



# Student off life support

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A UF student was taken off life support Monday afternoon after spending more than two weeks in Shands at UF without brain activity.

Michael Backinathan, a 22-year-old UF computer engineering graduate student, suffered severe brain damage after he was found at the bottom of the pool at Arbor Park Apartments on Sept. 8, according to Steve Orlando, UF spokesman.

Backinathan, an international student from Chennai, India, was hanging out by the pool with his three roommates that night when one of them went inside.

The other two didn't see Backinathan and assumed he went inside, too.

When the first roommate came back, they realized Backinathan was underwater, Orlando said.

Orlando said none of the roommates, including Backinathan, knew how to swim.

After unsuccessfully trying to get Backinathan to the surface, the three roommates tried to find someone else to help.

By the time Backinathan was pulled out of the pool at about 8:30 p.m., he had been underwater for about seven minutes, Orlando said.

He was immediately taken to Shands.

Orlando said Backinathan's father had difficulty getting from India to Gainesville because he didn't have an updated passport.

He was finally able to get a passport and made the trip last week with the help of Dennis Jett, dean of UF's International Center, Orlando said.

He said Backinathan had no brain activity, and his father made the decision to remove him from life support Monday around 4 p.m.

There will be a memorial service for Backinathan today at 7 p.m. at the India Cultural and Education Center, 1115 SW 13th St.

Virendra Gupta, the center's spokesman, said Backinathan had only been in Gainesville a few weeks. This was his first year at UF.

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## Excavating an Excavator

An excavator machine that fell into a large pit behind Mechanical and Aerospace Building B this weekend is retrieved by two winch-wielding tow trucks. Recent rainfall caused the earth beneath the excavator to give way, allowing the machine to slip into the pit and sink into the mud. The tow trucks, along with several workers, were successfully able to retrieve the machine.

# Student returns to UF after service in Afghanistan

*Editor's note: This is the first story in a series about students who have completed military service in the Middle East.*

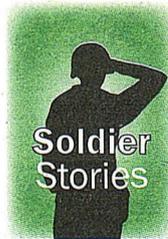
By **KORI FREDERICK**  
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As Adam Stout stepped off the bus and into the biting cold and blinding snow, the wind whipped

against his face.

He could see the Himalayan Mountains peeking over the base walls, the tops barely visible. This was not what he expected.

When Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Adam Stout, a UF political science senior, got the call to go to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, he expected what most people would: hot desert climate.



tually.

But when he arrived shortly before Christmas in 2006, it was anything but warm.

Like most in the service, Stout knew he would get called even-

He said he was yanked away from UF in the "year of the Gators." While most UF students were celebrating on University Avenue, he was doing his best to serve his country. It wasn't always easy.

"Some days I would wake up and think about how much I wished I was back in school," he said. "You have such a greater appreciation for things when you have to be away

from them."

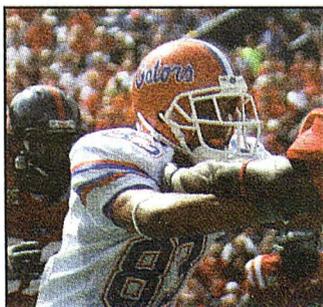
## Hidden Dangers

He didn't know what he was going into, he said. And he definitely didn't expect the base to be blanketed with active land mines almost everywhere, he said.

They were buried near where he

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■ A case of mistaken identity led to star treatment for UF receiver David Nelson last spring, when passengers on a cruise ship confused him with former UF quarterback Chris Leak. See story, pg. 16.



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■ Each semester brings another Student Government election, but typically, one party ends up taking the lion's share of open positions in the Student Senate. See story, pg. 4.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Speak Out

Plaza of the Americas, noon to 2 p.m., today  
Student Government will be hosting an open forum.

### Bowling Tournament

Reitz Union Game Room, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., today  
Club Creole will be hosting a bowling tournament as part of the fall Weeks of Welcome.

### Free Screening

Reitz Union Auditorium, 8 p.m., today  
A free screening of "The Kingdom" is open to UF students. Tickets are available on the third floor of the Reitz Union.

### Free Film

Reitz Union Auditorium, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday  
"The Lives Of Others" will be playing for free.

### Talent Show

University Auditorium, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday  
The Hispanic Student Association will be having a talent show for Hispanic Heritage Month.

### Museum Nights

Harn Museum, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday  
Museum Nights will include readings by faculty from UF's creative writing department.

### Gator Nights

Reitz Union, 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday  
Gator Nights will include three showings of "Waitress."

### Gators Football

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, 8 p.m., Saturday  
The UF football team will play Auburn University.

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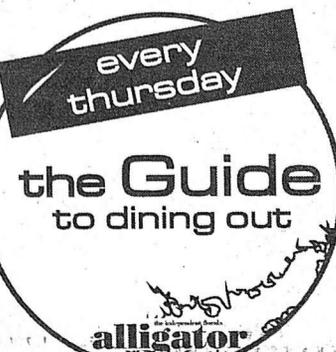
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## CITY COMMISSION

## Commission gives green light to amending tow rules

By **ANDREW TAN**  
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City commissioners unanimously approved the creation of an amendment Monday that may close possible loopholes in new towing regulations.

Commissioners approved city staff to amend the new towing regulations passed in July. The proposed amendment will require towing companies to post a customer bill of rights in their office.

The regulations, passed in July, require towing companies to take pictures of illegal parking before they perform a tow.

Lt. Peter F. Backhaus, Gainesville Police Department Support Services commander, said he has been handling most of the towing issues.

Backhaus said there was nothing in the current version of towing regulations to keep towing companies from charging to see a picture of the illegally parked car.

Several Student Government officials tried to talk to city commissioners Sept. 17

"We shouldn't have to call GPD down to see a picture."

**Jason Lutin**  
UF law student

about towing companies charging car owners to see pictures. They were referred to a Public Safety Commission meeting.

Ryan Moseley, Student Body president, said a towing company tried to charge him \$45 to see a picture of his illegal parking.

At Monday's commission meeting, Jason

Lutin, a UF law student, said he was unable to see a picture of his car until he came with a GPD officer.

"We shouldn't have to call GPD down to see a picture," he said.

