



ON CAMPUS

UF site opens in East Gainesville

By **MARIA LAVERGHETTA**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

East Gainesville is gaining 234 high-paying jobs with the opening of the UF Eastside Campus off Waldo Road — and it is “just the beginning” for community



Hanrahan

renovations, UF President Bernie Machen said at the open house ceremony Wednesday afternoon.

The average employee salary at Eastside would be \$61,000, Machen said. The campus, located at 2006 NE Waldo Road, will represent a shift into improving the economy of East Gainesville, he added. The campus is a \$7 million investment in East Gainesville.

“You can’t be a great university without being a great city,” he said.

The 12-acre campus offers offices and a work area to the Bridges Program Division, which aims to span old and new mainframe technologies.

It is also a hub for additional departments in the College of Engineering, which include the

Technology Transfer Center, the Powell Materials and Structures Laboratory and the Civil and Coastal Engineering Center for Infrastructure Protection and Physical Security, which will focus on homeland security research.

Pramod P. Khargonekar, dean of the College of Engineering, brought up the fall of the Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001, and how homeland security research would include making buildings strong enough to withstand a terrorist blast.

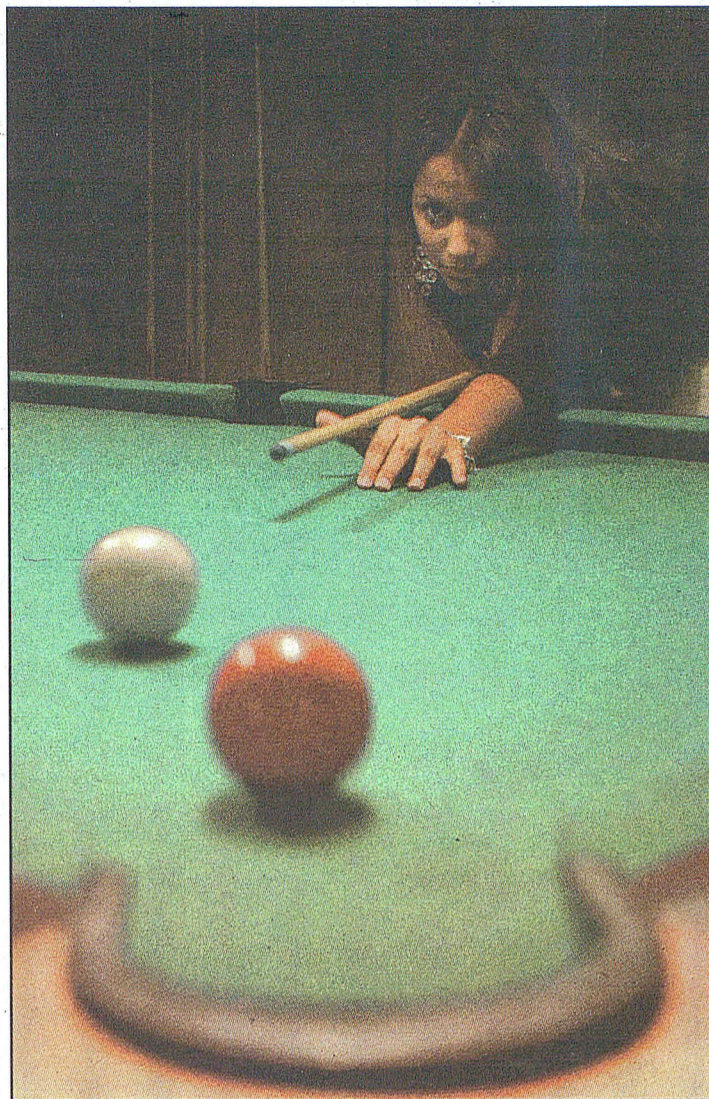
The College of Engineering has “many ideas and plans” for the research center, he said.

Even though these facilities will be used primarily for administration and research than instruction at first, they will relieve some traffic and parking problems on the main campus, Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan said.

However, the economic problems in East Gainesville have been ongoing for over four decades due to discrimination, she said.

“We still are trying to overcome the vestiges of the discriminated South,” Hanrahan said.

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Casey Anderson / Alligator Staff

Sure shot

Sophia Lebrun sinks the 5-ball at Girls Night Out Pool Clinic, hosted by the Reitz Union Game Room on Wednesday night. Staff provided instruction, free pool games and gifts for participants in the first event of the Girls Night Out series, which will feature bowling, poker and other clinics.

Board of Trustees praises Machen in recent review

■ TRUSTEES WILL VOTE FRIDAY ON A \$75,000 BONUS FOR THE PRESIDENT.

By **JUSTIN RICHARDS**
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In a recent review of his performance, UF President Bernie Machen was pronounced pure as a bottle of nonalcoholic beer.

The evaluation, submitted Nov. 23 by an independent consultant, relied heavily on the opinion of

the Board of Trustees, UF’s highest governing body.

Trustees told the consultant that Machen is “outperforming against our expectations;” is “data-driven” and “has the strength of his convictions but is willing, on reflection, to change his mind on some issues or ideas.”

He is also “showing signs of listening better and with more patience,” the trustees reported.

The review lists several accomplishments Machen has made since he was hired in Fall 2003, including his marketing plan for UF, “a time-

ly, clear and public stand” on alcohol, and the Florida Opportunity Scholarship. The latter, geared to recruit minorities, offers full scholarships and more to first-generation college

students with family incomes below \$40,000.

The trustees also judged Machen worthy of a \$75,000 bonus that he will receive Jan. 1, 2006, if the trustees approve it Friday. Machen’s contract states he is entitled to the

bonus if he meets a set of annual goals he and the board set at the beginning of each year.

Those goals regard faculty compensation and performance, research grants awarded to UF, donor relations and other topics, according to the review.

Machen is not the only one the trustees praise in the report. For his wife, Chris, they expressed “much affection, respect and appreciation for her leadership.”

“Several trustees hope that he is pacing himself, making some time with his wife to have some

fun along the way,” the evaluation stated.

The only dim spot on Machen’s review is his communication rating.

On his relation to the board, a few trustees told the consultant, “communication can always be better.”

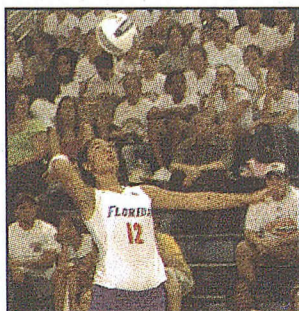
Overall, the board depicted Machen as a valiant leader.

One trustee said, “President Machen has set the ship’s direction and the challenge before us; now all of us must stoke the boilers and get the job done.”

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UF Administration

■ Marcie Hampton and the Gators are pumped and ready to face Florida Atlantic in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The action begins tonight at 7:30 in the O’Connell Center. See story, pg. 24



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■ Some days, when Julius Chirieleison rides his motorcycle around the UF campus, he feels light-headed and his nose, throat or eyes become irritated. See story, pg. 8.

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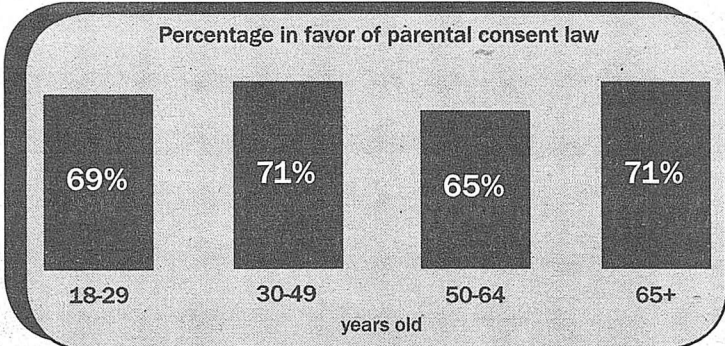
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Americans favor parental involvement in teen abortion decisions

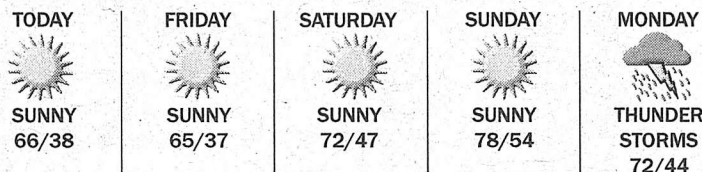
Most U.S. adults think parents should not just be notified but have to give their permission before a minor daughter has an abortion. There are no significant differences by age, as roughly seven in 10 young adults, middle-age adults and seniors favor the laws.



Source: Gallup telephone interviews of a randomly selected national sample of 1,006 adults

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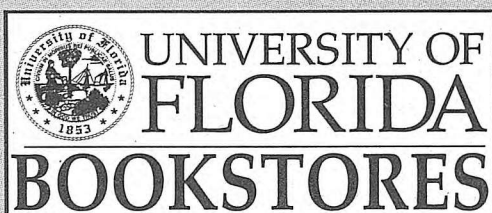
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Habitat for Humanity builds model house on campus

By **MEGAN SCHAUB**
Alligator Contributing Writer

String, PVC pipes and empty soda cans replaced wood, nails and paint as UF students built a

model house to raise awareness of poverty housing and homelessness Wednesday afternoon.

Students drank free soda at UF Habitat for Humanity's second annual You CAN Make

a Difference on the Reitz Union North Lawn. After enjoying a cool beverage, they returned the cans, which were used to create walls and a roof for a model house.

The organization will continue

building the house today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When completed, the house will be made of more than 2,000 cans.

A "fence of facts" surrounds the house with information about poverty and Habitat for Humanity.

Alli LaBoon said one poster on the fence will stick with her for a while. It read: "The poorest 20% of the world's population accounts for slightly more than 1% of the global income, while the richest 20% account for 86%."

