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Sweeping under Machen's feet

Longtime janitor earns \$15K

By **JUSTIN RICHARDS**
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Beneath the chambers of UF President Bernie Machen, a less famous man keeps the administration's palace gleaming with mops and scrubs.

"Nobody wants to go to a messy school," said Cartrell Robinson, the ground-floor custodian at Tigert Hall.

Machen spends his typical morning meeting with administrators in poshly furnished offices. Meanwhile, Robinson is two floors below using a pumice stick to scrape mildew from porcelain.

Before any administrators arrive, Robinson has been in Tigert for hours. He wakes at 3:30 every morning to be at work by 5 o'clock.

Robinson said he has worked in UF custodial services for 14 years and makes only 96 cents an hour more than a brand-new custodian.

"I don't think that's fair," he said. "You have 14 years in, and

somebody starts tomorrow, and you're not making much more than them."

Including paid holidays, Robinson makes roughly \$15,500 per year — about two weeks' pay for Machen.

He received a 3.6 percent raise this year, a policy he said has not been consistent.

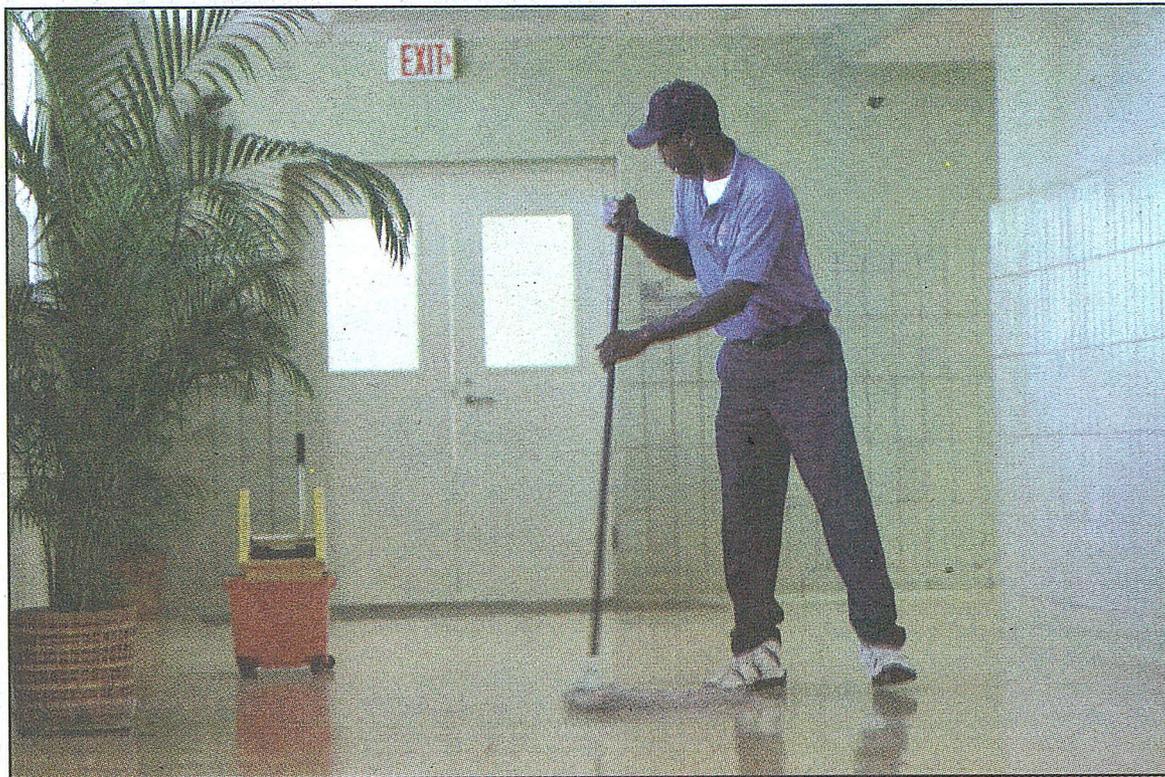
"That doesn't amount to much," he said.

Meanwhile, a \$75,000 bonus for Machen passed its first level of approval by the Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, on Thursday.

The stipend would be his second since taking office in 2003, and he is eligible for a \$225,000 bonus in 2007.

Despite the pay, Robinson said he loves his job — especially because of its benefits.

For every week Robinson works, he receives six hours of vacation time, which he usually spends with his family.



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Cartrell Robinson mops the floor of Tigert Hall, where UF President Bernie Machen and his administration work.

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UF may set tuition rate

■ THE UNIVERSITY HAS MADE WRESTING TUITION CONTROL FROM THE STATE A PRIORITY.

By **LYNDESEY LEWIS**
 Alligator Writer

UF is looking to make a name for itself nationally, as members of the university's highest governing body work to extend their power on the state front by gaining authority to set tuition rates.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees Committee on Government Relations on Thursday afternoon, the power to control tuition rates was named one of the university's top priorities on its legislative agenda alongside issues such

as salary increases, health insurance for graduate students, and the Florida Bright Futures scholarship.

"We have, right now currently, the lowest tuition rate of any AAU (Association of American Universities) school," Government Relations Chairman Carlos Alfonso said. "We want the control (over rates)."

In addition to setting undergraduate tuition rates for Florida residents, the Board also wants the ability to control rates for graduate, professional and out-of-state students.

The Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's 11 public universities, is due to discuss the issue of whether to transfer power at its January meeting.

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City mulls annexing SFCC

By **ALEXIS LLOYD**
 Alligator Writer

Twenty signatures sent to the City of Gainesville may result in the annexation of 1,400 acres into the city limits.

SFCC, part of Interstate 75 and some of the surrounding communities could benefit from the annexation with enhanced bus, police and urban services, said Karen Snyder, city strategic planner.

"The major benefit will be increased bus services through [Regional Transit System] to those areas," Snyder said.

The proposed new bus route would run from the Oaks Mall, down Newberry Road, up Fort Clarke, over 23rd Avenue to SFCC, creating a 20-minute bus route at the main transportation hub.

"The bus route would improve bus service, take some cars off the road and have less traffic congestion," said Barbara Lipscomb, assistant city manager.

The bus-system services, including buses and drivers, will be fully funded by

revenue generated in that area. However, SFCC students would still be required to pay bus fares.

"Next year, the city will be trying to pass a legislative bill to have SFCC students to be similar to UF and have an activity fee built in to pay for transportation," Lipscomb said.

Santa Fe Community College

The bus route would also benefit elderly residents in the

area, she said.

The proposed annexation would affect more than 5,000 Alachua County residents.

The area is characterized by a mix of single-family housing developments, apartment complexes and commercial areas.

"The residents in the area that are registered voters will make the decision

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■ UF junior running back Sklyer Thornton rushes for 3 yards past Mississippi State linebacker Clarence McDougal during the penultimate play of the Gators' 35-3 win against the Bulldogs on Oct. 8. It was Thornton's final carry of the season. See story, pg. 28.



■ Students can get served somewhere other than a restaurant this weekend. See story, pg. 8.

■ Students donned red ribbons and gathered on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Thursday, acknowledged globally as World AIDS Day, to raise awareness and show support for people living with the disease. See story, pg. 5.

■ UF aerospace engineering sophomore Johnny Yanchunis camped out for 18 hours Thursday in his quest for the record books — as he who has attended the most Chick-fil-A grand openings. See story, pg. 10.

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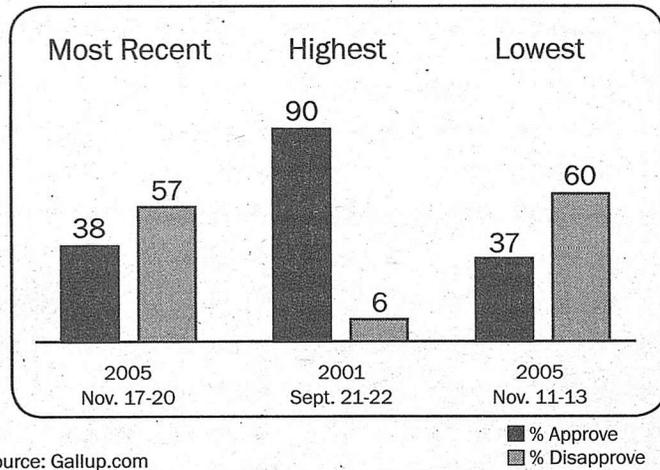
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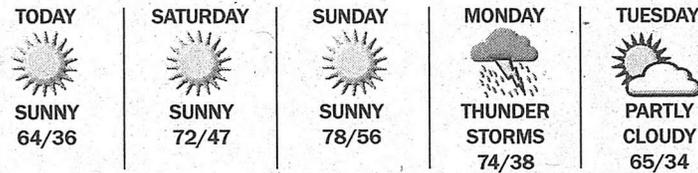
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Election nominees unclear

By DAVID COHEN

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A few UF students have said they are interested in the highest offices of Student Government, but parties still aren't quite sure who they plan to run in next Spring's election.

Thomas Jardon, Impact Party president during this Fall's elections, said the party is supporting Sen. Jared Hernandez, a UF law student. However, Jardon said he was unsure if Hernandez would run with the party.

"Yes, we think that Jared would make the best student body president," Jardon said.

He said Hernandez's "depth and breadth of experience" and "willingness to think for himself" make him a good candidate.

He said Impact plans on "scouring" campus for vice president and treasurer candidates.

However, Adam Roberts, former spokesman for the Impact Party during the Fall election, said Jardon does not represent the entire party and decisions have not been made.

Hernandez said "many student leaders" have expressed support for him.

Former Student Senate President Diane Kassim said if she runs, it will be to "preserve the ideals" of the Access Party of 2004.

"I am running for student body president if the students need me to run for student body president. I have a genuine concern for the integrity, character and motivation of the current candidates that aspire to be student body president."

"I'm always about important change," she said.



Boyles

Sources tell the Alligator that Senate President John Boyles will run for president.

But Boyles said he didn't want to talk about Spring elections just yet.

"It's just illegal right now," he said. "It's not fair territory to talk about in a public way. It's just too far away."

Boyles could not cite a specific statute stating it is illegal to say he is considering a run for office.

He is too busy worrying about duties in his current position, such as issues concerning the establishment of a campus-improvement committee and transportation improvements, he said.

Interfraternity Council President John Dicks said he thought about running for an executive office earlier in the semester but he might go out of state for law school.

He said he will help his father, John L. Dicks, run for a Florida Senate seat this summer. John L. Dicks is the mayor of Plant City.

Book fair raises funds

By CHERYL CLARKE
Alligator Contributing Writer

Draped with brightly colored displays of books like "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and "The Chronicles of Narnia," the Norman Hall Terrace Room brought readers back to their childhoods.

The Scholastic Book Fair, a two-day event sponsored by the UF Student Reading Council, serves as both a fundraiser for a school damaged by Hurricane Katrina and a way for students and teachers to stock up on holiday gifts.

The money raised at the book fair will be donated to the New OrlandDesire Street Academy, which was forced to relocate this Fall after the storm.

"We had people come in earlier who actually sat down and

started reading," said Rebecca Blount, president of the council.

Some spent almost half an hour flipping through books in the discount boxes or on the best-sellers table, she said.

Senior Litza Lopez said she found books that she wanted to have in her classroom after she graduated.

"These are my five novels, and I have a stack of eight picture books," she said.

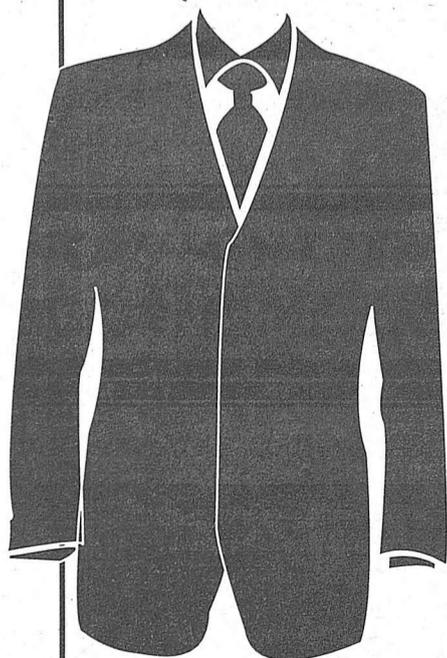
Lopez, who also sat on the floor to read some of the books she picked out, said the book fair carried a lot of books for cheaper-than-bookstore prices.

The book fair will continue today starting at 8 a.m. and will end with a children's book raffle at 8 p.m. in the Norman Hall Terrace Room.

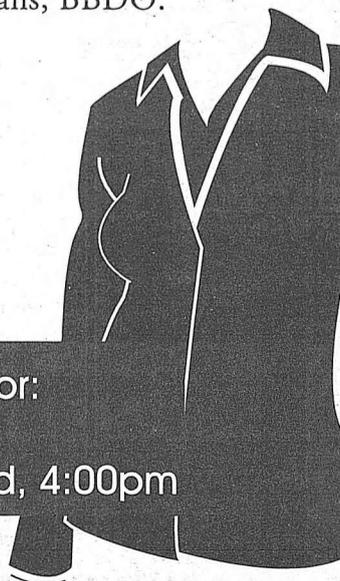
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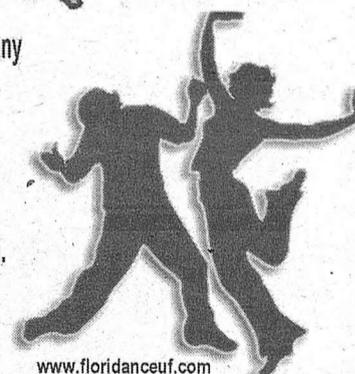
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Downtown ice-skating rink ushers in holiday spirit

By **MARIA LAVERGHETTA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

"Look at me like you're going to kiss me," Don Yontz said, holding an infrared thermometer.

Yontz, owner of the traveling ice-skating rink that opens in downtown Gainesville today, measured the temperature of her mouth.

"Eighty-five — you must not like me," he said.

The small device, though not traditionally used to measure body heat but ice temperature, is es-

sential to Yontz's work at the rink. That, and a lot of electricity.

For the past two years, a \$25,000 generator has provided electrical power to the chiller, a device that keeps the ice of the rink frozen.

This year, a \$50,000 transformer was installed on the Downtown Community Plaza next to the Alachua County Courthouse.

The city invested in electricity for the rink in affirmation of its plans to continue to host the temporary skating palace every holiday season, said Laural DeWild, events coordinator of the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The ice has to be constantly monitored using the infrared thermometer and other devices. But she said with electricity, which is more consistent than a generator, leaks and breaks in the ice shouldn't be a problem this year.

She said she remembers when a leak prevented skaters from using half the rink one day last year.

"I've seen blind dates, I've seen proposals," she said. "People have a good time."

Music education major Melanie Driscoll said she skated at the rink with her fellow sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota Sorority last year.

"The best part was watching friends fall," she said.

Yontz said he loves the atmosphere of his rinks and his job. Once a professional ice skater, he decided he wanted to own and manage his own rinks, so he put himself through refrigeration school.