Backhaus said the companies he has heard complaints about are Elite Towing, Ultimate Towing and Watson's Towing.

Ryan Williams, Watson's Towing manager, said they don't charge money for photographs.

Alligator Writer April Dudash contributed to this report.

## Commissioners allow some felons to get towing permits

## OTHER FELONS STILL BARRED FROM TOWING.

By **KATIE GALLAGHER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gainesville City Commission voted unanimously Monday night to allow people convicted of certain felonies to obtain towing permits.

The ordinance would now make people convicted of certain felonies eligible for towing permits after 10 years.

People convicted of capital or first-degree felonies, sexual battery or violent felonies involving guns or knives or causing great bodily harm would still be barred from towing permits.

"I'm hesitant to allow people who have committed violent crimes to take this public role," Commissioner Jack Donovan said.

The ordinance also requires a 10-year waiting period for people convicted of felonies or first-degree misdemeanors directly related to cars, such as

car theft, chop-shop activity or car-jacking. There is a five-year period for driving under the influence.

A tow operator for Superior Towing raised concerns for the felony restrictions.

At 18, he said, he got into a fight that resulted in a felony that would take away his trespass-towing rights 20 years later.

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"I don't think they intentionally try to put anyone out of work," he said of the ordinance. "I realize it's a safety issue."

The commission attempted to quickly pass the ordinance out of interest for tow operators such as him. Commissioners still plan to make a motion to the Committee for Public Safety to come up with an individual appeals process.

"It sounds like they're doing what they can," he said. "It's all I can ask."

Alligator Writer April Dudash contributed to this report.



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Three men who work for towing companies in Gainesville listen to the City Commission during a meeting at City Hall on Monday evening.

## SFCC students compete for chance to become 'The Interns'

## Four internships are available for students

By **KATIE EMMETS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

SFCC students have the chance to intern for a Florida senator — if they survive "The Interns."

For one month, SFCC Student Government and the Student Advocacy Network will give SFCC students the chance to compete for an internship with State Sen. Steve Oelrich, The Gainesville Sun, Perry Construction or North Regional Medical Center.

Monday kicked off the beginning of the

project at SFCC.

Members of SFCC's Student Government spoke to students about the program.

"Around 200 to 300 students filtered through today's event, so we got to talk to quite a few people," said Ben Anderson, Student Senate president.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, and the only requirement for students to apply is a 2.0 GPA.

Because applications must be submitted in resume format, Anderson said the Career Development Center would be

holding two free resume workshops on Wednesday and Thursday.

There are four fields students can apply for: health, journalism, social or political science and building/construction.

Twenty students will be selected.

They will be placed into groups of four with one student from each category.

The groups will compete against each other in four tasks, each one relating to a different discipline and resulting in a team being eliminated.



Anderson

The first task will be assigned at the opening ceremony Oct. 11.

The winning team will receive internships with their respective field.

Anderson said this program is a spin off of "The Intern" that took place three years ago. "The Apprentice," Donald Trump's Reality show, originally inspired the program.

"The Intern" consisted of eight students competing against each other in seven tasks relating to administration and local government for an internship with Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan.

"Student Government has changed 'The Interns' to relate what we think SFCC represents today," Anderson said.

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## UF PROJECTS

## Solar-powered tricycle provides an alternative to cars

By KATIE BURNS

Alligator Contributing Writer

If the word "tricycle" conjures up images of a shiny red model from childhood, think again.

A group of UF students is building a new generation of tricycle, powered by the sun, as an environmentally friendly means of transportation. The trike has four 12-volt solar panels, which can collect the sun's rays and filter them into a battery.

Nate Mitten, a mechanical engineering doctoral student, came up with the idea for the solar trike during a project for a class last spring.

After he and his group designed models of the vehicle for class, Mitten decided to continue the project and actually build the trike.

The group, part of the American Solar Energy Society, or ASES, at UF, planned its project and began building the trike, the "ASES Photon," this summer.

Commuting with cars or public transportation can be frustrating because it is often expensive, slow and wasteful, Mitten said.

However, he added, some people are reluctant to switch to bicycles for four reasons: safety, storage, weather and exertion.

"We can promote a vehicle that's sustainable with a much smaller carbon footprint," Mitten said.

Riders will be able to use battery power at times to reduce exertion. The trike will feature storage, removable side panels and a wind-shield for weather protection.

Once completed, the solar trike will have headlights, taillights, brake lights and turning signals, as well as a seat belt. A rider can alternate pedaling with using the battery, which can run about 20 miles per hour on its own, or use both simultaneously, Mitten said.

In the future, the group hopes to add luxury features like a cell phone charger, GPS system and speakers.

"We're basically going to pimp it out with fun stuff," Mitten said.

"We have a vision that we're working towards, but we're certainly only partway there."

Nate Mitten

mechanical engineering doctoral student

Skip Ingley, the group's adviser, said the trike is a great educational tool that helps demonstrate the uses of solar power.

Although people who are unenthusiastic about riding a bicycle will probably be skeptical about the tricycle, it still gives students a solar-powered option for transportation, he said.

"Some people just want to get into their BMWs and drive to school," Ingley said. "But anybody who rides a bike to school is going to be thrilled with this ... and people will love watching you ride the thing."

The trike weighs about 70 pounds and has cost the group, with

the help of sponsors, about \$3,000, Mitten said. However, he added, both of those numbers will change as more materials and features are figured in.

