



Higher tuition may deter 'Bright' students

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Greg Hutchings had waited until the last moment — 11 p.m. the day before the deadline — to decide which college he would attend.

Special Report

He was accepted to Cornell University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute, all ranked above UF, which sits at No. 47 in U.S. News & World Report's national institution rankings.

"Basically, the deciding factor boiled down to money," said Hutchings, a UF engineering freshman in the honors program.

"I was just playing the game to see how much each of the schools was going to offer me," he said.

Cornell had offered him a hefty scholar-

"Bright Futures certainly was something that changed the face of the undergraduate population."

Albert Matheny

associate dean of student affairs.

ship package. Without the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Cornell, with its \$31,881 out-of-state base tuition, would have been his cheapest option.

He ultimately chose UF over the Ivy League, and he is now in the Facebook.com group, "I Go To UF Because it's Free," which has 3,505 members.

UF President Bernie Machen has made it clear he wants to raise tuition — currently set at \$3,330 including fees. Last week, Machen spent two days traveling and lobbying legislators in their county offices to try to convince them to get behind

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MULTICULTURAL HSA hands out crowns

■ **STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT ARTURO ARMAND JUDGED THE EVENT.**

By **FRANCESCA DeGIROLAMI**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Cries and whistles filled the room as the new Mr. and Ms. Hispanic Student Association were crowned last night at HSA's annual pageant.

Frankie Gonzalez, the new Ms. HSA, and Davier Rodriguez, the new Mr. HSA, celebrated with friends in the in the Reitz Union's Rion Ballroom, which was two-thirds full at the event's height.

"This has been a stressful but fun experience," Rodriguez said.

The 19 contestants competed in different categories, including casual wear, professional wear and a cultural creativity segment which demonstrated each contestant's unique Hispanic culture.

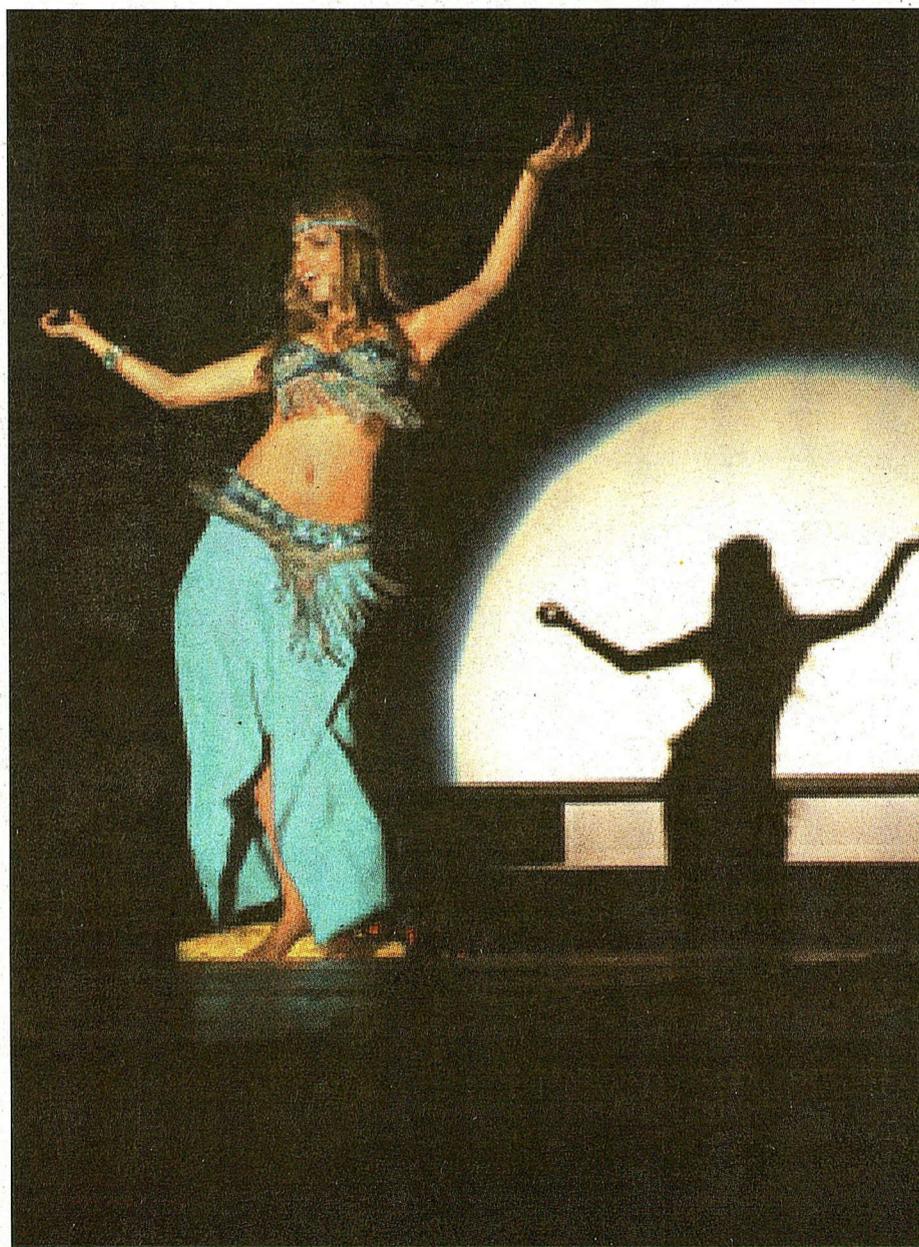
Rodriguez, who represented Cuba, wore a black costume with red and yellow ruffles on the sleeves during his dance routine.

Gonzalez represented Puerto Rico and performed a monologue titled "Mami's Making Mambo," which expressed her love and appreciation for her culture.

"This year the contestants worked harder than any previous year," HSA President Jessica Klahr said. "This is the first year that we've had a cultural talent portion."

Arturo Armand, Student Body vice president and former HSA president, returned to judge the event.

"It was really great to go just go back and be a part of it," he said.



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator

A contestant for Ms. Hispanic Student Association performs a belly dance as part of Hispanic Heritage Month in the Rion Ballroom on Tuesday night.

Fraternity suspended after party

By **JESSICA RIFFEL**
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Police investigations have found no indication of sexual battery in the cases of three women who told police they believe they were drugged at a Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity barbecue on Saturday.