He now owns and operates temporary seasonal rinks in Atlanta,

Fort Walton Beach, Las Vegas and Gainesville and said it provides another venue for both families and college students.

"It's a good place for them (college students) to go besides a hotel room," he said.

University of Georgia graduate Walt Thompson, the 23-year-old rink manager, has worked at the rink since his freshman year of high school and said that working there, electricity willing, is a great time.

"How can you not get in the holiday spirit when you are ice skating?" he said.

Admission to the rink will cost \$6, plus \$2 to rent ice skates. The rink will be open until Jan. 1. Hours vary depending on the night of the week; visit gvlculturalaffairs.org for more information.



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Ed Armstrong, ice rink installer, adjusts antifreeze strips to seal a gap in the ice rink at the Downtown Community Plaza in preparation for today's opening.

Programs aim to end Alachua County's homelessness

By **JULIA CARVALHO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A 10-year plan to eradicate homelessness was presented by Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long on Thursday.

"The time has come to seriously and proactively address this issue," Hanrahan said to about 70 citizens at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Purpose Center.

The program, called GRACE for Gainesville Region/Alachua County Empowerment, includes specific plans to "close the front door" by preventing and reducing homelessness and "open the back door" by increasing

support services and providing housing for the approximately 1,000 homeless people in Alachua County.

Seven different committees are working on issues such as safety, physical and mental health, substance abuse, sustainable housing and financing for the program.

The plan, which joins 205 other 10-year plans around the country, has been in the works since last March, when the first Alachua County Homelessness Summit created five committees to determine goals and strategies.

Since then, the number of committees has grown to seven, and more than 100 volunteers — including local business owners and the homeless themselves — have taken part in the

creation of the program's first draft. It will be formally presented Dec. 15 to a joint session of the city and county commissions.

"The time has come to seriously and proactively address this issue."

Pegeen Hanrahan
Gainesville mayor

Philip Mangano, executive director for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, told the audience how lucky they are to have leaders who care about them.

"The county and the city are working

together. That's a good thing," he said. "In too many places, such a partnership is nonexistent."

Homelessness needs to be ended — not managed or accommodated, Mangano said.

The hardest part of the program will be getting people to resist the status quo, the belief that the best way to get rid of homeless people is to shuffle them around, Mangano said.

"Change is hard to accept, isn't it? Only a wet baby wants change," he said, drawing laughter from the audience as he glanced at Hanrahan, who has an 11-week-old daughter.

"It's a living document," he said. "Don't worry about perfection now. It'll get more perfect with time."

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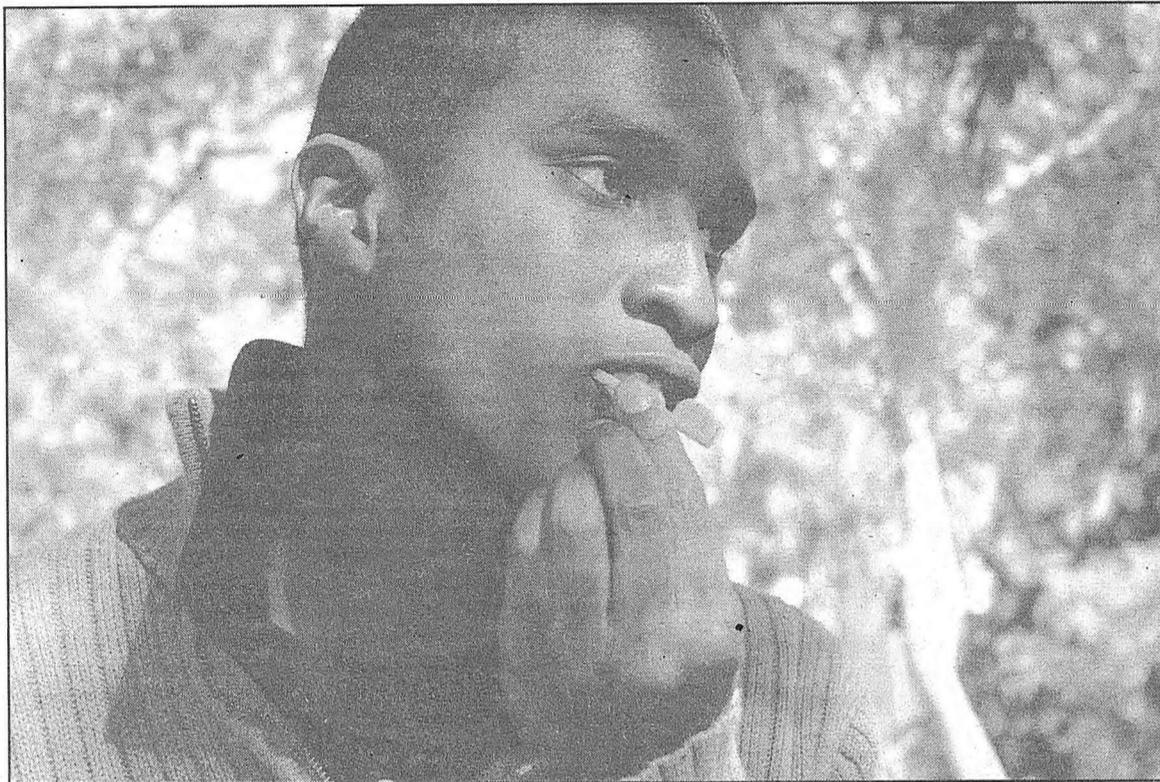
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To being an 'us' for once



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Andres Coulter, a UF junior majoring in family, youth and community sciences, gets tested Thursday during World AIDS Day on Turlington Plaza.

Campus, local groups plan AIDS Day events

By **RACHEL LEWINTER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Campus groups and events throughout UF and Gainesville on Thursday and continuing this weekend aim to instill the idea of "no day but today," from the Broadway musical-turned-feature film "Rent," regarding HIV and AIDS.

While "Rent" glimpses into a year in the life of a group of artists struggling in the shadow of AIDS, poverty and drugs, it has inspired people with its message of living every day to its fullest by addressing a disease often treated as taboo.

Dec. 1 marked World AIDS Day, a global event to unite everyone in a mission to increase awareness, education and fight prejudice since its inception in 1988.

The number of people living with HIV has passed 40 million — a new record — according to a report released last month by the World Health Organization and UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS.

More than 100,000 of them live in Florida, which has consistently ranked No. 2 in the nation for incidence of HIV infections, said Spencer Lieb, senior epidemiologist at the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of HIV/AIDS. Lieb highlighted trends related to the disease during a speech Thursday at the UF Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Complex.

"To put these numbers into perspective, there is one new infection case every six seconds and one death every 10 seconds," he said.

This year an estimated 4.9 million people became infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Since the first World AIDS Day, different themes have reflected pre-

vailing issues affecting people with HIV and AIDS. Last year's theme was "Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS," a response to the growing number of women with the disease.

This year's theme is "Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise," a plea to politicians and governments around the world to keep the promises they have made to combat AIDS.

It is equally important to look to local communities.

Thursday on the Reitz Union Colonnade, members of the World AIDS Awareness Committee, a UF group, sported bright red stickers that read, "DEAD: Five people die of HIV/AIDS every minute."

It comes down to self-respect, self-responsibility and social responsibility.

Sasha Muradali

World AIDS Awareness Committee member

Committee President Jennifer Ortiz, 21, said UF doesn't have an AIDS education program, which is why the committee was started.

"AIDS has global ramifications that will eventually affect us if we don't do something about it," Ortiz said. "It's a much larger scale than I think people understand."

Ortiz said that because the number of people with AIDS in the United States is lower than overseas, people do not think it's their problem.

Too many people are scared to get tested because there's a negative stigma associated with AIDS, which committee member Sasha Muradali said is unfortunate because more often than not, it's too late by the time those people find out.

"It comes down to self-respect, self-responsibility and social responsibility," Muradali said.

The Gator National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People, Progressive Black Men and the Jamaican American Student Association teamed up to encourage students to get tested for HIV, handing out information, male and female condoms and locations of free testing on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Thursday.

Rodney Gammons, a 21-year-old senior who is a member of Progressive Black Men, said if people have sex, they should make it safe.

"I think abstinence is the best choice," he said. "Even though I'm not, I try to be."

Gammons said the most important thing for his group is to educate people about the disease and its effects. Be safe and don't harm others, he said.

Many events commemorating World AIDS Day are planned for the coming days.

Today the African Students' Union hosts its first Triple "A" Kickoff, which it plans to hold annually, at 7:30 p.m. in the Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Auditorium. The free event will feature speakers, poets, musicians, dancers and food and will aim to raise awareness of global AIDS with a major focus on its impact in Africa.

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paramount Plaza Hotel and Suites, 2900 SW 13th St., will be a Surviving and Thriving Conference. Admission is \$20 for students.

The World AIDS Marathon, the first marathon in Gainesville in more than 20 years, will take place Sunday. Visit worldaidsmarathon.com to register and for more information.

Free anonymous HIV testing is available at Planned Parenthood, 914 NW 13th St., from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alligator contributing writer
Stephanie Lewis contributed to this report.

Students raise awareness

By **JENNIFER FREIHOFFER**
Alligator Writer

Students donned red ribbons and gathered on the Reitz Union Colonnade on Thursday to raise awareness and show support for people living with the disease.

In honor of the 18th annual World AIDS Day, UF's chapter of the Student Global AIDS Campaign asked students to write promises to fight the epidemic on red slips of paper.

"I promise to wear a condom," one stated.

The slips will be linked together, made into the shape of a ribbon and sent to the organization's national office in Washington, D.C.

Campaign member Anthony Sochet said he hopes the project will encourage U.S. Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), who has opposed increases in federal funding for global AIDS programs, to allocate more money to the Global Fund, a fund created to finance the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

"We want to let him know we're going to keep our promise. How about you keep yours?" Sochet said.

About 50 students gathered for a forum co-hosted by UF's chapter of the NAACP, Progressive Black Men

and the Jamaican American Student Association on Thursday evening to discuss AIDS education, statistics and living with the disease.

Patricia Colson, 50, was a crack addict for 17 years and suffered from alcoholism, depression and spousal abuse. She was diagnosed with HIV in 2000. She said the best form of prevention is control.

"I wasn't thinking clearly. I was only thinking about that next hit," she said. "This is the consequence of my behavior."

On Campus SFCC professor Marvin Cohen stressed the importance of AIDS education.

"HIV don't care where you come from, your GPA, what kind of car you got," he said. "HIV travels. HIV got a BMW."

He said there is a six-month window for HIV tests, meaning that they can only detect the disease if it has been contracted more than six months before the test is done. Still, he said, frequent testing is important.

Colson said some people treated her differently after her diagnosis, but she realized her life was not over.

"It's just living. At dinner I take my pills, and that's it," she said. "HIV is not a death sentence."



Jenny Harnish / Alligator

Patricia Colson speaks about her battle with HIV and drug addiction at Little Hall on Thursday night.

Editorial

With less than a week left of classes, the Editorial Board was preparing to drive home for the holidays. We had packed our bags, finished our final papers and used the last of our money to fill the gas tank.

But our plans were thwarted when we realized that getting home would cost almost \$20 on the Florida Turnpike. And we didn't want to take U.S. Highway 27. That road is just scary.

We were outraged. Does the Turnpike's upkeep really cost 7.5 cents per mile, per car, per trip? It's just another way for The Man to keep us down.

However, we stopped short of taking advantage of the gap in the toll system, through which SunPass users can cut their costs down by skipping a toll. Instead, we've decided to hitchhike home and face the risk of seedy drivers. We're just that dedicated to our ethics, even if The Man is a crook who wants to rob us blind.

So empty your pockets, light up a cigarette and lament the state of our government as we begin this week's edition of ...

Darts & Laurels

The Turnpike might lighten our wallets, but legal theft in Gainesville will bleed us dry. We shoot a higher-gas-prices-should-cut-out-of-huge-profits-not-out-of-our-dwindling-paycheck **DART** to the **Gainesville City Commission** for approving an \$8 hike in towing rates Monday.

We understand why the towing companies constantly try to raise their fee: They're glorified criminals. Paying a visit to their offices feels like walking into the bowels of the Mafia.

The City Commission should protect our interests. Gas prices and insurance costs do not come close to justifying an \$84 fee. If upkeep has increased a little, towing companies should take the chunk out of their high profits. We're sick of this roam-towing anarchy.

It's time for us to put up a fight and booby-trap our cars.

But if we can't overcome the towing terror, the women of Gainesville have at least triumphed over the sexual lies of the opposite gender.

The women of the Editorial Board bestow a we-knew-it-was-a-lie-but-it-unfortunately-took-a-man-to-reveal-the-truth **LAUREL** to sex educator **Jay Friedman** for bursting the myth of blue balls. Anyone who's been pressured to finish the job because of this "medical" reason can now sit back and laugh while the guy squirms. It's a beautiful thing.

We also enjoyed Friedman's oversized condoms. That's always fun education.

Finally, we present a despite-popular-belief-the-Alligator-doesn't-carry-all-the-news-of-the-world **LAUREL** to **Student Government** for continuing the New York Times/USA Today Readership Program. It's the best thing to come out of SG and actually educates the student body.

But SG never gets off that easy.

We also throw a why-can't-the-idea-of-a-sustainable-budget-enter-the-heads-of-those-in-charge **DART** at **SG** for funding the \$45,000 program from reserves for the third year in a row. We want a plan worked out for the future that doesn't include last-minute solutions.

However, if officials are going to spend reserves so spontaneously, this program is better than other possibilities.

SG could have decided to pay for more issues of The Gainesville Sun.