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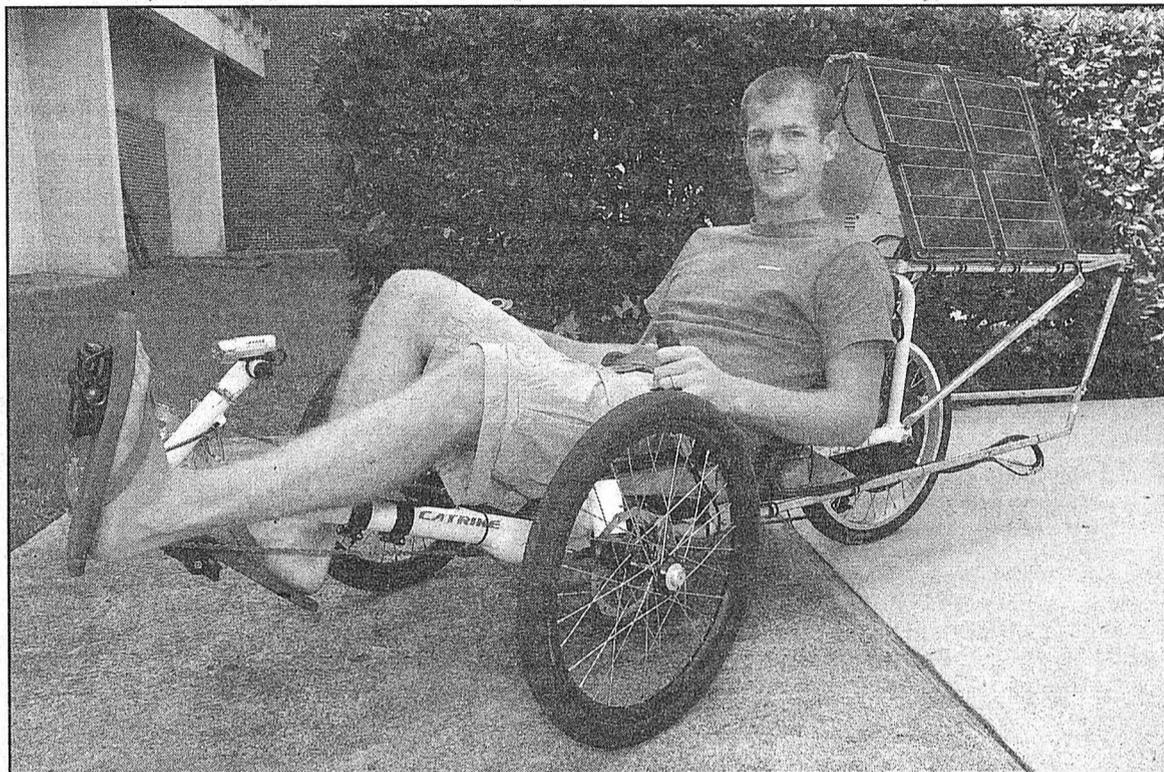
There are no plans to commer-

cialize and mass-produce the ASES Photon, though Mitten said he would love to see it happen.

After the original model is completed, which Mitten hopes will happen in December, the group will continue to showcase the trike on campus and branch out to local schools.

Driving the tricycle rather than a car would save gasoline and decrease carbon dioxide output every time, Mitten said.

"It's pretty much zero contribution to the environment and global warming, once you manufacture it," he said. "It's a win-win for everyone."



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Nate Mitten, a mechanical engineering doctoral student, poses on his solar-powered tricycle outside the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering building at UF on Monday afternoon.

## SG often run by single party

■ RECENT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN LOPSIDED.

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The outcome of the fall Student Government election next week might not be a surprise if past elections are any indication.

The last three elections have been dominated by political parties that look very similar in candidates and platforms.

In spring 2006, the Swamp Party won 34 seats while the rival Unite Party took 13, according to SG records.

The gap between parties widened in the next two elections. The Swamp Party took 46 seats in fall 2006, and the Gator Party took 43 in spring 2007.

The Swamp and Gator parties also won the Student Body president, vice president and treasurer positions in their respective spring elections.

Lopsided elections can mean limited debate over bills and other issues in the Student Senate. Earlier this month, the Senate unanimously approved SG's budget of nearly \$13.3 million for 2008-2009.

Senate President Pro-Tempore Kevin Reilly chided senators for not asking enough questions.

Joseph Trimboli, Progress Party president, said he believes the one-party rule can have a negative effect on government.

"I think historically, having one party has never served anybody's interest to the fullest extent," Trimboli said. "The American people usually don't trust one-party rule for a reason.

The same is true at UF. The pro would be that you can get your agenda pushed through without any resistance, and the con is that you can get your agenda pushed through without any resistance."

Yooni Yi, Gator Party president, said she wasn't worried about a single party controlling the Senate or limited discussion about Senate legislation.

The Gator Party's past success was due to the party's diverse candidates, Yi said.

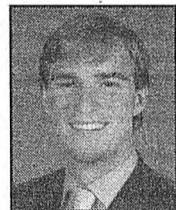
"There is a diverse group that will ask questions if they feel the need to," Yi said. "I don't worry about it because I know that the slate going forward is a diverse slate."

Though Yi said she doesn't think a one-party system is problematic, she said she doesn't want students to think voting doesn't matter and the election comes gift-wrapped for one party.

If students don't vote because they assume one party will win, it's hard to have any pull with the administration, she added. Trimboli said he attributes the success of the ruling SG party to good organizational skills, as well as its support from "various student organizations on campus, such as the fraternities and sororities."

Trimboli said he didn't want to label the Progress Party as an underdog, though he is facing the same Gator Party that swept the spring election.

"If anyone labels us as disadvantaged and the underdogs, that would be their own personal opinion," he said. "We're not putting forth a weak platform, and we're not putting forth a weak slate of candidates."



Reilly

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# Halo 3 set for release

■ LOCAL STORES ARE PREPARING FOR BUYERS.

By LINDSAY SMITH

Alligator Contributing Writer

Almost six years have passed since "Halo: Combat Evolved" was released for Microsoft's Xbox by Bungie Studios, but the Halo frenzy is still going strong.

Today, gamers everywhere are buying copies of "Halo 3," ready to resume the battle against "the Flood" once more.

"I could really be a nerd and tell you why I'm excited," said Molly Flynn, a UF graduate student. Flynn preordered a copy of the game and said she has been eagerly "counting down the hours" to release.

Although she won't be camping out again like she did for the release of "Halo 2," a friend has already set up a projector to turn the wall into a cinematic event for upcoming battles.

"That looks pretty appealing," Flynn said. "I have a test on Wednesday, but I'm afraid that might get the shaft," she said.

Michael Prisciandaro, manager of the Best Buy located on Archer Road, wouldn't disclose how many copies of the game the store had stocked for release.

Prisciandaro said the store had a considerable number and was preparing the store for customers, which involved setting a cash register aside exclusively to check out the game.

He expects mostly college students to be buying the game today but has seen everyone asking about it in the weeks leading up to the release.