UF became aware through the investigation that the fraternity had held an unauthorized event. Because alcohol was served at the event and served to minors, the Dean of Students Office placed the fraternity on interim suspension Tuesday until the investigation is completed, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said. Pi Kappa Alpha will not be able to host any functions until the suspension is lifted, he added.

Gainesville Police Department investigators are waiting for toxicology results to determine if the women were drugged, said GPD spokesman Sgt. Keith Kameg.

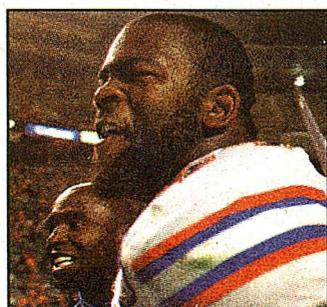
The women, two 18-year-old UF students and one 17-year-old high school student, told police Sunday they thought they might have been drugged because they blacked out, waking up hours later with no memory of what happened.

After GPD completes its investigation, UF's Student Judicial Affairs will conduct its own, Orlando said.

Alligator writer James Rigney contributed to this report.

Public Safety

■ **UF tackle Marcus Thomas** returned to the practice field Tuesday for the first time since being suspended indefinitely. There is speculation he could play Saturday. See story, pg. 16.



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■ Two-ply toilet paper patterned with flowers will replace the rough, low-grade toilet paper in bathrooms at UF's academic buildings. See story, pg. 4.

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RANKINGS

UF lures scientists

By CHAD SMITH

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Are you an out-of-work biology researcher? Looking for a swampy work environment conducive to breeding bacteria?

UF may be the place for you.

UF was named the eighth-best place to work for academics in the life sciences by the readers of The Scientist magazine.

The most important factor for survey respondents was personal fulfillment. Runners-up included peer relations and tenure procedures.

UF Provost Janie Fouke said the "fantastic" people at the university are the main reason for the high ranking.

UF dropped in the rankings from last year, when it was named fourth best.

Only three other institutions were ranked in the top 10 both years — St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.; the J. David Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco; and Vanderbilt University.

The 1,623 respondents to the online survey declared themselves

as tenured or tenure-track academic scientists or noncommercial researchers.

St. Jude was chosen as the No. 1 place to work.

UF was one of three public universities in the top 10 along with Ohio State University, ranked No. 3, and Michigan State University, ranked No. 7.



Fouke

"That's good company to be in," Fouke said.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said professors know that UF is a strong research institution where they know their work will be supported financially.

The "good quality of life" in Gainesville probably also contributed to the ranking, Orlando said.

It's a good place to live and raise a family, he said, and also has a small-town atmosphere with a lot of perks, such as close proximity to beaches.

Fouke said the ranking is "another piece of evidence that this is a great place to work and a great place to live."

Pipe organ repair a complicated fix

By RACHEL STRANGE

Alligator Contributing Writer

The University Auditorium has been missing its main attraction since the pipe organ was struck by lightning at the start of the semester. The inconvenience will cost about \$30,000 to fix.

The damage was discovered when a music student turned the organ on and all the notes played at once. Organ students called it the "Phantom of the Organ Loft."

Laura Ellis, music professor and university organist, said the lightning fried the electric switching system that controls the air that moves through individual pipes. The phenomenon was caused by a short in the electrical current.

The organ is broken into five divisions, Ellis said, but each division is connected with vertical wiring that stretches to the top of the auditorium. After consulting with Martin Uman, who runs the lightning research lab at UF, each division will be horizontally wired and more isolated to resist lightning damage.

But fixing the organ is more complicated than it seems, Ellis said. Each pipe organ is unique, so the parts will be made on demand and installed by experts from Solid State Organ Systems based in Virginia. She expects the parts to arrive by the end of October, and the technicians to finish installing them after two to three weeks.

"It really is a treasure of an instrument," Ellis said.

John Duff, director of the UF School of Music, called the incident unfortunate and estimated the cost of repairs in the low- to mid- \$30,000 range. The funds for the repairs came from various sources in the music department.

Until repairs are made, students who want to practice playing the organ must go to one of the three churches close to campus.

"The auditorium is a critical part of the historical part of campus," Duff said. "The organ is one of the most important aspects, and we want to see that history up and running."

On
Campus

HURRICANE KATRINA

Financial aid drops for students displaced by storm

By **STEPHANIE SAINTONGE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

For some UF students, fighting for financial aid is a routine event. For those affected by Hurricane Katrina, it has become an ongoing battle.

Duke Carter, a sophomore from New Orleans, has only received a fraction of the financial aid he received last year.

"I'm dead broke," said Carter, whose parents' income dropped since Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast in August 2005.

UF has offered him loans to pay for the rest of the expenses his financial aid reward fell short on. Over the summer he accumulated a \$3,200 debt from loans he used to pay for tuition and housing, which is why he is reluctant to take any more loans.

Katrina destroyed his house, and his family has yet to rebuild. They are currently living in trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Carter is not the only student from New Orleans who has experienced problems with financial aid.

Daniel Wallace, a computer science engineering junior, said he too was only rewarded part of the financial aid he normally gets.

His home was also destroyed, and his family is also living in a



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Duke Carter, Daniel Wallace and Lawrence Guimont, originally from New Orleans, saw Hurricane Katrina devastate their parents' homes. They have financial problems after a lag in receiving financial aid.

FEMA trailer. Debris still fills the streets of his old neighborhood, which lacks electricity. He, like

Carter, has only been offered loans to alleviate his financial need.

His roommate, Lawrence

Guimont, also of New Orleans, is still struggling as a result of the hurricane.

"Three weeks into the semester and I still haven't gotten any aid," Guimont said. He was randomly selected for a process called verification, in which students must turn in all their tax information, as well as their parents', before any government financial aid money is released to them. Getting the necessary forms, such as the W-2 tax form, is difficult because of Katrina, he said.

All three students said they do not understand the reason for the change in their financial aid.

Associate director of financial aid Richard Wilder said the decrease in aid could be due to the students' not being treated as disaster victims anymore.

Immediately following the hurricane last year, some students' financial aid was re-evaluated in order to "help them in a time of crisis," Wilder said. The same was not done this semester, however.

Meanwhile Carter, Wallace and Guimont have to find other ways to pay for their expenses.

Carter said his financial situation is no better now than it was right after the disaster.

UF helped out immediately following the hurricane, he said, but now it seems like victims of Katrina have been forgotten.

