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ADMINISTRATION UF instructor refiles lawsuit

By JUSTIN RICHARDS

Alligator Writer

A UF instructor refiled his lawsuit against President Bernie Machen on Monday with a heavily amended complaint, after his initial lawsuit was dismissed last month.

On Oct. 5, Charles Grapski sued Machen for failure to comply with public-records laws, alleging that Machen withheld public documents about Gator Growl funding that Grapski requested.

Circuit Judge Robert Roundtree dismissed Grapski's lawsuit Oct. 20. He ruled that Grapski misled the court by neglecting to mention the documents that Machen's designee, Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin, did provide him.

In Grapski's amended lawsuit, he states that the documents Telles-Irvin provided him with were the results of a separate request. He maintains that Machen produced none of the documents the law required him to.

Many of the documents he sought from Machen were e-mails, all of which Grapski said Machen deletes upon reading.

Florida Statutes state that "all documents... regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission... in connection with the transaction of official business" are open for public inspection.

The statutes require officials to keep such records, and legal justification is required to withhold or destroy them.

UF's Brechner Center for Freedom of Information rates the openness of states' governments in various categories, on a one-to-seven scale, seven being the most transparent.

UF was graded with a five for computerized communication. Utah, Machen's state of origin, was rated three in the same category.

Machen had never been challenged on public-records laws in Florida before Grapski's lawsuit.

Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist lauds the importance of public records on his Web site.

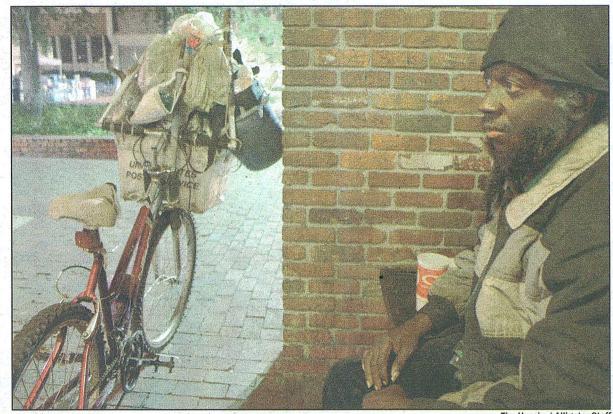
"Florida is renowned for putting a high priority on the public's right of access to governmental meetings and records," the site states, adding that "open government provides the best assurance of government that is responsive and responsible to the needs of the people."

A pricey request

UF history senior Thomas Mott, who describes himself as an "interested party" in Grapski's lawsuit, was asked Nov. 3 to pay \$149.74 for documents he sought in a request nearly identical to one of Grapski's.

On Sept. 29, he asked Telles-Irvin for all records regarding the funding of Homecoming, Student Government's proposal to subsidize Gator Growl tickets with student-

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The face of Gainesville's homeless

His belongings on his bicycle, D.J. Jones watches musicians from a bus bench at the Homeless Night Out event held downtown last week, noting that his sole interest was the hot soup. See photo story, pg. 12.

City makes donation to homeless

By JESSICA RIFFEL

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The Gainesville City Commission is willing to distribute up to \$210,000 to local organizations that show a need for addi-

tional funds to fight homelessness. Commissioner Rick Bryant proposed this as an alternative to Commissioner Jack Donovan's \$585,500 plan for a homeless shelter and winter services because he doubted the plan's effectiveness

"Our job is to be objective," Bryant said in response to Donovan's report. "I think it's very critical that we have the facts."

Bryant urged a vote after Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan suggested the commission allocate the \$210,000 to local organizations. The vote was unanimous

"Do we feel more charitable toward people who have been hit by a hurricane than who have been hit by their husbands?" Hanrahan asked.

If granted, the \$210,000 would come from reallocated property taxes.

CITY OF LIGHTS: The City Commission will contribute \$10,000 to the UF College of Fine Arts for a lighting design exhibit in Gainesville.

Gainesville City Commission

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ficient artistic lighting to increase safety and draw residents to public spaces.

The Civic Lights Urban Lighting Design Exhibition, planned for February 2007, will be the first of its kind in the United States. Designers will model it after an annual event in Sweden.

"We hope that it will become an annual event, as it is for several cities in Europe,' Dean of the College of Fine Arts Barbara Korner said

Faculty from the College of Fine Arts,

College of Engineering and architecture department attended the meeting to show support for the interdisciplinary project. Chris Machen, UF President Bernie Machen's wife, also attended the meeting.

TOWING COST MAY INCREASE: Illtimate Towing requested permission from the city to raise the roam-tow rate from \$76 to \$90.

Katherine Smaha, the company's lawver, said the increase was necessary because of higher fuel and insurance costs.

But Commissioner Chuck Chestnut expressed concern that the towing company could be exaggerating its needs.

"What happened in a year's time?" Chestnut asked. "We turned it down last year, and they wanted \$80 then."

The issue will be addressed at Thursday's Public Safety Committee meeting at 9 p.m., and the City Commission will make a decision at its Dec. 12 meeting.

After transferring from Marshall, Jason Williams dominated SEC opponents with his scoring and unique passing ability, but troubles off the court doomed his stay at UF. See story, pg. 23.



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Gainesville residents and UF students can soon search for new fourlegged friends with the click of a mouse, thanks to a county Web site. See story, pg. 9.

Student Senate, which controls about \$12 million in tuition-funded student money, wants you to come to its meetings. If you can find them.

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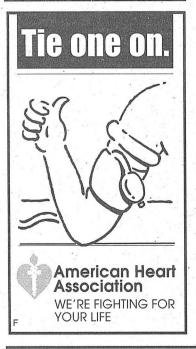
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Agency takes fake cash case

By CHRIS HIATTAlligator Contributing Writer

Counterfeit money used at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium last weekend has been turned over to the Secret Service to be investigated as a federal case, a University Police Department official said.

The Jacksonville field office of the U.S. Secret Service was notified of several phony bills passed during the UF-Vanderbilt football game, and that office is investigating the incident. Keri Rosov, the Secret Service agent coordinating the investigation, said his office is accustomed to counterfeit cases.

"We routinely get counterfeit currency in excess of a thousand or a couple of thousand a week," Rosov said.

Although he was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation, Rosov said the incident, while small, would be important

Around if it were linked with others in the area.

"That would be something we would pursue vigorously," he said.

UPD spokesman Lt. Joe Sharkey said last weekend's counterfeit bills were the first such documented occurrence on campus.

"Thankfully, our jurisdiction has never seen counterfeit money before," Sharkey said.

However, Rosov said that counterfeit currency is not new to the Gainesville area.

Soon after the game, the University Athletic Association alerted UPD that counterfeit bills had been circulated in the stadium. They were identified after the stadium was closed, including three \$100 bills and two \$20 bills, all of which were immediately handed over to police.

"We performed evidentiary services, taking photos and the names of those who identified the currency," Sharkey said. "Since it's a federal case, it has been turned over to the Secret Service."

Counterfeit currency has inconsistencies in the paper used to print the money, as well as the ink used to print serial numbers, according to the Secret Service Web site.

For example, U.S. currency is printed on paper with tiny blue and red fibers throughout, and a counterfeit bill would show blue and red print marks attempting to mimic them.

Anyone with information regarding counterfeit bills is asked to contact Rosov's office at (904) 296-0133.

Officials cannot explain delinquent elevator licenses

■ A STATE OFFICIAL SAID THE REITZ UNION HAS NOT PAID INSPECTION FEES.

