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SPECIAL REPORT



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Gainesville is known for many things. Among them are burritos, punk rock, engaging academics, and, to Bernie Machen's chagrin, drunken revelry. Students know what it's like to be part of those happy hordes. But what about the people on the reverse side of Gainesville nightlife? The police, the Later Gator bus drivers? The people who keep the nightlife machine from combusting. How do they cope with the perfumed, well-dressed chaos? See story, pgs. 8 and 9, and for an online photo gallery, visit www.alligator.org.

Gainesville developers upgrade their condo plans

By **DREW HARWELL**
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Gainesville developers are updating their plans to make the city taller.

Building planners for University Corners and Gainesville Greens are increasing the facilities, space and cost of their multimillion dollar projects.

University Corners announced changes in

their \$185-million plan late November. They told the city they would eliminate the planned underground garage, add parking on the roof deck, add another floor and increase the available living units from 400 to 490.

Complex representative Henry Rabell said plans changed for the underground parking lot because it would have cost too much, taken too long and been dangerous.

"It wasn't a good ecological move," he said. "We didn't want to create a sinkhole sce-

nario." There will still be parking underneath the building, he added.

The future site of University Corners, now a Starbucks in an otherwise vacant complex across from the north edge of campus, will house the nine-story complex when construction finishes in late

2009, said Rabell.

"It's one of the most remarkable developments in all of North Central Florida," he

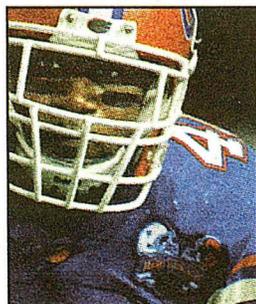
said. "Looking back at this, it's going to be considered a historical landmark. It will be Gainesville's grand jewel."

The development's nearly 70,000 square feet of space will house restaurants, coffee shops, offices, boutiques, spas and high-end salons, Rabell said.

Condominiums will range in size from 390 square feet to 3,500 square feet for the five-

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■ Ohio State is set to be a substantial favorite in the BCS title game, but that doesn't bother UF linebacker Brandon Siler, who said he is embracing the Gators' role as underdogs. See Story, pg. 20.



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■ Students can help out man's best friends and their staff by fostering a dog from the humane society over Winter Break. See story, pg. 4.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JCCC Town Hall Meeting

Weimer Hall, Room 3032,
6:30 p.m.

The Journalism and Communications College Council holds a town hall meeting for students who want to share ideas about the college and inquire about open positions.

Florida FlyIns Exhibition

Reitz Union Gallery, 7 p.m.

An international journalism course culminates in a reception for its annual exhibition of student reporting and photography, this year from Ibarra, Ecuador. Refreshments will be served.

Life-a-Palooza

Reitz Union Grand Ballroom,
7 p.m.

Get Carded presents a variety show with live music, dance and comedy to educate people about organ and tissue donation.

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CLARIFICATION

Those awarded tickets for the BCS National Championship Game can pick up vouchers at the student ticket office. Tickets can be picked up in Arizona at Glendale Stadium with the voucher and proof of identification. We reported otherwise in yesterday's Alligator.

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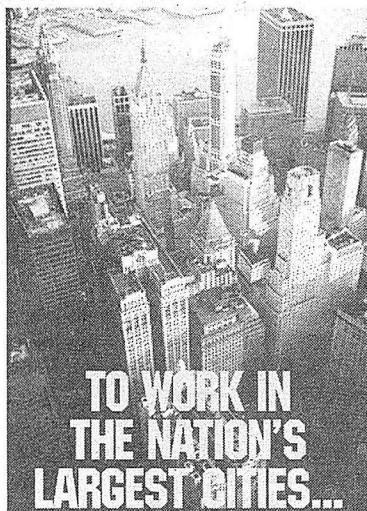
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Court hears voting debate

■ UF COURT IS EXPECTED TO RULE BY THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

By **JESSICA DaSILVA**
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Three UF students met Monday night to debate the future of naked voting.

The UF Supreme Court heard arguments from Supervisor of Elections Brian Aungst and two concerned students to determine whether Student Government voting methods are constitutional. The court expects to make a ruling by the end of the semester.

Tommy Jardon, a former SG party leader, and former Sen. Rosemarie Clouston attended as advocates of online voting, which would enable students to vote from any computer with an Internet connection. Other methods include voting by campus computer and voting by paper ballot.

But Aungst spoke against online voting, saying it compromised voting secrecy and encouraged corruption.

"I know a lot of votes would be made under coercion," Aungst said. "I can't ensure that some organization won't have a mandatory meeting in a room with three computers, order 30 pizzas and say, 'You're not leaving

until you vote for this person.'"

But Clouston and Jardon disagreed, saying there is just as much chance for corruption with paper ballots — the voting method used in the most recent SG election.

They also cited absentee ballots as having the potential for voter corruption.

Clouston noted that there is no way to ensure the student who completes and returns a ballot is the same student who originally requested it.

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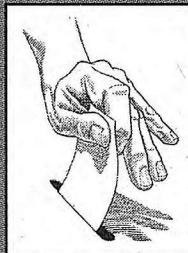
Tommy Jardon
former SG party leader

However, she admitted that "only a handful" of students vote via absentee ballot, as opposed to the 10 to 15 percent of voters who cast absentee ballots in national elections.

Jardon added that the court should not rule online voting unconstitutional without tangible evidence.

"It doesn't make sense to bar the option," Jardon said. "I think it's premature for the court to rule against something based on hypotheticals."

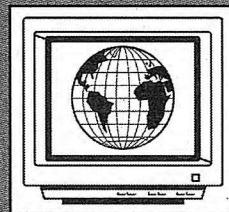
Student Government Voting Options



Paper ballots require students to vote on campus (used in Fall 2006 election).



"Secured site" online voting requires students to vote from campus computers (used in Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 elections).



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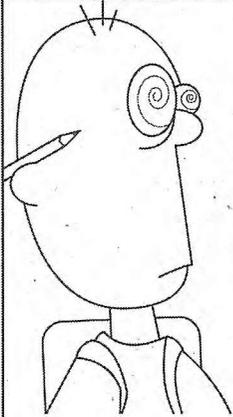
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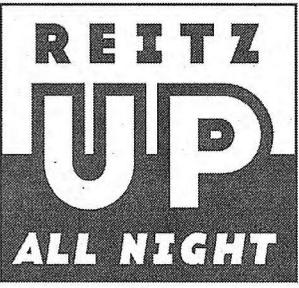
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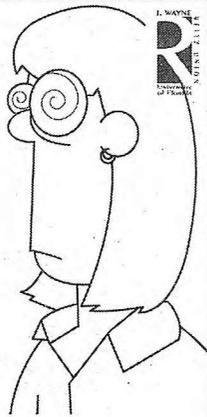




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PETS Humane society seeks dog foster homes for holiday

By **FRANCESCA DE GIROLAMI**
Alligator Contributing Writer

This Christmas, cozy up to the fire with a hot chocolate, a book and something a little more playful and fuzzy — a dog.

The Alachua County Humane Society is looking for people who can provide care for dogs during the Christmas holiday through the Pet Placement Fostering program. The program started last fall and hopes to give dogs a loving home for a short time over the holiday break.

Caroline Parra, volunteer coordinator for ACHS, said fostering has been in place for a while, but Pet Placement Fostering is a more

proactive program, geared toward getting some of the animals adopted after they are fostered.

"We realized we really had to do something different to help the dogs get adopted," Parra said.

She said it is great for the dogs because those who foster can take the dogs out for a day and go to a dog park or to campus. The dogs wear vests letting others know that they are available for adoption, which increases awareness and helps the dogs get exposure.

"It helps drive people here to see the animals that we have, and it's really been successful so far," she said.

Parra said that last year not all of the dogs

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Caroline Parra
Alachua County Humane Society

were matched with foster owners, leaving some without a home for the holidays and requiring some staff to work on Christmas. This year she hopes to get all of the dogs fostered out, not only for the benefit of the dogs, but also to relieve the staff.

Sarah Bass, of Worthington Springs, fostered three dogs during the Thanksgiving holi-

day and plans on fostering two more during Christmas. She is thinking of adopting Binkie, a pit bull mix she fostered.

"After a couple of days they just settled right in," Bass said. "They were all very well behaved and did just fine."

Bass said she let the dogs run around in the yard and play, something they don't get to do as often at the shelter.

"It's a nice break for the dogs," she said.

Students can take dogs home with them and bring them back after the break, Parra said.

"Providing the dog with a family life and love — you know, I think that's what is most rewarding for the animal and for the people," Parra said. "That's what the dog needs."

Former president sobs while recalling son's leadership

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FlyIns students learn in international classroom

■ THE JOURNALISM CLASS TODAY PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION DOCUMENTING LIFE IN ECUADOR.

By **KRISTEN HINES**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Photojournalism senior Ginger Larson waited to exit the plane in Quito, Ecuador, when one of her Florida FlyIns classmates joked, "How is Ginger going to blend in with the locals?"

Larson, who has blond hair and blue eyes, looked around the plane and was surprised to notice two other blond women among the predominantly Hispanic passengers. As she started talking to them, Larson's eyes widened and her classmates' mouths dropped when they learned the two women owned a rose farm in Ecuador. The class knew Larson had hoped to work on a story about the cut-flower industry.

For seven years now, UF students have used luck and skill in an international journalism course nicknamed the Florida FlyIns. For the class, student photographers and reporters fly to a Latin American country to document life there. Today, the public can see their stories and photos at the program's exhibition reception, "Ecuador in Words and Pictures," which opens in the Reitz Union Gallery at 7 p.m.

Co-founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning professor John Kaplan and professor emeritus Kurt Kent, the class is designed to teach journalism students how to work in the international arena. Often, the students document suffering in Latin American countries. This year's trip to Ibarra, Ecuador, was no different.

Morgan Petroski, a photojournalism senior, and Vanessa Garcia, a reporting senior, documented life in a prison where 52 women, many with children, endured poverty and unsanitary conditions.

Other students covered native customs. These in-

cluded the popular and legal game of cockfighting, the art of weaving and the ancient tradition of dining on fried guinea pig, considered a delicacy by the Andean people.

Reporting senior Chan Tran and photojournalism senior Tricia Coyne spent the week with a Colombian refugee family whose members fled their homeland because

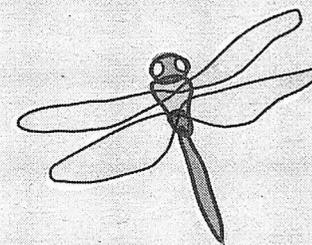
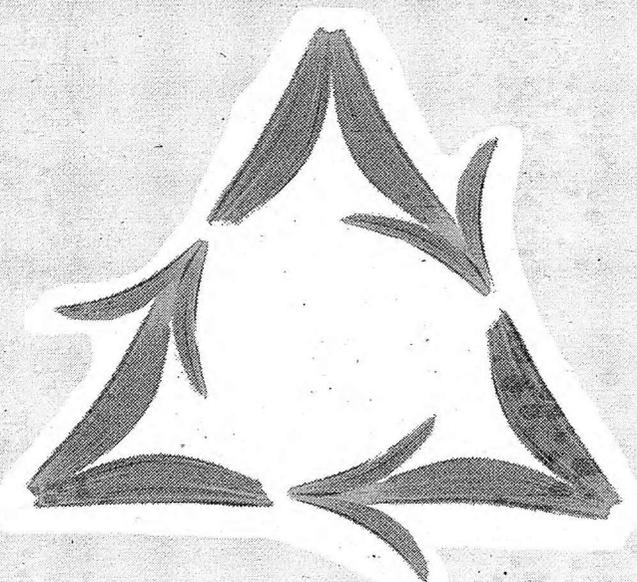
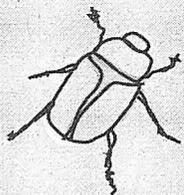
their lives were threatened by guerillas. By the time the students said goodbye, Tran realized that the family was lucky in its own way.

