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UF shuffles graduation ceremonies

■ A SPECIAL COMMENCEMENT WILL HONOR ONLY GRADUATE STUDENTS.

By **ALEX TIEGEN**
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This year's class of graduating students will participate in an "experiment" in which UF administrators divide and shuffle commencement ceremonies.

The most significant change is that graduate students who previously graduated with their colleges will be moved to a multicollage ceremony exclusively for graduate students.

Both Fall and Spring ceremonies will change.

Fall ceremonies have historically combined undergraduate and graduate students in two ceremonies consisting of two groups of colleges. The College of Engineering hosted its own ceremony.

Since 2004, Spring commencement has honored each college individually in ceremonies that combined graduate and undergraduate students. Only the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences separated the two groups of graduates.

This Fall, there will be three commencement ceremonies — two for undergraduates and one for graduate students.

As always, professional colleges such as veterinary medicine and law will hold their own.

Provost Janie Fouke, UF's chief academic officer, said she has made the changes to acknowledge graduate student accomplishments specially. She said graduate student ceremonies are often more formal than undergraduate ceremonies, which can be rambunctious.

She said it was not a cost-cutting measure. The new arrangement is an "experiment," she said. Administrators will decide how to proceed after gauging students' approval of the test.

R. Kirby Barrick, dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said he regrets that his college's ceremony will be changed.

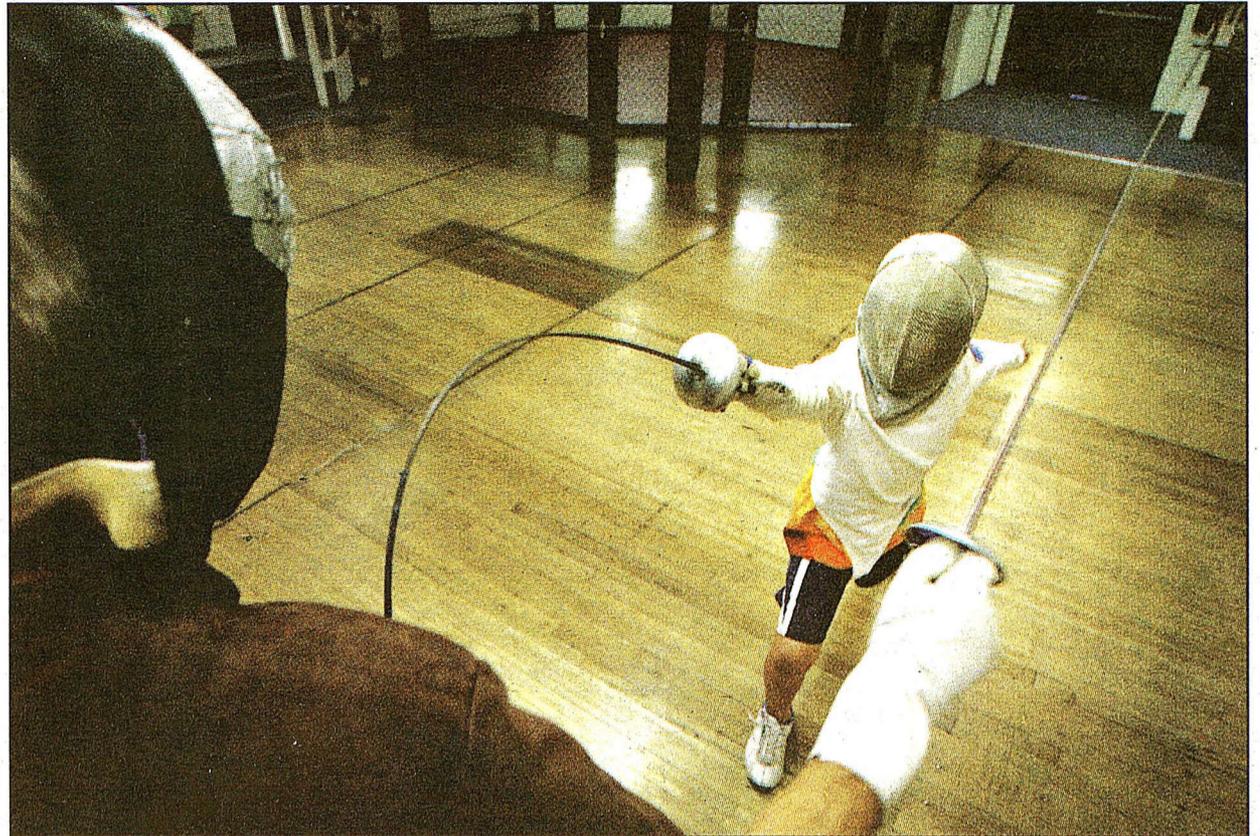
Graduate students make up one-third of the college's population, Barrick said. It is "inspirational" to have them attend the same ceremony as the undergraduates.

"Our preference would be to keep our old ceremony," he said.

Barrick said the college asked to keep things the same, but he was told to see how the experiment went.

Hosting a ceremony that included graduate stu-

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Jason Henry / Alligator

Little lunger

David Brown, 9, practices with his fencing coach, Brian Harper, Monday at the Unified Training Center. Brown, who placed ninth in his national age division last year, is training for this year's national championship.

UF Academics

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire alert system to get an upgrade

By **DOMINICK TAO**
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In another move meant to avoid increased property taxes for Gainesville residents, the City Commission voted unanimously Monday to move forward in installing a modern paging system in Gainesville Fire Rescue stations.

Commissioners voted to allow City Manager Russ Blackburn to choose a company to provide the system hardware to alert firefighters of emergency calls.

City officials have already allocated \$300,000 for the paging system to prevent a drop in the city's fire insurance rating, which would raise city property insurance.

JoAnne Rice, a GFR district chief, said the upgrade, which could be installed by early 2007, was critical.

"In the rescue business, seconds are crucial," Rice said. "We need a system to take us into the future."

It takes nearly a minute to alert all seven local fire stations with the current VHF radio device, Fire Chief Bill Northcutt said.

"In the rescue business, seconds are crucial."

JoAnne Rice
GFR district chief

Even though VHF stands for "very high frequency," the current system is three to 26 times slower than the modern 800-megahertz system that will replace it.

"Now, we will be able to do it in a single digital blast," Northcutt said.

Rice, who relies on the alert system for

emergency call dispatches each day, said the system is so outdated that calls sometimes don't even make it through.

"We've had a problem of it breaking down quite regularly," she said.

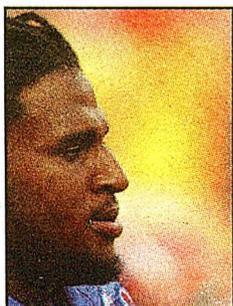
The commissioners' decision eliminates the chance that the International Organization for Standardization will downgrade the fire department's rating.

Insurance companies use the organization's 10-point scale to help with risk assessment in calculating insurance rates.

Bob Woods, the city's spokesman, said not approving the upgrade would result in insurance rate increases to home and business owners. Representatives from local insurance companies could not give an estimate for the potential insurance hike.

"To be honest," Northcutt said, "we've never gotten an agent to give us a straight answer."

■ UF defensive lineman Ray McDonald and the Gators finally believe the program is headed in the right direction. The Gators are No. 2 in the AP poll and No. 3 in the coaches' poll. See story, pg. 20.



■ Local law enforcement officers pose with horses, motorcycles and dogs for a fundraising calendar featuring men in uniform. See story, pg. 3.

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■ Wal-Mart has introduced a new plan in Florida that will allow customers to buy a 30-day supplies of 314 generic drugs, each for \$4. Target said it is planning a similar program. See story, pg. 8.

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Turlington Plaza, 10 a.m. Pro-Life Alliance collects donations to give to local maternity shelters.

Laws Over Lunch

Reitz Union Colonnade, 11:30 a.m. Campus Diplomats presents an expert panel to answer questions about fake IDs, academic dishonesty and student rights. Free pizza.

Islam Discussion

Reitz Union Amphitheater, 5 p.m. The United World Organization hosts an open discussion on the pope's remarks and the Muslim reaction.



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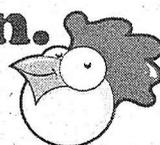
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Local police flex for calendar

■ AN OFFICER'S WIFE AIMS TO UP RESPECT FOR COPS.

By **LYNDSEY LEWIS**
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As the wife of a local police sergeant, Fitz Koehler was tired of watching people mistreat her husband, so she hatched a plan to earn him some respect.

She turned him into a pinup.

Rob Koehler is one of about 100 law enforcement officers featured in his wife's "men in uniform" calendar, which brings together officials from the Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Unlike other pinup calendars, Koehler's glossy product doesn't boast suggestive photos or scantily clad models. In fact, some of the "men in uniform" aren't men at all.

Instead of standing in provocative poses, officers hawk guns, sit on motorcycles and smile aside police dogs. Each month is accompanied by a full-page photo of an official donning police gear, as well as a box of biographical information with tidbits like marital status. Smaller photos of ASO and GPD officials line the tops of some pages.

Koehler said it's all part of her effort to illustrate the importance of law enforcement officers in the community.

"It's nice for people to be nice to them, and that's basically what matters to me," she said. "I made the cal-

endar wholesome, so it's appropriate to hang in schools and churches and homes and businesses."

Now, Koehler's wholesome calendar is earning national acclaim.

The calendar was featured for the second time on "Live with Regis and Kelly" last month, after Koehler mailed in photos of the stars' heads superimposed onto burly officers' bodies. The calendar was first touted on the show in July.

