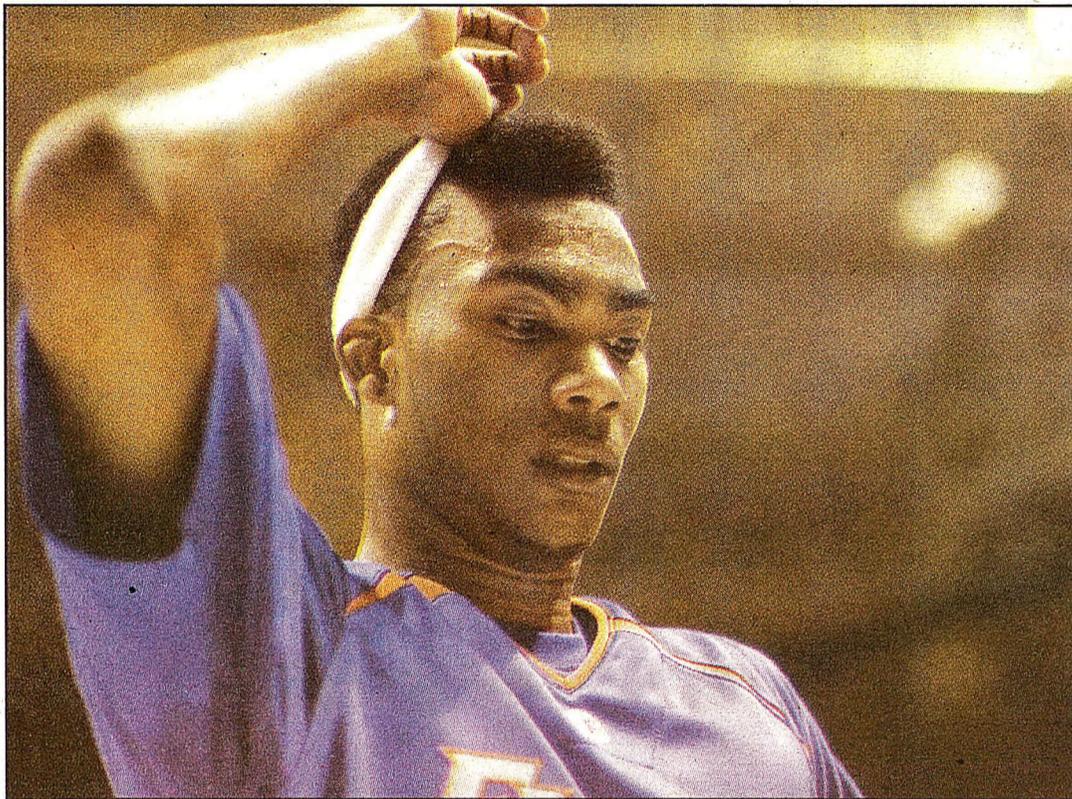




Opportunity Lost



Andy Apicella / Alligator Staff

UF sophomore forward Corey Brewer walks off the court after the Gators suffered their first loss of the season to the Volunteers on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

Streak ends at Tennessee

By **DAN TREAT**
 Alligator Staff Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Early Saturday afternoon, St. John's and Georgetown, two of UF coach Billy Donovan's old Big East rivals, opened the door for his Gators.

As day turned to night, the Gators were left standing as the only undefeated team in college basketball.

All they needed was a win on Rocky Top to push the door wide open and claim their first No. 1 ranking in more than two years.

But almost as soon as the door creaked open, Chris Lofton and the Volunteers kicked it back shut.

Lofton scored 29 points and made a critical steal in the final minute to set up the go-ahead bucket and the Volunteers ended the Gators' 17-game win streak with a 80-76 loss.

"It sucks losing," said center Al Horford, who finished with 11 points

and eight rebounds. "I hate this feeling, and we've just got to get over this."

The loss dropped the Gators to 17-1 and 3-1 in the Southeastern Conference, while the Volunteers improved to 12-3 and 3-1 in the SEC after winning only six league games a season ago. While the Gators wouldn't say that a loss had relieved a lot of the pressure that had been building the longer their winning streak went on, they were able to put the loss in perspective.

"These days, there's nobody that's going to go unbeaten probably," Horford said. "There's too many good teams, so we're just trying to be the best we can be."

Undone in the game's final stretch by turnovers and Tennessee's domination of the offensive glass, the Gators had their chances to remain perfect.

With the score tied at 76 and less than a minute to play, sophomore forward Corey Brewer pushed the ball upcourt for a two-on-one fast break with teammate Joakim Noah.

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SG deficit requires cuts

■ THE REITZ UNION, REC SPORTS AND SG WILL BE HIT THE HARDEST.

By **LYNDSEY LEWIS**
 and **ALEJANDRA CANCINO**
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Student Government officials said next year's budget will incur a deficit of about \$309,000.

Most of the money to reduce that deficit will come from budget cuts made to the Reitz Union, the Division of Recreational Sports and SG itself, said Stan Beckerdite, business manager at the SG Finance Office.

"In the six years I've been here, this has been the first time the budget has not grown," Beckerdite said.

Although SG officials anticipated an 84-cent-per-credit-hour increase in the

Activity & Service Fee that funds SG's budget, UF's Board of Trustees only approved a 60-cent increase in December, which brings next year's budget to just under \$12 million.

Increases in the A&S Fee contribute to determining the percentage by which student organizations can increase their budgets from the previous year.

Student government Although the figure is usually around 5 percent, this year's deficit will limit the cap increase on organizations' budget growth to 3.6 percent.

While the budget itself will display slight monetary growth, Beckerdite said factors such as inflation hinder any "real growth."

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UF's energy bills rising

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UF will spend about \$6 million more on energy in 2006 due to increased fuel costs, a UF official said.

"We went into the year with deficits, and this is just exacerbating that situation," said Ed Poppell, UF vice president for Administrative Affairs.

Poppell said UF officials are evaluating where the \$6 million is going to come from. He said UF may have to delay projects and cut down on maintenance in order to pay this year's energy bill.

UF spent about \$28 million on energy in 2005. Poppell said hurricane damage contributed to higher energy costs last

year. Since 1948, UF has received its energy from Progress Energy Florida, a utility company based in St. Petersburg.



Poppell

In January, the Florida Public Service Commission, a state agency that regulates investor-owned utilities, allowed Progress Energy to raise a portion of its customers' bills to reflect the increased cost of fuel.

"We don't make any profit for fuel," Progress Energy spokesman C.J. Drake said. "What the customers pay for fuel is

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Gators win on Peck's 40th

After trespassing into their coach's office and spray-painting her car earlier in the day, the Gators gave Coach Carolyn Peck an even better birthday present at the O'Connell Center on Sunday.

UF defeated No. 19 Vanderbilt 73-59, outscoring the Commodores 47-25 in the second half, as the Gators celebrated Peck's 40th birthday in victorious fashion. See story, pg. 26.



■ The Collegiate Living Organization may be able to keep its doors open — if it passes one more test next week. See story, pg. 11.

■ St. Francis House residents dined in style Friday night at the buffet dinner hosted by members of SFCC's English department. See story, pg. 4.

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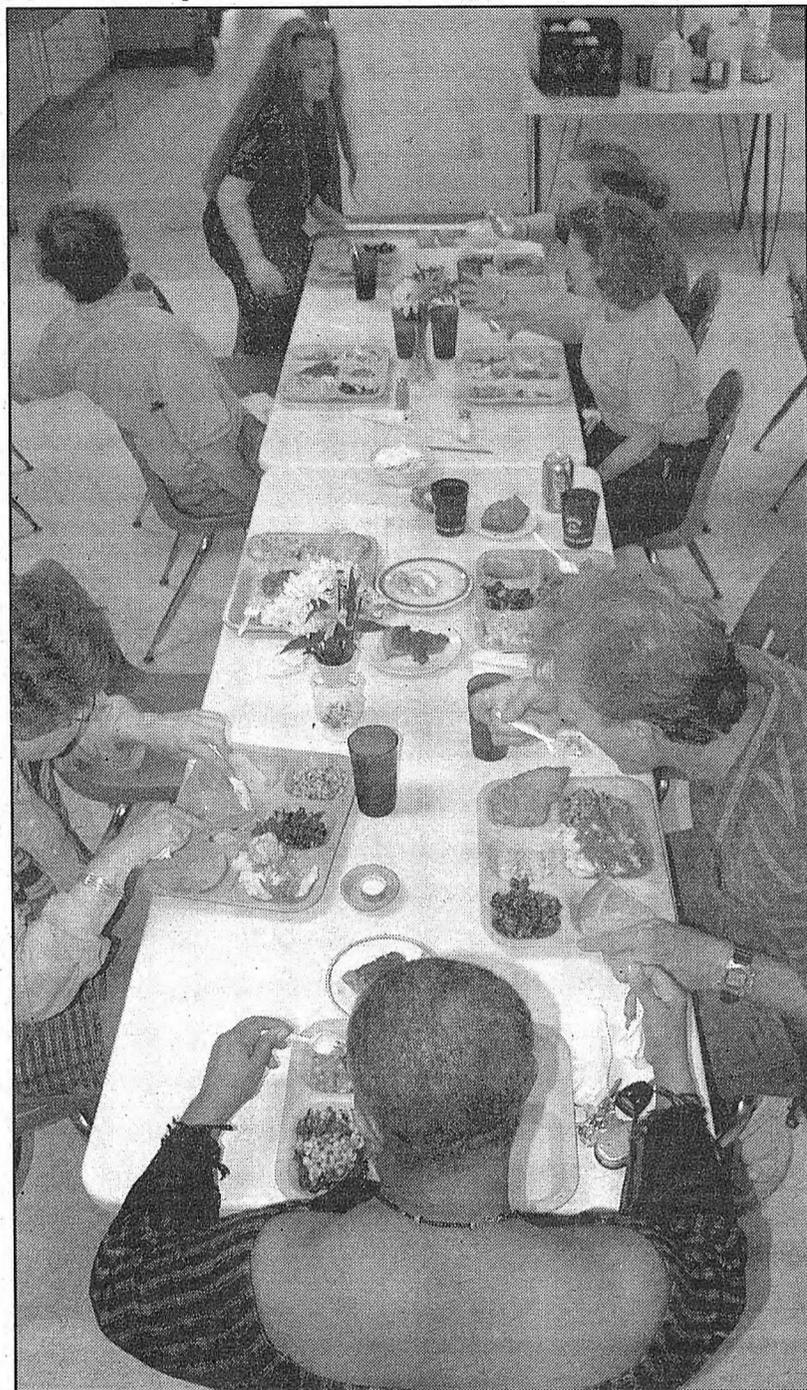
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Southern Hospitality

SFCC professors serve soul food at shelter



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Dr. Naana Banywa Horne, bottom, of the SFCC English department socializes with her colleges after cooking at the St. Francis House.