By LYNDSEY LEWIS

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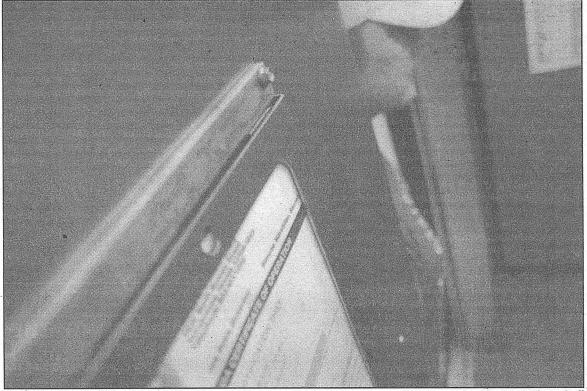
For three years, every elevator in the Reitz Union bore an operating license that expired in 2002, but Union officials say they still don't know why the state did not provide any new elevator certificates until two weeks ago.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, which oversees 43,000 Florida elevators, provided records stating that prior to Oct. 25, the Union had not paid inspection fees in two years.

Failure to pay fees prevents elevators from being issued renewed certificates, said Geoff Luebkemann, director for the Division of Hotels and Restaurants.

However, Mike Mironack, director of operations at the Union, said he received information that indicated the Union has always been in compliance with state laws.

According to another employee at the elevators' regulatory department, Mironack said, the Union has paid all its inspection fees since 2002.



Andrea Morales / Alligator Staff

Inspection certificates for elevators in the Reitz Union, such as the one shown above, were updated two weeks ago. The previous licenses expired in 2002.

"I think there might have been a delay in the inspector notifying the state (about inspections performed)," he said.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature

enacted a law requiring businesses to hire private elevator inspectors instead of utilizing state inspectors, a change that Mironack said could have caused some problems with acquiring up-to-date certificates.

"My guess is in that transition, there was a possibility that things could have been lost in translation, because you're dealing then with a middle person," he said. "We've never been informed that we have fines pending or anything like that."

Luebkemann said his department knew the Union was breaking the law by failing to display renewed certificates, but did not charge fines due to other recent legislative changes.

In 2003, the Florida Legislature enacted a law requiring elevators to receive annual inspections, and to follow a standard called a "current satisfactory inspection."

"We did not levy fees in this instance, as we tried to work with a pretty massive change," Luebkemann said. "We are in the early stages of attacking the rest of this delinquent problem."

Elevator-law violations are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 each, he said, and 250 violations were identified and fined in the past fiscal year.

Although Mironack acknowledged that some violations have been found in past Union elevator inspections, all elevators passed their October inspection and now display current certificates.

He also said he hopes to become further involved in future elevator inspections.

"That's what I'm trying to do," he said, "is figure out where did the process fail, and how to refine that process so that this does not occur."

STUDENT LIFE

Internships often necessary for employment after UF

By CHRISTOPHER HIATT Alligator Contributing Writer

The key to success after college is getting professional experience before you leave.

In UF's College of Journalism and Communications, each department recommends having at least one internship before graduation, if not two.

Internships can be paid or unpaid, and students can work as little as 100 hours or as many as 300 hours a semester for academic credit.

Kathleen Kelly, chairwoman of the Department of Public Relations, holds a seminar each semester in which she emphasizes the importance of internships. At the seminar

earlier this month, she stressed the importance of finding a paid internship.

"We are past the point where internships are slave labor," she said.

Kelly also feels that companies that don't pay their interns are unfair to those who cannot afford to work for free.

The average wage for a paid intern in the public-relations department last semester was \$8 an hour, and wages ranged from \$6.15 to \$16.50 an hour, Kelly said.

UF brings professional alumni to speak to students about their careers and experiences.

Stephanie Sinclair, a photographer for Corbis in New York City, spoke to journalism students Nov. 3, describing her success as a

"We are past the point where internships are slave labor."

Kathleen Kelly

Public relations department chair

photographer and journalist.

In her lecture, she also discussed her life in the Middle East during the United States-led invasion of Iraq. Throughout her career as a student at UF, Sinclair said it was her experience outside the classroom that made the difference.

"I had basically two years of experience by the time I graduated," she said, after recounting weekends spent sleeping on a newspaper's

couch. "It pays off to really work hard and go the extra mile when others won't."

Sinclair, who graduated in 1998, got a job at the Chicago Tribune immediately following graduation.

While not all UF departments have internship programs like those of the College of Journalism and Communications, all students do have access to the Career Resource Center, located on the first floor of the Reitz Union

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Speaker examines unpopularity of Asian hip hop

By DIANA MAZZELLA

Alligator Writer

Maybe it's because they're Chinese. Or just that their music is awful.

Oliver Wang, a music writer for National Public Radio, Vibe, Wax Poetics and Village Voice, gave some explanations Monday night as to why Asian American hiphop artists have not made it in the United States.

On Campus

"It's easy to say it's racism, but maybe you suck," he said.

He casually discussed the main Asian American figures in the genre and why they couldn't seem to make it in the industry.

There's Joe Bataan, who sang Latin style but was African and Filipino American and came out with "Rap-O Clap-O" in 1979, he said.

Then there was Fists of Fury that included artist Cyat, which stood for "cute, young Asian terrorist."

Fury took the approach of making race an issue and talked about revolution in at least one of its songs, but whatever the group's message, Wang said it had rhyming difficulties.

Wang mentioned racial authenticity in hip hop and how those artists who are not black are seen as posers.

Other artists, including Mountain Brothers, did not make race an issue. But Jin, a later artist, made race important in his songs, Wang said.

"Jin's Chineseness is front and center," Wang said.

He said it is a technique that mentions race outright so that it can't be discussed by detractors later on.

Wang said the industry cannot be expected to change because of one superstar, but change comes from the bottom first.

He said he didn't know why some groups fail and others succeed and noted that it is difficult for Asian artists to break into the American market.

Georges Augustin, a UF linguistics senior, said he thought some of the music that Wang played to the audience of about 40 was not of the best quality.

"Some of it was definitely not up to hip-hop par," he said.

He said he was "a little surprised that there were Asian American rap artists from way back."



Andrea Morales / Alligator Staff

Oliver Wang, a music writer for several outlets including the Village Voice, talks Monday night about how Asian American hip-hop artists have not become popular in the United States.

Asian American Student Union popular member Michael Wong said he agreed with Wang's point that artists. there is not a large Asian American War

population in the United States that would support these hip-hop artists.

Wang was brought for Asian

American Heritage Kaleidoscope Month. Kaleidoscope Month Director Andrea Ranada said the event cost about \$1,500.

SG lawmakers play scavenger hunt with meetings

The hunt for Student Senate meetings Dec. 6, 2005 – General Assembly/ Student Senate meeting at Touchdown Terrace in the football stadium; event starts at 7:30 p.m.; Senate starts after assembly WUNNERSTY AVE (SRIZE) Nov. 8, 2005 – Student Senate meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Levin College SW 2ND AVE -Florida Gym 🗿 of Fine - Tuesdays Hall Jaro LAKE ALICE Communicore Building in the McKnight Brain Insti-tute; TBA Harn Museum of Ar College of Veterinary BIVEN'S ARM Past meeting Meeting locations this Key: locations year Jennifer LaBrie / Alligator Staff

By DAVID COHEN

Alligator Writer

Student Senate wants you to come to its meetings — that is, if you can find them.