"After a year, the people (in New Orleans), my family in particular, are still struggling," Carter said.

Rosy toilet paper a welcome alternative, survey says

■ **NEW, PATTERNED PAPER WILL HIT CAMPUS BATHROOMS SOON.**

By **BRYNN HUYSMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

White, two-ply toilet paper, patterned with flowers, is now replacing the rough, one-ply toilet paper that once occupied bathrooms all over campus.

All bathrooms in academic buildings are receiving a makeover, including softer, rose-imprinted toilet paper and paper

towels, and new soap dispensers, said Derrick Bacon, assistant director of the Physical Plant Division.

Along with new dispensers, the bathroom renovations will also include new foam soap.

The idea of bathroom renovations was prompted by surveys that are sent out to some of the UF staff in the Spring, Bacon said.

"The ladies didn't like the rough, one-ply toilet paper," he said.

In the summer of 2006, the division put out a bid to acquire a contract with a new

company that offered softer toilet paper, as well as paper products made from 100 percent recycled paper, said Bacon.

By July, a company called Clean World Inc., based out of Jacksonville, was chosen.

The division will purchase the new supplies based on customer usage.

On Campus In the last fiscal year, about \$380,000 was spent on bathroom paper and soap products, Bacon said.

Clean World Inc. recently started in-

stalling the new products on the west side of campus.

More than 20 buildings have already been completed, he said.

The division's goal is to have the entire campus completed by Christmas, excluding campus housing, the Reitz Union and the football stadium, he said.

Carly Roach, a sophomore English major, said she noticed the "fluffy foam soap and patterned toilet paper" in McCarty Hall A.

She said the changes make her feel better about using on-campus bathrooms.

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■ ONE STUDENT SENATOR DECRIED THE RESOLUTION AS 'USELESS.'

By JESSICA DaSILVA
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Good-byes were put on hold until next Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, when lawmakers will be able to validate this Fall's election results.

The Senate was given another week in its current form because the results were not validated 24 hours before Tuesday night's meeting.

Senators passed two resolutions that honored an animal sciences professor who died in September and welcomed ESPN College GameDay to UF.

A resolution does not become Student Government law; it merely expresses the Senate's opinion.

The first bill, which commemorated

animal sciences professor and adviser Don Sloan, passed unanimously.

At the end of the meeting, Sen. Justin Sharpless told senators that a copy of the resolution would be sent to Sloan's family.

Student Government Legislation regarding College GameDay did not pass as smoothly,

however.

Before the bill was brought before the legislative body, Sen. Ryan Nelson spoke

against it.

"I have never seen a resolution more useless than welcoming ESPN College GameDay to UF," Nelson said. "We're wasting our time by even talking about it."

But Senate President Mike Patrone, author of the bill, offered a rebuttal.

Patrone argued that it was OK for the Senate to address lighthearted issues from time to time: "Were we wasting our time when we congratulated the basketball team?"

Frugal students choose UF over Ivy universities

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UF's tuition push.

That effort undermines the free ride that entices students like Hutchings, one of the stellar recruits whom Machen's administration hopes to attract.

Since 1997, when Bright Futures first became available, the SAT scores of freshmen enrolling at UF have sloped upward.

"Bright Futures certainly was something that changed the face of the undergraduate population," said Albert Matheny, associate dean of student affairs. "The quality of the undergraduate population jumped dramatically."

Students who could've gone to Duke or Vanderbilt instead came to UF, he said.

But administrators say UF has become good enough to attract top-tier students who are willing to pay a price.

"Students and their parents are smart," Machen said. "They're going to look at value."

Machen is lobbying the Legislature to give UF the power to set its own tuition, which the state now controls.

Legislators' reactions have been "mixed," he said.

"I'm going to keep trying until

somebody listens," he said.

UF already sets tuition for out-of-state and graduate students. Machen wants to increase undergraduate tuition and hire more faculty to decrease UF's student-faculty ratio.

Administrators say UF's bloated class sizes are the only thing holding it back in its climb to the top of the U.S. News rankings.

"We're the highest-value school in the nation. It indicates that it's worth more than people pay for."

Janie Fouke
UF provost

To achieve his goals, Machen will have to convince legislators to hand over control of tuition.

He said this should be a privilege granted exclusively to UF because, he tells legislators, UF is in a higher echelon than its public counterparts in Florida. Florida State University, at No. 110, is the closest Florida public university to UF in the U.S. News rankings.

With tuition control, the university would charge more money than what Bright Futures covers.

If that happened, 13,200 high-achieving UF students with 100 percent of their

tuition covered by the program would no longer attend the university for free. And the 12,500 UF students who get 75 percent of their tuition paid for will have to pay more out of pocket.

Provost Janie Fouke said in an earlier interview that Floridians need to change their perception of higher education: Everyone is not necessarily entitled to a free education.

Fouke has said doubling tuition would be enough to fill the gap between UF and other schools.

"We're the highest-value school in the nation," she said. "It indicates that it's worth more than people pay for."

The push into Top 10 U.S. News rankings began under former UF President John Lombardi, who ran the university from 1990 to 1999. But it was Machen who turbocharged the effort, said Matheny.

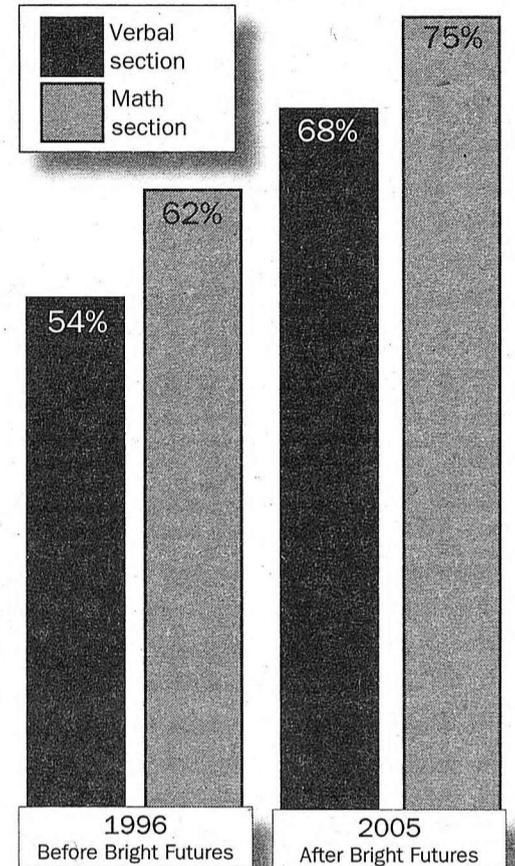
He said the push was boosted by the Bright Futures scholarship and made UF a better bargain for bright students.