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With music playing, lit candles and carefully arranged flowers, you would think it was a romantic dinner for two.

In reality, it was a home-cooked meal for 35.

St. Francis House residents dined in style Friday night at the buffet dinner hosted by members of SFCC's English department.

The meal had a Southern theme complete with fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and, the hit of the night, the famous banana pudding of SFCC President Jackson Sasser's wife, Layne.

Pair soul food with soul music and you've got yourself a good time, as evidenced by one resident who was dancing to Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely."

"This was the best meal since Thanksgiving," said resident Wilbur Webb. "It reminds me of my grandmama's."

Webb, whose 59th birthday is this week, considered Friday night's meal to be his birthday dinner. He feels blessed to get a meal like this, he said.

The English department cooks dinner at the St. Francis House the third Friday of each month as part of SFCC's East Gainesville Initiative, a larger effort to enrich the community by helping the poor and homeless.

SFCC English professor Brendan Pieters has been volunteering at St. Francis House for six years.

"It's fun to bang around in the kitchen," he said. "I'm a little wet, hot and dirty, but I like it."

Pieters's English department has been cooking the monthly dinner at St. Francis House for 14 months.

They organize the details of the monthly meal via Evite, a party-planning Web site.

The English department has encouraged other SFCC departments to volunteer, and two members of the finance department helped out at Friday night's dinner.

Many St. Francis House residents await the monthly meal, which has a different theme every month.

This month's Southern theme included a soul mix made by Santa Fe High School sophomore Miranda Blanton.

"Coming here is like a reality check," Blanton said. "You learn not to take things for granted."

Fashion show a big success

By **JACQUELINE DAVISON**

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Caribbean flavors met song, dance and fashion through the Caribbean Student Association's annual Fashion and Talent show.

An audience of more than 1,000 poured into the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Friday night, leaving approximately 100 attendees left with no choice but to stand.

This year's event, titled "Reminiscing: Back to Basics," took a look at '80s and '90s fashion and music.

Event director La-Gayle Sailsman said she has been preparing since May for this event.

"It was stressful in the beginning, but it worked out wonderful," Sailsman said. "It was like a big party in the end. I lost my breath because I was partying, too."

The fashion show was divided into four "scenes" — casual, club, swimwear and carnival — with the talent acts performing in between.

The acts participating in the talent show were competing for \$400 in cash prizes and trophies.

Students came from the Florida A&M, Florida State University and University of Central Florida Caribbean Student Associations for the show.

Models wore clothes donated from The Oaks Mall, a Caribbean carnival in Miami and their own closets. Some of the clothes were sewn specifically for the event.

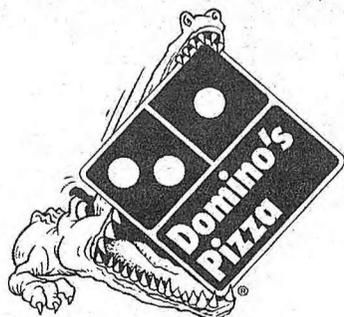
"We had two or three people sewing them up until last night," Sailsman said.

All of the participating teams were student groups, all from UF except for one from Florida Atlantic University. The winning team, Apocalypse, combined Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal" with Haitian dance.

Project Haiti, sponsored by Club Creole and the UF College of Medicine, was on hand collecting donations for its annual trip to Haiti to provide medical aid.

"Originally, what I had wanted to do was have a hurricane relief drive, but looking at a lot of companies that do it, you don't know where the money is going to go to," Sailsman said. "But this, it's a local organization, a fellow Caribbean group, and we know where the money is going to go."

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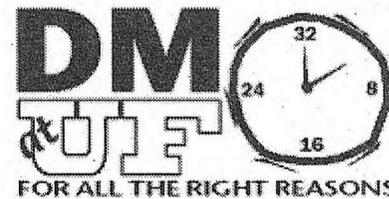
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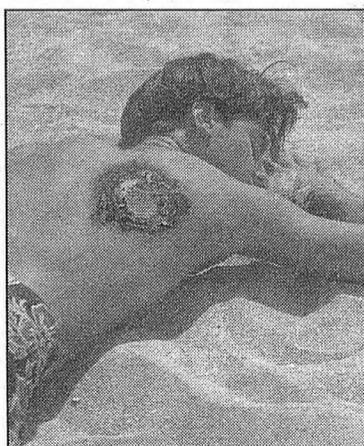
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Positive turnout at Rush

■ ABOUT 350 STUDENTS VISITED FRATS DURING RUSH.

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The Interfraternity Council wrapped up Spring Rush Week on Saturday night when 270 students accepted bids from 24 UF fraternities.

Brian Galgay, IFC vice president of membership, said an estimated 350 students visited houses throughout the week.

This year, the fraternities waited an extra week to start Rush, giving them more time to advertise and spread the word about recruitment.

"I'm definitely pleased with the process," Galgay said. "I had a goal of 300 to accept bids, but I didn't receive a complaint from any of the presidents."

Greek Life The rushees spent the week visiting different fraternity houses and meeting with some chapters who don't yet have a house.

This Spring recruitment proved highly successful for Pi Kappa Alpha.

The fraternity had 18 students accept bids, which was one of the largest amounts of all the fraternities.

Pike president Rob Wagner said he attributed their success to being more prepared than in the past.

"It was a lot more organized and a lot more planned," Wagner said.

Wagner said advertising at the on-campus Spring organizational fair and on Facebook.com helped increase their numbers.

UF freshman Johnny Ramirez, 20, accepted a bid from Pike. Ramirez originally went through Rush in Fall 2004, but he is in the Army and was deployed before he could join a fraternity.

When he came back this Spring, he decided to go through Rush again.

Ramirez said the second time around he was only interested in Pike.

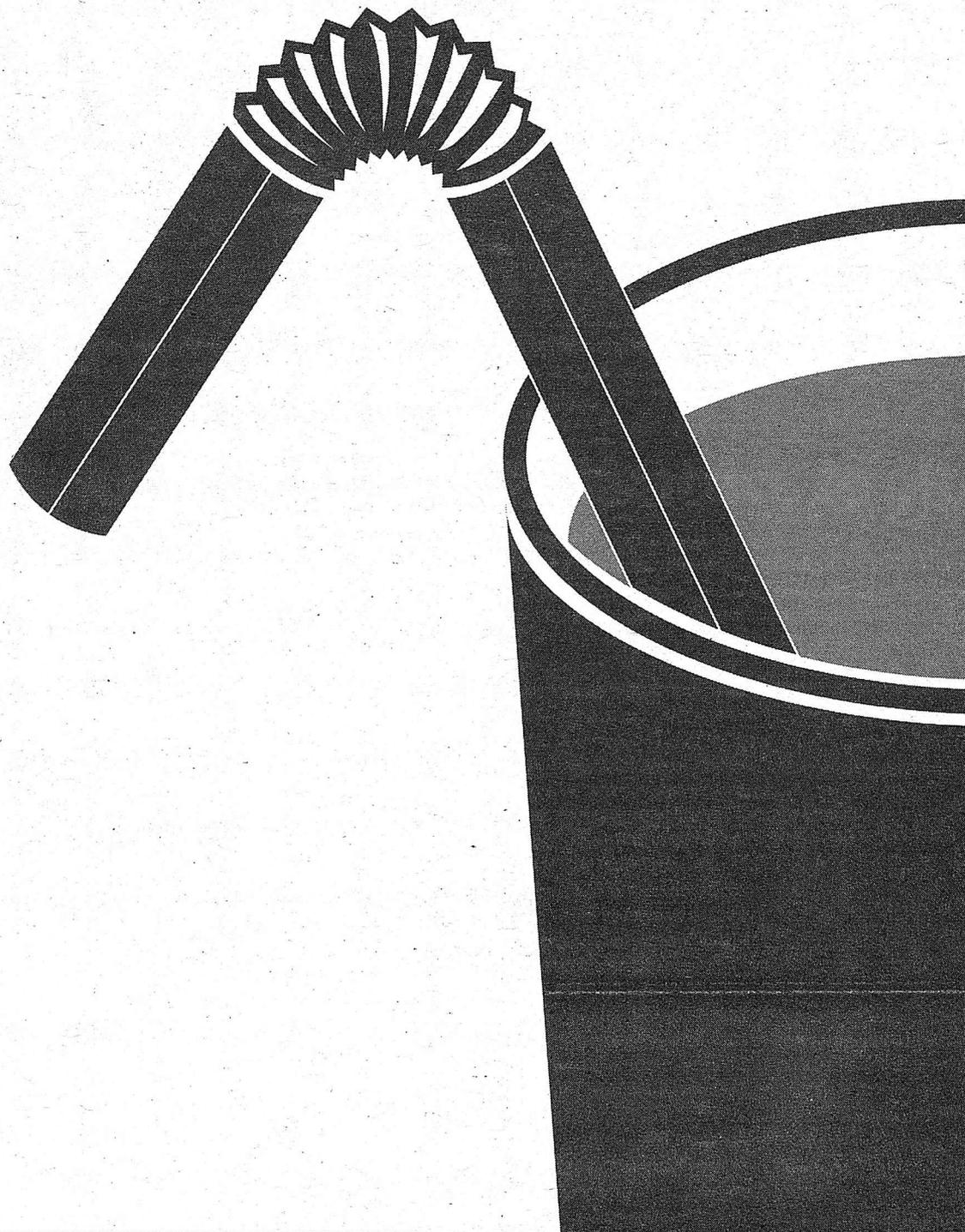
He said he chose Pike after "getting a feel for what they stand for, what they believe in and what they do."

After hearing about the principles the fraternity was founded upon, Ramirez said he knew he didn't need to visit any other houses.

Now, Ramirez and nearly 270 other UF students will begin the 10-week-long pledge process, which ends in March.

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Editorial

Rude welcome

Residents bemoan student neighbors

Some Gainesville residents are throwing a fit over their student neighbors.

At a joint Public Safety Committee and Community Development Committee meeting on Thursday, many aired their complaints.

"They are becoming active at the time I go to bed," said Mary Anne Gularte. She added that she now has to sleep in "a series of naps."

Many at the meeting proposed simply enforcing the existing city ordinances to help bring the students back in line.