Senators plan to meet at various locations on campus in the coming months, such as the Harn Museum and a UF basketball court, to increase student participation. But some students say moving the gathering from its traditional Reitz Union location could be a deterrent for students to attend.

Senate President John Boyles said he moved last week's Senate meeting from the Union to the Levin College of Law in an effort to increase student involvement and show senators a different part of campus.

However, Senate Secretary Glenda Frederick, who has worked with SG since 1986, said she did not see more students than usual at last week's meeting.

"Whether or not it's successful, I really couldn't say," she said, noting that previous administrations also have held meetings outside the Union.

The new meeting location was advertised in SG offices, at previous Senate meetings and in e-mails to senators and organizational chairs, but was not included in UF's Wednesday Update.

"I don't know where they are," UF chemistry sophomore James Smith said about Senate meetings. "I don't see them advertised at all. If they want people to come, they should advertise it like they do for elections."

He said Senate should be held in the same location every week, in case he ever did have the urge to go.

Sen. Christopher Eklund said moving Senate meetings could hurt the Senate, rather than help.

"If it makes it harder for students who aren't senators to attend Senate meetings, then it makes Senate more insulate," Eklund

said. "If senators are not connected to the student body as a whole, then they are not representatives anymore. It's antidemocratic if a governing body is not representative of the populace."

Boyles said the Dec. 6 meeting at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium will be in the Wednesday Update, but Sen. Laura Gonzalez said she doesn't know if that will make a difference.

"Maybe we should try fliering," she said. Eklund said Boyles' philosophy might be more effective if it were reversed.

"It may be that it would be better to encourage senators to attend campus events than moving Senate around campus," he

said. "Senate meetings are long, and they're often boring."

Gonzales said she never finds meetings dull.

"I think that's a matter of perception," she said.

Eklund said that streamlining Senate meetings is a catch-22.

"You have to allow time for debate, but Senate meetings that run over three hours become tiresome for everyone," he said.

Sen. Josh Weiss said he thinks Boyles is on the right track because Union parking is "absolutely absurd."

Sen. Jason Lutin said a maximum of about five non-SG affiliated students sometimes show up to Senate meetings, "unless they want something."

Sen. Allison Cullin said she almost forgot that last week's Student Senate meeting was at the UF law school.

"Finding the classroom was a little difficult," Cullin said. "I have such an autopilot to drive to the Union."

She said the meeting was the first time she had been to UF's law school and gave her a better grasp of what goes on there.

"At least I'm not completely clueless," she said. "It was fun."

Editorial

Rampant hate

Protester's anti-gay views accepted by many

oving from one prick to another, the Editorial Board would like to leave Jared Hernandez and his pig roast alone for a moment and pick up the story of David Miller.

Miller showcased his innovative version of Turlington Plaza preaching Friday by focusing on his disdain for homosexuality.

Responding to a call claiming that Miller was disturbing classrooms, University Police handcuffed and held him in a police car for 30 minutes.

After continuously refusing to stop his crusade, Miller was let go and continued his ranting for another hour.

We detest Miller's message and deplore his tactics, but this incident leaves much to be questioned about selective free speech.

Plaza preachers tell us to go to hell on a daily basis. They shout that our morals are corrupt and our souls condemned. They claim that their religion triumphs over others. And many of them insist that being gay is a sin.

These preachers disrupt our lives every day. Some of us jump into the debate. Others watch with morbid curiosity. Most simply ignore the fuss. Very few are convinced.

But these guys are rarely asked to leave. Similarly, police seldom interfere with noisy protests. And we like it that way; we like to see the crazies, the radicals and the justified protesters on campus. It's part of what makes a university interesting.

What's so different about Miller? Someone bothered to call the police and report the disturbance.

Was this right? Should Miller have been held in handcuffs when he was arguably doing exactly what legions of idiots have done before him?

Probably not, but we can't muster up too much sympathy for the crusader of such hatred.

Instead, we'd like to address the problem behind the action.
Miller stands out because his message is widely accepted.

Radical preachers don't represent the majority of religious followers. But Miller was spewing the garbage that too many of our peers silently believe.

The existence of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs and his daughter's university-mandated training in sensitivity sparked Miller's protest. Since its relatively recent inception, the office has been in a more difficult position than any of the multicultural affairs offices. Although racism battles are still being fought, homophobic ideas are accepted by much of society. For proof, simply refer to the effort to ban gay marriage.

The reason is reflected in one of Miller's statements: "I believe the homosexuals are using the residence halls as a recruitment tool to get more individuals into their group."

Miller's paranoia leads to the overall validation for open prejudice: choice. If gay students can recruit others to be gay, it means being gay is a preference. And if it's a preference, it can be stopped.

Thus, the office continues to act in the shadows. Many gay students are afraid to come out publicly, and it seems as though many administrators are afraid to take the next step for equal rights — namely same-sex partner benefits.

With all the anti-gay students and residents in Gainesville, it's hard to lobby effectively.

But we'd like to see the conversation take place loudly on campus rather than behind closed doors.

And so the Editorial Board thinks police should leave pricks like Miller alone if they aren't abusing students. Not only is talking loudly not a crime, but such rants reveal viewpoints that are accepted by many.

And if students can't see what kind of hatred exists, how will they know to fight against it?

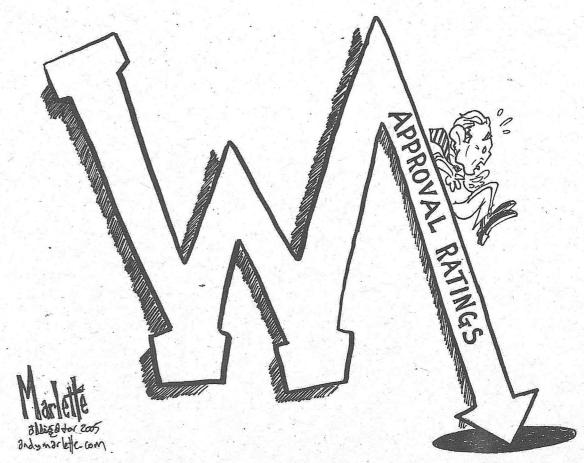
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Column

Democrats taste a smidgen of victory

wise old sage once said, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can," and he did.

After five years in the doldrums, the Democratic Party put in a performance that Thomas the Tank Engine would be proud of, and as a result won the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia in last Tuesday's off-year elec-

would be proud of, and as a result won the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia in last Tuesday's off-year elections. And for the icing on the Democrats' donkey-shaped cake of chocolatey goodness, California voters played Sarah Connor to the Governator's cybernetic army of ballot initiatives.

So strike up the band and let the bubbly flow, Democrats — you've just won two elected offices you already had!

But even if the governors' mansions in New Jersey and Virginia were already painted a charming shade of azure, these victories will give Democrats the momentum they need to gear up for the 2006 midterm elections. State victories may be meaningless on a national level — local elections are generally local matters — but that won't stop the Democrats from celebrating as if it was a presidential win.

Despite having been beaten like a cheap Mexican piñata during the last five years, the Democrats were able to finally deliver a donkey hoof to the Republican Party's elephant backside, and that deserves some attention.

The Democrats' victory in New Jersey should be a win by default merely because the state shares a border with New York, but their win in Virginia was impressive.