Six of the calendar's month pages were shown on the air, she said.

"I'm very proud of the project, and I just want law enforcement to be treated nicely at the end of the day."

Fitz Koehler
police sergeant's wife

"Kelly was gushing all over the place, and the audience loved it," she said. "Nobody TiVo-ed it, unfortunately."

Gainesville residents are taking note of the calendar, too. Koehler has earned the support of local businesses like Cloud 9 Spa Salon and Gators Plus, which sell the calendars for \$10 a copy.

Koehler has 10,000 copies of her calendar ready for sale.

Koehler said she hopes to raise "as much money as possible" from the calendars, which cost about \$15,000 to produce. Proceeds will benefit the Reichert House and the

Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, two programs designed to help troubled children.

Pete King, a deputy with the sheriff's office, is Mr. October 2007. He said Koehler's charitable goals were what prompted him to pose.

"That's the main thing, to help support the kids," he said. "It was done in good taste."

Koehler decided to pursue the project last year, and she said three photographers spent about two and a half months shooting the pictures in the spring.

Along with the 100 or so law enforcement officials, Koehler said the calendar features four horses, nine dogs and 12 motorcycles.

"It was a colossal task," she said. "I'm very proud of the project, and I just want law enforcement to be treated nicely at the end of the day."

Officer Mike Denmark, of the Gainesville Police, is pictured leaning against a police car in the calendar's main July photo.

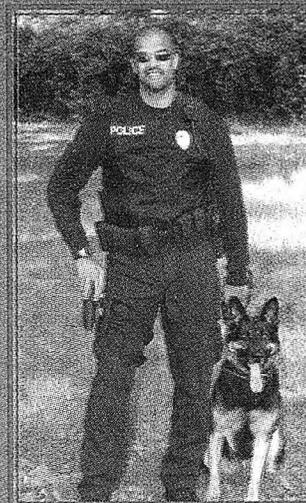
"I've not heard anything but positive feedback in the community," he said. "Fitz just works real hard, and she does a lot of good things for us."

Koehler said she hopes the calendar will inspire the wives of other law enforcement officials to pursue similar projects.

But now that she's caught the attention of "Live With Regis and Kelly," she's ready to take her calendar to the national media's next level.

"I'll be satisfied when we're on the 'Today' show," she said.

The Men In Uniform



Isadore "Izzy" Singleton III

•Rank: officer at Gainesville Police

•Hometown: Jacksonville

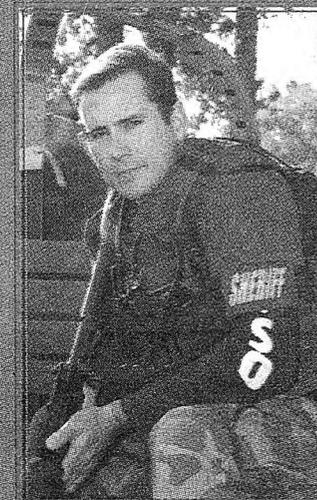
•Qualities he likes in a woman: spontaneous, energetic and independent

Scott Shiskin

•Rank: deputy at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office

•Hometown: High Springs

•Qualities he likes in a woman: smart, energetic and beautiful



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National Coming Out Day brings LGBT events to campus

■ A FORUM REACHES OUT TO THE GREEK COMMUNITY TONIGHT.

By **JESSICA PALOMBO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students from three Greek councils will speak tonight at a forum entitled "Greeks & Homophobia."

The event, scheduled for 6:45 p.m. in the

Reitz Union Auditorium, will kick off a week of activities revolving around Wednesday's National Coming Out Day, said Charlene Liu, administrative vice president of the Multicultural Greek Council.

Liu said she hopes the forum will dispel stereotypes about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and the Greek system.

"UF, and especially the Greek community, are still perceived as very conservative,

and there is homophobia," she said.

The forum will "show the Gainesville community that not the whole Greek community is homophobic," she said.

Speakers from the MGC, the Student Life Interfraternity Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council will share stories about their positive and negative experiences as gay students in the Greek community. The

forum's organizers hope to also have a fourth panelist from the Panhellenic Council.

Adelle Fontanet, president of the Pride Student Union, said she hopes the forum will start dialogue among UF students.

"There's a silence and a latent homophobia within the Greek community," she said. "No one likes to talk about it, so it never gets any better."

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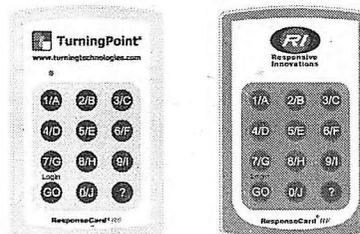
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UF beats Harvard, Yale in business college rankings

■ UF BOASTS THE RANKINGS, BUT THE COLLEGE DOESN'T.

By **JOEY CHINDAMO**
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UF is still a few spots away from becoming one of the country's top universities, but according to several recent rankings, its Warrington College of Business is already making the grade.

UF's master of business administration program jumped to No. 13 in a survey conducted by The Wall Street Journal, which ranked schools based on how attractive they are to corporate recruiters. The program was previously ranked No. 27.

The MBA program also placed high in The Princeton Review's newest edition of business school rankings. For "Best Overall Academic Experience," UF ranked at No. 6 ahead of Stanford, Yale and Harvard universities.

Business school administrators said they're proud of the high marks, but they said the

rankings alone "don't drive our programs."

"The external world places a certain level of emphasis on (rankings)," said Alex Sevilla, director of the college's MBA program.

Sevilla said the college does not pride itself on rankings, but since they are "visible to the external world," they obviously bode well for the college's programs.

According to a press release, recruiters who influenced The Wall Street Journal's rankings were "especially impressed by UF's willing-

ness to go the extra mile in making their jobs easier."

Sevilla echoed the sentiment.

"We place a lot of emphasis on building relationships with these companies," he said.

Sevilla said he thinks that when students are asked about UF's MBA program, which he says is "run like a business," they look at several factors: faculty quality, the program's rigor, the quality of the program's students and overall atmosphere.

"We're always willing to listen to students," Sevilla said.

Narcissists strive for sexual pleasure, not intimacy

Study: Self-absorbed more likely to cheat

By **DANNY KLEIN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

He can count her freckles with his eyes closed. There are five, maybe six on the left side and one very unique one under her eye.

He can also tell you her favorite animal is an elephant, and he can even tell you why.

He hasn't shaved in two weeks or cut his hair in more than four months, but she doesn't mind.

Brian Bello and Kyle Donnelly

are two college students who say they care more about each other than about themselves and that sex is not the most important factor.

"I know that may not seem all that normal," Bello said. "But I guess we're just different."

Bello said he believes a relationship is about companionship and friendship. But according to a UF study, other students may disagree.

The UF study, conducted on people from ages 8 to 80, found that narcissists are more interested in sexual

pleasure than lasting intimacy, with college students among the highest in that category.

Ilan Shrira, a UF visiting psychologist, said narcissism peaks at adolescence due to a positive outlook on life.

"Students in college tend to have very short-term relationships that don't work out," he said. "They are eager to just party and have fun, which are strong characteristics of

a narcissist."

Shrira believes narcissists are more likely to commit adultery and use sex to improve their egos.

"Narcissists constantly think they are on top of the world," he said. "They don't care who they dump or get rid of, they always believe there's someone else out there."

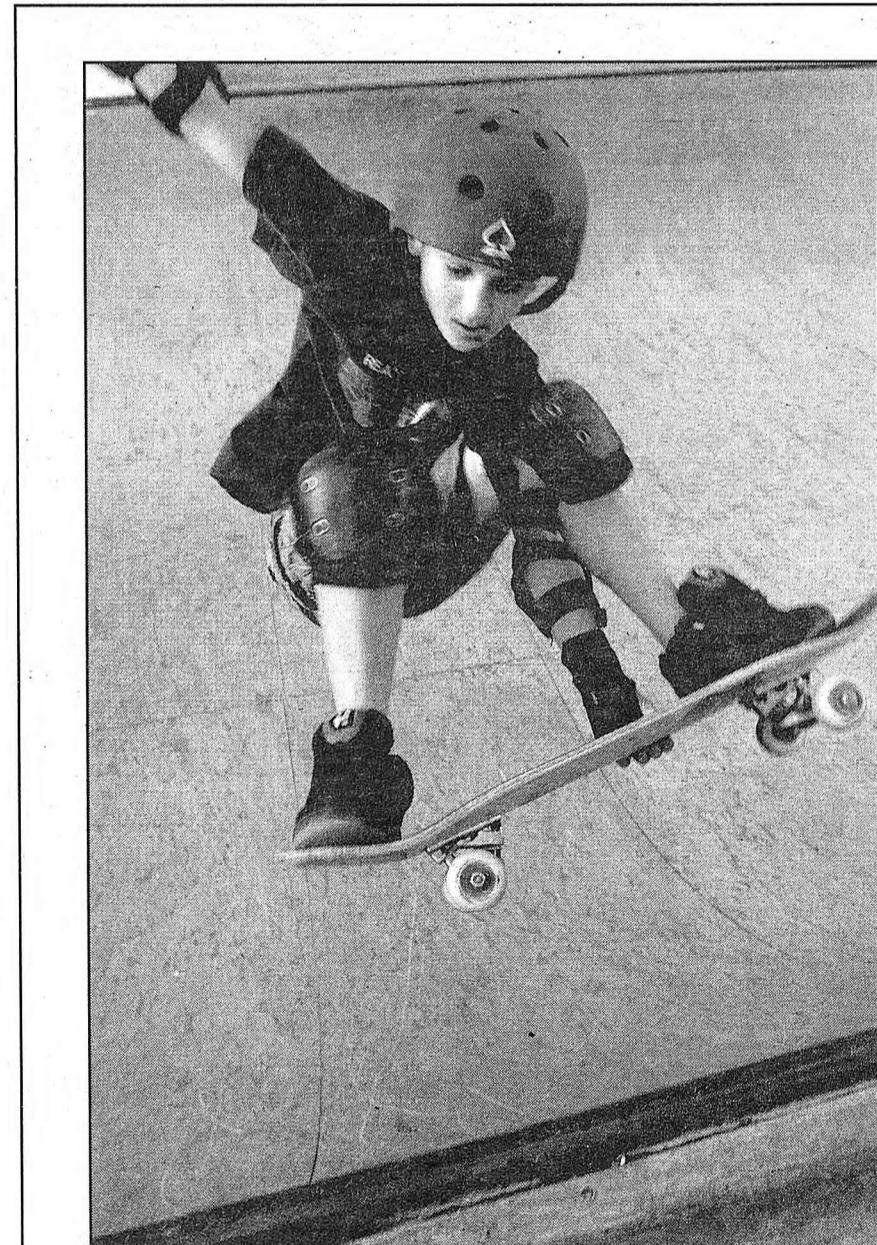
Shrira, along with Joshua D. Foster, a University of South Alabama social psychologist, and W. Keith Campbell, a University of Georgia social psychologist, conducted two studies with a total of 485 undergraduate students at the University of Georgia.