"I had heard that before, but I was never sure if it was true or not," LaBoon said.

She stopped when she saw the free soda sign but then started asking questions when she saw the construction of the house.

LaBoon volunteers with Habitat for Humanity once a month with her service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

Matt Soicher, co-vice president of the organization, said that although they are always looking for people to join the club, this event was mainly to raise awareness for poverty housing and for people in need.

"There are 50,000 people on this campus, and they are going to be making the decisions one day, so we want them to be aware," Soicher said.

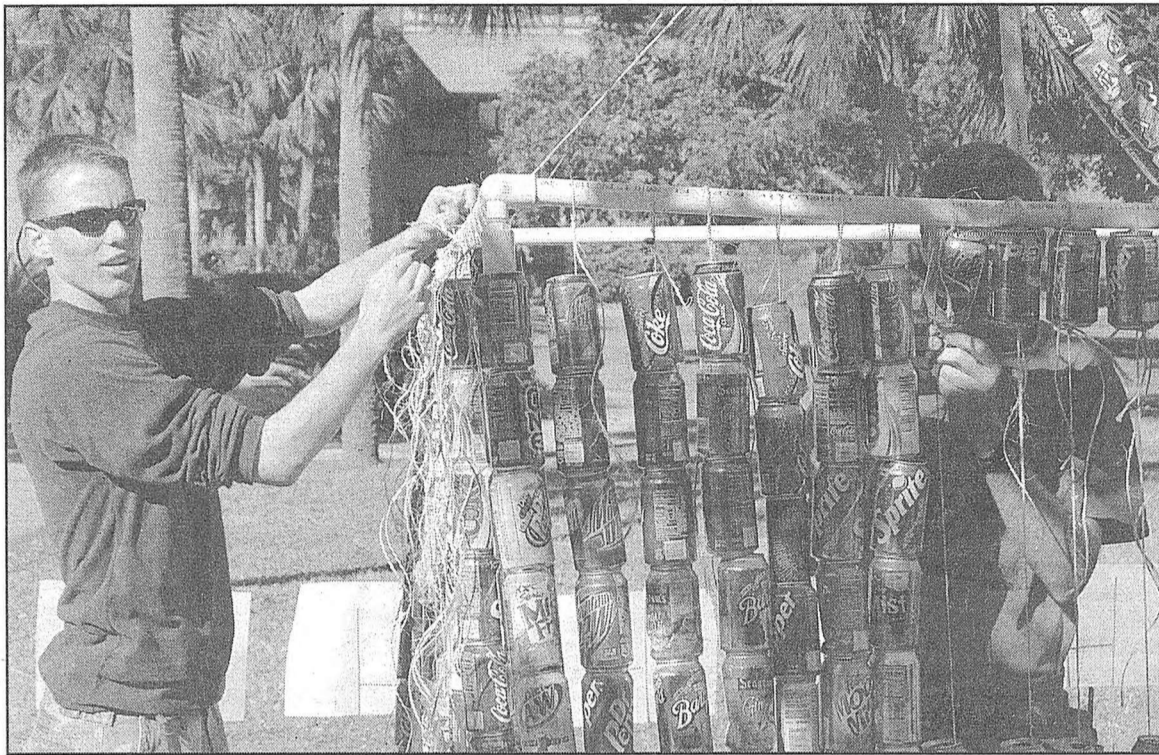
Soicher first got involved with Habitat for Humanity after his sophomore year in high school and has been volunteering ever since.

As student Cameron Barrett stacked cans, he said people mostly stop because of the strange sight.

"It's a big flashy can house, and people have no idea what it is," Barrett said.

"There are 50,000 people on this campus, and they are going to be making the decisions one day, so we want them to be aware."

Matt Soicher
UF Habitat for Humanity
co-vice president



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Cameron Barrett constructs a model house of empty soda cans for a UF Habitat for Humanity awareness event Wednesday.

UF alumnus donates \$1M toward pharmacy research

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A UF alumnus, who helped bring Viagra to the world, will donate \$1 million to help graduate students in the UF College of Pharmacy research how to get drugs from chemists to patients faster.

The A.J. Spiegel Foundation announced Wednesday that it will donate the first grant exclusive to graduate students in UF history.

"We need a good graduate research program," Spiegel said in a press release. "And in order to have one, we need more support. Hopefully, this will provide the support nec-

essary to aid those pursuing a PhD in pharmacy."

College of Pharmacy Executive Associate Dean Bill Millard said it takes about 15 years from the time a drug's blueprints are drawn until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gives its seal of approval.

Millard said the grant, which will be distributed over a span of four years, is an effort to increase the amount of interest in translational research. Research in pharmacogenetics, the study of how genetics affect a patient's response to a drug, also will receive funds, according to the release.

Millard said he and Spiegel had spoken about the endowment for a year but

formalized plans when they had breakfast in September at the UF Hilton Hotel and Conference Center.

"He understands the need," Millard said.

Spiegel graduated from UF with a PhD in pharmacy in 1957 and worked at Pfizer Inc. for 43 years, where he served as the senior director of international patents operations.

Millard said an unknown amount of the gift could be matched via the State of Florida Major Gifts Trust Fund. He said if a gift is over \$2 million, it will be doubled, but he did not know when or how much of Spiegel's donation will grow from the state program.

Spiegel's donation will count toward the Faculty Challenge Initiative, which went into effect last year in an effort to raise \$150 million in private donations for UF research, according to the release.

Spiegel previously funded a fellowship within the college for industrial pharmaceutical research in the drug delivery and dosage forms.

Millard said in 2002 the college received \$1.5 million from Debbie DeSantis, a graduate of the pharmacy program, and her mother Sylvia.

The college has 1,100 pharmacy doctorate students, 150 in its forensics sciences program and 88 graduate students.

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Author shares her Korean heritage

By **ALEX TIEGEN**
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Helie Lee spent the majority of her young adult life trying to erase her Korean heritage.

To fit in with her peers, she imitated the Jewish students attending her high school in California's San Fernando Valley. But a trip to South Korea changed her understanding of her identity and family history.

Lee shared her story of learning to connect with her cultural and family heritage with an audience of about 55 in the Reitz Union at the Asian American Heritage Kaleidoscope Month's closing ceremonies Wednesday night.

On Campus In 1969, 5-year-old Lee immigrated to America with her family, after which her busy parents often lacked the time or energy to teach her about her heritage.

"I would say that 95 percent of my friends were Jewish, and I thought, 'This is America,'" Lee said. "I thought to be really popular and to be really beautiful, you had to be Jewish. In the 1970s and 1980s, [Asian American] girls weren't considered pretty."

Lee would dye her hair blonde, tan herself or tape her eyelids to alter her appearance and hide her heritage. She internalized many of the stereotypes of Koreans permeating the American community during the 1980s.

She rarely questioned her behavior until after she graduated from the University of California.

Lee worked as an assistant in the entertainment industry, until one producer asked her what she wanted to do with her life.

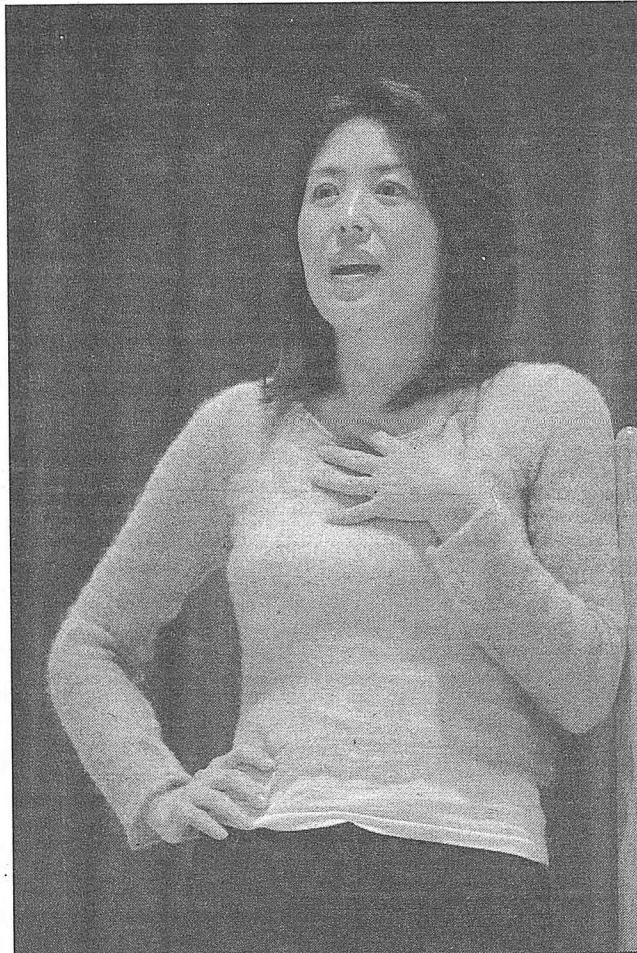
"It was such a simple question, and yet I didn't have the answer for it," Lee said. "For the last 10 to 15 years of my life, I had been running from the past, and I no longer knew who I was. So I decided to find out what I could change about myself and bought a ticket to Seoul, South Korea."

In South Korea, Lee discovered the story of her grandmother, Hongyong Baek. Baek was born in North Korea but fled to China with her husband after the Japanese invaded her country.

The tale of Baek's life in China and experiences in communist North Korea was the inspiration for Lee's first memoir, "Still Life with Rice."

While in North Korea, Baek lost track of one of her sons and thought he may have died. But in 1991 a Chinese smuggler told Baek her son was alive in North Korea and wanted to see her before his death.

Lee teased the audience with few details, adding that her journey to rescue Baek's son was the inspiration for her second



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Helie Lee talks about her struggles of growing up Korean American in Southern California in a speech at the Reitz Union on Wednesday night.

book, "In the Absence of Sun: A Korean American Woman's Journey to Reunite Three Lost Generations of Her Family."

