolina's dry

"I'm sure the people who drank their beer and wine didn't quit drinking just because the county decided not to sell it," Pelt said.

What started as an honorable gesture to distribute liquid bread has become a tourist trap featuring a 300room motel, six restaurants, the Space

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Gators ready for high-stakes SEC finale

By ANDREW ABRAMSON

Alligator Staff Writer

Sugar Bowl or Music City Bowl?

A monumental victory or a humiliating loss at the hands of a former Gators icon?

Everything that the Gators have worked for since Urban Meyer arrived nearly a year ago will either come into fruition on Saturday or fall faster than Steve Spurrier's visor after a bad offensive play when the Gators travel to Columbia, S.C for their Southeastern Conference finale.

A win coupled with a Georgia loss to Auburn Saturday night would send UF to the SEC title game for the first time in five seasons.

A loss, and the Gators could end up as the SEC's No. 6 team, playing a late December bowl game in Nashville.

That — and not the subplot of Spurrier coaching against the Gators - is the bottom line to a group of players that have enjoyed little success since joining a team that dominated the SEC in the 1990s.

"It's real strange. Actually it hurts," senior safety Jarvis Herring said. "I came here expecting to get at least two or three rings, going to two or three SEC championships and at least one national championship game."

What seemed like an easy UF victory just weeks ago suddenly feels like a true SEC East battle, a lá Tennessee or Georgia showdowns.

The Gamecocks have become the surprise of the conference as Spurrier has turned South Carolina's offense into an aerial assault.

And after watching the Gators nearly blow their season at home against Vanderbilt last weekend, Meyer realizes what's at stake. But

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL UF showcases new talent in opening win

FIVE PLAYERS SCORE IN DOUBLE FIGURES, INCLUD-ING BREWER'S 18.

By DAN TREAT

Alligator Writer

One down, one to go. On their first step to Madison Square Garden, the Gators felt like they had something to prove.

Spurred on by a spirited second half, UF ran away from St. Peter's by a final of 80-51 in the opening round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic the O'Connell Center Wednesday night.

The Gators advance to face

"I think our guys came out a little anxious. They were excited - the first game, a lot of nerves,"

Albany tonight, as the Great

(Michigan) 90-73 in the first

game of the doubleheader

while shooting 13 of 19 from

said after the game that Albany

might be able to challenge the

Gators in tonight's game with

a trip to the Big Apple on the

"I think Albany is a very,

Oakland coach Greg Kampe

Billy Donovan UF men's basketball coach

defeated Oakland

"We came in to prove a point, that we have a good team," Brewer said. "Everybody thought we lost a lot, but even though we lost

naysayers.

shot it.

good a team, or even better." Brewer was just one of five Gators to score double digits. Lee Humphrey finished up with 14, Chris Richard had 11, and Al Horford and Joakim Noah each finished with 10.

a lot, we feel like we're just as

Corey Brewer, whose career-

high 18 points were more than

he amassed in UF's two exhi-

He felt that the win proved

something to all of the Gators'

bition games combined.

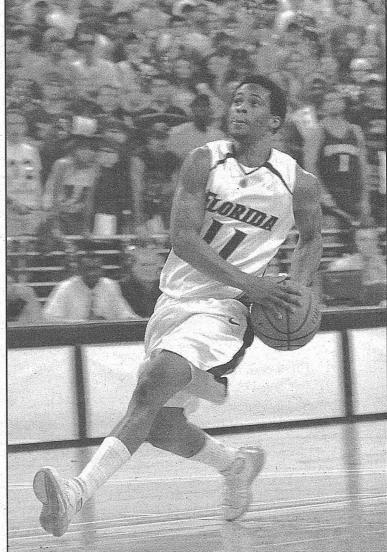
The game, however, was in doubt until the Gators strung together a 35-7 run in the second half, punctuated by consecutive three's from Brewer, Taurean Green and David Huertas that stretched the lead to as much as 39 points.

UF coach Billy Donovan said the team's sluggish firsthalf performance was due in part to first-game jitters.