"They are happy because they have each other," Tran said. "They showed me you can have nothing, yet have everything."



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Reporting senior Vanessa Garcia, center, interviews two girls who live with their mothers in the women's wing of a prison while working on her story for the Florida FlyIns class in Ibarra, Ecuador.



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Editorial

We're confused

What does Bernie Machen actually do?

It must be great to be UF President Bernie Machen. No, not because of the motorcycle — it's hard to feel the wind rushing through your hair when you're bald. We're talking about hiring and firing university administrators. That sounds like fun.

Let's say you screw up. Big time. You're in Idaho, fly-fishing, without a care in the world and then — bam! — all of a sudden, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is drowning in debt. You can hop the next flight to Gainesville and fix UF's biggest college. But why?

It's so much easier to let CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan sort things out — or not sort things out, as the case may be. And when he botches the job, when CLAS keeps overspending, year after year, all you have to do is fire him. Your hands are clean.

Pretty cool, huh? But it gets better.

To make sure something like the CLAS meltdown doesn't happen again, you can hire new administrators to do your job for you — a senior vice president for administrative affairs to handle day-to-day operations, and a chief financial officer to keep an eye on the bottom line.

Now you can kick back and relax. That's right — it's nothing but Minesweeper and Spider Solitaire until quitting time. But you still have to put in appearances at fundraising dinners, building groundbreaking and conferences. It's tough to get out of those.

Unless — yes, of course! You can hire look-alikes, skilled impersonators to stand in for you at public events. Just like Saddam Hussein! That's using your noggin.

Then again, you could just do your job.

Kidding, kidding! We had you going for a second, didn't we? Why work up a sweat when you can delegate every responsibility, every shred of accountability, every tough question to a subordinate? Ah, to be Bernie Machen — what a life that would be.

Why did Leavey leave?

Sometimes it seems as if opponents of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' five-year plan aren't interested in anything but defending the status quo. They want no budget cuts, no hiring freezes and no changes in departmental leadership — even though the status quo clearly isn't working.

For the record, we think the administration should enlarge CLAS' budget to prevent a loss of faculty. Unfortunately, that option's off the table — and shame on UF President Bernie Machen for that. But it's time for the CLAS Assembly, CLAS Unite and other groups protesting the five-year plan to face the music. Personnel losses are inevitable. So are leadership

changes in CLAS.

Unfortunately, the administration is pathologically incapable of making the necessary changes in a transparent way. Every decision seems random, arbitrary — as if someone in Tigert Hall picks names out of a hat and then flips a coin to decide between firing or promoting them.

According to the five-year plan, outgoing English chair John Leavey was supposed to step down in 2008. Instead, he was dismissed from his position last week — and for what? Why get rid of him two years early? Why get rid of him at all? Who knows? If the administration wants the support of students and faculty, it had better give us some answers. Soon.

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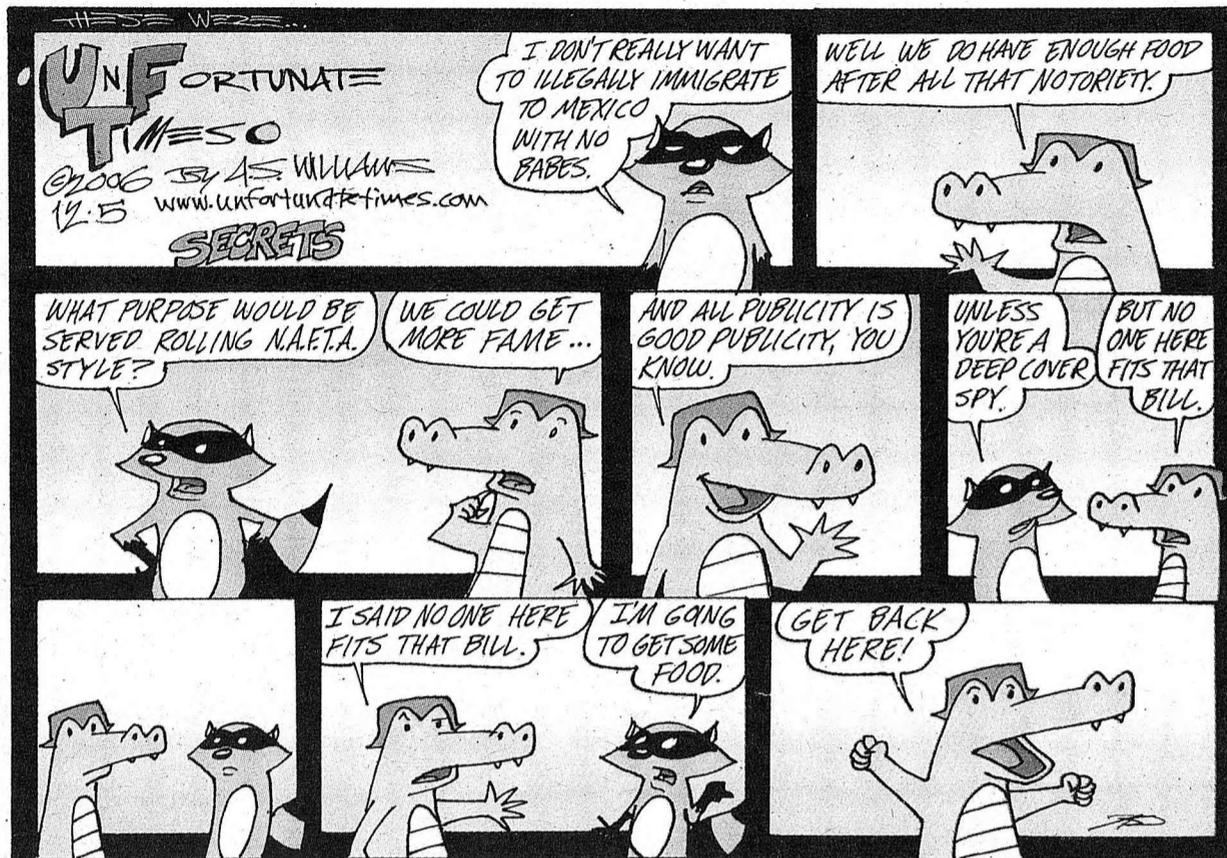
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Column

Quit whining about 'minus' grades, UF

After the football game this weekend — and may I just say congratulations to the Gators for making it to the national championship game — my attention was forced back to the two term papers I have due in the next few days.

I naturally started thinking about what grades I'll end up with in my classes. Most of them are going pretty well, but there's always a little gray area.

For one of my classes, I'm probably looking at a C-plus — unless I can combine hours of studying with a small miracle during exam week. "Woe is me!" I thought to myself as I drove back from Atlanta. "If only there were some way to bring that grade up and keep a nasty C off of my transcript!"

If I hadn't been the driver, I would've cried myself to sleep. But instead, I got to thinking: What's the big fuss over "minus" grades? Just about every other university in Florida has them, so why shouldn't UF be held to the same standard?

Several of my professors have told the class that our Grade Point Averages are already inflated. By introducing minus grades to the mix, we'd even the playing field a bit.

Personally, I'm all for minus grades. I have two B-pluses on my transcript that would most likely have been A-minuses if we'd had this scale a few semesters ago.

Let's clear up a common misconception: UF has no official grading scale. Each teacher determines his or her own. That means they can fudge the guidelines a bit.

Our professors really aren't out to mar our GPAs and kill our chances at graduate school. I'm willing to bet



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most of them would give you an A with a 92 percent. That's nice of them, but it's also arbitrary and unfair — some professors give students the benefit of the doubt, and some don't.

It seems the students most adamant against implementing minus grades are those students who want to do the bare minimum to just barely get an A or a

B. Well, I've said it before and I'll say it again — that's the wrong way to go about your education.

You're here in college to learn, right? And shouldn't your GPA and transcript be as accurate a reflection of your learning as possible? Hopefully, your answer to both of these questions is yes — and hopefully, you realize that minus grades will add more credibility to our transcripts.

And if you're one of those students doing the least amount of work possible for your grade, hopefully you'll at least exert enough effort to maintain that A or B rather than sit back and accept an A-minus or B-minus.

However, I think UF should do one thing to make minus grades more palatable and the whole grading scale more fair — implement an A-plus.

The University of South Florida has, and I think it's a great idea. It's still worth the same as an A, but having that plus on your transcript looks good without inflating your grades.

Besides, we'd have a new goal to strive for.

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

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G.A.T.O.R.S. system encourages scalping

As a lifelong Gator fan, I've never been prouder to be a Florida Gator. Our basketball team is a reigning national champion, and the football team is bound for its own national championship game next month.

A true fan couldn't ask for much more — except the chance to attend the big game next month.

Thanks to the "amazing" G.A.T.O.R.S. phone system, students will have the opportunity to buy their tickets for \$179 each — a great deal.

But why go to the game if you can turn around and sell your ticket online for a \$1,000 profit? Who needs to see the game in person when you've got a brand-new HDTV?

The University Athletic Association should fix this mistake by requiring that students pick up their tickets at will call. That way, students wouldn't buy tickets if they didn't plan on attending the game in person.

The UAA shouldn't make it so easy for a handful of students to turn such an amazing experience — a potential national championship — into a PlayStation 3 profit scam.

Steven Marks
3AC



Machen should explain Leavey's ouster

At Friday's Board of Trustees meeting, several graduate students and faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences spoke with UF President Bernie Machen regarding the five-year plan for debt reduction and the recent ouster of English department chair John Leavey.

While Machen's answers to our queries vacillated between utter ignorance and plausible deniability, he said he's put pressure on outgoing CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan to give a concrete explanation for Leavey's dismissal.

Thus far, there has been no acceptable answer to why Leavey, an extremely successful chair, was prematurely dismissed from his position.

Machen has been equally tight-lipped as to why the five-year plan, which is supposedly concerned with issues of departmental "productivity," calls for the removal of chairs in the mathematics and English departments.

While everybody celebrates the Gators' victory over Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference Championship game, we must make sure this administration isn't let off the hook for its actions.

We demand an explanation for the autocratic behavior of this administration, and we hope Machen keeps his promise to students and helps us get to the bottom of this mess.

Aaron Cerny
5LS



Five-year plan threatens flagship status

UF's "Gator Nation" brand is tied as much to our flagship-university status as it is to our fine athletic program.

Right now, we're the top university in the state, and rightly so. Being Florida's flagship campus means being a university that offers nationally competitive undergraduate and graduate programs across both traditional and innovative fields of study.

Unfortunately, the five-year plan jeopardizes UF's flagship status by cutting core departments within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In addition, the plan has damaged the reputations of some departments by attacking their leadership.

Don't get me wrong — I'm as pleased as anyone that our football team beat our archrivals at Florida State University this year.

But if we let FSU beat us in "capture the flag" — if we surrender our hard-won

flagship status — the damage to the Gator Nation will be irreparable.

Marsha Bryant
English professor



Liles' column sets example for students

I must say that Gerald Liles' Monday column was one of the greatest this semester. His point of view is so relevant to every college student and the timing of his most recent column couldn't be more perfect.

I also think Liles sets a great example for his peers by choosing not to indulge in underage drinking and to keep his drinking moderate when he reaches the appropriate age.

I just wish his fellow Gators out there could learn something from an individual like Liles. Students — especially underage students — should think twice about drinking during the holidays.

Blas Brown
Gainesville resident



UF should standardize grading system

Grades serve as the great equalizer. Students at UF pursue different majors and enroll in different classes, but at the end of every semester, everyone receives a grade. This serves as a basis for comparison.

When Faculty Senate Chairwoman Danaya Wright proposed "minus" grades at last week's Student Senate meeting, I initially didn't think it was such a bad idea.