At GameStop in The Oaks Mall, manager Michael Standridge said the store had close to 200 pre-orders for the store's midnight sale.

The midnight release for "Halo 2" was a success, he said. It's the following week after the release that's demanding.

"People would show up and say, 'Hey, where's my Halo? Where's my Halo?'" he said. This time, he expects no different.

"It's going to be heavier today and tomorrow, but probably next week as well, as the casual gamers start coming," he said.

# Student hiked through snow to watch BCS game

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worked, slept and ate breakfast every day. Afghanistan is populated with more active land mines than any other country in the world, he said.

Stout's job itself wasn't particularly dangerous.

He never even left the base. In his terms, he constructed close air support on the runways and facilities for the F-15 Strike Eagles.

The buildings on the base were in bad shape, he said. He had a hard time dealing with the weather while trying to get all the building facilities in working order.

He worked six or seven days a week for eight to 10 hours a day. The cold was never-ending. He said he battled it every day.

"Because at the end of the day, you don't get to go home," he said. "You go back to a temporary plywood box."

He faced the constant strain of the land mines and the occasional attack on the base by mortars (a technique used to launch small explosives over the base walls, rarely harmful to the base).

But combating boredom was also a constant struggle. Every day he worked, went to the gym and then fell asleep. Then, he would repeat it again the next day. And then the next day.

But some days weren't so routine.

## The Bombing

On Feb. 27, Bagram was one of the few air bases visited by Vice President Dick Cheney.

The day Cheney was there, the base was also opened to the Afghani public so women and children could receive free medical care in an outer area of the base.

The base was attacked by a suicide car bomber the same day. The bomber drove the car to the main gates and detonated the bomb.

Stout was in the inner part of the base hanging drywall when he heard of the attack. He ran, sought cover and then had to play the waiting game.

"It's sad, but attacks happen all the time," Stout said. "You have to find a way to keep moving on."

The New York Times reported that at least three people died, one American soldier, one South Korean soldier and one U.S. contractor.

The base in Bagram, the largest in the country, is in an area where very few attacks had previously taken place.

It still isn't clear whether the Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the bombing, knew whether Cheney was at the base.

## Holiday Respite

Stout also had to deal with spending the holidays far from his home and family.

He missed Thanksgiving, New Year's, Valentine's Day and Easter. And right after he got to the base, it was time to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas was one of Stout's rare days off.

"A bad day here is 30 times better than a good day there."

Adam Stout

Air Force Reserve staff sergeant

He spent it crowded with the rest of his friends in one of the small plywood huts, about the size of an office cubicle.

The group did a white elephant gift exchange — a game where each person brings one gift and leaves with one randomly assigned one — while eating Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits, but all Stout got was a CD that he "wasn't too

happy with."

"By that time we'd seen each other every day," Stout said. "It became a family in its own right. It made it more bearable. But I know my mind was definitely somewhere else that day."

## Gators Days

But some days weren't so bad. Like when the Gators won the football and basketball championships.

Stout said he hiked through snow to reach where they were showing the game.

The basketball championship was also unique. Tip-off was at 2:30 a.m. At half-time, Stout had to get a regularly scheduled drug test and ended up watching the second half in the parking lot. Right after the Gators victory, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit the Himalayas, causing tremors all over the base.

"It was definitely from all the Gator cheers," he joked.

Stout rejoined The Gator Nation in Gainesville in May.

He said he's forgotten much that happened in Afghanistan, things that probably stood out at the time as big or important.

But for now, the senior said he's simply living the dream.

"A bad day here is 30 times better than a good day there," he said.

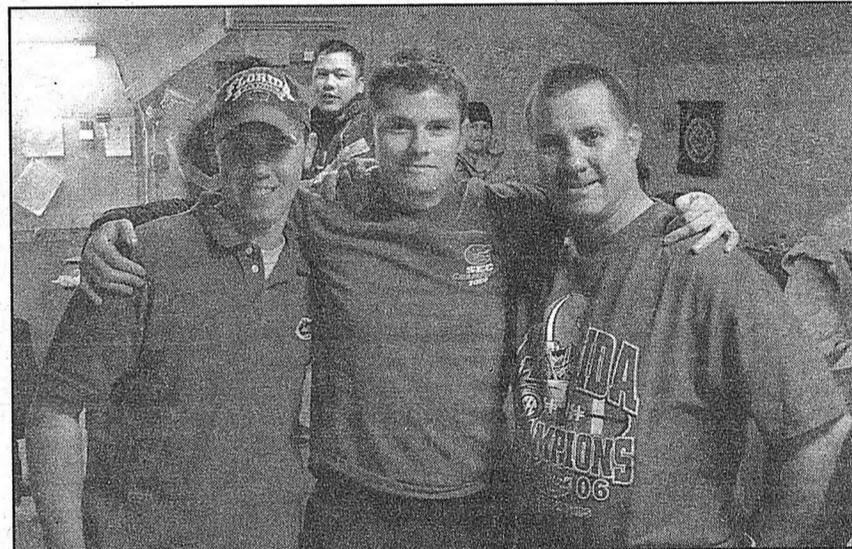


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Adam Stout, center, poses in Afghanistan just after UF beat Ohio State University in the football national championship game.

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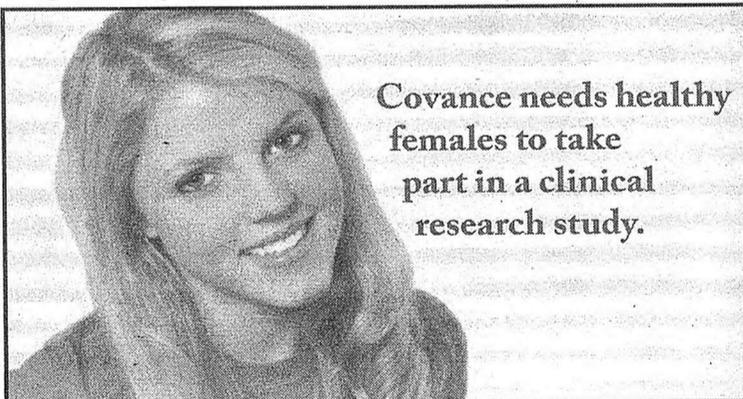
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## Editorial

# Undemocratic

## One-sided SG

### hurts students

Surprise, surprise.