"I think our guys came out a little anxious. They were ex-

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Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

Taurean Green goes for a layup Wednesday. His defense helped limit two-time NCAA scoring champion Keydren Clark to 11 points.

TOP SEC QBs yards per game

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"No, I haven't. I think I'll send him a good-luck card or something." Urban Meyer on whether he's shared tips with Auburn coach

Tommy Tuberville

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■ 1984: The No. 10 Gators wreaked havoc at the Cocktail Party, crushing No. 8 Georgia 27-0. UF would finish the season 9-1-1 and first in the SEC, but probation would keep them from possibly winning a national title.

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Players, fans set aside Spurrier loyalty for S.C. game



SIX OF SPURRIER'S RECRUITS PRE-PARE TO FACE THEIR OL' BALL COACH.

By BRYAN APP

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Free Shoes University means nothing to him. And he doesn't even know that you can't spell Citrus without UT.

The word "Nintendo" meant more to him than the name "Spurrier," as the Fun-N-Gun wreaked havoc on Southeastern Conference defenses.

Brandon Siler represents a new generation of Gators, reared in the post-Steve Spurrier era.

The linebacker was a high school sophomore during Spurrier's final season at UF in 2001. Still, he's heard a few things.

"I heard he was a great coach," Siler said. "I never played for him. I never met him, so I really don't know him and couldn't tell you a lot about him. But from the things I see that's he's done, he's pretty good — real good."

He sees things like Spurrier's 1966 Heisman Trophy on display outside of the team's locker room. Things like UF's 1996 National Championship Trophy housed in the bowels of the Swamp. Things like Spurrier's jersey painted on the interior of the stadium's south end zone.

And Siler only has to look beside him for a glimpse at a living relic from UF's football glory days. Redshirt senior linebacker Todd McCullough is one of six holdovers from Spurrier's final recruiting class at UF.

Along with safety Jarvis Herring, cornerback Vernell Brown, center Mike Degory, offensive tackle Lance Butler and scout-team offensive lineman Jonathan Marvin, McCullough came to UF with visions of dominating the SEC under Spurrier.

Now, they go through the man who drew them to Gainesville in order to possibly secure their first and last shot at a conference title.

When the Gators face South Carolina on Saturday with their SEC season on the line, McCullough will gaze across the field to find the coach who facili-

tated the realization of a life-long dream patrolling the Gamecocks' sideline.

"[Playing for UF] was something I always wanted to do since I was a small kid, and to get a chance to live out your dream is something that you'll always be grateful of," said McCullough, who is the only one currently on the UF roster to play a down for Spurrier. "Coach Spurrier and his staff gave me that opportunity."

McCullough's Ol' Ball Coach will always have a special place in his heart, just not on Saturday.

"You're going to do everything you can do to beat them, and they're going to do everything they can to beat you," McCullough said. "During that time period it's a battle. Afterwards, we can shake hands, but during that time period, it's a ball game."

Though he admits he's a Gator 364 days of the year, Spurrier agrees that nostalgia goes out the window come 12:30 Saturday afternoon.

"I don't think it will be as big a deal as people will think it will be," he said. "When you're the play-caller, the offensive coach, usually your mind is on the next play."

Spurrier was quick to point out he's not the only coach to face his alma mater. It's not even the first time he's coached against the Gators.

Spurrier reminded prodding reporters Sunday that during UF's 0-10-1 season in 1979, he served as an assistant at Georgia Tech, and the Yellow Jackets played the Gators to a 7-7 tie in Gainesville.

Of course, that's a little different than standing between a league title and a program he raised to national prominence — a program that still lives in his shadow.

"His stamp will always be on this program, and it always should be," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "It's no one's job to try to eliminate that stamp.

"You're not trying to eliminate anything. You're just trying to build your own program here."

A win Saturday would go a long way to wean UF off its Spurrier dependency. Herring wants to help Gator Nation kick the habit.

"Pretty much, all the fans, they want us to go there and kick their behinds," Herring said. "That's all I can say about that."

