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Sgt. Steve Baker watches as his retired police horse, Justice, right, touches noses with Baker's thoroughbred mustang mix, Charles. After four years of service with Baker, Justice, a Tennessee walker, will live with Baker's other horses.

Free rein for police horse

■ AFTER NEARLY A DECADE OF SERVICE, GPD HORSE GOES HOME TO OFFICER'S STABLE.

By DREW HARWELL

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The Gainesville Police Department's latest retiree isn't looking for a big pension or grand ceremony.

All he wants is grain and open pasture.

Justice, a former police horse, has spent the past nine years patrolling downtown Gainesville, said Sgt. Steve Baker, Justice's rider for the past three-and-a-half years.

Because Justice is in his 20s, he's being retired to live out the rest of his life at Baker's stable.

Justice was around 12 when GPD brought him from Tennessee in 1997 to be one of the first horses in its Mounted Patrol Unit.

He had no real specialties then, but Baker said he had a good personality and attitude.

"He doesn't bite, doesn't kick, doesn't spook," Baker said. "He's what they call in the horse industry 'bomb-proof.' He's the horse in the Civil War re-enactments, jumping over cannons, charging into a crowd of 1,000 people with bayonets."

The unit began training Justice — a brown Tennessee

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MARKETS

Fire heats up beer prices

By MALLORY COLLIFLOWER

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Beer-drinking Gators may soon get less brew for their buck.

The price of beer is feared to be in jeopardy after a fire in Washington state burned 4 percent of the nation's hops crop.

Twenty-four percent of hops used worldwide is grown in the United States, mostly in the Washington's Yakima Valley region.

Flames engulfed a 40,000-square-foot storehouse in Yakima on Monday ruining \$4 million worth of hops, an essential crop used to flavor beer during the brewing process.

Prices are likely to increase if the ruined hops were of a scarce variety, but industry officials are urging consumers otherwise.

"This isn't like the oil industry, where if there is a leak in a pipeline, prices go up immediately," said Ann George, administrator of the Washington Hop Commission. "They're an important ingredient but not a

terribly expensive one."

She added that even if the cost of hops increases by 50 percent, there would still be only 2.5 cents worth of hops in every 31 gallons of beer.

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Ann George

Washington Hop Commission administrator

The storehouse was owned by S. S. Steiner Inc., a division of the German Steiner Group, one of the largest manufacturers of hops in the United States. On the eve of UF's Homecoming weekend, the possible threat of rising beer prices has not dampened any spirits.

"If prices go up, prices go up," said Kelli Early, a UF psychology major. "Would it change my drinking habits? Hell no."

New oasis disappoints

By DOMINICK TAO

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Officer Martin Honeycutt pulled his police cruiser into the parking lot of Cabana Beach Apartments at 2:36 a.m. Saturday. He described the scene as "total chaos."

Before the Gainesville Police officer left at 3:50 a.m., Honeycutt would find a hallway carpeted with broken beer bottles and hear residents' stories about a party crasher falling from a second-story balcony.

Cabana Beach has come a long way since its troubled opening in August, when about half of the residents stayed in hotels until their apartments were completed, but wild nights and a closed swimming pool have many resi-

dents wondering if life at the student-oriented apartment complex is really a beach after all.

When Denisse Velarde-Cubek moved in to Cabana's Building 6 more than a month ago, she was forced to temporarily move out a few days later because her apartment's fire alarm went off. It did not stop for three days.

"And they said somebody was going to be there in 20 minutes," Velarde-Cubek said.

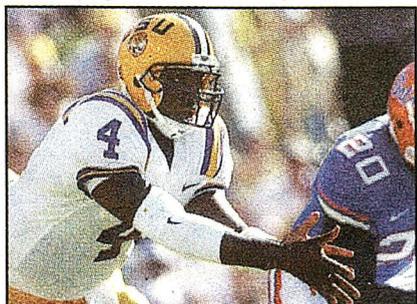
But now, Velarde-Cubek said her apartment is trouble-free other than neighbors' excessive noise.

Another Cabana Beach resident, Jocelyn Vines, lives in the building where a party crasher fell — or was

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Student Life

■ LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell is leading the Southeastern Conference in passing efficiency. Russell and the No. 9 Tigers will play the Gators in the Swamp Saturday. See story, pg. 24.



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■ On-campus dining halls may offer locally grown food to keep money in local farmer's pockets and advance UF's goal of creating a more sustainable campus. See story, pg. 4.

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The orchestra presents Carmina Burana with the Dance Alive National Ballet.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Rumors of misconduct hold up election validation

By **JOEY CHINDAMO**
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The Swamp Party chomped its competition in last week's Student Government election, but a brief voting controversy prevented new leaders from taking office at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

At a Monday meeting of SG's Election Commission, members validated every election result except one.

New SG officials can only be sworn in if all results are validated

at least 24 hours in advance.

Brian Aungst, SG supervisor of elections, said there were no official complaints that would "cast a doubt on the validity of the election," but there were rumors of improper voting in the Tolbert area.

It was rumored that students who did not live in the district had changed their addresses to vote for the on-campus Senate seat, Aungst said.

"The Election Commission called for validation of everywhere except Tolbert in order to investigate," Aungst said.

"We did our due diligence. We're on schedule, and everything is good."

Brian Aungst
SG supervisor of elections

Aungst said the investigation did not reveal any proof of voter misconduct or of "double voting," which occurs when off-campus students who are eligible to vote at various locations vote more than once.

The Election Commission has 10 days from Election Day to recom-

mend whether or not the Senate should validate the results, Aungst said.

Aungst then must go before the Senate and deliver the Election Commission's recommendation for validation.

"We pushed our recommendation for validation back a week in order to hear concerns," Aungst said. "We did our due diligence. We're on schedule, and everything is good."

Once sworn in, SG's newest officials — more than 40 senators and a Student Body vice president — will control more than \$12 million of stu-

dent money.

Jennifer Cohen, chairwoman of the Elections Commission, said that even though the claims of voter misconduct were just rumors, the commission decided to investigate them anyway.

"We wanted to make sure we'd be validating a credible election," she said. "We wanted to make sure the vote totals were accurate, even if they did not affect the outcome itself."

New student officials are scheduled to be sworn in at next week's Senate meeting on Tuesday.

Local fare to join UF menus

By **VANESSA BORGES**
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This month kicks off the UF Office of Sustainability's plan to get the ball rolling on responsible food practices — and it could mean more local ingredients at UF's dining halls.

In 2004 the Student Senate urged the university to create an Office of Sustainability, and since then UF President Bernie Machen has initiated several plans to make UF a model for environmentally friendly practices.

On Campus But in that time UF has done little to create a sustainable food program in its dining halls and other eating facilities.

Until now, Jill Rodriguez, marketing program manager for Gator Dining Services, said that the goal is to produce everything in-house or to buy from local farmers.

"We want to be responsible and not over-cook," Rodriguez said. "We don't want and don't have many leftovers."

The Fresh Food Company in the Broward Dining Center offers made-to-order meals every day, Rodriguez said. The facility feeds up to 3,000 students daily without wasting food, she added.

Rodriguez pointed out that the facility does not use any plastic plates or utensils, eliminating

more waste.

On Oct. 23, the Fresh Food Company will be hosting a "Local Food Night" to observe how students respond to the idea of having fresh, local food from Alachua County farms available.

"Fresh Food Company is basically a living, learning lab for sustainable practices," Rodriguez said.

Now the plan is to broaden UF's purchasing, Rodriguez explains.

Joining forces with Sysco Corp., the university's food supplier, local farmers who are interested in working with the Office of Sustainability will be sought out to provide food at several on-campus locations.

The only concern, Rodriguez said, is whether local farms will be able to provide food daily.

Meredith Frazier, a member of Gators for a Sustainable Campus, said supporting local farmers is beneficial because it is an investment in the local economy.

Frazier said she would buy more food on campus if she knew her money would be going to local businesses.

"Spending our money on food provided by large corporations drains money from the local economy and sends it to companies that often give an unusually large amount of money to top officials," she said. "Buying locally cuts out the middleman. Your money goes straight from your hand to the farmer's pocket."