Student Government has been practically a one-party system for quite some time. And we know it's unbelievable, but the most powerful parties are the Greek- and Florida Blue Key-backed ones.

Please, close your gaping mouth — your professor is giving you a funny look.

Remember the spring election, when the Gator Party took all three executive seats? That's not uncommon, but the fact that Gator won all but one Student Senate seat is a little concerning.

Before you turn to the sports section, consider this: Just like a one-party U.S. Congress, a one-party SG could mean fewer questions about budgets, resolutions and appointments.

But this problem could be easily fixed if students were a little less apathetic.

Did you know the SG election starts in a week?

Please, close your gaping mouth — a bug might fly in.

We aren't going to tell you who to vote for — not today, at least. We just want you to vote. The more people who vote, the more representative our SG will be of its student body. We learned that one back in, what, fifth grade?

Students shouldn't let political parties handpick the Student Senate. That just validates that they're all there only to pad their résumés. We should force them to work hard for those lines.

At the very least, more debate will make Senate meetings a bit more interesting — which is never a bad thing. The best way to improve bills and other issues is to discuss them — talk about what's good, what's bad and what's ugly.

And the best way for students to improve SG? That one's easy: Make sure you vote next week. It's painless, we promise.

## Slowing the Towing

Score one more for students.

Thanks to an amendment passed by the Gainesville City Commission on Monday, towing companies will soon be required to post a towing bill of rights in their offices.

It hasn't been written yet, but it will prohibit towing companies from charging people to see digital photos of their illegally parked cars.

We'd like to make a couple of suggestions for this list.

The most important one is that we think towing companies should be required to make their contracts with apartment complexes and businesses available online or in their offices.

Anywhere you see a "roam towing" sign with

a towing company's name listed, it means that property has a contract with a specific towing company — that's how you know where to pick up your car. This could help you make decisions such as where to park on a Friday night and even where to live next year.

And towing companies are finally required to accept credit cards. This bill of rights should prohibit the companies from charging fees for using plastic.

We hope the commission considers these ideas for its towing bill of rights. The commission has done a good job recently by requiring towing companies to be more fair to those they tow. We hope this bill of rights makes everyone — except the towers — happier.

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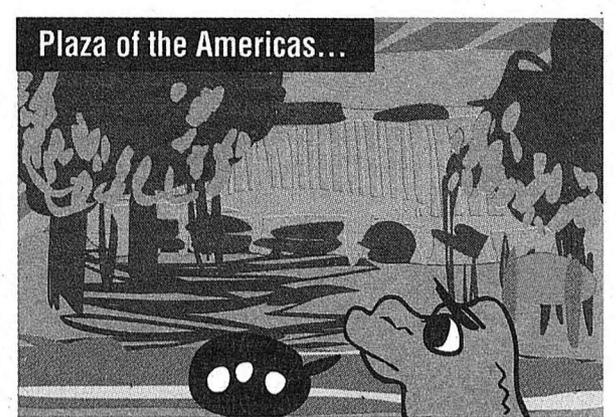
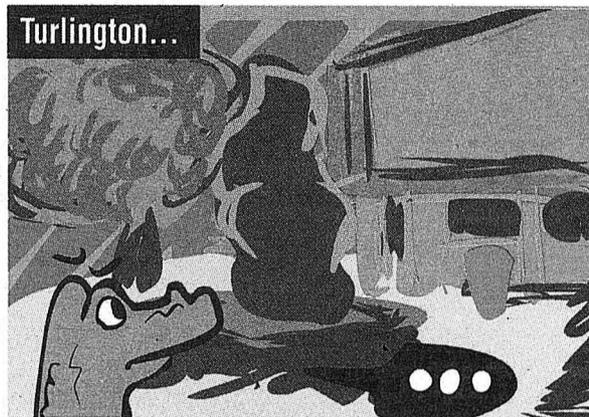
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## Column

# Jean shorts hurt Gators' credibility

There was a great disturbance this weekend. Every Gator felt it, and it showed during the football game on Saturday. The team struggled more than the three previous weeks combined. Urban Meyer will watch the footage, but the real problem is much easier to pinpoint.

The first away game is traditionally the first weekend freshmen can go home. Social psychologists have observed that when a freshman returns to the nest for the first time, he or she digs through old possessions like a cat in a litter box.

The amount of crap in the average dorm room doubled this weekend from high-school artifacts alone. Sifting through old threads can easily lead to nostalgia, making it acceptable to put on that old letterman's jacket or senior sweatshirt.

But it just went too far when you decided to pack your old jean shorts.

If you returned to Gainesville with a pair of "jorts," the damage you've done is irreversible. Every time a Gator thinks about his denim shorts, a Georgia fan gets his wings. This surge of karma is enough to throw every living Gators footballer onto the brink of insanity — and cause performances like Saturday's.

Since the '90s, we've been lampooned by Bulldogs, Tigers and Volunteers for our supposed love affair with jorts. Older Gators have diligently worked to destroy the stereotype of a typical Florida supporter, but it's tough when so many examples of bad taste can be found every Saturday.

If you've ever wandered around the alumni section, you'll know the type: rat-tailed, pot-bellied 50-year-olds who have a certain stench — one similar to that of a denim factory.

It must be understood that I'm not referring to cutoff jeans. If I were an indie boy trying to score a date with an indie girl, I would scissor with the best of them.

A utilitarian would also cut off jeans when spring arrives, and buy new ones in the fall. Over-stuffed freshman fannies can't fit into one size of pants for too long, so it's best to wear



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them before you can't pull them on past your kneecaps.

Cutoffs are questionable, but nobody, not even Angelina Jolie, should wear mass-produced jean shorts. If you're unsure, here's a handy little question to determine whether your jorts are appropriate: Do they have a hem at the bottom? If you said yes, you have bigger problems than the C you'll receive in Fashion 101.

I hate to be so hard on first-year students, but our Southeastern Conference status is dependent on their judgment. It may be too late for some of the rest of us. I've unfortunately seen upperclassmen — who should know better after being taunted at The Landing in Jacksonville during the yearly Florida-Georgia Cocktail Party — wearing jorts to class. It's unfathomable that these offenders would choose to lend credibility to the jokes of our rivals.