PICKS, from page 24

Needle-like 200-foot tall Sombrero Tower and everything from an amusement park to a giant gorilla. As for Pedro?

"We've never had an actual person here who was named Pedro. But Mr. Alan Shafer — we called him Pedro," Pelt

Oh ... just like there was never a Spread 'n' Shred.

So grab a Corona and enjoy your Taco Bell as alligatorsports presents this week's picks.

Barely hanging on in a tie for first place with a 58-32 record is wannabe fullback Andrew "I have no problem covering elementary school kickball for the first two years of my career" Abramson, whose life goal is to reference Satan and minorities in the name of every fantasy sports team he manages.

Tangled with Andrew — just where he wants to be

— is giggling groupie Louis "Will you sign my left breast?" Anastasis, who somehow outdid his Shaq ass-kissing maneuver when he tried to score with the All-American Rejects by telling them they were better than the Stones after an Orlando gig Sunday.

Losing ground faster than Terrell Owens at a Slip 'N Slide party with a 57-33 record is local drummer prodigy Bryan "Unfit humans should be sterilized at birth to improve the world's population" App, who avoids any department store that supplies clothes in a color besides pink, brown or black.

Coming in a not-so-stellar fourth place with a 56-34 mark is five o'clock shadow main man Farzad "I maintain a bare Facebook profile so you guys won't know about my sadistic hobbies" Safi, who is winning the war of being the anti-college student. UF archives indicate that Farzad's 1 1/2 year long-distance relationship is good for a school record.

Playing catch up for the gazzilionth week in a row with a 55-35 record is Laguna Beach addict Eric "Yes, that's me wearing a Gators winter hat in my Facebook photo album"

Esteban, who has struggled with boredom now that there has been a drought of hurricane-looting opportunities.

And last and certainly least, taking pride as the armpit of the pickers with a 54-36 record, is Johnnie Cochran apprentice Ian "I have a different pair of flip flops for each one of my Polo shirts" Fisher, who has signaled the Apocalypse by picking the Gators to win a toss-up game for the first time in North American history.

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Gators hold scoring champ to 11 points

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cited — the first game, a lot of nerves," Donovan said. "I thought in the second half, we really settled down, and our team played very good basketball."

After being given the green light by Donovan, Humphrey was again firing shots from all spots on the floor, finishing 4 for 7 from beyond the arc.

"Let it go, let it go," Donovan said. "I think you saw one of them hit the backboard first. I had no problem with that. I was waiting for him to kind of be embarrassed."

The Gators also harassed the Peacocks'

Keydren Clark, limiting the two-time defending NCAA scoring champion to just 11 points on a 4-for-17 shooting performance.

Clark never scored fewer than 15 points last season.

Green spent the majority of the game shadowing Clark, and his teammates were effusive with praise after the game.

"We did a really good job on Clark; he's a heck of a player," said Adrian Moss, who returned two weeks early from an injured knee.

"I think we did a great job containing him. Give all the credit to Taurean...we just tried to help him out anyway we could."

Herring hopes to get his first ring

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do his players?

"I really have to talk to this team about [keeping focus]," Meyer said. "I know that people, reporters and everybody are like, 'What about this? What about Georgia?' Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa What about third-and-6 in the second quarter with 4 minutes left? Your focus better be on that

"I think sometimes here at Florida, I'm finding out, there's a distraction."

The Gators have no choice but to try to cap off the SEC season with a victory and then wait about three hours for the Georgia-Auburn game to kickoff.

"I might not even watch the Georgia-Auburn game, I might just wait for someone to call me and tell me 'hey you're going to the SEC championship,'" Herring said. "I don't even want to see it, I may get a little too nervous, too hyped."

Perhaps Herring will really be watching the Home Shopping Network, because he seems to have a newfound interest in rings.

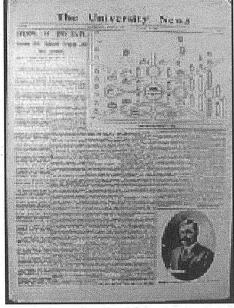
All it will take is a single victory and a little help from Auburn, and the Gators can have a true shot at winning that championship ring that has eluded them since Spurrier was wearing orange and blue.