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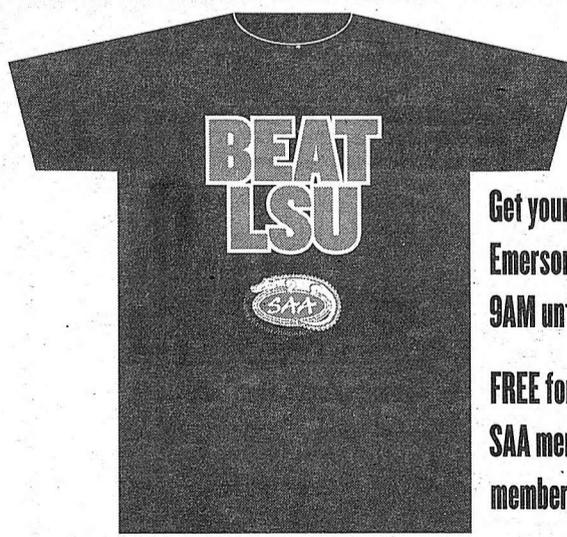


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Center will take alum's name

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UF's real estate center will be renamed to honor an alumnus who recently pledged \$2.5 million for it.

Kelley Bergstrom, who earned a master's degree in business administration with a real estate concentration from UF in 1968, wanted to give back to his alma mater — particularly its Center for Real Estate Studies. Bergstrom said he hopes his donation will help enhance the center's national profile by aiding faculty research and student scholarships.

The center has been renamed the Kelley A. Bergstrom Center for Real

"The education that I got at the University of Florida prepared me for a very rewarding career in real estate."

Kelley Bergstrom
UF alumnus

Estate Studies in honor of both this donation and a previous one.

In 1998, he gave \$600,000 to the center, and the Legislature matched that donation with \$420,000. The state is likely to fully match Bergstrom's more recent donation, said Barbara Miles, associate vice

president for development at the UF Foundation, the university's fundraising arm.

Bergstrom said he believes in the center, which was established in 1986 and does extensive research in the real estate industry. That industry is important to all Floridians, he said.

"It enhances everyone's standard of living," he said.

"The education that I got at the University of Florida prepared me for a very rewarding career in real estate," he added, "and I was able to accumulate a few extra coins and thought what the Center for Real Estate Studies was doing really made sense."

Amish struggle in crime's aftermath

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Editorial

Thanks, guys

Student Senate ponders ESPN College GameDay

With the Fall election behind them, UF's student senators convened Tuesday to discuss vital affairs of state. Just kidding. Actually, it was business as usual for Student Government. Not even the faces changed. Six days after the polls closed, those foolproof paper ballots still hadn't been validated — meaning the Swamp Party's new class of legislators won't be sworn in until next week.

But not to worry. The incumbents are on top of things. This week, they debated whether or not to welcome ESPN College GameDay to UF. Not whether to have the show here, mind you — that decision was made months ago, and not by SG — but whether Student Body President John Boyles should present the hosts with a fruit basket when they arrive. Stirring.

In the end, the pro-fruit-basket side carried the day. But the debate was fierce. Sen. Ryan Nelson, God bless him, complained that the resolution was meaningless and a waste of everybody's time. That's when Student Senate President Mike Patrone huffed, "Were we wasting our time when we congratulated the basketball team?" Read that again. Then thank Patrone for laying bare the essential condition of SG — that would be complete irrelevance, in case you were wondering — for all to see. And for the record, yes, you were wasting your time when you congratulated the basketball team.

We'll give those senators one thing, though. They all looked adorable in their suits and ties and pearl necklaces. So grown up! In fact, if you covered your ears, you could almost pretend they were talking about something important, like tuition hikes or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Hell, we would have settled for free-printing or covered bus stops. But no. If SG wants the student body — and the Alligator — to take its little meetings seriously, then let's hope the next batch of Swamp senators is more interested in governing than in playing dress-up.

Nukyular North Korea?

Ah, the "Axis of Evil." Florida State University, the New York Yankees and Gainesville tow companies. No, wait — it's Iraq, Iran and North Korea. Remember them? In 2002, the president told Congress they were developing weapons of mass destruction, hooking up with terrorists and generally making a nuisance of themselves. Scary!

He was wrong about Iraq, of course. No weapons of mass destruction there. No real ties to al-Qaida either. But the other two? Bull's-eye. Iran has supplied Hezbollah with guns and money for decades and now, most experts say, it's trying to make a nuclear bomb. Even worse, North Korea probably has a few of them

already. It intends to test one soon, according to an official statement Tuesday.

Maybe it's a good thing we invaded Iraq. If we'd picked Iran or North Korea instead, we could have had a real fight on our hands — those guys are actually dangerous!

Of course, it's easy to blame George W. Bush for wasting time, money and American lives on a needless war in Iraq, especially when real threats from real weapons of mass destruction went unaddressed. It's easy, but it also happens to be true. So as election season heats up, when Rep. Katherine Harris or some other Republican says Democrats are soft on national security, just think three words: "Look who's talking."

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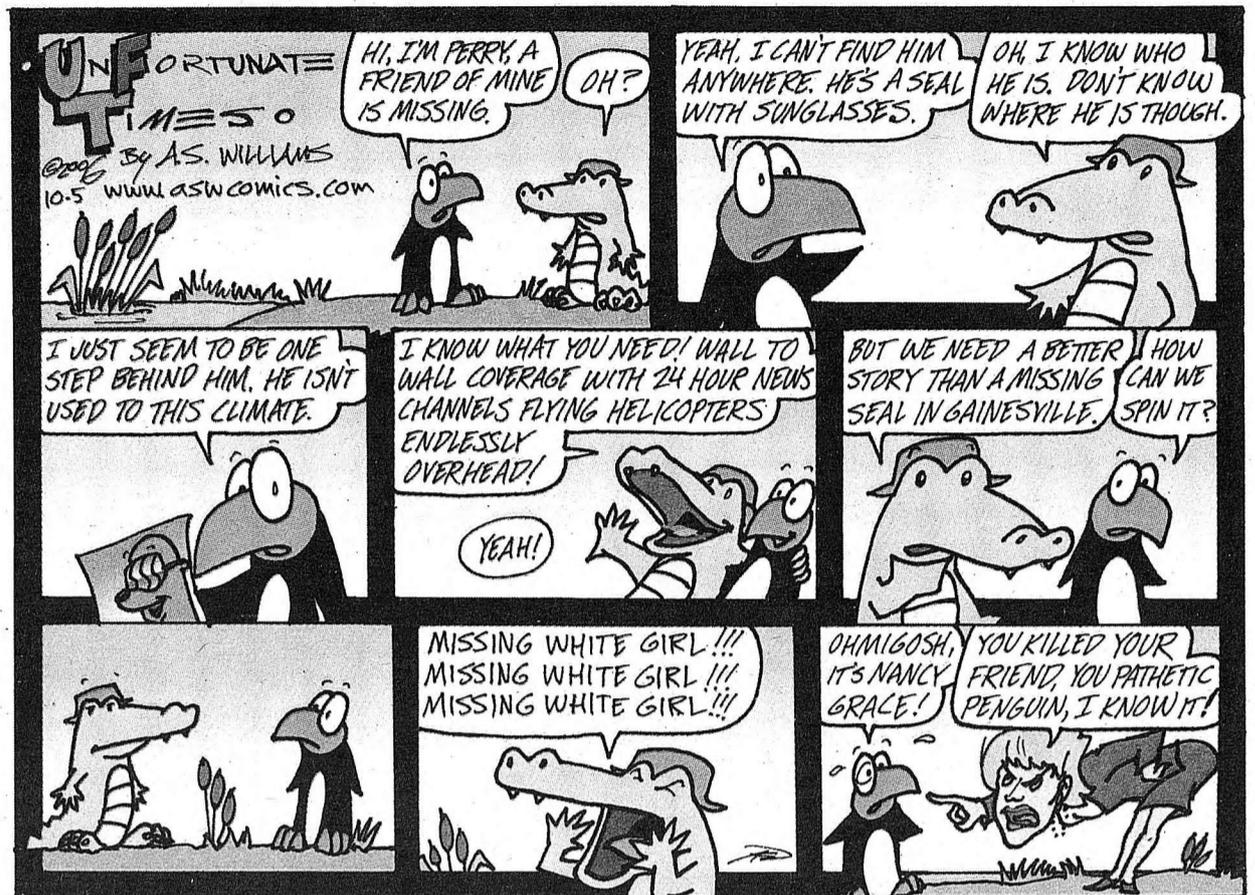
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Column

Hey, Swamp: where's my free burrito?

So, 14 percent of our school voted in the Student Government Fall elections. Bravo.

Wait. Don't skip to the crossword just yet. I'm not going to rehash the issues or malign the candidates — you're safe from that until the Spring. This column deals not with this past election, but with elections in general.

I've been asking myself the \$12 million question: Why is turnout so low? Why do we students collectively refuse to spend the five minutes required to choose our leaders — our representatives?

These are the people who use your money for their own trips, parties and awards. Imagine some SG officials went into your room and took cash from your wallet, then got themselves dinner. You'd do something about it.

SG doesn't steal from you, but the funds they control belong to you just like the money in your wallet does. It's there to help make your experience at UF as good as it can be.