I thought minus grades would provide more opportunities for hardworking students to pull ahead of their borderline classmates.

However, I take issue with Wright's suggestion that both the implementation of the system and the numerical grading scale be up to each teacher's discretion.

Red flag!

Leaving the implementation of minus grades up to each individual teacher would mean, hypothetically, that two different students enrolled in different sections of the same class could earn the same numerical grade (let's say, a 91 percent), and receive two different letter grades (A and A-minus, respectively).

How can this possibly be considered a fair system?

If the minus grade system is implemented, I certainly hope the Faculty Senate seeks out the only fair option — a universitywide numerical scale to be used as a basis for all letter grades.

Melanie Leitman
student senator



No scriptural basis for date of Christmas

This is a response to Christopher Ferraro's Friday letter decrying Jed Levine's perceived attack on Christmas.

First of all, I fail to see how Ferraro can be so certain that Christmas didn't originate from a pagan holiday or that Jesus was born anywhere near Dec. 25.

There's no mention of any specific date of the birth anywhere in the Bible, so how is he so certain Jesus was born on Christmas day?

It is, however, a well-known fact that many pagan holidays — Yule, for example, or Saturnalia — fall right around the winter solstice.

Also, many scholarly types believe the current date for Christmas was chosen by ecclesiastical leaders about 200 years after the death of Jesus as a matter of convenience.

All I'm saying is that there's no consensus that the date for Christmas has any basis in biblical teaching, much less reality. People like Ferraro should keep that in mind.

John Iacona
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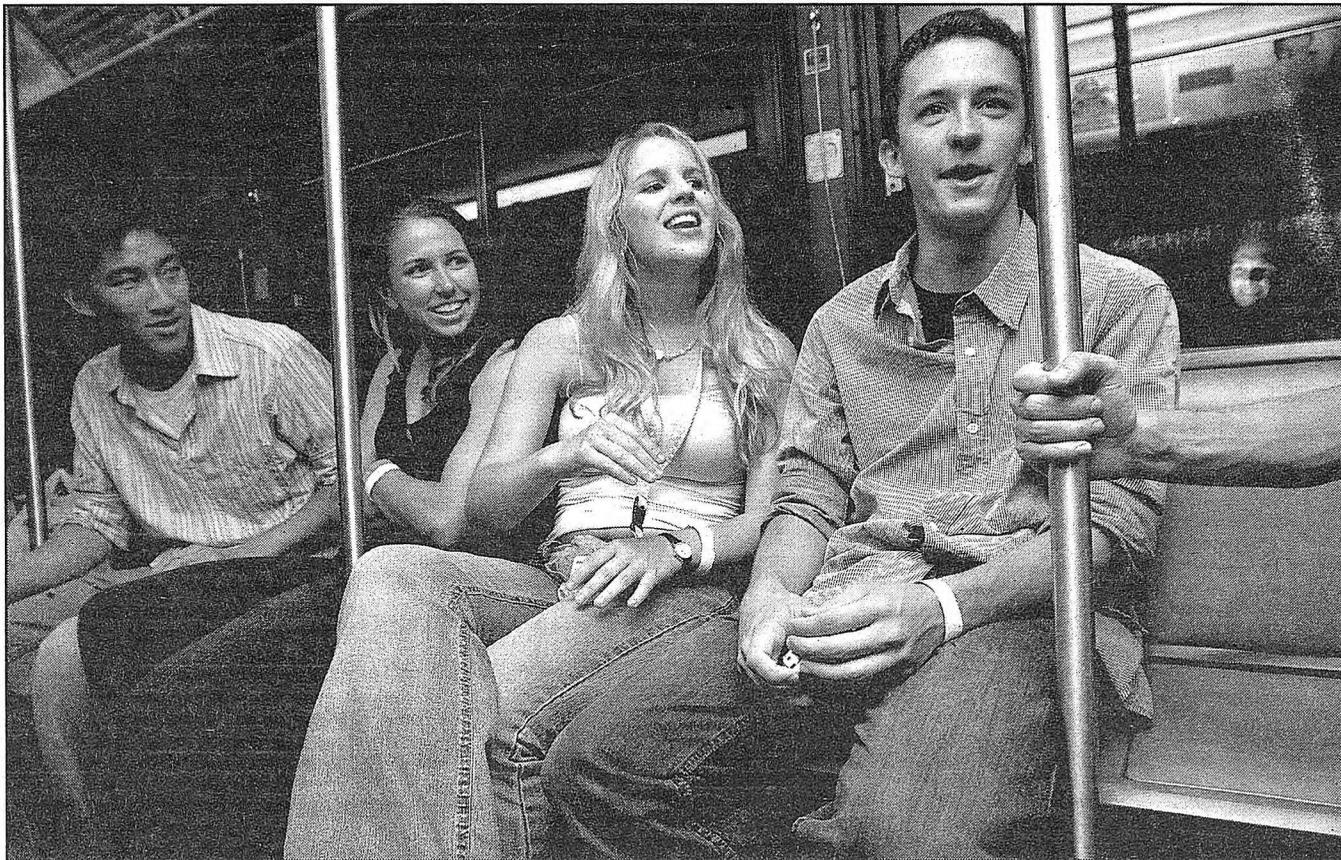
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WHILE YOU WERE OUT

An inside look at the stewards of Gainesville nightlife BY DOMINICK TAO



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UF students ride home on the Later Gator after last call. Later Gator drivers deal with vomit, nudity and "bus surfing."

A STUMBLING PATH STEERED STRAIGHT

They came down Main Street double file in a steady stream of Express for Men shirts and little black dresses, shouting drunken nothings into the early morning air.

The hands on the clock tower outside City Hall still pointed to 1:55 a.m., but the hundreds of revelers flooding the streets of downtown Gainesville suggested it was really a few minutes later: 2 a.m. Closing time. Time to go home.

For years, city law has forced bars to close their doors at 2 a.m., releasing a pressurized mass of partiers onto city streets all at once.

Last Saturday night, this ritual proceeded as usual. A throng of dazed, loud and drunken people emerged from nightclubs, looking for friends, food and a safe ride home.

Jonathan Bramer can't do anything about the food or friends, but the ride home is his specialty. He's a driver for the late-night bus service, the Later Gator, aka "the drunk bus."

Bramer, who has been with Gainesville's Regional Transit System for five years, said it's not the pay that keeps him there.

"It's more or less how fun you students are when you're drunk," Bramer said. "And it's so different every other weekend."

This weekend was no exception. The Gators had just won the Southeastern Conference Championship, and the vibe was especially crazed.

On Saturday night, Bramer's circuit around Gainesville brought him back downtown a good while after the 2 a.m. rush to the Later Gators. His was one of the less crowded buses that night.

"Basically, tonight I'm kinda cleanup for the other guys," he said with a British lilt.

But on other nights, Bramer's bus is apparently the place to be.

"Usually 2 or 2:15 a.m., we're just jammed," Bramer said. "You have 300 kids trying to get on a single bus that only seats 80. You've just got to keep your calm."

One night this semester, Bramer's bus was the place to be naked.

"Oh yeah, we get girls doing stripper acts on the poles all the time," Bramer said. "We had these guys get naked on the bus once. They ran out and left their clothes."

Other riders leave their lunch, he said.

But that's to be expected — especially if you're guzzling dirt-cheap daiquiris all night and then take the wandering pizza guy up on his offer of a "large cheese for \$6!"

A throng of dazed, loud, drunk and crunk people emerged from nightclubs, looking for friends, food and eventually a safe ride home.

"It's college, the kids are going to be experimenting with drinking," Bramer said. "We occasionally get a bus that gets thrown up on. We bring 'em back (to the RTS bus yard) and hose 'em down."

A trade secret on vomit control has been passed down the ranks of RTS drivers.

"If you're on the bus and wonder why we have the AC on, it's not to be mean, but it's just to be clean. For some reason it keeps (passengers) from throwing up," Bramer said.

Despite having senior privilege at RTS, Bramer drives a late bus by choice. Usually, older drivers don't like to work nights and weekends, so driving a Later Gator bus ends up being a "rite of passage" for new drivers.

Frederick Harvie is one of those. He's been with RTS for about six months, so the Later Gator figures into his normal schedule whether he likes it or not.

Harvie, too, has seen his share of bedlam.

"We were coming out of the plaza the other night, and these two guys (on the bus) just

started waling on each other," Harvie said. "I stopped the bus. There were police in front of me — that was pretty lucky. Honk the horn and they'll run to you."

Both Harvie and Bramer said they have witnessed a very risky and highly illegal late-night bus activity: bus surfing.

"Bus surfing, yeah," Bramer said, shaking his head. "The last time that happened, the cops pulled me over."

Passengers pop an emergency hatch and climb onto the roof of the bus. They then stand up while the bus cruises on.

But before you ride, you'll have to wait.

Four young women wearing shrink-wrapped jeans were waiting for a Later Gator on University Avenue at 2:20 a.m. Sunday.

One of them tried to signal to other drivers to give them a ride by leaning against the bus stop post and bending over parallel to traffic.

"I'm a new ho," she said to her laughing friends. "I guess y'all have got to teach me."

When they saw the distant lights of an RTS bus, they clustered closer to the bus stop. Out of service — their hopes were dashed.

Before they started walking home, I approached them. They were suspicious until they saw a press ID.

"You could have been anybody," one of them said.

"There's a lot of weirdos out there," Bramer said in an earlier interview. "Sometimes students get on and are so drunk they don't even know where they're going, but I've seen other students take care of them and make sure they get off at the right place."

RIDING WITH PARTY PATROL

12:55 A.M.

His armored laptop spoke up. "Incoming message," it said. The cop's next assignment blipped on-screen. It was at one of the luxury condo clusters on the north end of town.

There was a disturbance. A neighbor had called the police.

"We usually don't go up there," the cop said. "Let's check it out."

The V-8 Crown Vic' rocked back as the cop stepped on the gas, sending us roaring northward on 34th Avenue.

No sirens were needed. We still had an hour before the 2 a.m. traffic rush.

I was riding shotgun, still juiced and jittery on that bleary October evening. Earlier, I'd chugged two cans of Red Bull outside the Gainesville Police Station. I'd downed the overpriced stimulants to stay lucid as the night moved into morning. The cop's shift lasted from 11:30 p.m. until the calls stopped coming in, usually after 4 a.m. Besides, drinking anything else would have been inappropriate — I was riding with GPD's Party Patrol, the special police unit that attempts to restore sanity to the city when late-night revelers get too drunk or exceptionally rowdy.

1:01 A.M.

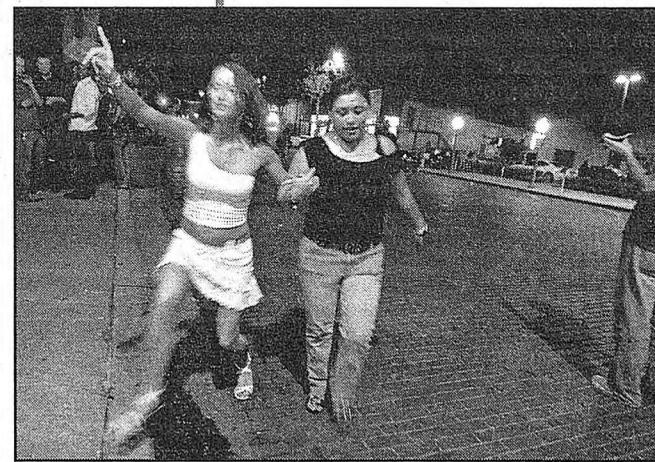
The sign outside the maze of three-story condos read "Uptown Village at Townsend." It looked as if a few blocks of Disney's designer city, Celebration, had been grafted to a few acres off Northwest 39th Avenue in Gainesville.