"More often than not, these people seem to be interested in being your friend until they get close to you, then they only talk about themselves," he said. "Even those that are married use their spouse to improve their self-image."

Shira said real-world experience provides a new outlook on failure.

"After a while you realize you're not as great as you once thought," she said.

Shrira said college students have had more experience being with a narcissistic person in the past than others. The students said their partners were mostly interested in sex.



Jeremiah Wilson / Alligator

Half-pint on a half-pipe

Joe Ambrose, 9, grabs some air on the half-pipe at Westside Recreation Center on Monday. Ambrose is gearing up for a skating contest Nov. 4.

OFF-CAMPUS SAFETY

Students question gate use

By **WHITNEY SESSA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

When Ricky Mercure signed a lease with Gainesville Place Apartments in spring 2005, he drove through the open gates to his new home.

Now, almost two years later, those gates are still wide open, not once having been used.

Mercure, a UF sophomore, isn't the only resident concerned about the quality of service and safety at his or her apartment complex.

"A huge misconception that students and their parents have is that high prices will always equal high quality," said Kelly Teale, an assistant manager at The Leasing Co. Inc. "Especially when it comes to safety."

The cost of an apartment is not always representative of how safe it is, she said.

"Parents will come in and say, 'I'll pay whatever it takes to keep my kid safe,' but what they don't realize is that money isn't the determining factor of how safe the apartment complex is," she said.

When looking for an apartment for their children, parents usually make safety their top priority.

Most renters opt to pay extra for an apartment in a gated community and are disappointed once they realize the complex doesn't use its gates regularly.

"What's the point of paying for an apartment with a gate if they're not even going to use it?" said Amanda Farbish, a marketing junior who lives in Campus Lodge Apartments. "If you are going to have it, you might as well be using it."

Campus Lodge never uses its gates, she said, and a guard checks entrants maybe once a month.

"When the guard is on duty he is only there for a short time period and during strange hours," she said. "He'll get there around 11:30 p.m. and will be gone by 2 a.m."

Students should be concerned, Teale said, because more and more crimes occur around gated communities.

"Lately, I've heard of shootings and sketchy things happening around gated complexes," she said.

The lack of security often worries many

apartment residents, especially females, Mercure said.

"Guys might not mind as much, but girls who walk alone to the Gainesville Place gym at night are probably really bothered by it," he said.

The reason these complexes are not regularly using their gates is because management is often more concerned with quantity instead of quality, Teale said. With the influx of students into Gainesville, many complexes are more concerned with reaching maximum occupancy.

Things, such as managing a gate and repairing it take a back seat to securing more leases, she said.

"What's the point of paying for an apartment with a gate if they're not even going to use it?"

Amanda Farbish
UF marketing junior

Teale recommends that students who are apartment hunting visit complexes at night to get a true judgment of its safety.

"Go there on a Friday night, at 1 in the morning if you have to," she said. "Walk around and see if it's well-lit, if there's police cars and if you feel comfortable. Go get your gut reaction, and make your decision off of that."

While some complexes do not habitually use their gates, others use them consistently.

Leah Sitkoff, a theater performance junior, lives in The Laurels Apartments and says she never has to question whether her complex is using its guard gate.

"I know that when the gate is broken, even residents at The Laurels can't be let in until they have showed some form of ID," she said.

The dependable security at The Laurels, she said, was the deciding factor when it came to choosing an apartment.

"When my roommate and I were looking for an apartment, The Laurels' gate was the added security that I needed," she said. "It goes down every night at about 7 p.m., and after that visitors have to be cleared through a guard. It also gave our moms a peace of mind."

HEALTH

Stress falls on students

By **ADRIAN MONTANEZ**
Alligator Contributing Writer

When October comes around, Halloween fever arrives, and the month of candy, jack-o'-lanterns and ghosts kicks off. But for UF students, it isn't all fun.

A real fear strikes students when this season arrives, one more significant than that imparted by seasonal pranks, scary decorations or ghost stories. Midterm season is beginning, and the added stress that comes along with it can cause health problems for some students.

"About this time of the year, students just start coming in increasing numbers all the way until the semester is over," said Beree Darby, a counselor with UF's Student Mental Health Services.

Students complain of a variety of different issues that cause stress when they come in for help at the Student Health Care Center, including depression, relationship issues, lack of time, and stress from classwork and grades.

A person's physical condition can be depleted by mental stress, which makes keeping a positive mind-set all the more important in staying healthy and performing well. Positive thinking releases chemicals in a person's body and can physiologically improve them, she said.

"How you think makes a huge impact in how you feel," Darby said.

Treatments can be given in a variety of ways, as each student presents a different

case, with different stressors. Among the most innovative of the treatments is self-hypnosis, a technique that assists people in dealing with their problems without the immediate help of a therapist.

There are 10 common types of negative thinking, known as cognitive distortions, that increase stress levels. Each can be treated to improve a person's mind-set and, consequently, health. These distortions include all-or-nothing thinking, emotional reasoning, labeling, and personalization and blame, Darby said.

"You just don't need to add a headache to a schedule that has you all nervous and studying all the time."

Brad Sharkey

UF nuclear engineering major

Brad Sharkey, a UF nuclear engineering major, has attended the sessions with the Stress and Headache Reduction Training Group at the SHCC and is planning on doing it again this year.

"Last year I got sick right around the time we got bombarded with tests," he said. "It didn't make sense to me at first that they were probably related. It's just that stuff adds up, and you just don't need to add a headache to a schedule that has you all nervous and studying all the time."

SG to say hello, goodbye

By **JESSICA DaSILVA**

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After a week's delay, the Student Senate will hold a double meeting tonight to say goodbye to departing officials and elect two new executives.

Sen. Josh Weiss said the first meeting of the night is for people to say their farewells, while the second is to approve Fall's election results and select a new Senate president and president pro tempore. Senators help control more than \$12 million in student money.

Although the double meeting was initially set for last week, the Student Government Elections Commission did not approve the election results in time for the Senate to consider them.

Weiss, who has served as the Senate's president pro tempore for the past few months, is planning to make a bid for Senate president this evening. Senators will also elect a new president pro tempore, who is the Senate's No. 2 official.

Departing Sen. Ryan Nelson said the goodbye speeches will probably drag on for a while. The longest speech he has heard lasted 40 minutes.

He said many goodbye speeches are "full of hot air," unless they're geared to offer advice to new lawmakers.

"I hope mine will do that," Nelson said. "I've done a lot in these chambers, and I would like my legacy to live on in these new senators."

But Weiss said the speeches are important to a lot of people.

"I think it's important for senators who have been serving (more than) a year to preserve the opportunity to make parting remarks," he said. "But there have been times when the speeches have gone unnecessarily long."

Because Weiss is expecting a long night, he advised his parents, who are visiting to watch the Senate president election, to rent a room in the Reitz Union Hotel.

"That way, as soon as it's over they can just head up the elevator and go to bed," Weiss said.

Weiss is expected to run unopposed for Senate president. No one has announced a candidacy for president pro tempore.

The Senate's Information and Communications Committee will also be handing out about 30 "paper-plate awards" at tonight's meeting, said committee Chairwoman Lauren Asher.

The paper plates are decorated with drawings and pictures. The committee will give them to senators who are leaving and have made Senate more enjoyable.

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Editorial

Decisions

As goes CLAS, so goes
the rest of UF

What's the purpose of a land-grant university like UF? Is it to teach undergraduates? To take high school kids, like pimply lumps of clay, and mold them into well-rounded adults? Or is it to churn out doctors, lawyers, middle managers and patent after patent after patent?

It's a tough question. But it lies at the heart of UF's biggest controversy — the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its \$4.1 million deficit. So you might as well start thinking about it. No pressure.

The administration's five-year plan calls for cuts in English and mathematics, CLAS' most important departments. They provide many of UF's mandatory courses, some of its most distinguished faculty — and, let's not forget, the core of a university education. There are some things any college graduate should just know. Calculus, sadly, happens to be one of them.