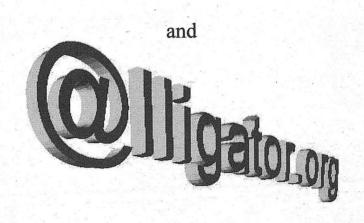
"I just want a ring real bad," Herring said. "I don't want to buy one. I want to win one."

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UF SOCCER

Gators to open NCAA Tourney at home against Illinois

By SPENCER DAVIS-VANNESS

Alligator Writer

Beat Illinois.

As the top-seeded UF soccer eam (13-5-1) prepares to take on the Illini (11-6-3) in their Friday night opening-round match of the NCAA Tournament, that's the one and only

After Central Florida upset UF in a similar first-round situation last season, the Gators know a little bit about trap games.

Even the allure of a possible rematch with second-seeded Florida State dangling just one win away won't be distraction to the team, senior forward Jessica Young said.

"That was our mistake in the SECs," said Young of the Gators recent first-round Southeastern Conference Tournament loss to

Auburn.

"I think we weren't really focused on the game against Auburn versus the tournament as a whole," Young said. "We're not focusing on FSU; we're focusing on Illinois.'

To find themselves in this position, hosting the Illini at UF, the Gators rode an emotional rollercoaster during the past week.

Fresh off their stinging loss to the Tigers, the team returned to Gainesville for a weekend of grueling practice.

On Monday, they gathered for a team meeting as the 2005 NCAA Tournament bracket was announced.

And then their wild ride took an upward turn.

"We weren't called until the last bracket, and that was really hard because as each bracket was posted, it was just more and more nervousness setting in," Young said.

"When we saw our name we were exited, and then when we saw Gainesville, we were shocked," she said. "Everyone was cheering. People were crying. It was excit-

Junior Melanie Booth had a similar reaction to the announcement.

"We were very surprised," Booth said. "I had no doubt we'd be in the tournament, but I didn't think we'd be at home.

"I'd have to say we lucked out." Recent history of the NCAA Tournament has been unkind to the UF soccer program.

Senior Jessica Young has seen nearly all the postseason has to of-

While the Gators failed to make the bracket in Young's freshman season, they reached the NCAA Elite 8

And then there's last year's firstround loss to UCF in 2004.

The NCAA Tournament is the time for a lot of people to redefine themselves. Do with it what you will, and go with it where you want to go."

Jessica Young UF senior

"I've seen it all since I've been here," Young said.

"I've really seen the gamut of variations of how a season can go down.

And she isn't content to fall into line with history.

"Being a senior now, you want to make the most of it," she said. "I'll say it for selfish reasons...I want to go as far as we possibly can."

Coach Becky Burleigh said the Gators shouldn't have any trouble being in the proper mindset for tournament play after their experience last weekend.

"It was a slap in the face what happened with Auburn," she said. "You know if you lose that NGAA game, then you're done. If you're a senior, you're done for your career."

With that in mind, the Gators approach the NCAA Tournament with a mix of caution and eagerness.

Tournaments provide a clean slate, providing an opportunity to move past records and history, Young said

"The NCAA Tournament is the time for a lot of people to redefine themselves," she said. "Do with it what you will, and go with it where you want to go.'

What could be worse than losing to Spurrier?

Can you handle the ultimate slap in the face?

Would you survive the coldest bucket of ice water this side of Antarctica?

What will you do if Steve Spurrier upsets the Gators?

Everyone is blabbering about SEC championship this and Atlanta trip that — as they should — but nobody seems to be dwelling on what could be the harshest loss since Mississippi State undressed UF last season.

And wouldn't it be sour because the loss would eliminate UF's first shot at an SEC championship since 2000.

If the Gators lose Saturday, Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan might as well tab Monday a local bawliday because Gator Nation would still be soaked in tears from losing to SOS. That, or the Spurrierinduced hangovers would give everyone a gut-wrenching case of the Mondays.