Lee's visit was funded by Kaleidoscope Month, Student Government Productions and Accent, SG's speakers bureau.

A question-and-answer session followed her speech, where students asked about how they could help refugees fleeing North Korea. Lee recommended donating to the organization LiNK, Liberty in North Korea.

Campus unifies two sides of town

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Vivian Filer, an East Gainesville resident for 61 years, said she knows her area, and Eastside is something to enhance the community.

"I think it will make our community feel included," Filer said.

State Rep. Ed Jennings Jr. of District 23, who considers himself to be a "native son" of the East Gainesville community, said bringing UF to the community will "spawn" new investments in the area. Tentative use of the new facilities by Bethune-Cookman College and SFCC are just some of the new investments, he said.

Ed Poppell, vice president of finance and administration at UF, agreed the new campus will only help with economic growth.

Since employing 234 people surpasses most small businesses, Poppell said the city will grow where people have the demand.

"This is kind of the first cherry out of the bottle," he said. "They just start coming."

Elmira Warren, the director of Alachua County Support Services, said UF's lack of presence in East Gainesville was the number one thing that kept coming up at meetings.

"It is not what the county can do, what the city can do, what UF can do, but what we can do together," she said.

Machen said building Eastside is not the solution to all the problems in East Gainesville. Combining all community efforts is needed, he said.

"UF is proud to be a signature player, and we are going to be here from now on," he said.

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Equal standing

Board of Trustees should approve partner benefits

It's about time.

The Board of Trustees is set to approve a same-sex and domestic-partner benefit plan tomorrow, and the Editorial Board is glad that UF is finally taking a stand.

Of course, a stand like this is meant to be taken standing, not hiding behind a curtain of bureaucracy in the hopes that it will all pass without much notice.

Many officials are mute on the subject, announcements are nearly nonexistent, and information is scarce.

We had to dig through more than 700 pages of the board's agenda to find mention of the important plan. Sandwiched between issues such as tenure appointments and regulation changes, the domestic-partner material consisted of one page devoid of substantial information.

Does this mean officials didn't do any research? We doubt it. Rather, it means officials want to keep the news low-key. The state Legislature controls UF's funding, and too many representatives hate the idea of legitimizing gays to allow the university to do anything but tiptoe around the issue. One Ocala representative has already decryed the injustice of using public funds for the benefit plan.

Isn't Florida great?

But the real significance of this issue lies in its opening of UF's doors to all communities, and not in the indulgence of legislators, or even current faculty. UF's Human Resources office estimates that about 120 people will take advantage of the plan — hardly enough for mutiny.

In fact, we need partner benefits to attract faculty and make clear the school's commitment to diversity.

Although the top schools in our nation already offer similar packages, no other public university in Florida does, giving UF the chance to stand out. We have established a reputation as the best, so if we pull off this feat, other universities will follow.

The hushed air clouding the subject makes administrators appear afraid they're doing something wrong, rather than proud of promoting equality.

Only those who helped devise the plan will talk openly. Others tend to sidestep the issue.

Instead of taking a stand, UF is trying to crawl under the door.

We're most amused by the reticence of Student Body President Joe Goldberg, who declined to comment on the issue's merit.

What a horrible coward. We can excuse the silence of those who are responsible for the school's funding, but Goldberg is simply out of line.

As a student leader, he must set an example. But it seems he's too concerned with preserving his own skin from the cross-fire of controversy.

We, on the other hand, are not afraid to say that we support the giving of benefits to same-sex partners and unmarried couples. Marriage is the devil, anyway.

Likewise, we'll be candid about some of the apparent flaws in UF's masterpiece plan.

To qualify, couples will have to live together for a "significant" amount of time, with six months the suggested minimum.

Six months does not indicate a committed and interdependent relationship comparable to marriage.

However, we might agree with this stipulation if we knew more details about the qualifications. We want all committed couples treated equally, but we also want it done right.

Of course, the slacker the restrictions, the more appealing UF becomes to the faculty who could make this school great. And with the pittance faculty members currently receive, they deserve all the benefits we can afford.

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Guest column

Clark not a traitor for defending Hussein

If everyone who does not support the war in Iraq is a traitor, then according to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll, 63 percent of the United States should be hanged.

Ramsey Clark, former United States attorney general under President Lyndon Johnson, has become this word's latest victim.

He has agreed to become one of the lawyers representing Saddam Hussein in his war crimes trial. Two lawyers for the defense of Hussein and his cohorts have already been killed. However, Clark is still willing to take the case because he says that every person is entitled to a fair trial.

Though this is not an American trial, a belief in the Sixth Amendment and the right to a fair trial are American ideals. Clark holds these ideals. Yet he has been labeled a traitor by neo-conservative Bush supporters.

The word "traitor" is kryptonite to Americans. The brutal suggestion of a lack of patriotism in anyone who opposes the party line is morally reprehensible.

Ramsey Clark is not selling nuclear secrets to the Soviets. He is not conspiring to help the British take back New Jersey. He is simply upholding an American ideal in a foreign land and using his skills as a lawyer to do what he thinks is right.

No one has to agree with Clark's politics, which are overtly anti-war, but one has to admit that he has not acted in disloyalty to the United States. The character assassination that has been perfected by this administration has reached a point of lunacy.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., has also been lambasted by the administration for his decision to call for a

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timely withdrawal of the troops from Iraq.

Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary, gave him the political kiss of death by equating him with Michael Moore and the radical left.

Vice President Dick Cheney alluded to Murtha as among politicians who had "lost their memory or their backbone," and said that he and the president would not "let them rewrite history."

Yet Murtha is a Vietnam veteran and an extremely loyal American. He did not call this action because he wanted to give "the terrorists" a victory, as suggested by McClellan.

He probably called for the withdrawal so that 10 years from now, unlike most current members of Congress, he will be able to sleep at night. He recognized a huge problem for America and tried to stop it.

Fortunately, the public refused to listen to the character attacks on Murtha.

As a citizen, I am appalled by this administration's verbal terrorism. Throwing bombs like the word "traitor" and the phrase "rewriting history" at innocent Americans simply because they disagree with the position of the White House goes against the American obligation to question its leaders.

The threat of being called unpatriotic to the U.S. public is not just politically damaging, it affects the democratic deliberation of key issues and concerns among citizens. The label of traitor is one of aggressive intimidation and has no place among peaceful argument.

Devon Ryan attends the University of Texas.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Should UF offer domestic-partner benefits to employees?

Wednesday's question:

Should UF employees be fired for speaking out?

19% YES

81% NO

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Letters to the Editor

Goldberg should not worry about Baxley

Domestic-partner benefits are for anyone living with someone who is not married. Why must we buy into this Christian ideal of marriage? If Joe Goldberg is worried that the Florida Legislature is not going to give UF funding, he might want to re-evaluate subsidizing tickets to events that UF students don't attend. The Legislature wasn't behind coed colleges or integration. Is Goldberg threatened by Rep. Dennis Baxley's comments? Might I remind Goldberg that Baxley is the idiot who thinks students should be able to sue their teachers if they feel offended in class. Maybe Baxley should propose a way for students to sue the preachers on Turlington Plaza or the people who pass out fliers. If you are seriously concerned with the Legislature, vote.

Baxley's estimate of 300 partners in a lifetime is one person every four months until I'm 110. I know sorority girls with better records than that.

Ashley Goforth
3LS

ditures of public funds, and the government just cannot keep up.

This is where toll roads come in: the tolls pay for the cost to construct these roads where the government could not afford to install or maintain them. I am sure the 20-year-old student feels this is a victimless crime, but it is not.

The other added benefit of using a toll road is that people who cannot or do not want to pay for it do not use the road, making it less crowded. So the turnpike and all of its users are the victims of his theft. We have to cover the cost of his use of the road and service plazas. I have matured during my experiences in college and now make a point of always trying to do the right thing. I hope this person will take responsibility for his actions or at least not promote illegal use of the turnpike.

As far as the Alligator is concerned, I am upset this article comes across as almost an advertisement for this scam. The author does address the turnpike's stance but seems too neutral in a matter of a student stealing and promoting this crime.

David Zorrilla
5BC

Go back to your kindergarten to 12th grade education. Who paid for that?

Should those of us who do not benefit from these object and take up arms against them?

Gerald J. Bodoh
Gainesville resident

Skipping tolls could lead to rocky roads

I was appalled after reading the article "Drivers get over on SunPass" in Wednesday's Alligator. The attention getter was, "South Florida natives have saved money on the Florida Turnpike." It's more like Florida natives have stolen money from the Florida Turnpike. It is people like the student from this article who cause taxes to have to be increased, as well as the increases in the charges most citizens already pay. I had to laugh because this student chose to remain anonymous. I suppose on some level he knows what he is doing is wrong.

I also take the SunPass when I travel home, and I agree sometimes it is annoying to be charged. However, I quickly get over the feeling because not only is it a nicer, shorter route than Interstate 75, but it's also safer.

Maybe those people don't realize some of the money is used to pay for road repairs, although I hardly believe they're ignorant of this fact.

Just take a moment to think about Interstate 75 and how awful the road conditions are. Imagine the turnpike may soon be like that. Paying attention to crazy drivers is bad enough to deal with when traveling, but the added stress of having to deal with deteriorating road conditions makes things worse.

I almost guarantee that people who read the Alligator article will end up trying to get out of having to pay the tolls.

For the student in this article, shame on you for basically bragging. And to the author who chose to write this story, shame on you, too.