Of course, the people in Tigert Hall don't see it that way. To them, a top-10 university is all about job preparation — getting you into that corner office, that law firm or that new BMW. Then you give them some money and they name a building after you. It's simple.

Or, better yet, you can invent something. A cure for AIDS, maybe. Call it "Gator-AIDS," team up with Pfizer and sell it for \$50 a dose — then U.S. News & World Report will have to show UF some respect. At least we'd outrank the University of Texas, finally.

Don't get us wrong. Preprofessional education is important. So is research. But teaching ordinary students to think, read and write about important issues — to be informed citizens, in other words — should be UF's first priority. Unfortunately, if the administration's recent moves are any indication, it's not.

UF President Bernie Machen, for example, says fixing the CLAS deficit isn't his responsibility. He's wrong — CLAS is the biggest college at the university he runs. Besides, Machen sat on his hands, year after year, while CLAS overspent its budget. Did he find out why? No. Did he increase the college's funding? No. He didn't do jack.

In fact, after former Provost David Colburn stepped down in 2004, Machen waited almost a year before appointing Janie Fouke to replace him. In the meantime, UF went without its No. 2 official, its budget watchdog — and CLAS sunk deeper and deeper into debt. Big surprise.

So what can the administration do to save CLAS? Actually, it's easy — just increase the college's funding by \$5 million a year.

That's a lot of money, but it's chump change compared to the university's multibillion-dollar budget. And the cost of not fixing CLAS — of losing professors, increasing class sizes and cutting academic programs — will be much greater in the long run. Just think about our ranking, Bernie.

Besides, if Machen and Fouke are serious about making UF a nationally prestigious school, solving the CLAS problem should be their first task. Now is the time. Faculty in the CLAS assembly voted last week to scrap the five-year plan — a good start — but there's only so much that CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan can do without more money.

Now it's up to Tigert Hall to find the money CLAS — and UF as a whole — so desperately needs.

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Column

Scrap Bright Futures for need-based aid

Since its creation in 1997, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship has been embraced by the public as a way for Florida students to get a great education at a highly — if not completely — discounted price.

But the cost of this program is quickly starting to outweigh the benefits.

More than 130,000 high school graduates from the 2004-05 school year are attending college on the state's dollar, which costs the state more than \$200 million a year. And due to artificially low tuition rates, Florida's universities are struggling to remain competitive. If something isn't done, Bright Futures will pull the rug out from underneath the very institutions it was created to build up.

Tuition accounts for only 3.5 percent of UF's total revenue. This is appallingly low. By comparison, the University of Virginia — a top-10 university — receives almost 25 percent of its revenue from tuition. At the University of Michigan — also top-10 — more than 57 percent of revenue comes from tuition.

This means that UF gets a lot less money than it should if it wants to be competitive for a coveted spot on the top-10 list. This isn't UF's fault. UF President Bernie Machen has been trying to raise undergraduate tuition for a few years now, but the Florida Legislature won't let him — higher tuition might bankrupt Bright Futures.

Let's face it: Public colleges in Florida are dirt cheap. But not all Florida residents are dirt-poor. In fact, many are far from it. More than 50 percent of UF students come from households earning more than \$100,000 a year. Almost half of UF undergraduates receive Bright Futures scholarships that pay for at least 75 percent of their tuitions and fees. I'm guessing there is a huge overlap between these two groups.

So take note, legislators: The Bright Futures program should be revamped into a need-based scholarship. This



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would allow the money-pressed universities to raise tuition and collect more funds without bankrupting the state. Our state university system would be more financially stable but would still give the students who most need financial assistance the opportunity to attend a quality institution.

One credit at UF costs about \$73. Let's theoretically raise that just 60 percent, to about \$116 per credit. This would put UF on a par with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the university ranked "best-value" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance.

If Bright Futures were need-based and didn't pay for the richest 25 percent of possible recipients — the students most able to pay tuition out of pocket — the state would save millions a year. This may seem like petty cash, but here's the kicker: Those rich students would then pay UF an additional \$35 million in tuition if prices were raised.

Hmm, \$35 million across the board, just from one university? Sounds pretty good to me. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences could even get out of debt!

Obviously, the program would have to be worked so it doesn't crunch the already-strained middle class or families with special circumstances. And there's no doubt that the financial backgrounds of students at UF differ greatly from those at, say, Florida International University.

But the Bright Futures program is struggling. Unless we make some changes, the futures of Florida's high school graduates just won't look so bright.

Jessica Holland is a German and economics junior. Her column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Should Bright Futures be replaced by a need-based scholarship?

Monday's question: Should teachers carry guns to prevent school shootings?

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Letters to the Editor

Good Samaritans provide example for all Gators

Kudos to the four students who stopped to assist a fellow student in distress near the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Monday morning. When someone is lying unconscious on the ground with his or her belongings scattered everywhere, it's reasonably safe to assume there's a problem. As I approached, it was shocking to see how many people walked or drove past, each of them looking, but not one of them stopping to help.

It's sad to realize that the same students who acted together so passionately and quickly in response to unwelcome Facebook.com changes can so easily ignore a human being in need. While this kind of apathy may be common in some places, it is certainly not what we should expect on UF's campus.

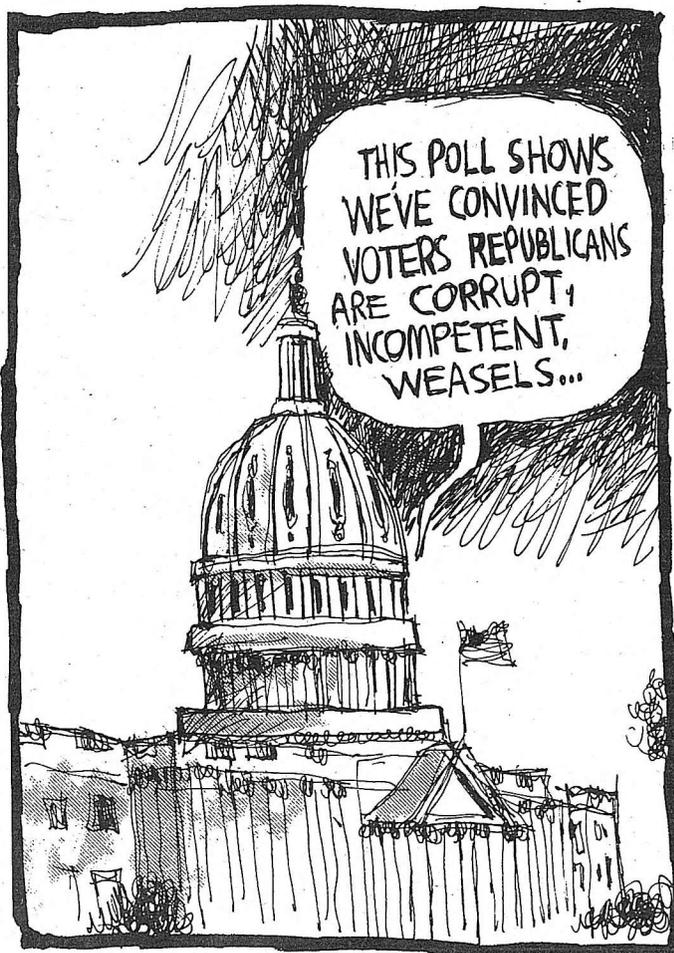
Deborah Mayhew
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Act condones detention of terror suspects

Last month, in its daily opinion poll, the Alligator posed the following question: "Should suspected terrorists be tried by military tribunals?" Unfortunately, the Military Commissions Act, which inspired the question, went unnoticed in most newspapers. It addresses the United States' legal obligations to "unlawful enemy combatants" — the legal term for the people we've detained and tortured over the past five years. Unsurprisingly, the Military Commissions Act legalizes these horrible actions. Shame on the Alligator for not providing its readers with this information.

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MEDICINE

Wal-Mart's low-cost drugs now offered statewide

By LESLEY-ANNE MARKS
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Students may now spend less on their generic prescriptions than on a pizza.

Wal-Mart made a new prescription drug program available to the entire state of Florida on Friday, four months earlier than planned. Under the plan, 314 drugs can be bought at \$4 for each 30-day supply.

The company originally ran a trial of the program in its Tampa Bay area stores and planned to expand it to the entire state in January.

"I've never heard of anything like that (list) before," said Steve Ferguson, a staff pharmacist at the Wal-Mart on Archer Road. "It is amazing, especially this extensive."

According to Wal-Mart, the \$4 medicines are used to manage illnesses such as allergies, diabetes, cholesterol and high blood pressure.

The new program covers both insured customers as well as those who are not insured.

Ferguson said he believes that students will be able to take advantage of the decrease in prices.

"I absolutely think there are

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Steve Ferguson
Wal-Mart staff pharmacist

things students could use," he said. "There are lots of antibiotics and antidepressants."

The savings will help the uninsured the most. Ferguson said that a number of the higher-cost generic

prescriptions on the program's list would cost anywhere from \$25 to \$35 for an uninsured customer buying the prescription before the start of the program. This equals a potential savings of up to \$31.

Wal-Mart's rival, Target Corp., announced that it would follow suit to remain competitive and that it would start a similar \$4 generic prescription plan in its Florida stores.

Sue Himes, a pharmacist at the Target on Archer Road, said the catch of Wal-Mart's new program is that it only covers a 30-day supply of the generic drugs listed. That means

if a prescription comes in a 60- or 90-day supply, the person cannot reap the benefits of the price reduction.

Generic prescriptions already offer savings over brand-name drugs.