Florida isn't really part of the South, and we shouldn't act like it. We are the southernmost state geographically, but if we wanted to be true rednecks we'd be living a few miles north. Something is seriously wrong when a fan from another SEC school calls Gators fans hillbillies, and wearing jean shorts in public doesn't help any arguments against the stereotype.

This is our clarion call. Put down the jorts. Don't even consider wearing them to the upcoming football games. If we actually succeed in "whiting out" Auburn this Saturday, even one pair of jean shorts could change the outcome of the entire game.

Jorts are much more than a fashion no-no — they could be the only thing standing between UF and another championship.

Kyle Cox is a junior majoring in marketing and anthropology. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Do you plan to buy Halo 3?

Monday's question results are not available due to technical errors.

Vote or post a message at [www.alligator.org](http://www.alligator.org)

Letters to the Editor

**Controversial speaker a good choice**

I was offended last year to hear that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was questioning the historical accuracy of the Holocaust. On that note, I would like to take the opportunity to commend Columbia University for allowing him to address students Monday in an open forum.

In recent years, Americans have become accustomed to censoring ideas and people they do not find agreeable. Columbia's decision, despite harsh criticism, is demonstrative of the American commitment to free discourse outlined in our Constitution and judicial history. Americans have also become accustomed to allowing individuals to embody the intentions of a state.

Iran has a rising middle class and continues to elect reformers with every new election cycle, in direct opposition to the rhetoric coming from the top.

We should not allow the figurehead of

a state to set the political agenda for his or her nation. If states were judged entirely by the actions and statements of their chief executives, the United States would not stray far in global public opinion from Iran.

While we at UF continue to debate free expression and the right to inquiry, I offer kudos to Columbia President Lee Bollinger for backing his university's bold move in the interest of education.

With President Ahmadinejad's appearance at Columbia, the United States moves one step closer to abolishing the culture of suppression we have lived in during recent years.

Benjamin Dictor  
3LS



**Brains more impressive than breasts**

So Gator gals can flaunt their chests.

Big deal. Not worthy of a full page story, in my opinion.

Show me a woman with a brain who's changing the world with her ideas, and then I'll be impressed.

Monday's editorial, on the other hand, had the right idea. Bernie Machen baring all on his Harley — that I'd like to see.

Chris Cano  
3LS



**Underage drinking not cause of death**

UF President Bernie Machen's logic was off on blaming Andrew Enriquez's death on underage drinking.

The fact that Enriquez drank at age 20 is not what killed him.

He may, however, have been intoxicated while driving.

Such was the case when Austin Wright hit Gainesville Police Department's Lt.

Corey Dahlem on that tragic April night.

Wright was 21 and drinking legally. While I do not necessarily condone underage drinking, it is not the problem it is made out to be.

How many underage people drank this weekend across the country without any incidents?

College students will drink; nothing will change that. What Machen, UF, Gainesville and other communities should focus their energy on is preventing drinking and driving.

Whether someone was 20 or 21 is irrelevant as long as he or she was drinking responsibly.

It doesn't matter if you're 20 or 30, driving after drinking could kill you.

Clearly, we as a society need to work on drinking and driving. Age is irrelevant in this battle.

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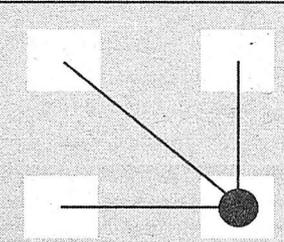
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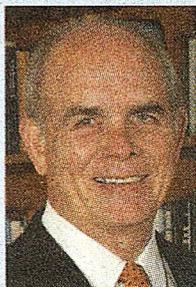
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## UF Voices

### Florida Tomorrow

"Florida Tomorrow: The Campaign for the University of Florida" – more than just a set of words, this theme for the effort to raise more than \$1 billion is a rallying call to



J. Bernard Machen

everyone associated with this university. The results of this capital campaign over the next five years are critical to what the future holds for this institution and everything that takes place here.

Just to be clear, the private funds generated by this campaign benefit every aspect of this university – students, faculty, staff, research, programs, facilities – everything. We are asking our alumni and friends to support UF so that all citizens of Florida and beyond will benefit from our efforts as faculty and staff at this great institution.

Each and every one of us should be able to complete these three statements: Florida Tomorrow is a place where ... Florida Tomorrow is a day when ... and Florida Tomorrow is a belief that ...

These statements look into the future and will help you envision and articulate what you believe the University of Florida will be - tomorrow.

And "Florida Tomorrow" starts this week. You may have noticed the "Florida Tomorrow" banners hanging throughout the campus. This is to help bring attention to the official kickoff of the capital campaign. Many of you have helped develop more than 80 campus-wide "Showcasing the Possibilities" events and symposia planned for Friday. Thank you for your efforts that will give our alumni and friends a first-hand look at what we do. Details about the day can be found at [www.floridatomorrow.ufl.edu/showcasingthepossibilities](http://www.floridatomorrow.ufl.edu/showcasingthepossibilities).

Thousands of alumni and friends will be visiting campus throughout the weekend, taking part in the campaign kickoff activities, as well as attending the Florida/Auburn football game. Let's communicate to them that "Florida Tomorrow" is everyone's campaign.

Around this campus and around the state, nation and world, UF is making a difference for everyone's tomorrow.

J. Bernard Machen

## Top Stories

### Digital Library Center offers online dissertations

More than 9,500 dissertations from University of Florida graduate students of years gone by now languish on UF library shelves. The dissertations have been cast aside in the digital age which demands instant information.

But, if a new project at the George A. Smathers Libraries Digital Library Center is successful, decades of writings will soon be available around the world, with just the click of a mouse.

"What I'd like people to see is that the University of Florida is doing good work, and that we have in the past as well," said Cathy Martyniak, head of the Library Preservation department.

Dissertations were first submitted electronically in 1998 at UF, and since 2001, the university required electronic submission for all dissertations, Martyniak said. Copyright restrictions require any doctoral candidate who completed work before 2001 to sign a release granting permission for scanning and Internet distribution.