"It's a good school. It's free," Matheny said. "I think you would be crazy to do anything else."

Hutchings, the engineering freshman, agreed.

"I haven't regretted it once," he said.

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Cover-up

House should launch full investigation of Foley

This Mark Foley scandal gets worse and worse. Not only did the former congressman send sexually explicit messages to current and former pages, he actually left the House chambers during a vote — on appropriations for the war in Iraq, no less — to have cybersex with a high school student. Then he zipped up, left his office and voted. Gotta support the troops.

But that's not all. In a different flurry of instant messages, Foley promised alcohol to a former page. "You're not old enough to drink," he said, so "we may need to drink at my house so we don't get busted." Right, congressman. So you don't get busted.

As bad as Foley looks — and he looks pretty bad — the real villains here are Republican leaders in the House of Representatives. They knew about Foley and did nothing for at least a year. Maybe even longer. In 2001, a Republican staffer told pages to "watch out" for the Florida congressman, but the leadership sat on its hands.

Even now, with Foleygate in every newspaper, they're trying to cover it up.

The chief of staff for Rep. Tom Reynolds — chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee — offered ABC News a deal. Don't publish those dirty instant messages, he said, and we'll give you an exclusive story on Foley's resignation. ABC turned him down.

There's no question Republicans will pay a political price for their actions — and inactions — in the Foley affair. The Washington Times, one of the most conservative papers in America, has already called for House Speaker Dennis Hastert to resign. He should, but that's not enough. Who knows what the rest of the House leadership knew — or when they knew it. So launch an investigation now, Republicans, or forfeit whatever claim you had left to being the party of family values. Won't somebody please think of the children!

'Trojan man!'

Great. Now UF has one more ranking to obsess about. Trojan — yes, the condom people — evaluated UF's sex education programs and gave us a 2.0 on a four-point scale. That's right, a C.

We don't get it. First of all, most freshmen get all the sex education they'll ever need by living in the dorms. Don't walk in if there's a coat hanger on the doorknob — they should tell you that at orientation. After all, there are some things you just can't unsee. Like your roommate, two freshmen and a pot of beef Stroganoff. We still have nightmares about it.

Besides, when it comes to sexual health care, UF

does a good job.

Worried about sexually transmitted diseases like the human papillomavirus? Head over to the clinic, get a couple of shots and — presto! — you're vaccinated. Or you could just live in a sorority house. You'll build up a tolerance eventually.

Joke! Joke! But seriously, the Trojan survey was more than a little unfair.

UF even flunked the test for condom availability. But the Student Health Care Center and GatorWell already provide free condoms — about 50,000 a year — at locations across campus. What else do they have to do? Put them on for you?

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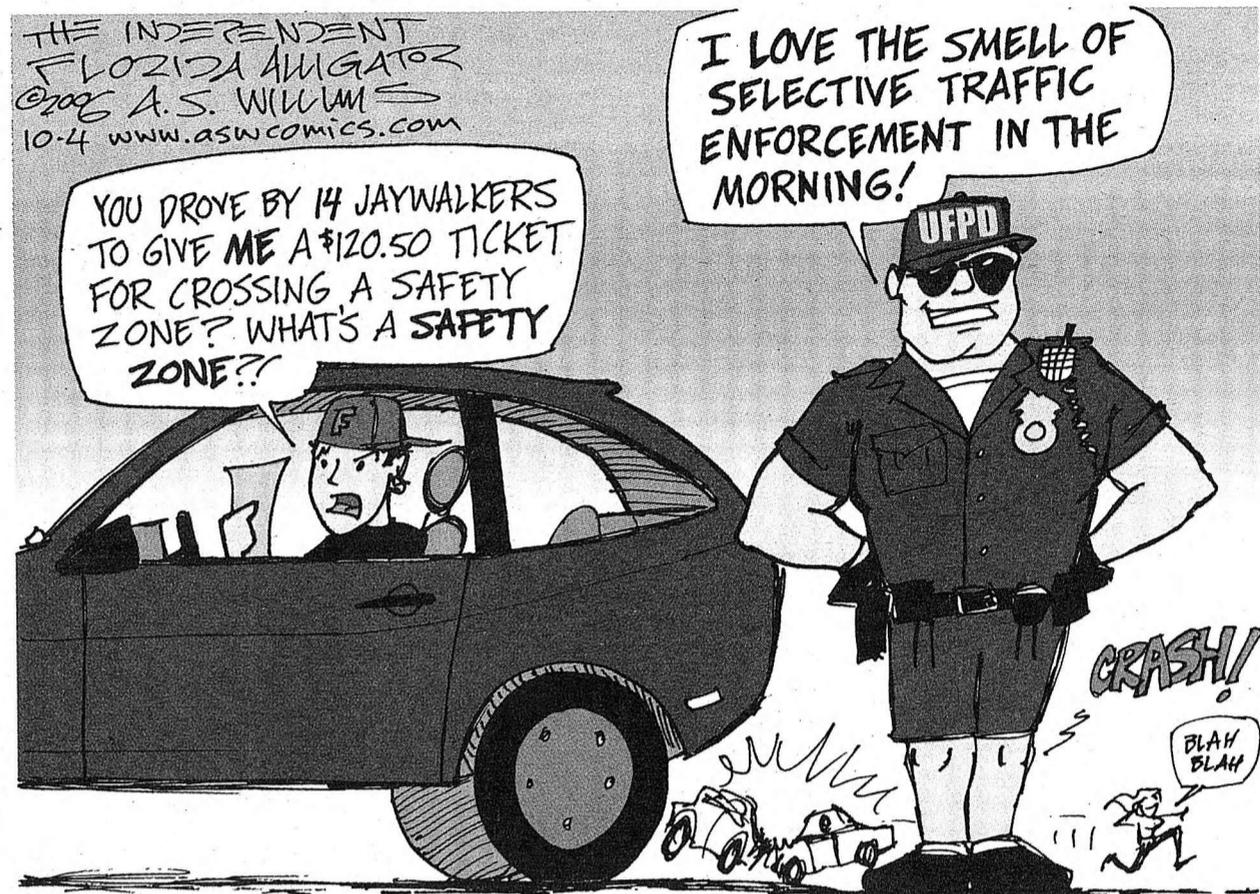
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Exposure to booze stops binge drinking

Just when I thought I'd left useless tests where they belong — in high school — UF comes and smacks me with one of its own. I'm talking about the alcohol assessment that all first-year students must take on MyStudentBody.com.