They should have stopped to examine whether the ordinances should be enforced in the first place.

Maybe we can get behind noise ordinances. Nobody wants to be woken up in the middle of the night just because there's a party going on next door.

But some of the other regulations are more dubious. One prohibits parking on front lawns. Another allows only three or fewer unrelated people to live in areas zoned as single-family neighborhoods.

We don't think either of those issues is the city's business.

If students want to drive all over their front lawns and have 10 people living in one house, well, that's their decision. The government and busybody residents need to recognize when to butt out.

Other "solutions" to residents' problems were equally questionable. One proposal was to increase landlord permit costs, obviously in the hopes of having fewer students invading residents' neighborhoods.

We think that the higher costs would probably just encourage more students to pack into already crowded homes.

Another suggestion, made by City Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, was to encourage UF officials to "issue penalties to students based on off-campus violations."

Besides being wildly beyond the jurisdiction of the UF administration, it's difficult to imagine a more student-unfriendly policy. Such penalties would effectively punish students twice — once by police for the original infraction, and once by the university.

Discrimination against UF students isn't new, but it's rare that we see it promoted so openly.

City Attorney Marion Radson seemed to recognize the root of the problem. "There is no new campus housing," she noted. "So what is the result? There are more rental houses in our neighborhoods."

As the university continues to grow, we can expect more students to move into residential neighborhoods.

But we have to ask why this city is inherently unfriendly to students, especially when the university's growth could be a godsend for urban revitalization.

At a Gainesville City Commission forum on Tuesday, candidates argued persuasively for UF to expand its facilities eastward.

"UF is really the answer to East Gainesville because you need a strong anchor," said candidate Tony Domenech.

Revitalizing East Gainesville is a noble goal. However, making the city unlivable for students won't help.

Any growth for the university must be supported by growth in the student body.

And that means more students in more neighborhoods.

A recurring theme in Gainesville's historic narrative is the lack of student representation in the halls of power.

Students may be partly to blame for not getting involved. But we don't exactly see the City Commission reaching out to their underrepresented constituencies.

There were no students present at Thursday's meeting.

That didn't seem to slow anybody down.

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Guest column

New bin Laden tape signals progress

From CNN to Al Jazeera, the top headline in the War on Terror last week was "U.S. rejects bin Laden's truce offer." No kidding?

Did bin Laden, or the news media for that matter, think Bush was ready to negotiate?

In a new audiotape, the al-Qaeda chief offers a long-term truce if the U.S. military is withdrawn from Iraq and Afghanistan. He spends most of the tape claiming that insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan are winning the war against the U.S.-led coalition. He states that he believes a truce would be in everybody's best interest.

But there's something disingenuous about bin Laden's cockiness. Winners don't ask for truces. Chubby kids playing dodge ball ask for truces.

In November 2002, bin Laden wrote a comprehensive "letter to the American people" in which he didn't exactly call for a truce. He made a long list of grievances against Americans and claimed the chief solution was for everyone to convert to Islam.

Then he complained about our gambling and other immoral practices. He summed up his distaste for our nation by writing, "It is saddening to tell you that you are the worst civilization witnessed by the history of mankind."

In the new audiotape, bin Laden talks a lot less about the importance of jihad and has scaled down his demands dramatically. He doesn't have much to bargain with now, and he knows it.

Bin Laden keeps threatening to commit another Sept. 11-style tragedy in America but has consistently failed to do so. He mocks our security measures as ones that stomp on civil liberties. But he knows those same measures have made implementing another attack much more difficult.

And in Iraq, the insurgency is losing ground by the day. December's election results have come in, and Iraq's con-



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stitution has been ratified. A new legislature that is representative of the nation's diversity is being ushered in.

The Shiites have the biggest number of seats, but they don't have a majority. The Sunnis aren't throwing a fit about the results like so many doomsayers predicted. On Saturday, Sunni Arab politicians called for a government of national

unity.

Meanwhile, the reconstruction effort is being sourced to provincial teams that are better equipped to rebuild infrastructure faster.

A larger NATO role is expected in Afghanistan to wipe out the insurgency there before it gains strength. Afghan farmers are receiving help from coalition forces to grow new crops in place of opium.

It's good news for democracy and peace. It's bad news for the bad guys.

Bin Laden knows time is not on his side. The American people are growing more patient as the news gets better.

And now Osama wants a truce. White House spokesman Scott McClellan had a fitting response.

"We do not negotiate with terrorists," McClellan said. "We put them out of business."

We must be doing something right if bin Laden is offering to suspend his jihad.

Maybe it's time to stop calling the War on Terror an endless struggle.

Maybe the years remaining in this war are numbered after all.

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Reader response

Today's question: Is Gainesville unfriendly toward students?

Friday's question: Should physician-assisted suicide be legal?

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Letters to the Editor

No scandal in Cosimi un-resignation

I have found the coverage of Lindsay Cosimi's resignation and reappointment to be frustrating. It seems yesterday's letters to the editor are looking for a scandal that just is not there. There is no precedent and thus no tested procedure for handling a resignation. This paper is constantly berating SG for putting politics and procedure before students' best interest, but having anyone else in the position during budgeting for more than 400 student organizations would be a disservice to those groups. Cosimi has done a fantastic job for the past year and was re-elected unanimously in the Student Senate for a reason: She is the most qualified and best person to be Student Body treasurer.

Aimee Collins-Mandeville
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Cosimi cheated to maintain her office

Thank you for choosing to publish the article on the assistant treasurers not being informed of Lindsay Cosimi's plans. I'm glad the entire student body had the chance to read and find out about the actions of Treasurer Cosimi. She should not have been allowed to nominate herself for re-election. In the article, Freya Birdie, one of Cosimi's nominations for treasurer, stated that Cosimi kind of kept it as "take your role and make it what you will." Birdie's statement proves that Cosimi nominated herself and two unqualified candidates in order to purposely have herself re-elected. Cosimi once said she lives and dies for her position. This time I feel she cheated for her position.

Cosimi is responsible for training the assistant treasurers. If she still hasn't trained about half of them, as she claims in the arti-

cle, then she has not done her job. Even after the publishing of the article, Cosimi still has not responded to my e-mails and the message I left at the office. Her actions during the term, her resignation and her re-election are all unprofessional and unacceptable. She should re-resign and stay resigned. I feel that as long as she is in office, SG will only stand for Shady Government.

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Flag burning not a legitimate protest

It was with a strange curiosity that I read an article posted in the Wednesday edition of the Alligator that attempted to align flag burning with legitimate forms of protest such as boycotting and hunger strikes. As though this ridiculous argument was not misguided enough, the author, Mike Stephan, had the nerve to compare the desecration of the U.S. flag to the ceremonious act of retiring a flag as conducted by the Boy Scouts of America.

As an Eagle Scout, I want to inform the readers that any similarity simply does not exist. Boy Scouts fold and lower the flag into a fire. The sole purpose of the ceremony is to lay to rest a living symbol that is no longer fit to represent the United States of America. All those in attendance stand at attention, saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as specified by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

These solemn ceremonies are conducted with the utmost respect. There is no self-gratification through shock. The action isn't motivated by the desire to garnish attention for a cause.

Joe Bunker
3EG

Krishnas sell lunch without licensing

Last week, I was turned down for a plate of food at the daily Hare Krishna buffet.

One plate and drink are \$3. I offered two.

I thought the "\$3 donation" sign referred to the English definition of the word donation.

The Krishnas have ignored students and police who have informed them that selling food on UF's campus is illegal according to Florida law. The Krishnas are not licensed through Aramark, nor do they pay a sales commission to the school.

The president of the Krishnas told me I owe him \$1 and asked me to promise to bring it tomorrow.

Effectively, the Krishnas are selling food on UF's campus without a vendor's license. More importantly, they are not paying fees to UF as every other food vendor on campus does. UF needs to take proactive steps to assure the UF community they are objective in enforcing business rules on campus.

Furthermore, they need to assure the public they are not lazy and can follow the law.

Do the Krishnas even have a Florida food license that allows them to sell food to the public? Who knows? What we do know is that Tigert Hall officials have been long-time lazy on this matter.

David Gruskin
UF Alumnus

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Applicants should be judged on merit

I think the article "Students Petition Levin" is definitely not front-page news, if

you can even consider it news at all. I don't understand why people make such a big deal about minority enrollment in institutions, especially at the graduate level. Getting into law school is not a right. It's a privilege. If you are the most qualified applicant, you should get in. If you aren't, you shouldn't.

It's that simple.

What can the administration do? Accept under-qualified people so that some students will feel more comfortable sitting in the classroom? What are these students going to do if they get to court and everyone around them is Caucasian? The judge is not going to declare a mistrial just because there isn't anyone else there who looks like you.

Law school prepares students for the real world. In the real world, you don't always get to pick who sits down next to you.

I would be extremely surprised if very many students decided not to come here because of the low minority percentage. Students go to the best law school they can get into. UF has a very good law school.

I sat quiet when the controversy with the cartoon came out. I also sat quiet when the administration felt it necessary to invade my mailbox with messages on how it's necessary to promote diversity on campus.

But I am going to apply to law school within the next year. I love the University of Florida and I bleed orange and blue. I don't care if everyone else in my class is red, blue, green, purple or black.

If I get in, I'm going.

Stacy Rubel
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LGBT faces student opposition

By **ALEJANDRA CANCINO**

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UF's Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs Tamara Cohen is not worried about the students who spoke against LGBT at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Christina Miller and two other students told the Senate that LGBT Affairs was unnecessary and they did not want UF and the state to pay for it.

The LGBT activities budget comes from three different sources: \$2,000 are marked as educational and general operating expenses, which is money provided by the state; \$3,500 comes from concessions on campus, such as vending machines; and a little more than \$1,000 comes from the work-study program to pay for a student assistant, said Associate Dean of Students Mary Kay Schneider.

Miller, 19, a second-year accounting major and a resident assistant at Mallory Hall, said that in

the days after Tuesday's meeting, some students approached her to express support for her cause and told her they were afraid of reprisals if they agreed with her in public.

"As long as it is true that there is a big part of the population that hears comments and attempts to commit suicide, there exists the need to support and educate."

Tamara Cohen

UF's Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs

She also said LGBT created an atmosphere that closes discussion and creates discrimination against students of different religions and ideologies — "students who want to make moral choices within their lifestyle."

However, Cohen said she respects people with different

opinions, and as director of LGBT Affairs she was there to help students succeed academically and personally and to make sure they were not being harassed.