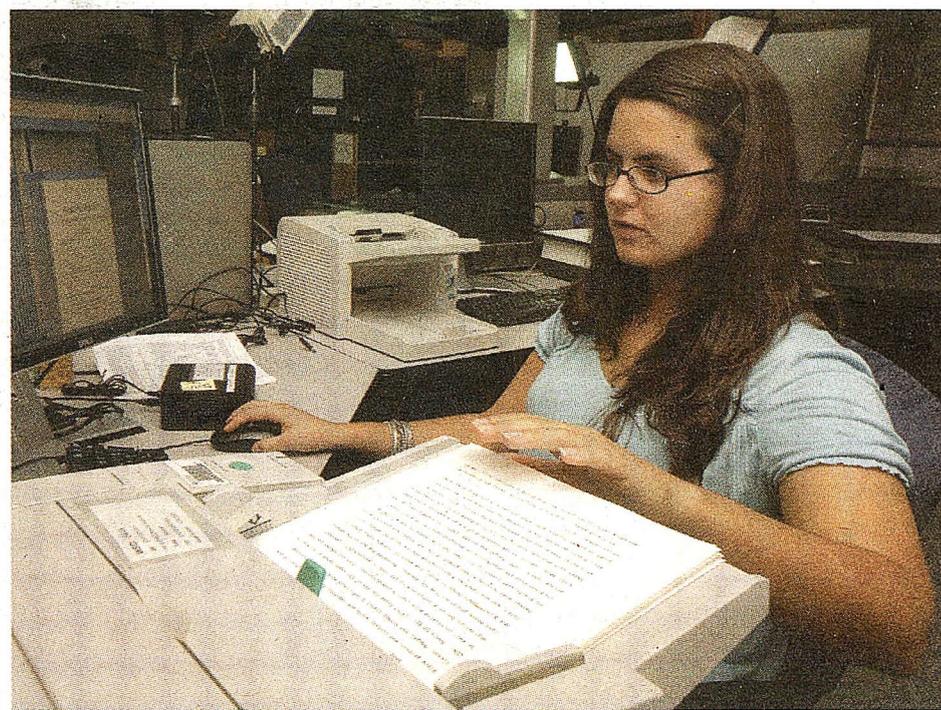
Martyniak is overseeing the daunting task of collecting thousands of release forms from prior doctoral candidates that span the course of the university's history.

"If I can find an author from 1922 who is still alive and willing to sign the paper, we will post their work online," she said, adding that she hopes to receive as many as she can.

Once a release form is submitted, the dissertation is scanned at the Digital Library Center and information called "metadata" provides information about the work, such as title, author, subject, year of publication and length. The work is then uploaded to the Digital Collections' Web site, where the metadata allows for easy and accurate retrieval.

"People spend years and years of their life getting their dissertations together, and then for them to see it on the Web is exciting," Martyniak said.

Although the center has been accepting signatures since January, only 12 release



Kristen Bartlett Grace

Natasha Aiguesvives, public relations major and Digital Library Center employee, scans dissertations with a high-speed rotary scanner.

forms have been received. Martyniak believes this may be due to a lack of publicity about the project, as well as the sheer number of eligible alumni who have not yet been contacted.

Oliver G. Wood Jr. was one of the first alumni to respond to the request. His 1965 dissertation about the Federal Reserve System is now the oldest dissertation available online within Digital Collections.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to make my dissertation available without cost to people," said Wood, who is the economist-in-residence at the Charleston School of Law, and has been a distinguished professor emeritus at the University of South Carolina since 1994.

"I am a person who truly is grateful for my University of Florida education, and I strongly encourage anybody who has written a dissertation at Florida to make it available," Wood said. "This is a part of the

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-Cathy Martyniak,  
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ongoing process of telling the world that the University of Florida is a great university."

To participate in this project, UF dissertation authors are encouraged to visit: [http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/digital/procedures/copyright/retro\\_diss\\_scan/DDDCA.htm](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/digital/procedures/copyright/retro_diss_scan/DDDCA.htm).

By Panagiota Papakos

## Happenings

Listings in this section are a sampling of events at the University of Florida compiled from entries listed in the full calendar that appears on the Web at [calendar.ufl.edu](http://calendar.ufl.edu). To submit an event online, send an e-mail to [calendar@nersp.osg.ufl.edu](mailto:calendar@nersp.osg.ufl.edu) with the following information in this order: event date; event name, brief description and sponsor; time; location; costs; and contact information to include name, phone number and e-mail. Events, dates, times and programs are subject to change.

Sept. 25

**"Brazil's Padre Cicero: Views from the Ralph della Cava Gift to the UF Libraries,"** Smathers Library, second floor, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. On display through Oct. 7. Free and open to the public.

**Mock Interviews by Employers,** CRC interview module B, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 25-28. Free and open to the public.

Sept. 27

**Harn Eminent Scholar Lecture by Ute Meta Bauer,** associate professor and director of the Visual Arts Program at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology, Harn Museum of Art, 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Sept. 28

**Florida Tomorrow: The Campaign for the University of Florida presents "Showcasing the Possibilities,"** campus-wide events, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more detail: <http://www.floridatomorrow.ufl.edu/showcasingthepossibilities/>.

**Department of Astronomy presents Public Night,** observatory open for public viewing, Astronomy Teaching Observatory, 8:30-10 p.m.

## In Focus

# UF researchers now studying impacts of Hurricane Dean

Many Gators go to the Mexican state of Quintana Roo for a relaxing Spring Break vacation. Assistant professors Eric Keys and Corene Matyas went there for a different reason on Sept. 10.

Keys and Matyas, both from the University of Florida's department of geography, were part of a team which received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study the effects of Hurricane Dean. The team, representing a number of universities and Mexico, spent six days studying the resiliency of both people and ecosystems in the wake of the natural disaster in southern Mexico.

Some of the greatest damage affected the tourist areas near the ocean, Keys said.

"The tourist areas were devastated," Keys said. "The beach is gone, and the 100-yard cruise ship pier was destroyed. It shows just how powerful this storm really was."

In more interior areas such as the Calakmul Municipality, money is scarce, buildings are not storm resistant and people rely on their crops for survival, Keys said. Although the locals have lost their crops,

the government has stepped in to distribute rations and repair housing, while the farmers attempt to grow more maize - despite drought conditions.