"Generics are the best values, so it is one way of showing we are trying to take care of you as a health care professional," Himes said.

The potential savings have caught college students' attention.

"I would usually fill it at Publix because I work there," said SFCC student Signy Holdsworth. "I would probably go get it filled at Target now."

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Students object to altered graduation

■ THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING HAS BEEN MOST VOCAL.

By **ALEX TIEGEN**
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Darshi Bhatt, a senior in the College of Engineering, is worried that her college's commencement will lose its intimacy when it is blended with other colleges' ceremonies this Fall.

"The whole point of graduation is you look around, and you feel nostalgic," she said. Seeing administrators, faculty and students from other colleges at this year's commencement will make this year's ceremony feel generic, she said.

Bhatt is chairwoman of the student Engineering Advisory Council, which is protesting the administration's recent decision to dissolve the college's private commencement ceremony.

The college has been required join UF's multicollage graduate student commencement, which will be implemented this Fall. Since 2002, the College of Engineering has funded its own Fall commencement while other colleges celebrated together.

Bhatt said she was looking forward to

seeing students acknowledged by the heads of their departments and hearing engineering graduates who have taken jobs with leading businesses speak to the graduates.

She and other engineering students are campaigning to preserve the college's private commencement ceremony.

Priscila Silva, who represents the College of Engineering in the Student Senate, said graduate students make up about half the college's population. The college doesn't have a large enough population to host its own ceremony without the graduate students, she said, so it will have to join the mass commencement.

UF Academics

Administrators never asked engineering students for their input when they decided last Spring to host graduate student commencements, Silva said.

None of the three students on UF's Commencement Committee are from the College of Engineering.

Silva said she and other student senators spoke to Provost Janie Fouke about the decision after they learned about it this Fall. Fouke told them they would not be able to change the administration's decision.

Officials should have warned students about the changes to commencement cer-

emonies when they made the decision to shake up graduation last Spring, Silva said. Then engineering undergraduates could have chosen to graduate this Spring, Silva said, when the college will host private ceremonies for undergraduates.

Jonathan Earle, associate dean of the college, said he supports the experiment but hopes the college's private ceremony will remain intact in years to come.

"One piece that I know will be lost is exciting the undergraduates by showing the graduates moving on," he said.

This Spring, undergraduates will graduate with their separate colleges, and graduate students will have their own ceremony. Silva said graduate students, who usually graduate with undergrads in Spring, will be welcome at the undergraduate ceremonies.

Silva proposed a Student Government resolution asking the UF administration to consider leaving the college's ceremony unchanged. It was passed Sept. 19. Students have created a Facebook.com group that links to an online petition requesting support for their cause.

Bhatt said the students' main goal is to preserve their ceremony.

"You have one graduation when you're in college, and you don't want that to be an experiment," Bhatt said.

Shift aims to unite graduate students

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dents gave attendees a sense of academic unity and graduate students a sense of loyalty to the college, which pays for the event itself, he said.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has held separate commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students for two years. The college has the largest graduating class on campus, and there isn't enough room in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center to host all the students and their guests, said Dean Neil Sullivan.

When the decision was made, Sullivan said, faculty weren't sure the students would like the idea. They were surprised to find the graduate ceremony had high attendance.

"Parents liked to see their students get recognized in a direct, personal way," he said.

Sullivan said he believes the new all-grad-student commencement could provide a way for graduate students throughout UF to unite.

"Having our masters and Ph.Ds graduate with students from other schools is a wonderful opportunity," he said.

Fouke said students graduating in the Spring can still attend their colleges' ceremonies.

Lindsey Collins, a graduate student pursuing an English doctorate, said she isn't a "big fan" of graduation ceremonies. She chose not to walk with the rest of her class when she received her bachelor's degree from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. She also skipped the commencement when she received her master's degree at UF in 2002.

But it can be "scary" when the administration makes changes like this without discussing the plan with students, Collins said. Hosting a special commencement ceremony shows the university pays attention to graduate students, Collins said.

On the other hand, she said, a ceremony combining graduate students from every nonprofessional college could take too long.

"I can't imagine having a graduate ceremony where every graduate's name is called," she said.



Sullivan

Last Year

Fall

Non-professional colleges were divided into two commencements. With the exception of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, most grad students and undergrads walked together.

Spring

Almost every non-professional college held its own commencement ceremony, which included grad students and undergrads. CLAS separated grad students from undergrads.

This Year

Fall

Undergraduate students will be divided into two commencements by college. All grad students in non-professional colleges will graduate together in one ceremony.

Spring

Every college will hold its own commencement ceremony for undergrads. All grad students in non-professional colleges will graduate together in one ceremony.

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The Blog

New DCP dean sees no limits for college

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Christopher Silver

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As the new dean of this exciting ensemble of professional programs, I intend to carry DCP's vision to the campus, to the community and beyond. We will continue to forge mutually beneficial linkages with faculty and students across the UF campus who bring invaluable skills and perspectives. DCP is an inherently interdisciplinary enterprise that thrives on stepping outside boundaries. Let's step outside together to better the world that we serve.

Christopher Silver, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor

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Center for Student Involvement presents plenty of options

Whether your interest is jumping out of airplanes as a sky diver or stretching your mind and body into new horizons as a yoga enthusiast or whether you like break dancing, the Center for Student Involvement is the place to start.

Housed on the third floor of the Reitz Student Union, the center gives students a chance to take a closer look at more than 650 organizations as well as leadership and service opportunities.

"One of our goals is to increase student involvement in meaningful activities," said Kelli Romano, assistant director of student involvement.

According to a 2006 online survey of 3,000 University of Florida students, 57 percent reported being involved in campus activities.

Those who want to be more active on campus may choose from activities in 13 categories including: student government, fraternities and sororities, or research opportunities.

"It's important for students to take the time to explore what's out there and to make sure it is something they are really interested in," Romano said.

Students may also browse a new Web site (www.union.ufl.edu/involvement) to find lists of activities or download applications for various groups, including ACCENT Speakers Bureau, the largest,

student-run speaker's bureau in the nation.

Romano encourages students who are unsure about how to get involved to come to the center for an involvement consultation, a special service offered to help students narrow the choices available.

The one-on-one consultations are run by student members of IDEAL, the group responsible for promoting involvement and organizing the student organization fairs held each semester.

"Students often forget what they have done over the years and we hope to make that easier," said Romano, adding that the center also provides a new online service to help students keep track of activities in a

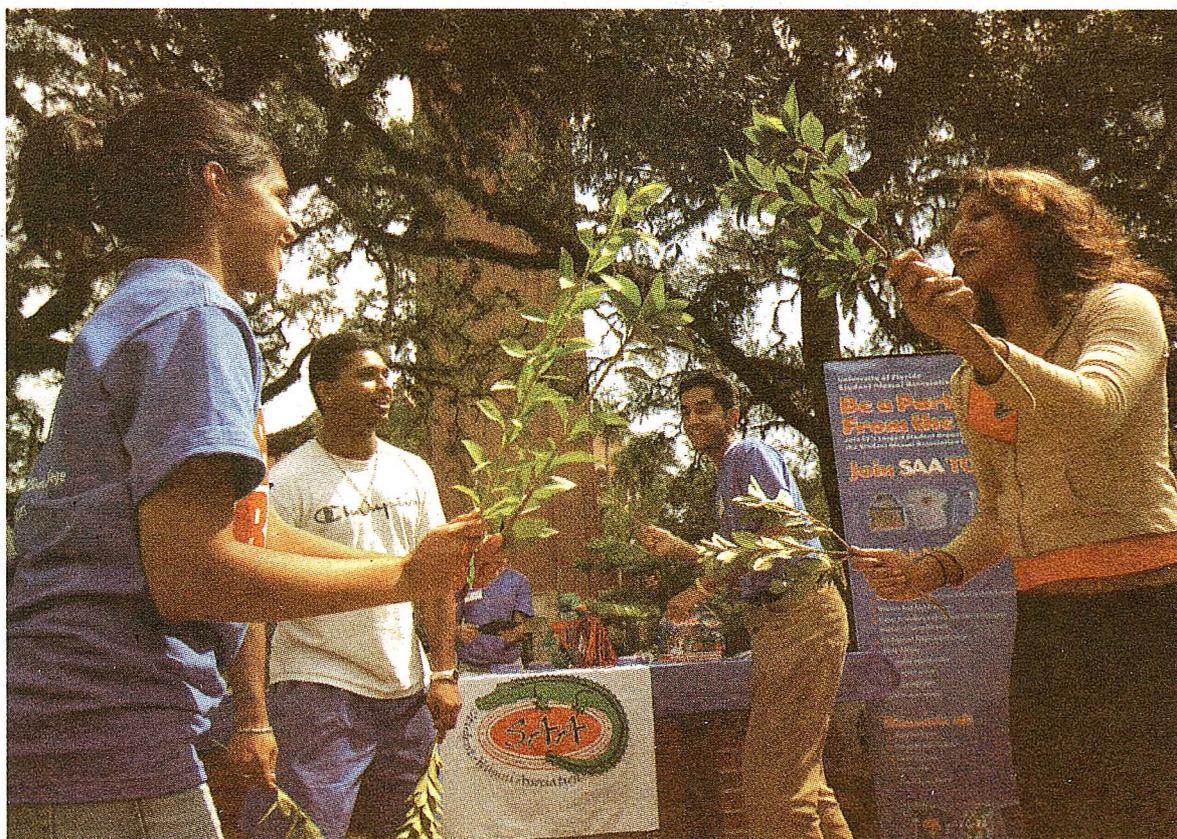
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To encourage students to give back to the Gainesville community, the center may also refer students to the Center for Leadership and Service in Peabody Hall, which offers programs ranging from mentoring local elementary school students to summer service trips to disaster relief areas.