Even though governor-elect Tim Kaine rode the coattails of popular Democratic Governor Mark Warner, President Bush won 54 percent of the votes in Virginia during the 2004 presidential election. The last time a Democratic presidential nominee carried the state was in 1964.

President Bush's embarrassingly low approval rating may have slightly influenced Tuesday's elections, but the Democrats' victory in Virginia proved that a Democratic



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candidate can provide a clear message that resonates with all types of voters

Republican nominee Jerry Kilgore tried to rally his base by declaring himself "the pro-gun, anti-tax, limited government, anti-illegal immigration, pro-public safety, pro-death penalty, culture-of-life, trust-the-people conservative," but Virginians were more interested

in issues that would affect their everyday lives. As current Governor Warner explained, voters preferred candidates who dealt with questions that governors "actually spend 98 percent of their time working on," like the budget, health care, education, transportation and job growth.

"They don't care if it's Republican or Democratic. They want to see stuff done." he said.

Warner and Kaine understood the need to convey a clear message and a vision of governance in a way that the majority of the Democratic Party has yet to figure out.

When Tim Russert, senior vice president of NBC News, recently asked Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean what the Democrats stand for, Dean said it was not the Democrats' job to give out specifics when they have no control in the House or Senate. Instead, their job is to stop a "corrupt and incompetent administration."

As comedian Bill Maher says, "Republicans are the party of bad ideas, and the Democrats are the party of no ideas."

The Democrats in Virginia have some ideas. Dean should get Warner on the phone — 2008 is just around the corner!

Aaron Blye is a political campaigning graduate student. His column appears on Tuesday.

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Reader response

Today's question:

Were University Police justified in detaining David Miller?

Monday's question:

Who is more to blame in the pig roast incident, SALSA or SG?

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Guest Column

Democratic Party making a comeback in public opinion

ccording to some of the Alligator's regular Opinions columnists, the Democratic Party is just about finished. Yet, while it's true that the Democratic Party is far from perfect, the columnists' misrepresentation of facts doesn't constitute solid evidence that the nation's most stable party is in a state of demise.

Regrettably, Democrats haven't been as forceful as they should have been in certain situations. They didn't capitalize on the weaknesses of the Republican Party during the 2004 presidential race, and they certainly didn't emphasize the irrationality of the war in Iraq. The Democrats were too apathetic until now. Recent aggressive moves have recharged the energy of the party and revitalized America's long-lost liberal

For instance, Democrats are once again taking control of the Senate. And it's about time. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid called for a "closed session" of the Senate on Nov. 1 to focus national attention on intelligence inaccuracies surrounding the Iraq war. Since then, the media has been relentless in Speaking Out

Alison Nadle
Speaking Out
asking Republican leadership how and why intelligence may have been falsified. The Republicans' technique of labeling its critics as "unpatriotic" and

"immoral" is no longer stopping truthful and justified political attacks. The Democrats are finally pointing fingers and asking questions, and America wants answers.

Democratic criticism isn't limited to the unlawful manipulation of intelligence. The party is also focusing on other scandals that have emerged from the depths of the "Grand Old Party" in conjunction with the Senate investigation. Deputy White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove continues to be blasted for the leak involving CIA agent Valerie Plame. Vice President Dick Cheney and his chief of staff are also being investigated. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay has been indicted for both money laundering and conspiracy. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is under investigation for possibly violating insider trading laws.

The corruption has become so pervasive that President Bush felt it was necessary to create a mandatory seminar on ethics for his top officials. America's trust in the so-called moral party is faltering, and rightly so. In its stead, citizens are turning to Democratic leadership.

The transition is evident in several of last week's voting results. In New Jersey, Jon Corzine, the Democratic candidate for governor, won by a 53-44 margin. In the conservative state Virginia, Democratic candidate Tim Kaine beat out the Republican opposition. Even popular Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger saw each of his four initiatives rejected by California voters in a referendum. All of these votes were believed by analysts to be a barometer of national political attitude, and all unabashedly echoed liberal sentiment.

The Democratic Party is far from decline. If anything, Democrats are enjoying a rebound that can partially be attributed to the egregious faults of their opposition but also to their own hard-line policies.

Whatever the reason, it's clear that the Democrats are now America's chosen party.

Alison Nadle is a political science freshman.

Letters to the Editor

Hard work isn't all there is to success

Is Chris New complaining about the lazy immigrants who clean his tables when he stumbles out of Chili's? What about those lazy Mexican immigrants who mow the lawns around town? Or maybe he is referring to the lazy day laborers who are building office buildings and homes across America?

Maybe he's too young to remember the '90s, when the federal government cut welfare programs in favor of workfare programs.

Obviously, he needs to stop reading fairy tales like "Atlas Shrugged" and start living in the real world, where there is more to success than what he calls hard work. He'll discover that working hard won't get you past the lazy

capitalists who can afford to buy favors.

As an engineering student, New may see himself as Hank Rearden or Francisco d'Anconia, fighting against those who steal from his hard work

More than likely, he's just another looter who prefers to pass the buck instead of looking in the mirror.

If he wants to do something about the lazy immigrants, then he shouldn't do business with people who employ them. Until then, he'll blame the poor, illegally employed guy who mops up after his mess

Ric Carrasquilla UF alumnus

SALSA pig roast was a positive contribution open to the entire UF community

Thursday's cover article failed to accurately portray SALSA's pig roast.

The pig roast was open to all students. The event was publicly advertised throughout the law school and Latino communities. E-mails were sent, flyers were posted, and public announcements were made.

Additionally, a banner advertising the pig roast as a SALSA event hung in front of student Sen. Jared Hernandez's house, located across from the law school, the entire game day. Hundreds of students attended the pig roast over the course of the day.

At no time did I feel that I or any other student was excluded from attending the pig

The pig roast is an annual celebration hosted by SALSA, one of the law school's oldest cultural organizations. SALSA provides resources to Latino law students while promoting cultural diversity.

This year's pig roast stayed true to that mission. I believe the Alligator is punishing Hernandez for positively contributing to the UF community by volunteering his own home as a location for the event.

West Gregory

Dr. Russell Robinson, Professor of Music at the University of Florida and

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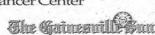
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University rolling out plans for expansion

By ALEXIS LLOYD

Alligator Writer

UF will unveil its campus master plan for the next 10 years at an informational workshop Wednesday.

Planners anticipate a need for land conservation projects.

"A main focus was to keep those green spaces in between new areas for those involved in transit and keep some walkable areas too," project planner Linda Dixon said.

Ed Poppell, UF vice president for finance and administration, agreed that land conservation is the most important aspect of UF's development over the next 10 years.

"We are more sensitive to conservation and the need to invest in those conservation areas," Poppell said. "Everyone has put in a lot of hard work on this creative and caring vision for UF."

The plan proposes dedicating an additional 40 acres of land to conservation, bringing the total to 440 acres of UF's 2,000-acre

campus.
UF Dixon
Administration said she

h o p e s people from broad ranges of interests attend the workshop, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Emerson Alumni Hall.

"People who are passionate about the long-range future of UF should come out," Poppell said.

All maps and plans proposed by the university will be available to the public at the Florida Community Design Center through December.

The process is guided by state statutes, which require universities to revisit their master plans at least every five years.