At first, I thought it would be some quick waste of 15 minutes of my life. I was wrong. After spending that much time just getting through the introductory phase, I was directed to more than a dozen articles that I must read and be tested on.

But wait! There's more! To enforce the "necessity" of this exam, I won't be able to register for classes until I've completed it. At this point I feel we've gone over the edge.

Don't be mistaken. This has nothing to do with the test itself or the time it takes. I can find a million less-productive ways to spend an hour, believe you me. What I have a problem with is the principle of the matter and the reasoning behind it.

In case you didn't already know, UF is supposedly pretty stern when it comes to alcohol — something about trying to smash the "party school image."

If that sounds like a ridiculously impossible feat, it's because it is. Wake up! This is UF. You can't have almost 50,000 students and not be a party school. In this town, there is plenty of access to beer, whiskey, vodka or whatever else may tickle your fancy.

What UF — and America at large — seem to not understand is that no number of threats, mandatory tests or any other such policies will ever do much to combat alcohol abuse. It just doesn't work.

Why, you ask? It's because forbidden fruit is the most tempting. It's a fact of human nature. I could point to a



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simple box, one you see and ignore every single day, and say, "Do not open it under any circumstance." Inevitably, you'll suddenly want to open it. It never fails.

But that's what always happens in quasi-puritanical societies like ours. Drug crimes are at such an alarming level because we do our best to squash drug use alto-

gether. Likewise, promiscuity and pornography are so widespread because our ridiculous religion-based beliefs demonize sex so much it has become insanely tantalizing.

Alcohol is no different. The prohibitionists may not have kept alcohol banned outright, but they've done enough damage as is. At some point, someone thought we could have a wonderful society if we made alcohol illegal. And so they did. Does anyone remember what that led to? Can you say Mafia? What about contempt for the law?

I understand the need for UF to keep order on campus, sure. But if nothing changes in our perception of alcohol, those efforts will be in vain, and alcohol abuse will stay as high as ever.

Look, if you want to combat alcohol, the fight will have to start at home. Parents, give your teenagers alcohol (within reason, of course) while they're still young. Exposure is key. If you take away the mystery, alcohol becomes mundane — and let's face it, mundane just isn't very cool.

Daniel Burroughs is a philosophy freshman. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Should House Speaker Dennis Hastert resign over his role in the Mark Foley scandal?

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Letters to the Editor

Criticism of Gator Gala, athletes unfair

After reading "Gala Madness" yesterday, I was appalled. Comparing budget cuts in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with fundraising efforts by the University Athletic Association is like comparing apples and oranges — unless you account for the \$34.4 million dollars the UAA has contributed to UF since 1990 to fund academic endeavors.

While the predicament CLAS faces is a very unfortunate one, you can't point to the success of an entirely separate entity — the UAA and its privately operated Gator Boosters — to explain why CLAS is underfunded. Besides, has the Alligator considered the positive impact a thriving athletic program has on UF? It's no coincidence that the Top 10 universities in national all-sports rankings are all exceptional institutions like Stanford University, Duke University and the University of Texas.

Most importantly, I was disgusted that the Alligator referred to "corn-fed" linebackers "who can't even spell SAT." Sure, student athletes at UF are not held to the same admission requirements as traditional students, but they certainly aren't dummies. In fact, 186 UF athletes earned a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll last year. Believe it or not, many athletes leave UF knowing how to spell SAT

— 91 percent of them, to be exact. That's the percentage of student athletes who graduated last year.

Kate Wallace
4PR

Lay off Hall until investigation wraps up

John Hall is a distinguished professor who acted abnormally at one lecture. Let's wait to pass judgment until the investigation ends.

I have a friend whom the Shands staff was convinced was a crack addict close to overdosing. But the only drug she consumed was Sudafed, as prescribed by the Student Health Care Center. Two years ago, I nearly got in trouble for intoxication when I reacted poorly to Afrin, an over-the-counter nasal decongestant. These things happen.

But instead of waiting for official word on the investigation, Chad Smith dredged up half-month-old allegations and sought comment from Josh Simmons. But Simmons only reviewed the material after he'd heard that Hall was drunk — meaning he watched the video with bias. Does anyone else see a problem with this process?

This was news 20 days ago, and it will be

news again when the administration decides to take formal action. There is no reason I should read about it when it is not news.

William Foster
3LS

Sgt. Ray Barber's phone number — (352) 334-2472 — in its article and encouraged witnesses to come forward.

Jane Adair
Gainesville resident

Coverage of possible battery spotty

After reading The Gainesville Sun's clear, direct article about the alleged sexual battery at the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity house, I picked up the Alligator.

To my dismay, the story was buried on the fourth page with no clue in the headline regarding a fraternity party, Pike, possible drugging or possible sexual assault of the three young women. More importantly, the Alligator neglected to mention that the police are looking for other cases from that night.

Why do I write? I happen to be a local mother in her 50s. Having lived most of my life in college towns, I think it is imperative that young people know what may be going on around them. Potential witnesses of events still have fresh memories that might aid in clearing up the activities of the previous night.

The Alligator should have included

Preacher responds to campus critics

I'd like to respond to some of the recent writings with respect to my campus preaching. In his Friday column, Todd Portnowitz asked of me, "So why isn't he doing something productive?" Actually, I can't think of many things that are more productive than preaching about receiving forgiveness and eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Jesus died for our sins so that our souls could be saved by God's grace through believing in him. Hell is scary, but it's real. We shouldn't hide that fact. In Daniel Morgan's Tuesday letter, he claimed this is a "world-view based on ancient superstitions, myth and lore." In reality, this is the timeless truth of God from his word, the Bible.

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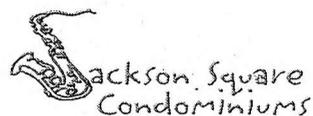
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Surging Gators climb into tie for first in Invitational

■ MANUEL VILLEGAS SPARKED UF BY SHOOTING A 1 OVER (71) ON TUESDAY.