"We can open up dialogue," she said. "I'm interested in that as much as [Miller] is. We can find points of disagreements and talk about it."

Furthermore, Cohen said LGBT did not exist to take a political stand, but to educate.

"As long as it is true that there is a big part of the population that hears comments and attempts to commit suicide, there exists the need to support and educate," she said.

Pride Student Union President Adelle Fontanet said she was not worried about discrimination because there was a positive response to LGBT during the Senate meeting.

"We are a little frustrated because we thought that we were beyond that, but not too upset because Student Government supports LGBT," Fontanet said.

Club Creole has gala

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One student organization has turned its anniversary into an opportunity to help.

Club Creole celebrates 20 years at UF this week with a slew of events ranging from a pageant to a gala.

Money raised from the events will benefit Project Haiti.

A group of students travel each year to Haiti through the College of Medicine to provide medical relief.

"Of all the events that we have, I would say that the gala is the most significant," said Genevieve Estime, Club Creole president, at Friday's Caribbean Student Association

Fashion and Talent Show.

The gala takes place Jan. 28 at Holiday Inn West, 7417 Newberry Road.

Club Creole is also holding a picnic and soccer tournament at Kanapaha Park.

Following the gala is the "Kanaval" at the Unified Training Center,

809 W. University Ave. This event takes place on Jan.

28 from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The group is also putting together a benefit for the local YMCA, "CC Love Da Kidz," on Jan. 25.

For more information on Club Creole, a part of the Florida Haitian Student Association, visit <http://grove.ufl.edu/~creole>.

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Attire key for Career Showcase success

By **MELISSA SMILES**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Every semester, a sea of students in suits floods the Stephen C. O'Connell Center for the Career Showcase. The typical student carries dozens of resumés and sports a printed name tag.

But for many employers, what students wear could be just as important as their professional experiences and personality.

During the semi-annual Career Showcase on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the importance of dress is relative to different occupations. Non-technical fields generally put a greater emphasis on candidates' dress than technical fields.

"There are people I wouldn't even talk to based on how they were dressed," said Stacy Keene, a manager of Dillard's in The Oaks Mall. "If they didn't put in the effort, I didn't take them seriously."

Keene attended the Fall 2005 Career Showcase and will have a booth at this semester's event.

Keene recommends that women wear a dark three-piece suit, closed-toe shoes and a

conservative hairstyle. Men should wear a dark wool suit with a crisp, white or blue long-sleeved shirt, and the tie should have stripes or a conservative pattern.

"In retail, people are going to be judged on their appearance, and you need to look professional," Keene said.

However, Keene said dress is not the only factor in a strong first impression.

"Although dress is important, it is just as important to have a bright smile and a firm handshake," Keene said.

Students in technical fields may not need to be as concerned with wearing the right power tie.

Joel Howell, business development manager for Harris Corp., a communication systems and technologies company, said dress is the least important factor out of experience, personality and appearance.

Harris Corp. employees stand out at Career Showcase because while most companies come in company shirts or suits, Harris Corp.

employees wear Hawaiian shirts. Howell was at the Fall 2005 Career Showcase and will also be at the upcoming showcase.

"We choose to come with Hawaiian shirts to kind of show people the type of atmosphere that we have at Harris," Howell said.

He said Harris Corp. has a friendly, family-like atmosphere.

Experience and personality have become equally important in the past few years, and appearance is not as important to the engineering industry, Howell said.

"Think of a software genius that wants to work in a lab all day," Howell said. "Those people are so valuable to the industry, so it would be crazy to turn those folks away. People that care so much about their work don't usually care as much about their appearance."

Different companies have different cultures and expectations. Nadene Francis, assistant director of Public Relations for the Career Resource Center, suggests that students visit the Web sites of companies in which they are interested to get a sense of the

corporate culture.

"There might be a few employers that might count off, so I always recommend that you err on the side of conservative," Francis said. "Go with classic pieces."

Francis said samples of appropriate dress are on the Career Resource Center's Web site, www.crc.ufl.edu, and on display in the Career Resource Center Library in the Reitz Union.

Employers understand that not all students may have suits, she said. Those students should wear their best pants, dress or skirts.

"Wear what fits you, wear what you can afford and wear what you are comfortable in that is professional," Francis said.

For students that are interested in conservative corporate cultures, accessories may help polish a professional look.

"I think that power ties are probably fading," said William "Vince" Carnes, associate director for Operations Support at the Career Resource Center.

"I do think that a man needs something distinctive though, like a tie and a matching handkerchief. Since women can be more unique in their look, men need to create their own power tie."

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Author examines education gap

■ DAVID BROOKS SPEAKS AT UF ON TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

By ADRIANNA C. RODRIGUEZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

With Florida's low rankings in graduation rates, teacher pay and student reading levels, the College of Education sees plenty to do in the way of improving education.

The college kicks off its year-long centennial celebration with a discussion about the education gap in the United States by New York Times columnist David Brooks. He is scheduled to speak Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Emerson Alumni Hall.

Brooks, whose books include "On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense" and "BoBos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There," will address how race, poverty and gender differences affect education, a topic he has also addressed in his columns.

"It's not just for students," said Larry Lansford, director of news

and publications for the College of Education. "Anyone interested in education and educational reform will benefit from this talk."

The free event will also include a panel discussion with UF professors and local educators, a reception and book sale and signing at 8 p.m.

Lansford said many of the issues Brooks addresses in his columns parallel the issues addressed by students in the college, such as school improvement programs in disadvantaged schools.

He pointed to the Lastinger Center for Learning that, through its Florida Flagship Schools network of about 19 schools, works to help schools improve their grades. The grades are state rankings based primarily on students' scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, or FCAT.

Charles W. Duval Elementary School in Gainesville went from an F grade in 2002 to an A in 2003 and 2004 with the help of the Florida Flagship Schools network. In 2005, the school earned a grade of B. The school's principal, Leannetta

McNealy, will be a panelist at Tuesday's event.

Bernard Oliver, professor and director of the UF Alliance at the College of Education, which works with high poverty, low-performing high schools in the state, said he sees a renewed interest in reforming high schools and getting off the D and F list.

"Florida is not doing too well," Oliver said. "It's a really complex issue."

Oliver cited high drop-out rates, low graduation rates, poor teacher quality and an achievement gap between ethnicities as major problems plaguing high schools in Florida.

High schools need to get out of the 8 a.m.-to-3 p.m. mode and do more to connect students to college by offering college-credit courses, Oliver said.

While Oliver, who will also be a panelist, said he would wait to see what Brooks says as points for discussion in the panel, he hopes students will come away with an understanding of how race and culture impact teaching and learning.

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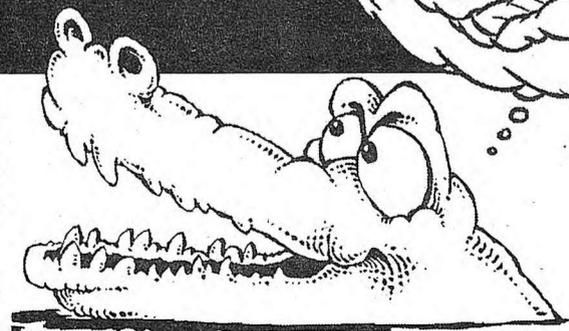
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Pending inspection to decide future of CLO house

■ THE LOW-RENT CO-OP WILL BE INSPECTED NEXT WEEK.

By **DAVID COHEN**

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The Collegiate Living Organization may be able to keep its doors open — if it passes one more test next week.

UF officials met with CLO residents Friday morning in Tigert Hall to discuss the future of the low-rent, co-op facility on

Northwest 15th Street, north of campus.

At the meeting, it was decided that UF will reinspect the facility next week for fire and health hazards. If the CLO passes the inspection, it will not close on March 17, which UF officials had originally planned on.

Officials and residents will meet again March 1 to discuss a court date if the assessment is successful. Neither party said they knew what would happen if CLO doesn't pass the inspection.

UF's November inspection

concluded that the CLO facility was unlivable. The report cited a dangerous kitchen, problematic plumbing and fire-safety issues.

Former CLO President John Jasinski said he hopes to go to court with UF — not against it.

"I think everyone realizes that this is going to have to be resolved by the court," he said. "I love my university. We want to go holding hands."

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dave Kratzer said

some of the pressure has been taken off the situation.

"I think we got everybody to talk to each other, which always helps," he said.

Jasinski said the CLO wants to release UF from the trust deed it has held with them since 1947 and find a new trustee.

CLO Public Relations Officer Sarah Luffman said she feels the organization's main university adviser, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Mike Rollo, is bent on ending the CLO's future soon.

"It just didn't seem that he was

willing to work with us," she said of Rollo's demeanor at the meeting. "He still seems to have it in his mind that CLO is going to be closing March 17. He didn't have the same mindset. Everyone else seemed much more objective."

Rollo said last week that co-op living environments "just don't work well today."

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said closed-mindedness is uncharacteristic of Rollo.

"He's not like that," Orlando said. "He's very willing to help and find a solution."

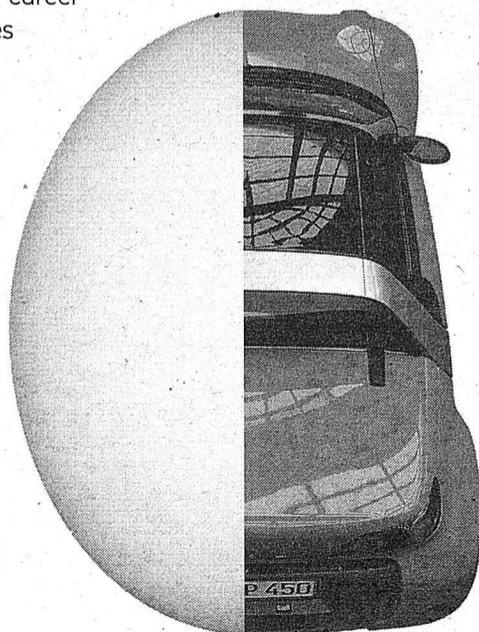
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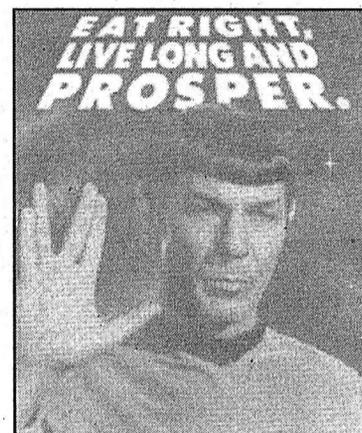


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STUDENT LIFE

Forest Ridge homeowners call for strict regulations

By **NICK PATRICK**
Alligator Writer

While some Gainesville residents are tired of noisy students and over-occupied homes, some students feel they are being targeted by residents who want to drive them out.