Julie Syfrett
4LS

Earth's age as contestable as evolution

There have been many comments lately expressing that "intelligent design" lacks scientific credibility. There was even a comment that evolution is a fact, and not a theory. I challenge those who have made these claims to research the science that is out there. I concede there are few, if any, published articles about "intelligent design" in reputable scientific journals, but that is evidence of the stigma against such ideas in the scientific community and nothing more.

These reputable journals would refuse to publish such articles because they go against the grain of what is known about the world. You likely won't even find anything in those publications questioning the prevailing theory of evolution. Instead, you will have to look to the Internet to find any significant information.

In your search, you might find that we should question how old the Earth actually is. The paradigm that the Earth is several billion years old is so strongly entrenched in the scientific community that it is not questioned. You've probably never questioned it either. It is simply a fact, and therefore all scientific data must fit that fact.

Pause for a moment and consider the implications of that statement.

How certain are we that the Earth is billions of years old? What if the Earth were only thousands of years old? Any scientist worth his salt will tell you the conclusions drawn from a data set could be drastically different if the assumed initial conditions are changed. What would all our scientific data tell us if we looked at it in terms of a much younger Earth? The fact is we have no real proof one way or the other, so we have to make an assumption.

Read and draw your own conclusions. Many believe that creationists only have objections to evolution and no ideas of their own, but there is a ton of science out there. Just open your mind and take a look.

Richard DeZego Jr.
UF alumnus

Turnpike users the victims of toll thefts

I was deeply disturbed after reading Wednesday's article about SunPass misuse. I believe one of the things you learn while attending college is to be a better person morally. I am not one who should cast stones, as I stole cable my sophomore year. But I paid a \$500 fine.

The anonymous person in this article obviously feels entitled to use the Florida Turnpike as I did with cable. However, he is not entitled to the use of this road, and for him to think he has a right to abuse a glitch in the system is morally bankrupt.

This person does not have to take the turnpike home — Interstate 75 would take him all the way home to Fort Lauderdale for free, or he could take a state road over to Interstate 95 and take it all the way home. Building and maintaining roads is one of the largest expen-

Residents pay for many student services

You appear to be totally without compassion. In addition to opposing healthcare (CHOICES) for people working full time — let's pray that you find yourselves in that position assuming you get off your asses and work someday — you oppose Sunday bus service because you believe that non-students will benefit and students will pay. You now pay a few dollars per credit hour for bus service. Do you really think that covers the cost of eight campus routes, 13 city routes that serve UF, four Later Gators, the Gater Aider shuttle and Lake Wauburg?

Do you really think your parents' tuition payments cover the cost of your education? Who do you think pays for those and any scholarships you might have?

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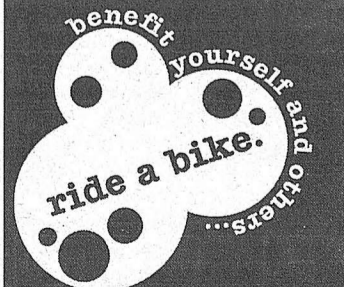
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Buses make for sooty scooters

■ BREATHING IN ENGINE EXHAUST CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS.

By MICHEL BERGERON
Alligator Contributing Writer

Some days, when Julius Chirieleison rides his motorcycle around the UF campus, he feels light-headed and his nose, throat or eyes become irritated. Even when wearing a helmet, Chirieleison, a 23-year-old UF anthropology major, is heavily affected by the exhaust pollution emitted by the Regional Transit System buses.

Some UF students who ride scooters or motorcycles have become increasingly annoyed by traveling behind buses when there seems to be no protection from the black soot spewed on them.

"The helmet only makes it worse," Chirieleison said. "[The buses] can only go so fast. Stuff sticks in the helmet without a breeze."

But those aren't the only effects of short-term diesel exhaust inhalation. Experts at the University of Minnesota also attribute heartburn, headaches, weakness, a numbing or tingling sensation in the arms or legs, tightness of the chest, wheezing and even vomiting to exhaust exposure.

RTS buses use diesel fuel.

Student Life "Diesel bus emissions are of great concern," said Chang-Yu Wu, environmental engineering professor at UF.

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified 21 chemicals in bus exhaust that are known or suspected to cause cancer. According to most experts, black soot contains the highest concentrations of these chemicals, though most agree that the individual particles, whether visible as black soot or not, is highly dangerous to inhale.

"The number of compounds may not be the most critical [information]," Wu said. Black soot tends to be composed of larger-structured compounds, but the size or visibility of the exhaust is not an indicator of its health effects.

The EPA is conducting studies on the effects of combustion emissions, and the sometimes toxic compounds they emit. Thus far, EPA researchers have made an association between emissions' deposit in the respiratory system and cardiovascular disease. Any further information will take some time before it can be published, Wu said.

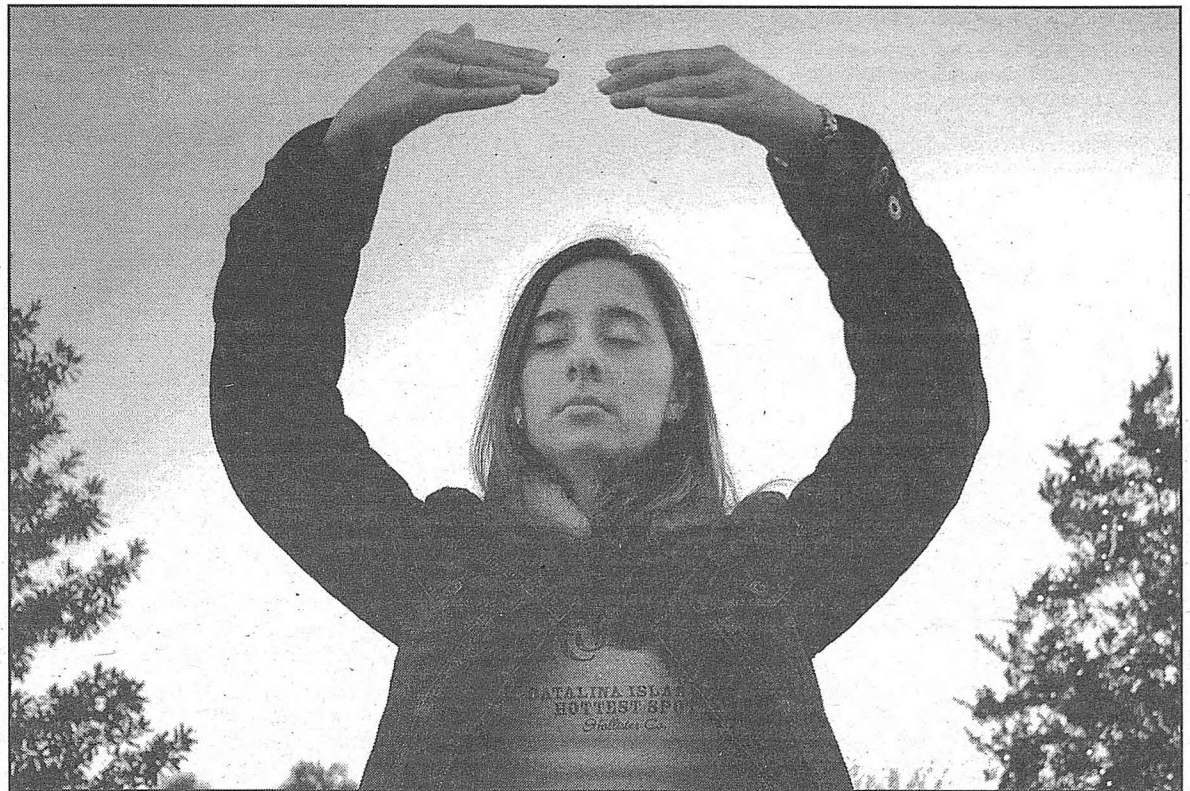
Long-term exposure can result in lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma attacks, chronic bronchitis, allergies and impaired immune-system function.

"The university can do more to protect student health," Wu said. Wu recommends that RTS buses switch to biodiesel, which has been proven better for health and the environment.

Eustache Miné, a supervisor at RTS, said the older buses are more polluting.

RTS is planning to purchase new buses. Until then, they can only purchase replacement buses from other cities.

The next batch of buses are supposed to be more eco-friendly, Miné said.



Danny Ghitis / Alligator Staff

Meditative moment

Natalia Gonzalez, a junior at UF studying environmental engineering, practices the ancient Chinese meditative discipline of Falun Dafa on the Reitz Union North Lawn on Wednesday afternoon.

Paper lauded for corruption exposé

Argus Leader wins UF award

By JESSICA RIFFEL
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A governor's abuse of power was exposed by a South Dakota newspaper, which received the 2005 Joseph L. Brechner Center for Freedom of Information Award on Wednesday for its investigative series.

The Argus Leader investigated the secret pardons, granted to convicted criminals, given by former South Dakota Governor Bill Janklow.

The paper's assistant managing editor, Patrick Lalley, said the Leader had huge difficulties accessing the pardons because they were not considered public record.

"We believe that these are open records," Lalley said. "It was a long 17-month legal fight."

The case went to the state Supreme Court, which granted access to 214 of Janklow's pardons because they were filed incorrectly.

In a single day, the 22 reporters at the paper attempted to contact every person who had received a pardon, including Janklow's son-in-law, the man who ran the pardon program and politicians.

"It was an amazing day," Lalley said. "It will always be the best story that I've ever participated in."

The executive director of the Brechner Center, professor Sandra F. Chance, presented Lalley with a plaque and a \$3,000 check.

"This is a fascinating story of a newspaper that took on a daunting task, that followed it aggressively, that uncovered secret and possibly illegal activities," Chance said.

UF Associate Provost Sheila Dickson commended the Brechner Center, which is located in UF's College of Journalism and Communications, for its work promoting the freedom of the press.

"It's really important that we have a center for freedom of information like we do at UF," Dickson said.