By **ALDEN GONZALEZ**
Alligator Writer

Coach Buddy Alexander couldn't help but feel a sense of déjà vu yesterday on the greens of Williamsburg, Va.

After 36 holes of golf, the Gators are now tied for first place with last year's NCAA Champion, Oklahoma State, at the PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational.

The Gators shot their second straight score of 281 (1 over) to put them 2 over for the tournament as they prepare for the final 18 holes that await them today.

"We had another good day of solid golf and put ourselves in a good position," Alexander said. "It's a great opportunity for us to get into the frying pan tomorrow and see what we're made of."

What was supposed to be a young team with growing pains suddenly has the 20-year coach thinking of the National Champion 2001 team led by a sensational player named Villegas.

The Gators look like they're for real, and Villegas is dominant.

But it's not Camilo, it's his brother, Manuel.

After a first-round performance where he shot 1 over (71), junior Manuel Villegas went 2 under (68) and is now tied for seventh place.

Villegas shot bogeys on the second and eighth holes but countered it with three birdies on the front nine.

Then, after bogeying holes 11 and 12, Villegas got hot and was able to birdie three in a row.

Villegas' 11 birdies on the tournament lead the field.

Sophomore Billy Horschel stayed consistent and posted his second straight even-par finish.

Horschel got the ball rolling early in the second round by posting five birdies on the front nine.

After 36 holes, he is tied for 10th.

Following a sensational round when he posted a 68 (2 under), freshman Tim McKenney is tied for 13th after a second round 73 (3 over).

After two rounds, he sits at 1-over-par 141.

Sophomore Toby Ragland was able to improve on his tough first-round.

He improved 13 shots to go even par in the second round and has a collective 146 (6 over), which puts him tied for 43rd.

Freshman Andres Echavarria is tied for 34th with a 145 (5 over) after shooting a 73 in the second round.

The Gators start the third and final round today at 8 a.m., as they look to one-up Oklahoma State and gain their first tournament win of the young season.



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF golfer Manuel Villegas chips toward the green during the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Feb. 19 in Gainesville. Tuesday, Villegas helped bump the Gators into a tie for first place at the PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational.

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SFCC leaves selfishness behind

■ THE SAINTS HOOPS TEAM PRACTICED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON SUNDAY.

By **KARL HYPOLITE**
Alligator Writer

Coming off a disappointing 14-16 record last season, the Santa Fe Community College basketball team is a prime example of addition by subtraction.

Losing all but four players from last season may be a good thing, since selfishness pervaded last year's Saints squad, sophomore point guard Tracy Rankins said.

"Last year, there was a lot of selfishness and individualism; everybody was trying to do everything by themselves," he said. "And honestly, we didn't have no leaders, no teamwork and no chemistry."

Those sentiments were echoed by the other three returning players, including Gavin Horne, the team's leading returning scorer at 8.8 points per game last season. The 6-foot-8 forward felt that last season's team didn't lack talent and that there were just too many selfish players.

"You have one bad egg, and it keeps carrying over and carrying over," he said. "And that just effects the whole team. That's just what happened, and the whole team just self-destructed."

So far in preseason practices, Coach Chris Mowry is pleased to see that his returning sophomores have taken leadership roles on the team.

"They've done a good job as far as setting an example," he said. "Some are more comfortable being vocal leaders, and others are quiet kids that lead by example."

Whether it's been in the weight room or individual workouts, I think they've set a good example of working hard."

Chemistry wasn't the only problem for Santa Fe last season.

Mowry felt the Saints "couldn't put the ball in the basket," as the team shot just 42 percent.

To try and make things a bit easier this season, Mowry wants to play a little "Billy Ball."

"Florida is a team that definitely wants to use their depth to press," he said. "They use some different presses but certainly they want to be able to press."

"Last year, there was a lot of selfishness and individualism; everybody was trying to do everything by themselves."

Tracy Rankins
Santa Fe point guard

"Offensively, they're very good in transition. Their big guys run as well as any big guys in the country. We have some big guys that can run the floor well and some guys who aren't as quick, but what we're looking for is guys that will play hard all the time."

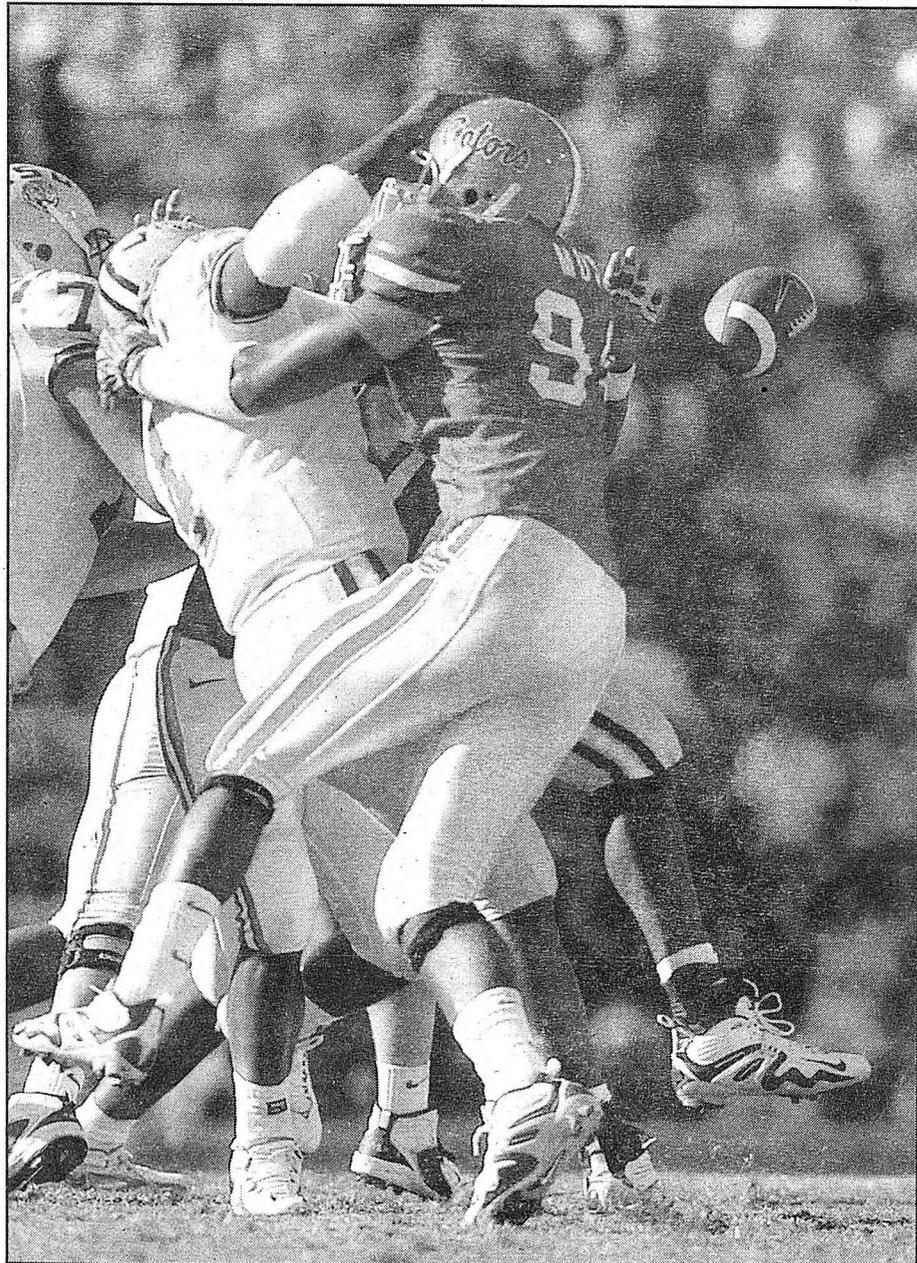
Mowry plans on using a 10-man rotation this season to wear down opposing teams.