However students choose to get involved, Romano stresses they should decide how they will balance their schedules before making any commitments.

"There's no rush to get involved," she said. "It's really whenever a student feels most comfortable."

By Panagiota Papakos



Kristen Bartlett

Anu Mather, left, Rohan Patankar, Sean Chanhan and Trina Chakravarty practice a traditional Indian dance called Raas. The four are members of the Indian Students Association, one of the hundreds of organizations across the University of Florida that offer students any number of ways to be involved on campus.

Happenings

Listings in this section are a sampling of events at the University of Florida compiled from the full calendar that appears on the Web at calendar.ufl.edu. To submit an event online, send an e-mail to calendar@nersp.osg.ufl.edu with the following information in this order: event date; event name, brief description and sponsor; time; location; costs; and contact information to include name, phone number and e-mail.

Today

7:30 p.m., UF International Center talk "War With Iran: Avoidable or Inevitable," Sanam Vakil, McCarty Hall C, Room 100

Oct. 11

7:30 a.m., Community Campus Council Breakfast featuring University Athletic Director Jeremy Foley, Reitz Student Union, Arredondo Room

7:30 p.m., Symphonic Band concert, University Auditorium

Oct. 13

12:50 p.m., School of Music convocation, University Auditorium

Oct. 14

1 p.m., Pipe Organ demonstration, University Auditorium

Oct. 15

3 p.m., Carillon recital, Century Tower

Oct. 16

7:30 p.m., School of Music faculty recital, University Auditorium

Oct. 17

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., "Implementing Shared Governance at UF," faculty development conversation, Emerson Alumni Hall

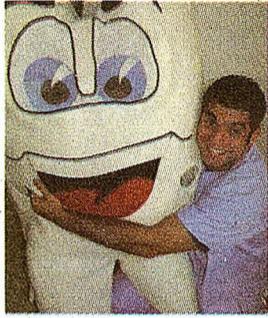


In Focus

When man and suit combine, it's "Molar Man" time!

It's a big tooth suit! Although it's more commonly known as the College of Dentistry's molar mascot to Charbel Klaib, 25, the senior dental student usually inside the cavity-free tooth.

For more than two years, when Molar Man is needed, Klaib has left his scrubs behind to don the costume's Lycra undergarment he calls a "ballerina outfit" and the molar body.



Charbel Klaib is the man behind the molar suit.

"It's like Power Rangers but not nearly as cool," Klaib said.

Sometimes mistaken for a girl but never for an incisor, Molar Man can be trusted to make appearances at most dentistry events. It's impossible to see who's inside the costume, but everyone knows that Klaib and his Molar Man alter ego are one and the same. Mainly because he and the mascot are never seen together, Klaib said.

"You never see Superman and Clark

Kent in the same room," he laughed.

Yes, but can Molar Man change in a phone booth?

The molar costume might be a little too big and the Lycra a bit too small, but the shoes, Klaib said, are just right.

"Dr. Scholl's has nothing on these shoes," Klaib said about the molar's big, blue clown shoes.

Of all the dentistry events in which he's performed, the college's annual "Give Kids a Smile" is Klaib's favorite mascot adventure.

"That was a lot of fun for me because it was all kids and you're at their level," Klaib said.

According to Klaib, children either love Molar Man from the start, fear and then come to love him, or just flat out cry in terror. They

also either hug, dance with his cuspid and roots, or beat up Molar Man. That's where it gets tricky. Klaib said he has to be careful not to get punched in his "furtation" or the area between the roots of the tooth. Ouch, talk about tooth sensitivity.

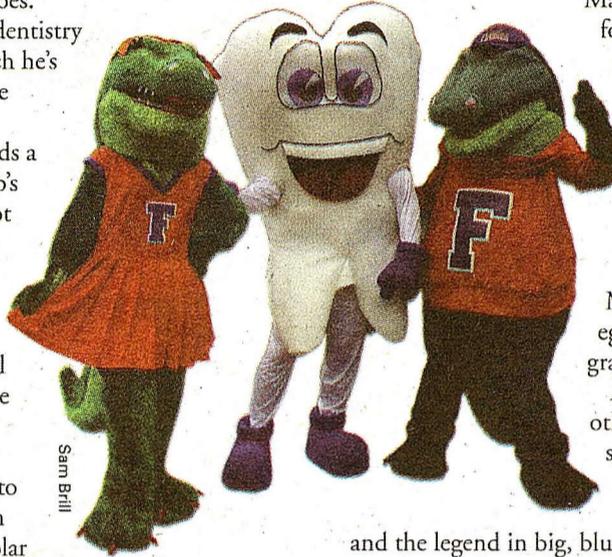
Despite the challenges of wearing the college's mascot, Klaib enjoys being Molar

Man. Klaib said performing as Molar

Man has been one of his most memorable dental school experiences and he plans to continue cultivating his Molar Man alter ego — at least until graduation.

After that, another brave dental student will assume the Molar Man identity,

and the legend in big, blue clown shoes will carry on.



Sam Bill

By Adrianna Rodriguez

Seen & Heard

Creative land deal aids UF, environment

A creative approach to protecting environmentally sensitive land in north Central Florida also will help establish a \$2 million endowment for the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business and the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Ken and Linda McGurn, of Gainesville, have donated 216 acres of land around Lake Tusawilla, south of Micanopy, and a nearby conservation easement to the University of Florida Foundation. The foundation is selling the land and easement to the Alachua Conservation Trust for \$1 million and will combine the proceeds with state and UF matching funds to pay for the \$2 million endowments. The money will be used for research, technology, teaching and other programs.

Alachua County Commissioner Mike Byerly and his wife, Busy, also are contributing the proceeds from the sale of a conservation easement on their 37-acre property to ACT as part of the overall transaction. The proceeds from the Byerly sale, along with the gift from the McGurns to ACT, made the purchase of additional land possible from the Thrasher family and

also will fund a management endowment for the entire 379-acre park.

Conversation to focus on shared governance

The second discussion in the 2006 Faculty Development "Conversations About..." series will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Emerson Alumni Hall. The conversation will offer an opportunity to discuss how successful implementation of shared governance at the University of Florida might be managed.

For additional information, contact faculty development at 392-6004 or visit the Web site at www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/facdev/faculty_development/.

Study ranks UF tops in technology transfer

The University of Florida is the top-performing public institution at transferring its research to the marketplace, according to a major new study by the prestigious Milken Institute.

A recent report by the California-based economic think tank ranks UF fifth on the institute's University Technology Transfer and Commercialization Index. Only the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the 10 universities of the California system, the California Institute of Technology and Stanford scored higher than UF on the index, which measured four components of technology transfer: patents issued, licenses executed, licensing income and startups. MIT, Cal Tech and Stanford are private, and California does not report on individual institutions in its system.

To read more about the report, visit the Web at www.milkeninstitute.org/.

Project expands UF data storage

A joint project of the University of Florida's High-Performance Computing Center and Obsidian Research could result in a boost in UF's research data storage capability.

The project, which got under way earlier this year, entails finding and implementing a system to store the large amounts of information gathered by UF researchers. Examples include data sets generated by physicists in the search for small particles. The next step in the project is to make the high-performance storage that was built over the summer accessible across UF via the 20 Gbps research network put in place a year ago.

7:30 p.m., "Poverty and the Future of Democracy in Latin America," Alejandro Toledo, Reitz Student Union, Grand Ballroom

Florida Museum of Natural History
"Biodiversity: A Biologist's Perspective" through Dec. 10

Galleries
"Jim Roche's Motorcycle Maps" through Nov. 9, University Gallery

"Dressed and Adorned: The Art of Costume" through Nov. 3, Grinter Gallery



Harn Museum of Art

Oct. 12
6 p.m., "Marsden Hartley, Transatlantic Modernism and Region: From Provence to Maine," Donna Cassidy, University of Southern Maine

Oct. 20
Noon, "Monuments, Museums and Memory: Constructing History in Contemporary Mali," Mary Jo Arnoldi, Smithsonian Institution

"American Matrix: Contemporary Directions for the Harn Museum Collection" through Oct. 29

Phillips Center

Oct. 11
7:30 p.m., Mikel Rouse "The End of Cinematics"

Oct. 13-14
7:30 p.m., Dance Alive National Ballet's "Carmina Burana"

Oct. 15
1 p.m., Dance Alive National Ballet's "Lady Bug"
4 p.m., Pianist Ivo Pogorelich

Theater

Oct. 13-22
School of Theatre and Dance's "Waiting for Godot," Black Box Theatre, Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion; Sundays, 2 p.m.; weekdays, 8 p.m.

Academic Calendar

Oct. 20-22
Family Weekend 2006

Note This

Museum seeking a few good diggers

The Florida Museum of Natural History needs help in collecting fossils from a major site at the limestone quarry northeast of Newberry. To date, nearly 100 2-million-year-old animal skeletons and 40 different species have been found at the site. The dig runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily through Dec. 20. Volunteers must be at least 18 and work a minimum of three-hour shifts. For more information, visit the Web at www.flmnh.ufl.edu/vertpaleo/2006_dig.htm or e-mail rhulbert@flmnh.ufl.edu.

