



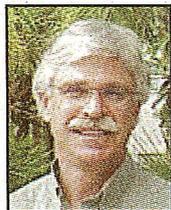
Global warming confirmed

By **RANDI BERNFELD**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

According to a report on climate change released Friday, global warming is true, and human activity, especially the burning of fossil fuels, is very likely the driving force.

The 21-page report, written by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is the first volume of the "Fourth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007."

The panel consists of roughly 1,250 expert researchers who study peer-reviewed and scientific documents to distill the information relevant to understand the causes of global warming, as well as the effects the heat-up is having on that planet and the options for mitigation and adaptation.



Mulkey

The report stated that by the year 2100, temperatures likely will rise 3.5 to 8 degrees Fahrenheit, causing critical water shortages, extreme weather patterns and glacier shrinkage.

UF botany professor Steven Mulkey said the community should regard these findings as facts.

"The issue of global warming is not a balanced argument," said Mulkey. "Our climate is changing at a drastic rate. Global warming is as real as a heart attack."

To add to the credibility of this report, last year was the warmest in the contiguous United States in more than a century, and 11 of the last 12 years rank among the 12 warmest years on record.

The report also stated that by 2075, sea levels could rise from 2 to 7 feet, causing coastal flooding to sweep about 7

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SUPER BOWL

Gainesville bars tame for game

By **KIM WILMATH**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

It felt like any other game day in Gainesville: The smell of beer and fried food filled the air. Football fanatics huddled around TV sets, eyes wide and fists pumping.

But Sunday night, there was no communal chomping and cheering.

To the delight of restaurant delivery drivers and bar owners across town, Gators fans were pitted against

"I think Rex Grossman's going to light it up tonight."

Jordan Wall
 UF student

each other.

Super Bowl XLI, featuring the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears, was a good enough reason for many UF students to skip their homework and chow down on chicken wings and other sports delicacies

at local hot spots.

Jordan Wall, a UF student, had a good view of one of the 16 TV sets at Gator City Sports Grill.

"I think Rex Grossman's going to light it up tonight," he said of the former UF quarterback who plays for the Bears. "Sexy Rexy."

He was joined by a table of other friends and fans who came to Gator City for the \$10 all-you-can-eat buffet.

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Nicole Saffner / Alligator Staff

UF students and Colts fans Christen Hutton and Nate Holt watch the Super Bowl at Gator City on Sunday night.

UF officials to meet with Pike over allegations of hazing

■ **PIKE HAS ALSO BEEN ACCUSED OF SERVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS.**

By **DREW HARWELL**
 Alligator Staff Writer

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity illegally engaged in hazing and alcohol usage during a Sept. 30 party, UF officials wrote Friday.

Paige Crandall, UF's associate dean of students, sent a letter to several Pike executives claiming the fraternity had broken several regulations of the Student Conduct Code, including serving alcohol to people under 21 and hazing pledges by having them serve partygoers during football games. The letter instructed Pike to schedule a meeting with university officials within 10 days.

University officials became aware of the party after several women told police they thought they had been drugged.

Judicial Affairs The State Attorney's Office is no longer investigating the drugging claims, but UF's Student Judicial Affairs is continuing its own inquiry, said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

Pike's acting president Patrick Duffey said his fraternity received the letter but has yet to set up a time to meet with the university. He added that part of the university's claims alleging hazing were false.

"No one told pledges to serve alcohol," he said. "Our new member program is designed specifically to not allow that sort of thing."

■ **UF forward Corey Brewer (right) fell late during UF's 16-point win against Tennessee. But Coach Billy Donovan does not expect the junior to miss any practice time. See story, pg. 22.**



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Parties select VP, treasurer

The two competing parties for the Spring Student Government elections are finalizing their decisions for candidates for the positions of Student Body vice president and treasurer.

The Gator Party announced E.J. Walicki and Vanessa Goodwin as its candidates for vice president and treasurer, respectively, Friday night in the Reitz Union, where both announced a few of their goals.

Walicki said he wants to use his position to help make the campus

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more environmentally friendly, such as by scaling back paper use.

Goodwin stressed the importance of meeting with students to find out what they need and expect from SG.

The Pants Party has yet to announce its candidates for vice president or treasurer, although party leaders held an "open casting call" for the positions Sunday at the Reitz Union.

Pants Party presidential candidate Bruce Haupt said the candidates would likely be an-

nounced early this week. Haupt said the forum was held to show students that his party wants to keep all its decisions in the open, including candidate selection.

"It seems that SG should be representing students more," Haupt added.

— JOANNA BLAZ

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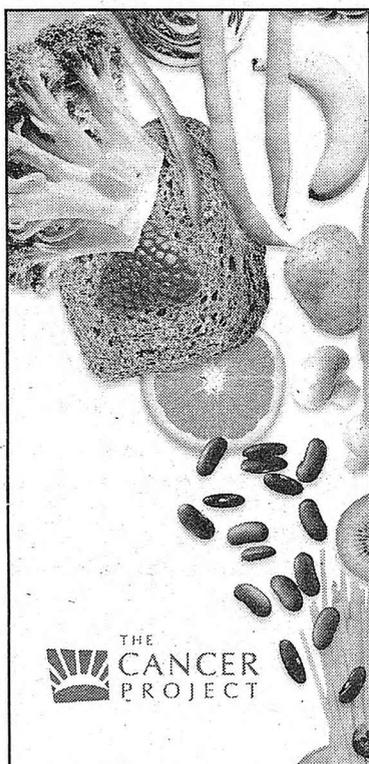
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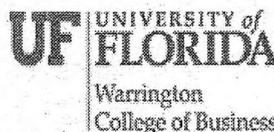
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Administrators respond to critical education report

■ THE REPORT FOUND FAULT WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

By **JOEY CHINDAMO**

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A report that criticized Florida's higher education system was released last month, but two university presidents think it's still too early to form definitive conclusions.

The report, conducted by the Connecticut-based Pappas Consulting Group, scolded the State University System of Florida for its resources being spread too thin, its universi-

ties not cooperating and its lack of focus on undergraduate education.

Frank T. Brogan, president of Florida Atlantic University, said it's important for universities to remain open-minded to the report's suggestions.

"The plan is very thoughtful, very insightful, and while it evokes some emotions from current institutions, I think we need to give it an opportunity to work," he said.

UF President Bernie Machen was unavailable for comment.

According to the report, the system could bankrupt itself due not only to the state's low tuition rates but also the high cost of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

and the Florida Prepaid College Plan.

To solve some of the system's problems, the report recommended some universities focus solely on undergraduate education and not graduate degrees.

The Florida Board of Governors, which oversees the state's 11 public universities, responded to the report with an initiative called Forward By Design, which asks the public for suggestions via the board's Web site.

Brogan said he is enthusiastic about the initiative because it asks for the public's input — something that is necessary for good decision-making, he added.

"Leave it up to just policy-makers without getting the pulse of the general public, and you're in trouble," he said.

He said both Bright Futures and the Prepaid program have provided hundreds of thousands of students in the state access to higher education they may never have had.

Florida State University President T.K. Wetherell said more money is necessary for Florida's universities to become nationally prominent.

"You can't be expected to run world-class universities on tuition that kindergarten students pay," he said. "I don't give a dang who you are, you can't do it."

EAST GAINESVILLE

City buys abandoned East Gainesville apartment complex

By **JESSICA RIFFEL**

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The abandoned apartment complex was silent — the only sound was the wind rustling through an oak tree in the center courtyard.

Then the camera crews arrived, with city officials following close behind. And soon there was a new sound: the buzz of excitement.

"Do you feel it?" City Commissioner Scherwin Henry asked, wiggling his fingers in the air. "Do you feel it? The excitement

of change."

City officials had big grins on their faces Friday as they talked about the future of Kennedy Homes, an abandoned apartment complex in East Gainesville they purchased Wednesday for \$1.95 million.

City commissioners had been trying to buy the 15-acre property for two years as part of the city's effort to revitalize East Gainesville.

At a press conference Friday, commissioners focused on the future of the land. They plan to put in mixed-income housing and encourage residents to buy the homes

instead of renting.

"Citizens take more pride in home ownership," said Henry, who grew up near Kennedy Homes, which is on Southeast Eighth Avenue.



Henry

Kennedy Homes did, Henry said. Kennedy Homes, built as low-

income housing, was plagued with rat infestations, collapsing ceilings and a fire. It was shut down and abandoned in 2005, and its residents were sent to a hotel until the federal government found them housing.

Since then, the brick buildings — with dark green plywood covering doors and windows — have been an eyesore in East Gainesville.

The project is part of the Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative, a plan to revitalize the traditionally poorer part of town and draw in residents and businesses.

"There is going to be a great

transformation here," Henry said. "This is going to be an excellent hub for families."

Doris Edwards, a resident of adjacent community Lincoln Heights, said she hopes commissioners will involve UF students in the design phase through the Witters Competition, in which students in the College of Design, Construction and Planning create practical solutions for development problems.

"We can get the students involved to get some radical ideas — not just what old people think," she said.

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million homes.

Mulkey said this will have dire consequences for Floridians because a mere 9-inch sea rise will cause flooding along the coastlines.

He and other experts also predict that more intense hurricanes could strike the state's coasts, where 80 percent of the population resides.

"If we postpone or avoid planning for this," Mulkey said, "then there will be irretrievable losses of our natural resources and a poorer quality of life."

The panel on climate change was created by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Program in 1988.