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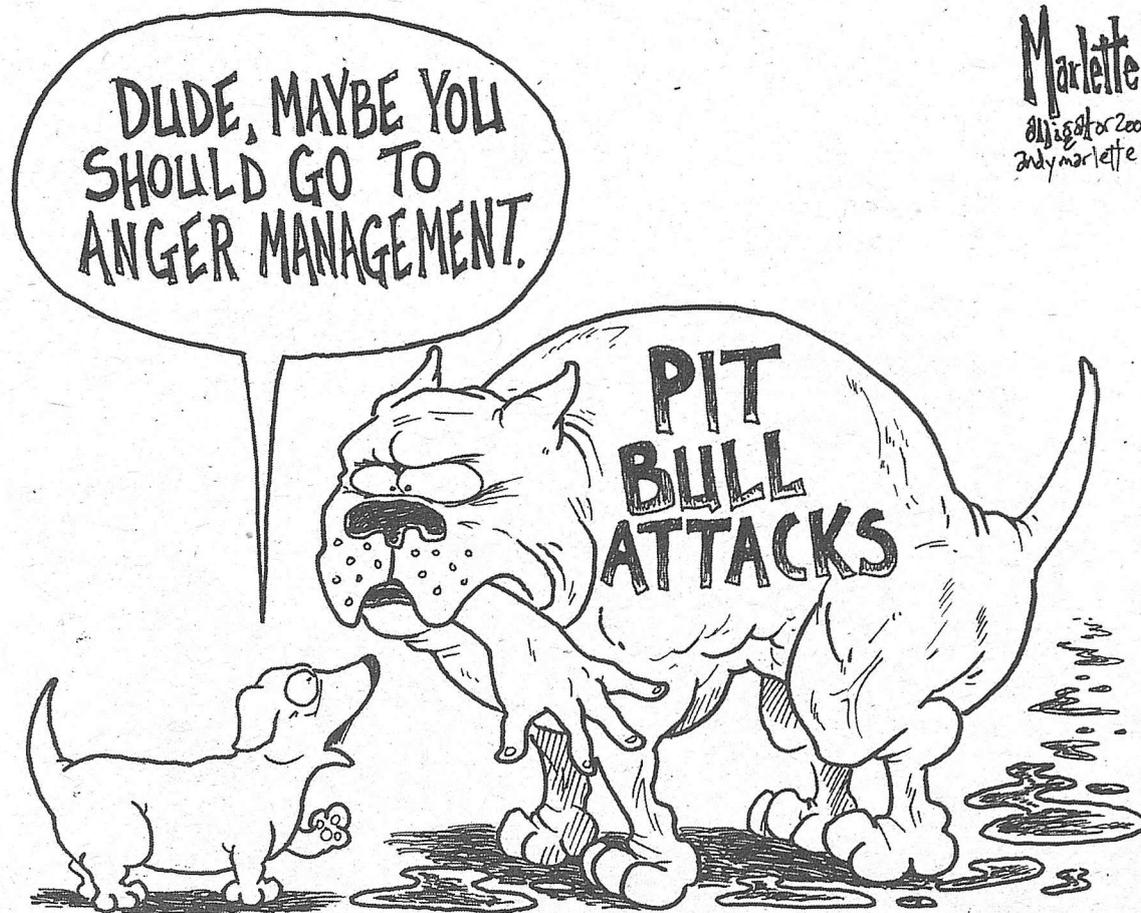
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Column

Abortion issue demands compromise

There is probably no issue in American society as divisive as abortion.

It's almost impossible to find two people with the same views on the subject because there are so many difficult moral considerations involved.

As shown by a case before the Supreme Court, there are also few issues in which it is more important that both sides work together.

I have my own opinion on abortion, and I won't apologize for it. I don't agree with the general concept for three simple reasons:

I don't think it's possible to know when life begins, so I think it's unconscionable to choose a random point in the pregnancy as the standard.

I don't think there is any such thing as a "right to choose" to end your unborn child's life any more than I think there is a right to choose to end your teenager's life, a criminal's or anyone else's in a situation when self-defense doesn't come into play.

And I don't think pregnancy is some sort of punishment you can appeal because you didn't intend for it to happen.

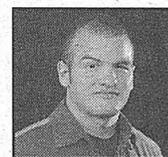
But I don't claim to have everything figured out. I am on especially shaky ground when it comes to early term pregnancies presenting unavoidable threats to mothers' lives, so I don't know if I can deny them that option.

None of my opinions matter, in this case. Regardless of moral disputes, there's one thing we all can agree on: The decision to abort should not be made lightly.

That choice requires knowledge of the risks involved, as well as an attempt to understand the emotional impact in the aftermath.

That's why minors need to have some sort of dialogue with a parent or guardian about abortion before they make their decisions.

Both sides debating this issue need to work together to ensure this dialogue occurs without undue risk to mi-



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nors' health. The Supreme Court case regarding New Hampshire's law likely will be the standard against which this idea is judged in the foreseeable future.

For the most part, the law has the right idea. It requires minors to inform their parents but does not require parental consent.

I agree with opponents, though, that the law needs careful reconsideration to ensure it is narrowly tailored to accomplish its purpose.

The law includes an exemption for minors who are in life-threatening danger, but it doesn't provide for less immediate, but equally severe, situations.

In those cases, we need to put the decision as to whether parental notification must be sacrificed to preserve a minor's health where it should be: in the doctor's hands.

Approval from a judge is not an option. Our legal system is not capable of handling such medically significant cases at the necessary speed.

We can't afford to let this entire law die because of one overbroad point.

As cliché as it may sound, there is too much at stake.

Our society will never reach a consensus on abortion.

There are too many factors involved, and there are too many unshakable beliefs on both sides.

But while the debate rages on among the politically opinionated, we need to make sure the conflict doesn't eliminate compromises necessary to the well-being of those caught in the middle.

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

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Should the City Commission have approved the towing rate hike?

Thursday's question:

Should UF offer domestic-partner benefits to employees?

64% YES

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Letters to the Editor

Cartoon incorrectly insinuates that cultural groups on campus are competing

It is unfortunate that Andy Marlette has once again decided to use a cartoon to try to ignite tensions between cultural groups on this campus.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at UF fully supports Asian American students in the quest for an Asian Pacific American Affairs director.

We believe that such a director would serve not only the Asian American community but the entire campus community, just as the LGBT Affairs director serves the entire campus community — including Asian American students — and not just the LGBT community.

We do not have to accept a model portraying various cultural and ethnic groups as kids fighting over limited gifts; instead, we choose to see each other as allies in the struggle to improve our campus climate for everyone.

Allison Andrews
Pride Student Union President
Preeti Sharma
South Asian American Student Alliance
President
Sandy Chiu
Asian American Student Union President
Tamara Cohen
Director of LGBT Affairs

Resident's resent of students baseless

Gerald J. Bodoh's resentful letter Thursday perfectly represents the origin of tensions and misunderstandings between the UF community and the rest of Gainesville.

It is evident that Bodoh has a bias against college students. According to him, and based on his own assumptions, my parents pay my expenses because I won't "get off my ass and work." What an educated, rational argument. It would perhaps interest him to know that I work an average of 65 hours a week all Summer and am currently working here in Gainesville merely to cover the bare minimum of my college expenses, as I receive nothing from my parents.

As for scholarships, such as Bright Futures, Mr. Bodoh seems to think he pays for those as well. He does no such thing unless he plays the Florida Lottery, which is entirely his choice.

Gainesville and UF coexist based on an educated, constructive and open dialogue, the mutual benefits of which create a greater and more united community. Bodoh's attitude represents a backward step in this process.

Gainesville is a college town, Mr. Bodoh. If you have an aversion to college students based on unfair generalizations — and it seems clear that you do — I can only suggest you open your mind or move elsewhere.

Michael Falcone
2LS

Marriage is not a Christian concept; it's a foundation for societies everywhere

Ashley Goforth's letter in Thursday's Alligator ("Goldberg should not worry about Baxley") suggests that marriage is an exclusively Christian concept, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Marriage is an institution that has been a part of human culture for thousands of years and is found almost universally across the globe in countless cultures and religions. To further one's own personal views by suggesting otherwise is to ignore the history of mankind.

The state has a vested interest in supporting the institution of marriage, as it provides the foundation for a healthy society. This commitment, unique among human relationships, is the cornerstone of the family unit, the bedrock of the community. The family bond provides support beyond that provided by even the closest of friendships; it is the greatest and last line of defense in a diverse but all too often disconnected society.

I encourage Ms. Goforth to continue to fight for equal rights among those of all persuasions.

However, attacking the institution of marriage is a poor and misguided way to go about it.

Jeremiah Blanchard
7EG

Earth's age based on facts, not books

Having read Richard DeZego Jr.'s comments Thursday, I feel I must respond to someone who seems to believe geology is bunk. DeZego wonders if the earth is really billions of years old. Oddly enough, there is a real science that has been investigating the age of the Earth and its composition for a long time. Since men started wondering about the strange creatures they found trapped in rocks in the British Isles, people have used the scientific method to try and determine just what the Earth is made of and how it formed.

The religious folks out there with a fundamental bent might like to point to Arch Bishop Usher's claim that the Earth is only a few thousand years old based on the timeline of genealogies contained in the Old Testament. But the Arch Bishop was using a single book on which to base his assertions and not the evidence in the rocks around him.

The world may not be exactly four billion years old, but because of a fact called radioactive decay, geologists and geophysicists have an educated guess as to the Earth's age.

There is plenty of research that has gone into this subject if DeZego would care to look at a little of it, but I think that he may already believe he is correct and won't bother to go find out for himself.

Thomas Mott
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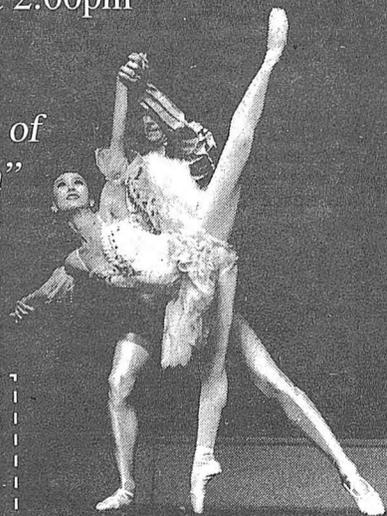


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It's on for student dancers

By KATE WILKINSON
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students can get served somewhere other than a restaurant this weekend.

The members of UF's Breakdancing Sports Club will host the third annual breakdancing competition Saturday, Icing on the Break, at the Unified Training Center in Gainesville.

The event will showcase the breakdancing club members' skills at popping, locking and house dancing. The breakdancers, known as Bboys and Bgirls, will compete in two-on-two battles and test out their freestyle moves, routines and foot-work.

Anyone is welcome to sign up to battle it out with dancers of all skill levels.

Those who have been dancing for less than a year

can sign up for beginner battles.

Club President Raul Quintana said about 300 people came to the competition last year.

"People come from all over to be at this event," Quintana said. "We had people from Savannah, (Ga.) Tampa and Orlando who traveled to compete last year."

On Campus

He said he expects about the same number will come out this year.

Rebecca Hunniford, a sophomore majoring in mathematics, said when she went to the breakdancing event last year, she thought the dancing was crazy.

"Every time you see it, it's different," Hunniford said. "Everyone has their own style and their own moves that they bring to the com-

petition. That's what makes breakdancing so unique."

The competitors will judge who moves on to the next round. Winners will receive custom-made plaques.

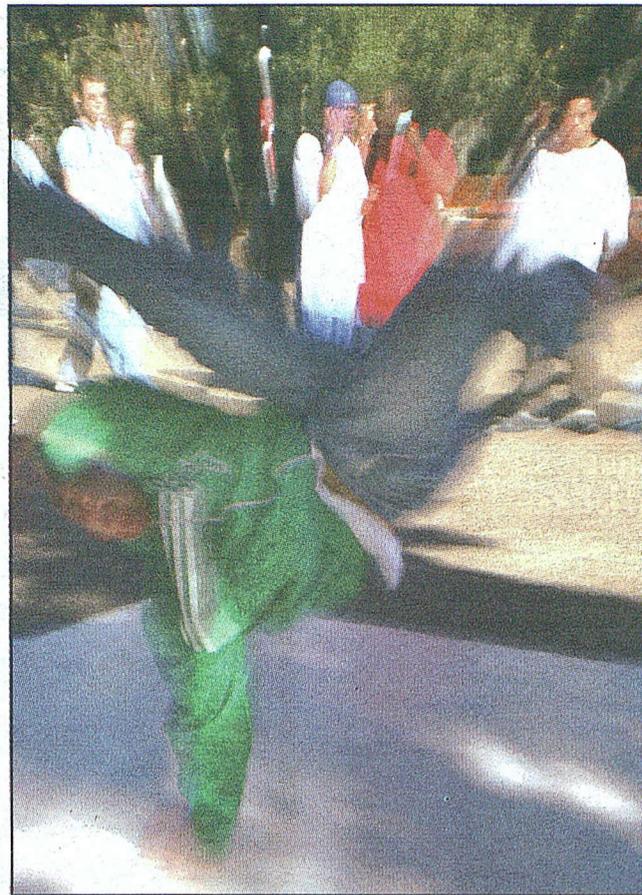
DJ BMF, of Orlando, and DJ LOKI, of Gainesville, will be supplying the hip-hop, funk and soul music for the event.

Members of the UF Hip Hop Collective will also help run the event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for dancer warm-ups and open dance floor time. Partners can register to dance for the battles until 6 p.m.

Battles begin at 7 p.m., and the event will run until about 11 p.m..

Unified Training Center is located at Southwest Eighth Street and University Avenue. Admission is \$5 at the door with a UF ID and \$7 for general admission.



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Charles Harriott breakdances Thursday afternoon on Turlington Plaza. UF's Breakdancing Club will host Icing on the Break on Saturday, featuring breakdancing competitions and displays.

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Student pursuing record

By **MARVIN HALELAMIE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Johnny Yanchunis is going for the record books — as having attended the most Chick-fil-A grand openings.

This is no easy task. The UF aerospace engineering sophomore camped out for 18 hours Thursday at The Villages for his 11th overall grand opening, making him second only to Dan Booher, of Maryland, who has attended 13, said Cindi Pickett, spokeswoman for Chick-fil-A.

But Yanchunis could catch up; there is nearly one grand opening each week. Besides, there are plenty of side benefits.

At the grand opening, he earned 52 more Chicken Sandwich Combo cards to bring his total to 572 cards worth \$2,860 in all.

"I mean think about it: I'll never have to pay for Chick-fil-A again," he said.

"I think I only eat at Chick-fil-A — Chick-fil-A and Ramen."

To get the combo cards, participants had to stay in the parking lot and be at their numbered spot during line checks. Anybody not present was disqualified.

Despite the cold December evening, Yanchunis said the trip was worth it.

Driving to so many of the openings, he has become a recognizable face to some of the Chick-fil-A management team.

"I've met you several times before," said Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy, as he shook Yanchunis' hand.

He smiled when Yanchunis told him this was his 11th opening.

Cathy said he attends almost every opening, which is about one every week. So he spends a lot of time with the company's most fervent fans.

He said the openings allow him to connect with the customers and show his appreciation.

"It creates a lot of buzz in the community," he said.

A local disc jockey hosted an evening filled with line dancing, trivia games and a hula-hoop contest.

Throughout the night, employees offered attendees chicken nuggets, brownies, drinks and chicken sandwiches.