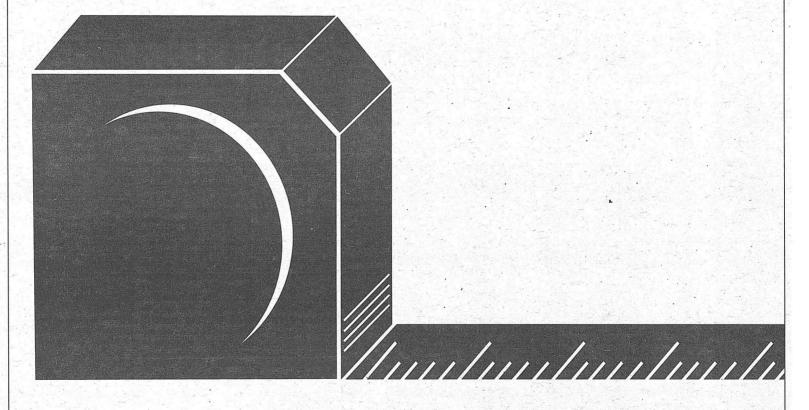
The current plan at UF runs through 2010.

UF works with Gainesville's city government to establish where UF should grow.

"Wisely, we have potential to grow the campus and allow it to continue to grow for years to come," Dixon said.

"The building footprint allows for exponential growth while preserving our other conserved land areas."

A public hearing will be held by mid-December, during which community members will have the opportunity to submit formal requests or complaints concerning the plan.



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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Web site allows potential pet adopters to see animals

By SHARILYN WISKUP Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville residents and UF students can soon search for new four-legged friends with the click of a mouse.

Alachua County Animal Services expects to finish a Web site this week that will allow pet adopters to see animals online before adopting them.

"I can't explain the satisfaction when I see pets walk out the door and get adopted," said Bob Ryan, program coordinator.

Ryan said he has a passion for cats and dogs and enjoys playing matchmaker for them with the right

The software will make automatic updates within an hour or half-hour, depending on the number of animals coming in each day, he said.

UF freshman Marinalouise Herrera said she assists at the shelter because she misses her high school internship, which involved drawing blood, performing dental work and

spaying and neutering animals. "I love watching and being a part of the surgeries," Herrera said.

College has been a tough adjustment for Herrera, she said, because she grew up with 17 animals: seven dogs, two cats, two sugar gliders, two guinea pigs, one ferret, one bird, one fish and her favorite pet of all, Mr. Sniffles, her hairless rat.

"I can't explain the satisfaction when I see pets walk out the door and get adopted."

Bob Ryan program coordinator

Students like Herrera can visit the shelter and volunteer by washing, playing with and grooming animals before they are adopted, Ryan said.

"It was fun because I got to give them some love and attention, which is something they don't seem to get enough of," Herrera said.

Some animals resort to desperate

measures because they have been

locked in cages for so long.

Ryan calls this behavior "kennel fever.

Once adopted, aggressive behavior can be treated, said Dr. Terry Curtis, an animal behaviorist who works in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UF.

"I work with the best possible clients," Curtis said. "My job is easier because owners are willing to do whatever it takes to improve behavior problems."

Curtis and Herrera enjoy working with animals because they are able to build strong rapports with their two- and four-legged clients.

Herrera's favorite days at her internship came when a 6-week-old

teacup Yorkshire terrier visited for a checkup.

"It was cool being able to watch him grow," Herrera said. "I got to know the owner, and whenever she came in we would talk."

Herrera said she misses having the same kind of animal contact she had back home and admits to watching the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet.

When Herrera has a place of her own in Gainesville, she said she will immediately adopt a pet, if not several.

"I believe that animals make you a more caring, loving and understanding person," she said. "I wanted to help them the way they help me."

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STUDENT HEALTH

potency may be genetic

By RACHEL CEREGHINO Alligator Contributing Writer

Blondes may have more fun, but new research shows that redheads can take the pain.

According to researchers at UF and McGill University, the gene that causes red hair and fair skin also plays a role in how some people respond to the painkiller pentazocine, a drug similar to morphine.

Several past studies suggested that redheads might be more difficult to anesthetize, but there was no scientific evidence to support this hypothesis.

"Before those studies came out, there was this sort of clinical lore that said redheads are different," said Roger Fillingim, an associate professor at UF's College of Dentistry.

Jeffrey Mogil, a neuroscientist at McGill University in Quebec, is the study's lead investigator. He identified a mutant version of the gene melanocortin-1 in mice.

Everyone has melanocortin-1, but a variant of it is responsible for causing red hair and — in 65 percent of redheads — fair skin.

After running pain-tests on mice carrying the gene variant, Mogil observed that female mice received significantly more relief from pentazocine than males

Mogil contacted his colleague Fillingim to see if he would be interested in conducting a study.

Fillingim had been studying gender differences and pain, but he was skeptical that red hair played a role.

"Honestly, I really didn't believe anything would work," he said. "I didn't think what [Mogil] found in mice would actually be translated into humans, but it worked out pretty well."

Fillingim's work at UF consisted of exposing men and women, redheads and otherwise, to a device that causes pain

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Roger Fillingim UF College of Dentistry associate professor

Participants were asked to push a button when they began to feel pain. Next they were given either pentazocine or a saline placebo, and the exposure was repeated. Researchers measured the participants' response times both with and without the drug or placebo.

The study showed that naturally redheaded females experienced greater pain relief from the drug than other participants.

According to the doctors, pentazocine doesn't work in blondes and brunettes because the common occurring variant of melanocortin-1 produces a protein that blocks the drug. In redheads who carry the rare form of the gene, the protein isn't doing its job, so the drug can work unhindered.

UF charges for request

HEARING, from page 1

tuition money, and the relationship between UF and Florida Blue

Key, Inc., a private leadership honorary.

"I'm interested in finding out how the university is using the money that it has and that Student Government has," he said.

"They're charging me \$150 to make it difficult for me to actually get these

Administration records."

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said Mott was charged 15 cents per page for copies of the documents and \$135.79 for the labor of Telles-Irvin and her assistant.

Florida Statutes allow requestors to be charged for "extensive use of clerical or supervisory assistance." Fifteen cents is the maximum fee that statutes allow for copied documents.

Because UF does not comment on pending legal matters, Orlando declined to say why Mott was charged for a request that Grapski was not charged for.

Mott said Telles-Irvin named an "exorbitant fee" either because the request caused her great difficulty or because she is trying to "hide something.

Mott said that he plans to pay the fee when he can afford it.

"I'm a full-time student. I don't have \$150 lying around to spend on 93 pages of documents," Mott said. "It's almost like a punishment.











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Sororities collect cans for charity

By KYLIE CRAIG
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The Panhellenic Council is hosting the first-ever Mighty Gators food drive this week, collecting canned goods for Bread of the Mighty, a local food bank.

"There is an extreme need right now because of the hurricanes because a lot of the cans for local people went out-of-state," Panhellenic Service Director Gillian Russell said.

The drive began Monday with collections being made with the help of local elementary schools and Panhellenic Council sorority members.

Sorority members will collect donations at

the Publix on 34th Street and Second Avenue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Thursday.

Russell said Monday's collections were a success.

"I have a whole trunkful of cans in my car," Russell said, after picking up the donations from Publix. "We're really,

Greek obviously very pleased with the amount."

Donations from sorority members are being made at all council houses during the week. Council members will volunteer Friday at the Bread of the Mighty warehouse to help sort donations.