Since its creation, the panel has guided policy-makers globally on the impact of climate change.

In 1995, the panel released its second report stating that humans had an influence in global warming. Following this assessment, the Kyoto Protocol was amended in 1997.

This treaty assigns mandatory targets to reduce members' greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2 percent, compared to the year 1990. Kyoto works like a "cap-and-trade" program that gives companies a cap on the amount of pollution that can be emitted. Those able to beat the limits can sell allowances on the open market to other companies not yet in compliance.

Currently, 169 nations have ratified the treaty. Australia and the United States have signed the treaty

but refuse to ratify it.

Although President George W. Bush has been criticized for not ratifying Kyoto and for failing to utter the words "global warming" in his State of the Union address last month, he admitted that warming climates are a fact.

Bush also said that Congress is working on a series of measures to

reduce gasoline consumption by 20 percent in 10 years. One of these plans includes a push for the use of alternative fuels like ethanol to reduce a reliance on foreign oil.

Ethanol can be produced in different ways, such as burning sugar cane and switch grass. Thus far, corn has been the most widely used in producing ethanol, at about \$2

per gallon.

Lonnie O. Ingram, the director of the Florida Center for Renewable Chemicals and Fuels, said corn ethanol has not had a big impact on the environment. He said that in 2005, corn ethanol use in the United States reduced car-

bon dioxide emissions by roughly 7.8 million tons, which is equal to removing the annual emissions of more than 1 million cars. That's less than 3 percent of the nation's automobiles, he said.

Ingram said scientists could use other products to make more ethanol, which will also reduce the world's petroleum intake. For example, he invented a bug made from bacteria that eats wood and other plant material to make ethanol.

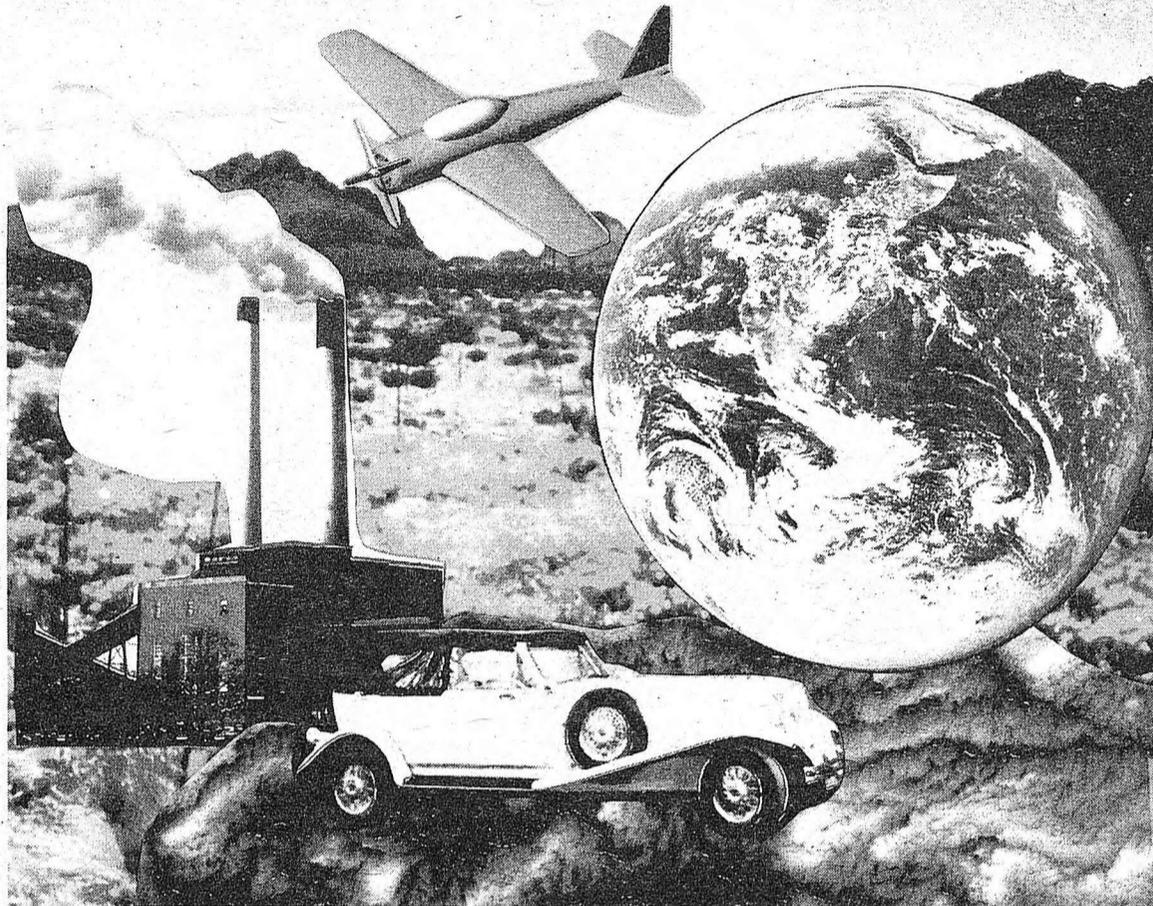
"Imagine taking this desk," he said, banging his knuckles on the mahogany desktop, "breaking it down and using it to fuel your car."

Assistant professor Ted Schuur said fuel-efficient cars are not enough of a solution.

"Reducing atmospheric carbon is a good idea, but the government needs to consider all the other climate-forcing factors that may be changing at the same time," he said.

Later this year, the panel of climate change will release the full science volume, which will include more detailed information. It will also release a report about how people can adapt to the heat-up and another report on ways to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

"People think they had nothing to do with the drastic change in climate," said UF doctoral student Philip Kauth. "But we will be alive to see the serious consequences we have caused on our planet. Maybe next time we'll think twice about leaving our lights on."



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Tornado Tragedy

Twisters strike central Fla., killing at least 20

By **DREW HARWELL**
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LADY LAKE — "I can't describe the feeling," said Jessie Graf as she inspected the soaked rubble she once called home.

"It's like a nightmare I just couldn't wake up from. I'm still not awake."

Not even the statistics — at least 20 dead, \$100 million in damages — could hint at the emotion many homeowners felt after their property was demolished by a series of tornadoes that swept through Central Florida early Friday morning.

Graf, who had lived in her mobile home on Alma Street for more than 20 years, said the tornadoes reduced it to scrap within minutes.

As Graf looked at her destroyed home and began to walk away, tears rolled down her face.

"I'll never get my house back," she said.

Her son, Preston Graf, who lived with her in the home, said he was sleeping in the front bedroom of the trailer when a noise like a baseball bat thudding against the walls awoke him.

As he retrieved a flashlight, the sound transformed into a loud

whooshing. The noise, he said, was his roof collapsing.

After the winds died down, Preston exited the home to check the damage. Among the downed trees and the scrap metal from nearby buildings, he said, were several injured people.

Their bodies, bloodied and beaten, lay drenched on the ground. Ambulances that came to take them to a nearby hospital couldn't reach the victims because of downed trees, so one of Preston's neighbors took them there in his pickup truck.

Florida National Guard Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, who spoke at the site of the now-destroyed Lady Lake Church of God on Saturday, said the search and rescue effort was completed within the first 24 hours, with operations Friday limited to aiding those affected by the storm.

He said when he flew over the area in a Black Hawk helicopter to survey the damage, he saw homes that were flattened from the impact of the storm.

"It looked like a bomb went off," he said.

The destruction stretched for 50 miles, said Chris Tenaro, a soldier with the National Guard who also appraised the demolition from above.

"I've seen everything from



Luanne Dietz / Alligator Staff

Florida Governor Charlie Crist flies high above Lady Lake on Saturday with senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson to get an aerial view of the devastation in Central Florida caused by Friday's severe weather.

(hurricanes) Andrew to Katrina," he said. "This is just as bad."

Tenaro said the damage he had seen done to houses and buildings in the tornadoes' path resembled a shotgun blast.

"That's steel," he said, gesturing at treetops garnished with fiberglass, wood and roofing shingles. "That's bent steel up there."

At about 3:30 a.m. Friday, Lady Lake Church Pastor Larry Lynn received a call from a member of his church informing him that there might be damage to the building.

When he arrived to inspect the damage, he found the church in ruins.

"I just took a deep breath, said, 'What was done, was done' and that there was nothing else we

could do about it," he said, "and we moved on."

Scott Lynn, his son, dug through the debris of the church to look for tapes and CDs on Saturday.

"I've seen everything from (hurricanes) Andrew to Katrina. This is just as bad."

Chris Tenaro
National Guard soldier

Church staff had recorded the pastor's weekly sermons for the past 3.5 years.

"These are the only records of years of work," he said. "You just don't expect that to happen."

Church members gathered alongside Lynn to help salvage

anything they could from the building, but people who came from around the state to help outnumbered them.

Jonathan Hoewing, along with about 20 friends, drove eight hours from the Florida Keys on Friday to help with the restoration efforts.

Hoewing, 26, said his group had been training in dive rescue and was scheduled to have a free weekend.

However, upon hearing news of the destruction, the friends decided to make the trip.

"We don't plan for anything," he said, "but we kind of hope and pray for the best."

Aussey Heath, a worker with Burford's Tree Surgeons, was one of the hundreds of employees to work extra hours moving rubble, repairing roads and mending downed power lines.

He said that Friday, a day after the damage, he had been working from 4 a.m. to midnight. He added they would most likely be working that schedule for days.