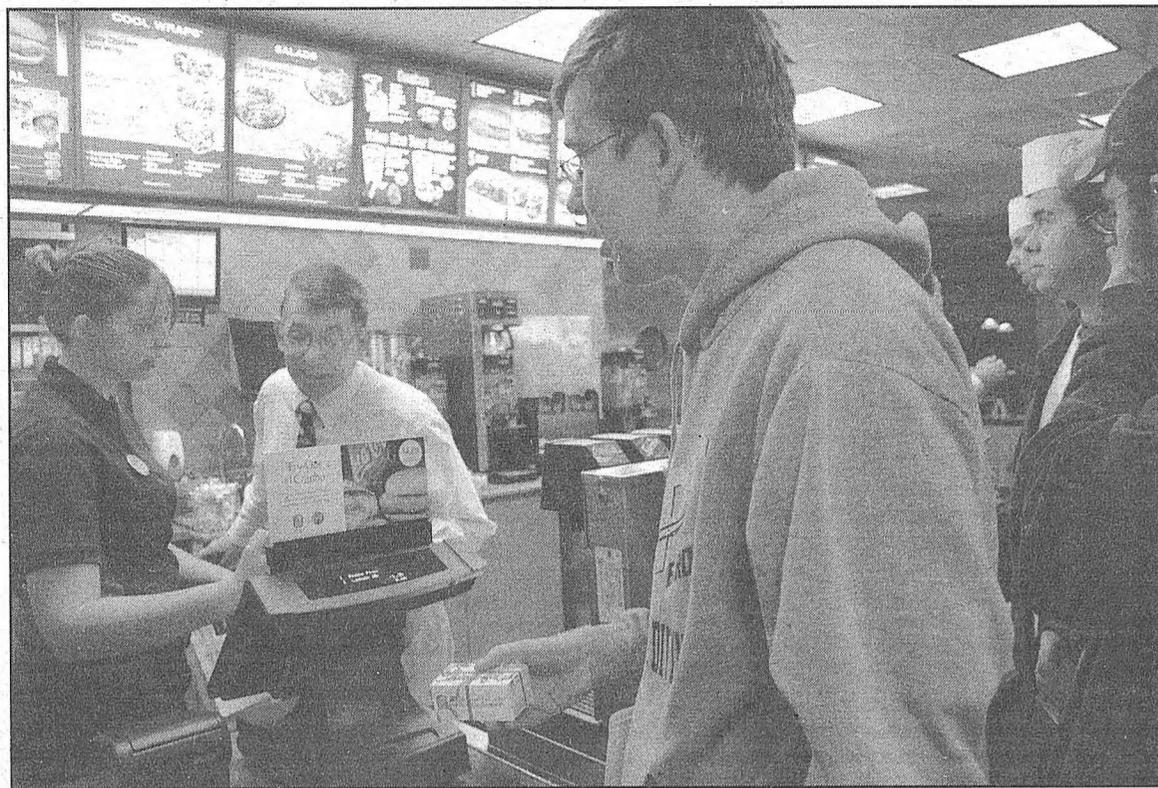
Yanchunis described the meat as larger and tastier than the normal chicken sandwiches. He said the chicken is thicker at the openings.

"You'd have to go to an opening to get food this good," he said as he savored his first bite.

Since the campers had a lot of time on their hands, they played video games, dominoes, solitaire and even four-square lined with duct tape.

Yanchunis and his friends created a makeshift entertainment center equipped with foldable chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and, most importantly, a 19-inch TV.

The TV caught the attention of WESH 2 News reporter Eryka C. Washington.



Marvin Halelamien / Alligator

After waiting in the parking lot of the newest Chick-fil-A restaurant for about 18 hours, Johnny Yanchunis (center) orders Thursday with one of his 52 free Chicken Sandwich Combo cards, handed out at openings.

She filmed a brief segment and said the TV made waiting outside in the cold weather "a little more bearable."

One of Yanchunis' friends, Dennis Perez, 19, joked that the TV reporter should have interviewed Yanchunis because he could be like Subway's Jared, except his health probably hasn't improved from his Chick-fil-A consumption.

Yanchunis checked his cholesterol before Thanksgiving. To his surprise, his health was normal.

Even though he eats at Chick-fil-A every day, his weight has remained the same. He used to eat there three times a day, but then cut back to twice a day. Some employees knew him by name.

The coupons are meant for Chicken Sandwich Combos, but

they can also be substituted for foods of comparable cost.

So he sometimes orders salads or wraps instead of chicken. He once got six cartons of milk.

His mini fridge is packed with Chick-fil-A products. He stockpiles extra food for Sundays when Chick-fil-A is closed.

He said refrigerated chicken sandwiches are surprisingly good.

Apple campaign ends today

By **DELIA RIVERA ZABALA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Apples are no longer just a part of UF students' grade-school past.

At the end of Fall and Spring semesters, they come back in style with Apple for You, a campaign sponsored by Campus Diplomats that delivers apple-decorated notes to faculty members, professors and staff with messages from students wanting to show appreciation.

Students can fill out notes on tables located on Turlington Plaza and the Reitz Union Colonnade from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

"The point of the event is to give thanks to those who deserve it," said Maggie Tan, an accounting graduate student and Campus Diplomats member. "We want to make it a more welcoming place. With more than 40,000 students on campus, some can feel a bit displaced."

The campaign, which delivered 600 messages last Spring, is one of the organization's most popular and about 15 students fill out notes each hour.

Tan said since the campaign is so close to winter break, "real apples have never been used because they might rot."

The group uses different materials every year, like filling apple-shaped containers with candy or delivering magnetic clips in the form of an apple.

Tan said professors sometimes think they are part of a joke when "apples" are delivered.

"We get mixed reactions," Tan said. "Sometimes they are grateful and say we have made their day."

She said some people send notes because they are too embarrassed to talk to professors, while others send anonymous messages.

"I still haven't seen a message that is straight-up sucking up to the professors," Tan said.

"The point of the event is to give thanks to those who deserve it."

Maggie Tan

Campus Diplomats member

Students have different reasons for sending the notes, such as letting professors know who they are.

"I decided to do it because I feel a lot of professors don't notice the students," said Kristin Cullen, an anthropology student who just transferred from SFCC.

Cullen said she believes that when a professor makes time for students, he or she deserves the appreciation because many others are too busy working on other projects.

"It's frustrating to be in a class of 500 and not be recognized," Cullen said.

Celine Patel, member of the organization, said she doesn't know of instances where Diplomats had to deal with negative notes.

Rare maps come to UF

■ **LIBRARY CURATORS WAITED SEVEN YEARS FOR SET.**

By **STEPHANIE LEWIS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Two rare maps of Africa that date back to the 1600s have been added to the UF Map & Imagery Library and are on display until next week.

The maps are a vital part of cartographic research materials for the library, already among the Top 5 largest academic libraries for maps in the United States.

The additions are extremely prized articles, according to experts in the field, and will be on display through Dec. 7 on the first floor of the Marston Science Library.

The two maps were purchased from a dealer in New Hampshire and will eventually be encapsulated to allow professors and students to handle them without risk of damage, said UF librarian Peter Malanchuk.

Malanchuk, an African and political science bibliographer, works in the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections at UF.

"These maps are special things that are prized, but they are to be used, and they are not just for graduates either. It is for undergrads and instructors as well, for instruction and presentation purposes," he said.

The library staff never gave up the hope of obtaining these maps and wait-

ed seven years because they completed a set, he said.

Completing the first set of the library's half-million maps is a map by John Speed titled "Africae descriptio, the manners of their habits and buildings."

It is the first printed English map of Africa, prepared in 1626 and published in Great Britain in 1631.

The addition of the second map, titled "Western side of Africa: Typus oranrum maritimarum guinae, manicongo & angolae ultra" by Jan Huygen van Linschoten, brought the library's total map collection to 500,001.

Van Linschoten was a well-known Dutch voyager who used this map for precise information regarding Portuguese sea routes to the East, which greatly influenced Dutch expansion.

The maps were purchased using contributions from Madelyn M. Lockhart and Elizabeth Harrer in memory of her son, Thomas.

Most of the rare African maps have been scanned and may be viewed online. Duplicate copies of the maps can also be sent to the university's sister schools.

These type of advancements improve the prestige of UF, Malanchuk said.

All 500,001 maps and other resources located in the library such as atlases, reference books, CD-ROMs, aerial photographs and remote sensing images are fully accessible.

Annexation would affect police coverage, buses

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on whether or not it should be annexed," Snyder said.

The vote will occur March or April 2006.

The annexation would affect fire and police coverage of the area. If the city annexes the area, the county would still cover it, but the city would pay the county for its services.

Snyder said that most opposition to annexations in the past has risen from these two entities.

"It will end up where the city will pay the county additional revenue because the county will be coming into the city limits more often," she said.

If annexed, the Gainesville Police Department would add 10 more officers to its force.

Snyder said the Alachua County Sheriff's Office tends to oppose annexations because they lead to reduced revenue.

"There will be less area that they'll have to cover so they'll be able to take his resources and put them other places," Snyder said.

Utility surcharges on water, wastewater and gas are removed for renters within the city limits. There is an additional 10 percent surcharge on electricity and 25 percent on water and wastewater outside of the limits.

"There's a possibility the renter's utility bill may be reduced," Snyder said.

However, homeowners may only break even with this benefit because the city has increased property taxes.

Lipscomb said the city has not received any opposition to the

annexation, but she said this is probably because the city just announced the proposition.

"We are looking at a Spring election somewhere in March or April," Lipscomb said. "Anyone that would oppose it, I imagine, would get more interested in it during the Spring."

Only registered voters in that area are able to vote on the annexation, and they must register 30 days before the vote is carried out.

"Everyone needs to be a voting and contributing member to their community," said Daniel Jones, a UF statistics junior and former SFCC student. "This is especially true for the students who live in that area."

The proposed bus route will help students at SFCC and UF, Jones said. In the future, students who do not have a car can look into that area because of the increased bus services.

"I was a Santa Fe student first," he said. "I am still extremely connected to Santa Fe, and I care about Santa Fe and its students."

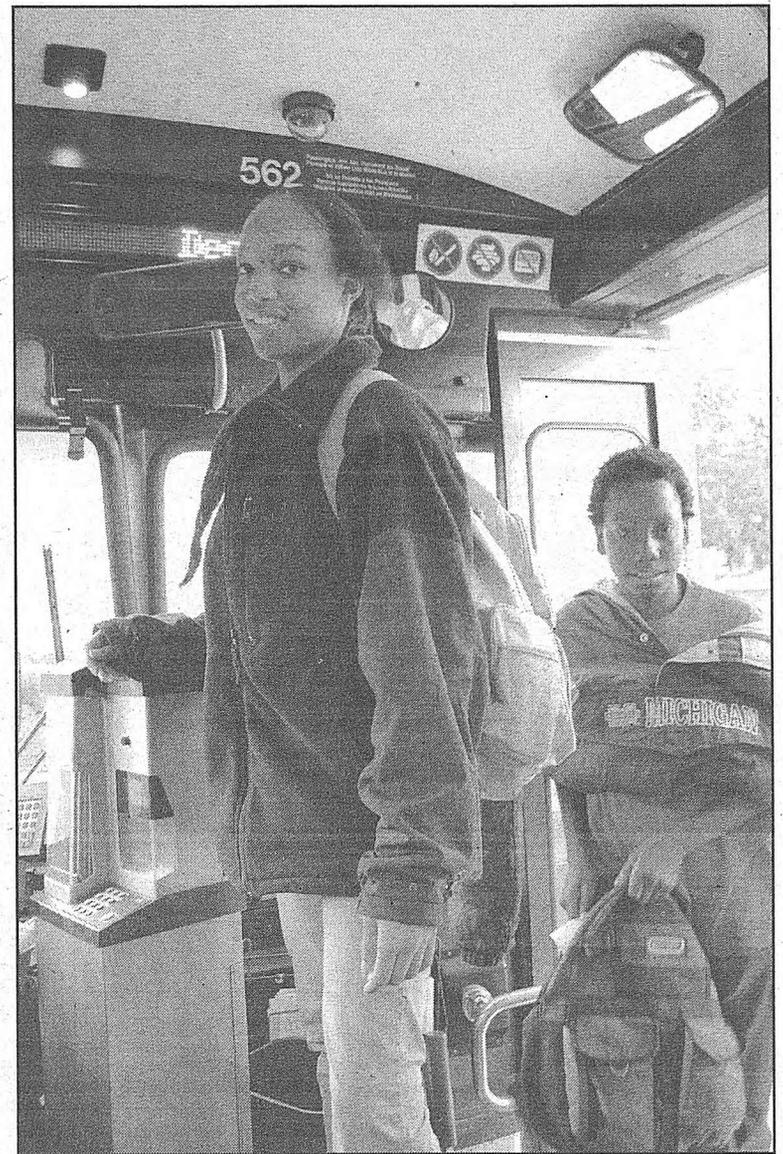
Jones will act as a liaison for UF and SFCC student governments and the city to help provide information about the annexation.

"It is key that students get the message that they need to register to vote in Alachua County," said Bob Woods, public information officer for the Office of the City Manager. "Students' votes are going to be very critical in this issue. They represent a significant number of voters in that area. If they want their voices heard, it becomes very important for them to register."

More than 630 properties are located in the annexation and would bring about \$2 million in new revenue to the city in the first year, according to the urban report.

Woods warned, however, that this doesn't mean the city will earn \$2 million from this annexation.

"It is important to remember this is not a windfall for the city," he said. "There is just enough funds for that area. It is not like the [city] is going to have some huge financial benefit."



Jen Shockley / Alligator

Tiana Williams and Chris Caffie, of Fort Clarke Middle School, catch the bus at SFCC in order to make it home.

Gainesville would also provide public works services, including mosquito control and assistance with stormwater and drainage issues in the area.

"During all the hurricanes last year, there were many areas with flooding issues," Snyder said. "We would be able to provide our city's stormwater management programs that would be able to address those drainage problems."

Once the area is annexed, it will officially be incorporated into Gainesville.

"It's amazing how many people believe they live in the city of Gainesville because their address

says Gainesville, when in actuality they are in part of the unincorporated part of the county," Snyder said.

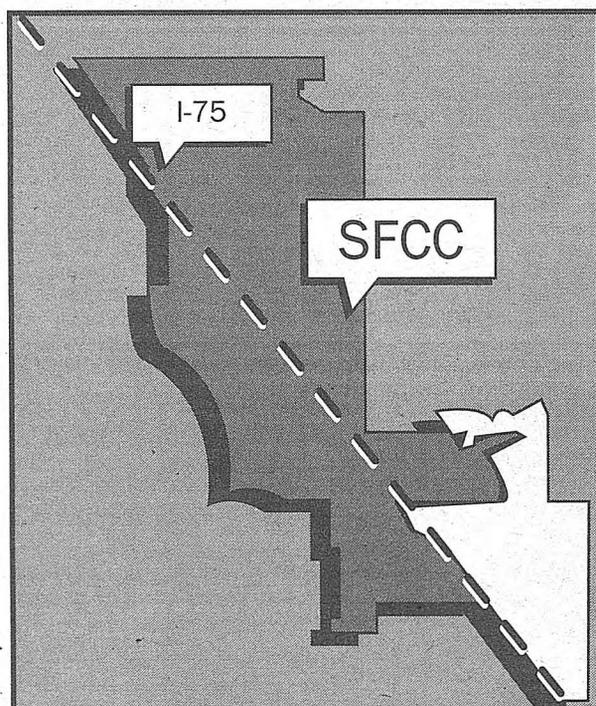
She said it makes sense for SFCC to be in the city since it already shares so many ties.

"We have a good working relationship with Santa Fe," Snyder said. "It will just enhance the relationship even more if it were inside the city limits."

If the annexation is approved, the area affected will become part of the city limits in Fall 2006.

"[The City of Gainesville] sees it as a win-win for everybody," Snyder said.