The officer eased into a parallel parking space. The silver Acura parked in front of us and the dark Beemer behind us were both beaded with water. The sprinklers were on.

"Hmm. Where the heck is Building 1?" the officer said, still seated behind the wheel of the parked cruiser.

Up until this moment, I couldn't figure it out. I'd only known the officer behind the wheel next to me for a couple of hours, but there was something about him that felt familiar. The way he said "heck" sparked the connection.

Officer Martin Honeycutt, the 10-year GPD veteran I was riding with, has a nature that uncannily evokes Ned Flanders.



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After the bars have cleared, two women navigate their way downtown.



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Mounted police attempt to maintain control over downtown Gainesville.

Only he carries handcuffs, a .40-caliber pistol and drives a car with a steel grate between the front and backseat.

Honeycutt goes to church on Sundays and gets calls from his mother while working.

His wife is a full-time mom, and he prefers his teenage sons to be home by midnight.

Earlier that evening, when I asked the officer about his wilder high school days, he gave me a simple answer: "There's a lot of temptation out there. A lot of temptation."

But his temperate temperament aside, Honeycutt knows how to do his job.

After a quick scan with his flashlight, he located the building that the call came from.

We entered the pastel, red and yellow condo from the south entrance, dodging icy jets of sprinkler water on the way.

Once inside the open-air hallway, Honeycutt looked around and shrugged. It was quiet, save for the patter of sprinkler water and our own footsteps on the concrete.

Then came the scream.

It was dulled by distance, but the laughter that followed gave away the location. Honeycutt picked up his pace. The noise was coming from one of the floors above.

As we entered the stairwell, evidence for the neighbor's complaint began to build. The area smelled of beer and looked like an ashtray. Cigarette butts were mixed with a smattering of crushed yellow, red and indigo tortilla chips. The colored crumbs suggested the chips's source: Moe's Southwest Grill.

At the top of the steps, Honeycutt found the apartment number that the call had indicated. The hoots of a party could be heard from down the hallway, grounds for him to at least issue a noise warning.

Honeycutt knocked on the door. It was the kind of knock that strikes fear into the heart of every underage drinker.

The murmur of muffled voices and laughter from inside instantly died, and then the seconds slinked by.

"The female gender, sometimes they're a little more cautious about opening doors," Honeycutt said.

A moment later, the beam shining from the peephole dimmed and returned. The dead bolt clicked. The door opened.

Pink bra, black stockings, polka-dot panties.

A lithe young blonde had answered the door in frilly lingerie. Four or five blank faces peered out from the room behind her.

"A neighbor called and reported there was a lot of noise coming from your apartment," Honeycutt said.

His professionalism was remarkable, even when a second young woman, this time a brunette, came to the door in her underwear.

After a flurry of apologies from the apartment's near-naked residents, Honeycutt said they would get off this time with a warning.

No fine this time, Honeycutt said, but if

GPD showed up again about noise in the next 180 days, it would cost them \$125 each.

The officer returned to his cruiser to get the paperwork for recording their IDs and issuing the warning. I stayed behind.

The blonde turned to the brunette and said in a surprisingly loud voice, "I can't give him my fake."

I must have been staring.

"Oh, it's OK. You can go inside," the blonde said, turning to me.

Breaking the news was hard for me. I wasn't with the party, I was with the cop. Funny, the officer and I were just talking about temptation. Painfully, I declined.

The officer gave them their paperwork, and we took off. Afterward, Honeycutt confided another on-duty brush with the risqué: girl-on-girl pudding wrestling.

He had to issue a noise warning there too, but the contenders left a good impression.

"The girls were very pleasant," he said. "The sweet aroma of the pudding is what got to me."

2:32 A.M.

We'd been upholding the law for three hours. The surge of caffeine had long since spluttered out, but I was wide awake.

Diffusing an overcrowded frat party, scanning for "pimps and hoes" around the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts on Northwest 13th Street and pulling over a black GMC Yukon for driving without lights in the woods, have — as it turned out — a stimulating effect.

We were somewhere on University when Honeycutt's wife called. She was worried about a son who hadn't come home yet.

"It's the 17-year-old," Honeycutt told me. "He's probably with his girlfriend watching a movie."

That's when the radio crackled to life — an open line to an arrest in progress.

"Get on the ground! Don't move! Hands out, get on the ground!" Even through the radio, the officer's fiery tone was apparent.

Honeycutt abruptly ended the conversation with his wife.

"Hold on, babe. I'll have to call you back," he said. He switched from phone to radio.

"Where is it? Where is it?" Honeycutt said quickly into the device.

The officers on the other end seemed too busy to respond: "...trying to keep him down. Keep him down! Keep him down!"

That was it. Wherever those cops were, they had got their man.

2:40 A.M.

We missed the arrest, but our next call would take us somewhere just as exciting: Cabana Beach Apartments.

When we arrived, a Domino's delivery guy in an old pickup pulled up next to us.

"Those kids are drunk and throwing bottles on tables and stuff," the driver said.

Honeycutt parked the squad car. He got out and inspected the half-finished apartment complex.

"It's almost like the wild west out here," Honeycutt said.

Several young men wearing wifebeaters saw the cruiser and ducked into a building.

Honeycutt drew his large, black Maglite and made his way to Building 3. That was where the call for the police came from.

When he reached the base of the building's steps, a few feet from Cabana Beach's sand beach and designer swimming pool, he paused. Glass crunched under his feet.

The sound of more glass breaking on the second floor sent him hurrying up the steps.

He would later describe the scene at the top as "chaos, total chaos."

Six young men were gathered around a pingpong table that had matured into a beer-pong table and died as a twisted heap of particleboard and metal.

A 24-pack of empty Bud Light longnecks had been smashed against the stucco walls. Brown glass carpeted the hallway.

A deflated party ball sat in a box of melted ice, crumpled like a failed kidney.

The men looked like deer in a Hummer's headlights. Three wised up and darted into an apartment. The others remained, frozen.

One identified himself as a resident.

"What about this makes any sense, man?" Honeycutt asked him.

His name was Miles, and he insisted the mess was his absent roommates' doing.

"Come back in 10 minutes. This place will be spotless," he said.

Honeycutt couldn't do anything because he had witnessed no crime. This one was a job for the apartment complex's management. He would later e-mail the property manager and describe what he had seen.

We spent over an hour at Cabana Beach, going from building to building, responding to flare-ups of booze-fueled fights and fun gone wrong. It was like a game of whack-a-mole in the warrens of suburban sprawl.

3:40 A.M.

Honeycutt left the apartment complex, shaking his head in disbelief.

"God'll sort that all out," he said, "but still, you've got to be responsible for your actions."

Honeycutt went straight to Daily's convenience store on Newberry Road for a coffee break after Cabana.

He poured a cup of joe and added plenty of milk. He asked me to wait while he went to the restroom.

I wanted to thank officer Honeycutt somehow. I told the cashier, Michael, to charge the coffee to my Visa.

"You're with him?" Michael said. "Oh, officers don't pay for drinks."



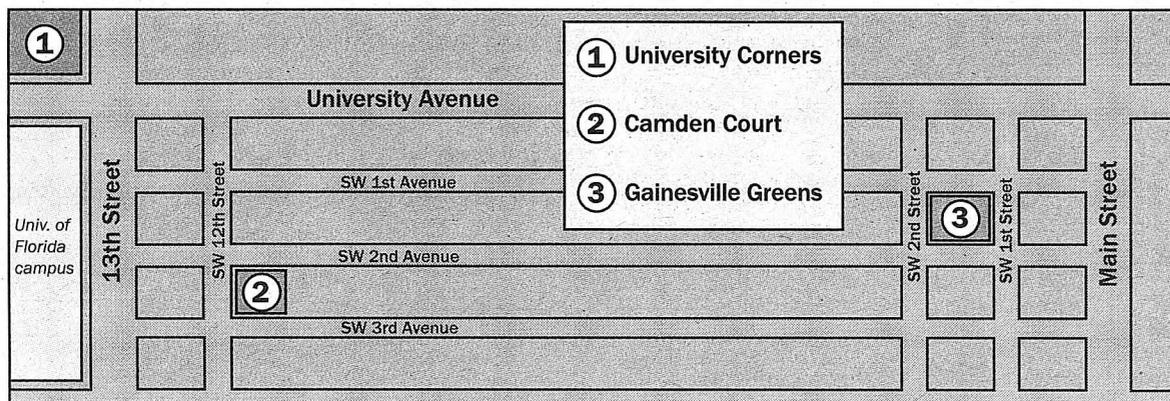
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Traffic streams down University Avenue after 2 a.m. as downtown Gainesville clears out.

Athletes at five bowl colleges outperform on academics

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Luxury complexes to boost city skyline, target older residents



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bedroom, \$1.7-million penthouse. Different condos will be rented out on daily, weekly or annual contracts.

Students will live in about 30 percent of the condominiums, and UF alumni will occupy the rest.

Though University Corners will boast one of the highest rooftops on University Avenue, downtown's Gainesville Greens will beat it by two stories.

The 11-floor development near

Southwest First Avenue and First Street will cost about \$55 million, according to spokesman Ian Zepp.

It was cheaper last year, when the price was projected at about \$39 million.

About 140 condominiums will be constructed atop the ground floor, which will include several businesses. Zepp said the complex is targeted more toward Gainesville professionals and UF faculty than students.

Construction on Gainesville Greens will start in summer 2007, he said, and should end in early 2009.

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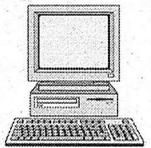
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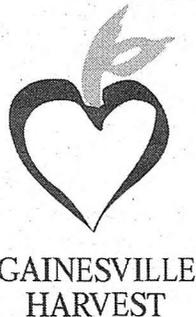
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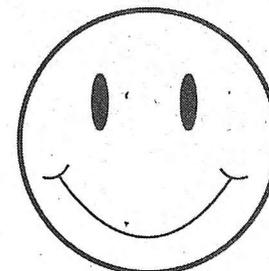
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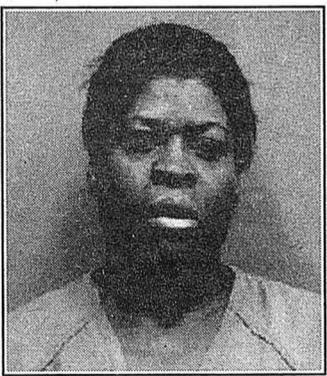
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3 Subleases

CABANA BEACH 1BR in 4BR apt. Avail Dec
13th. Furn. 3rd floor POOL VIEW. Private
bathroom. \$500 CASH upon signing & last
month's rent PAID! \$539/mo. Call 321-693-
8230 12-6-23-3

SPRING SUBLEASE 1BR in 4BR house, ful-
ly furn BR & house. Rent \$350/mo extremely
negotiable. Avail Jan thru July. Roommates
are 3 UF male students. Call 904-994-2328
12-6-14-3

Sublease whole 2BR/2.5BA luxury town-
house in Hampton Oaks Apts. May move in
anytime Nov and last month is free. Just pay
sublease fee \$200. Contact 352-870-6115
12-6-14-3

SUBLEASE AT CABANA BEACH
FOR ONE GIRL STARTING JANUARY.
\$499 MO / UTILITIES INC.
CALL (813)404-0997 OR REQUEST RM
824A WHEN YOU COME TO CABANA!
12-6-14-3

Female sublease at The Estates, available
now, lease ends on 07/31/07, close to UF,
1/1 in 3/3 \$520 all included and furnished,
\$500 rebate!! 954-557-4769
baezwpa@bellsouth.net 12-6-13-3

Unfurnished 1BR/1BA in a 2BR/2BA apt.
sublease thru July 2007 in Oakbrook Walk
\$525/mo. All utilities included W/D walk to
UF 352-428-2768. 12-6-16-3