So why don't we care? I think I know the answer. The problem is that we still associate SG at UF with high school student council elections — something truly meaningless. Back then, it was basically a resume-boosting pissing contest that went to the kid with the coolest posters. It should be more than that now that \$12 million is at stake. But it's not.

Now that the Swamp Party has swept the elections, I have no idea how my experience as a UF student will improve. All I remember getting from SG is gym wipes — and really, how much does it cost to stock a tin can with towelettes? And how bright do you have to be to think of it?



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The 2006 budget comes to about \$250 for every student. It basically means that on every school day in the Fall and Spring semester you should receive about a burrito's worth of value from SG. Just a half-pound of beefy, cheesy satisfaction waiting for you when you get off the bus — courtesy of your friends in SG.

What this means, primarily, is that the majority of us are not getting what we paid for. A daily lunch burrito would bring me significantly more joy than what I now get from Swamp, which as far as I can tell is the opportunity to refuse a sticker twice a year.

However, the more important implication here is that SG, in the right hands, could improve the average student's day — your day — by a burrito. That's a lot — even a weekly burrito would be awesome.

The question we face now is a tough one. Who will the tides of history foist upon us teeming masses? Who will lead us to the promised land — which, to round out the conceit, would have to be Taco Bell?

Good question. Maybe it's you. If it is, the time to prepare is now. Investigate the current and potential doings of SG. Use the Internet to connect with students and motivate the nonvoting majority. Don't just be an anti-Swamp party — stand for something.

And until the Spring, ask yourself every time you're on campus: Where's my burrito?

Patrick Barrett is a Russian junior. His column appears on Thursdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Should the United States build a wall along its border with Mexico?

Wednesday's question: Should House Speaker Dennis Hastert resign over his role in Foleygate?

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Letters to the Editor

Bush should invest in Fla. universities

On Oct. 2, Gov. Jeb Bush announced that he had promised almost \$1 billion to three California firms to establish biotechnology research programs in Florida. According to one estimate, two of the three biotech firms will cost the state about \$1 million for each job they create.

I don't question the governor's emphasis on biotechnology. But just think how much more effectively that money could have been spent if it had been invested directly in the State University System of Florida.

These institutions, their laboratories and many outstanding researchers are already in place and could have gone to work immediately, making much more efficient and productive use of such financial support.

E. T. York
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State University System of Florida



What's so bad about ticket scalping?

Like Jessica Holland, I'm an economics major. But I see no reason to attack ticket scalping, as she did in her Tuesday column.

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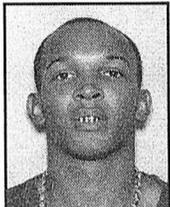
By **JAMES RIGNEY**

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The prime suspect in a killing last week is still avoiding police, but one of his girlfriends — now a co-defendant in the case — turned herself in Tuesday, according to an arrest report.

Police have not yet caught Willie "T-Baby" Alesten, according to the report.

He is wanted by police in connection with the fatal shooting of Chandre Garrison in the Pine Ridge neighborhood on Sept. 26.



Alesten
Suspect

Patricia Baker was arrested after she turned herself in Tuesday afternoon at Gainesville Police Department headquarters,

according to the report.

According to the report, she was charged with being an "accessory after fact," the legal term for helping a suspect after a crime.

She told police that Alesten came to her apartment soon after the killing, the report states.

Baker, described in the report as "one of co-defendant Alesten's girlfriends," later rented a room in a Motel 6 at an unknown location where she and Alesten spent the night, according to the report.

The pair spent the next night in Georgia.

Police tracked Alesten's cell phone, which he used to contact police, to the Atlanta area, the report states.

Alesten has been calling police to negotiate with them, said GPD spokesman Sgt. Keith Kameg.

Baker did not tell police Alesten's whereabouts when she dropped him off Friday and waited until Tuesday to contact them, the report states.

Baker admitted to police that she assisted him in leaving town even though she knew he was wanted in connection with the killing, according to the report.

She told police that Alesten did not force her to go with him, the report states.

Alesten, 27, has been wanted by police since being identified as the main suspect in Garrison's death. Kameg said last week that police believed Alesten shot Garrison in a parking lot near 2500 NW 62nd Place.

After the shooting, Alesten told a detective by phone "I'm not going back to jail," Kameg said.

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After prowling downtown streets, it's rural retirement for GPD horse

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Walker with white patches on his foot, nose and forehead — at a facility at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, along with a horse named Raider.

The horses were gradually exposed to people and cyclists, as well as items that the horses were not familiar with.

Trainers would light fireworks, hit the horses with beach balls and water noodles and stick protest signs in their faces.

"Something as simple as a plastic bag blowing across the street," Baker said. "To them, that's a monster about to eat them."

Over the years, the horse was trained on Wednesdays, and he spent Thursday, Friday

and Saturday nights patrolling downtown. From 10 p.m. to around 3 a.m., the officers and horses kept crowds in check.

Baker said Justice could deal with people pushing, shoving or slapping him. He's walked through hostile crowds, pursued fleeing vehicles and been in the middle of fights.

But even after years of patrolling the streets and chasing down criminals, Justice still has a weakness: puddles.

Baker said that, due to the horse's poor depth perception, any puddle on the ground frightened him. Baker had to retrain Justice not to be afraid every time it rained.

"It's OK," he would tell Justice. "You're not going to fall to China."

Justice was always rewarded with a "good job" and a pat on the neck, but Baker said the horse had a lot of confidence and didn't need

much praise.

"Everyone's oohing and ahing, and he doesn't care," Baker said. "Other horses eat it up, but he's like 'OK, you're petting me.'"

Baker said Justice loves to eat. While on the force, he ate pellet feed and grazed on grass at his stable. For dessert, he sometimes tried to eat leaves off of a plastic tree in front of a downtown nightclub.

"If it was green, he would try and eat it," Baker said.

GPD spends about \$30,000 a year on feed, equipment and other costs for all four of their horses. The money, Baker said, comes from drug forfeiture funds — money collected from the cash and property of local convicted drug dealers.

Baker said Justice's age has caught up with

him. What he used to do with ease he now does with moans, groans and stumbles.

"He's not his young, spry self anymore," Baker said. "Horses can get burned out from the constant hustle and bustle. He's just got to get a change of environment and a change of pace."

Baker said when he learned Justice was to be retired, he made the decision to bring the horse to his home.

"I have a bond with him," he said. "It just felt right."

Although Justice is done with downtown, he's keeping active at Baker's Newberry home with the two other horses, Grizzly and Charles.

"There's been a little head butting over who's going to be the top horse," Baker said. "He's a leader among horses. He's fearless."

Cabana life not always a beach

CABANA, from page 1

hurled, depending on which neighbor or witness tells the story — from a balcony on Saturday.

"I'm always banging the ceiling with my Swiffer," she said, describing how she quiets down the upstairs neighbors.

Officer Honeycutt, who was working Party Patrol, was called to Cabana Beach on an anonymous noise complaint.

However, once he was there, the 10-year GPD veteran dealt with what he called several "absurd" situations.

"It's almost like the Wild West here," Honeycutt said as he walked toward Cabana's Building 5 early Saturday morning.

Matt Stitt was Cabana Beach's head security guard on duty Saturday. He said residents' poor behavior would diminish over time.

"It's such a new complex," Stitt said. "But for the next couple months it's going to be rough."

For now, Honeycutt said, police are routinely called to Cabana Beach on the weekends, as is common with popular student apartments in Gainesville.

Bonny Lachut, Cabana's property manager, said the apartment's

management is aware of the problems, and she said she and her staff are working "nonstop" to deliver everything the ads promised.

"Everything is up except some amenities," Lachut said. "Basketball's up. Volleyball's up. All the other amenities are up except the pool."

At the conceptual and geographic center of Cabana Beach is the organically shaped swimming pool churned by a waterfall and bordered by a real sand beach.

The problem, many residents say, is that the beach is closed.

Jocelyn Vines lives in Building 3 bordering Cabana's picturesque beach.