Journalism instructor Mike Foley was among the approximately 50 people in attendance.

"I think he encompasses what the Brechner award is all about," Foley said. "It's shoelace reporting, dogged determination and exposing corruption. That's what journalism is all about."

UF researcher progresses in search for roots of obesity

By MELISSA JACOBS
Alligator Contributing Writer

Julie Johnson is narrowing the search for obesity's cause.

Research done by Johnson, a professor and chair of the UF Department of Pharmacy Practice, has ruled out specific genes as contributing factors to obesity through her research conducted at the UF Center for Pharmacogenomics.

In a nation where 64.5 percent of adults are overweight and 30.5 percent are obese, according to the American Obesity Association, Johnson's work is helping to piece together the puzzle plaguing researchers in the field.

"I did not see much of a relationship between the particular genes studied and the weight of the individual at hand," said Johnson, who has a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. "About 40 percent of someone's risk for obesity is genetically determined. It just so happens that

we are now able to rule out the genes I isolated from this puzzle."

In her research, which was primarily funded by the National Institutes of Health, she used data gathered by the UF College of Medicine's chief of cardiovascular medicine Carl Pepine. From his study, called the Women's Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation, Johnson analyzed the weights of 700 to 800 adult women.

Participants in the study provided Johnson with genetic samples, which she then used to isolate specific genes. Johnson then tested whether these genes affect obesity.

"What Julie's research ultimately involves is being able to match the right patient with the right drug," said William Riffe, dean of the College of Pharmacy. "Her work is just huge."

Being able to accurately match patients with prescriptions is significant to the scientific community as well as to the economy, said Albert Garcia, a board member with the Florida Board of Pharmacy.

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Julie Johnson

UF Department of Pharmacy Practice chair and professor

"[Johnson's] research regarding genetics will eventually allow pharmacists to target the right drug for the right patient the first time around, as opposed to trying prescription after prescription until we get it right," said Garcia, a 1986 UF alumnus and pharmacy supervisor for Walgreens stores.

"I can say from a retail perspective that this would greatly cut down on costs, insurance rates and other unnecessary expenditures," he said.

The College of Pharmacy receives over \$8 million annually in funding, which comes primarily from the NIH.

Johnson said her research interests have always centered on understanding people's responses to medicine.

"I want to learn why some people have a favorable reaction while others do not," Johnson said. "My interests have shifted to focus on how genetics can contribute to that."

Ongoing research about the relationship between obesity and genetics is conducted by the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, which works to advance human health by characterizing the genetic components of susceptibility to common diseases.

"Although I did not locate the specific genes that are directly linked to obesity, my research provides some data that adds to the story," Johnson said. "Other researchers can now avoid these genes and look further for those that are more influential."

Capturing History

Course takes learning abroad

By **MELISSA THOMPSON**
Avenue Writer

Among photographs documenting the disappearing ethnic heritage in Belize, UF journalism graduate student Ariane Wiltse's work portraying the Hurricane Katrina devastation in New Orleans may seem out of place.

It's not.

On Dec. 6, the work of students participating in Florida FlyIns, a UF course in special projects journalism, will be featured in the exhibit Belize in Words and Pictures on the second

floor of the Reitz Union from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The exhibit, on display through Jan. 13, will feature photographs and written excerpts from the students who traveled to Belize, along with Wiltse's work from her trip to New Orleans.

After crying through a September benefit concert for the victims of Katrina, Wiltse realized she needed to give up her dream trip to Latin America to follow her heart, and her story, to New Orleans.

Wiltse, a former resident of New Orleans who lived there for six years, spent a week in the storm-ravaged city to chronicle the struggles of her longtime friend, professional photographer Donn Young, in recovering and restoring his work.

Wiltse said Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge declared Young's work "historically significant" and started a program to

salvage its remains.

"Donn spent 25 years of his 35-year career capturing the culture, the music, the food and the history of New Orleans," Wiltse said.

When the storm's 10-foot floodwaters invaded Young's photography studio, negatives of Young's work were destroyed by the toxic chemical-laden waters, Wiltse said.

"They were nothing but sulfuric sludge," Wiltse said.

Just as the Florida FlyIns exhibit captures the essence of New Orleans' culture through the portrayal of one man's journey, it also sheds light on

"My personal goal was to capture these people as they exist now in their spiritual culture."

-Valerie Payne

another culture's struggle for preservation: the Garifuna ethnic group's efforts to maintain its distinct heritage and way of life in Belize.

UF journalism senior Valerie Payne covered the spiritual aspects of Garifuna life. She said she hopes her work will serve as a snapshot of the spiritual ceremonies that make the Garifuna unique.

"My personal goal was to capture these people as they exist now in their spiritual culture," Payne said.

Payne compares the rise and gradual decline of the Garifuna culture to the cycle of the sun.

"It's kind of like the sun was rising on their culture, and now it is setting," she said.

The Florida FlyIns program, co-

founded six years ago by Pulitzer Prize winner and journalism professor John Kaplan and professor Kurt Kent, takes 14 UF students on a weeklong trip to a Latin American country each Fall.

Each Spring, journalism students apply for positions as either writers or photographers for the program by completing an application and submitting a portfolio.

Selected applicants take the course formally called "Advanced Journalism Practicum: Latin America in Words and Pictures" taught by professor Kaplan each Fall.

During the course, students learn techniques associated with in-depth reporting and photography in international journalism.

During their stay in Belize, the FlyIns students expanded their perspective of cultures outside of the United States. Through the exhibit, the students also hope to broaden the cultural horizons of the Gainesville community.

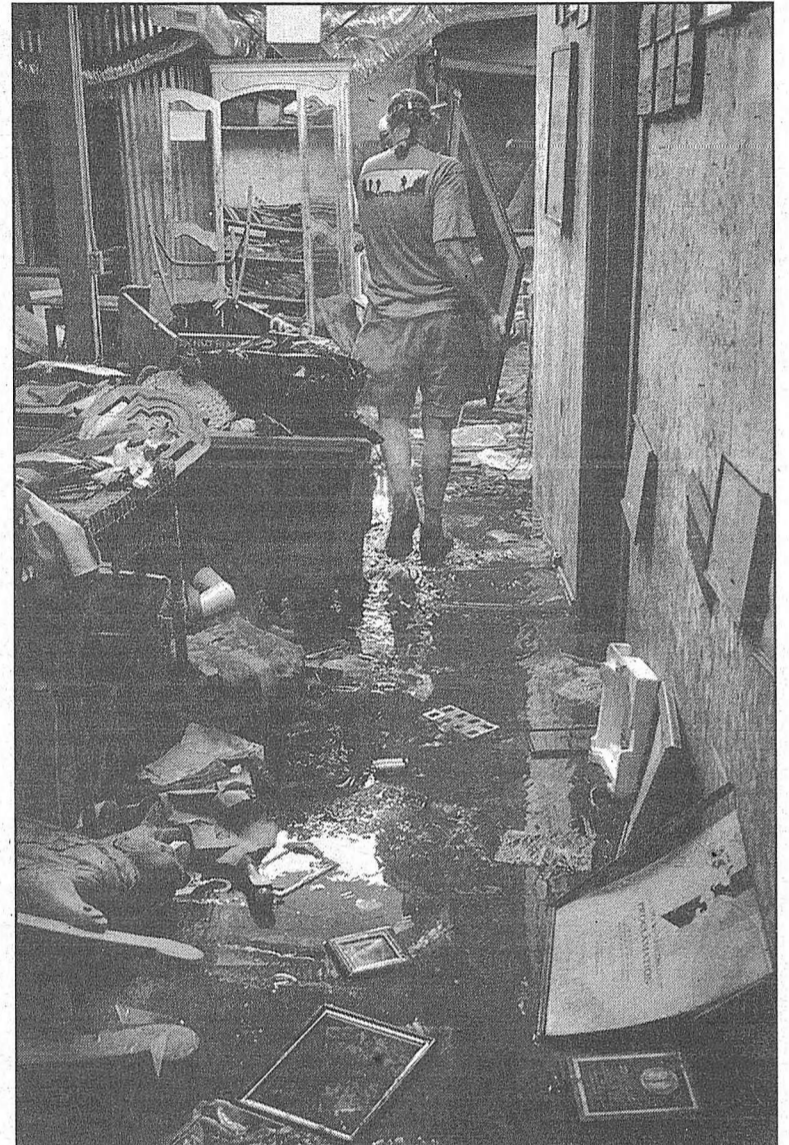
For Payne, the sense of community among the Belizeans is one of the culture's greatest contrasts with that of the United States.

"The lines between neighbor, relative, brother, sister, dead and alive — the lines are just blurred," Payne said.

UF photojournalism senior Sarah Kiewel hopes that the Gainesville community will come to the exhibit with an open mind.

"I don't want my pictures to make people feel bad for a poor country," Kiewel said. "I want [the community] to see them as a beautiful people with so much to offer."

During the past few years, Florida FlyIns' work received several accolades, including the coveted



Ariane Wiltse / Alligator

A sample of the destruction UF journalism student Ariane Wiltse encountered in New Orleans after foregoing her class trip to Belize.

Charlie Award, the top award for in-depth reporting from the Florida Magazine Association.

"These are professional competi-

tions, where student work competes against the ranks of The New York Times and The Washington Post," Kaplan said.

MySpace: a place for Gainesville bands to grow

By **MATT SANCHEZ**
Avenue Contributing Writer

MySpace.com is changing the way independent musicians in Gainesville — and throughout the world — distribute their art and build fan bases. More than 660,000 artists have pages on the site, which has more than 37 million members.

Local rock band Adam's Out credit MySpace for much of the band's success.

They had trouble booking concerts after the move because of one of music's fundamental catch-22s.