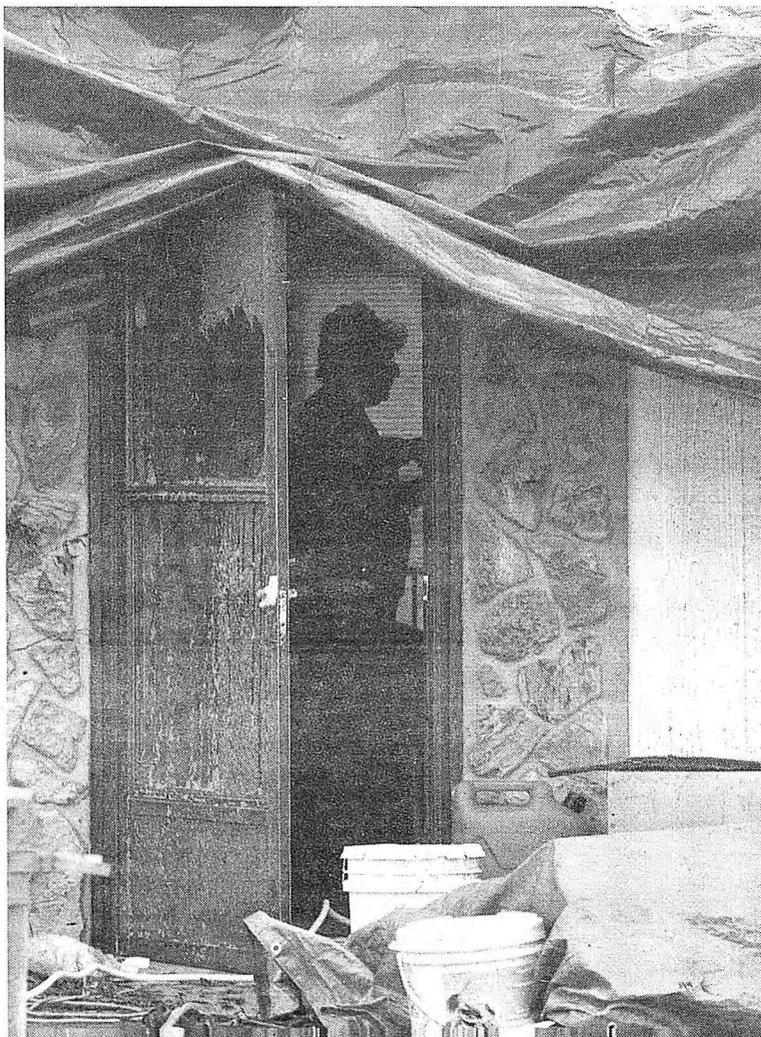
Many homeowners in the area, however, were fortunate enough to receive little damage.

Tracey Schofield, who lives across the road from the church, said her house was unscathed.

In fact, her property had improved in some ways: An out-of-ground swimming pool and a shed had blown into her backyard from down the road.

Ed Reposo, who lived on Alma Street about a mile from the church, said his house and a memorial he created for soldiers overseas had also been spared from any damage.

"I'm not a religious man, but I believe in God," Reposo said. "I believe he had something to do with it."



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Nicole Safker / Alligator Staff

LEFT: Mary Smart assesses the damage inside her friend Jessie Graf's mobile home Saturday in Lady Lake, just one day after a severe storm ripped through the Central Florida area and left at least 20 dead.

ABOVE: Chris Zipperer passes the broken frame containing the charter of Lady Lake Church of God to Tim Thomas outside of what used to be the pastor's office Saturday afternoon in Lady Lake.

Editorial

In hot water

Global warming is here to stay

The results are in, and the future doesn't look good. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its report Friday on the state of worldwide global warming. The report declared that global warming is "unequivocal" and will "continue for centuries."

French President Jacques Chirac is threatening to slam the United States with a "carbon tax" if it doesn't ratify the Kyoto treaty and its successor, when it runs out in 2012. We know the idea of France standing up to the United States is laughable.

But with the power of the European Union behind Chirac, President Bush should prick up his ears.

The carbon tax would be added on to U.S. exports to encourage the United States to ratify the Kyoto treaty — and the E.U. is the largest importer of American goods.

France also proposed creating a new environmental body to slow global warming, and 45 other countries signed on in agreement.

But the United States did not join those countries, despite the fact that it alone produces about one-fourth of the world's greenhouse gases.

The United States is rich enough, advanced enough and powerful enough to be a leader — if not THE leader — in slowing the inevitable global climate change. But instead, it sits back and laughs in the faces of countries trying to enact positive change.

The United States could enact an emissions cap-and-trade program. This would allow each company a set amount — a cap — of greenhouse emissions. It could then emit only that much. If it had any left over at the end of the period, it could sell or trade it to another company that needs to emit more gases.

Then the United States could regulate how much carbon and other greenhouse gases are emitted into the atmosphere.

Fuel economies should also be raised, and this has been talked about for years. This one's obvious — people would burn less fuel driving. While some argue that this would encourage people to just drive more, that argument doesn't have much hold. Did people start driving less when gas prices started rising? Not really.

Another possibility is to enact a higher gas tax. Most of Europe does this — that's why gas in Great Britain and Germany costs about twice as much as in the United States. By charging, say, an additional 50 cents per gallon of gas, people will eventually drive less.

It would also provide a constant source of revenue for the government. But unfortunately, this is often seen as political suicide for any politician who proposes it, so we probably won't see it in America anytime soon.

In his 2007 State of the Union address, President Bush finally recognized that climate change is here to stay. It's time for him to get behind his words, join the rest of the world in the struggle against rising global temperatures and coastal water levels, and make some changes in the United States — and the rest of the world.

We could be the most powerful force in the fight to slow global warming, but we're too busy letting our pride and selfishness get in the way.

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Column

Writing on the Wall tears down nothing

As the fifth annual Writing on the Wall Project came to a close Friday, students finally witnessed the results of their hard work.

Evil organizations renounced their racism, sexism and communism. Thousands realized their lives of eating children and abusing the elderly were not only morally wrong but also hugely unpopular. Homophobia was resolved. Terrorism stopped. And a white kid high-fived a black kid.

Gotcha! Really, a bunch of people who don't like being called names agreed they don't like being called names. Then they smashed up a few thousand dollars worth of your money.

There are many problems with the Writing on the Wall Project. Perhaps the biggest is the fact that the hardcore offenders — KKK members and neo-Nazis — don't show up. They aren't looking for enlightenment. So a bunch of people who already support the wall continue to support it.

And if the offenders did show up — what then? Do you see "Dirty Jew" written on a wall, realize you've offended someone and then turn in your hood to the local Grand Dragon? Probably not.

Of the five or 10 people around each time I went to the wall, at least two openly mocked the project. What do you think they learned? Every night that the wall stood, it was guarded all night by a group of volunteers. Clearly, the power of the wall itself was not enough to ward off those who disagreed with it.

Some bricks even opposed the project itself. Some would celebrate this as the epitome of the all-inclusive non-censoring policy, but it is in fact concrete (sorry) evidence that this wall, which purports to oppose division, is itself divided.

One brick opposed Israel, another Palestine. You can't

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embrace both. Because some bricks contradict other bricks, no one could support the entire wall — so it failed as a symbol of unity and tolerance.

If one thing could be gathered from the Writing on the Wall, it's that prejudice is bad. Is that news to the people who saw the wall come down?

Several bricks expressed resentment over the assumption by some people that black students at UF are here only because of affirmative action. But the fact is a percentage of black UF students would not have gotten into UF if they were white. That's the whole point of the policy. Affirmative action is a serious and complex issue. But those bricks weren't against the policy, only the perception.

While many problems can be solved by writing on bricks and smashing them, this just isn't one of them.

Those students who spent the night guarding the wall endured some cold weather. A lot of sincere effort went into this project. Shouldn't we at least celebrate that?

No. Racism and prejudice are elusive devils that don't fall to mere sincerity. Their best weapon might be the ability to lead their enemies down paths of triviality and symbolism.

If we celebrate a sincere but ineffective gesture of tolerance, we risk locking more idealists into this cycle of meaningless display — because when you think you've found the best way to fight, you stop looking for a better one.

And there are better ways than this.

Patrick Barrett is a junior majoring in Russian. His column appears on Mondays.

Reader response

Today's question: Should the United States do more to combat global warming?

Friday's question: Will the Pants Party be able to defeat the Gator Party in the Spring elections?

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Letters to the Editor

Golden Key important and valuable

This is in response to Patrick Barrett's column from Jan. 29. He questioned the need for honor societies — Golden Key, specifically — and even said they are "harmful." Those who are involved with Golden Key realize what a ridiculous idea that is. Barrett's assertion that it's meaningless to be in the academic top 15 percent of upperclassmen is ignorant.

It can be easy to focus in on a little corner of the world like UF, where everyone seems motivated, active and successful. But widen your scope a little, and you'll see the masses who desperately tried to get into UF but couldn't. Take a second, and consider the students here at UF who have struggled to make passable grades and who would greatly appreciate being recognized for a legitimate achievement like Golden Key membership. Step outside of your own self-interest for one second and think of what it means to your family members — who often sacrificed a great deal to put you in your position — to have some acknowledgement of

their support and your hard work.

The most revealing detail of Barrett's editorial is the truth in this statement: "I received an invitation to join Golden Key International Honour Society last year. It didn't mean much to me, but my mom said she'd pay the initiation fee, so I joined." Even if he cannot see it, Barrett's mother realizes her son's accomplishments. Despite academic success, the hardest thing to learn is perspective.