A group of residents called for stricter city code enforcement at a joint Public Safety Committee and Community Development Committee meeting on Thursday.

At the meeting, residents complained about students' late-night parties, homes being over-occupied and other code violations.

"I don't object at students living in my neighborhood, but I do object at the daily activity occurring across the street from me," Forest Ridge resident Jodi Gentry said at the Thursday meeting.

Several students living in Forest Ridge, located about a mile north of UF's Levin College

of Law, feel some older residents are on a campaign to keep them out.

"They didn't like us from the start," said Brett Selby, a UF sophomore who moved into Forest Ridge last August. "People will walk by and make a point not to look at us or talk to us."

Selby, 20, said he and his roommates have not done anything to warrant cold shoulders or stricter city codes.

"There aren't any crazy parties," he said. "It isn't a frat house."

Selby and his roommates have a good relationship with everyone living close to them, which makes it confusing why others in the community would be upset, he said.

"It's strange that they're mad when our immediate neighbors don't have a problem," Selby said.

This is true according to Selby's neighbor, Anita Campbell, who said she has no prob-

"They're not loud, not crazy.
They're fine. Good neighbors."

Anita Campbell
Gainesville resident

lems with the students who live in Forest Ridge.

"They're not loud, not crazy," Campbell said. "They're fine. Good neighbors."

The hostility toward student residents was evident at a recent neighborhood association meeting, said 19-year-old SFCC sophomore Justin Widmaier.

"We found out about it accidentally," said Widmaier, adding that several other students did not receive notice of the meeting.

During the meeting, residents discussed how to make city codes tougher on students, he said.

Some of the codes residents want strengthened include those regarding noise violations, over-occupied homes and parking limits.

"They said they want Gainesville to be known for its code enforcement like Waldo is known for its speed traps," Widmaier said.

One student said he was accosted while walking down a street near his house.

"A guy pulled up and asked where I was going," UF junior Brian Bahn said. "I didn't feel like I had to tell him, so he threatened to call the cops."

The man waited in front of Bahn's house until he went inside, he said.

"We're the devil, and they want us out," Bahn said.

Students often receive paperwork about regulations and complaints, he said.

"I could have a forest of papers they've left for me," Bahn said. "It's a lot of work over nothing."



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Up, up and away

As the afternoon light fades over Squirrel Ridge Park in Williston, 7-year-old Xander Rüssum takes his final jump from the swingset to go home for the evening.

UF to pay more for power bills

ENERGY, from page 1

what we pay for fuel."

Unlike city-owned Gainesville Regional Utilities, which can adjust its rates monthly, Progress Energy is allowed to adjust its rates no more than twice a year.

Drake said the \$6 million is a rough estimate since that number is dependent on UF's energy consumption in 2006.

Poppell said UF is always looking for ways to conserve energy. He mentioned that every other fluorescent light bulb was taken out in many UF hallways.

"We hope it will save \$90,000 each year," Poppell said.

But he added that is not a huge difference relative to the projected \$6-million increase.

"Your big energy costs are in heating and cooling, and there's only so much you can do with that," Poppell said.

He said the buildings must remain cool enough so humidity doesn't damage the structure.

But Drake said UF could regain all of the \$6 million by making the campus more energy efficient.

On Wednesday, officials from Energy Systems Group, a subdivision of Progress Energy, presented ways UF can conserve energy and decrease its bill.

The company presented UF Physical Plant Division officials with energy-saving tips after completing a study on five campus buildings, said Eric Cochran, associate director of the Physical Plant.

"One of the items was behavioral modification — turn off the lights and such," Cochran said. "They also said to go back into the air-conditioning machinery to see if they are operating as efficiently as they were designed. It's kind of like a tune-up on a car."

Cochran said Energy Systems Group suggested that UF build a waste-energy plant where tree limbs, paper and other refuse could be used to create steam for heating and cooling.

Since the cost of natural gas is spiking, Progress Energy is looking for ways to rely more on other energy sources, Drake said.

"We want UF to know that we're doing everything we can to mitigate the impact of these increases," Drake said.

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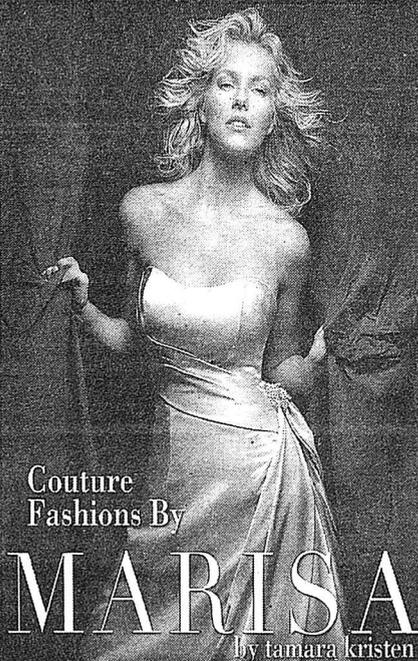
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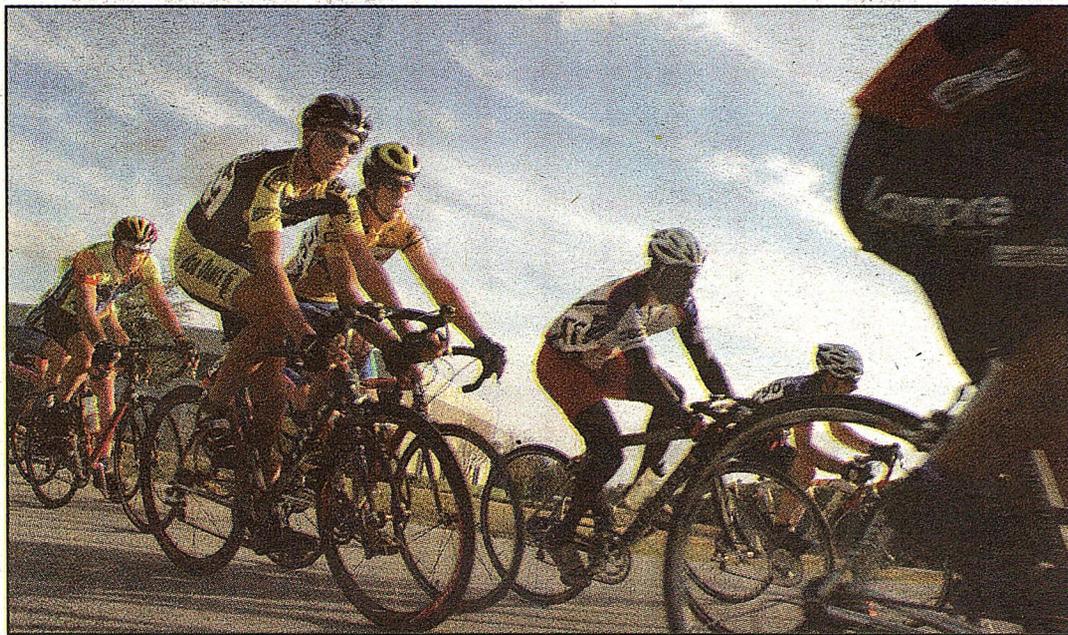


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Miners push reform

MINERS ARE PUSHING FOR REFORMS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE INDUSTRY. THE NATIONAL MINERS UNION HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ADVOCATING FOR STRicter regulations and better working conditions. The industry has responded with various measures to address these concerns, including increased safety training and investment in new technology. However, the union remains concerned that these efforts are not going far enough to protect the health and safety of miners.

No. 1 ranking not a priority

HOOPS, from page 1

But Brewer, who scored 20 points despite suffering an ankle injury midway through the first half, slung a pass intended to give Noah a game-clinching layup into the chest of Chris Lofton.

Lofton then lobbed a half-court outlet pass to teammate Dane Bradshaw for the game-winning basket. With one last gasp for UF, heavily heckled Tennessee native Lee Humphrey launched an errant 3-pointer to an onslaught of boos.

Lofton grabbed the rebound, was fouled and sank two free throws to secure the victory.

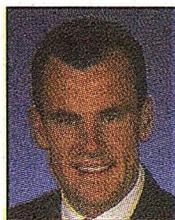
“I never ever talk about winning and losing with them,” Donovan said after the game. “I never talk about SEC championships. I never talk about a national championship. All I talk about is us being the best we can be. And to me, if we become the best we can be, to me that’s more valuable than a ranking or winning.”

Though some UF players didn’t watch Duke’s 87-84 loss to Georgetown Saturday afternoon, they all were aware that the Blue Devils had fallen, and realized their opportunity to ascend to the peak of the national polls after starting the season unranked.

“I mean, we had it in the back of our minds,” point guard Taurean Green said. “But we knew we had a tough game coming up, and we just had to focus on the game.”

Donovan insisted an undefeated record and a No. 1 ranking was never a priority and said the Gators will rebound from the loss.

“I said this before — and people think I’m nuts, and it’s not true — but today they weren’t 17-0,” Donovan said. “We were 0-0. Today was a new season; Wednesday at South Carolina starts a new season ... That’s the way you’ve got to approach it, because I think it allows you to keep some kind of a level playing field emotionally.”



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Billy Donovan
UF men’s basketball coach

Cuts to hit budget of ‘Big Three’

DEFICIT, from page 1

Beckerdite added that the Legislature is to blame for the deficit, because it limits all tuition-linked fees — which include Health and Athletic fees — to a yearly increase of 5 percent.

However, many SG-funded organizations said the unusually low percentage increase will not affect their programming.

Organizations must face at least two rounds of budget hearings, the first of which occurred this weekend.

Yarkin Ulku, treasurer of Volunteers for International Student Affairs, said this year’s cap increase still left more than enough money to cover his organization’s activities for the upcoming year.

He also said each of VISA’s 14 active umbrella groups, such as the Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, are expected to have enough funding for next year.

“Everyone got what they wanted, pretty much,” Ulku said.

Hispanic Student Association President Jessica Klahr concurred, saying that as long as organizational budgets are allowed an increase, HSA will be able to continue with its planned activities.

In order for student organizations to continue growing and functioning through the upcoming year, Beckerdite said, a 3.6 percent increase to this year’s budget is necessary.

“It’s not as large an increase as we wanted, but I don’t think it will hurt programming too much,” said Kshama Shah, treasurer of the Asian American Student Union.