The team will be using full-court presses on defense to force turnovers and will play up-tempo on offense. The half-court offense will be similar to a Princeton-style offense, with lots of screening, passing and cutting.

If all goes well, the Saints hope to march to the tune of a 20-win season, Mowry said.

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LSU Tigers ranked No. 1 nationally in yards allowed, Gators No. 13



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UF end Jarvis Moss hits LSU's JaMarcus Russell during the Gators' 21-17 loss in 2005. The Gators and Tigers are two of the nation's top defensive teams.

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Auburn 7, LSU 3, as Auburn yielded just 42 yards rushing in the game.

LSU, whom the Gators will face this weekend, allowed Auburn to gain just 182 total yards, showcasing why it may have the best defense in the country.

"They probably are the best," Strong said.

LSU is ranked No. 1 in the country in yards allowed per game.

These numbers likely point to a defensive struggle in the Swamp on Saturday. The two defenses, however, vary in their strengths.

The Gators lead the conference in rush defense, allowing just 50.2 yards per game.

On the other side of the coin, UF is just 10th against the pass, which could be a serious problem against LSU's JaMarcus Russell.

Checking in at 6-foot-6 and 252 pounds, Russell is second in the nation in pass efficiency and has tossed 10 touchdown passes against just one interception.

While UF's secondary produced three turnovers against Alabama, the unit still lacks depth and allows a lot of passing yards.

According to UF coach Urban Meyer, the Gators' ability to cover receivers largely depends how much they pressure Russell.

"He can mix up the coverage and pass rush," Meyer said. "Someone asked me during the week about our corners being exposed a little bit because we don't have much depth there.

"The correlation between pressuring the quarterback and

coverage is right on the dot."

LSU, on the other hand, has one of the nation's best secondaries. It features a top-flight pair of corners in Chevis Jackson and Jonathan Zenon, in addition to All-SEC safety LaRon Landry.

"They have two very good corners. I think their corners are as good as Alabama's," Meyer said. "Their safeties are dynamic guys that play around the ball, and their numbers reflect that. They have a lot of interceptions and a lot of touchdowns. They're well-coached, they have great personnel and they recruit very well."

UF can stop the run. LSU can stop the pass. Maybe UF linebacker Brandon Siler reflects the attitude that each of these teams and an increasing number of other teams around the SEC have:

"If we play the way we can, we feel like people shouldn't score on us."

UF must find a way to temper an LSU pass rush that has battered quarterback Chris Leak for the last three years. Against LSU in 2005, Leak was sacked four times and totaled just 107 passing yards. The usually cool customer lost it during the game.

"I remember one time, he got whacked and he was like, 'What happened?' He got mad," offensive lineman Phil Trautwein said.

		
Total defense ranking	1	13
Yards allowed per game	193.4	248
Rush defense ranking	11	4
Rush yards allowed per game	69.2	50.2
Pass defense ranking	3	64
Pass yards allowed per game	124.2	197.8
Scoring defense ranking	2	4
Points allowed per game	7.4	9.4

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Suspended Thomas back at practice

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Depending on whom you asked, UF defensive tackle Marcus Thomas may or may not have been back practicing with the team Tuesday.

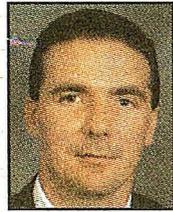
But Thomas, who is suspended indefinitely for a second substance abuse violation, worked out on UF's practice field Tuesday.

However, Coach Urban Meyer said he practiced separate from teammates. The coach continues to deny knowing whether Thomas could return for Saturday's LSU game.

"That's out of my hands. I don't know," Meyer said. "[There is] nothing new on where we stood before, as of today."

The last part of his statement may have been the caveat, because according to lineman, roommate and best friend Ray McDonald, Thomas may be back soon.

"I hope [he's back soon]," McDonald said. "I think he has a meeting in a few days or something like that; that, you know, he could play this week, next week or within the next two weeks, so I hope that's the case."



Meyer

INJURY UPDATE: Meyer said he was disappointed with the Percy Harvin's lack of agility at practice.