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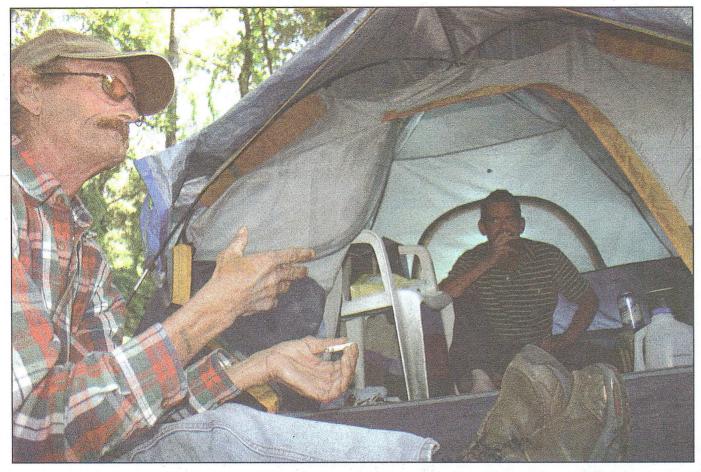




Local homeless tell their stories

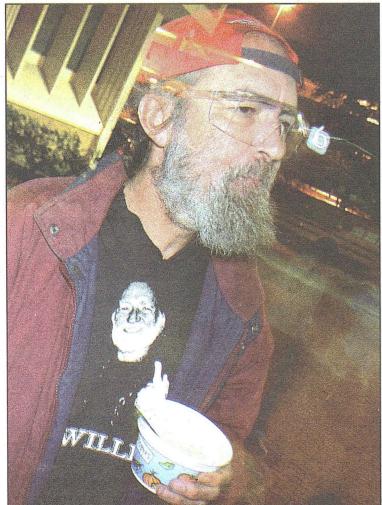
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"I'm rich, too," Pat Hicks, left, jokes to Charles, a manic-depressive friend who lives in a tent similar to Hicks'. "I got a tent, a quart over there, a piece of beer here, a little bit of cigarettes and I fly a sign sayin', 'Homeless, please help me.'" An abusive father lead to Hicks leaving home at 13 to ride freight trains from Mississippi to California. He spent 18 months in Vietnam, where he lost his teeth and was battered by shrapnel on his hands, pictured above. After he left the Army, Hicks had a nervous breakdown when his wife and daughter died in a car accident. He has been homeless since, living in a tent in the woods off a beaten path near 13th Street.



Johnny Lesh, homeless for 10 years, sits on the curb in the Downtown Community Plaza, eating hot soup minutes before leaving to tend to his "business:" a quart of beer waiting half-full around the corner. "Staying drunk every day is. good enough," Lesh said. "Trying to get enough to eat is good enough. Trying to have a place to sleep is good enough, but that's not a life."



A bullet from his brother's shotgun pierced Herald Bryant's lower lip, shattering his left cheek. It missed his brain by centimeters. He was 13 and is now 49 and homeless after spending 15 years in prison.

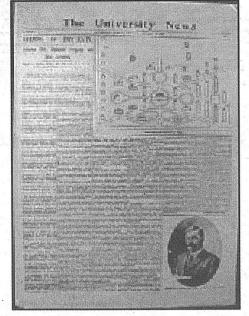




"I spent 15 years locked up, and the only thing I wanted to do when I got out was to go and live in the woods." So he did. Scott Stephenson, 41, said he has had two of his tents cut up by Gainesville Police in the two years he has been homeless. "They're the Gestapo. Dude, they just hate us." He said the corner of 13th Street and University Avenue belongs to him. He lives off beer and lobster, crab and steak scavenged from a Winn-Dixie trash container near his eight-person tent in the woods. "I need any kind of escape - anything that will just kill reality," he said as he swigged from a quart bottle snug inside a brown paper bag. "For me, that's what I do."

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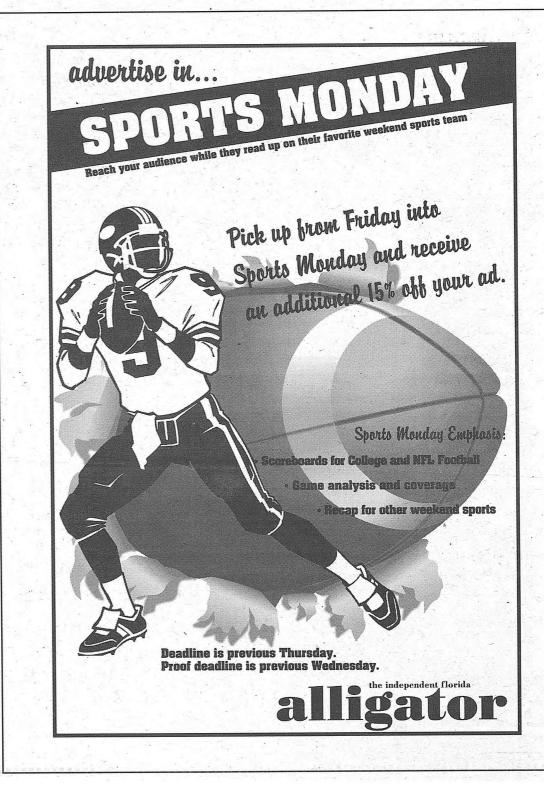
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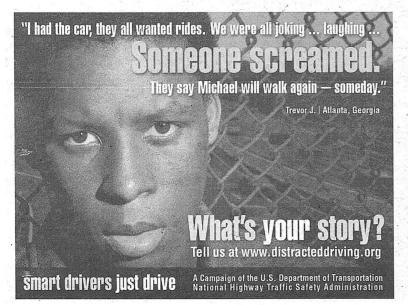
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Carolyn Peck wants Danielle Santos to elfish.

I told her at the beginning of the year, we're losing Tamia and Tashia from the imeter, where am I looking for the scorfrom?" said the UF women's basketball ch. "She said, 'Me?' I said, 'You're exactly it.' That is the mentality that I expect n her for every game."

The senior guard lived up to Peck's ectations on Monday in the Gators' 96-win against the Miami Suns, scoring 12 ats in just 25 minutes.

Bantos added a team-leading six assists h regular starting point guard Sarah

Lowe coming off the bench, but she is not looking to pass.

"I think that I do play better when I'm a scoring threat, even if I'm not shooting the ball," Santos said. "If I'm looking to score and not just thinking pass, pass, pass, I think that decreases a lot of my turnovers that I have because I'm looking at other things and not just one thing."

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Santos started the first nine games then came off the bench after recovering from

the injury. She averaged 10 minutes less a game and saw her scoring drop to less than 7 points per contest.

"Last year was kind of tough for me," Santos said. "Coming off an injury, it's hard getting back in the flow of things, but I feel like I worked hard and got better. This year I don't even worked hard."

Heading into her final season at UF, Santos has

been overshadowed so far by Brittany Davis and Dalila Eshe, who have teamed to form a potent inside scoring option.

Davis and Eshe have combined for 92 points in two exhibition games.

The play of the two forwards has shifted the offense away from Santos, but she isn's worried.

"I don't think there's any pressure on anybody," Santos said. "As long as they're hitting them, I'm going to keep getting it to them."

DYE HURT AGAIN: Guard Kim Dye fell to the floor and was carried off the court in the second half of Monday's game with an injury to her left leg, which she injured last season.

Peck said the injury status of Dye, who tore her left ACL in January, was unknown.

"Paul Kinney, our trainer, is taking a look at her," Peck said. "They're going to take her [Tuesday] and have some tests done to see."