"People booking shows ask, 'Do you have a fan base?'" guitarist Chris Claires said. "No one wants you if you can't bring a crowd. But you can't get a crowd unless you play shows."

But MySpace members have racked up a significant amount of traffic. According to online market researcher comScore Media

Metrix, MySpace was the No. 3 domain on the Web in October in terms of page views, beating Google, AOL and eBay and falling behind only MSN and Yahoo.

This translates to a lot of exposure for musicians who otherwise could only rely on word of mouth.

Claires said MySpace helps bands to get around this problem by offering a way to generate interest among listeners who've never seen them live. And even though Adam's Out

now plays concerts regularly, the members notice that a significant percentage of its new fans still come from the site.

Collin Whitlock, pianist and co-vocalist for Gainesville band Maxwell Edison, said perhaps the most important advantage MySpace has over personal band Web sites and other forms of marketing is that it provides that initial link between a prospective listener and a band. Users browsing through MySpace

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Calla's tunes go deep

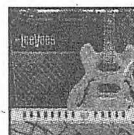


Calla
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Beggars Group

This Brooklyn-based band has created a buzz in the music community with its fourth release, "Collisions."

While the band is more radio-friendly than artists such as Bright Eyes, Calla emits a similar type of dark emotion and maturity that far surpasses most of its popular indie counterparts.

Aurelio Valle's gritty murmurs of love and despair rarely reach a vocal climax, which can be dissatisfying to some listeners. But none of the tracks lacks the intensity largely absent in today's pop music. Tracks like "It Dawned On Me" and "Pulverize" have serious shots at airplay, but this album is not for those who only like to skim the surface.



The Lee Veves
Hanukkah Rocks
Reprise

If Adam Sandler's "The Chanukah Song" is starting to get old this holiday season (or if you couldn't get enough of it), then you might find The Lee Veves' album a refreshing alternative.

Adam Gardner (Guster) and Dave Schneider (The Zambonis) teamed up and wrote "Hanukkah Rocks" — 12 tongue-in-cheek tracks dedicated to the Festival of Lights, which was appropriately written in just eight days.

Song titles range from "Latke Clan" to "Jewish Girls (At The Matzoh Ball)," but the music itself holds its own.

"Kugel" is probably the strongest track melodically, and "At The Timeshare" adds a nice touch by using a chorus to sing of Schneider's parents' time-share in Florida.

Gardner and Schneider also reach out to non-Jews in "Holiday" when they sing, "You don't have to be a Jew/ happy holidays to you," and they touch on subjects everyone can relate to with the track "How Do You Spell Channukkah?"

Though it's unlikely this album will garner as much attention as Christmas counterparts like "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," it'll look great next to your Weird Al CDs.

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Superman gets fresh twist

For all the Superman fans who didn't pick up the first issue of "All Star Superman," there's still time. Plenty of time.

Issue No. 2 bears no resemblance to that famed speeding bullet whose adventures it chronicles: It won't be available until Jan. 18.

The wait is nearly as bad as the anticipation for the new Superman movie — but more on that later.

Writer Grant Morrison and artist Frank Quitely have teamed up again to deliver 12 issues of "All Star Superman." With Morrison involved, Ol' Supes isn't going to have it easy — as readers of issue No. 1's 32 fast-paced pages already know.



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Morrison and Quitely are best known for Vertigo's "WE3" and their now legendary run on Marvel Comics' "New X-Men." Quitely's unique art style gives Lex Luthor a much more sinister face and hits the nail on the head with his bumbling, clumsy Clark Kent. Plus, Lois Lane looks absolutely stunning.

The "All Star" line is DC Comics' way of bringing together some of the biggest writers and artists in the comic-book industry and allowing them to tell timeless stories, without the restraints of regular continuity.

It's a notion similar to that behind Marvel's "Ultimate" line, meant to draw in new readers.

But in DC's case, if there's no continuity, there's

no real concern for the characters. They may tell a great story that stands on its own, but if it never makes a permanent impact, where's the value?

On the other hand, if you can tell a good enough story, people will forget about continuity — and all the other things comic fans squabble about — and just enjoy it.

So far they seem to be doing a pretty good job. The other "All Star" title, "All Star Batman and Robin, the Boy Wonder" is on issue No. 3 this month, with comic legend Frank Miller writing Batman the way it was meant to be written. It also doesn't hurt to have fan-favorite artist Jim Lee backing him up.

But I guess they don't call it "All Star" for nothing.

Because Superman is such a pop-culture icon, Morrison was able to summarize Superman's origin in one page and get on to the important stuff. So Morrison drops some bombshells in the first issue, including revealing Superman's secret identity to girlfriend Lois Lane, but that's small potatoes compared to the issue's other revelations.

This series is great for die-hard Superman fans who just can't get their fill, but it's also a great starting point for new readers. It'll make a great stocking-stuffer and might just hold you over until "Superman Returns" hits theaters in June.

Calendar

today

Orange and Brew, live music: The Know How, One Pump Chump, The Leftovers, free Eddie C's, live music: New Day, Public Service Announcement, Impurity, Yesterdays Future, 10 p.m., \$5

Common Grounds, live music: MC Chris, SNMNMNM, The ERGS, \$12, 10 p.m.

University Auditorium, live music: University of Florida Jazz Bands, 7:30 p.m., free

friday

Common Grounds, live music: Morningbell, Maxwell Edison, Killarney Star, Band Marino, 10 p.m.

The Side Bar, live music: March to May, Arturo Sinclair, Clock Hands Strangle, alaco affair, 9 p.m., \$5

saturday

Atlantic, live music: Girls on Film, Velvetten Pink, Entertainment, 10 p.m., \$5
Eddie C's, live music: tababooya, Us Knowing Stu, The Walking Life, Luna Halo, 10 p.m., \$5

sunday

McGuire Pavilion Constans Theatre, dance performance: "Agbedidi: Dancing Africa in Time and Space," 2 p.m., \$7-11

monday

Common Grounds, live music: Wheatus, Midstates, Big City Dreams, 10 p.m., \$8

tuesday

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

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"Arrested Development" is without a doubt one of the greatest sitcoms to ever hit television airwaves. It's not your typical sitcom where Rachel and Ross get trashed and hilariously end up marrying each other. I'm a fan of "Friends," but "Arrested" is situational comedy at its finest.

However, since its first season "Arrested" hasn't had the ratings necessary to survive. After the show's second-season episode order was cut from 22 to 18, it was amazing the show managed to return for a third season — this was due mostly to DVD sales and a surprisingly determined fan base who raised \$1,400 to buy plastic bananas to send to Fox in protest. (The Bluth family owns a frozen-banana stand in the show.)

The single-camera show is superbly well-written and directed, and the acting is beyond amazing. Jason Bateman, who many may recognize for his roles in "Dodgeball" and "Starsky & Hutch," plays Bluth, the lovable potential savior of his family. Bluth's decision early in the episode ironically causes the failure of Gob's magic show later on, which in turn causes the escape of their father from prison. The show is all about ironic happenings and funny coincidences.

Bluth delivers witty, dry lines that starkly contrast with the goofy, momma's boy antics of his brother

Buster, which in turn contrast the cocky humor of their other brother, Gob.

Critics love the show, which is obvious from the show's six Emmy Award wins, including two in outstanding writing and one for outstanding comedy series, and a Golden Globe for best performance by an actor in a television comedy series. Plus, the series has gained a very strong fan base, and those who actually watch the show love it. Yet, Fox is determined to kill "Arrested Development."

Unfortunately, it seems DVD sales and plastic bananas won't be enough this time around. As with "Family Guy," Fox never gave "Arrested" the time-slot and attention it needed. The show was moved around in scheduling so only die-hard fans knew when it was on. Plus, the show's allotted time-slots were guaranteed failures in ratings history.

This season, Fox once again cut down the episode order from 22 to 13, and last month the show took a hiatus during November sweeps. The show will return Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., and officially has eight episodes left for the season.

However, it is highly unlikely Fox will renew the show for a fourth season unless it gets a colossal boost in ratings and DVD sales. That's where we come in.

"Arrested" still has a chance if we give it one. Go out and rent or buy the DVDs, tune in for these last couple of episodes and help save the Bluth family.



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Site provides exposure

MYSPACE, from page 9

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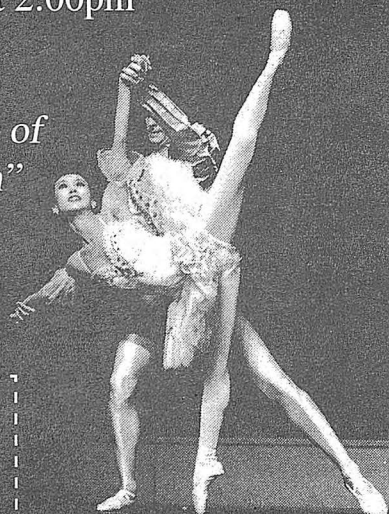
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3 Subleases

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M/F roommate for 4BR/3BA house on 34th St & University. \$300/mo + 1/4 util. Avail Dec 1st. Great roommates. Call Anthonly 222-1966. 12-2-10-4

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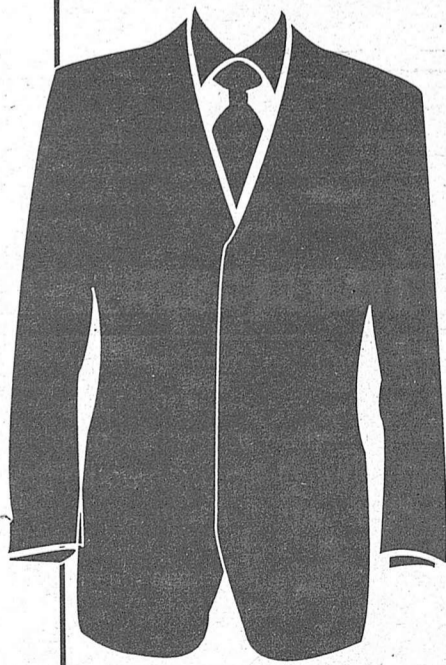
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Women take up wrestling

By JENNA MARINA
Alligator Contributing Writer

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And then they apply their lip gloss.