Galen Sencil

UF chapter president, Golden Key



Rabbits great pets for college students

Nothing thrilled me more than the article about Gainesville Rabbit Rescue in Friday's Alligator. I recently adopted a bunny of my own, and I truly think they are the ideal pets for college students. Bunnies are quiet, loving and cuddly. I encourage more college students who are considering adopting a pet to take one of these loving little lagomorphs

into their homes. There is little maintenance and so much love in return. My bunny, Sir Puff, likes to lick my hand in appreciation and love. Once again, thank you for the article on bunnies — it made my Friday even better!

Crystal Mason
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UF shouldn't have gotten rid of minuses

Student Senator Gavin Baker makes an interesting case when he writes that faculty weren't eager to involve students in the minus-grade debate. The elimination of the minus grade at UF a few years back was an ill-advised reaction by a faculty frustrated with trends perceived as hostile to educational quality. There was increasing use of graduate students as instructors and the continuing absence of a coherent salary structure. Funded research became more valuable than teaching. There was a noticeable inappropriate use of student ratings, resulting in

grade inflation and the lack of concern about the worth of undergraduate education. An argument for dropping the minus then was that grades were inexact — so why risk student ire over such an issue?

If our new corporate university doesn't address the problems of instructional quality, what can faculty members do? Instruction, grading and standards are certainly their responsibility. Well then, why not start by returning the minus grade to its logical place and attach a bit of integrity to a process that's degenerated into an unduly generous and needlessly imprecise grading system? Unfortunately, since teaching faculty usually have little to do with forming and implementing quality-oriented educational policy, playing with the minus is about all they have left.

And most other universities had never even dropped their "minus" in the first place. Are students who oppose the change back to "minus" grades really interested in the quality of UF education?

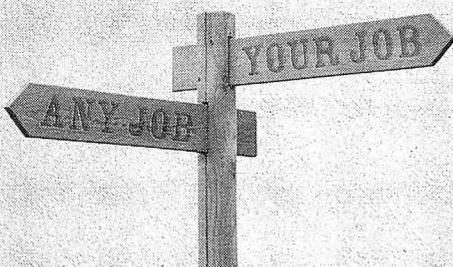
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CASA rings in the Year of the Pig

By DANIELLE D'OYLEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

A multicolored lion slowly rose from its slumber, batting its eyelashes and shaking its large head. The lion followed a masked man with a fan as the music quickly transitioned to a pulsing drumbeat. The lion finally leaped into the audience, kicking off the annual Chinese American Student Association's Chinese New Year Show.

"Just in case you can't grasp how heavy Chinese New Year is on our traditional calendar, it's as if you put Thanksgiving, Christmas and regular New Year's together. If they had a love child, it would be Chinese New Year."

George Liu
CASA president and UF senior

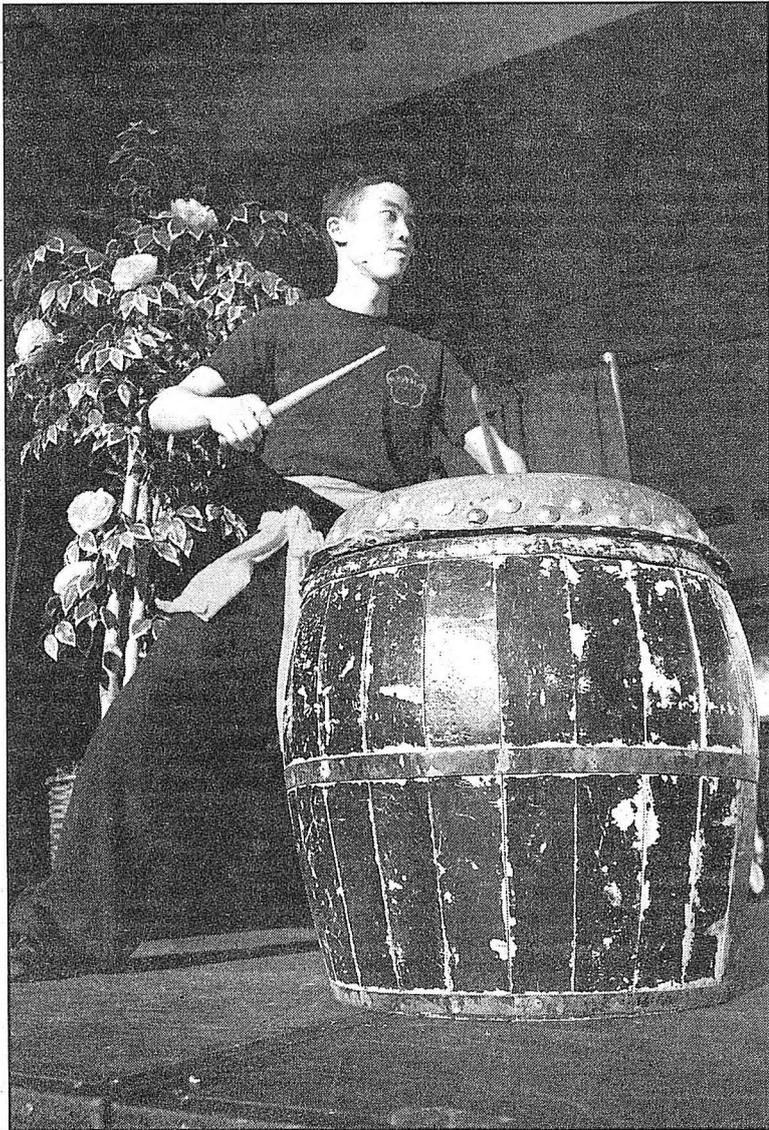
The actual date of the Chinese New Year is Feb. 18, but the celebration at UF began Saturday night. The crowd filled the Reitz Union Ballroom's 500 seats, leaving only standing room for the Year of the Pig celebration.

The lion dance was one of many acts highlighted in the show, which was named "Spring into the New Year" and which blended both traditional and modern aspects of Chinese culture.

CASA's Traditional Dance Troupe performed classical Chinese dances, gracefully twirling handkerchiefs and fans. The Gainesville Chinese School also demonstrated traditional Chinese dancing with children who spun pink umbrellas.

More contemporary aspects of the show included musical performances, a hip-hop dance performed by CASA members and skits put on by members of CASA and the Pi Delta Psi Fraternity.

"Just in case you can't grasp how heavy Chinese New Year is on our traditional calendar, it's as if you put Thanksgiving, Christmas and regular New Year's together," said CASA president and UF senior George Liu. "If they had a love child, it would be Chinese New Year."



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UF student Jason Dai drums as part of a traditional lion dance during the Chinese American Student Association celebration of the Chinese New Year on Saturday in the Reitz Union Ballroom.

Greeks fundraise with games

By JASON SILVER
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Greek community got competitive this week and took to a few on-campus fields to raise money for different charities.

The Pi Beta Phi Sorority held the Down 'N' Dirty flag-football tournament Saturday at Lake Alice Field.

The event drew more than 300 people and raised more than \$13,000, which will go toward promoting literacy, said Shaune Heyser, the sorority's philanthropy chairwoman. Adam Lickstein, the quarterback of Tau Epsilon Phi's team, said the tournament was one of the best Greek fundraisers he's been part of.

Greek Speak "It was a lot of fun because Pi (Beta) Phi has great girls, and we had great coaches cheering us on," Lickstein said. "The competitiveness of the tournament also made it a lot of fun."

The Delta Chi Fraternity also put on a tournament this week, but the game — Earthball — was a little less conventional. Ross Sacharow, Delta Chi's philanthropy chairman, said Earthball is similar to soccer, except it's played with an 8-foot ball.

The tournament raised \$800 for The V Foundation for Cancer Research, a charity founded by the late college basketball coach Jim Valvano.

Editor's note: Jason is a UF junior and a member of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity.

Some students order in pizza, watch game from comfort of couch

SUPER BOWL, from page 1

Ashley Gordon, a UF senior, sat at the end of the table of Bears fans and held her head high.

She laughed when the Colts scored, as oth-

ers at the table looked down and gritted their teeth.

In blue beads and a telltale horseshoe shirt, she was the odd one out.

Though Gordon usually follows college sports, this year a friend got her into NFL games and convinced her to root for the Colts.

Gator City was one of a few Gainesville

spots that attracted students for the game.

Bo Lehew, manager of Lillian's Music Store and Saloon, said underage students were probably more likely to stay home since bars and restaurants won't serve anyone under 21.

Pick-up and delivery orders kept other businesses in a flurry.

Matt Wilmoth, general manager of the

Hooters on 34th Street, said he expected orders for about 15,000 to 20,000 wings to go.

As Papa John's pizza delivery driver Chris Conkin loaded up his car with pies, he said the store wasn't as busy for the Super Bowl as it is during Gators games. But the restaurant expected a lot of orders before the game and at halftime.