/illiams broke records, rules in Gainesville

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ifornia forest fire.

'Have you heard about this white from Marshall? I heard he is the passer in college basketball."

'Who's this Jason Williams kid? ar he's good but that he carries the heavy baggage."

Before Williams played one game UF, he had already left campus ause of his class workload.

'The problem with Jason is that doesn't want to go to school anyre," said Donovan in February

Then, once he returned, he was pended for missing too many of spring classes.

After sitting out two exhibigames and the season opener, liams cracked the lineup against stal Carolina. A not-so-impressive formance prompted the following ments from Donovan:

"He ran our team at Marshall ch, much better than he's doing it now. It's not the Southwest Recuter anymore. We're playing for right now."

After a 75-72 Georgia loss, liams refused to shake hands with

"There's things that he has brought upon himself that caused people to write or say things or create an image [of him]."

Billy Donovan UF men's basketball coach

the Bulldogs.

During the next game, against Arkansas, he refused to participate in a team huddle.

Donovan suspended him for one game.

Record setter

Yet the entire time, everyone knew Williams' game was so refined it was ludicrous. Eventually, Williams rebounded and emerged as the starting point guard.

On Dec. 3, 1997, he dished 17 assists against Duquesne, still a school record.

Then, Williams had arguably the best 11 days of any Gator in school history.

On Feb. 1, 1998, Williams helped the Gators stun No. 7 Kentucky in Lexington, scoring 24 points on 8of-10 shooting. On Feb. 4, he recorded seven steals against Mississippi State, still a record at the O'Connell Center.

On Feb. 11, he drained eight 3-pointers against Auburn, also a standing O-Dome record.

Yet every other game was seemingly intertwined with pouting. Every day, Williams served mind-boggling ball handler as the appetizer and head case as the main course.

Little did people know about Williams' real wild streak.

On Feb. 17, UF booted Williams out for good, citing the violation of an unspecified team rule. Reports suggested he couldn't kick a marijuana habit.

And so the legend or infamy — depending on who you were — of Williams escalated. Some loved him. Others hated him.

"There's things that he has brought upon himself that caused people to write or say things or create an image, or put him in a box that labels him," Donovan said recently. "All that does is push him farther away from those kind of people."

The Williams' roller-coaster ride had barely begun its initial ascent.

The saga continues on Wednesday.

Guard already starring

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saw, he wasn't sold on Rankins until he met him after the Georgia North-South All Star game.

"As much talent as he has, what really sold me on him was his great personality and manners," Mowry said. "He is the kind of kid who looks you straight in the eyes when you talk to him and has a firm handshake."

While Rankins could have attended four-year schools such as Jacksonville State or Hawaii, as well as junior college basketball powerhouse Redlands Community College in Oklahoma, he decided on Santa Fe because of its proximity to his home in suburban Atlanta and his relationship with Mowry and his staff.

On a team that lost seven of its top 10 players, it didn't take Rankins long to make an impact. In his second collegiate game, he helped the Saints improve to 2-0 by scoring a team-high 21 points.

But don't think Rankins is content with his situation.

While he's overcome tremendous obstacles, he believes his basketball career is just getting started.

"I want to transfer to a four-year school," he said.
"I am not satisfied with where I am right now and I will do whatever I have to do to succeed."

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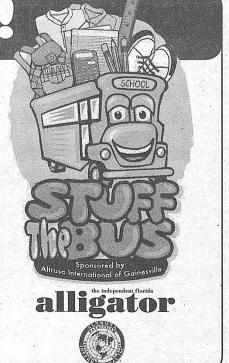
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SFCC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rankins overcomes rough past

By RYAN MOSS Alligator Writer

Stories of children growing up in the streets and being exposed to drugs, violence and gangs aren't uncommon. Unfortunately, many of these kids are swallowed up by the deadly lifestyle.

But a few of the lucky ones make it out. They are the ones who refuse to be held down while doing anything and everything possible to succeed.

That list includes NBA stars Allen Iverson, Amare Stoudemire and Stephon Marbury.

Add Tracy Rankins to that list. Rankins, a freshman guard for the Santa Fe Community College men's basketball team, grew up in a rough neighborhood in Queens, N.Y., without the guidance of either of his parents.

"At a young age I was exposed to drugs," he said. "When I was 12, I was around the streets doing whatever I wanted. I had no one to tell me what to do."

Rankins' mother was not a part of his life and his father had passed away, leaving young Rankins a virtual orphan. He bounced in and out of foster homes and, at times, was raised by relatives. He was separated from his brother and two sisters.

"My life was rough," he said. "I was running nowhere fast."

HOOP DREAMS

Rankins found refuge from the streets on the basketball court. He watched as his older brother dominated the courts at Royal Wilkins Park in New York City.

Rankins, just 9 years old at the time, began his basketball career.

"My life was rough. I was running nowhere fast."

Tracy Rankins SFCC freshman

While his brother ended up "getting caught up in the streets," Rankins had his own motivation in the form of his older sister.

He realized that you could come from the streets and still make it.

"She was in the same situation as me and she ended up going to college at St. John's University. So I said if she can do it, so can I."

At 15, Rankins received a blessing in disguise. One of his mother's sisters, Linda Hicks, saw his struggles in New York City and intervened. She became his legal guardian and moved him away from the dangers of a big city down to the country in Douglasville, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta.

"I was looking forward to getting away," he said. "I thought there was no way [Georgia] could be as bad as [New York]."

SOUTHERN PRIDE

For the first time in his life,

Rankins had a stable home environment, and he was raised with tough love. At first, Rankins was homesick, but once he started playing basketball, everything began to fall in place.

"When I first met him he was a freshman with a funny accent from New York," said Joby Boydstone, Rankins' high school coach. "But I knew he was a good player."

Rankins thrived under Boydstone at Douglas County High. He helped lead the school to back-to-back Region 4 Quad A titles during his junior and senior years.

"He played a key role in our success," Boydstone said. "He had energy which fit in our fast-break style offense. He brought his New York style game."

By his senior year Rankins was a star, named to the Class AAAA All-State first team and ranked as the fifth-best point guard in Georgia by www.scout.com.

Boydstone believes Rankins' rough upbringing kept him motivated throughout high school.

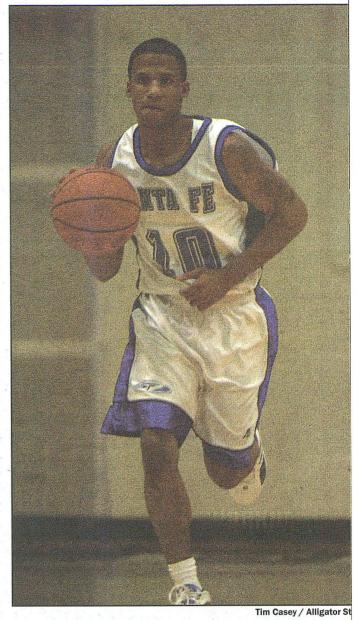
"It gave him the drive and desire to accomplish his goals," he said.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Santa Fe entered the picture after an assistant coach who saw Rankins play passed along video footage to head coach Chris Mowry.

Although Mowry liked what he

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SFCC freshman guard Tracy Rankins shows off his ball-ha dling ability against Oxford on Nov. 3 at the SFCC Gym.

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J-Dubious

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part feature on the turbulent ride of former UF guard Jason Williams.