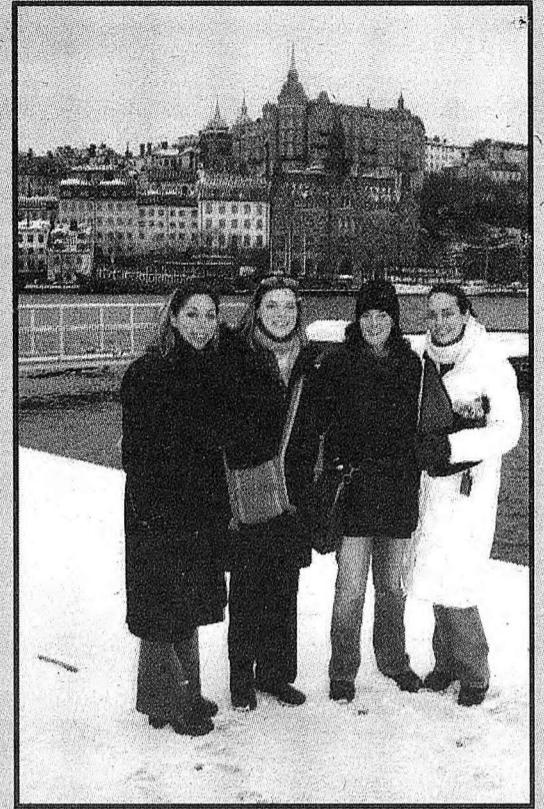
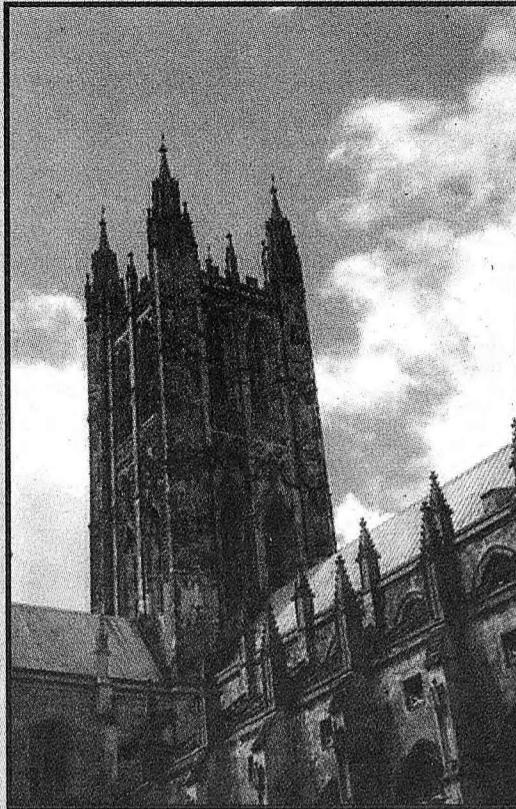
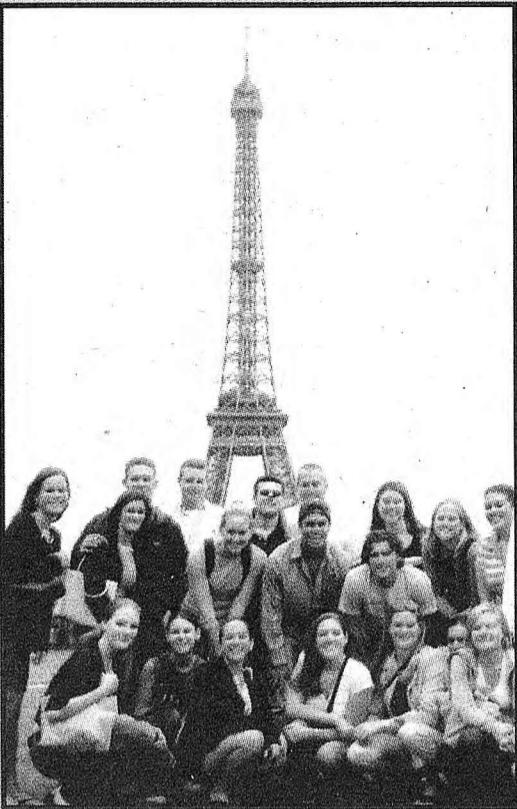
Beckerdite emphasized that the 3.6 percent cap on budget increases will not cover the \$309,000 deficit.

The Reitz Union, Recreational Sports and SG — which are known as the “Big Three” — will compensate for most of the costs.

The Big Three budget was created last Summer at initial budget hearings.

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 2. How many times have the New York Yankees won 100-plus games during a regular season, only to fail to reach the World Series?
 3. Name the last season that the Indiana Hoosiers football team went to a bowl game.
 4. Who has won the most NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player awards?
 5. Did legendary superstar Wayne Gretzky tally a goal in his first NHL game?
 6. Who was the first NASCAR driver to finish in the top five in points in both the Cup and Busch series in the same year?
 7. Entering 2006, how many Grand Slam tennis singles titles had Venus Williams won?

- Answers**
1. Varitek (No. 33).
 2. Four times — 1954, 1980, 2002 and 2004.
 3. It was 1993.
 4. Bob Pettit of St. Louis (1956, 1958, co-MVP in 1959, and 1962).
 5. No, but he did have an assist in Edmonton's loss to Chicago.
 6. Carl Edwards in 2005 (third in Nextel Cup, third in Busch Series).
 7. Five — three Wimbledons (2000, '01, '05) and two U.S. Opens (2000, '01).

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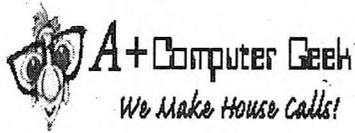
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No. 2 Auburn clinches win in final strokes of meet

By **RACHEL ROBINS**
Alligator Writer

Both teams knew the 400-yard freestyle relay would determine the winner.

An impromptu timeout before the race started a cheer-off among the swimmers.

"I have never been more proud to be a Florida Gator than I was today," said senior Brian Hartley, who swam anchor in the relay.

Even though the Gators trailed when Hartley jumped into the water, he thought he still had a shot. It just was not meant to be.

"Basically, he's a sprinter, and I am not," Hartley said about the race's final leg.

The No. 7 UF men's swimming team ended the relay in third place and lost to No. 2 Auburn by 4 points.

UF coach Gregg Troy knew the Gators had to swim flawless in order to win the final relay and the meet.

"We knew we had to put it away before the last relay because they have so many great swimmers," Troy said. "I can't complain, though. I thought the weekend was good overall, and it was a little disappointing to not bring this one home. We had a chance to put them away and just ran out of juice."

The No. 7 men's (8-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) loss was the seventh consecutive to the Tigers, while the No. 4 UF women's team (9-2, 4-2 SEC) have not beaten Auburn since 1994, after losing 178-120 to the Tigers.

The Gators came into Saturday's meet after defeating Alabama on Friday.

Under specific instructions from Troy, UF sophomore Grant Johnson defeated Alabama's Mark Randall in the 500 free, helping the Gators to a 178-97 win against the Crimson Tide.

Troy told Johnson to take Randall down in the last 150 yards of the middle-distance race. Besides defeating one of Alabama's best distance swimmers, Johnson also knocked 9 seconds off of his previous time in the event for an NCAA provisional B time.

Johnson called the race a big confidence-booster.

"I just wanted to lay it all on the line and just race," Johnson said.

In a two-team meet, the UF women's team defeated Alabama 79-60 and Arkansas 91-42.

Despite following with a loss to Auburn, Saturday's was a successful meet for one UF swimmer. Jamie Reid won the 200 backstroke

with a time of 1:57.71, automatically qualifying her for the NCAA meet in March.

And in spite of the loss to the Tigers, many UF swimmers are already looking ahead to a post-season rematch.

"It's going to be a dog fight at SECs and NAAs," Hartley said. "This is just round one out of three."



Kristin Nichols / Alligator

Senior Elliott Meena swims for the Gators against Alabama on Friday at the O'Connell Center. The UF men's team defeated the Crimson Tide 178-97 but fell to No. 2 Auburn 152-148 on Saturday for its seventh consecutive loss to the Tigers.

Gators look to improve in 2006

By **BRIAN STEELE**
Alligator Writer

The UF softball team will not play its first official game for more than two weeks.

However, that does not mean the Gators will not have game experience.

"We're putting our team in as many game-like situations as we possible can," head Coach Tim Walton said. "Our goal is to work on everything that can happen in a seven-inning game of softball to prepare us to win a championship. I want to put as much pressure on the team as we can."

After being hired last June to replace former coach Karen Johns, Walton looks to reshape a program that had a disappointing end to last year losing both their regional games at home. After taking Wichita State to their first NCAA tournament in 16 years, Walton began to gain national recognition as one of the top young coaches in the nation. Now it will be Walton's job to do the same in Gainesville.

With that disappointing finish, many other teams are somewhat doubting the Gators, as they

were picked to finish third in the Southeastern Conference East Division by the league's coaches. UF received only one first-place vote. Alabama led the West Division polling with seven first-place votes.

"Our goal is to work on everything that can happen in a seven-inning game of softball to prepare us to win a championship. I want to put as much pressure on the team as we can."

Coach Tim Walton
UF softball coach

Apparently none of the league's coaches talked to senior All-SEC outfielder Lindsey Cameron.

"You guys can expect great things because we're really going to do it this year," the senior said. "Coach Walton is amazing. He knows everything about the game and more. He's done wonders. Nobody can see yet, but you will when we step out on the field."

Still, if UF is to progress as hoped, having another late-season collapse is not an option. The Gators lost 11

of their final 16 games last year, including a seven-game losing streak. In six of the seven losses during the streak, UF lost by an average of two runs per game.

As a senior leader, Cameron knows that the Gators must learn to win the closer games. If they do not, then the players may see a repeat of last season's disappointment.

"If things go wrong, you just try not to panic, and if everyone lets it go and moves forward that's all you can do," she said. "You can't keep looking and playing in the past because that's not going to get you anywhere. We've had a great fall and have worked the hardest we ever have."

Working hard is certainly one thing that the players and coach agree on.

"We are going to outwork our opponent," said Walton. "That is the first and foremost goal. Every opportunity we're going to work and work, not only in the field, but in the classroom as well. Be a good person, a good student, and a good athlete."

UF will begin its season Feb. 10 in the Houston Tournament against Kansas.