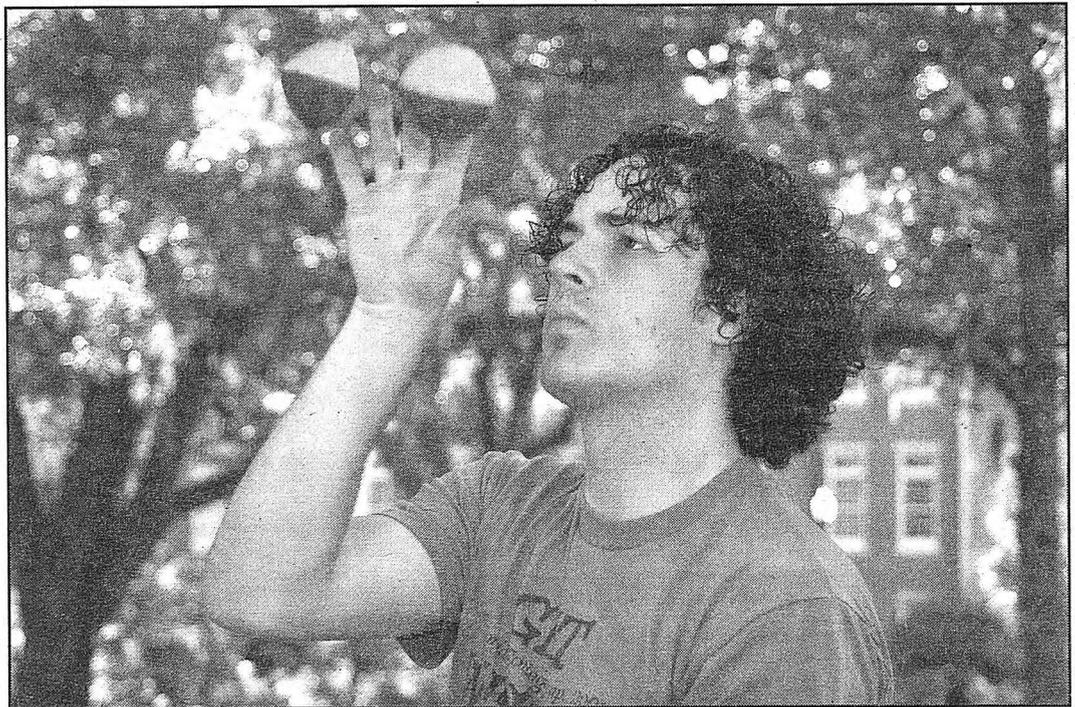
"The pool is why a lot of people moved here," Vines said. "What if they finish it and it's cold out?"

Lachut said she is doing her best to appease residents' demands, but an addendum in Cabana Beach's lease agreement allows for the pool to remain under construction.

"That's frustrating for us as management to not have a pool," Lachut said. She paused and sighed over the phone.

"When it's all done," she said, "I'm going throw a big party for my residents."

Alligator contributing writer Chantalle Johnson contributed to this report.



Nicole Saffner / Alligator

Objects in motion

UF sophomore Graham Miller, who has been juggling for about 10 years, practices Wednesday afternoon on the Plaza of the Americas. He is a member of the UF juggling club, Objects in Motion, which has about ten members and meets every Wednesday at the Reitz Union. The club will perform Saturday at the Alachua County Fairgrounds as part of a Homecoming festival.

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Experimental indie rock group Xiu Xiu gears up to play at Common Grounds tonight. The band is known for lyrics infused with striking realism set to haunting music, here performed by Caralee McElroy at left. But you would never know it just by talking to them.

By DAVID LOW

Exchanging pleasantries with Xiu Xiu

He answered the phone jovially. "Hello, sir," he said in a sprightly tone. I was already nervous about talking to him, and I was a little taken aback.

"Hi, um, Jamie?" I confusedly stuttered out. Surely this couldn't be the Jamie Stewart of Xiu Xiu.

It was. We exchanged salutations, but I was still a little perplexed — he's too friendly. I broke down and admitted it: I'm kind of intimidated.

"I wish I had an evil laugh," he said. Jamie Stewart laughed.

Even writing those three words feels strange.

Here is a man who seems enveloped in sorrow.

Here is a former preschool teacher whose songs recount often-autobiographical tales of abuse, rape and revenge. His personal wounds are perfectly conveyed to the listener through his signature pained whispers and screams.

Stewart told me not to worry and that it's a common misperception that he's one of the smartest, most well-read individuals in music. He was just being modest.

Stewart fronts Xiu Xiu, an experimental indie rock outfit from San Jose, Calif. Xiu Xiu is a band that is fiercely realistic. All of Stewart's lyrics are about real events.

"Some of them are about things that are happening or have happened to me," Stewart said. "Some of them are about things that are happening to people in my family, or people in the band or friends of people in the band."

I asked Stewart if he feels any catharsis in getting these things off of his chest or out in the open.

"I don't feel relieved of any of the issues by having written about them, but they seem like they tend to make more sense," he said. "When I hear songs that I know are about something

real — even if they're not about something real in my life personally — because I know they're true, I get more out of it."

Most times when you read about Xiu Xiu, someone is either pondering Stewart's sexuality (he's bisexual, for the record) or trying to figure out the goal of his music.

Whether or not Xiu Xiu's aim is to shock, horrify or reveal, Stewart is consciously commenting on events. Such is evident

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Jamie Stewart, Xiu Xiu front man

when I asked him the significance of the title of Xiu Xiu's new album, "The Air Force." His response is sort of like listening to his song "Support Our Troops OH!"

"It's becoming excusable to indiscriminately kill like 70 children in the process to kill one 'insurgent.'" Stewart said. He sighed heavily. "Thoughtlessly murdering entire families — indescribably cruel ..." His voice trailed off.

"And also the pilots are completely sealed from the murders they're committing," he continued. "They're just up there flying around in their little f—ing video games and masturbating while they bomb. It's unbelievable to me that this is acceptable."

Surprisingly enough, "The Air Force" contains no songs that are specifically about the album's namesake. For the most part, the album focuses on death, love and other issues that

Stewart and his bandmates are going through.

Xiu Xiu created the album mostly in Stewart's apartment, where he has a small home studio.

"We worked on things five or six days a week and slowly, slowly chipped away at it," Stewart said.

He said that the album was about 80 percent finished when Xiu Xiu brought Deerhoof drummer Greg Saunier to polish it up and add to it.

"He helped us fix some things that weren't working and pushed us a little harder — helped us do a better job," he said.

One particular standout from the album is "Hello From Eau Claire," a song dealing with gender ambiguity sung by Stewart's bandmate and cousin Caralee McElroy.

She and Stewart have constituted the core members of Xiu Xiu for quite some time, but now there is a third — Ches Smith.

"Mechanically, he's playing live drums and live percussion, whereas we used a drum machine before," Stewart said. "His musical background is really different than mine and really different than Caralee's, so he's just an entire breadth of interest that wasn't there before."

With a new record in the bag and Smith in tow, Xiu Xiu is now back on tour to promote its release. They're stopping over tonight at Common Grounds, where tickets are \$10 and the doors open at 9 p.m.

As Jamie and I wrapped up our conversation, he told me that his guilty pleasure these days is CornNuts. I would not have seen that coming, but can we really anticipate the next thing Xiu Xiu is going to do? Apparently not.

One of the most tortured voices ever committed to tape pleasantly told me goodbye and, laughing with other voices in the background, hung up the phone.

BESTSELLERS

- New York Times
1. "The Thirteenth Tale" — Diane Setterfield
 2. "The Book of Fate" — Brad Meltzer
 3. "The Mission Song" — John le Caré
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QUOTABLE



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George Clooney

To People, on paparazzi coverage of celebrity relationships.

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Ace of clubs brings his own brand of excitement

By **SHEM FLEENOR**
Avenue Writer

"I'm going to give this town something it's never seen, heard or dreamed of," said Brian Speed, 29,

a club owner and promoter from New York who's scanned the globe throwing thousands of parties.

Now Speed is bringing his passion for the nightlife and business to Gainesville.

Tonight he is throwing three parties to promote the grand openings of three new nightclubs. The trilogy of clubs is in the 238 complex on West University Avenue in downtown Gainesville.

"You can pay at one club and party at all three," he said. "It's going to be insane."

Gainesville residents will have the chance party at three clubs, each completely different from the others, for less than \$10.

UF student Kim Agnello thinks the nightclub trio has a legitimate chance of being successful in Gainesville.

"College kids are all about economy," she said.

Club Miami is geared toward hip-hop, reggae, reggaeton and old-school. Texas Bull has live bands, '70s, '80s and '90s, Top 40 and country music. At Bump NYC, Speed is attempting to recreate the ambient, pulsating atmosphere of some of Manhattan's hottest spots.

Ladies drink free until midnight.

"I never really go downtown," said Agnello. "It's not really my

scene. Midtown is more laid-back. But now that there is something new down there, I'll probably check it out."

Sex sells, but Speed is giving it away.

Tonight there is a sex contest. The details are too seedy to print, but the winner receives free VIP status at the three clubs for an entire year.

"It's going to be controversial," he said.

Gainesville is in the heart of the Bible Belt, but Speed is unlatching the belt for some goopy pleasure and excitement.