COLLEGE PARK STUDIO APT.
2 min. walk to UF! Behind Swamp. Only
\$605/mo. New appliances, carpeted, large
floorplan, pool/laundry. Avail. Dec. Call Chris
772-713-4788. 12-6-12-3

1BR/1BA in NW Gainesville. \$400/mo. Pets
OK. Available end of December or beginning
of January through July 28th. Call Mike at
352-235-4827 12-6-11-3

ESTATES 2BR/2BA
Fully furnished. Utilities included. Jan-Aug.
\$530/per room. DESPERATE! Call 407-497-
7068 or 321-356-3384 12-6-8-3

1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA at Melrose Apts. Close
to UF on great bus rte. W/D, util, cable,
internet included. Furnished. \$409/mo.
TinaMari@ufl.edu 305-546-0218 12-5-19-3

WALK TO CAMPUS 1BR in 3BR house.
\$400/mo + utils, Avail 12/01/06. Parking,
fenced yard, extra den, wireless internet, can
have pets. Girls only. Call Katy @ 904-386-
6573. 12-6-9-3

1BR/1BA in HAWAIIAN VILLAGE \$510/mo.
Lease thru July 07. Quiet complex close to
UF. Avail Dec 18th. Call Dave @ 954-873-
0660 12-6-8-3

Camelot Apts NW 34th & 2nd Ave. 5 mos
sublease [March-July] renew opt. 2BR/1BA.
Quiet landscaped yard. Free wireless. Mostly
grad students. Great parking. \$710/mo.
Clubhouse, gym, pool. On bus rt. 222-3801
12-6-7-3

House: 3BR/3BA, all major appliances, fire-
place, A/C-heat, BBQ pit, yard, driveway! 1
mile from UF! \$1600/mo. Call 786-255-6736
or email stefi13@ufl.edu. 12-5-5-3

WALK to campus/midtown 1 room in 5BR/
2BA house. \$430/mo. All utils incl. HBO,
dvr, wi-fi. Spring semester 813-293-3221
12-6-6-3

409 NW 12th Street. 1BR availalbe in a 2BR/
2BA house. \$375/mo. Available from Dec-1
thru July 30. Only 4 blocks from campus, 5
minute walk! Call 813-777-7903 12-6-6-3

2BR/2BA unfurnished apt in The Laurels. 8
months left in lease. \$480/mo ea room. Call
863-412-0528 12-6-6-3

3 Subleases

Sublease for spring 2007 at The Courtyards.
1 female roommate wanted. Furnished apt
with 3 clean & friendly roommates. All-inclu-
sive rent. Call Kim at 954-812-8020 or email
at g8torgal@ufl.edu. 12-6-6-3

\$400/mo 1BR in 3BR/1.5BA house 2 blks
from law school Golfview. Wood fls, W/D,
DW, large living rm, great backyard, fire-
place, dining rm. Grad student roommates.
Avail Jan 1 Spring & Summer 904-392-7636
12-6-6-3

SUBLEASE 1BR/1BA
Sunrise Apts. \$430/mo
All you need is \$135 to move in.
Call Catherine 786-348-4236 or
Email catherine2727@yahoo.com 12-6-6-3

DEC FREE RENT! 1/1 in 4/4 Gainesville
Place. Unfurnished, W/D, private bath, all-
inclusive, tanning room. \$465/mo. Call Sam
813-728-2593 leave message. 12-5-5-3

COLLEGE PARK APT
Private, spacious 1/1 avail Jan. <5 min walk
to UF campus. \$589/mo. Pets ok. Call 813-
695-2459 12-6-20-3

WALK TO CAMPUS
House on 17th & 7th Ave N of Swamp.
Subleasing Sunroom \$350/mo + 1/5 util.
Spacious, private access. Call 813-417-8450
jtowne@ufl.edu 12-6-5-3

3BR/2BA 1 mile from campus. Lease ends
August, 2007. Will pay for transfer fee. \$817/
mo. Call 352-225-6333 12-6-5-3

Cabana Beach Sublease 1BR/1BA avail.
Dec 16 POOL VIEW/1st floor. \$524/Mo
Furn apt, utilities included! Will pay security
deposit and 1st month's rent! Call 847-401-
3232 12-6-5-3

Share a 2/1.5 apartment in a community with
pool one mile from campus for only \$300/
month. Call 954-494-4705 12-6-5-3

2BR/1BA apt. in historic home downtown.
Wood floors, central air, hi ceilings w/fans.
\$790/mo + utilities. Optional furn/wash/dry.
352-378-7493 12-6-5-3

Walk to Midtown and Campus!!!
Perfect Spring and Summer Rental. Walk to
campus, midtown, O-dome, and the Swamp
in seconds. Graduating in Dec. and the
apartment will be ready by the 20th of Dec.
1bd/1ba in a 2bd/2.5ba townhouse. Room
is large with a large private balcony, closet
and bathroom. Room is unfurnished, but the
downstairs will be furnished. Rent is \$630
plus utilities. Call Carly @ 352-494-1032
12-6-5-3

1BR/1BA Apt Jan 2007 \$524/mo 2 blocks to
Shands/campus. DW, fitness center, pets ok
at Country Gardens Apts. Call Robyn 352-
283-0962 12-6-5-3

WALK TO UF 1BR/1BA apt. Avail \$499/mo.
COLLEGE MANOR, water incl. Parking avail.
Contact Sarah 561-313-7718. Sublease
January - August '07. Pets ok!! 12-6-4-3

1BR/1BA in 4BR/4BA
LEXINGTON CROSSING. Spring/summer
lease. \$470/mo utils incl. Great roommates.
Big screen TV. Call 941-219-9099 12-6-4-3

SUBLEASE NOW!
Campus Lodge Spring 07. 1BR/1BA in 4BR/
4BA apt. Great UF roommates! Great pool.
Fully loaded \$514/mo. Nick 786-253-7660
12-6-4-3

Sublease 2BR/2BA in BOARDWALK APTS
on SW 13th St. \$765/mo thru 8/7/07. 386-
755-7541 12-6-4-3

Sublease in Campus Club Apts - Jan. and
Aug. Rent FREE. Available ASAP. Bus Route
12. 1/1 in a 3/2. \$400/month (negotiable) ALL
utilities included, Fully Furnished. Contact
Melissa: 786-281-7980 12-6-3-3

Walk to Campus and Swamp!
Mint 2BR/1BA High Ceilings
Water/Trash included
Availalbe immediately \$975/mo
Call 727-593-2670 12-6-3-3

FURNISHED room @ LaMancha. \$325/mo
incl utilities/internet/cable. Close to UF. From
Jan to July 07. Female only. Call Yajing 352-
328-9502 1-16-10-3

3 Subleases

Female sublease at the Estates available
Jan 1 lease ends 7/31/07. Close to UF.
1BR/1BA in 3BR/3BA. \$539 all included &
furnished. \$500 REBATE. Call 407-620-2864
or lludwig@cfl.rr.com 12-6-3-3

POINT WEST 1BR/1BA 750 sq ft apt from
Jan 2007 or sooner \$550/mo, walk to law
school & shopping, cats ok Call Aaron
352-514-1314 or ajkingsb@alumni.sfu.ca
12-6-3-3

Sublease for spring/summer in Lexington
Crossings. Great room at affordable price.
1BR/1BA w/utills/internet/etc. \$475/mo near
Archer/34th. Can make deal. 813-391-5520
12-6-3-3

Spacious 2BR/1.5BA townhouse. End unit
in Casablanca EAST (near Shands/UF) for
sublease avail: 1/5/07 - 7/31/07 \$725/month
NEGOTIABLE 352-262-5932 12-6-3-3

1/1 in 4/4 at Countryside, unfurn,
prefer female. \$350 includes internet & util;
W/D. Avail Dec 1st. 561-512-7733 or
561-575-3821 12-6-2-3

Spacious 1BR/1BA apt. 640 sq. ft.,
W/D in unit \$680.00/MO rent.,
sublet lease, rentor pays electric.
Will pay all your move in costs.
Can move in today, Call 352-258-8593
12-6-2-3

DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE 1BR/1BA
Wisteria Downs/Arlington Square.
Located 1 block behind Dragonfly.
W/D. Security. Pets ok. \$769/MO obo
Tara 352-256-1887 12-6-2-3

SPRING SUBLEASE in 5BR/2BA house
3 blocks from UF campus. \$335/MO
Call Polly 919-824-0201 12-6-2-3

4 Roommates

Roommate Matching HERE
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The Landings 336-3838
The Laurels 335-4455
Cobblestone 377-2801
Hidden Lake 374-3866
12-6-72-4

Female roommate for one/two female UF
students. Quiet. Responsible. 60 second
walk to UF. Old house charm with all ameni-
ties. Avail Now. \$400 - up. 352-538-2181. Lv
message. Private Owner 12-6-72-4

FEMALE ROOMMATES WANTED for four
bedroom furnished pool house. \$450/mo +
utils. 1 mile from campus on bus route. Non-
smoker. No Dogs. Avail immediately. Call
954-899-7197 1-18-45-4

Roommate in newly renovated 3/2 house,
huge room, fully furnished, all appliances,
cable/HBO & fast internet included. Quiet
location 1 mi from UF. \$500/mo + GRU. Call
Nadav at 305-606-1221 12-6-28-4

Seeking Roommate for Prvt Mstr Br&Bth
in 3Br/2Bth 2500sqft home w/2 car garage
close to UF in quiet neighborhood. \$450/m;
\$400dpst NO PETS call 352-316-5343
LEAVE MSG 12-6-23-4

FEMALE ROOMMATES NEEDED
(3) for 4/2.5 new townhouse, 10 min from
UF by car or bus, all included \$400 954-557-
4769/baezwpa@bellsouth.net. 12-6-20-4

ROOM IN NICE DUCKPOND HOUSE
Kind environment for honest, responsible
person. \$360/mo + 1/3 utils. Enjoyment of
gardening, art, or music a plus. Bike to down-
town or campus. 374-7038 12-6-19-4

SHORT TERM OK. Grad or professional for
vegetarian household. BR & private BA in
lovely home. Convenient central Gainesville
location. \$450 + 1/2 utils. 352-328-7474.
1-9-20-4

Female non-smoker, 1 unfurnished BR avail
in furnished 3BR/2BA house. Avail for spring.
12 miles from UF, 5 minutes from SFCC. No
pets. \$400/mo incl util, cable, wireless inter-
net. Quiet area. 352-206-0543 12-6-17-4

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4 Roommates

1BR/1BA for rent in ROCKWOOD VILLAS Condo. Available for the Spring 2007 semester. \$450/month + half utilities. Contact 727-742-9083 12-6-17-4

ROOMS \$250-\$300.

UF Close. Great student roommates, W/D, DSL, easy park, easy move-in, lease. 371-9409 12-6-15-4

3BR/2BA fully furnished house, prefer a female roommate. SW neighborhood. 10 min to UF. Pool, satellite, internet, Good for grad students. \$425/mo, Incl utils. Avail Jan. 772-201-9933 12-6-14-4

Private locked rooms max cable col tv. on bus rt. 2 rooms \$85, \$90 per/week. Close to 3 labor pools. Call 376-0384 for apt & all info (no comp + no long dist ph respons) 12-6-14-4

MASTER BEDROOM/MASTER BATH

Available in a 2BR/2BA. For one female roommate \$400/month + util. Available ASAP. Located at Brandywine on Archer Rd. E-mail yttek@hotmail.com or 305-332-6566 12-6-13-4

Male or female to share 2BR/1BA.