UF grabs six bids

■ JUNIOR JUMPER MIKE MORRISON LEADS MEN'S TRACK TEAM AT GATOR INVITATIONAL

By **ALEX WEINTRAUB**
Alligator Writer

The UF men's and women's track and field teams participated in the annual Gator Invitational on Saturday at the O'Connell Center against teams from throughout the South, including intrastate rivals Florida State, Florida International, Jacksonville, and Florida A&M.

The men's team picked up one automatic bid and two provisional bids. The women's team received three provisional bids by the end of the meet. Leading the men, junior Mike Morrison received an NCAA automatic mark in the high jump and added another in the long jump. The team's other provisional bid came from senior Shane Stroup, who clocked in at 4 minutes, 2.84 seconds in the mile.

"We were looking for commitment from our athletes, and they stepped up and competed better than they did last week," said UF men's coach Mike Holloway. "Today, we took some big steps in the right direction."

The women's team received provisional bids from seniors Rachel Longfors and Jen Wynn in the weight throw. Walk-on junior Candace Cabey received the other provisional bid for the women's team in the triple jump. It was Cabey's first provisional bid since joining the team.

"Our 4x400-meter relay team did a great job of holding their own. I was also pleased with our weight throwers and mile runners," UF women's coach Tom Jones said. "We need to get mentally tougher. Our team still has a long way to go, but we should be a very good team by the end of the year."

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UF ROUNDUP

'Bama defeats UF after poll shakeup

■ MEN'S TENNIS FINISHES COMPETITION EARLY AT SEC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

STAFF REPORT

The Gators entered Friday's match with a different ranking than they started the week with after a change in the tracking of the NCAA women's gymnastics rankings.

Rather than relying on polls and the previous meet's scores like many other collegiate sports, the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women voted to change the system last year, effective this season.

The new system bases a team's rankings for the first seven weeks of the season on its average score. After week seven, the rankings switch back to regional qualifying scores, which are based on a team's six best regular-season and all-around scores.

So the Gators prepared for what they thought was a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown, but marched onto the floor with a much less-trumpeted No. 8 ranking against No. 4 Alabama.

UF coach Rhonda Faehn, however, has constantly stressed to ignore rankings and scores altogether this season, so there was no change in the Gators' plan.

With both teams still in the top 10, the Gators turned in a solid effort Friday night in Tuscaloosa, Ala., but couldn't come out with a victory against Alabama.

The Tide pulled away from the Gators during the first three rotations, then held its position after closing with the more comfortable floor routine, winning 195.775-194.625.

The Gators had to count their first falls of the season, one on the uneven bars, the other on the balance beam. The Gators scored a 9.800 or greater 10 times between the four events, however.

Freshman Corey Hartung was the only gymnast participating in the all-around, winning the title with a score of 38.575.

The Gators (4-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) face No. 1 Georgia (3-0, 1-0 SEC) Friday at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center in Gainesville.

Georgia, ranked No. 1 in a preseason coaches' poll, has found itself at the top of the rankings again after the implementation of the new ranking system.

MEN'S TENNIS FINISHES SEC INDOOR: The UF men's tennis team wrapped up play a day early at the Southeastern Conference Indoor Tennis Championships in Lexington, Ky., on Sunday. Due to travel conflicts, sophomore Nestor Briceno will not play Monday's final against Auburn's Alex Schweizer.

Briceno advanced to the finals despite playing just one match Sunday, the consolation quarterfinals. After defeating Auburn's Pawel Dilaj 7-6 (2), 6-4, he moved on to the finals after Mississippi's Bram ten Berge withdrew due to injury.

Briceno defeated Louisiana State's Mark Growcott 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 on Saturday in the consolation second round, UF's only singles win of the day. Junior All-American Janne Holmia and senior Ryan Sherry both fell out of the tournament on Saturday. Holmia ran into No. 1 seed John Isner of Georgia and fell 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Sherry took on the No. 2 seed, Georgia's Strahinja Bobusic, and lost 6-0, 6-1.

Gators win for Peck's birthday

By NICK ZACCARDI
Alligator Staff Writer

They graffitied her car and trespassed into her office, but Carolyn Peck was all smiles when talking about her team on her 40th birthday.

That's because the Gators defeated her alma mater.

Hours after stuffing Peck's office with 200 balloons, a tiara and a sash and spray-painting Peck's SUV with the words "Carolyn Peck, forty and fine," the UF women's basketball team presented the fourth-year coach

with a win.

The Gators (15-3, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) outscored No. 19 Vanderbilt 47-25 in the second half and cruised to a 73-59 victory Sunday at the O'Connell Center.

"My team gave me a great birthday present and made today very special from early this morning and all the way through the game today," Peck said.

Thanks to a second-half burst, Peck can proudly wear the tiara and sash.

Trailing 34-26 at the half, the Gators came to life after shooting

a paltry 25 percent from the field in the first frame.

"In the locker room, we just talked about what we could take advantage of," Peck said. "We were sliding into the spots and matching up with Vanderbilt's defense, and we wanted to do a better job cutting into holes."

In the first 2 minutes, 11 seconds, guards Danielle Santos and Sha Brooks hit two shots each, putting UF in front 35-34.

Brooks, the team's third-highest scorer, had not made a basket in the last two games, going 0 for 16 from the field until making a layup 33 seconds into the second half.

"Offensively, she's carried us for a number of games, and I think she was feeling that pressure," Peck said. "Now, with the rest of her team being able to step up, just for her to be able to contribute what she can and to get going early, I think was good for her."

The bench made the biggest contribution against the Commodores.

Led by Kim Dye's career-high 15 points (all from 3-pointers), UF made six 3-pointers and shot 57.7 percent in the second half.

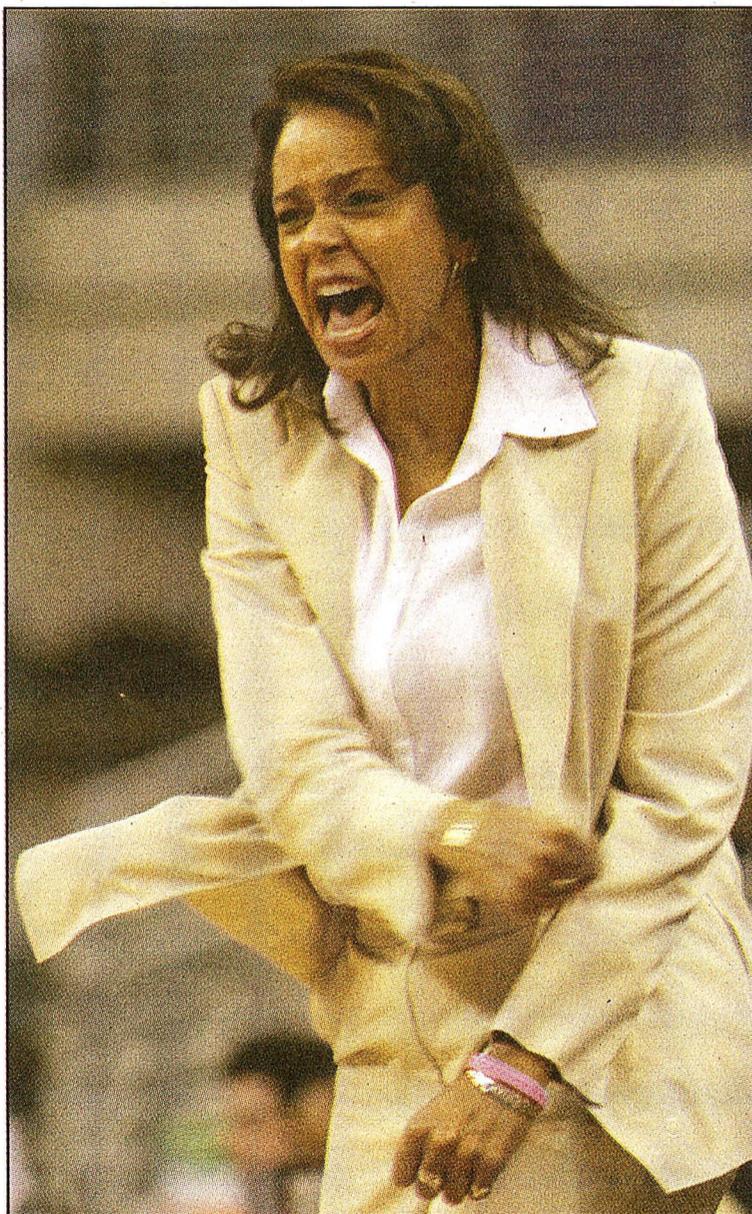
"It's been a while [since I've felt like this in a game]," Dye said. "I think all of us as a team had some pretty bad luck against Ole Miss. We had good, open shots; they just weren't falling. I think tonight we all stepped up and hit big shots that we needed to hit."

Reserve forward Marshae Dotson finished with a team- and career-high 17 points as the UF bench outscored Vanderbilt's 34-17.

"[Dye]'s ability to shoot the three as well as Marshae working inside and being able to power up and get herself to the free-throw line I think really helped the momentum to swing our way in the second half," Peck said.

UF picked up its second win over a top-25 team and moved into fourth place in the SEC standings. A road contest at third-place Arkansas looms Thursday.

"I think it's a confidence booster for our team," Peck said. "The thing that we don't want to do is get too high off one win and lose sight of we still have plenty more games to play."



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Coach Carolyn Peck celebrates after the Gators score against Vanderbilt on Sunday. The Gators then celebrated Peck's birthday.

Mularkey returns home for Dolphins assistant coach job

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All-American Notre Dame verbal commitment visits UF over the weekend

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and blue this fall, said Rivals.com recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree.

"Well, I think [UF] would like to add maybe one more running back and another offensive lineman or two," Crabtree said. "I mean, this class is very skill-heavy, so there is no question they would maybe like to add just a little bit more depth at those positions."

"Right now, it is looking like just whatever is best on the board. Running back seems to be one of the positions. They would like to go out there and maybe nail down another defensive back in this class."

The Gators could fill one of their remaining three

spots with a surprise prospect. All-American cornerback Raeshon McNeil has been a Notre Dame verbal commitment since August, but unexpectedly took an official visit to UF during the weekend.

"If you make a visit, then yeah, you are definitely interested," Crabtree said. "There is no question. I am sure those guys that were at the All-American game talked up Florida quite a bit. This kid is one of the better corners in the country, and if Florida offered him a scholarship, it wouldn't shock me to maybe see him make a change of heart."

Running back Mon Williams, long considered a lock for the Gators, has yet to officially commit. There is some speculation that the Gators may be trying to hold out for elite running back prospect C.J. Spiller.