"I think when people think, 'female wrestler,' they think: masculine girl — kind of butch," said Kayte Susse, captain of the UF womens' wrestling team. "It couldn't be farther from the truth. I'm really girly. I wear makeup to wrestling tournaments."

An accomplished wrestler, Susse placed second in the women's state wrestling tournament in both her junior and senior years of high school and took eight place at the national tournament in 2003.

Don't let her "girly" exterior fool you, though. Susse pulls a Bruce Banner-Hulk transformation when she steps out on to the wrestling mat, competing not only against women, but against men as well.

She started wrestling in 1999 during her freshman year of high school. She, along with a friend, were the only two girls on the team.

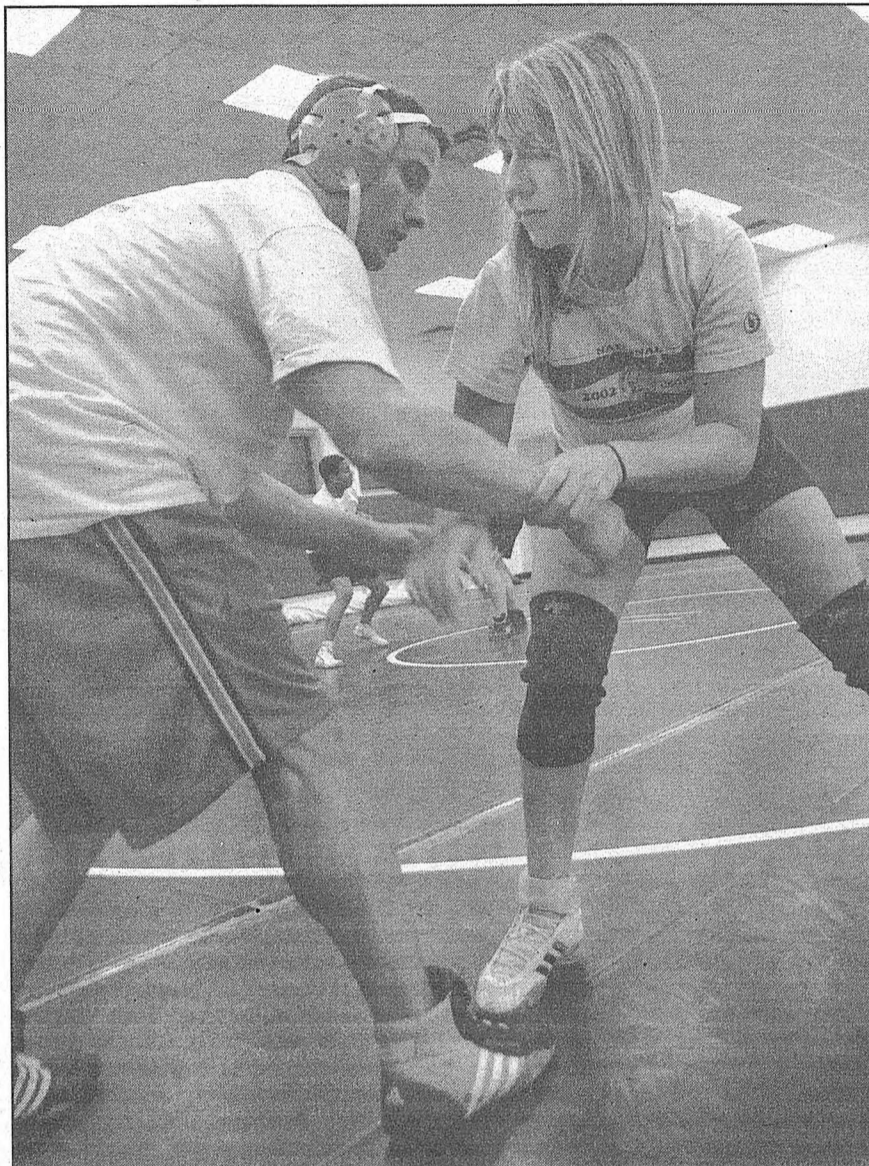
"I've always really liked contact sports," she said. "I did karate for four years, and I've always kind of liked fighting, so it was right up my alley."

"I remember in high school, I didn't wrestle a girl until my second year. By the time I saw a girl, it was like I already stepped myself up because I was so used to these guys who were so big and fast."

However, her male opponents are not always accepting of the fact that they will be wrestling a woman.

In the Florida College Championship Wrestling Tournament at the University of South Florida on Nov. 19, Susse was supposed to wrestle the defending national champion in her weight class. Instead, the Pensacola Christian Academy star forfeited the match, claiming his religion prevented him from wrestling a female.

While Ricky Rieck, president of the UF wrestling club, has never had to



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UF junior Kayte Susse grapples with Ricky Rieck, president of the UF Wrestling Club, during a club practice Monday. Susse is captain of the women's team.

wrestle a women in a match, he exhibits a different mentality about his female colleagues.

"At practice I just look at them as another wrestler," he said. "They work just as hard as everyone else does."

"Most guys think it's an easier win, but that's not the case. They can do really well and show some of these guys up, especially in the smaller weight classes."

Some people may view the womens' participation in the sport improper or inappropriate, but Susse just shrugs it off.

"I used to care a lot more what people thought in high school about the way I was supposed to act," she said.

"But I don't really care anymore."

The womens' team, which boasts eight active members, consists of a wide variety of wrestlers, from the experienced to beginners.

Although she only began wrestling several months ago, it seems freshman Lexi Douglas was destined to wrestle. Her father wrestled in high school and college, and she used to be the head manager of her high school team.

But when she came to UF in the summer, she decided to stop being a spectator and get in on the action.

"I've been around it enough that I've seen the moves, and I could tell someone if they're doing the move properly,"

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Gators draw a Christmas list

The turkeys have been carved, and with prefinals week drawing to a much relished close, 'tis the season for the holidays.

Tenacious E's mistletoe belt buckle? It's fully returned to its radiant luster, while students prepare to stuff any stocking they see between now and Christmas.

In the world of Gators football, December has transformed into a big-time month.

Following the drubbing of a steadily declining Florida State football team, which showed how much discipline they had during their escapades at the close of the Senior Day festivities, Coach Urban Meyer has got to have a wish list for Santa tucked away somewhere.

Here are a couple gifts that Meyer and the Gators might be hoping for before the start of 2006:



Eric Esteban
Tenacious E
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AN OUTBACK BOWL BID:

On Sunday, the bowl-game selection process will begin and UF has a range of three bids that they could fall under thanks to the aforementioned victory. The Outback Bowl, played this year on a hangover-free Jan 2, would be the best exposure, financial pay out and competition as opposed to the still-hovering Peach and Independence bowls.

If the Gators can weasel their way ahead of South Carolina, it would be much more welcomed for the program than a trip to Shreveport, La., where they'd have to play Nebraska or Kansas.

Against a team like Wisconsin or Michigan, the Gators would get to stay in-state, which would give recruits another first-hand look of what life could be like in the orange and blue.

While on recruiting...

QUARTERBACK TIM TEBOW: Christmas may fall on Dec. 25, but Dec. 14, is the day circled on Meyer's recruiting calendar.

The nation's top quarterback is set to announce his decision on this day in what has boiled down to a possible battle between Alabama and UF. Tebow has developed a good relationship with Meyer and offensive coordinator Dan Mullen, but the Crimson Tide are definite players.

The recruiting effort started here on campus thanks to Tebow's brother, Peter, who cre-

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 2001: The table was set, the Gators were heading to the national title game. All they needed was a home victory against Tennessee. Instead, the Vols prevailed 34-32, and Steve Spurrier would resign a month later.

UF LANDS ANOTHER RECRUIT

■ The Gators continued their recruiting rampage Wednesday by landing five-star linebacker Larry Grant according to scout.com. At 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds, the City College of San Francisco star runs a 4.45 40-yard dash.

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Davis sparks comeback

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Writer

A career night from Brittany Davis and a defensive change sparked the third-biggest comeback in UF history Wednesday night.

Down 64-48 with 14:08 remaining, the Gators (4-1) began a monumental comeback against host Charlotte, going on a 22-5 run to take the lead and extend it out to a 93-80 win.

UF's biggest comeback, a 20-pointer, came in 1992, and the Gators had not battled back from a larger deficit since 1999 when UF also came back from 16 down.

During the streak, coach Carolyn Peck saw her top two scorers and her starting point guard pick up their fourth foul, but Davis picked up the slack.

The senior finished with 23 points and 16 rebounds, both

career highs, playing every minute while Sha Brooks, Dalila Eshe and Sarah Lowe battled foul trouble.

"We had Sha Brooks at Seton Hall that had to go the distance for 40 minutes and today we had Brittany Davis," Peck said. "... I kept asking her, 'Are you ok?' and she said, 'Yes.'"



Davis

Other players pitched in during the run to help out Davis, including Marshae Dotson (7 points), Lowe (9 points) and Brooks, who hit a 3-pointer to give the Gators their first second-half lead with 6:12 left.

From there the teams changed leads six times before a Brooks jumper put UF up for good with 4:02 left at 77-76,

sparking an 8-0 run into the final two minutes.

The freshman scored six of her 18 points in the final five minutes despite having picked up four fouls.

"Sha Brooks did have a big second half, shooting it well from the outside and then attacking in," Peck said. "When she got the offensive fouls in the first half, she had to take a step back and figure out how am I going to score, what do I need to do."