Cute house on two wooded acres 2 miles from UF & Shands \$350/MO 378-0207 12-6-14-4

Male roommate to share 3BR/2BA house off 34th & University. \$446/mo + 1/3 of utilities. Call 560-0611 12-6-12-4

FEMALE WANTED IN JANUARY 1BR/1BA in 4/4 condo \$425 incl utilities, cable, internet, W/D, pool, bus 20. Furn lv/din, 3 nice F, no pets. Cell 954-802-1776 or text mssg. 12-6-12-4

ROOMS \$485. 1 BLOCK FROM UF Large house furnished with W/D facilities. Util, cable, wifi incl. NS, no pets, 1 yr lease, Sec Dep. Contact 904-513-1431 or gvl32601@gmail.com 12-6-11-4

Female roommate. Great deal. poolside Own BR/BA in 4/4. W/D, cbl inet, close to UF, bus rts 35 & 9, furn. Avail mid-Dec. \$435 incl utils. Vanessa 786-863-2454, home 386-676-9703, nukken1@aol.com, vma108@ufl.edu. 12-6-10-4

Female roommate wanted for Lexington Crossing. 3BR/3BA apt. \$480/mo - \$300 cash upfront w/signing. Bus routes 9 & 34. Call Karen 352-226-4966 12-6-10-4

Female roommate wanted for 3 nice girls. 4BR/4BA apartment close to campus. \$489/mo Everything included. Available immediately! Call 610-331-6478 12-6-9-4

MOVE IN NOW!!!

Female roommate. Release \$499/mo all included. Furnished 1BR/1BA. Call Jessica 305-510-1474. 12-6-9-4

Roommate needed for 4BR/4BA condo near campus on bus rte #8. \$350/mo + utils No pets/smokers. Serious female student preferred. Tennis, pool. Email. arp265@nyu.edu. 12-6-8-4

QUIET ROOM AVAILABLE 12/1/06 \$500/mo. No smokers, no pets. 352-373-8545 12-6-8-4

Female roommates wanted NW Gainesville 1 mile from UF. Fully furnished 4BR house. Quiet environment. No pets, NS. \$475/mo + shared utilities. Call 352-563-0441 12-6-8-4

Roommate needed for 3/3 twnhse in gated comm. Lg BR w/pvt BA & walk-in closet. New appliances, carpet & paint. All amenities & utils incl. 24hr gym, pool, Bball, HS internet, cable w/HBO/SHO 954-483-4597 12-6-8-4

NW area - Master BR/priv BA in spacious 3/2 house, CH/A, DW, W/D. \$460 + share elec/gas. GATOR Rec rm, Privacy fence. Great for grad or prof. Non-smoker, no pets, off 13th St/39th Ave. Avail now 352-328-6252 12-6-7-4

2/1.5 nice Casablanca East townhouse needs NS female. No pets please. \$350/mo + 1/2 util. Negotiable move-in date. jenni88@ufl.edu 562-1901 12-6-7-4

1/1 in 2/2 Looking Glass Apts. Steps from campus! Avail Jan-Aug. \$550/mo. Roommate is female UF student, looking for same. 305-496-8710 12-6-6-4

4 Roommates

Looking for quiet NS, F, mature student to share a roomy 2BR/1.25BA in Picadilly Apts for spring 07 or longer. \$330/mo, cable, internet/TV & elec is ~ \$100. Great location for bus & Butler Plaza. BR unfurn. 283-1985 12-6-6-4

Female roommate needed for 2BR/2BA furn townhouse. Next to pool Close to Oaks Mall. \$500/mo incl cable, internet, & utils up to \$100. Call 386-795-4360 12-6-6-4

1BR/1BA available in a newly renovated 2BR/2BA Gated community, pool, racquetball court, W/D, cable, internet, non-smoker preferred. \$480/mo incl everything. Call 561-809-0892 12-6-6-4

Share 2BR/2BA Treehouse Village condo 3 mi from UF w/Christian student. Pvt BR & BA. All common areas shared. Price incl all utils, cable & DSL. \$440/mo. Avail 1/1/07. hellman4613@verizon.net or 813-917-4365 12-6-6-4

Large comfortable home walking distance to UF. Grad level female student desired for roommate. No pets, no smoking. Month-to-month lease available. \$500/mo all utils incl. Call 352-283-6820 12-6-6-4

2 female roommates needed to share expenses. Marchwood complex. 2-story 3BR/2BA townhouse. Pool. 561-351-3956 12-6-5-4

Large 2BR 2BA townhouse w/study + backyard + patio + pool + gym. LAKEWOOD VILLAS. Furnished living area, W/D, Pets welcomed! \$400 + 1/3 electric includes water, cable, high-speed Internet. NO security deposit! Available immediately, will hold for January. 352-213-2833. 12-6-5-4

One-two non-smoking female roommates wanted for a 3BR/2BA house in Sorrento. Spring '07 only. \$330/mo everything incl. Wireless i-net, cable, clubhouse & furn rms. Call 561-843-1886 or masayume@ufl.edu 12-6-5-4

Female roommate for 3/2 with DW, W/D. Approx 3 mi N of UF. \$450/mo utils incl. 352-207-6430 12-6-4-4

Responsible female roommate wanted, non-smoker, 2BR/2.5BA townhouse, incl W/D, electric, water, cable, hi-speed internet, on bus route, 2 miles from UF. \$475/mo. Call 904-703-7262 12-6-4-4

WANTED: Clean female to share fully furn really nice 2BR/2BA 14x70 mobile home with male on Archer Rd. 4 mi from UF. Pool, cent H/A/C, W/D, cable & phone. No pets, rent \$300 + utils. 352-281-1415 12-6-4-4

Roommate needed to share nice 4BR/2.5BA home in NW. 1.5 miles to UF. \$450/mo incl all utilities, cable TV, wireless internet. Avail 12/15. Call 284-0771 12-6-3-4

2 rooms in 4/2 quiet family neighborhood. 1 blk from UF; 10 min to UF. All utils incl. \$465/mo. Fully furn. W/D, huge kitchen & backyard. Non-smoker, females only. 954-803-4346, 352-372-1890 12-6-3-4

Sublease at Homestead Apts. Move in now! 1BR/1BA in 2BR/2BA. \$375/mo. Lease ends Aug/07. December rent already paid!!! Call John at 407-257-2030 1-9-5-4

Live downtown - Share 3BR/3BA lux condo. No pets, pref grad student. Please be mature, open-minded, clean. Excellent location. Avail Dec 21st. \$595/mo + 1/3 util. Scott 262-7899 12-6-3-4

Room Available: Next to sorority row! Walk to class. 4BR/2BA \$375/mo + 1/4 utils. Large property with private yards. Call 321-604-1114 12-6-3-4

Roommate wanted for 3/2.5 townhouse. Master BR. Near NW 39th Ave. and 42nd St. Pools, tennis, and DSL. \$500/MO utilities included. No pets. Call 363-0143 or email robertwaelder@bellsouth.net 12-6-2-4

Roommate fem, non-smoking seeking well furnished with private bath townhouse clean, quiet, close UF, cable, intern, W/D, park, secure, \$450 +1/2 util. Avail 407-702-4923 12-6-2-4

Room for rent in home near downtown. Must be cool, mature, neat. No pets. Flexible lease. \$420/MO includes util. W/D. \$300 deposit. Call Kyle 213-3998 Avail. Mid Dec. 12-6-2-4

4 Roommates

NS, female to share 2/2 condo in quiet SE area-Treehouse Village. On bus line. 2 pools & fitness center. Newly remodeled & furnished (except BR) W/D. Avail now \$430/mo +1/2 util +dep. 321-266-7069/ 321-725-4475 12-6-2-4

Need NS roommate to share 2BR/2BA Campus Edge Condo. Steps to UF. New carpet & paint, full kitchen, W/D, gym, pool. \$440/Mo +utils, internet, 352-328-5981 1-24-15-4

5 Real Estate

Sell your house, condo, acreage, mobile home and much more in the ALLIGATOR CLASSIFIEDS! Reach over 24,000 possible buyers! Mastercard and Visa accepted over the phone. Please Call 373-Find

Quad-, Tri-, or Duplex w/pvt parking, extra land, 60 sec walk to UF. Exc cond. House 3/4BR, 2BA, wd flrs, covered prch, concrete patio, garage/work-shop. Pvt Owner. 352-538-2181 lv mssg 12-6-72-5

PRE-CONSTRUCTION, NEW, & EXISTING CONDOS & HOUSES FOR SALE NEAR UF AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. SEARCH HERE OR RECEIVE A FREE AND COMPLETE LIST VIA E-MAIL. Visit www.mattpricerealtor.com or Call Today, 352-281-3551, Matt Price, Campus Realty. 12-6-72-5



BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION 3 BLOCKS FROM UF. Classic New Orleans appeal with state-of-the-art luxury. 20 units still available. Prices starting in the Mid-\$200's. Call Eric Wild at 870-9453 12-6-72-5



NEWLY RENOVATED 1 & 2 BR units starting at \$99,900 (as is at \$86,900). Steps from Shands, VA, Dental & more. \$3,000 Closing Cost Credit w/Preferred Lenders. Contact Tom Bellucci 352-538-6498 or Steve Clark 352-328-831 at Coldwell Banker M.M. Parrish Realtors 352-372-5375 for more information. 1-31-112-5



Magnolia Place: A peaceful, sophisticated lifestyle. 1, 2 & 3 bedroom luxury townhomes. Within a gated community in the heart of NW Gainesville. Bordered by wild wetlands and nature preserve. Variety of floor plans & sizes available priced from \$159,700 to the low \$200,000's. Seller pays \$12,000 in Closing Costs, Upgrades and Bonuses! Contact Coldwell Banker M.M. Parrish Realtors at 352-372-5375 or at onsite sales office 352-377-4977. Note: Promotion does expire, contact onsite office for info 1-31-112-5



Enjoy your own private patio in a Completely Renovated 1, 2, or 3 bedroom Cazabella condo across 34th St from UF campus. Walk, bike or bus to any part of campus within minutes. Prices starting in the low \$100,000's. For more info visit www.Cazabella.com or contact Coldwell Banker M.M. Parrish Realtors (352-373-3583), Becky Cato (352-665-0562) or Cindy Birk (352-871-2475). 1-31-112-5

5 Real Estate

Pre-Construction Pricing next to campus! Oxford Terrace II - Walk to UF from a brand new condo! www.oxfordterrace.com. Call Eric Leightman with Action Real Estate 352-219-2879 12-6-72-5

Duckpond Condo - Spacious and totally updated. 3BR/1.5BA, 1CG, 2 balconies with great views, \$219,900. Mitchell Realty Services, Inc. 352-231-3444, ext. 1. 12-6-72-5

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Luxury 2BR/2.5BA townhome. Close to UF. Ready NOW. Call Matt Price, Campus Realty. 352-281-3551 12-6-75-5

LIKE NEW CONDOMINIUM IN CRICKET CLUB on Tower Road. One bedroom, one and half baths. Five miles from UF. \$117,500. Call Robb at Dawn Realty 352-339-5595. 12-6-13-5

FOR SALE BY OWNER. Reduced to \$214,900. WALNUT CREEK on NW 39th Ave. 1 mile west of Hwy 441 & 3 miles north of UF. 3/2 perfect condition, 2+ years new, over 1500 sq. ft. Luxury master suite with two walk-in closets, 2 sinks, large shower stall and bath tub with whirlpool jets. Flooring is laminate and carpet except for tile in both baths. 2 car garage & maintenance free fenced yard. CONVERT part of your RENT MONEY into EQUITY. Available immediately. Call Harold at (352) 373-2207 to see. 12-6-9-5

3 MI FROM UF Condominium For Sale- Creekside Villas. 1BR/1BA. Fireplace, tile flrs., laundry rm, new stainless appliances., creek view. \$95,000. Call 352-505-4086. 12-6-9-5

1BR/1BA condo, 2 miles from UF in very quiet attractive NW area. New floors, utility room with W/D. \$79,000. Call 386-462-3066 1-22-16-5