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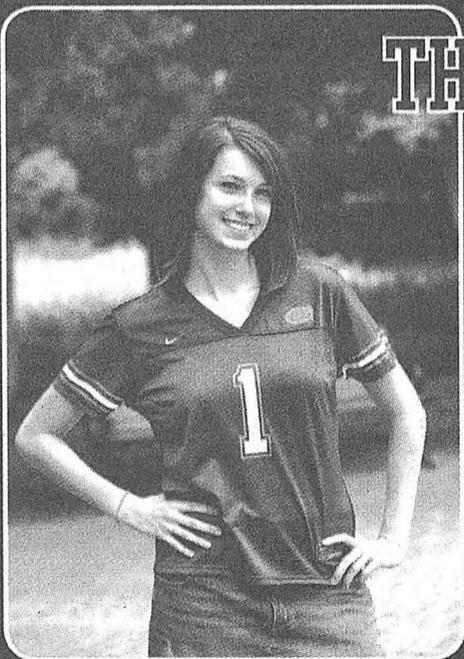
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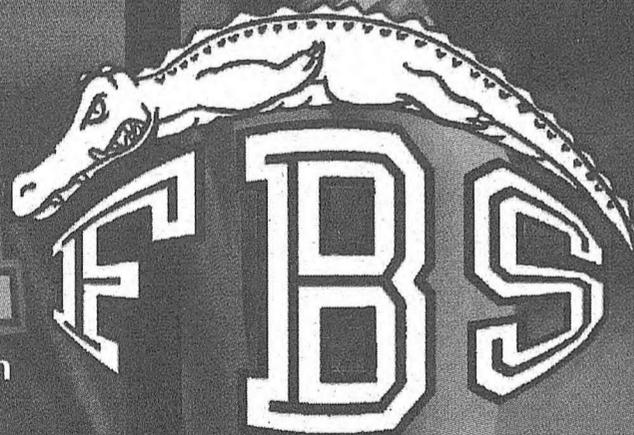
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ACADEMICS

Purchased papers still punishable as plagiarism

By JESSICA RIFFEL

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A 30-page paper on nuclear physics that is "100 percent free of plagiarism" can be bought and delivered in three days.

SameDayResearch touts that it can write any paper and, for a higher fee, have it delivered by e-mail in as little as three hours.

This type of plagiarism has added to UF's problem of academic dishonesty, and it is especially difficult to regulate since the essays are custom written, Director for Student Judicial Affairs Ken Gassiot said.

"It makes it difficult in terms of being able to take care of violations that are occurring," he said.

However, Albert Matheny, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said students should be wary of the papers they receive through such companies.

"They do recycle the papers," he said. "Students run a great risk thinking it's an original paper."

And if it's not completely unique, students

can be caught through computer programs set up by companies such as Turnitin, which many UF professors use.

"All professors have access to it and use it frequently," Matheny said. "I have known people to use it and catch students plagiarizing."

If caught, students can work it out with their professor to receive the determined grade penalty, or they can be sent to Student Judicial Affairs.

Gassiot said students can choose to have their cases heard before the Student Conduct Committee, which is run by students, faculty and staff, or the Student Honor Court, which is more formal and completely student-run.

Approximately 68 student-dishonesty allegations have been filed this semester, but no student has been expelled from the university, Gassiot said.

However, students have been expelled in the past.

Matheny recognized a profound similarity between a student's unattributed work and an author he had used in his dissertation.

"He was kicked out of UF, and I never saw him again," he said.

SameDayResearch eliminates its liability by stating on the Web site that customers cannot turn in purchased essays to their professors.

"We shall assume no responsibility for any acts of plagiarism that you may engage in," according to the Web site. "Our custom written papers can only be used as reference sources."

"It's just not worth it. Put in your own time, and put in your own work."

Ken Gassiot
Student Judicial Affairs director

Gassiot said that research paper companies that make such statements "obviously know that students get in trouble" for using their papers.

"They put that 'don't turn it in to your professors' part to cover themselves," he said. "And in the event that it's turned in, they're not responsible."

Another company, Essay Relief, offers "completely non-plagiarized" papers for as little as \$9.95 for each page, but the company's

Web site also states the papers are for "assistance use only" and must be referenced in any paper.

However, in an e-mail, the company's customer service representative said otherwise.

"Once a piece of work is sold, it becomes the property of the customer, and we do not have any right on it," the e-mail read. "You can use it as a reference paper or turn it in as it is and hence, utilize it as per your requirement."

There is another option for the budget-conscious college student: Have a friend write the paper.

A UF psychology major said she wrote an essay for a friend because it was a useless assignment that wouldn't have taught her friend anything.

"I knew it would be easier for me to write a paper than it would be for her, so I decided to help a friend in need," said the student, who wished to remain anonymous.

And while this form of plagiarism is fairly difficult to catch, students should not risk being expelled, Gassiot said.

"It's just not worth it," he said. "Put in your own time, and put in your own work."

Lobbying firm hired to represent university's interests in Washington

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Alfonso and Jane Adams, UF's vice president of university relations, also announced the recent selection of a firm that will represent the university's interests at the capital.

Barbour Griffith & Rogers, a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs firm, will begin lobbying for UF in 2006.

"We've hired these guys (because) they're of the highest repute in Washington," Alfonso said.

The firm's responsibilities will include garnering federal support for UF, representing the school on public policy issues and enhancing the university's visibility in Washington.

Dan Murphy, one of UF's new Washington representatives who has worked beside U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez, said his firm will ensure that UF will "really begin to be up there with Top 10 universities."

Student Body President Joe Goldberg expressed concern over recent decreases in the amount of federal financial aid awarded to students, a problem which Murphy said his firm might be able to help fight.

During a joint meeting of the Committee on Finance and the

Committee on Audit & Operations Review, Vice President of Health Affairs Doug Barrett discussed PeopleAdmin, a newly purchased program that will alleviate some issues with UF accounting software PeopleSoft that caused various problems in the past.

However, Barrett said the university will easily be able to track new staff and faculty applicants with the implementation of PeopleAdmin.

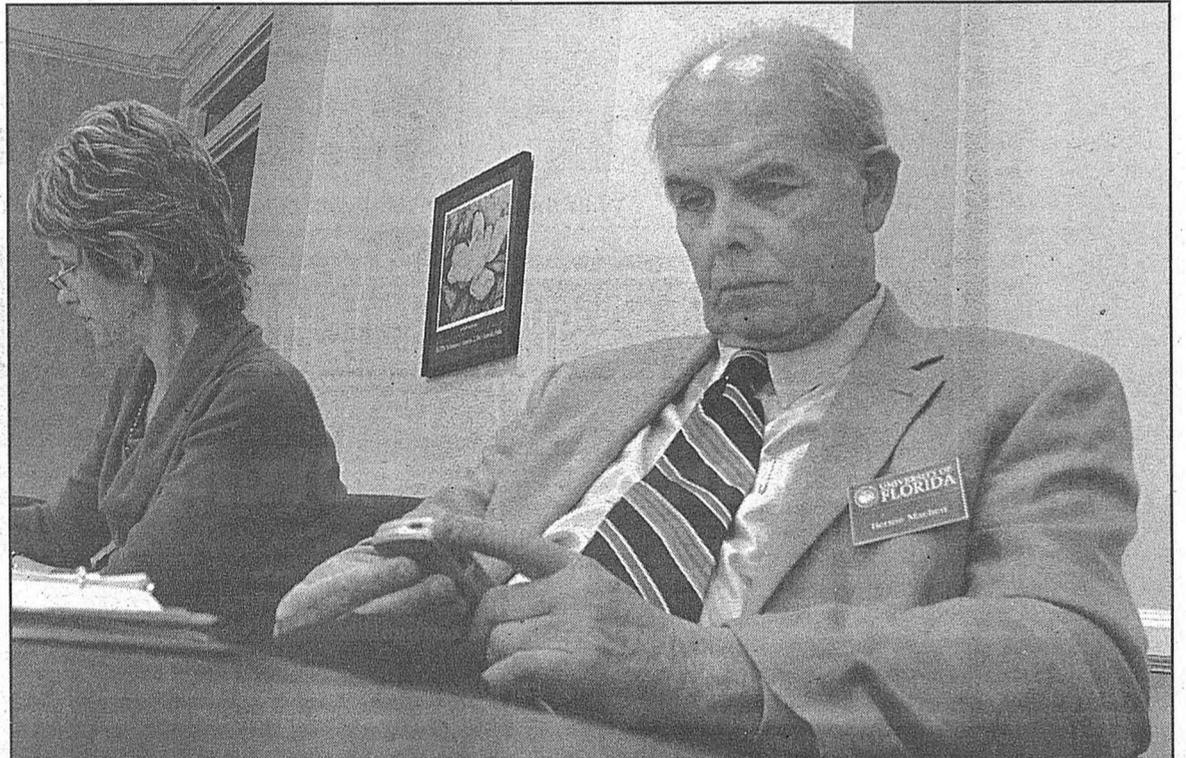
Vice President for Human Resources Kyle Cavanaugh said the program is expected to cost about \$40,000 per year, in addition to some initial training costs during the first few months.

"It's relatively inexpensive in the scheme of implementing technology," he said, adding that about 200 universities have already bought the new PeopleAdmin software.

Although the program will aid UF's data system in one respect, Barrett said many PeopleSoft problems still don't have solutions.

"A significant amount of education will need to be done in order to achieve our goal of using PeopleSoft all across the university," he said.

The Committee on Governance voted in favor of awarding UF President Bernie Machen a \$75,000 bonus he will receive this January.



Carolyn Burkhardt / Alligator

UF President Bernie Machen checks his cell phone during a Board of Trustees committee meeting Thursday afternoon.

In a recent review of his performance, the Board praised Machen for his leadership qualities but emphasized the need for improvement

in his communication skills.

"I've learned some things (from the Board review), and I plan to follow up on them," Machen said.

The entire Board will take a final vote on whether to approve Machen's bonus at its meeting this morning.

Long before administrators arrive, janitor spends hours cleaning offices and halls

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He takes his three children to theme parks in Central Florida and Chuck E. Cheese's in Jacksonville.

Robinson said he prefers the early hours he works because he can spend afternoons with his kids and his wife of 10 years after they finish school and work.

That wasn't the case five years ago, when he worked a shift from 3 p.m. to midnight stripping and waxing floors with a heavy buffer machine.

"That's a much harder job," he said.

At his ground-floor job, Robinson said he and his co-workers have little trouble keeping the hall spotless.

"We pretty much keep it up to the standards," he said.

Robinson starts his pre-dawn mornings in the employee lounge, mopping the floor and wiping the tables. The bathrooms come next.

Then he cleans the offices before any of their occupants have arrived.

He uses lemon furniture polish to make the desks glisten. He trashes the coffee grounds and lunch-break leftovers in the office kitchenettes.

Last, he takes to the hallways with a mop and bucket.

The whole routine is performed twice before Robinson clocks out at 1:30 p.m.

He said his internal clock is set so that even on weekends he can't sleep much past 6:30 in the morning.

Beyond the traditional broom, vacuum, mop and

bucket, Robinson's arsenal is a chemistry set of cleaning products.

He has several bottles of cleaner — one each for porcelain, furniture, glass and germs — as well as a scraper to unstick gum wads and clean elevator tracks, a caustic powder for cleaning water fountains, a feathered toilet brush for urinals (or a "Johnny mop" in custodian-speak), orange-and-blue feather dusters and a steel cleaner for elevators and doorknobs.

"That's what makes it shine," Robinson said.

Between tasks, Robinson said he often passes Machen in the halls, and they exchange a "Good morning" or "How ya' doin'."

And that's the extent to which the lives of the two men in Tigert Hall overlap.

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Lowé happy to be home

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Writer

Sarah Lowé was asked some of the toughest questions currently facing America at her Rhodes Scholarship interviews in Birmingham, Ala., but her biggest dilemma was finding a way to keep in touch with the Gators.

So in the middle of preparing answers for questions like what the biggest moral dilemma in the United States is, her opinion on Title IX and where she sees herself in 10 years, all Lowé could think about was the final score of the Gators' game.

The senior guard didn't make the final cut of 32 scholars who get to study abroad at Oxford University in England next fall, but she was relieved nonetheless — the Gators went 2-0 in her absence.

"I was so pissed," said Lowé, who will lead the Gators (4-1) in front of a hometown crowd in Philadelphia for Saturday's game at No. 18 Temple (6-0). "My computer ended up not working, so I wasn't able to listen. But [sports information director Kathy] Cafazzo was sweet enough to text me at every media timeout. I knew it was going on for the most part for play-by-play."

UF's first game, an 83-57

win against St. Francis (NY) on Nov. 18, came during a dinner for the Rhodes finalists, but Lowé forgot her text messaging device.

Once the meal was over, she came back to find the score and summary in a series of text messages.

"There were some very talented individuals there, and it was cool to be just around other highly accomplished college students."

Sarah Lowé
Guard

The second game of the Seton Hall Classic, a nail-biting 52-48 win against the host Pirates, went down while Lowé was soaring at 30,000 feet.

On the way back to Gainesville, Lowé didn't miss an update.

However, she did regret not being able to don the orange and blue and join her team in a post-game shopping spree in New York.

"Just not being there [with the team] was a very tough experience for me," Lowé said. "It's a thing that I probably would never want to do again. But at the same time, it was one of these experiences that I

had to do, and I learned from and I grew from it.

"My team is like my family, and it was just really tough not being with them this weekend."

After the initial interview, Lowé endured another round of questioning the next day.