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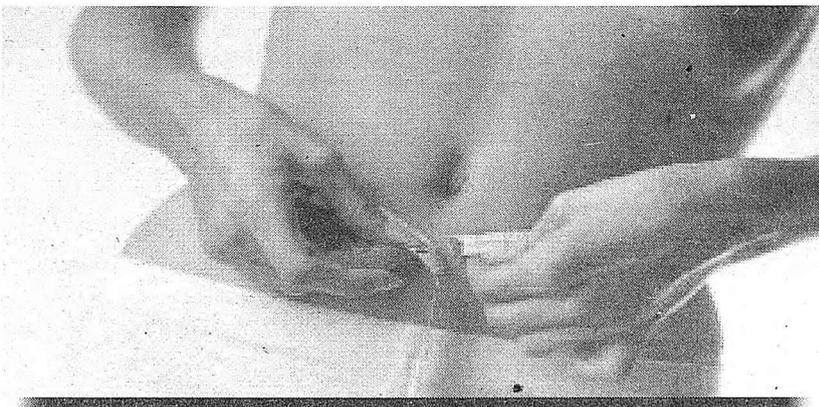
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By **CHRISTINE MOYE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Bicycle traffic violators will no longer be able to attend a bicycle traffic safety class in lieu of paying for the citation.

Due to a disagreement between Alachua County judges and the University Police Department, the Alachua County Clerk of the Court will no longer accept certificates of completion from the class.

"(From now on) we won't be dismissing a ticket if you turn it into the traffic bureau," said Mary Grace Curtain, chief deputy clerk of Alachua County.

Traffic violators will have only two options: Pay the state fees for the ticket, or appeal it in court. This went into effect Thursday.

The previous arrangement between the judges and UPD was only an agreement and not a law. The judges simply asked the clerk's office to accept the certificates, Curtain said.

"We can't do something that's not statute or ruled," Curtain said. "There's no authority."

The agreement is no longer valid because the judges in Alachua County have changed in the past few years, and an amendment to Article Five in the Florida Constitution took effect in July 2004.

The amendment regulates guidelines about judiciary matters, and nowhere does it specifically mention bicycle citations and bicycle traffic safety school, Curtain said.

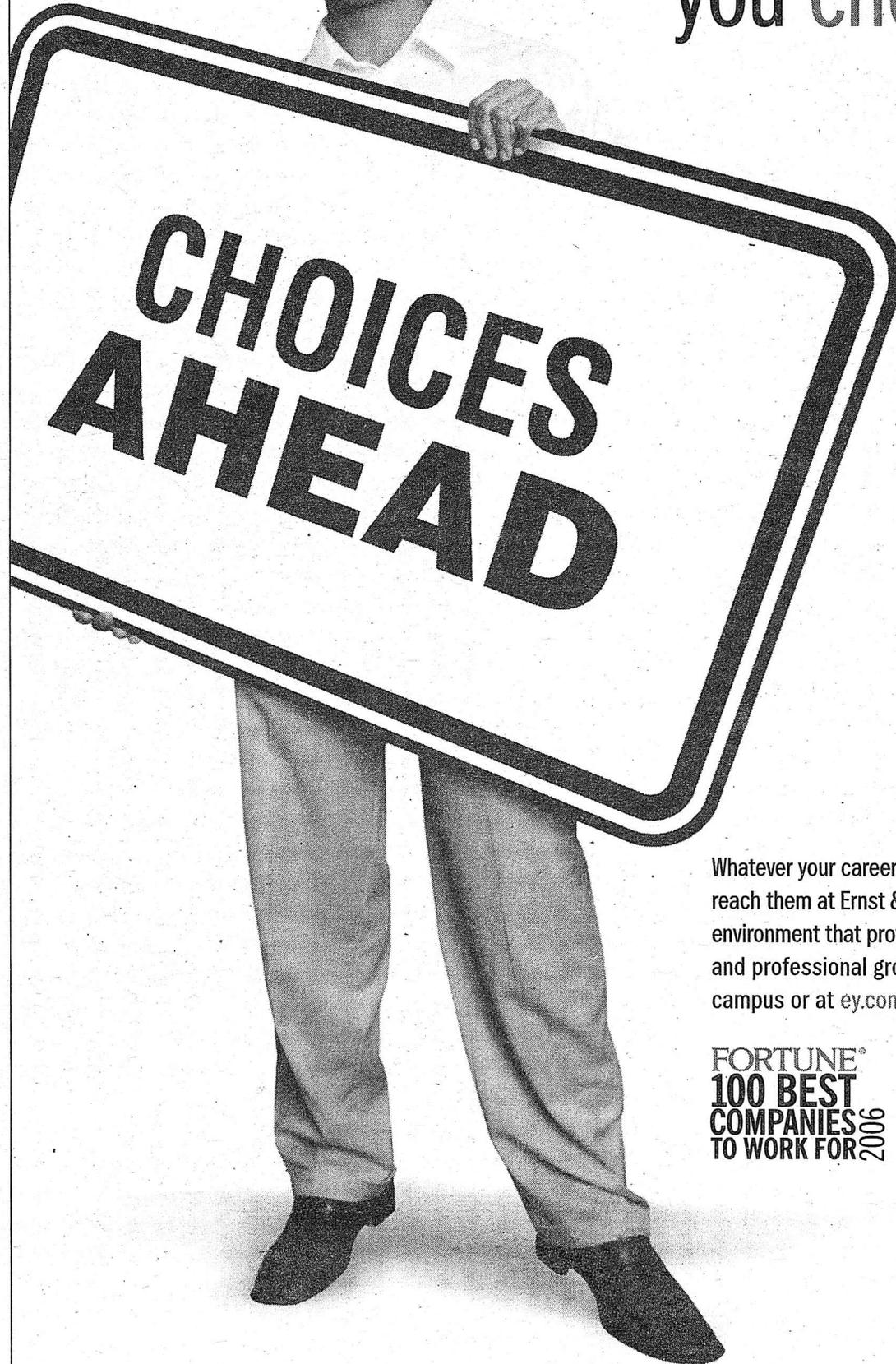
UPD Maj. Brad Barber said that from Jan. 31, bicycle traffic violators still have 30 days to complete the class.

Class will continue as normal, but UPD isn't sure whether class will take place after that, Barber said.

Because UPD writes about 1,000 traffic citations to bicyclists on campus every calendar year, the bicycle safety class was usually full, said Lt. Robert Wagner, a spokesman for UPD.

The most common bicycle traffic violations include riding at night without a light, running a stop sign and wearing headphones while riding. Ticket prices range from \$46.50 to \$118.50, according to the UPD Web site.

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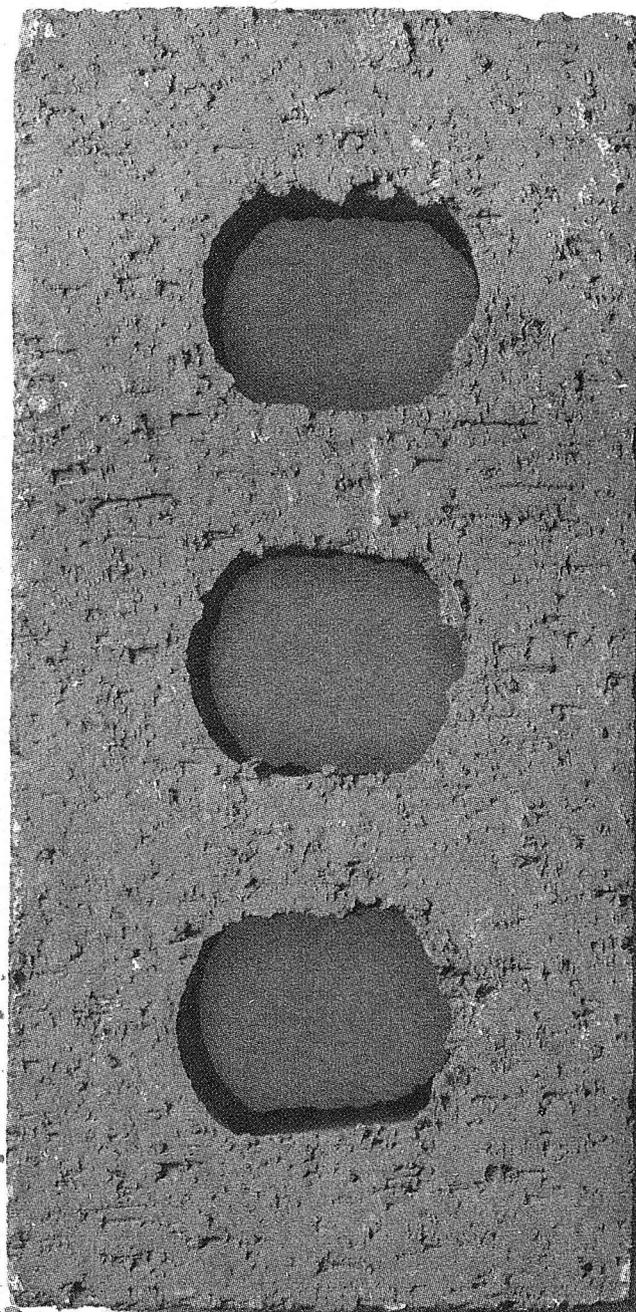
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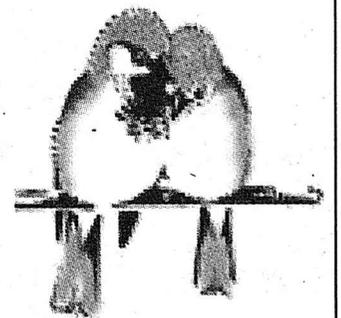
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Male roommate needed to share furnished house w/young prof. 15 min drive from campus, close to bus. Free washer/dryer, pvt bdrfm w/bthrm. pets ok, lg fenced yd, lots of trees, pond, wood deck, hottub, \$400/mo + dep (1 mo) + 1/2 util (Directv, phone, wireless, elec) Ken 954-817-8066 2-6-10-4