"Mon doesn't have the grades, either, at this point, so it

might not matter, no matter what happens," Crabtree said. "Mon needs to work on his academics first and foremost before he can wind up anywhere."

Another spot could free up if wide receiver Damon McDaniel decides to jump ship. McDaniel, who verbally committed to the Gators alongside teammate Percy Harvin in December, has reportedly scheduled an official visit with Florida State, set for January 27. The logjam of verbal commitments at the wide receiver position may have made McDaniel a bit uneasy about his future at UF, Crabtree said.

"Even though Florida will operate with four or five receivers on every single play, any time you have a tremendous amount of kids committed to you at one position, it just makes it easier for other teams to recruit the kids," Crabtree said.

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as impeccable. Blessed with five unselfish starters and a couple of bodies off the bench, experts called the Gators the deepest Billy Donovan team in years. Scratch that.

Without Brewer, you saw that the Gators, minus any of their starters, are incomplete.

Take away Brewer and their heart is gone. Lose Taurean Green and they have lost their legitimate ball-handler and leader.

Play without Horford and the paint anchor is no more. And just try defending a team and scoring hustle points without Joakim Noah. Need 3-pointers? No Lee Humphrey, no long-range proficiency.

Still, Brewer would have preferred this discussion not take place. So he did the unthinkable.

Just minutes after the Volunteers band played the "Gladiator" theme, Brewer became Maximus and returned to the court. Nursing his debilitating wound, he snatched a defensive rebound and set himself up for a swished 3-pointer.

Seconds later, he grabbed another board, segueing it into a Taurean Green 3-ball.

He played after snapping his ankle harder than a glow stick.

He scored 8 points through an injury that looked worse than anything the Mayo Clinic could tackle.

There he was, in agony, limping from one end of the court to the other.

But there was only so much Brewer could do.

Like scoring a blind, twisting reverse

layup to tie the score at 68. Like taking charge of the offense with one leg, drawing a foul and sinking two free throws to knot the score at 76.

But even Superman has his kryptonite. One layup away from winning the game, Brewer threw Noah an alley-oop. Maybe Brewer didn't spot Tennessee's Chris Lofton. Or perhaps his legs could carry him no further. Regardless, his pass to Noah was vacuumed in by Lofton. Game over.

Question is - did the Gators lose more than their first game Saturday night?

Don't be shocked if UF announces today that Brewer suffered a fracture. Regardless, it's doubtful he will be the same Brewer any time soon.

The same can be said about the Gators, a team finally exposed.

Against Tennessee, you saw what will happen when they play a solid team minus one of their starters.

With Brewer playing healthy during the first half, the Gators shot 60 percent and Tennessee 36 percent.

With Brewer injured after halftime, UF shot 44 percent and the Volunteers 49 percent.

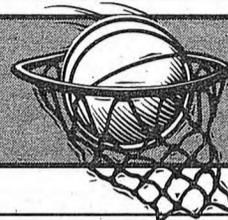
As for the bench? It is tailor-made for resting tired starters and spelling foul-ridden players. Walter Hodge and David Huertas are neither ready nor capable of playing 25-plus minutes a game. And Adrian Moss cannot be expected to bang with Southeastern Conference giants all game long should Horford or Noah go down.

Despite the gut-wrenching loss, the Gators are still capable of rebounding and making it to the Sweet 16.

But only with all five gladiators on the floor.

HOT SHOTS

WEEK 2



Editor's Note: Beginning with the start of the SEC season, the alligatorSports staff will vote on the top UF basketball performances of the week. At the end of the season, the player with the most combined points will earn the title of alligatorSports Player of the Year.



1

Despite averaging only 22 minutes per game, Brewer again put up Corey-like stats against Savannah State and Tennessee. The Portland, Tenn., native played through a severely sprained ankle suffered in the first half against the Volunteers but still paced the Gators in points and rebounds.

Week 2 Stats: 15.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 3.5 apg

Corey Brewer, SF, So



2

The No. 5 blocker in the Southeastern Conference averaging 2.06 blocks per game, Horford padded his stats against lowly Savannah State with a season-high six swats, then denied another four, his second-best tally of the season, in Knoxville, TN.

Week 2 Stats: 10 ppg, 9 rpg, 5 bpg

Al Horford, F, So.



3

Noah ranks one spot above Horford in SEC blocking statistics, but the New Yorker's scoring has been lauded the most this season. Shooting a shade under 67 percent from the field for the year, Noah again led the Gators' scoring attack last week. Since the beginning of December, Noah has reached double figures in 10 of 12 games.

Week 2 Stats: 16 ppg, 7 rpg, 3.5 bpg

Joakim Noah, F, So.

LEADER BOARD: 1. Corey Brewer / Taurean Green (5 pts) 2. Al Horford / Joakim Noah (4 pts)

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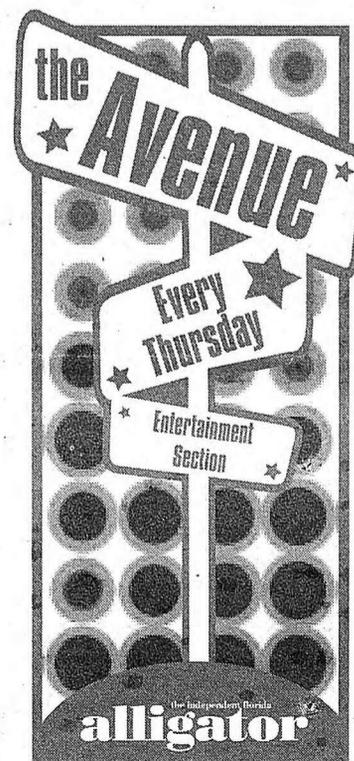
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Brewer's injury status uncertain

■ SOPHOMORE FORWARD
INJURES ANKLE IN FIRST HALF

By DAN TREAT
Alligator Staff Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Playing back in his home state, Corey Brewer was giving every indication that it was going to be his night.

He dunked emphatically off the game's opening tip and scored 10 of the Gators' first 14 points, presum-

ably setting the stage for a shootout with Tennessee's Chris Lofton, who eventually poured in 29 points.

But with 9 minutes, 34 seconds remaining in the first half, Brewer went up for a rebound on the defensive end and came down flailing and clutching at his right ankle.

The forward managed to squirm back to the UF bench, but at the time, his return seemed improbable.

"I really never anticipated [Brewer] coming back in the game," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "Duke

[Werner], the trainer, said to me 'He's really hobbled in the hallway,' and I said, 'I'm not playing him hobbled. We need guys that have both wheels and can play hard and get up and down.'"

And while he did return to score 10 additional points, the Gators now are unsure if he'll miss even more time.

"I am a little concerned about that," Donovan said. "And I know Corey would want to play, but I think ... when you're in an environment like [Saturday's], I think sometimes your adrenaline gets flowing."

He was placed in what Donovan described as an "ice cast" after the game to curb swelling.

Donovan, however, did say that Brewer injured ligaments in the ankle, but the extent of which were unknown.

In Brewer's stead against the Volunteers, a pair of freshmen were forced into the spotlight.

Guards Walter Hodge and David Huertas followed up their high-scoring games against Savannah State on Wednesday, scoring 5 points each, in addition to providing valuable minutes.

"We told them to be ready, you never know what's going to happen," center Al Horford said. "And they went in and did a good job."

Ultimately, it wasn't Brewer's injury that crippled the Gators down the stretch.

Donovan pointed to Tennessee's nine offensive rebounds and 48.8 percent shooting in the second half that led to UF's downfall.

And Horford thought he knew the reasons why the Volunteers were able to get so many second chances.

"It was more guards penetrating and forcing us to step up," Horford said. "They had rebounding opportunities, so that's just stuff we have to work on. We've got to get back to getting boards. We're slacking on the rebounding, and I take blame for that."

Brewer did have eight boards in the game, as did Horford and sophomore forward Joakim Noah. But that's just a small part of his game that the Gators will miss if he's out for a prolonged period of time.

Donovan plans to take the cautious route with Brewer's injury.

"If he needs an extra day or two to rest, then we've got to rest him," Donovan said. "On the perimeter right now, we need to make sure we have a healthy complement of players."

Slots scarce in recruiting class

By BRYAN JONES
Alligator Writer

In Urban Meyer's first full recruiting season at UF, the Gators' coaching staff has had no problem stockpiling talent in what is being widely considered the nation's top recruiting class.

In fact, with about two weeks remaining until National Signing Day on Feb. 1, the Gators' greatest problem may be determining which recruits not to take.

With just three scholarships left, and several talented prospects still on the board, players such as junior college linebacker Josh Johnson might not receive a scholarship offer from UF. Johnson, who was kicked off Georgia's team last season after spurning the Gators in favor of the Bulldogs two years ago, has clearly established that UF is where he wants to be for the upcoming season.

But with the lack of remaining scholarships, it is still uncertain whether Johnson will wear orange

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Andy Apicella / Alligator Staff

UF sophomore Corey Brewer jumps over Tennessee guard JaJuan Smith (2) and forward Andre Patterson to score Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

Brewer fall exposes flaw

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Corey Brewer collapsed, and UF's heart sank with him to the floor.

Brewer clutched at his right ankle, his fingers caressing the foot at the altar of his team's success.

Brewer shrieked of pain midway through the first half, the Gators feeling his pangs from one end of the bench to another.

He hopped off the floor one-legged, and at that point, the stakes were clear: the Gators would have to dodge and hopscotch around Tennessee to win. The problem was that college basketball teams aren't built for recess activities.

And UF, contrary to popular belief, is not that deep of a team after all.

You could see this at Thompson-Boling Arena when Brewer injured his ankle Saturday night. You could almost hear the deflation — the sound of pride and hope leaving UF's undefeated inner

tube. His name was Corey Brewer. The Gators would have preferred it to be Clark Kent.

"He was hurt so bad," forward Al Horford said. "He's my boy, and I really have a lot of love for him because most guys would have just quit, but he did anything but quit and went back out there."

Horford's concern extended beyond the barrier of human compassion. The fellow sophomore understood that to lose Brewer was akin to losing a heartbeat.

The media, local and national alike, had dubbed UF's depth

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Louis Anastasis

Louis in the Bullpen
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SCOREBOARD

Men's basketball	
North Carolina (24)	81
Florida State	80
NBA	
Sacramento	99
Miami	119

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ Former UF players Vernell Brown and Randy Hand played in the East-West Shrine Game while former DE Jeremy Mincey competed in the Hula Bowl on Saturday.

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