He's bringing in world-class DJs, including Super Jay Dee, one of New York's best-known electronic music artists. DJ Jammz is being flown in from New York the Thursday before Halloween. Jammz made an appearance on the A&E Network's "Growing up Gotti" last year.

Speed is hoping his concepts are as successful in Gainesville as they

have been in New York, Miami, Tampa, Las Vegas and Cancun.

"It's the greatest high there is," he said. "Looking down at 1,500 people dancing and having the time of their lives is an amazing feeling. Looking out at the dance floor and thinking, 'I put this together' — it's a feeling money can't buy."

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Brian Speed
club owner

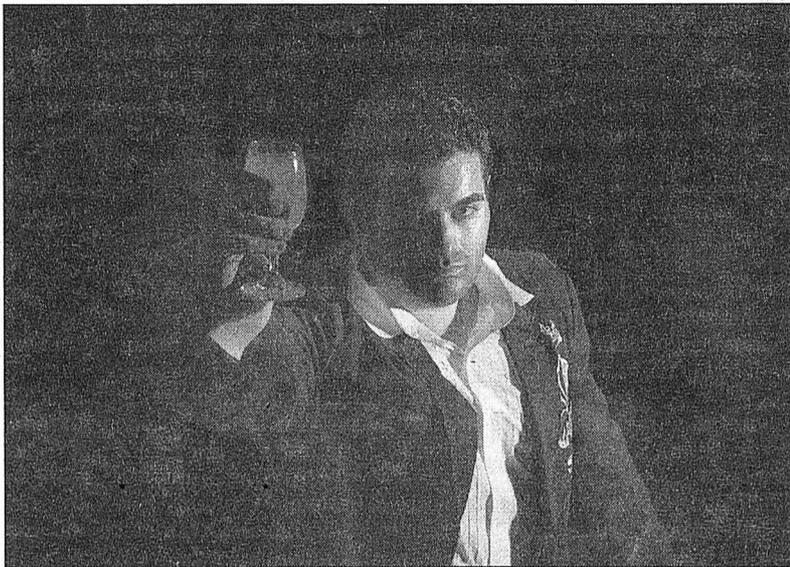
He's made money almost everywhere he's thrown parties, and he expects Gainesville to prove as lucrative.

"I want to keep it going," he said. "It's not all about money. There are 50 other things I could be doing. But if you're going to be doing something 60 hours a week, it has to be a passion."

Speed said Gainesville is the perfect place to merge his two passions.

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Editor's Note:
This is the first in a monthly series of music reviews. Each month, we will focus on noteworthy new releases we think are interesting and worth checking out.

Grizzly Bear amazes on "House"

Grizzly Bear is a monster. Its newest album, "Yellow House," is the band's latest foray into manipulation-drenched, genre-bending experimental pop. At times echoing the eerie reticence of new folk, at others borrowing heavily from My Bloody Valentine's densely gorgeous sonic clutter, the record is never less than astounding.

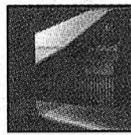
On "Yellow House," the band has thrown open the windows, affording the music an entirely new sense of space. Rather than allowing this openness to cheer its previously dense, dark sound, the band opts for sheer, wide-screen massiveness. The result is nothing less than terrifyingly grand.

Part of the album's soaring otherworldliness comes from Grizzly

Bear's voracious appetite for unusual juxtapositions.

Take the album's first song, "Easier," in which icy horns and a ghostly piano unfurl against a frigid yet cheery pop melody. Elsewhere, "Lullabye" takes a relatively straight-forward slice of pastoral folk and recasts it as a thundering, towering tsunami of sound.

A gorgeously messy jumble of astonishing ideas and sounds, "Yellow House" is almost beyond reckoning. If it's any indication of the quality of the band's future work, this record will serve as the first masterpiece of a truly innovative group.



Grizzly Bear
Yellow House

New Dylan resists expectations

Though "Modern Times" is no "Time Out of Mind," let alone a "Blood on the Tracks," it is still a consistently solid record, offering sturdy songcraft, if not necessarily pleasing surprises.

The majority of the album tills the same gritty, boogie rock of "Love and Theft." While all the songs are at least competent, it is when Dylan stylistically stretches himself that he shines.

"Beyond the Horizon," for example, is an immensely charming torch song, a Hawaiian slack-key guitar ditty recalling Andy Iona's carefree beach laze.

"Ain't Talkin'," the album's highlight, ambles along with ramshackle menace. Utilizing droning fiddle, seedy-clean electric guitar and a shuffling drumbeat, the song meanders down its own dimly lit, rain-slicked

alleyways.

As the final track of "Modern Times," though, it serves as a somewhat disappointing reminder, indicating that Dylan, though entirely capable of mining his re-energized, second-wind brilliance even today, would still prefer to give us "Love and Theft, Revisited."

Ultimately, though, that's how Dylan works. He's never been one to heed trends or expectations, and he certainly doesn't begin to bend to them here. He is what he is, whether we like it or not, and "Modern Times" is merely an extension of that attitude.



Bob Dylan
Modern Times

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Akron/Family invokes eclecticism

After releasing its quietly arresting, folk-indebted debut in 2004, Akron/Family moved on to release a split album with the Angels of Light that showed the band adding a large dose of ambition to its complex songwriting, improving dramatically in almost every respect. With "Meek Warrior," the group takes a different tack, emphasizing texture and mood to excellent effect.

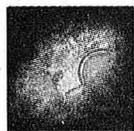
The nearly 10-minute, suitelike "Blessing Force," starts the album. It is certainly the most provocative and ambitious track, and nothing would make me happier than to say it's an unqualified masterpiece.

Sadly, this is not the case. Part of what distinguished the band's experimentation in the past is that it always managed to augment its already-inventive and satisfying songwriting. With "Blessing Force," the group flaunts its experimental side to no fulfilling end.

Each individual part of the song is intriguing; as a whole, it's bewildering.

Thankfully, "Meek Warrior" moves on from this initial misstep. After the bucolic folk rock of "Gone Beyond" and the caveman transcendentalism of the title track, Akron/Family stretches out with "No Space in This Realm," a meditative, weightless drift of eddying acoustic guitar, warmly murmuring horns and wandering upright bass. It's spectacular in a way the band hasn't been since their debut — quietly, not kinetically.

And from then on, Akron/Family really hits its stride. "Meek Warrior" may be (mostly) calming, but its fearless eclecticism is anything but sissy.



Akron/Family
Meek Warrior

Broadcast avoids common pitfalls

Though I always look forward to new stuff by Broadcast, when I heard about its new compilation, "Future Crayon," I was a bit concerned. There's good reason to be, too.

First, there is the length. With 18 songs clocking in at a total of nearly 70 minutes, 25 minutes longer than the band's second-longest release, the compilation requires a considerable investment of time. On "Future Crayon," the group cobbled together material spanning years, styles and sources. Thankfully, the record avoids potential hazards and sequencing problems, and it instead serves as a vital addition to Broadcast's output.

The compilation's first half feels not unlike a more subdued version of "The Noise Made by People," Broadcast's prettiest and most satisfying full-length album. "Still Feels Like Tears" chugs along with purposeful breeziness, sounding something like a Can song

rearranged by Ennio Morricone. The yearning, circular "Poem of Dead Song" is one of the more affecting songs in Broadcast's work, placing singer Trish Keenan's heartfelt coo in a timeless, enveloping shroud of reverb-laden pop melancholy. "Locusts" glides through a stylish, sultry nocturne before abruptly veering off into an angular, airy cavern of ethereal synth wisps and hip-hop drumming.

What we have here is a consistent release, in which the band's ingenuity and taste almost entirely makes up for the compilation's traditional pitfalls. While it might not spark a new fan base, anything Broadcast releases is certainly worth a listen, and "Future Crayon" is no exception.



Broadcast
Future Crayon

By TOM HARRIS

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Chivalry and romance require effort from both sides

By **JESSICA CRAVEN**
Sex on the Avenue

Chivalry is not an art to be left to damsels in distress, nor to knights in shining armor.

Chivalry is a tradition that typical college students can use — if they can properly understand it.

Take this story from my friend's blog: My friend decided to take a lady friend on a date. He knew this meant he'd be footing the bill — drinks, dinner and whatever else.

Not a problem.

And, being the gentleman

I know him to be, I'm sure he opened a few doors for her; he may have even pulled out her chair.

And how did his date reward this gentlemanly behavior?

By ordering the most expensive meal possible and spending a considerable amount of time on her cell phone.

My friend's response may surprise you.

Rather than quietly accepting it, he excused himself to the bathroom and made for the door, leaving his inconsiderate date confused and holding the bill.

My reaction to his unorthodox

exit may surprise you more.

I didn't call him and scorn him for being a cad.

I didn't get the urge to smack some sense into him.

I didn't even get upset.