Roommate needed in 3BR house, 10-15 min from UF and SFCC. Rent is \$350 plus 1/3 utilities. Current tenants are UF students. Call Chris 813-789-6032 2-5-10-4

Seeking a female for a bedroom in a 2/1. Clean, responsible, non-smoking and loves cats. Rent \$300 + 1/2 util. Call 352-328-4682 2-5-10-4

4 Roommates

Roommate(s) needed for spacious 3BR house w/office. Fully furn. Walk to UF, bus stop right next to house & a large yard. No lease to sign. Cheapest rent in Gville. Call Steven 772-418-9047. \$300/mo + 1/3 util. 2-6-10-4

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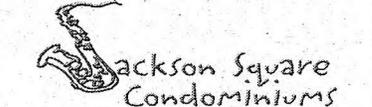
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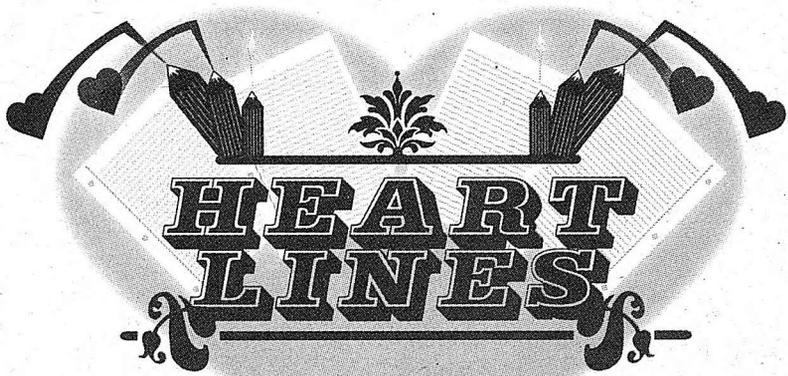
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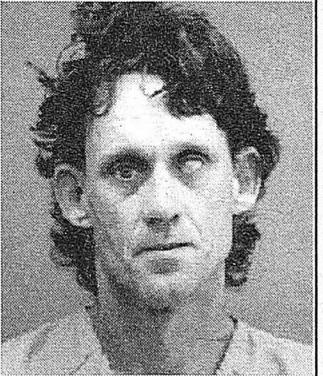
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UF MEN'S TENNIS

Young UF surprises No. 2 Baylor

By PHIL KEGLER
Alligator Writer

As the UF men's tennis team continues to surpass expectations, it may start being called something unexpected: a contender.

Key play from upperclassmen and freshmen helped lead the Gators to a 4-3 upset against No. 2 Baylor (4-1) on Sunday.

No. 15 UF (3-0) started off with an easy 6-1 victory against Furman (1-3) on Friday night.

Sunday's match caused more drama against Baylor, as the doubles point would come down to the freshman duo of Dan Cash and Geoffrey Barton after the Gators split at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions.

The match would go the distance as Cash and Barton gave UF the doubles point with a 9-8 (4) victory.

"(Cash and Barton's victory) gave Greg (Ouellete), Jesse (Levine) and Nestor (Briceno) a chance to understand that if they

could sweep their three matches, we could win," Coach Andy Jackson said. "Those two freshmen made the difference."

Jackson tried to bank on the momentum of the big doubles win, substituting Cash and Barton into singles positions, No. 5 and 6, respectively.

Barton couldn't keep the momentum going, however, losing 6-0, 6-0 to No. 66 Denes Lukacs, knotting the team score at 1-1.

Straight-set victories by Levine (6-1, 6-3) and No. 16 Ouellette (6-1, 6-2) in the No. 1 and 2 matches gave the Gators a 3-1 advantage.

"I was pumped up from the very start in the doubles and brought that into the singles," Ouellette said. "Baylor's been a powerhouse in college tennis for the past five years.

"They've always been really tough to play against. We just took it to them."

After leading 4-1 in the first set, Cash lost 12 of the next 13 games to fall 6-4, 6-1, leaving the Gators with a 3-2 edge.

All focus turned to the No. 3 singles match between No. 60 Briceno and Matija Zgaga.

Briceno took the first set and was up 4-2 in the second before Zgaga took three straight games.

Briceno fended off a possible third set by taking the next three, giving him a 6-1, 7-5 victory and clinching the Gators' upset.

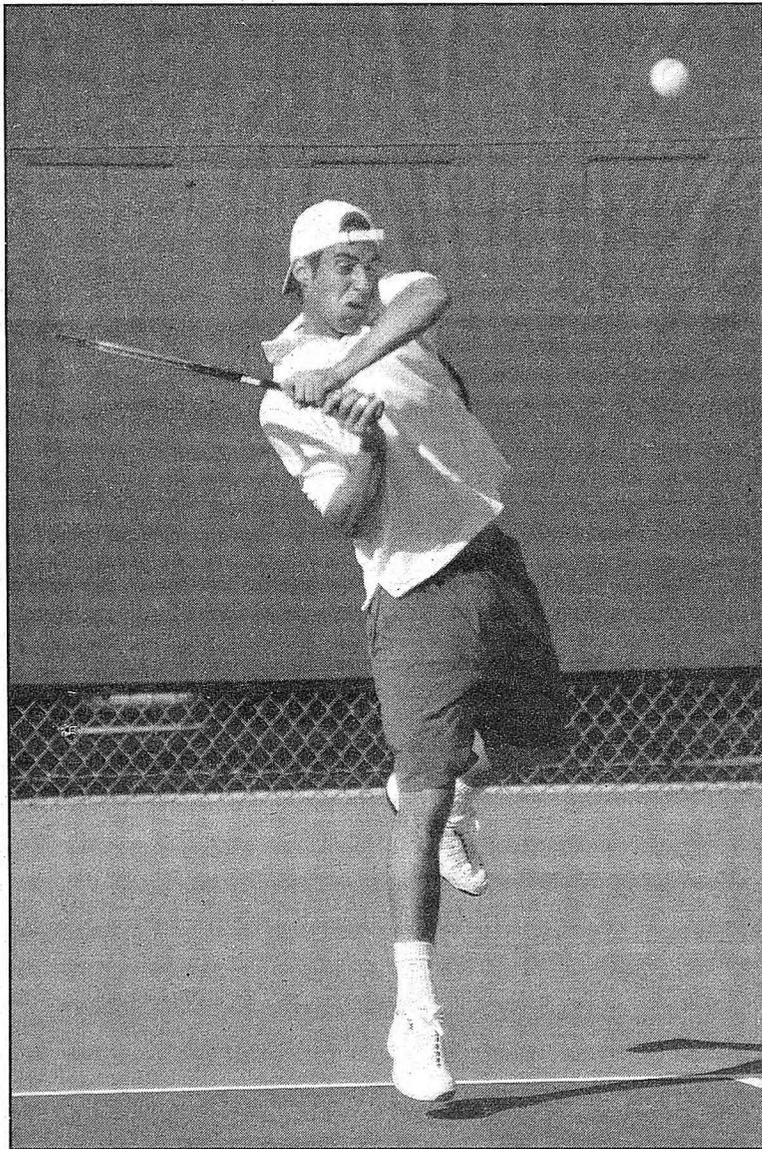
Sunday's victory was especially big for the Gators as they head away from home for their next two matches.

UF will continue a challenging schedule, going against No. 7 Illinois on Feb. 13 and No. 13 Florida State on Feb. 17.

Even after the win, Jackson feels his team has a ways to go.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't surprised," Jackson said. "We beat a contender, (but that) doesn't make us a contender.

"The schedule is set for, really, a top-5 team. We have some guys who have talent, but need to develop. If some of those three or four guys step up, would that change things? Absolutely."



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UF junior Nestor Briceno returns the ball during the Gators' win over Ole Miss 5-2 on March 3, 2006, at the Ring Tennis Complex in Gainesville, Florida.

Santa Fe rolls in shutout victory

By EVAN DREXLER
Alligator Writer

By the top of the seventh inning when Santa Fe had a 10-0 lead, even the scoreboard operator was exhausted.

"My fingers are getting tired from pushing all these buttons," Matt Medlock said.

That's the kind of day it was for the relentless Saints, who put up 20 hits in a 14-0 victory against South Florida Community College on Saturday afternoon.

After a four-day layoff and a game canceled Friday due to rain, Coach Johnny Wiggs was worried the team would come out rusty and lethargic.

But the Saints (4-0) were nothing of the sort.

They started their scoring early.

After Jared Stephenson and Anthony Randich singled and Andrew Migetz was hit by a pitch, the Saints added three more singles to score four runs in the second inning.

Starting pitcher Billy Whitaker (2-0) threw his second shutout of the season. He allowed four hits in six innings and struck out three South Florida batters.

"That's what I love to see," Whitaker said of the shutout. "Absolutely."

It was a cold day, and the pitcher had to stretch between innings to keep his blood flowing, but the Saints batters did not seem to be affected.

They were more than eager to help Whitaker pick up the win, and the five-hit second inning was just the beginning of their day.

SFCC added three runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

In the fifth, the Saints had five more hits, all singles, to bring their lead to 7-0.

In the sixth, center fielder Eugene Garnett got the inning going with a single. Designated hitter Todd Waller brought him home with an RBI double and Randich added his third hit of the game.

He finished the game with four hits and four runs scored for SFCC.