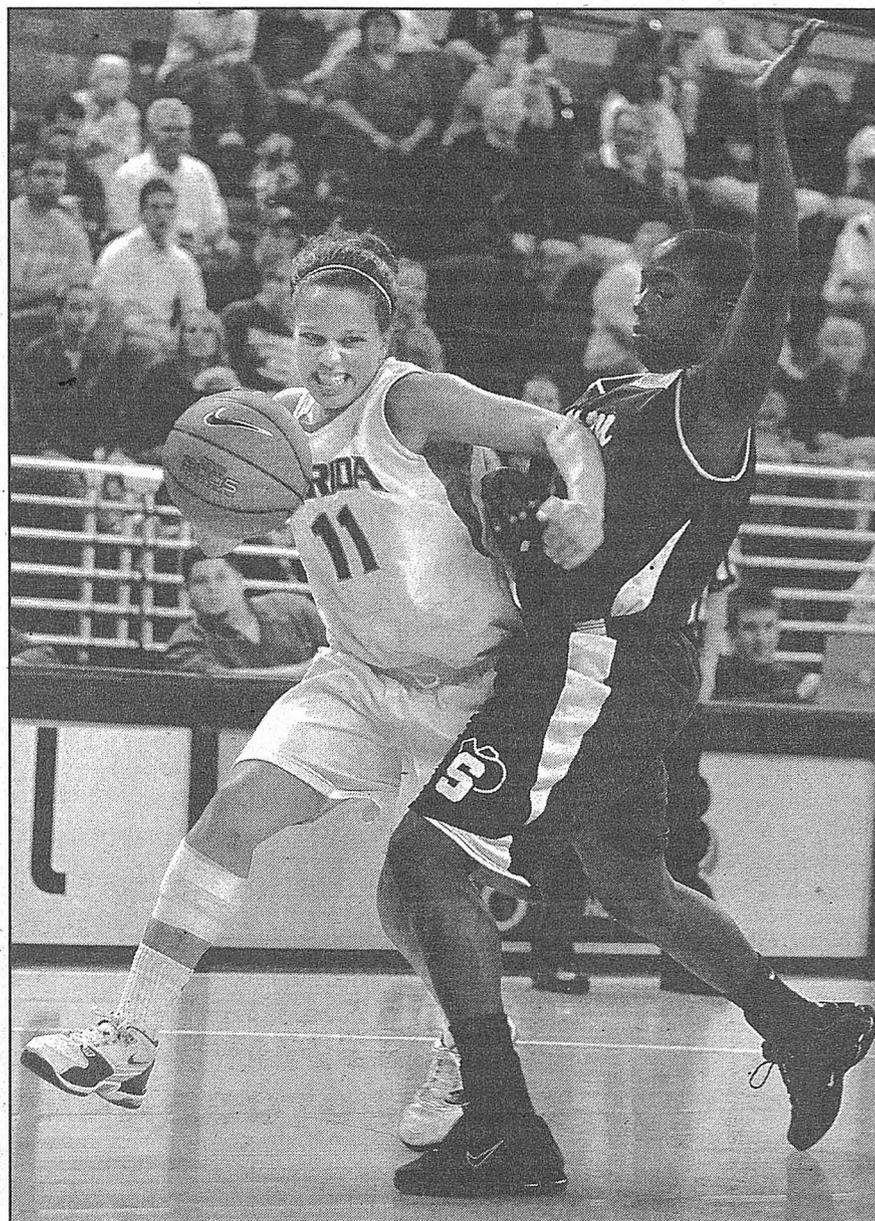
Afterward, Lowé and the rest of the students competing for the program used their free time to watch football in a conference room.

"I've never been in that sort of environment before academically," Lowé said. "There were some very talented individuals there, and it was cool to be just around other highly accomplished college students."

After a couple hours of deliberation, the results were in. Unlike the Gators' game outcomes, this answer wasn't the one Lowé was looking for.

However, for somebody who gets down on herself for not making A's, Lowé took the news well.

"I was definitely bummed for a couple hours, there's no doubt about it," Lowé said. "I invested myself in this for the past three months of school, sacrificing in other areas to put myself in this situation. However, at the same time, there's a lot that's said and everything happens for a reason, and I truly believe in that."



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Sarah Lowé pushes past Stetson guard Sharnesha Smith on Sunday. Heading back to her hometown Saturday, Lowé is relieved to be reunited with UF.

RECRUITING

Top UF recruit prepares for playoff game, visit to USC

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Writer

The Tim Tebow experience is coming to a close.

Paraded around the country to the biggest college football games of the season, Tebow's final stretch begins today.

In a span of 12 days, Tebow will travel from his home in northeast Florida to Los Angeles and possibly Miami.

Then, he will star in his own special in front of a national television audience on ESPN on Dec. 14, highlighted by his college choice announcement.

Tebow, rivals.com's top-rated dual-threat quarterback recruit out of St. Augustine Nease High (11-2), plays in the state semifinals tonight at home, a 90-minute drive from Gainesville, against Pace High (13-0).

Should Nease win, it would play in Miami for the Class 4A state championship on Dec. 10.

Holding onto the ball will be the key to advancing, Tebow said.

"When you turn the ball over, you lose games," he said. "It's something coach stresses. We know we have to hold onto the ball. If we do that, we should be in position to win games. It's something we've worked

on all through the playoffs."

Hours after tonight's game, Tebow will board a plane headed to Los Angeles for the UCLA-Southern California game on an official visit with the Trojans.

The trip will mark his final college visit. He lists Alabama, UF, Louisiana State and Michigan in addition to USC as possible final destinations.

Experts believe the race is down to UF and Alabama, and Tebow is familiar with both teams.



Tebow

He's been to both schools at least three times this fall, including a visit to UF during last week's win against Florida State, where fans chanted his name in unison at one point.

At his high school game last Friday, Nease fans displayed a poster readable from the field at Nease's stadium that said "Gator Nation Needs You!"

But 12 days away from his nationally televised decision, Tebow's focus is on his final high school home game.

"It's crazy to think this is going to be my last game playing here," Tebow said. "Hopefully we can go out with a bang."

O'Leary leads Golden Knights to historic turnaround

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Walk or bike to UF. Recently renovated 3 bedroom/1 bath house with laundry/storage room and fenced yard. 920 NW 7th Ave. \$750/mo. Call Todd @ 256-3826 or B.J. @ 871-7203 for info 12-7-4-2

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A large 3BR/2BA house. Walk to UF. Hardwood floors, screened porch, fenced yard, W/D, furnished. Avail 1/7 to 4/10. Rent negotiable. References. 377-2399 12-7-4-2

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Newly renovated one bedrooms (W/D available in some units)
Also available, 2/2 & 3/2 available
Starting from \$499

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3BR/2BA HUGE HOUSE

New BAs. Walk to campus. Mint cond., wood flrs, on Univ. Ave. W/D, eat-in kitchen. Jan 1st. Call 954-270-4000 or 954-290-5657 12-7-4-2

3BR/1BA house less than 1 block from O Dome. 123 NW 20th Dr.. Beginning in Jan. \$1600/mo Call 317-3238. 12-7-4-2

1BR/1BA for rent SUNDOWNE APT. Great location behind Butler Plaza. \$469/mo. Call 352-219-0441. ASAP Must go! 12-7-4-2

LIVE DOWNTOWN! Arlington Square townhouse-style 2BR/2BA apt. avail. Jan. '06. Quiet bldg/end unit close to UF + busses. Call Chris 352-246-9048. 12-7-4-2

●CONDO● 3BR/3BA furn, pool, tennis, bus rte, W/D, fridge, Oaks Mall near. 1yr+ \$1100/mo. ●HOME● 3BR/2BA 1 car garage, fireplace, gorgeous 1+ acres, young prof, area \$1350/mo. Tripp Realty 538-1133. 1-27-18-2

6 Blks to UF. Patio home. 4 parking spaces, newly remodeled, 3BR/2BA, den, ceramic tile, new carpet, W/D, DW, microwave hood, faux blinds, CH/AC, 1300 sq ft. \$850. Short lease avail. 1421 NW 6th PI Carol 377-3852 12-7-4-2

Mobile Home (3BD/1BA) for rent Located at SW 20th Ave. Central air. Include water and electricity. \$300/mo each Call Erik anytime 407-575-0088. Email erik-vo@hotmail.com 12-7-4-2

3 Subleases

HAMPTON OAKS -2BR/2BA Apt. Great amenities. DW, W/D, fitness ctr., pool, spa & security system. Very clean. \$865/mo. Call 954-540-1905 12-2-20-3

●●●●●WALK TO UF●●●●●
1BR in 4BR/2BA house across from stadium \$335/mo + utils. Avail Jan-Aug. Newly renovated, W/D, new appl. Call 352-262-7887 12-2-17-3

1 BED/1 BATH in a 3/3 at University Glades. Currently only 1 roommate. Walk-in closet, ALL utils, cable, internet incl. Furnished - \$480 - Erik 954-651-0086 12-2-15-3

ROYAL VILLAGE APT Blocks from campus. 1BR/1BA in 4BR/2BA, furn, W/D in unit, utils, cable internet incl. Pool, parking decal, game-room, \$440/mo. Avail Dec thru Aug. 2 MO FREE RENT. Kevin 407-619-5734 12-7-17-3

Roommate needed for house 2 blocks N of campus. \$450/month + util. female only. call 8137856641. 12-5-15-3

Downtown - 2/1 house, wood floors, walk to campus, CH/A, pvt parking, high ceilings, no dogs. 1st/last/sec. \$670/mo. 226 NW 3rd Ave. 359-8499 or 904-829-3410 12-7-15-3

SPANISH TRACE

1BR/1BA new, 1st flr apt. Move-in ready. Quiet, behind Butler Plaza, pool, fitness, internet, clubhouse \$589/mo, elec only. 373-1111 12-7-14-3

FIRST TWO MONTHS FREE 2BR/1BA in College Park. Available 1/06 to 7/06. Walk to class and the bars. \$835/mo. Call Brandon @ 352-235-2800 or email blh2309@ufl.edu 12-7-14-3

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COUNTRYSIDE CONDO 3BR/3BA avail in 4BR/4BA Jan 1. Ethernet & util incl, W/D, nicely furn, secure. Exercise/pool direct bus UF - 3 mi. \$465/mo/room. Vanessa 352-217-3464, Flo 352-636-4814 12-7-14-3

LIVE DOWNTOWN! Arlington Square townhouse-style 2BR/2BA apt avail. Jan. '06. Quiet bldg/end unit close to UF + busses. Call Chris 352-246-9048 12-7-14-3

Jan 2006 Gainesville Place. All inclusive, furnished, W/D, private bath. \$495/mo, but only pay \$395! katri916@mindspring.com or 786-338-1257 12-7-14-3

1 bed/1 bath in a 2 bed/2 bath, close to campus & bars on Univ \$480/mo + util. Free internet, 1/06 - 8/06. Call Cara @ 727-804-6932 or email cara13@ufl.edu 12-7-14-3

Campus Club Apts. Male or Female Included: hi-spd. int., cbl., pool, elec, water, furnished. Can move in Jan. 1 ONLY \$420 NEGOTIABLE Contact AbRebLee@aol.com 12-7-14-3

Get your privacy. 1BR/1BA in a 3BR/3BA apt. Furnished except BR. Utils incl. Avail 12/16. Oxford Manor, close to UF. \$440/mo. 2 pools, hottub, free tanning, wt rm, game rm & much more. Short term lease ok. 386-547-9131 12-7-12-3

Rooms in 3/2 house avail. Jan - Jun. Quiet, fenced,. Close to bus or 10 min bike ride. Mostly furn. \$390-420/rm+utils. Prefer grads. Call 734-330-5022 ★★★★★★ 12-5-10-3

3BR/3BA LEXINGTON CROSSING Luxury Apts. All 3 subleases avail Jan. Fully furn. Free util, inet, cable, W/D. \$465/mo ea. Call 352-216-2261 12-5-10-3

3/3 TH, MADISON POINTE \$1206, "dance pole" (optional), 1700 sq ft, pool, pets welcome, tan bed, some furn, gated, garage, W/D. Melissa 256-5883 12-7-12-3

3BR/3BA LEXINGTON CROSSING Luxury Apts. All 3 subleaes avail Jan. Fully furn free util, inet, cable, W/D. \$465/mo ea. Call 352-216-2261 12-5-10-3

3 rooms in huge home by Stonewood. Hi-speed, W/D, cable, fireplace, tons of space. No deposit. Avail now, Dec, or Jan. ~\$400 + utils. davem@ufl.edu for more info. 12-6-11-3

3 Subleases

CAMPUS CLUB 1BR/1BA in 4BR/3BA Jan thru Aug. \$385/mo Furn, 1st, flr, next to bus stop & pool, w/2 great female roommates. ufberger@ufl.edu or 352-262-8492 12-7-12-3

INCREDIBLE 4BR/4BA apt w/1 room avail. for spring. Lexington Crossing. Fully furnished. Well decorated. \$5000 entertainment system. \$450/mo MUST SEE! 359-1602 12-6-11-3

FREE RENT Until 12/31/05
Sublease avail now thru 8/06 1BR/1BA in furn 2BR G-ville Place Apt. \$590 for all utils, cable tv, inet. Close to UF. Great amenities. Incl balcony. Ashley 914-826-7171 12-7-11-3

BEAUTIFUL APT. One or both bedrooms in 2BR/1BA in 34th St & Archer Rd. Area. \$315/rm Pets ok. Avail immediatly Call Erin 871-0679 12-7-11-3

Sublease for female roommate \$410 includes rent/utilities/cable w/HBO/ethernet. From Jan. - Aug. No crdt. check/no deposit. Free tanning Call Jenn 407-466-0967 12-6-10-3

1BR/1BA VICTORIAN STYLE APT Great location. Incl parking & water. Pets ok. 215 NE 3rd St. 283-0581 12-7-9-3

HUGE 1BR/1BA APT.

1 mile from campus. Great location, close to shopping & more. Asking \$475/mo Jan thru July. Call Steve @ 318-0314 12-2-6-3

Oxford Manor 1BR/1BA in 3BR/3BA for \$380 OBO. Furn, utils, internet, W/D, cable, included, gated comm. big gym. Close to UF! Rent for spring and summer. makoj84@aol.com or 352-271-1067 12-7-9-3

● ASPEN RIDGE ●

Spacious 1BR/1BA furnished. Only \$670/mo instead of new rate \$700/mo. Perfect for couples! Avail Jan. Call 305-898-7751 12-7-7-3

FEMALE @ UNIV. COMMONS

1 bedroom in a 4BR/2BA. Furnished. \$340/mo plus util or negotiable. Available Jan 1. Call Shari @ 407-341-8760 12-7-8-3

2BR/1BA available 1/1

2 blocks to campus. \$819/mo. Call 352-317-5185 or 954-304-3792 12-2-5-3

2BR/1BA apt availabe Jan-July 06.. \$560/mo. Corner unit w/view of point. Rent includes water/sewer/trash. Pool/gym. Rent Negotiable. Call 352-337-8347 12-7-8-3

WALK TO UF

2BR/1BA only \$709/mo!!! 2 blks to UF. Behind Swamp. Huge rooms 10x20 Get up to \$300 back. Please call Sab 871-3099 12-7-7-3

SUBLEASE: No deposit. 3BR/2BA apt. 1 mile from UF campus. Spacious, great amenities. Only \$795/mo. Avail 12/1. 271-0356 12-7-6-3

Sublease 1BR in a townhouse. SW 20th Ave. W/D, Hi-spd internet are available. 2 bus rts 20 & 21. 10 min to school. Suprmarket is nearby. Ask for \$250 + 1/3 utils, no dep. Pease contact 352-262-6912 after 5pm. 12-6-5-3

CAMPUS CLUB - NS, F, wanted for 1BR w/pvt BA & walk-in closet in 3BR/2BA. Nicely furn, utils, ethernet, TV incl., W/D in unit. Take over \$478/mo. Avail Jan to Aug 11, 2006. Call 954-557-5993 12-7-6-3

Spacious 1BR in 3BR/3BA at Tivoli apts. Fully furnished. \$380/mo. 5 min from UF. Pool/workout room. Available Dec 15. Call 617-448-9332 12-2-3-3

1 ROOM IN 3BR HOUSE

1 minute walk from law school & bus stop. 2718 SW 3rd Place. \$400/mo + utils. 305-776-0372 12-7-6-3

1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA apt. All utils, cable, internet incl. Semi-furn. Avail Jan thru July. \$400/mo. Call 352-256-4331 12-7-6-3

IMMEDIATE move in! One bedroom massive apt. in Boardwalk. \$630 a month. I pay Dec. utilities! Call Lydia 352-318-4240. No move in fees! 12-2-3-2

3 Subleases

1BR/1BA LOFT APT. in Malibu Cove. Behind Norman Hall. Laundry facilities, parking, water incl. Avail Dec or Jan. \$545/mo. Call 870-5418 12-7-6-3

Live Downtown! Avail immediately - shared townhome in Arlington Square. 1 or 2 bedrooms avail each w/private bath. \$450/\$470 + util. Call 561-706-9796 12-7-6-3

1BR/1BA in 2BR/2BA apt in The Estates. Available Jan \$535/mo OBO. Utils incl. Close to clubhouse & pool. W/D, DW. Pets welcome. Call 352-373-4720 12-7-6-3

2BR/2BA sublease available Dec Cobblestone Apartments #W159 \$971 lease ends July 31, 2006 Study rm, laundry, kitchen, more. Call Jenny 352-514-2560 12-7-5-3

AMAZING 1BR/1BA Gainesville Place- very clean & amp; new, great roommates, all utilities incl. Great price, close to campus, avail. til Aug, 407-538-2953 12-7-5-3

1/1 AVAILABLE

In new 2/2.5 Townhouse. Everything new + W/D. \$430 + 1/2 Utils. Call 352-870-2506 or email apt4rent06@yahoo.com 12-7-5-3

Campus Club Apt 3BR/2BA direct bus to UF T3/cable TV furnished pool/gym, \$380 flat avail. Jan to Aug male only GREAT DEAL. Call 954-871-7037 ASAP. 12-7-5-3

1BR/1BA in College Manor, next to business school, avail now thru Aug. 1st 2 mos free, some free furniture, \$500/mo, assume lease. Pets OK. Call 850-832-1538. 12-7-4-3

DEEP DISCOUNT
\$395/mo Gainesville Place Apts. Private room/bath. Have moved, family emergency. Sublease until July 1, 2006. Contact Sarah at 226-0048 or 331-9080 12-7-4-3

ASPEN RIDGE!