I laughed. I wanted to give him a hug and kiss, to shake his hand.

Good job, my friend.

But what I read next made me sad.

My friend ended his blog by stating that chivalry is dead.

He declared that women killed it.

After thinking about this, I concluded: Chivalry is a two-

way street.

Ladies, if we want men to treat us chivalrously, we need to show them a little chivalry in return.

I'm not saying we need to start picking up the tab or throwing our coats over rain puddles.

A little dash of appreciation can go a long a very long way.

When your date holds the door open, give him a sweet, feminine smile and sincere, polite "thank-you."

All any of us want is to be appreciated.

That's what chivalry is all about — being nice, considerate and respectful.

So, gentlemen, please don't give up on chivalry.

Some of us women do appreciate it and adore you for it.

And, ladies, show the gentlemen in your lives that you enjoy their good behavior.

Over time, the little things add up to a lot.

Chivalry can survive. When your date treats you like the lady you are, give him a smile, a hug, a "thank you" or even a kiss if you're so inclined.

Offering to pay for the movie can't hurt either.

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Dance raises funds for trip **calendar**

By **JENNIFER PFAFF**
Avenue Writer

As a member of the Florida Swing Dance Club, Chad Mackman, 22, received a little more than just physical support from his fellow dancers this weekend as he dipped and bopped on the dance floor at the Unified Training Center.

Clad in '40s fedoras, '50s dresses and '60s bellbottoms, 85 swing dancers — mostly members from the dance club — gathered Friday night to swing dance in costume and donate money toward a medical outreach trip totaling \$22,000.

Mackman, a second-year UF medical student, is one in a group of 34 UF medical students, professors and Shands professionals raising money for the entire team to participate in DR HELP, a weeklong program during Spring Break that has sent participants to the Dominican Republic to educate and provide health care to citizens for the past 11 years.

Florida Swing Dance Club the club turned its regular Friday evening meeting into an open-invitation, themed benefit event in order to support Mackman.

"For us, it's mainly about supporting Chad, and kind of through that, trying to get people in different disciplines involved in the club, because it's something for anybody from any major to do," said Micah Labishak, president of the Florida Swing Dance Club.

Supplied with examining tables and medical tools, the team members carry out any medical remedies they can.

They do everything from treating minor

colds to performing minor surgeries.

Last year's group treated more than 1,200 citizens, more than half of whom were children.

"For some, this is their only access to health care all year. For some, it's the only access they've ever had," Mackman said.

Lindsey Evans, a second-year medical student who participated in last year's trip and is a trip leader for the upcoming outreach, said that many Dominican Republic children suffer from scabies, malnutrition and parasites. "The adults have trauma injuries, disorders we've never seen over here or seen them progress to the point that they are," Evans said.

The DR HELP group educates citizens about treatments and prescribes vitamins to patients after they undergo a medical interview and a health examination.

They also receive condoms, children's toys and hotel soaps and shampoos.

"You can't treat disease conditions in a country if you don't know what's surrounding it," Evans said. "For example, people who have scabies may not have access to washing wells, so you can't tell them to treat it by just washing their hands."

The group will work for five days, they'll relax for two and spend the remainder of their time sightseeing.

For now, the DR HELP team is making fundraising efforts to leave the country.

Friday night, the Florida Swing Dance Club raised \$190 toward the trip. Everyone who participated, including Daniel Braughler, a freshman Florida Swing Dance Club member, donated at least \$5 each toward the trip.

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Chad Mackman
Member of the Florida Swing Dance Club

calendar

Common Grounds, live music: Xiu Xiu, Congs for Brums, BARR, 10 p.m., \$10 ●●●
Hippodrome Theatre, film: "I Like Killing Flies," 7 p.m., 9 p.m., \$6.50
Side Bar, live music: Fusebox Funk, 9 p.m., free

Today
10.05

The Atlantic, live music: Velvetten Pink, Collective Efforts, Currents, 10:30 p.m., \$6
Backstage Lounge, live music: Borealis, The Touch Tones, Luke Stevens, Double O Negative, Southcott, 10:30 p.m., \$5
Side Bar, live music: The Duppies, Edan Archer, DJ Hibell, 9 p.m., \$5

Friday
10.06

1982 Bar, live music: Ceasar & Godseeker, Night Train Murder, Code 4-15, Skavangers, Hooray Beer, 9 p.m., \$5
The Atlantic, live music: The Spam Allstars, 10 p.m., \$8
Side Bar, live music: Blacksnake, New School Dropouts, John McMillan Band, 9 p.m., \$5

Saturday
10.07

Harn Museum, gallery talk: "Marsden Hartley: American Modern," an exploration of Hartley's works, 3 p.m., free

Sunday
10.08

Reitz Union Cinema, film: "A Scanner Darkly," 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., free

Monday
10.09

Emerald's Lounge, dancing: Argentine Tango lessons, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., \$5 drink minimum
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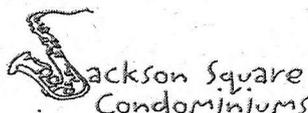
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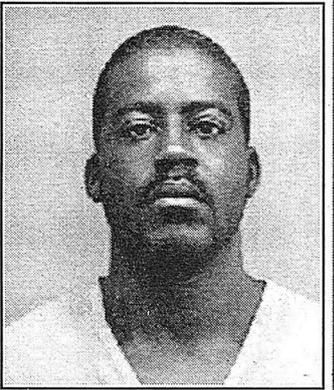
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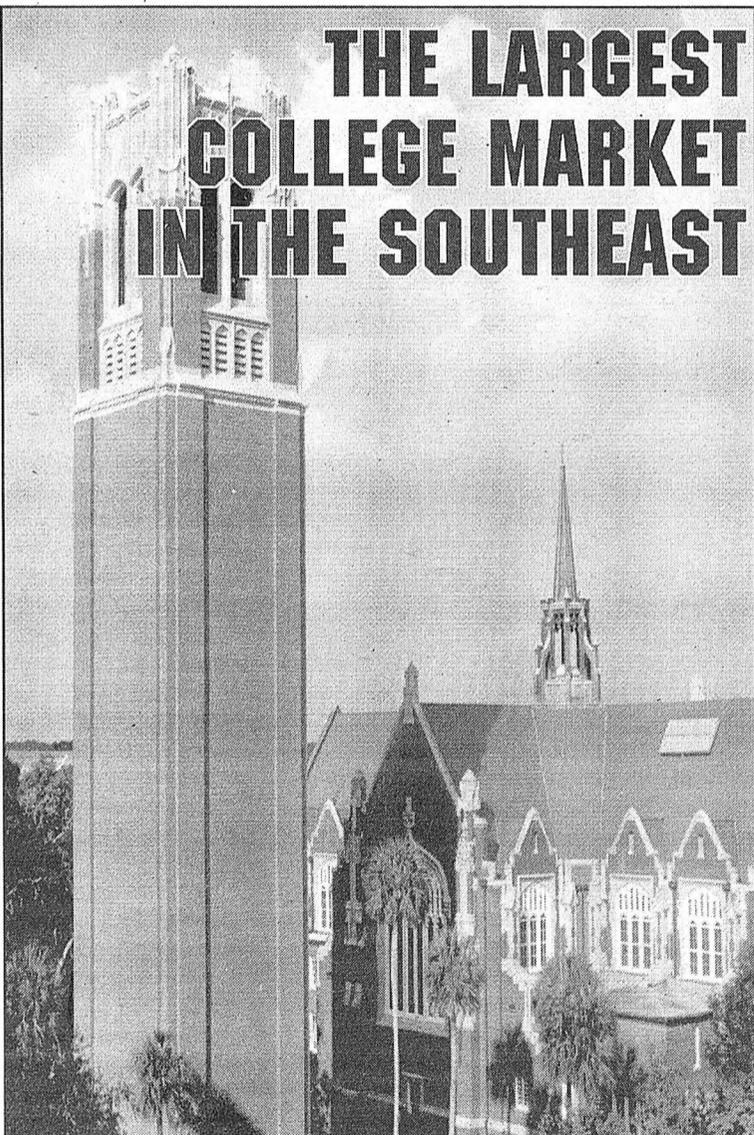
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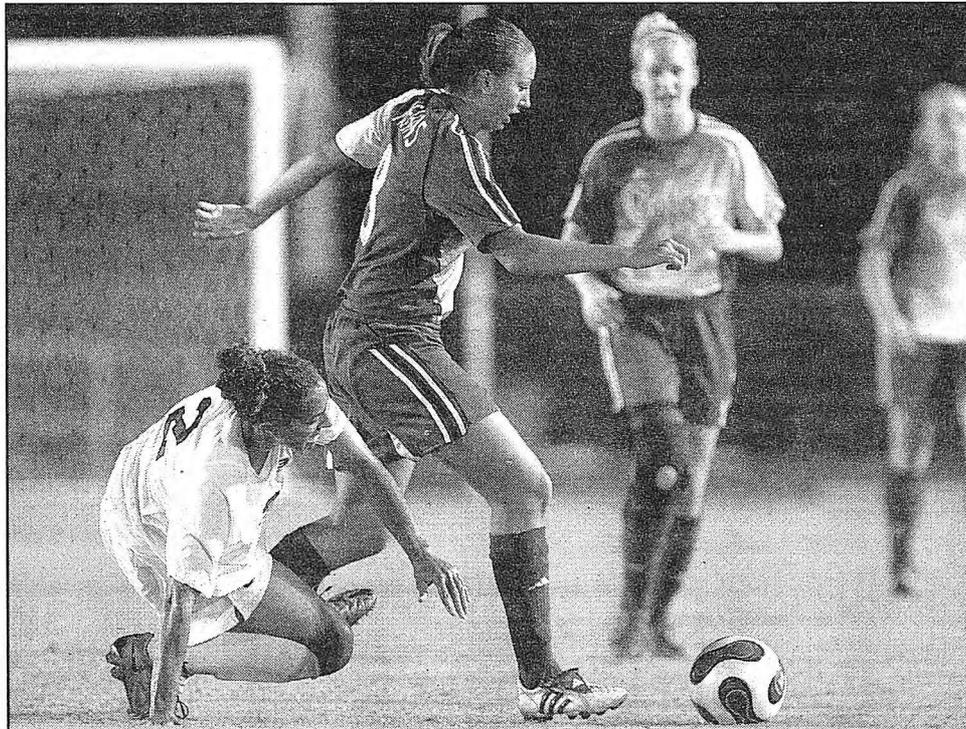
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No more room for error; UF sets sight on SEC title