Losing to Spurrier would be worse than watching Urban Meyer tear his ACL running out of the tunnel. It would be the ultimate embarrassment - no coach could deliver as stinging a defeat, save Ron Zook if he were ever to drug the Gators and defeat UF with his Illi-noise Division III



Louis **Anastasis**

Louis in the Bullpen

Sure everyone Spurrier loves

- except for that asterisk. The fine print on every Gator fan's conscience reads quite clearly: I shall support Stephen Orr Spurrier in all endeavors — foot-

ball related or not — 364 days a year. I shall not be a Stephen Orr Spurrier fan on UF-South Carolina game day.
Why would a loss to the Cock-n-Fire

king be so bad? Just rewind to October 2004. Zook is fired and before you can say, 'We're getting better," rumors begin swirling about Spurrier's possible return to his Gator Nation throne.

While few know exactly how the conversations between Spurrier and UF athletics director Jeremy Foley went, the Ol' Ball Coach made no secret that he wasn't opposed to coaching the Gators again.

And that was supposed to be it. End of deal, right? Instead Foley pulled the ultimate AD behind the back pass, successfully courting bad boy Urban Meyer

- college football prodigy and seeming defender of the universe.

It is 13 months later, and the verdict is still out on which coach would have been the better fit. Does Spurrier have the physical and mental investment to build a college dynasty? Only time will tell.

Can Meyer, given a couple of seasons, implement the spread offense that drove Mountain West opponents silly? Only two more recruiting classes will tell.

But Saturday, in the minds of Gators fans, a loss to Spurrier would provide an immediate answer: Foley, you goofed.

Spurrier will forever be regarded as the mastermind behind the UF football program. Once he retires from college football, one could even envision a statue of him slamming down a visor sitting outside the Swamp. But try telling Gainesville to cope with losing to a beloved coach the Gators could have hired.

Try appeasing the masses of fans who albeit foolishly — subscribe to the Instant Gratification School of Thought.

Despite the injuries and the road venue, the Gators should have the manpower and coaching to pull out the win.

God help the man at the helm of Gator Nation if they don't.

Football Practice Report

HARD RETURNS: Continuing the plan implemented during the Vanderbilt game, the Gators will have wide receiver Chad Jackson return punts against South Carolina on Saturday The Gators have already lost wide receiver Andre Caldwell and cornerback Vernell Brown to special teams' injuries.

But because UF coach Urban Meyer places such an emphasis on field position, he is not about to have scrubs return kicks and punts.

"We've won seven games, and special teams have played a big role," Meyer said. "You don't just start changing that. We have to block a little better [for the returners]. Maybe we eed more starters in there to block."

> TARTT TO PLAY: Offensive lineman Jim Tartt, who has missed the past two games with a sore shoulder, will likely play Saturday, Meyer said. Though Tartt has impressed Meyer when healthy, the Gators have established a consistent three-man guard rotation of Steve Rissler, Tavares Washington and Drew Mi UF surrendered four sacks against LSU the last time Tartt played.

CALDWELL RECOVERING: Though Caldwell won't be able to return from his broken leg until next season, he is already on the comeback trail. The wide receiver has regained 10 of the pounds he lost after surgery to repair his broken femur and has been attending practices.

"When he got hurt, I don't want to say he got depression, but he went through the realization that you're not going to work out for a while," Meyer said. "He's doing good. I wish we had him."

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How They Match Up



FLORIDA RUN vs SOUTH CAROLINA RUN DEFENSE: Florida rushes for 152.2 yards per game; South Carolina allows 173.8 yards rushing per game.

KEY PLAYERS: UF: Jr. TB DeShawn Wynn (99 att-487 yds, 4.9 avg, 7 tds), Fr. TB Markus Manson (53 att - 256 yds, 4.8 avg, 1 tds) USC: So. LB Dustin Lindsey (48 tackles, 29 solo), Sr. LB Ricardo Hurley (47,

ANALYSIS: When Wynn went down against Vanderbilt, Manson proved that he is also a capable primary back. Wynn should be available on Saturday, meaning the Gators will have a tough 1-2 punch going up against a weak South Carolina run defense.