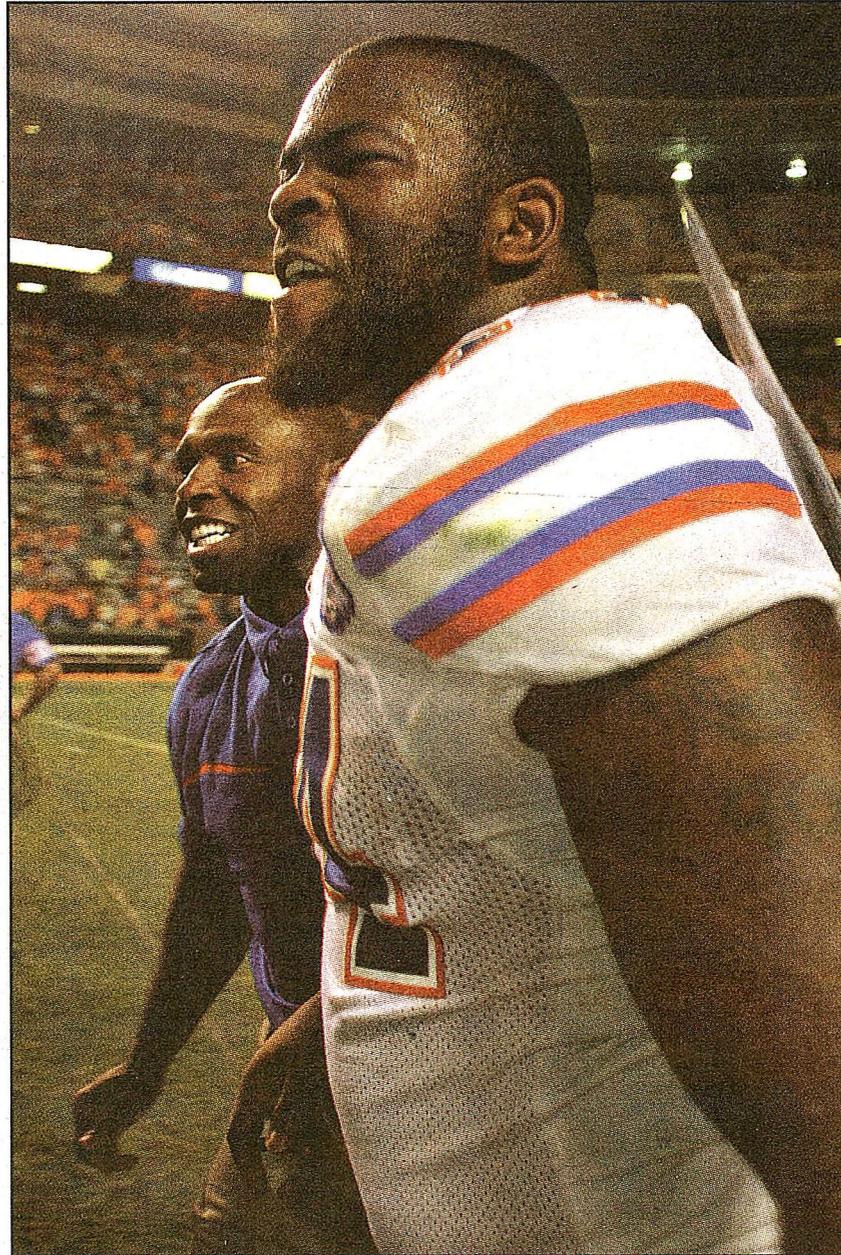
The freshman receiver hopes to rebound from a high ankle sprain and make an impact against LSU.

"[He was] gimpy today," Meyer said. "I was hoping he'd be a little further advanced. Today's Tuesday. He did a little bit but didn't do a full practice today."

After suffering the ankle sprain against Tennessee, Harvin came in for just one play against Kentucky, and he didn't play at all against Alabama.

Senior running back DeShawn Wynn, who suffered a sprained right knee against Alabama on Saturday, was not at UF's practice Tuesday.

Meyer said that UF strength and conditioning coach Mickey Marotti said there's still a chance Wynn will be able to play against LSU.



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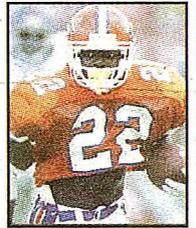
UF suspended tackle Marcus Thomas has returned to the practice field and could meet with school officials this week to see if he can play Saturday.

TOP 5 OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

No. 3

A legend both at UF and in the NFL, Emmitt Smith still stands as the best back in Gators history.

Hailing from Pensacola, Smith was a consensus All-America selection in 1989, was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and finished seventh in balloting for the Heisman Trophy. It marked the second time in his career he finished in the top-10 in balloting for the award.



Emmitt Smith
1987-89
RB

He finished his UF career with 3,928 yards — second in school history — and he led the Gators in rushing yards all three years of his career. Smith was a first-team All-SEC pick all three of those years.

Smith holds the UF career records for average rushing yards per game (126.7), 100-yard rushing games (23) and rushing touchdowns (36). He also holds the single-season records for yardage (1,599), touchdowns (14), average rush yards per game (145.4) and consecutive 100-yard games (8).

His 316 yards against New Mexico and 96-yard touchdown run against Mississippi State are also Gators records.

Smith was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1990, played on three Super Bowl championship teams and is the NFL's all-time leader in both rushing yards and career rushing touchdowns.



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SEC defensive titans LSU, UF to clash in the Swamp

■ **UF IS RANKED FOURTH IN THE NATION IN SCORING DEFENSE.**

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This isn't your older brother's Southeastern Conference any more.

Gone are the days of Steve Spurrier's juggernaut offense and Peyton Manning shredding opposing secondaries. In are

dominating defenses — four of the nation's Top 10 defenses in 2005, to be precise.

In 2006, these defenses are just as strong.

UF is ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 9.4 points per game.

But that same statistic leaves the Gators ranked just fourth in their own conference, as Georgia, LSU and Auburn stand directly in front of them.

"Within this conference, you have

"The coordinators in this league do such a good job, so that's why you probably have people not being able to score."

Charlie Strong

UF co-defensive coordinator

so many schools where the guys are so athletic," UF co-defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said. "Guys do a good job,

the coordinators in this league do such a good job, so that's why you probably have people not being able to score."

The SEC's showcase game thus far came when LSU traveled to Auburn in mid-September.

Auburn is averaging 34 points per game outside of the LSU game.

LSU is averaging 46.75 points per game outside of the Auburn game.

The final score?

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ **1997:** The Gators hold Arkansas to -56 rushing yards, a UF record for fewest rushing yards allowed in a game. The Gators recorded seven sacks, forced three fumbles and held the Razorbacks to just 156 yards of total offense.

alligatorSports.org POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Which SEC team has fielded the most impressive defense so far? (Cast your vote on alligatorSports.org.)

Tuesday's question: What are your feelings on Urban Meyer's current version of the spread offense? (See right for results.)

	Percent (Votes)
Satisfied	34% (165)
More passing	31% (154)
More trick plays	18% (89)
More Tebow	8% (38)
Too bland	9% (43)
489 TOTAL VOTES	