The seventh-inning scoring got going when Johnny Kirkland walked on five pitches. Stephenson doubled and Randich followed with his fourth single. Migetz hit a two-run double to cap the scoring in the inning.

"It's such a positive thing knowing that your hitters can help you out," Whitaker said.

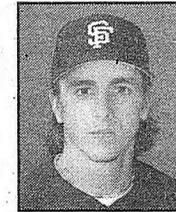
Eight of the nine Saints starters had hits. Garnett, Stevenson and third baseman Chris Warren had three hits each.

Relief pitchers Chad Brock and Caleb Fuddy came in to pitch the final three innings of shutout baseball, giving up three hits combined.

"I'm really lucky this year to have a pitching staff I can rely on," Whitaker said.

Wiggs will continue to count on his pitching staff throughout the season.

"It revolves and starts with the tempo and tone of the pitchers," Wiggs said. "Once Billy came out and established it for us with six zeroes, I thought we had the win."



Whitaker

Wilcox leads Gators divers, earns two runner-up finishes

■ THE SOPHMORE EARNED HIGH MARKS ON THE 1- AND 3-METER BOARDS.

By SCOTT ROSEN
Alligator Writer

Tack two more Southeastern Conference diving honors to sophomore Jonathan Wilcox's already impressive résumé.

In the opening competitions of the SEC Diving Championships, Wilcox captured two runner-up finishes in as many days at Kentucky.

Wilcox and senior Justin Schmidt repre-

sented the men's team. The women's team was represented by freshman Jennifer Funch and sophomore Whitney Stern.

Wilcox's first second-place finish came on Friday in the 1-meter dive with a score of 357.50.

Then, on Saturday, Wilcox scored 395.45 off the 3M board, also earning him second. Both scores marked collegiate postseason highs.

"Jonathan is diving well and he's diving relaxed," UF diving coach Donnie Craine said. "I can see him having fun out there. He's finally starting to believe that he actually belongs here."

Wilcox's best dive of the weekend came on Saturday, where in the fourth round he averaged a score of 7.5 on a reverse three-and-

a-half somersault from the tuck position. The dive carried a 3.5 degree of difficulty.

During Saturday's competition, Schmidt finished 14th off the 3M board. He scored 55.5 in the sixth round on his best dive of a night, a forward two-and-a-half somersault with a twist.

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Donnie Craine
UF diving coach

"Justin scored some points for us today, and he did a decent job," Craine said. "After having shoulder surgery last summer, it's

amazing what he's able to do right now. Both guys are really doing a great job."

On Sunday, both Schmidt and Wilcox competed off the platform, finishing sixth and third, respectively. For the women, Funch finished 16th in the 1M, 17th off the 3M and placed eighth off the platform.

Stern took 20th in the 1M and 15th in the 3M.

"The women have scored as many points on springboard this year as they did last year," Craine said. "They're right on the edge of making finals, just a few things here and there. Keep them out."

The swim teams head to Kentucky on Wednesday to compete in their portion of the 2007 SEC Championships.

Gators' woeful shooting leads to 11th straight loss

By [Name]

The Florida Gators' woeful shooting performance in their 11th straight loss to the Kentucky Wildcats on Saturday night was the primary reason for the team's defeat.

The Gators shot a dismal 28.6 percent from the field, with only 10 of 35 shots finding the basket. Kentucky, on the other hand, shot a more efficient 45.2 percent, scoring 68 points to the Gators' 52.

Head coach Billy Donovan said the team's lack of shooting was a major concern. "We just didn't get any good looks," he said. "We were out of sync and didn't have any rhythm."

The Gators' defense also struggled, allowing Kentucky to score 18 points in the second half. The team's rebounding was also a problem, as they lost 24 to 18.

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UF routs Vols, Brewer OK after late fall

■ DONOVAN DOESN'T EXPECT THE JUNIOR TO MISS PRACTICE TIME.

By **JENNA MARINA**
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With a minute left, not one of the 12,222 in attendance at the O'Connell Center made a sound.

It didn't matter to Gators fans that UF was up by 17 points. It didn't matter to Volunteers fans that Tennessee was about to lose its fifth Southeastern Conference game.

None of it mattered because forward Corey Brewer was writhing on the floor, clutching his right knee.

"C'mon, Corey. Get up, baby," a fan shouted from the stands to break the silence.

Seconds earlier, Brewer tried to block JaJuan Smith's layup attempt but collided with the Tennessee guard instead.

As the student section chanted his name, Brewer got off the floor and slightly limped to the bench.

Coach Billy Donovan said Brewer was fine after top-ranked UF's 94-78 victory against the Volunteers on Saturday, and doctors believed the forward just bruised his knee.

Donovan doesn't expect that Brewer will need X-rays and thinks he should be able to practice today.

"I think he just landed a little awkwardly, which probably just scared him more than anything else," Donovan said. "He's fine right now, according to the doctors."

Still, the fall was enough to scare some of his teammates.

"I thought everything was OK until Corey was rolling on the ground," forward Al Horford said. "I was kind of worried for about 2 minutes until he got up and was fine."

Some may question why, with a 17-point lead and only a minute to go, Donovan didn't rotate



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UF forward Corey Brewer clutches his right knee after colliding with Al Horford and Tennessee's JaJuan Smith while trying to block a shot during the Gators' 94-78 win.

his bench into the game faster, but the coach stood by his decision.

"Tennessee didn't concede the game," Donovan said. "They played all the way until the end."

"I think my job and my goal as a coach is to make sure that we play through all the way to the end, and we play to the best of our ability. Now, the likelihood of them coming back prob-

ably is not great. ... but stranger things have happened."

Tennessee knows about losing a crucial competitor to an injury.

Without leading scorer Chris Lofton, who sat out with a high-ankle sprain, the Volunteers couldn't generate an offensive response to UF's

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Horford's big day proves gurus wrong

According to the Wooden Award Committee, Al Horford isn't one of the top 30 players in the nation.

The list of 30 athletes expected to compete for the player of the year award was released last week, noticeably without Horford's name. On Saturday, the committee members must have been watching their midseason All-America team instead of Horford.

Instead of watching UF's junior forward put up a career-high 22 points, they gazed at Tennessee



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shooting guard Chris Lofton sitting on the bench with a sprained ankle.

Rather than awe at Horford dominating

Tennessee's frontcourt in the post, they tuned into Syracuse's Demetris Nichols put up 8 points on 3-of-10 shooting against lowly DePaul. They must have missed Horford's 13 rebounds, five assists and three blocks, too.

I'll tell you one person who had an up-close view of Horford's night: Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl.

"Al Horford, to me, is one of the best big men in the country," Pearl said. "He uses his body really well. He's a man."

Though Horford remains eligible for the award, UF coach Billy Donovan shares my view on the snubbing.

"He doesn't get enough respect," Donovan said. "The fact that the Wooden Award list is out and he's not on it, that's mind-boggling."

Everybody knows Horford is capable of putting up these numbers nightly. Through January, he ranked No. 6 in the country in field-goal percentage.

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UF GYMNASTICS

Gators set scoring benchmark vs. Auburn

By **RACHEL ROBINS**
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As Amanda Castillo swung on the uneven bars, preparing for her dismount, her mother jumped up and down in the crowd, waving her orange and blue shaker and yelling "stick it" again and again.

The cheer was only intended for Castillo, but the rest of the No.1 UF gymnastics team (8-0-1, 2-0-1 Southeastern Conference) responded.

The Gators defeated No. 10 Auburn 197.65-195.625 Friday

night, scoring the highest of any collegiate team this season.

UF coach Rhonda Faehn thinks her team can score higher.

"They know — even still — that we can do better," Faehn said. "We still have improvements to make, and that's what's exciting. We've had five relatively good competitions, so we just have to keep pacing them where we just keep focusing on fixing the little things."

Alabama previously held the highest mark of 197.475, which it posted against Auburn last week.

The Gators reset the mark

thanks to a record-breaking floor routine in front of 4,656 people at the O'Connell Center.

"They know - even still - that we can do better."

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UF gymnastics coach

Ashley Reed, Amanda Castillo, Corey Hartung, Katie Rue and Savannah Evans combined to post a 49.65 on floor exercise, the highest team score on floor in

UF's history.

Hartung received a 10 for her performance, but the second judge gave her a 9.9.

She had to settle for the average — 9.95.

"It definitely felt like my best routine this year," Hartung said. "The other judge gave me a 9.9, so obviously, there is something little wrong with it."

Maybe it was the return of the Gator chomp that gave UF some extra motivation.

In UF's tie against Georgia last

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ **2003: Quarterback Chris Leak signs with the Gators. After four tumultuous years, Leak stamped his UF career with a national championship on Jan. 8 against Ohio State in the BCS title game.**

SEC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

East	West
1. UF	1. Alabama
2. Kentucky	2. Mississippi
3. Vanderbilt	3. Auburn
4. Georgia	4. Arkansas
5. Tennessee	5. Mississippi State
6. South Carolina	6. LSU

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Today's question: How would you grade Rex Grossman's performance in the Super Bowl?