Peck ditched her zone defense for a man-to-man scheme in the second half and held the 49ers to 10 fewer points after going into the half down 45-44.

"They took care of each other defensively when we went to the man-to-man, and I think that made the difference in the second half," Peck said.

Radio and television broadcasts contributed to this report.

UF future on display

■ **SWIMMING SIGNEES TO COMPETE AGAINST GATORS.**

By **RACHEL ROBINS**
Alligator Writer

The Gators will go up against some familiar foes over the weekend — a few of whom will soon become permanent fixtures in orange and blue.

A section of UF's swim team will head to Auburn, Ala., for the 2005 U.S. Open Swimming Championships, which runs today through Saturday. The events scheduled for both men and women for the first day are the 200-meter individual medley, the 400m freestyle, the 100m breaststroke, the 200m backstroke, the 50m freestyle and the 800m freestyle relay. All of the preliminaries start at 9:

30 a.m., with the finals set to begin at 6 p.m.

An interesting matchup over the weekend will be Ryan Lochte against Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands. The Dutchman will make his comeback to the pool after having surgery on his back in May. He won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in the 100 and 200 freestyle events and also captured gold in the 100 freestyle at the 2004 Olympics, while he took home silver in the 200 event.

Future UF swimmer Shaune Fraser, who signed a letter of intent with UF in November, will compete in the 200 individual medley today.

"Shaune is one of the best swimmers in the county," said

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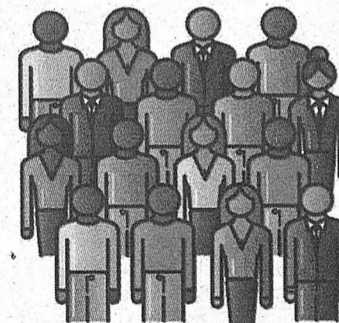
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Susse: The bigger they are, they harder they fall

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Douglas said. "But when I get on the mat and try to do the move, I can't watch myself do it, so I'm relearning the moves from my perspective."

She used to condition with the boys in high school, and even though it took a little time, they began to respect her abilities.

"Of course, the first week is always different because they're like, 'Oh, there's a girl,'" Douglas said. "But when you keep up with them with push-ups and sit-ups and you can outrun them on the track, then they start to think, 'Oh,

wow, she's serious about this.'"

Because Douglas is only a novice, she has yet to wrestle a male in a match. Nevertheless, she is determined to get to an advanced skill level so that she can eventually go head-to-head with the men.

"I've been a tomboy and been around boys my entire life, so I'm definitely not intimidated by them," she said. "My mentality has always been the bigger they are, the harder they fall."

Rieck has found the women's participation, both on and off the mat, invaluable to the club.

"Any task that we give these girls," he said, "they'll do it and not only do it, but do it well."

Future Gators are among the best in their sport

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coach Gregg Troy on the team web site. "Everyone wanted to talk to him, so we had to lock him up early."

Fraser was a member of the Cayman Islands' 2004 Olympic team. He currently attends The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

There will also be some future Gators in the women's events. Stephanie Napier will swim in the

50 freestyle alongside fellow recruit Elizabeth Kemp and future teammate Dana Vollmer.

"Stephanie is the fastest high school sprinter in the country," Troy said. "She'll add a whole new dimension to our women's team because we've never had anybody with her kind of speed before."

Napier was crowned the 2005 Tennessee State Champion in the 50 and 100 Freestyle.

Elizabeth Goldson, also planning to

join the UF swimming team, will compete in the 400 freestyle today.

"Elizabeth is an outstanding freestyler," Troy said.

"She will help us immensely in the sprint and middle distance freestyle, and her versatility in the fly and back will help us as well.

"I think Elizabeth is the best up-and-coming distance swimmer in the country. She kind of came out of nowhere, and will help us out in the distance events."

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ated the Facebook group, "Get Tim Tebow To UF!"

While the reigns to the team sit firmly in Chris Leak's hands for next year, Tebow is the ideal quarterback for the Gators' Spread 'n' Shred offense in the future and would add a momentum boost to Meyer's first full recruiting season. I'll be the first to tip my fedora at Zook for his recruiting prowess, but this is Meyer's opportunity at landing the big fish heading into what could be a Gator-heavy U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 7.

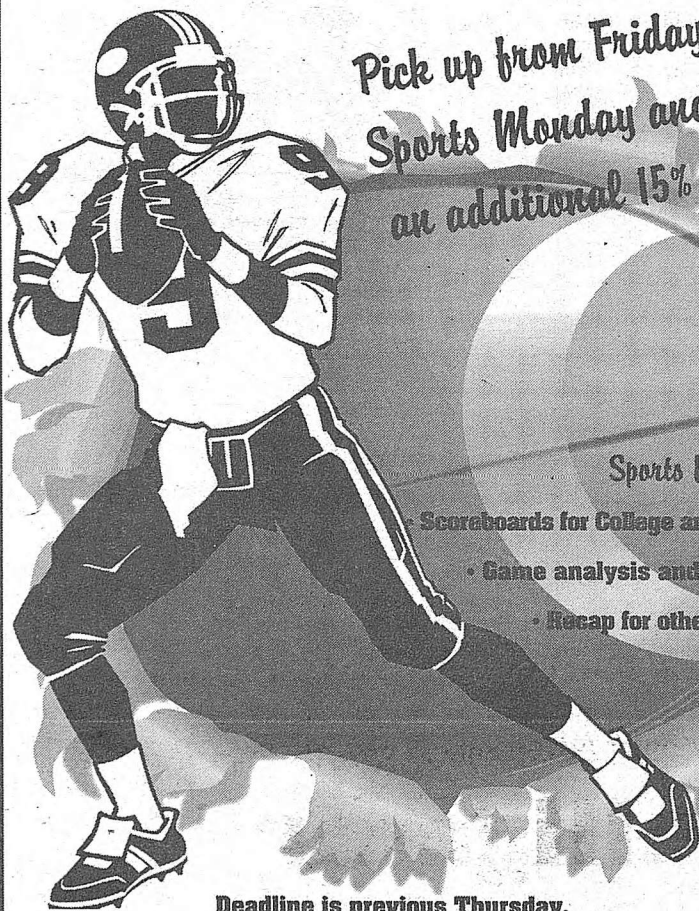
SOME JUNIOR LOVE: Chris Leak, Dee Webb, Marcus Thomas and Chad Jackson are trying to find out where they would land in the NFL Draft. I aspire to be Jared from the Subway commercials' stunt double, but that isn't happening either. Leak, Webb and Thomas will be looked at as leaders when they likely return for their senior year and two-thirds of that group still needs to turn the corner on level of play, but Jackson could be the biggest threat to leave.

Meyer speaks the truth when he says Jackson could benefit, especially in the wallet, from returning and improving, but money talks and Big-Play Chad could be gone.

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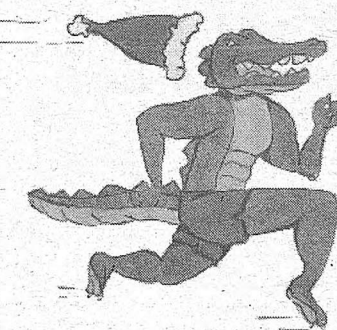
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Gators to open NCAA Tournament against FAU



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Marcie Hampton and UF are preparing to face Florida Atlantic in the first round of the NCAA Tournament tonight.

By **BRYAN JONES**
Alligator Writer

It's that time of the year again for coach Mary Wise and the No. 4 UF volleyball team.

The eager fans in Gainesville crave championships, and 15 Southeastern Conference titles and seven Final Four appearances into Wise's career at UF, a national title sits atop the very short list of achievements she has yet to accomplish during her illustrious tenure.

Last year the Gators were defeated in the second round by Stanford, the eventual national champions. But as this season's NCAA Tournament approaches, the Gators don't necessarily feel they have something to prove.

"I don't think we are out to prove that we should have been a better seed last year or a better seed this year," sophomore outside hitter Marcie Hampton said. "We're just going to take this one match at a time and do the best that we can."

The eighth seed in the NCAA Tournament, the Gators will host the first two rounds, beginning tonight at 7:30 p.m. against Florida Atlantic in the

O'Connell Center.

Playing the first two rounds at home is not just a competitive advantage, but it will give seniors Jane Collymore and Rachel Engel a chance to leave the O-Dome on a high note.

"They don't know how to lose. And that is always hard, having to play a team that doesn't know how to lose."

Marcia Hampton
UF outside hitter

"Those are two players who have done so much for this program and been such huge assets to the program," Amber McCray said. "So we really want to do well for them and let them go out with a bang."

The Owls, champions of the Atlantic Sun Conference, did not exactly play a world-class schedule this season, but at 29-2, their record is impressive against any level of competition.

"They don't know how to lose," Hampton said. "And that is always hard, having to play a team that doesn't know how to lose. We're really

excited about this game. I think it will be a really good matchup."

The key to defeating FAU may be shutting down Owls' outside hitter Kelly Paiva, who can single-handedly account for most of her team's offense.

"We don't play many outside hitters that have the number of attempts she does," Wise said. "I don't know how her arm is still intact with the number of swings."

"She is averaging like 16 attempts a game. We think a player who gets nine or 10 attempts a game is a lot, 16 is unheard of. We have seen some match results where she had over 20 a game. That's a ton of swings."

Owls' assistant coach Aycan Kara, a former UF star, has her jersey hanging in the Gators' practice facility, but she might not be making the trip to Gainesville due to maternity leave.

"I'd rather visit with Aycan when we weren't playing against each other," Wise said. "It would be much more fun to see her when she can bring the baby and visit."

The winner of the match will take on the winner of Kansas State vs. Florida A&M, a match that will precede the UF-FAU matchup.

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