\$185,000 3/2 + garage in Springtree. Close to schools, new floors, fenced yard, fruit trees. Contact Owner/Realtor dmoccia@cox.net, 262-3264; Realtors Welcome. 1-8-6-5

FOR SALE BY OWNER Lovely 3BR/2BA in historical Black Pines neighborhood 224 NW 28th St. Approx 2000 sq ft. Large fenced yard, gerat floor plan. Listed \$329,850. 379-0619. leave message 12-6-4-5

1999 4/4 @UF Williston & 23rd St. Sec sys; W/D; fridge; c fans; DSL/cbl bd rms; clean; x stor; top fir cmr; pool; on bus route; \$195k 904-759-1357 12-6-2-5

6 Furnishings

BED - QUEEN - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC Extra thick, pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 12-6-72-6

BED - FULL SIZE - \$75 ORTHOPEDIC Pillow-top mattress & box. New, unused, still in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Call 352-377-9846 12-6-72-6

MICROFIBER SOFA & LOVESEAT - \$350 Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must sell. Can deliver. Retail \$2300. 352-372-7490 12-6-72-6

BED - KING - \$170 PILLOWTOP mattress & box springs. Orthopedic rated. Name brand, new, never been used, in plastic with warranty. Call 352-372-8588 Can deliver. 12-6-72-6

CHERRY SLEIGH BED solid with Pillowtop Mattress & Box. All new still boxed. Cost \$1500, sacrifice \$550 352-333-7516

Sofa \$175 Brand new in pkg 333-7516 12-6-72-6

BEDROOM SET. 7pc Cherry, Queen/ king bed, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands, chests avail. Dovetail const. New, in boxes. Can deliver. Retail \$6500, must sell, sacrifice \$1400 (352) 372-7490 12-6-72-6

SOFA & LOVESEAT 100% Italian leather. Brand new in plastic w/warranty. Retail \$2650. Sacrifice \$750. Call 352-377-9846 12-6-72-6

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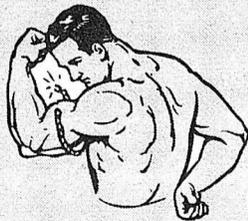
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Vertically challenged UF to face towering Illinois

■ ILLINOIS HAS NINE 6-FOOTERS TO UF'S TWO.

By **BRIAN STEELE**
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Just more than two weeks ago, guards Kim Dye and Jennifer Mossor said that height doesn't matter in regards to rebounding.

They better be right, because tonight UF — one of the shortest teams in the nation — plays at Illinois, a team featuring nine 6-footers. The

Gators have a paltry two. However, UF (4-4) featured a similar task Thanksgiving weekend against Florida State, the seventh-tallest team in the nation. While the Gators were pummeled 88-66, they held leading scorer and center Britany Miller to just 6 points.

But the Gators still hold a disadvantage gazing up at their opponents.

"I don't think I'll ever be pleased with the rebounding," UF coach Carolyn Peck said. "I know how tough it's going to be once we get to the (Southeastern Conference). We allowed

19 offensive rebounds against South Alabama — that's not good enough. When you allow 19 against a South Alabama, that's even more potential rebounds you're going to give up in the SEC, and that can't happen."

While the rebounding may always be an issue, one area that the Gators appeared to have solved is their defensive pressure. Against South Alabama, UF did not even allow a second-half shot until the 15:56 mark, thanks to the Gators' pressing schemes.

Leading UF in this onslaught was — surprisingly — guard Sha Brooks. Normally known for her long-range bombs, Brooks has become a defensive presence as well.

"That's one of the things that everyone knows — Sha Brooks can score points," Peck said, "but she's working hard defensively."

Junior Depree Bowden even called these full-court presses "fun."

"A lot of times the game is won in the first few minutes of the second half," Dye said. "You just have to go out and break them down as early as you can."

UF FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Gators receive commitment from speedy defensive back

By **MIKE MCCALL**
Alligator Writer

Coach Urban Meyer's quest to have the fastest team in the nation got a lot easier Friday with the verbal commitment of Miami Monsignor Pace High defensive back DeMarcus Van Dyke.

Van Dyke — who previously committed to Miami — made his announcement during a video interview with Rivals.com.

"I am excited to announce that I will be continuing my academic

endeavors and football aspirations at the University of Florida," Van Dyke told Rivals.

"From this day forth, I consider myself a Florida Gator."

Van Dyke — a 6-foot-1, 157-pound four-star cornerback rated No. 13 nationally at his position — has earned plenty of attention for his speed. His official 40-yard dash time is 4.35, but he has been timed as fast as 4.22 electronically. Van Dyke has excelled on defense, special teams and as a wide receiver.

"A kid that's as good as him will

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DeMarcus Van Dyke
Monsignor Pace High DB

usually tend to slack off, but that's not him," Pace coach Joe Zaccheo said. "He's full-speed ahead all the time."

Van Dyke had chosen Miami over UF in June because of the

Hurricanes' notoriety of turning out NFL players but decommitted after Miami coach Larry Coker was fired.

"I think he rushed into his commitment to begin with," Zaccheo said. "I think he regretted that, and then when things started to go sour (in Miami), he felt like he needed some breathing room."

Just because he's changed his mind before doesn't mean UF is in danger of losing the speedster.

"I'm solid and I'm set," Van Dyke said. "The Gators are on the rise right now I think Urban Meyer

will be there for a long time, so I don't have to worry about him getting fired."

Van Dyke's decision was a bittersweet one after his close friend, Hialeah Miami Lakes High running back Armando Allen, made a surprise choice to attend Notre Dame.

"It kind of shocked me because I thought he was solid to Florida," Van Dyke said. "But he had a lot of reasons to go to Notre Dame, so I can't fault him for that."

Verbal commitments are non-binding until Feb. 7.

McDonald, Joiner expected to play

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Championship game, when they scored 38 points on Arkansas. For much of the season, Urban Meyer's offense relied on a short passing game and an up-the-gut running game, not exactly the stuff lofty TV ratings are made of. The Gators average a pedestrian 29 points a game, and many of these points were scored via defense and special teams.

"We just have to deal with the doubters," UF quarterback Chris Leak said. "Everything will take care of itself on the field."

One asset the Gators have that is difficult to equate statistically is team speed. UF's defense

ranks in the top-10 nationally in most defensive categories and has athleticism at every position on that side of the ball.

Against Arkansas, defensive lineman Ray McDonald tore a ligament in his right elbow and safety Tony Joiner suffered a severe high right ankle sprain, but both are expected to be ready for the Buckeyes.

If the Gators can somewhat contain Ohio State's offense and score some points, the game's watchability should be better than anticipated.

"Every week we're supposed to lose," Siler said. "It just seems like we never get any respect, and we love that."

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The Southeastern Conference is the nation's toughest conference top-to-bottom and the nation's fastest conference.

The Big 10 is the most power-heavy conference — with No. 1 Ohio State, No. 3 Michigan and No. 7 Wisconsin — but it lacks the depth of the SEC.

Ohio State has only played one quality team — Michigan. Any fans who want to argue for a three-loss Texas team headed to the Alamo Bowl needs to have their head examined.

The Buckeyes can't compete with the Gators' speed. They can

barrel over UF with their massive offensive line, but speed kills.

UF has all the momentum on its side. The 2005-2006 UF basketball team proved that's all it takes.

And most importantly, nothing seems to go wrong for the Gators. Just look at how they got where they are.

Southern Cal lost to unranked UCLA. Michigan got screwed by a two-week layoff. The Big East collapsed. And Notre Dame, Auburn and Texas all imploded.

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Family Business

Setter shines amid clan of volleyball stars

By JOSH ARMSTRONG

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On the shores of Lake Huron in the small town of Deckerville, Mich., sits a sleepy cottage with a homemade sand volleyball court near the road — which just happens to host a tournament with national-caliber talent every Fourth of July.

You can't buy a ticket, and if you happen to catch a glimpse of the action while driving along the street, just keep driving. This is a private event — friends and family of the McGinnises only.

But slow down just enough and you may see UF setter Angie McGinnis leaping to block younger sister Mary, an outside hitter for Illinois State, or swinging an attack at cousin Kate Price, a Penn State outside hitter.

McGinnis, arguably the best setter in Gators history, makes certain there's always room in her summer for the double-elimination tournament — coming off the USA National Team to face Uncle Mike and the Smileys from the cottage to the south.

She even paints the sign for it every year.

The professional-size beach

court, built by McGinnis's grandparents Eugene and Francis McGinnis, has been home of the "Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament" since well before the stars of the scene could participate.

Then 8-year-old McGinnis, her sisters and cousins had to create a petition just to be allowed to join.

"They formed a letter and got people to sign it to let them play," recalled her mother, Dawn. "Then they got better than the adults."

There is a loose set of rules and no refs, but there's one unwritten decree everyone knows: No two McGinnis girls on the same team.

"I played Angie once in the finals," Dawn said. "I told the whole team the object of the game was to keep it away from that tall girl... but she still won."

As for the champions' grand prize? Their names are etched in a bowling trophy that was found in someone's garbage. A volleyball figurine from a trophy store has replaced the bowler on top.

During the past six years, the turnout has ballooned — from a handful of family members to about 300 people.

Nowadays, it's a full-out festival with Sno-Cone makers, popcorn and cotton candy machines and a

feast of grilled and fried meats, all capped by a fireworks display.

If only UF coach Mary Wise had known she could scout Angie McGinnis here instead of shivering in the stands of a winter high school playoff game.

The Phenom

Wise has to feel reimbursed for the few hours she spent freezing in a high school gym watching a 17-year-old McGinnis.

"I was minutes from the Canadian border, watching her in a (February) match in Lake Huron High School," Wise said.

"It was so cold, and everyone was telling me how nice it was. It was brutal."

And that was all to see a player who had little interest in Gators volleyball.

"Florida wasn't even in my repertoire of big volleyball teams," McGinnis said. "(Penn State), Stanford, USC. Those were the ones I wanted to visit for sure."

When Mary showed an interest in playing for UF, it piqued McGinnis' attraction to Wise's program.

An unofficial visit to Gainesville the following September was enough to convince Michigan's Miss Volleyball 2004 to move south for a few years.

McGinnis immediately made an impact on the team.

Before McGinnis' freshman season, Wise considered changing the Gators' offense to a 6-2 set, which involves two setters, so McGinnis could play more.

But when opposite hitter Amber McCray suffered a knee injury, UF didn't have enough right-side hitters to run the 6-2. Wise was forced to choose between starting either McGinnis or senior Lauren Moscovic.

Moscovic had led the Southeastern Conference in assists as a premier player in UF's 2003 run to the NCAA Championship game. It seemed like McGinnis would play sparingly that season.

"Angie's freshman year, we didn't want to start her," Wise said. "With a senior returning setter, if it was close, we were going to start the senior."

But it wasn't close.

"The only questions were from people who weren't in our gym to see practice," Wise said. "Anybody who saw us every day knew that when Angie was setting, we were just better."

Three years later, that decision seems as obvious as Jordan before Bowie.

Just a junior, McGinnis already has shattered the records for blocks (277), kills (408), attacks (881) and points (622) by a UF setter.

On Nov. 17, she became the fast-

est UF player to reach 4,000 assists. She now has 4,251 — 604 away from Heidi Anderson's school record. Averaging more than 12 assists per game, she will likely reach that total before SEC play ends next year.

McGinnis is also the only UF player ever to record a triple-double — and she's done it three times, once in only three games.

The SEC named her player of the year Nov. 28, but even that may not go far enough.

"It would not be a stretch to say she's one of the best (all-time UF players), if not the best, because she can beat a team in so many different ways — with distributing the sets, behind the service line, blocking, attacking," Wise said.

"I played Angie once in the finals. I told the whole team the object of the game was to keep it away from that tall girl... but she still won."

Dawn McGinnis

player to ask for stats after a match, but she'll still look dumbfounded if you mention how many assists or blocks she had.