1BR/1BA Vaulted Ceilings W/D Dishwasher Unfurn. \$660/mo. Call 352-359-6615. Avail. Jan! 1-17-10-3

1BR in 3BR/2BA apt. 1 mile to campus. Fitness etc, tennis, pool. \$225/mo + utils. Avail Dec thru July. Call Marisa @ 404-395-8618 1-9-5-3

The Estates (The Exchange) 1BR/1BA in 3BR/3BA near campus fully furn., free cable, dsl, utilities. Jan 1-Aug 7th. nmb2boca@aol.com or 561-706-9808 12-7-4-3

3 Subleases

Countryside @University Condo 2 Bedroom avail. in 4BR for \$425/ea Cable, water, el incl. except phone. Call Irvin (904) 610-091 or email icheng@bellsouth.net. 12-7-4-3

Campus Lodge 1BR/1BA in 4BR/4B Vaulted ceiling. Friendly female roommate Cherrywood furn, fabulous amenities. Pleas call Jackie 561-716-7781, 941-713-870 12-7-4-3

Sub-Let Appt. from Jan-May 2006, mu be approved by original leaser & d posit required. Furnished move in on SERIOUS \$300. 1 blk UF + parking in philipforget@gmail.com or 954-629-632 12-7-4-3

Campus Club Spring sublease pvt. BA full furn. utils. incl. \$418/mo. Move in as ear as mid Dec. Call Alexis @ 786-325-993 12-7-4-3

Everything a student could need. large, quite, upstairs rm w/2 closet 100 steps to campus. W/D, sunroom Room semi-furn. \$512.50/mo contact margimjohnson@yahoo.com, 850-545-870 12-7-4-3

1st MONTH FREE! 2BR/2BA vintage house in downtown. Wood floors, private yard parking. 8 min. bike to campus/ 4 min. walk to downtown. 113 NW 4th Ave. \$885/mo n dogs. 379-9401 or cknapp@ufl.edu 12-7-4-3

4 Roommates

Roommate Matching HERE
Oxford Manor 377-2777
The Landings 336-3838
The Laurels 335-4455
Cobblestone 377-2801
Hidden Lake 374-3866
12-7-72-4

Female roommate for one/two female UI students. Quiet. Responsible. 60 second walk to UF. Old house charm with all amenities. Avail Now. \$400 - up. 352-538-2181.L message. Private Owner 12-7-72-4

F NS grad/prof needed for 1BR in BRAN NEW 2/2 condo. 2 mi to UF on bus rte. W/D. \$475 + 1/2 util/mo. Common area furnished, tile flrs. No pets. 904-386-6485 o apena13@ufl.edu 12-7-82-4

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evangelical

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lutheran

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1801 NW 5th Ave. Liturgical Service at 8:30am and 11am. Upbeat Praise Service at 11am. Sunday Free Lunch for college students. www.flcgainesville.com

nondenominational

The Family Church

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University City Church of Christ

www.gatorsforchrist.org. College Ministry meets at University City Church. Bible Study Sunday at 9:30am and Wednesday 7pm.

united methodist church

University United Methodist Church

Wesley Foundation Meeting @ Presbyterian Church 1402 W Univ. Ave. Unit #2 Sunday Worship 10:30am & 7pm For more info: 372-8183 or myuumc.com

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4 Roommates

Avail Dec 2 rooms in large house, 1 blk from 13th & University, \$300 + split util, sec dep. NS, no pets. Contact gvl132601@gmail.com or leave message at 352-870-7256 12-7-29-4

Roommates needed for 4BR/4BA condo. Close to UF on bus rt. Incl. W/D, utils, wireless internet, cable \$425/rm/mo w/\$125 sec dep. Contact @ 407-719-1699 12-7-26-4

Law school 0.5 mi, law/grad student for very nice 5/4 home with law students. Must be neat, clean, N/S. Includes cable, W/D, wifi, all utils \$550. Available Jan 1. 202-236-4330 12-7-16-4

Female roommate for large 3BR/2BA townhouse w/pool. Only 1 mile to UF. \$450/mo all utils, cable & hi-spnd net incl. Call 954-298-7591 or amyb@ufl.edu. 12-7-16-4

Grad student roommate wanted 2BR/1.5BA in quiet neighborhood. On bus route 10 min from campus. \$280/mo + 1/2 utils. Between 16th Ave & Main St. Call Ana 352-283-6498 or Shaira 352-283-9827. 12-7-16-4

ENJOY A ROMANTIC OLD HOUSE near the Library downtown. \$285-\$360/rm + utilities. Free internet access. Short term. No pets. No smoking. 378-1304 12-7-15-4

1 Room in 4BR/4BA Countryside Apt. Close to UF on bus rt. W/D utils., cable w/HBO, and DSL incl. \$400/MO No deposit. Female only NS. Call 954-680-0918 12-7-14-4

1 Female needed for 1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA @ Countryside. \$425/MO incl. utils, cable, internet, furn., Avail NOW! Call 727-510-9346 12-7-14-4

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

SPRING LEASE 4BR/4BA condo \$410/mo everything incl. Countryside Apts. Female only non-smokers looking for a fun roommate! Contact Jackie 813-924-1520 12-7-13-4

Male roommate needed. Serious student. House close to UF. Easy access to I-75/Santa Fe. W/D, internet. \$450/mo all utils included. Call Mike 386-235-5400 or 386-676-9703 12-7-13-4

Female roommate needed. 4BR/4BA @ Countryside. Own BA & large closet. Secure. All amenities. \$410/mo utils included. Call Mike 386-235-5400 or 386-676-9703 12-7-13-4

HOUSE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM UF STADIUM. 3BR/1BA Must be clean. Move-in at end of Dec. Call ASAP 352-317-0433 12-2-10-4

1 room w/screened balcony, share BA for female. \$275/mo. Located between UF & SFCC w/ bus route. Close to Mall & NFRMC. On site W/D, pool, gym, tennis and other amenities. Sparrow Condo (352) 514-3425 12-5-20-4

Female Pebble Creek, 3BR/2BA \$333/mo + 1/3 util, furnished common area, no pets, very close to campus & SW Gym. Call 786-282-8160 12-7-12-4

2 FEMALE ROOMMATES NEEDED. Gorgeous large 4BR fully furn home. 0.15 mi from UF. Pets allowed \$500/mo. Call 561-289-4759 or 561-212-3153 12-5-10-4

Spacious 1BR avail in 3BR/2BA house. All utils incl + wireless hi spd internet svc. Off bus rt. \$500/no. Available immediately. Call 352-283-2005 or 352-317-8080 12-7-12-4

F/NS/NP Grad, quiet, clean, to share 3BR/2.5BA Casablanca East furnished condo with 1 other FS. Nice unit by pool, W/D, screen rm. \$530 + 1/2 utils, no maint fee or water bill. 375-2458 12-7-10-4

★★★ROOMMATES NEEDED ASAP★★★ To share w/grad student. 3BR/2BA. New townhome. Bus to UF, pool, gym, volleyball, tennis, gated. \$350 + utils. Call 727-644-0435 or celtic67@ufl.edu. 12-7-10-4

4 Roommates

MUSEUM WALK. 2-story. ASAP. 1/1 available in 2/2. 1/2 furn DW, W/D, pool, tanning, parties. Male/female. Laidback. \$500 1/3 util. Steven 850-960-8486 12-7-9-4

2 rooms available in 3BR/2BA house. Furn or unfurn w/ nice yard on 34th St. Upperclassmen or grad student. No pets. \$375/mo/each + util. Call 239-707-4113 12-7-10-4

1BR/1Ba in 2/2.5 condo on 13th St. Dec 20. 1 mile to campus, \$450/mo, everything included. Wireless HS, W/D, big closet 352-262-2892 or sarah13@ufl.edu 12-2-5-4

Looking for female for 1BR/1BA in 3BR/3BA apt at Rockwood Villas. Hi-spnd internet & cable. On UF busline. All utils incl for \$500/mo rent. 407-970-0720 or 407-421-3121 12-7-8-4

2 rooms available ASAP: Newly renovated large home 4BR/2BA, deck, hot tub, 1/2 mi from Campus Lodge. Covered carport, \$500/mo. incl utils. No smoking. 352-516-1940 taylorz@ufl.edu. 12-7-6-4

Female student to join 2 females for own Br in attractive 3BR house near NW 8th Ave. <3mi. from UF on bus rte. #43, tile/hardwood, \$275/mo + 1/3 GRU HSInternet-digital cable, avail now. 381-5597, 332-3852 12-7-6-4

Roommate wanted to share 3BR/2BA 2000+ sq. ft. furnished house. Parquet wood floors, gourmet kitchen, 5 min bk to campus. Looking for quiet, clean person \$350/mo + 1/3 utils. 352-494-8189, 352-283-4571 12-7-6-4

Roommate Wanted, prefer F, to share 3/2 home 3 mi from mall w/1 other F, \$650 furn & all util incl. W/D, fence, hs internet, Must like dogs. Nice neighborhood, new home. Jen 494-2283 or adoptapetflorida@yahoo.com 12-6-5-4

Male grad student wanted for 4BR/2BA house. Only one other roommate. 2700 sq ft. \$500/mo incl everything. Call Steve 318-0314 12-5-3-4

Non-smoking female roommate wanted. Nice 3BR/2BA house. Call Melissa 706-766-5682 for info. Starting Jan. 2006 1-13-10-4

Male, serious UF student looking for furn/unfurnished BR/BA January-end of April. M/Female roommates. No parties, NO smokers. gnmeth@cfl.rr.com 12-7-5-4

M/F roommate for own room/bath in 4/4 condo. Pool, busline, W/D, full kitchen. Available now. \$325 + Shared utils. John 786-436-1657 12-7-5-4

WALK TO UF one bedroom available for spring/summer in a 3 bedroom apt. Private bath, walkin closet, full kitchen, washer/dryer only 2 yrs old! Call 772-485-2659 12-7-5-4

Great house. Great roommates. Great neighborhood. Close to campus, huge yard, furnished or unfurnished. \$375 + 1/3 util. 904-234-4774 12-7-4-4

SPRING & SUMMER. Must rent clean safe big house. 2BRs avail of 3BR. Off Newberry Rd. W/D, DW, garage, \$375/mo OBO. Call Lauren @ 352-262-6463 12-7-4-4

Room w/loft in 2BR/2BA luxury condo. Spacious living & nicely furn, every amenity. 2 mi to UF on bus rte. Beautiful area, pool, tennis, close to food & shop. Incl. cable, W/D, wifi, all utils. \$500/mo Derek 386-871-7330. 12-7-4-4

Female room to lease in 3 BR Apt. Located in beautiful Hidden Lakes \$420/mo pvt BA, Sec sys, etc. Call 941-524-9098 12-7-4-4

1 BR Avail Now 5 min to UF. Free Digital Cable \$300/mo + 1/3 util. Female or male non smoker. 352-332-2234, 352-514-1441. 12-7-4-4

Roommate Needed for Fall semester in 4BR/3BA house. Big house w/deck & pool, 5 mins. from UF. Rent is \$400/mo. Call Tom @ 305-323-2090 12-7-4-4

1 male roommate needed for 4/4 BRAND NEW condo by Sorority Row. \$475/mo +1/4 util., furn., W/D, DW, pvt bath, dsl. 3 blocks from UF. Call Dave @ (954) 821-6229 12-7-20-4

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nounced my name," Donovan said. "They probably did, but I was probably too nervous and too uptight."

After moving on to UF, Donovan spent his first two seasons trying to craft the program in his image, and the early growing pains resulted in two sub-.500 years.

In his third year, however, the Gators burst on the scene, making it to the Sweet 16 where they fell to Gonzaga by just 1 point.

The next year, however, was legendary.

UF made a surprising run all the way to the NCAA title game, falling to Michigan State.

But despite his success, Donovan doesn't view the wins as belonging to himself.

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"Mike Miller does, Udonis Haslem does, Taurean Green does,

(Joakim) Noah does, every guy that's here, it's more them and it's more the school. I happen to be the leader, but

"We're just going out on Saturday as just another game, play hard and get another win."

Taurean Green
UF guard

I've never looked at it like it's my record or these are my wins."

Donovan's current players are largely unaware of the history they are about to make for their coach.

"I don't think anybody on the team even knows that," Green said. "We're just going out on Saturday as just another game, play hard and get another win."

And Donovan would be reaching those 200 wins faster than any other coach in school history.

Norm Sloan is the only other Gators coach to even win 200 games at UF.

Donovan said beginning his career at such an early age might lead to an eventual early retirement.

"I know there's going to come a time in my life where I'm going to say, 'This is old,'" Donovan said. "It happens to everybody, and I think my time is going to happen a lot earlier than most, because I started a lot earlier.

"I think 40 in this profession is relatively young, but at 50 years old, it would be interesting."

However, Donovan said he would like to establish more of a basketball tradition at UF.

"I'm happy here, I love it here, and the people have been great to me, but do I want to be here ten years from now?" he said. "If that happened, I wouldn't be upset; I don't have a different agenda.