Online job tracking to undergo changes

Beginning Monday, Oct. 16, the University of Florida will introduce GatorJobs, a new online job application tracking system. The system replaces e-Recruit and will be used to post job requisitions for faculty and staff, including OPS vacancies. To learn more about GatorJobs, visit the Web at www.hr.ufl.edu/gatorjobs/ or contact Donna Burdge at burdge@ufl.edu.

UF safety brochure now available online

The "UF Together for a Safe Campus" 2006 safety brochure is now available on the University of Florida Police Department Web site at www.police.ufl.edu. The report includes 2003, 2004 and 2005 statistics on reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by UF and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the UF campus. It also includes policies on alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, sexual assault, the reporting of crimes, and other personal and property safety issues. Requests for hard copies of the report may be made by e-mail to upinfo@admin.ufl.edu.

Don't forget ...

- ✓ Open enrollment for benefits ends Oct. 18. Contact University Benefits at 392-1225 or benefits@ufl.edu for more information.
- ✓ Spring term textbook adoptions must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 27, at www.textadoption.ufl.edu.
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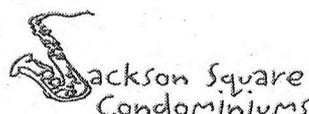
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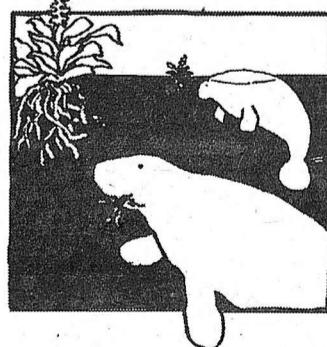
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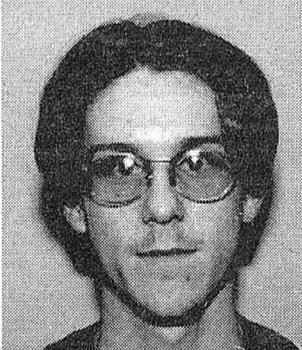
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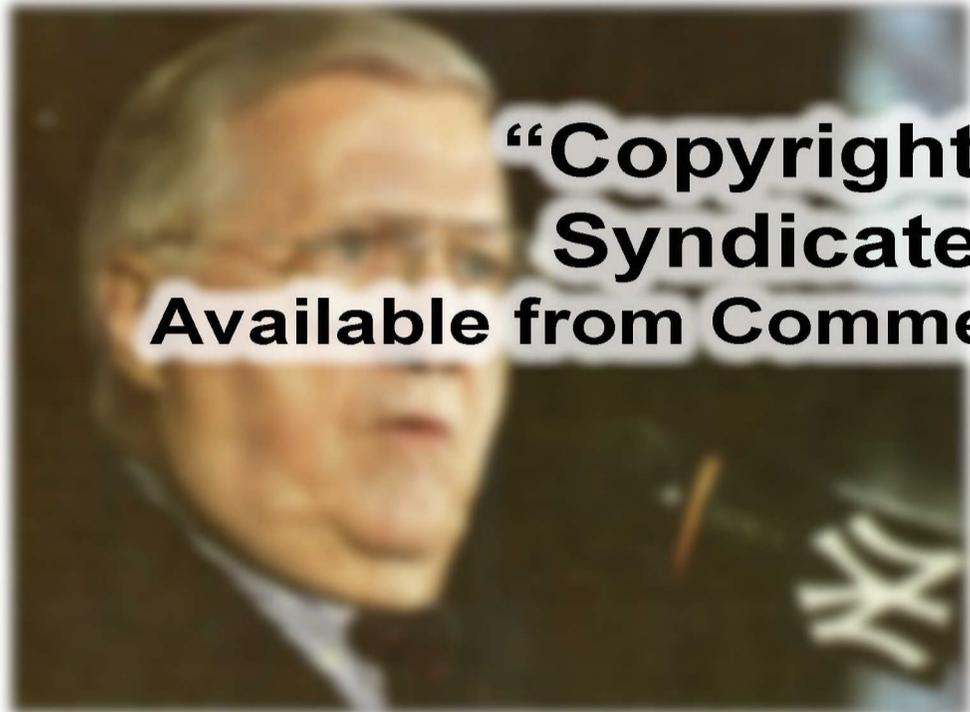
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Yankees back Torre; future with club uncertain

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees have agreed to re-sign manager Joe Torre to a one-year contract, but his future with the club remains uncertain. Torre, who has led the Yankees to two World Series titles, is expected to return to the dugout next season. However, the Yankees' ownership is reportedly considering other options for the 2007 season, including hiring a new manager. Torre's contract is set to expire at the end of the 2006 season, and the Yankees have not yet made a final decision on whether to offer him a long-term deal.



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SEC FOOTBALL

Auburn LB returns from suspension

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Tray Blackmon felt even more helpless than his fellow Auburn defenders in the last two games.

The redshirt freshman linebacker, his six-game suspension now lifted, can try to give the 11th-ranked Tigers' beleaguered defense a hand Saturday against No. 2 UF. Blackmon will play his first college game following the suspension for an underage-drinking arrest in May.

"Watching my guys out there going through some bad times, I kind of feel bad because I feel like I let them and myself down," Blackmon said. "I could be out there trying to make a difference. I said to myself that the way to take care of that is when I do come back, to make a difference."

The Tigers (5-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) could certainly use the help after back-to-back struggles. They couldn't stop Syvelle Newton and South Carolina's

passing game, then allowed 279 yards rushing in a 27-10 loss to Arkansas.

Blackmon's return prompts a shuffling in the linebacking corps. A projected starter before his suspension, the former Parade All-American is battling Merrill Johnson for the No. 1 job at weak-side linebacker after winning the job in the spring.

The team's most experienced linebacker, Karibi Dede, will move from that spot to the middle, where Johnson has been starting. The Tigers are hoping for a spark from the hard-hitting Blackmon, who forced 13 fumbles in his final two seasons at LaGrange (Ga.) High School.

"We've got some guys who can run around, but Tray has this knack of getting to the ball and being so explosive on his tackles," linebackers coach James Willis said. "He brings an added dimension to the ballgame, so I think that will help us out."

Blackmon was ordered to participate in a 90-day pretrial program following his arrest in LaGrange. Coach Tommy Tuberville suspended him and fellow linebacker Kevin Sears for an unspecified number of games for unrelated off-the-field incidents. Sears returned three weeks ago, while Blackmon waited. The 6-foot, 210-pounder finally got the good news Sunday.

"It made me feel good," Blackmon said. "I've been waiting for that call all season. I'm ready to contribute to the team."

The Tigers still rank sixth nationally in scoring defense but have given up a combined 715 yards and 41 first downs the past two games. Dede thinks Blackmon can help change that.

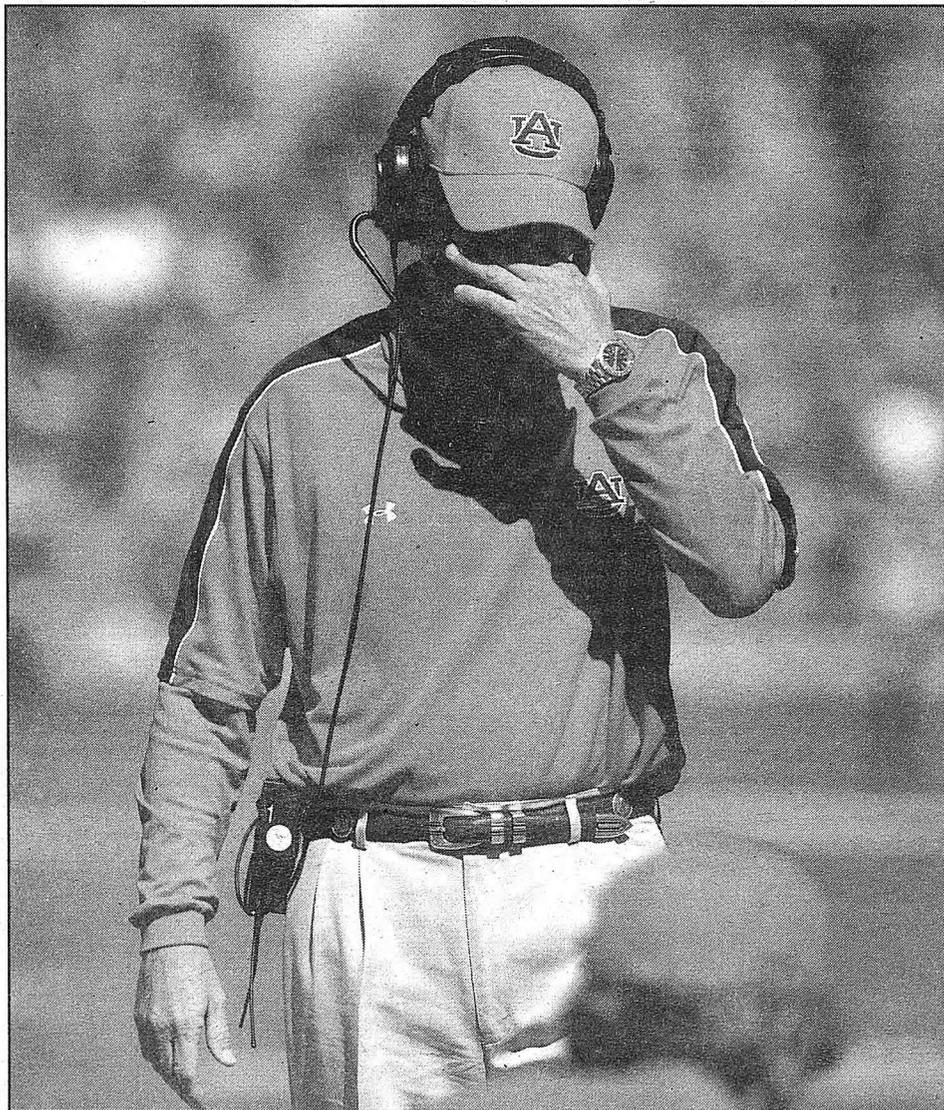
"He's a big-time hitter, which is big for momentum in a game," Dede said. "I'm just anxious to see him get out there and just clock somebody."