"I just look at hitting efficiency of all five or six hitters' efficiency," McGinnis said. "And I'll check my kills, too, to see if they were effective."

As the director of UF's offense, McGinnis has often been called the "quarterback" of the team by Wise.

"Boy would I love to be able to push a pause button between plays off the pass, which would be like the center snapping the ball, when she has to read a defense — and remember, she's chasing the ball down through this," Wise said. "Our quarterback is in the (shotgun), but the center hikes the ball to lots of different places."

And this quarterback has poise in the pocket.

"Her tolerance level is way bigger than any of ours. There's no upsetting her," Wise said. "There was one time when she was traveling home and her flight got canceled, and she ended up in the airport overnight. We've had players in the past that I'd be getting a call at midnight in a total panic. Not Angie. She was like, 'psh,' when she told us later on — like, 'Wasn't that funny?'"

The Prototype

McGinnis discovered volleyball through her older cousin Kelly Price, a former Loyola-Chicago player.

McGinnis and her sister spent a lot of time watching Price play and shagging balls at matches.

Their father, Pat, took notice and gave the girls a slight nudge toward pursuing volleyball.

"When they were little, I bought 'em a \$5,000 sport court in the backyard," he said. "Whenever they walk out the back door, they have 10 volleyballs sitting right there. That's really what gave them a lot of their skills."

With a half-collegiate-size court available 24-7, all they needed was size.

Then McGinnis, Mary and

youngest sister Brittany all inherited the tall, stringy frame of McGinnis women, and a trio of prototypical volleyball players was formed.

Literally and figuratively, 5-foot-11 McGinnis stood a little taller than her sisters.

After her freshman year at Fraser (Mich.) High, she already attracted university attention.

She decided to forsake her summers off to join what is known as "the pipeline," a progression of national teams for high school players.

After setting her high school records for assists, aces and blocks in a season and being named Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year twice, McGinnis headed about 1,100 miles south of her home in Fraser, Mich., to UF.

Not that Mom and Dad are ever that far away.

Thanks to Internet broadcasts, Pat and Dawn rarely miss a Gators match. They spend most autumn weekends away from Fraser to see their daughters in person, attending five Gators matches this season when they're not at Illinois State or one of Brittany's high school matches.

"They've had one weekend at home this year, and that's just because (Brittany) had her homecoming dance," McGinnis said.

One match was especially convenient for the family, as McGinnis and Mary were on the same court when Illinois State visited the O'Connell Center on Sept. 8. The Gators swept the Redbirds.

Even after McGinnis graduates, it may not be the last time the McGinnis clan invades the O-Dome. Brittany recently made an unofficial visit to SEC rival Georgia.

Back home, McGinnis still plays a match or two on the sport court with family or neighborhood kids. But now, things can get a bit unfair.

"I tried to play a couple of years ago with Angie, and it becomes a little too competitive," Dawn said. "I got a ball in the nose, and I think the score was 15-2."

"I decided at that point we had to make her play left-handed because she wasn't lightening up on her own mom."

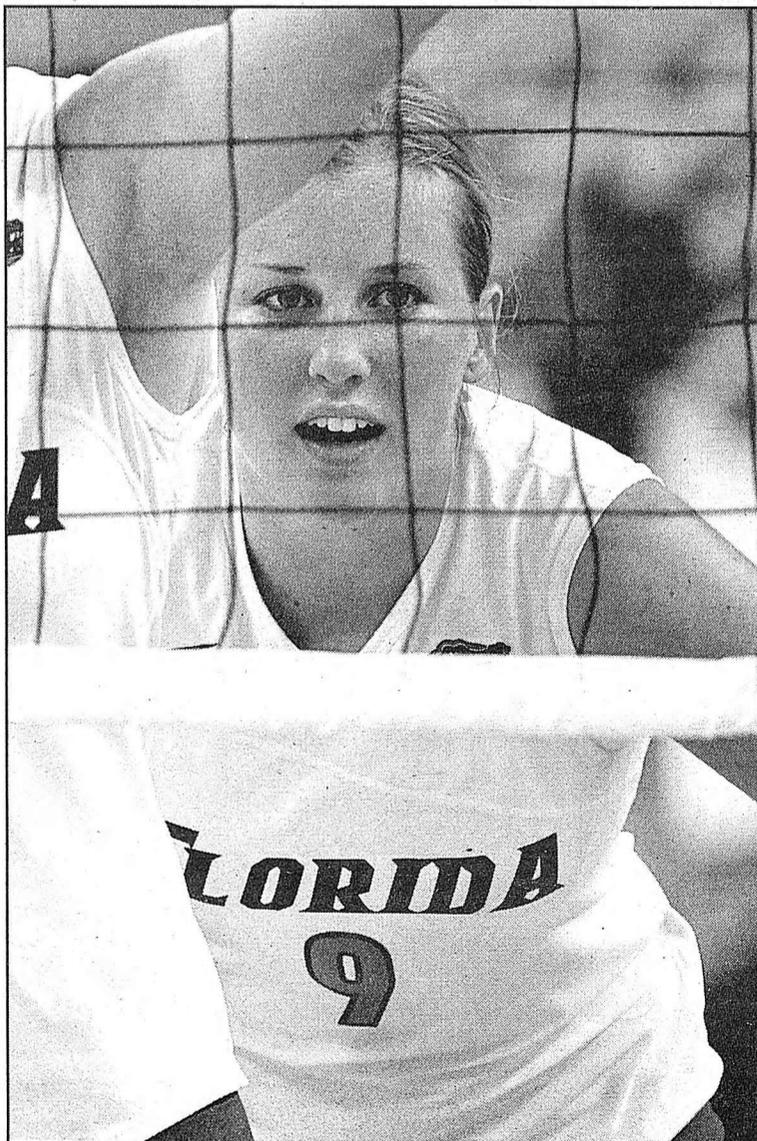
The Teacher

Ten years from now, you're more likely to find McGinnis in front of a chalkboard than behind a net.

When her collegiate career is behind her, McGinnis expects to spend just a few years in professional volleyball — which is not unusual, even for some of the sport's top players.

In the footsteps of Dawn, a Michigan track star-turned-kindergarten teacher at Emerson Elementary, she expects to use a degree in elementary education to teach for a living.

But no matter how far from volleyball her life may drift, there's always a double-elimination tournament every Fourth of July with her name on the roster.



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Junior setter Angie McGinnis takes on the best of the SEC during UF's volleyball season, but her favorite opponents are in her family.

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UF FOOTBALL

UF currently BCS title game underdog

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Nobody is giving UF a shot against Ohio State, and the Gators like that.

Odds-makers introduced the Buckeyes late Sunday night as 7.5-point favorites for the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz.

So forget the fact that No. 2 UF (12-1) has won six consecutive games. Nationally, few expect the Gators to stand a chance.

"For some reason, people don't like us very much," linebacker Brandon Siler said. "But I don't think we're going to have problems responding to it because it's been like that all year. Why change things up? We don't want to go in being the top dog and who everyone thinks is going to win. At the beginning of the season, there were people thinking (Central Florida) was going to beat us."

That might be stretching it a little, but the Gators aren't much of a sexy pick for the title game.

Just ask former Buckeyes Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George, now a FOX Sports analyst.

"Ohio State is going to win," George said Sunday night on TV. "It didn't matter who they were going to play."

Receiver Percy Harvin has

been watching talking heads take their shots, but he's taking it all in stride.

"We kind of laugh at it because all season, basically no one's given us a chance," Harvin said. "Tennessee was better, LSU was better and we're always going to

be underdogs no matter where we play."

For starters, Ohio State is undefeated. More importantly, the Buckeyes feature quarterback Troy Smith — a lock to win the Heisman Trophy — and one of the nation's most exciting of-

fenses. The prolific spread attack has averaged 36 points a game, seventh nationally.

Meanwhile, the Gators were sporadic and inept in the scoring department prior to Saturday's Southeastern Conference

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Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF linebacker Brandon Siler prepares to tackle Arkansas running back Darren McFadden in the SEC title game. Siler embraces UF's underdog status against Ohio State.

Four players earn All-SEC recognition from AP

■ PERCY HARVIN WAS NAMED SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR.

ALLIGATOR SERVICES

UF senior linebacker Earl Everett, junior free safety Reggie Nelson, junior linebacker Brandon Siler and junior cornerback Ryan Smith have received All-Southeastern Conference honors from the Associated Press, the organization announced Monday.

Wide receiver Percy Harvin also has been named the SEC Freshman of the Year.

Nelson and Smith were both named to the All-SEC first team, while Everett and Siler garnered second-team honors.

No UF offensive player was named to either team. Senior quarterback Chris Leak and senior wide receiver Dallas Baker were surprisingly left off of everyone's ballot. In fact, center Steve Rissler was UF's only offensive player to even receive a single vote.

Nelson's first career All-SEC selection adds to a season that has already seen him earn Nagurski Trophy (Outstanding Defensive Player) and Jim Thorpe Award (Top Defensive Back) finalist honors. He stands sixth among UF players with 50 tackles, and his six interceptions rank third in the SEC. He has also blocked two punts.

Smith, who leads the SEC and stands in a tie for third nationally with eight interceptions, has totaled 52 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and 15 passes defended this season.

The Gators' leading tackler in 2006, Everett has amassed 78 total tackles. Siler ranks second on the team with 73 tackles.

Harvin has collected 25 catches for 367 yards and a pair of touchdowns while also running for 406 yards and two scores on just 36 carries (11.3 average) this season; his 773 yards of total offense on just 61 touches give him an average of 12.7 yards per touch that ranks first nationally among freshmen.

Buckeyes beware: Gators legit title contenders

Lost in all the debate, all the lobbying and all the controversy about who should be No. 2 in the Bowl Championship Series is the actual game that will be played.

UF coach Urban Meyer whined and complained more than anyone in college football history this season.

But you know what? It worked.

The Gators now have what they wanted — a showdown with No. 1 Ohio State in the Tostitos BCS National Championship game.

But can they actually defeat Ohio State?

The Buckeyes have balance. They have Heisman Trophy winner-to-be Troy Smith. They have superstars Ted Ginn Jr. and Antonio Gonzalez. They have the No.



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team that stumbled into the Fiesta Bowl with close game after close game only to shock a Miami team that was loaded with NFL talent.

I've been one of UF's harshest critics this season, and I never thought I'd say this: UF has a great chance against Ohio

2 scoring defense in the nation. And they have a kicker who actually makes kicks.

But none of it matters. Not in this game.

The Gators are the 2006 version of the Luckeyes, the 2002 Ohio State

State.

Who knew the offensive line could withstand the challenge? Who knew Percy Harvin would be this electric as a freshman? Who knew the Gators could survive the nation's toughest schedule with just one close loss at Auburn?

If you say you knew, you are lying or are just too much of a homer to see past all the flaws.

Either way, those obstacles are gone. And now it's December. The Gators have 34 days before the championship game.

That's 34 days for UF to heal its injury plagued roster. And 34 days for Meyer to game plan.

And let's not forget, Meyer sports a 19-

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GATORS IN THE PROS

■ Former UF point guard Anthony Roberson scored a game- and career- high 21 points for Golden State in the Warriors' 129-89 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night. Roberson is averaging 5.1 points per game.

QUOTABLE



"Heck, I'm a Gator. I went there. So I had a lot of reason to vote for them right there." —AP
Former UF coach Steve Spurrier on voting UF No. 2 in the Coaches' Poll.

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Today's question: What will be UF's biggest obstacle in overcoming Ohio State? (Cast your vote online at alligatorSports.org.)	2006	Percent (Votes)
	1995	29% (238)
	2001	11% (87)
Monday's question: What is the second best football team in Gators history? (See right for results.)	1984	7% (54)
	1966	1% (6)
	811 TOTAL VOTES	