	Percent (Votes)
Toliver	39% (123)
Johnson	36% (112)
Hicks	10% (33)
Thompson	8% (24)
Bailey	7% (23)
315 TOTAL VOTES	

Friday's question: Which undecided recruit would you most want to sign with UF? (see right for results)



HOT SHOTS STANDINGS:

1. Horford (11 points)
2. Noah (9 points)
3. Lee Humphrey (7 points)
4. Green (4 points)
5. Corey Brewer (3 points)

**Al Horford
F, Jr.**



Horford's making the rest of the Southeastern Conference look like 12-year-old boys. Twenty-two points and 13 rebounds Saturday against Tennessee? It just didn't look fair. Oh, and his Achilles heel of free-throw shooting? Horf nailed 12 of 16 versus the Volunteers. There just doesn't seem to be anybody who could box the Latin Stallion out, averaging a monster 12.5 boards for the week. Noah may be the fan favorite, but it was Horford that filled the stat sheet this week. If Noah and Horford continue these efforts, UF will sport the unquestioned best frontcourt in the nation and may not be slowed down by anyone come NCAA Tournament time.

Week 4 Stats: 17 ppg, 12.5 rpg, two bpg

**Joakim
Noah:
F, Jr.**



It's safe to say Noah's done with the flu. After having his tooth knocked out against Tennessee last season, the New Yorker got his revenge Saturday shooting 8 for 11 with 19 points and swatting three Volunteers' shots. Before the Tennessee game, Noah said his teammates better show up. After a 16-point wallop, it's safe to say they listened. This was the most dominant week for the Gators' frontcourt, and the way the rest of the up-and-down SEC is playing, they should be able to keep this up. For the rest of the SEC, nobody wants to see Horford and Noah clicking this well together.

Week 4 Stats: 19 ppg, 7.5 rpg, two bpg

**Taurean
Green
PG, Jr.**



So Green went 3 for 10 with five turnovers against Vanderbilt? Well, Taurean, Hot Shots still has love for you after your 18 point and 5 for 8 performance against Tennessee. Green ran the offense the way it should be run Saturday, shooting perfect from the charity stripe and only committing two turnovers. He only averaged three assists, but he was productive within the offense and didn't force anything. Green will never be the No. 1 option on this team, but if he can provide that 15 points per contest as the third-to-fourth option, the Gators will be hard to stop.

Week 4 Stats: 15.5 ppg, three apg, 10 of 11 FTs

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Tennessee's Lofton sits out in loss

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55.6 percent field-goal mark.

"Their best player didn't play," forward Joakim Noah said. "But you know what? We play them again.

"We would want Chris Lofton to play because that's an excuse for them to say their

best player didn't play."

After two last-second losses to the Volunteers last season, the Gators were happy to win so decisively.

"When we play teams like UT, who beat us twice a season before, we were going to come with the right focus," said Noah, who contributed 19 points, six rebounds and three blocks. "This was one of the reasons why I wanted to come back to school was to play against

Tennessee."

Horford led UF (21-2, 8-0 SEC) with 13 rebounds and a career-high 22 points.

After a month of bleak free-throw shooting, Horford and the rest of the Gators posted a respectable 73.5 percent for UF's best shooting performance since it played Alabama-Birmingham on Dec. 30.

"Me and Jo and Brett Swanson went last night and worked on free-throw shooting," Horford said. "We're back on that habit since before SEC started.

"We shoot about 200 free throws at the



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practice court."

Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said he was impressed with the way UF played all-around and noticed a difference in the Gators from the last time the two rivals met.

"I think they are better than they were last year when we played them here," he said. "You just see them do what they do, and they do it over and over again.

"They honor the game with the way they play it."

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Against the Volunteers, he took advantage of countless one-on-one post ups.

The one time the Vols doubled down on Horford, he kicked out to Lee Humphrey for an open 3-pointer.

Down low, he teamed with Joakim Noah and Chris Richard to outrebound Tennessee 26-6 in the first half.

Horford's got the all-around game, but the awards will only come if he becomes a focal point of the offense.

Maybe if he played for teams like Tennessee and Syracuse, he would get the chance to.

But with the way UF's talented and deep roster spreads the ball around, it's impossible for anybody to average 20 and 10.

And if Horford did become the center of attention, the team would likely suffer.

Joakim Noah needs to dunk. Lee Humphrey needs to drain threes. Corey Brewer needs to drive. Taurean Green needs to lead the attack.

Sadly, words like "double-doubles" and "points per game" factor more into the Wooden picks than the one word that matters most: wins.

So, when the Wooden committee finalized their list last week, only three Gators made the cut: Noah, Brewer and Green.

Instead of including Horford, a potential NBA Draft lottery pick, stars from mediocre teams made the cut.

Michigan State's Drew Neitzel, the lone decent hold-over from the 2005 Final Four squad, made it because he is the Spartans' only source of consistent offense.

Who can name what team Morris Almond plays for?

He's on the list.

Almond averages 27 points per game for Rice, an 11-10 squad in Conference USA.

Can you imagine what Horford would do as a featured player in C-USA against the likes of East Carolina, SMU and Tulane?

It's mind-boggling.

Reed takes event titles, all-around competition in win

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week, Faehn decided to axe the tradition from floor exercise.

She believed it would be too much of a distraction in the hostile Georgia environment.

However, the gymnasts were happy to have it back.

"It's great to be back home (and put those Gator Chomps back in our floor routine," Castillo said. "It felt like something was missing."

It was a career night for Castillo's former club teammate, Reed.

The junior captured the individual apparatus titles on vault, balance beam and tied for the top spot on floor.

She placed second on uneven bars.

In addition, Reed won the all-around title with a score of 39.675.

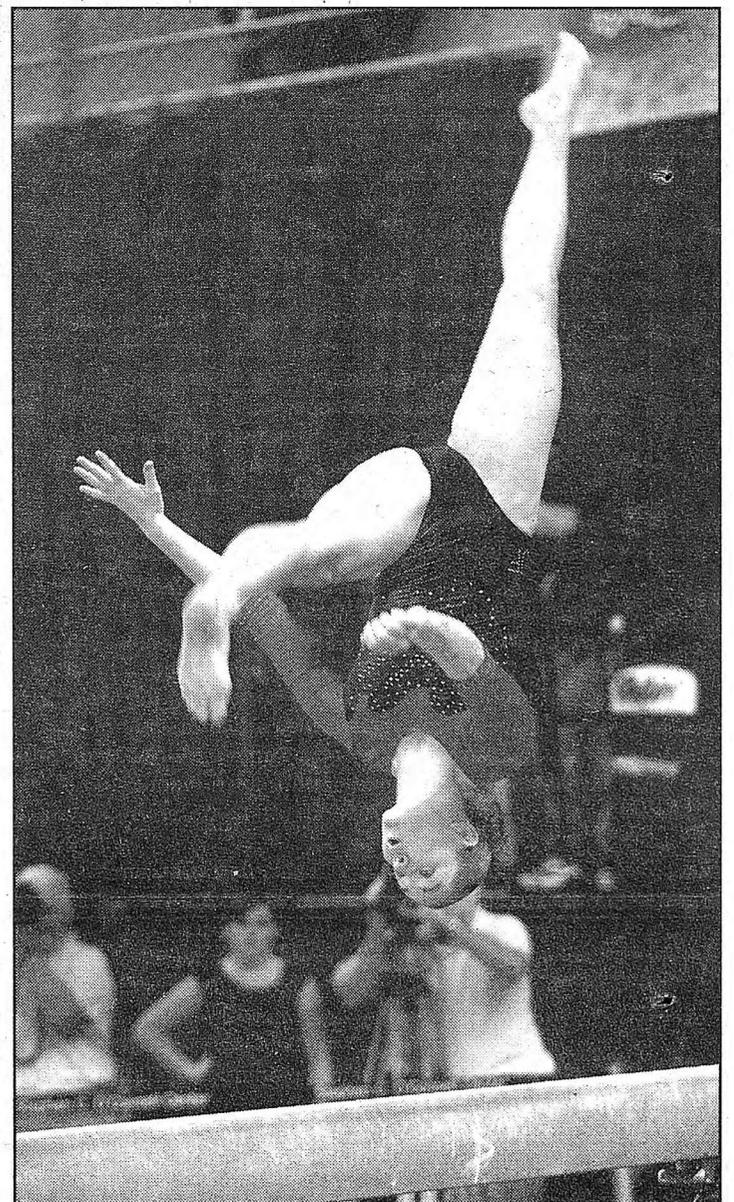
Reed responded to a challenge set by Faehn.

After reviewing some of Reed's routines, UF's coach text-messaged the junior and asked if she knew her capabilities.

"I actually was talking with her this week about this, if she understood her potential and just how good she is," Faehn said. "She has so much talent that people would kill for. It really showed tonight."



Castillo



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UF junior Ashley Reed scores a 9.9 on balance beam during the Gators' 197.65-195.625 win against No. 10 Auburn on Friday.



Colts 29

Bears 17

Manning leads Indy to Super Bowl victory

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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (17) celebrates with Reggie Wayne (84) after the game Sunday night at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

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Grossman commits three turnovers in loss

Former UF QB fails to silence critics

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rex Grossman's performance in Super Bowl XLII was a stark contrast to his previous success. The former University of Florida quarterback committed three turnovers, including two interceptions and a fumble, in the Colts' 29-17 victory over the Bears.

Colts coach Tony Stewart said Grossman's performance was a disappointment. "He's a great player, but he's not perfect," Stewart said. "We have to be realistic about his performance in this game."

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Former Gators Statistics	
Bears:	
QB Rex Grossman:	20-28, 165 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs
DT Ian Scott:	4 tackles, 1 pass defended
DE Alex Brown:	2 tackles, 1 quarterback hit
S Todd Johnson:	1 tackle, 1 assist