ADVANTAGE: Florida

FLORIDA PASS vs. SOUTH CAROLINA PASS DEFENSE:

Florida passes for 224.6 yards per game; South Carolina allows 172.8 yards passing per game.

KEY PLAYERS: UF: Jr. QB Chris Leak (1,940 yds, 14 TD-4 INTs, 62.9 pct, 136.1 rating), Jr. Chad Jackson (63 rec, 632 yds, 10.7 avg, 7 TDs); Jr. Jemalle Cornelius (21, 279, 13.3, 1) USC: So. FS Ko Simpson (81 tackles





SOUTH CAROLINA RUN vs. FLORIDA RUN DEFENSE:

South Carolina rushes for 79.2 yards per game; Florida allows 100.7 yards rushing per game

KEY PLAYERS: USC: Fr. TB Mike Davis (85 att - 342 yds, 4.0 avg, 1 TDs), Sr. TB Daccus Turman (52, 213, 4.1, 2) UF: So. LB Brandon Siler (52 tackles, 25 solo), Jr. LB Earl Everett (52, 25) ANALYSIS: Receiver Syvelle Newton is actually tied for the team lead with two rushing touchdowns, meaning this isn't a running team. Siler and Everett are ailing, but both should play and have no problem stopping the Gamecocks' running game

ADVANTAGE: Florida

South Carolina passes for 230.8 yards per game; Florida allows 189.1 yards passing per game

KEY PLAYERS: USC: So. QB Blake Mitchell (1,798 yds, 15 tds, 6 ints, 61.9 pct, 143.5 rating), Fr. WR Sidney Rice (46 rec, 718 yds, 15.6 avg, 12 tds), Jr. WR Syvelle Newton (27 rec, 297 yds, 11.0 avg, 2 tds), UF: Sr. SS

Jarvis Herring (41 tackles, 25 solo), Jr. FS Reggie Nelson (37, 25)

ANALYSIS: After losing cornerback Vernell Brown to a fractured fibula, this is the worse time for the Gators to face a hot South Carolina passing game. As usual Steve Spurrier has found unknown players to master his pass attack, including a freshman that leads the SEC in receiving touchdowns.

ADVANTAGE: South Carolina





SPECIAL TEAMS

FLORIDA KEY PLAYERS: Jr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 47) Jr. Punter, Eric Wilbur (48 punts, 41.9 avg, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (45, 39.8, 64), Fr. Kicker Chris Hetland (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (8-9 FGs, long 56) USC: Sr. Punter Josh Brown (8-9 FGs, lon vg Otd)

ANALYSIS: Although Andre Caldwell and Vernell Brown both suffered broken legs returning kicks and punts; Meyer will continue to utilize key players on special teams, including Chad Jackson on punt returns Hetland and Wilbur continue to be among the best in the SEC at their positions ADVANTAGE: Florida

ADVANTAGE: South Carolina



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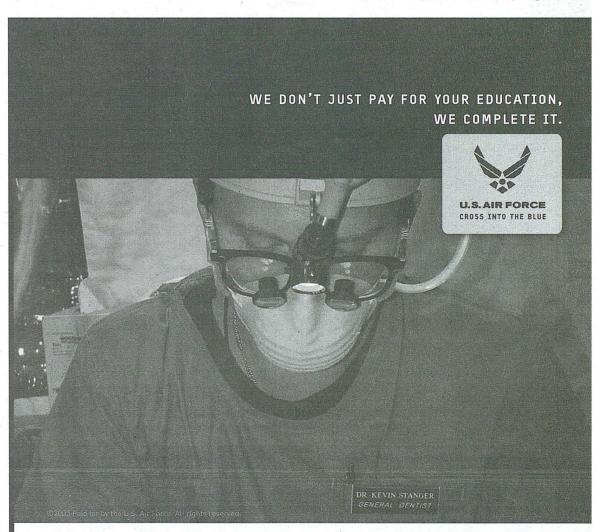
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