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UF sophomore forward Megan Kerns dribbles past a Georgia defender during the second half of the Gators' 2-1 overtime win against the Bulldogs on Friday.

By **BRIAN STEELE**

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The UF soccer team must be reading the philosophies of Al Davis.

The Oakland Raiders owner's renowned saying "just win baby" has been ringing clearly at press conferences and practice lately. Heading into the heart of Southeastern Conference play, the No. 19 Gators (7-4-1, 3-1 SEC) know that every game is vital to reach their goal of a conference crown.

The Gators are second in the SEC with nine points, trailing South Carolina by one point.

"We just gotta win," UF coach Becky Burleigh said. "That's the bottom line; we just have to win."

Still, if UF is able to complete this weekend against Vanderbilt and Kentucky with two wins, there needs to be some changes in its mental psyche.

The Gators dominated first-half scoring two weekends ago versus Alabama and Auburn. The same can't be said for last weekend.

In those two games, the Gators were

outscored 3-0 in the first half. Although UF came back in Disney-like fashion against Georgia, defeating the Bulldogs 2-1 in overtime, they were not able to overcome a two-goal deficit against Tennessee, falling 2-1. After the Tennessee loss, players admitted they felt prepared but overlooked the Volunteers.

As Ashley Harris put it, "We didn't come out to win this."

"We've had a few bad losses this year, and from each one I think we've taken something."

Megan Kerns

UF sophomore forward

Following the emotional weekend, it would seem tough to rebound.

However, sophomore Megan Kerns thinks otherwise.

"We're going to try and use those emotions in a good way so we calm down and relax," said Kerns, who scored the game-winning goal against Georgia on Friday. "We've had a few bad losses this year, and from each one I think we've taken something."

GOLF

Horschel leads Gators to first win of season

■ **THE SOPHOMORE SHOT A 63 FOR MEDALIST HONORS.**

By **ALDEN GONZALEZ**

Alligator Writer

Sophomore Billy Horschel might as well have been wearing red yesterday in Williamsburg, Va., because everything about his game screamed Tiger Woods on a Sunday.

Playing at the site of the 2006 NCAA Championships, Horschel presented the aura of a champion with a flawless third round, leading UF to its first victory of the season.

Horschel recorded a career-low

7-under-par 63 to finish with an overall 203 (7 under), as the men's golf team shot a combined 8-under-par 272 Wednesday at the PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational.

The Gators finished with a three-day total of 834 (6 under) to oust defending NCAA champion Oklahoma State by four strokes and leave their coach a little bit shocked.

"I'll be the first to admit that I didn't think we would win a golf tournament this early in the year," Coach Buddy Alexander said.

"I was confident we'd get better as the year went on, but I wasn't sure if we'd be where we are now so early."

TOP 5

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

No. 2

Steve Spurrier

1964-66

The first Heisman Trophy winner in school history, Steve Spurrier led the Gators to two major bowl games.

Spurrier's numbers aren't gaudy when compared to modern-day statistics, but he was a player in every sense of the word.

When he left Gainesville, he held the UF career records for passing yardage (4,848) and total offense, and he held the single-game and single-season records in each of those categories.

He also broke every Southeastern Conference passing record.

Spurrier became the first losing player to be named Most Valuable Player of the Sugar Bowl after he rallied the Gators from a large deficit before falling 20-18.

The following season, Spurrier was a first-team All-America pick for the second consecutive year and led the team to a 9-2 record and a 27-12 Orange Bowl victory against Georgia Tech, UF's first win in a major bowl game.

He later played 10 years in the NFL with San Francisco and Tampa Bay, and he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1986.

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The Gainesville Girls

UF loaded with local talent

By **JENNA MARINA**
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UF volleyball coach Mary Wise couldn't be happier that the O'Connell Center is infested with rats.

Gym rats, that is, and they take the form of junior Marcie Hampton, sophomore Kelsey Bowers and freshmen Janine Williams and Elyse Cusack.

"What we look for in recruiting, amongst other things, is gym rats," Wise said. "We want players who love to be in the gym. Time off from practice and they can't wait to get back in there, and those are four gym rats."

But the four rats share more than just a love for volleyball — they share the same area code.

With 13 players on the team, the Gainesville natives comprise nearly one-third

of the roster.

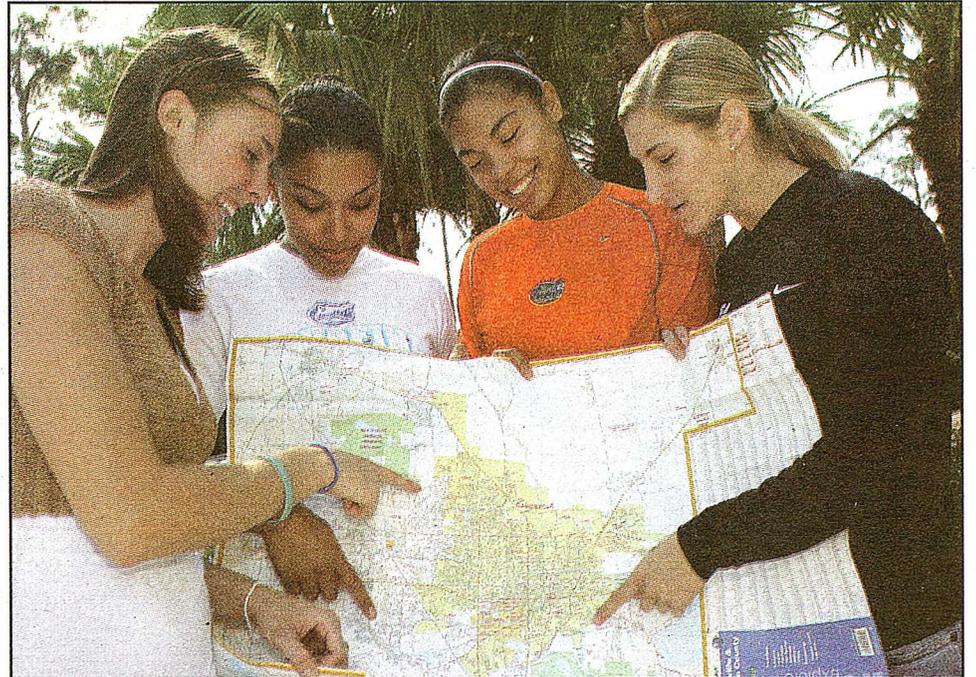
What's more, three of the four are in the starting lineup and making significant contributions this season.

Bowers was named Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 25, and one week later, Cusack was named SEC Freshman Player of the Week. Hampton continues to be one of UF's key offensive options and is third on the team in kills with 143. With this much hometown talent on the team, there's got to be something in the water.

"I don't know what it is about Gainesville," Hampton said. "I think the University of Florida is a big thing. I know I've watched [UF's volleyball team] since I was 8 or 9. A big way of learning volleyball is to watch high-level volleyball."