Blackmon didn't publicly complain about the length of his suspension.

"When I came here, I gave all my trust to the coaches that they were going to do the right thing," he said. "I feel like if that's how long it took, that's how long it took."

But Blackmon likes the timing of his return, a chance to make his debut against the Gators' Chris Leak and a high-powered offense. How does it feel?

"I can't explain with words," he said. "Football is what I do. That's paying for my education. To not go out there and play is hard for me. I just want to make something happen."



AP Photo

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville had been embarrassed by the suspension of Tray Blackman earlier this season, but the linebacker will return to play the Gators.

Tebow SEC Freshman of Week, Wilbur breaks school record

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Eleven other players were inducted into Meyer's weekly Champion's Club.

On offense, Meyer named offensive linemen Ronnie Wilson, Carlton Medder and Steve Rissler and wide receivers Jemelle Cornelius and Dallas Baker.

Defensive linemen Joe Cohen and Steven Harris, linebackers Brandon Siler and Brian Crum

and defensive backs Tony Joiner and Reggie Lewis also made it.

SEC HONORS: Freshman quarterback Tim Tebow has been named Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week.

Senior punter Eric Wilbur, who had three punts of longer than 50 yards Saturday, was named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week.

Wilbur also broke the school record for career punting

yards Saturday, passing Buster Morrison's record of 8,372.

THE SKINNY ON SMITH: When Meyer, then the head coach at Utah, took his first look at Smith, he nearly took his frustration out on defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham for suggesting they visit the defensive back.

"I look at Kyle Whittingham and I am about ready to take a swing at him," Meyer recalled.

The cornerback barely weighed 150 pounds and hardly resembled a football player, Meyer said.

"We redshirted him, he put on some weight and then he was one of the best corners I've seen when he played for us at Utah," Meyer said.

Smith transferred to UF in the off-season, and Meyer has been happy with the corner's transition from the Mountain West Conference to the SEC.

amid the most impossible of expectations.

"I'll admit that I was wrong on this front. I never thought that Tebow would play this much of a role in the offense or make this much of an impact on the games.

If UF coach Urban Meyer didn't have so much trust in the young lefty, the Gators probably would have fallen to Tennessee and LSU. He's meant that much to the Gators, who have skyrocketed in both the polls and the

national consciousness.

Enjoy this version of Tebow while you can, because he won't be inserted into games at perfect times next year when he's the starter.

For now, he can run, he showed he can throw, and he gives the Gators an emotional lift every time he comes into the game.

Bottom line, if it is possible for Tebow to exceed expectations, he has.

Grade: A

UF fan hype addressed in team meeting

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team since 2001 and all has changed. What's the difference?

"Attitude. Toughness. Togetherness," Siler said.

UF's last senior class graduated a number of players who left with bare knuckles. Standouts like Jarvis Herring and Mike Degory committed based largely on the assumption that they could win championships just like Spurrier had in the '90s.

"I expected us to go 6-0, 8-0 and make it to SEC championship games," senior defensive

lineman Ray McDonald said.

Now UF finally has a chance to accomplish those goals.

And until that opportunity is eliminated, the undefeated Gators will be surrounded by inevitable hype.

UF's players have already begun dealing with a riled-up student body that understandably wants to tout their achievements, even if they are ephemeral.

"When you're walking around now, they might want to stop you and take a picture with you," McDonald said.

This is Meyer's worst fear. Fans sometimes fuel the coach's notorious Florida Nonsense; Meyer is concerned that publicity might get to his players' heads.

He held a team meeting Monday specifically to address this topic.

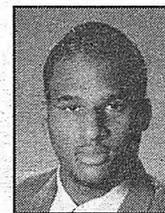
"I'm worried about when they leave here," Meyer said. "You know the freshmen are out there reading that stuff."

Meyer has challenged his upperclassmen to enforce an even-keeled psyche.

"[But] I'll be very disappointed right now if we really needed to emphasize that," Siler said. "I think this team is mature enough. We've got 22 seniors, and we're an older team — together and tough. I don't think that anyone's going to go off being cocky or change their attitudes."

Added McDonald: "We appreciate when we read people saying we're playing good and doing good, but as far as running with it?"

"We can't because we'll lose."



McDonald

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Mustain has thrown six touchdown passes against five interceptions, but he is winning.

The No. 1 thing a quarterback has to do is be a leader, and Arkansas is winning important games under Mustain's leadership. Grade: B+

Which brings us to Tebow, who came in

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No. 2 UF shedding mediocrity label



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF senior defensive lineman Ray McDonald and the Gators believe the program is finally headed in the right direction.

■ GATORS' PLAYERS WELCOME NO. 2 AP POLL RANKING.

By LOUIS ANASTASIS

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Reparations for the Ron Zook era are currently in progress.

Monday, Gators players reacted for the first time to being ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press poll and No. 3 in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Sentiments varied, but UF's upperclassmen summed up team morale quite simply: This is how things are supposed to be.

"It's big for the whole Gator Nation," linebacker Brandon Siler said. "For Florida football to be where we think and expect for it to be — I think it's big for everybody; not only for the seniors but for me and the fans. That makes you walk with your head held a little higher to be a Gator.

"I feel like we're getting the Florida Gator type of magic back."

Siler has perspective to work with. The junior was a standout freshman on a 2004 UF team that succumbed to just about every low imaginable.

The Zook-led Gators finished 7-5 overall and 4-4 in the Southeastern Conference. The Gators surrendered late leads to Tennessee and LSU in what had become a blueprint for an anti-tough, undisciplined team. Then Zook lost to lowly Mississippi State 38-31 and was fired two days later.

In three years under the beleaguered coach, the Gators dropped six home decisions.

From 1990 to 2001, UF had only lost a combined five home games under Coach Steve Spurrier. He won six SEC titles and the school's only national championship.

Finally, some of that mystique is slowly returning.

Coach Urban Meyer has yet to lose at the Swamp, the Gators have their highest-ranked

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Freshman QBs make impacts

Long before most fans had ever seen their faces or even seen them play a down of actual football, they knew their names, and the clamoring for the trio began.

Three of the highest-profile quarterback recruits of 2006 — Tim Tebow, Matthew Stafford and Mitch Mustain — all elected to play their college ball in the Southeastern Conference, entering a pressure cooker where fan expectations are not easily met and the calls for the backups can come just as quickly as the praise.

With the season halfway over, all three have been incorporated into their offenses differently, and it's time for the midterm exams.



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An early enrollee at Georgia, Texas-native Stafford was regarded by some as the best freshman quarterback in the country, and many Georgia fans called for him to start im-

mediately.

Stafford started the year behind fifth-year senior Joe Tereshinski and ascended to the starting role after Tereshinski was hurt against South Carolina, a game in which Stafford threw three interceptions.

He led the Bulldogs to a win against UAB, but he was pulled in the second half against winless Colorado, and redshirt freshman Joe Cox came in to lead UGA to a 14-13 win. But Cox sputtered the following week, and it was Stafford who came in to lead the Bulldogs to a win against Ole Miss.

Stafford hasn't tossed a touchdown pass since the first game of the year, and he has thrown four interceptions in the interim. Grade: C

Mustain gave all Arkansas fans a scare when he reopened his recruiting before deciding to remain home and play for the Hogs.

Teamed up again with high school coach Gus Malzahn, who is now the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator, Mustain has won all four games that he has started, and Arkansas is the surprising leader of the SEC West.

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ESPN's 'GameDay' to cover UF again

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Apparently, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit didn't satisfy their Gators fix Saturday.

ESPN's "College Gameday" will air live from Auburn on Saturday, marking the second consecutive week the crew has appeared at a UF game.

The show will air from 10 a.m. to noon.

It will be the 23rd time the show has appeared at a UF game, the most of any school.



Football

No. 2 UF's game against the No. 11 Tigers will air on ESPN at 7:45 p.m.

CHAMPION'S CLUB: UF coach Urban Meyer

named offensive lineman Phil Trautwein the offensive player of the game against

LSU, while cornerback Ryan Smith and free safety Reggie Nelson were named co-defensive players of the game.

Smith came up with two interceptions, his third and fourth picks in two games. However, Meyer was especially impressed with Nelson.

"Reggie Nelson played maybe the best football game I've seen a defensive player play," Meyer said.

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1914: Auburn blanks the Gators 20-0 in a UF season opener that is played in Jacksonville. The Gators were also shut out by Sewanee and Georgia. However, UF inexplicably outscored its four other opponents a combined 152-0.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF sophomore Ameerah Abdullah has been named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week after scoring the Gators' only goal in their 1-0 Sunday win against Vandy.

alligatorSports.org POLL QUESTION

Today's question: What record would the 2006 Gators have if Ron Zook were still coach? (Cast your vote on alligatorSports.org.)

Monday's question: Which is the best remaining undefeated team in college football? (See right for results.)

	Percent	(Votes)
UF	63%	(313)
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Michigan	3%	(13)
West Virginia	1%	(6)
USC	1%	(4)

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