By LOUIS ANASTASIS

Alligator Staff Writer

ORLANDO - Jason Williams nearly sneaks out of the locker

With a quick shower in the books after Miami's final preseason game, he scurries to the trainer's room where, in his mind, he will not be seen. Where he can be approached only by teammates.

He slips on a grey button-down shirt, well-creased beige pants and shiny, black Oxford shoes

He thinks he is alone. Alone until a reporter catches a glimpse of him. The media dash ensues. They want to ask him about his best game yet in a Heat uniform. Eight assists, four steals, seven rebounds - enough statistical fodder to spawn a cheery interview out of most players. And Miami even won.

Williams, his panther and dragon tattoos concealed by his shirt, hurries to his locker, his back turned to a pack of trailing reporters.

"I don't have any individual expectations," Williams says.

"We can be as good as we want

"My job's real easy. Those guys rebound and give me the ball and then I just have to pick and choose who to go to."

After four questions, the entourage has run out of ammunition. Or are they icebreakers?

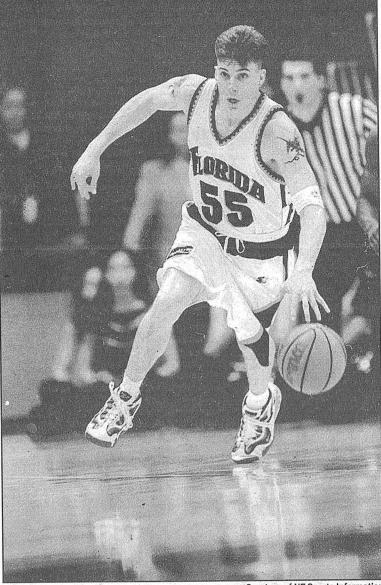
One reporter switches gears.

"Jason, what do you cherish about your days at Florida? Obviously it didn't go quite as you planned, but what did you enjoy about going to college there?"

"I cherished getting kicked out of school," Williams snaps after several seconds of silence. "It was a great thing. I became a millionaire."

Rebel with a cause

Jason Chandler Williams, or J-Dub on the court, has dazzled or frazzled NBA players and fans for eight years now. You've seen his wavy dirty blond hair zoom up and down your TV screen. You've seen his jaw-dropping behind-the-back



Courtesy of UF Sports Informatio

Jason Williams dominated SEC opponents with his scoring and unique passing ability during his short stint at UF.

passes and his "Whoa - where did the ball go?" fake wraparounds. You've also seen hordes of turnovers and the fallout from his drug habits.

In seven games with Miami, the latest team to gamble on him, Williams is averaging 12.3 points and 4.4 assists.

But before the point guard ever splashed onto the professional circuit, Williams was just one of 40,000+ UF students. Or so he hoped.

UF coach Billy Donovan discovered the West Virginia country boy while at Marshall's helm. Donovan heard about Williams' ridiculous handles and his high school alley-oops to Randy Moss. He heard about how Williams painted a square target on an outdoor wall as a youngster to endlessly practice behind-the-back passes. And Donovan was willing to take a chance.

But after averaging 13.4 points for Marshall during the 1995-96 season, Williams watched as UF hired Donovan. By that time, the two had built such a strong bond that the point guard was not about to let the coaching change separate a friendship.

So Williams sat out a year before receiving his opportunity to play for UF in the 1997-98 season.

Gossip flared faster than a SEE J-WILL, PAGE 21

Brown injury takes heart out of defense

fter, the Gators defeated Vanderbilt two weeks ago, Vernell Brown mustered a big smile. It's not often that he's not smiling.

Even after breaking his leg in the first half of that game, he was still happy; the Gators won.

But they also gave up 42 points. Then they gave up 30 to South Carolina.

The Gators looked as if they had solidified their defensive identity after defeating Georgia 14-10.

They gave up an average of only 14 points per game in their first eight games.

Then, against Vandy, the unthinkable happened. Brown

Since then they've given up 72 points.

It's no coincidence that the Gators' defense has fallen apart.

Vernell Brown was not only the best cover corner in a man-to-man defense, but also he was also the heart of the stout UF defense.

He was titled the "Face of Florida Football" by Urban Meyer before the season started.

It was a constantly smiling face.

Now the defense is faceless and heartless.

All that is left is a big hole where Brown was.

Dee Webb? Please

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I'm not blaming Webb for the loss, but if Brown were healthy, the Gators would not have lost. It's that simple.

Need proof?

Take South Carolina's second touchdown drive.

Webb commits a 15-yard penalty on Sidney Rice, giving the Gamecocks first down at the UF 27-yard line. Rice also has 36 yards against Webb on this drive.

On second-and-goal at the 2-yard line on the same drive, Webb commits a pass interference penalty on Rice in the end zone. Had he not, it would have been third-and-goal from the 2 instead of first-and-goal from the 1.

Maybe the Gamecocks would have scored, or maybe UF would've held them to a field goal. It's impossible to say.

The biggest play Webb goofed on became another big play for Rice. Blake Mitchell hit him short, and Webb missed a tackle on him, as did Kyle Jackson. He goes for 64 yards, and then the Gamecocks score another touchdown on the ensuing play.

Had Brown been healthy, it would've been Brown and Reggie Nelson right there instead of Webb and Jackson.

Another Webb pass interference went for 15 yards on a South Carolina field goal drive, setting them up for its last 3 points.

That is 17 total points that could've been as little as three realistically. Once again, the loss is not Webb's fault by any

But if the heart and face of the team could've played, the Gators would've won.

And on that face would've been one of the biggest smiles

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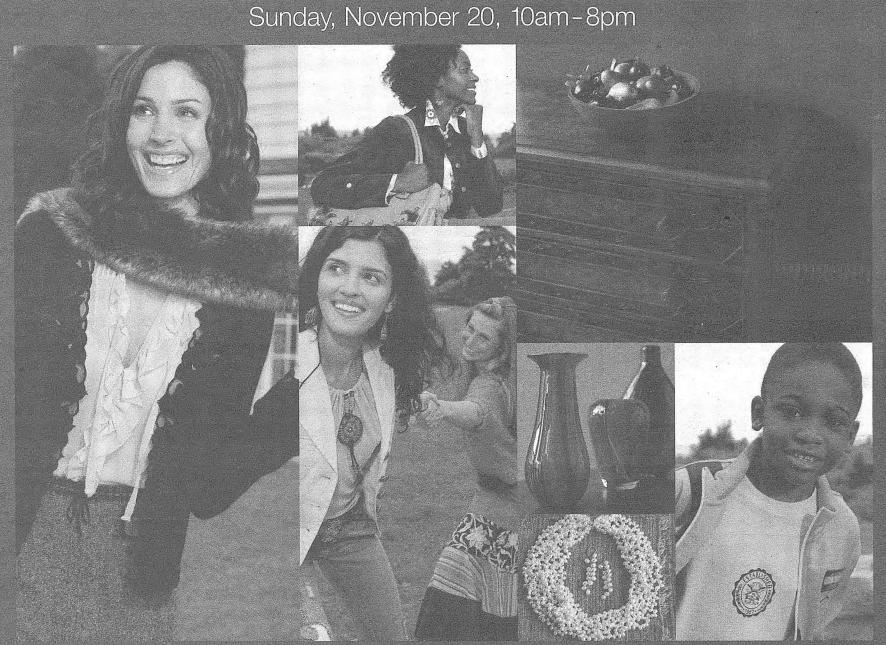
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