"I would love to be able to look back and say, 'You know what, with our players and with our coaching staff, we built something over a 20-year period that is now special.'"

Gators to face K-State

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offensively.

"[Sophomore setter] Angie [McGinnis] took care of running the offense, and our players delivered."

The Gators will face Kansas State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Friday night. It will be the final home match for Collymore and senior libero Rachel Engel.

The Kansas State Wildcats defeated Florida A&M 3-1 in the other first round match at the O'Connell Center.

"[Kansas State] will be one of the best serving and passing teams that we'll play all year," Wise said. "I am very impressed with both aspects of their game.

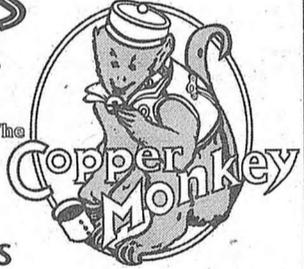
After losing in the second round to Stanford last season, the Gators might step into the game with a little something to prove.

"Maybe a little more than last year, we're pumped to get a win in the second round," McGinnis said.

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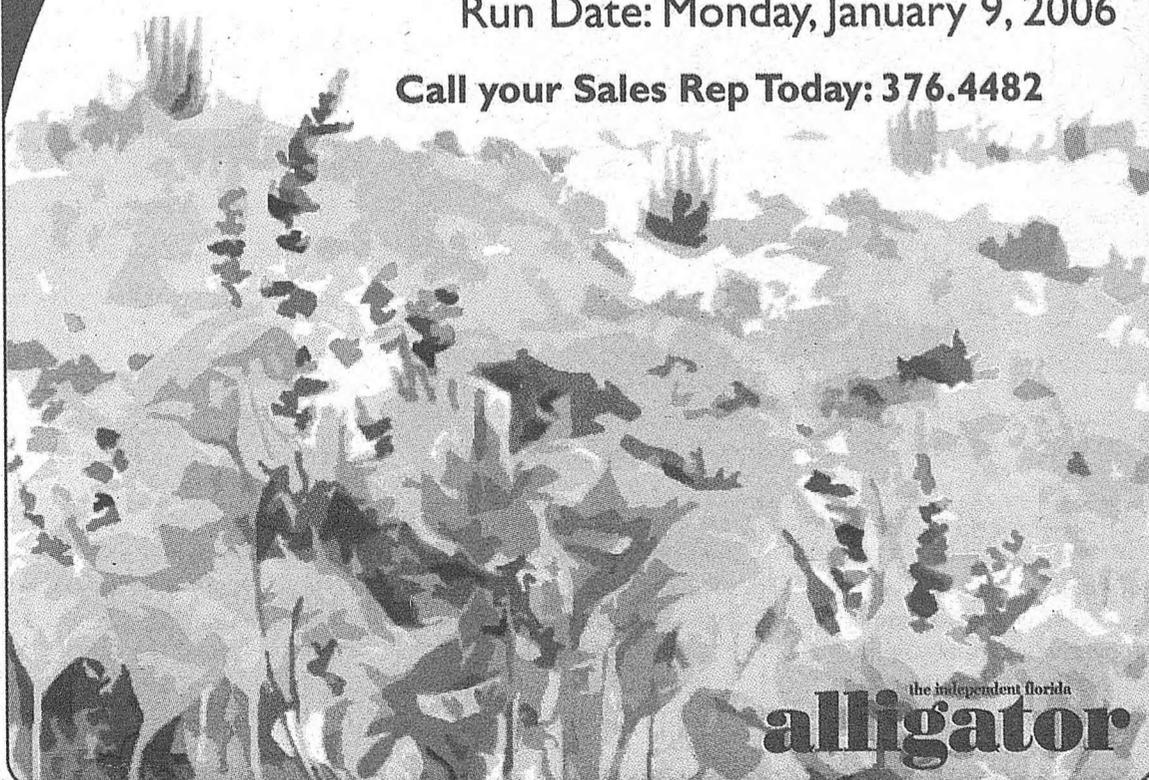
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Donovan prepares for 200th win as Gators' coach

MILESTONE COULD COME AGAINST UCF ON SATURDAY.

By **DAN TREAT**
Alligator Writer

So much has changed in the last 10 years. Republicans have taken control of Congress, gas prices have doubled and cell phones have replaced pagers on people's hips.

One thing that hasn't changed, howev-

er, is Billy Donovan's status as UF's head basketball coach.

Donovan coached his first game in Gainesville at age 30 with just two years of head coaching experience.

On Nov. 22, 1996, UF defeated Central Florida 80-63 to pick up the first win of Donovan's tenure. Ten seasons later, he's seeking another milestone against UCF.

On Saturday, Donovan will go for his 200th career victory at UF when the Gators face UCF at the O'Connell Center.

"It's gone by quickly here," Donovan said. "It's hard to believe how quick it's gone by for me, but it's been a blast."

Men's Basketball

Donovan has come a long way since growing up on Long Island, becoming a national figure in his playing days as "Billy the Kid" at Providence, playing briefly in the NBA for the New York Knicks and serving five years as a Kentucky assistant before being hired as the head coach at

Marshall at the ripe old age of 28.

"There was a great passion for sports at Marshall," Donovan said. "You look at what Jim Donnan did there football-wise, even basketball-wise we had a couple of games my first year where we had 10,000 people."

His first game on the sidelines was anything but the choreographed and elaborate pregame ceremonies that take place at UF.

"Heck, I don't even know if they an-

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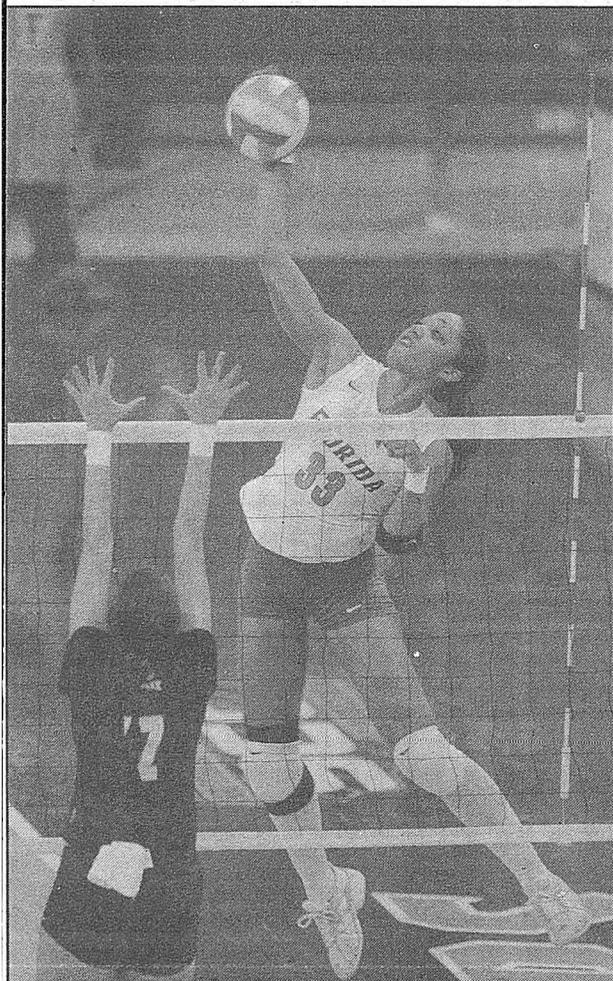
NCAA TOURNAMENT

UF overpowers FAU in NCAA opener

By **BRYAN JONES**
Alligator Writer

The match was probably finished before it began, but it didn't feel like it even lasted that long.

The No. 4 UF volleyball team made quick work of Atlantic Sun champion Florida Atlantic (29-3) in the



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

Senior outside hitter Jane Collymore recorded 14 kills as the Gators breezed past Florida Atlantic Thursday.

NCAA Tournament, winning their 16th consecutive opening-round match.

In one of their most lopsided victories of the season, the eighth-seeded Gators defeated FAU 3-0 (30-19, 30-15, 30-14) in less than 90 minutes Thursday night at the O'Connell Center.

"In the NCAA tournament, you'll take any win, any way it comes," Coach Mary Wise said. "And it was extra special to do it in such a good way."

FAU got off to a strong start in game one, jumping out to an early 7-6 lead. But from that point on, the Gators took charge.

"Florida started off serving a little bit easy, which definitely helped us," Owls Coach Jody Brown said. "When you are not used to playing a team of that caliber, you get out in front of them and you think 'Hey, we're beating somebody,' and the next thing you know, those teams are used to coming back."

"They are used to fighting every day. We needed [to play] more teams that really press us, that are going to get in our face and hit the ball back at us. And this year, we didn't have a lot of that."

UF knew it would have to shut down Owls' outside hitter Kelly Paiva, who typically accounts for most of FAU's offense.

And despite surrendering 14 kills to Paiva, the Gators did just that.

Paiva hit just .036 on 55 attempts.

"She played well, but Florida is just a great team," Brown said.

The Gators also had the support of the home crowd behind them, an advantage they do not take for granted.

"We'd like to think that they were glad to be back," Wise said. "What we now have is a volleyball-savvy, knowledgeable crowd."

"They have come out for years, and they love to see good volleyball, and we were glad to see that."

Senior outside hitter Jane Collymore led the Gators with 14 kills on .367 hitting.

The Gators hit a stellar .430, while holding FAU to .049. No UF player hit below .300 for the match.

"It was a very solid performance as indicated by the numbers," Wise said. "We were low-error and very good

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Meyer working recruiting wonders

Have you seen them? Shooting four and five stars are dotting the Gator Nation skyline.

Have you heard about them?

Stars so bright, stars so ahead of schedule that Urban Meyer reportedly slept for 15 hours last night.



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Unless you've been living under a garnet and gold rock, you've probably heard.

Recruits are coming to Gainesville. Many of them. And good ones.

They're coming to a team that has three losses. To a team that hasn't played in a Southeastern Conference title game in five years. To a team that, at times, has

looked more lost on offense than Green Day at a Republican national Convention.

So how about one collective, "Huh?"

"We knew kind of going in that Florida was going to have a great class," said Jamie Newberg, a national recruiting analyst for scout.com. "But what has transpired since the Florida State game has been pretty amazing."

A 27-point blowout. A regular-season ending smash. A recruiter's equivalent of winning the lottery.

What has happened since Saturday is absolutely silly. Absolutely astounding.

Seven players committed during the span of five days. And Meyer didn't even have to use lobster and Escalades to do it.

"I think that game Saturday obviously had a lot to do with a bunch of guys wanting to be here right now, and that's a real positive," Meyer said.

Seven more players. That brings the count of early UF commitments to 19 (about 10-12 more slots scholarships remain). That's enough talent

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DEGORY MAKES CUT

■ UF senior Mike Degory is one of six finalists for the Rimington Trophy, given annually to the nation's top center. The winner will be announced on Dec. 8.

WEEKEND EVENTS

■ NCAA Volleyball Tourney (Rd 2) Kansas State vs. UF
O'Connell Center, Tonight, 7.
■ Men's Basketball : UCF vs. UF
O'Connell Center, Saturday, Noon

TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 2000: UF win its final SEC title to date, defeating Auburn 28-6 for the conference crown. The Gators would go on to lose to Miami in the Sugar Bowl 37-27.

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■ See page 16 for a story on Sarah Lowe's Rhodes Scholarship interview. Also, get the scoop on Tim Tebow — one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation who is considering playing for the Gators — as he prepares for the high school state semis.

Thornton considers transferring

By IAN FISHER
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After a frustrating season, junior running back Skyler Thornton is contemplating his future with the Gators. If he transfers, he would have to sit out a year before playing for another Division I-school — he

could play for a Division I-AA school without penalty.

Thornton has carried the ball just 20 times this season and hasn't had a carry since the Mississippi State game on Oct. 8.

He said this season isn't what he expected it to be. He was competing for a starting job before the season kicked off, and at one point during the summer, UF coach Urban

Meyer said Thornton was the top back out of a group that included DeShawn Wynn, Markus Manson and Kestahn Moore.

Heading into UF's bowl game, Thornton is No. 4 on the depth chart.

He doesn't know why he hasn't gotten more of a chance, he said.

Thornton was a highly ranked recruit out of LaGrange, Ga., often compared to former Auburn star and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie Cadillac Williams. But he has never gotten extended playing time.

He carried the ball 55 times for 230 yards in 2004, and he finished that season as Ciatrick Fason's backup. This year, he only recorded 98 yards.

Thornton said he hasn't looked into any other schools yet, but it's something he might consider.

"I'll have to see after the season," he said.

LEAK FILES WITH NFL: Quarterback Chris Leak has filed paperwork with the NFL's Draft Advisory Committee to see where he would likely be drafted as a junior.

The papers wouldn't bind Leak, but Meyer said it is mostly for insurance purposes.

EXTRA PRACTICES: One positive aspect about going to a bowl game is the extra practice for younger players, Meyer said. He said it gives the coaching staff a chance to work with freshmen who are going to play next year. The Gators will have 15 practices before the bowl game.

However, he has to use the practices more toward bowl preparation at some point.

"That's a fine line," Meyer said. "You have to maintain a positive attitude, but you don't ever want it to be punishment for finishing strong."

ETC: Starting cornerback Vernell Brown, who broke his fibula against Vanderbilt and hasn't played since then, told Meyer that he'll be ready to play in UF's bowl game.

"He says he's going to play," Meyer said. "He told me three weeks, but that's not verified by our doctors. He deserves to play in a bowl game."

Defensive end Ray McDonald had an MRI on his knee, but no decisions have been made about his status.



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UF junior tailback Skyler Thornton rushes for 3 yards against Mississippi State for his final carry of the season. It could be his last carry as a Gators back.

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to make Kentucky an SEC contender next year. That's enough for a team of its own.

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You want defense? At 6-foot-4, five-star Mr. Do-It-All Jamar Hornsby can play safety. St. Augustine's speedy Jacques Rickerson fits right in at corner. And just to be unfair, the Gators have Larry Grant at linebacker. The 6-foot-3 linebacker reportedly runs a 4.45 40-yard dash. Sheesh.

"They've got a lot of momentum — they're filling needs, and it only looks like it's going to keep going," Newberg said.

Wait, there's more recruiting to be done? Scout.com ranks UF's early class as fourth in the country. For those of you keeping score at home, that's better than LSU, Auburn, Ohio State and USC. Apparently, that's not good enough.

Not for Meyer and Co., a group of recruiters so adept at their skill that Ron Zook's classes are beginning to look like Troy State material.

Because you may have heard of this Tim Tebow quarterback fellow from St. Augustine.

And recruiting often works like dominoes. Start the chain reaction and it can't be stopped.

Not only does Tebow hold a gazillion ties to the Gators as is, but he now has a mind-numbing recruiting class to whisper sweet seductive phrases in his ear.

"With Tim, I had the feeling two and a half weeks ago that Alabama was the team to beat," Newberg said. "But with all the Florida ties and his parents, I certainly think Florida is the team to beat."

Or has he already made his decision?

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