With UF volleyball as their example, the four started practicing at the gym at about the same age — somewhere between 8 to 10 years old.

Since Hampton is the oldest of the group,



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Sophomore Kelsey Bowers, freshman Janine Williams, junior Marcie Hampton and freshman Elyse Cusack point to their homes on a map of Alachua County.

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Gators players built early bonds through volleyball, pranking coaches

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she was an idol for the others.

"Marcie was kind of like the volleyball goddess in girls club," Bowers said.

When Cusack was in the fourth or fifth grade, she also marveled at Hampton's talent, but a different characteristic of her teammate has always stuck with her.

"I remember watching Marcie play when she was in seventh grade," Cusack said. "She had really big, poofy hair. That was my first impression of her — a tall, skinny girl with poofy hair."

Years later, the poofy hair deflated, and the duo became teammates at P.K. Yonge. They were accompanied by Williams, who joined the team as a seventh-grader.

As teammates, the trio bonded quickly, but you could say that hanging around with Cusack, Williams and Hampton was more like participating in an episode of "Punk'd."

"Every year, we'd play a prank on our coach," Cusack said. "It was actually a different coach every year, so it kind of never got old. They'd never know it was coming."

While their stunts may not have been as elaborate as Ashton Kutcher's, they still got a big enough reaction from their coach.

"We'd get fake cigarettes, and we would take them to tournaments, and then we'd sit out by the hot tub and wait for our coach to come out," Cusack said. "We'd start smoking them, and she freaked out and thought we were total rebels and was yelling at us."

Bowers, a Gainesville High graduate, never got in on the pranking action, but she bonded with the three on their club team, Gainesville Juniors.

Soon though, the bond would begin to dissolve as they got older and graduation neared.

Hampton was the first to move on, but the outside hitter prolonged her decision to sign with UF.

Even though she grew up as a Gators fan and couldn't imagine bleeding any colors other than orange and blue, she was skeptical about staying so close to home.

"It adds a little bit to the pressure of having to be good all the time. Also, when you're in high school and your parents get on your nerves, you're like, 'You know, I just want to get away from here,'" Hampton said with a

laugh. "But I'm so glad I stayed. My family is so important to me."

Bowers was the next to depart, and she also cited family as the reason for her decision to stay.

"Sometimes we'll say something, and they'll be like, 'Oh, the Gainesville girls,' but they're just jealous."

Elyse Cusack
UF libero

"My dad is the biggest volleyball fan I could ever have," Bowers said. "I think after every game, he writes me an e-mail critiquing everything and asks me about how I felt about different things."

For Cusack, the decision was an easy one to make because the Gators had been a part of her life for as long as she could remember. Her parents used to own season basketball tickets, and she would tag along to the games.

But Cusack could have been sporting a different uniform during UF events if she followed through on a childhood dream.

"I always wanted to be a Dazzler," she

said. "I went to Dazzler camp."

Upon hearing this, UF volunteer assistant coach Jenny Theis, who played for the Gators and graduated in 1999, gave Cusack a skeptical look.

"Jenny, don't look at me like that!" Cusack defended. "I loved them. They were cool."

Ultimately, Cusack stuck with volleyball and decided to graduate early from high school in order to enroll at UF in the spring so she could practice with the team.

Williams opted to do the same, which pleased her UF alumni parents.

Even though she ultimately chose UF, Williams never felt pressure from her parents to make that decision.

"My mom always said that she'd rather me be in Alaska and be happier than [live] 10 minutes away," Williams said.

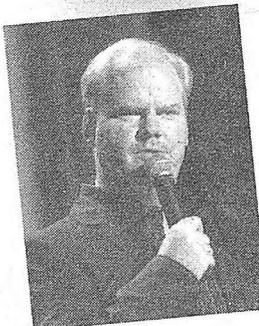
Hampton insists there are no Gainesville cliques, and everyone on the team is like a family. Still, there's always a bit of teasing, and it seems the Gainesville girls have the home-court advantage.

"Sometimes we'll say something, and they'll be like, 'Oh, the Gainesville girls,' but they're just jealous," Cusack said with a smile.



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LSU QB Russell could be 'big' problem for Gators

By **BRYAN JONES**
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JaMarcus Russell is a big guy. Just ask UF linebacker Brandon Siler.

"He's a big fella," Siler said. "I remember last year, the first play of the game, I blitzed and went in there and hit him and he didn't fall. I had to push him down."

But all of a sudden, Russell is making the transition from big

quarterback to big-time quarterback.

The 6-foot-6, 260-pound behemoth has always been able to use his size and his out-of-this-world arm strength to frustrate opposing defenses, but this season, the

LSU junior is making tremendous strides in his poise and decision-making.

While the Gators were able to force three turnovers out of Russell in 2005, that may not be such a simple task this time around.

Russell is leading the Southeastern Conference in passing efficiency this season, carrying a league-high 70.4 percent completion rate. His 10 touchdowns to just one interception is the most impressive ratio in the conference.

"I think JaMarcus is much more confident in the things we ask him to do," LSU coach Les Miles said. "He understands the play-calling now. It's like anything else; once you get some experience, you start to see improvement, and he's ready to play."

With the No. 9 Tigers (4-1, 1-1 SEC) set to face No. 5 UF (5-0, 3-0 SEC) and the SEC's top run defense Saturday, Russell's play could be the key to the game.

"I think the thing is, you just got to put pressure on him like we did last year," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "But he has great size, great strength and probably one of the strongest arms in the country — one of the strongest arms I've seen."

That may be a major understatement.

LSU wide receiver Dwayne Bowe said Russell can throw a football 75 yards — from one knee.

Interestingly, however, Meyer is more worried about Russell's running ability than his arm strength.

"You'll hear someone say that he's not very mobile, but that's not true," Meyer said. "A lot of

his damage is done when he gets outside the pocket. So extremely strong, good athlete, doesn't run the ball very much, but a lot of his plays are made when he's outside the pocket."

Russell also has plenty of weapons to work with.

"I remember last year, the first play of the game, I blitzed and went in there and hit him and he didn't fall."

Brandon Siler
UF linebacker

LSU's triple threat of Craig Davis, Bowe and Early Doucet may be too much for the UF corners to handle. The trio has combined for 64 catches, 1,019 yards and eight touchdowns so far this season.

Meanwhile, the Gators are ranked 10th in the SEC in pass defense. That puts them behind teams like Arkansas, Vanderbilt and Mississippi.

On the other hand, UF has featured a bend-but-don't-break defense the entire season, allowing teams to drive down the field but rarely find the end zone.

Miles hopes Russell can be the guy who finally breaks UF's defense wide open.

"I think he's an advantage for us in every game," Miles said. "Anytime you go into a key matchup, it's good to have a heavy signal caller. He knows what it's like to play in a big game, and he's got the confidence to go out there and win."



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LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell pitches the ball to a running back during the Gators' 21-17 loss to the Tigers in 2005.

Wilson to play Saturday, Wynn misses practice

■ THE GUARD WILL PLAY SATURDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON.

By **BRYAN JONES** and **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Staff Writers

UF guard Ronnie Wilson will play for the first time this season Saturday against LSU, Coach Urban Meyer said Wednesday.

The redshirt freshman fractured his right ankle prior to the season.

"He's practicing really well," Meyer said. "Right now, he's learning left guard and right guard."

When Wilson went out with the injury, right tackle Drew Miller was moved to right guard and tackle Carlton Medder was inserted into the lineup in place of Miller.

Meyer said that neither player will have to worry about losing his job just yet.

The prognosis doesn't look as bright for starting running back DeShawn Wynn.

Wynn did not practice Wednesday, and while he is still very questionable to play against LSU, Meyer still expressed some optimism Wednesday.

"DeShawn did not do anything today, but they're still telling me there's a chance, so we'll see," Meyer said.



Wynn

After back-to-back 100-yard rushing performances against Tennessee and Kentucky, Wynn injured his right knee against Alabama. If he is unable to play Saturday, sophomore Kestahn Moore will likely get the nod.

PLAYOFFS?: According to ESPN.com, Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said that Southeastern Conference teams have little hope to win the national championship without a playoff system.

"I've about had it with this playoff deal," said Tuberville, whose No. 3 Tigers are 5-0. "We all understand in our conference how tough it is. In our conference, that's about the only chance we'd have to make it."

After Wednesday's practice, Meyer said he had heard that argument before — only for a different conference.

"[Michigan coach] Lloyd Carr told me that one time," Meyer said. "I'm sitting there talking to him and he says, 'You know, no team from the Big Ten will ever win a [national] championship,' because they felt the Big Ten was so tough. But they have an advantage, they don't play a championship game."

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