NASA

"People are waiting for seed to grow a new crop in the next three months or so, but the drought has to end," Keys said.

Although the situation has been less than ideal for the residents of the area, in terms of study value, the storm has been a great resource in learning about disaster response.

"What's compelling about this event happening in this place is that a number of researchers have been working on social and ecological questions in the region, so we have good baseline data to work from," said Keys.

As our environment changes in coming years, this research could have a great impact on future generations, Keys said.

"With the possibility of increased climate change, events like this could happen more and more. We have to figure out how to make community and social structures that can withstand events like this."

by Alex Stern

## Seen & Heard

### Harn receives highest national recognition

The America Association of Museums (AAM) recently announced that the Harn Museum of Art is among 14 museums to earn the highest national recognition a museum can achieve.

AAM accreditation recognizes high standards in individual museums and ensures the best possible service to the public. AAM's museum accreditation program has been the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability for more than 35 years.

This is the second time the Harn has gone through the accreditation process, after first receiving accreditation in 1997. Reviews for AAM accreditation occur every 10 years.

### UF's Dance program judged to be one of the nation's best

With its first application, the Dance Program in the School of Theatre and Dance at the University of Florida was approved for accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) at the organization's annual meeting on Sept. 13-15.

The UF Dance Program in the College of Fine Arts joins the ranks of approximately

60 NASD-accredited dance institutions nationwide. The young dance program, founded as a special track of the bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre performance in the mid-1980s, inaugurated its own BFA degree just 10 years ago in 1997.

"The College of Fine Arts is proud of its dance program and the faculty who have worked so hard to achieve this recognition," said Lucinda Lavelli, dean of the College of Fine Arts. "Accreditation means we now participate with those national institutions considered to be the best."

### College announces senior administrative team

The College of Design, Construction and Planning at the University of Florida has announced the appointment of associate and assistant deans Margaret Carr, Paul Zwick and William Tilson.

Carr, professor of landscape architecture, has been appointed as the associate dean for undergraduate student and academic affairs, while Tilson, professor of architecture, will serve in the newly created position of assistant dean for international studies and service learning. Zwick, professor of urban and regional planning, will continue in the position of associate dean for research and graduate affairs.

### Mortar Board receives esteemed award

The Trianon chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Florida was presented with the Silver Torch Award for the 2006-2007 academic year at the organization's recent national conference. The award recognizes timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

Mortar Board is a national honor society which recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

### UF opens new speech and hearing clinic

For more than 40 years, the University of Florida Speech and Hearing Clinic was housed on campus in historic Dauer Hall. A new facility at 1405 NW 13th St. now provides improved accessibility and parking for patients from the Gainesville community and beyond.

The clinic offers full-service diagnostics and rehabilitation, including the selection and fitting of hearing aids and assistive listening devices.

Oct. 1

Homecoming Pageant, Phillips Center, 7-9 p.m.

Oct. 4

"Fall Convocation Honors" of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with keynote speaker J. Bernard Machen, University Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

National Depression Screening Day, Student Health Care Center front lawn, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free to UF students, and refreshments provided.

Oct. 5

Florida Players presents "The Shape of Things," Phillips Center Black Box Theatre, Oct. 5-6, 8 p.m.; Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Oct. 6

Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, University Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating \$20-\$30.



Recurring Events

"Megalodon: Largest Shark that Ever Lived," Florida Museum of Natural History. On display through Jan. 6. Free and open to the public.

"Up in Smoke - A Dying Breed," Photographs by Randy Batista, College of Fine Arts, Focus Gallery. On display through Oct. 19. Free and open to the public.

"Refined Radiance: Chinese Glass Of The Qing Dynasty (1644-1911)," Harn Museum of Art. On display through Oct. 1. Free and open to the public.

## Note This

### Machen addresses student arrest issues

For current information on the Sept. 17 town forum incident, visit <http://www.president.ufl.edu>.

### Student leadership nominations sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the Fall 2007 Outstanding Leadership Award for male and female graduating seniors, sponsored by the University of Florida Alumni Association. Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/schoarships/ola.php> and must be submitted by Oct. 1.

### Tuition assistance offered

The University of Florida's Higher Education Opportunity (HEO) provides children of full-time TEAMS employees with the opportunity of tuition assistance for an undergraduate education at the University of Florida.

In March 2008, Human Resource Services will randomly select 50 TEAMS employees from a pool of eligible applicants. Each eligible employee may submit one child's name into the drawing, and must apply by Nov. 1.

An HEO informational session will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 120 of the HRS building, 903 W. University Ave.

### Open enrollment runs Oct. 1 - 26

This year's benefits open enrollment period for University of Florida employees will kick off on Oct. 1, and end on Oct. 26. Any changes made to elections during open enrollment will be effective Jan. 1.

A Benefits Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 1, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 2 in the Reitz Student Union grand ballroom. Plan brochures will be available online at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>.

### Deadline nears for employee nominations

The Davis Productivity Awards honor state government employees who have created added value in delivering state services and products. The nomination deadline is Sept. 28. For more detail: <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/davis/default.htm>.

The Superior Accomplishment Awards program honors faculty and staff members who contribute meritorious service to the university. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 31. For more detail: <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/saa/default.htm>.

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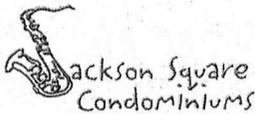
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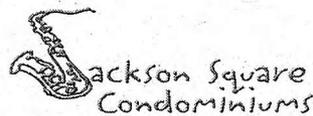
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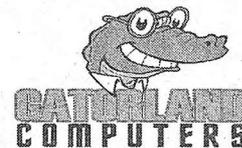
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## Mistaken identity earns Nelson celebrity treatment

By **MIKE MCCALL**  
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Most people know David Nelson as a wide receiver stuck in the logjam of playmakers on the UF depth chart.

At least a few hundred others know Nelson as someone entirely different — Chris Leak. “Not on purpose, but I had a whole cruise ship believing that I was Chris Leak one time,” he said.

Soon after the Gators won last year’s national championship, the redshirt sophomore

spent a few days parading as the team’s quarterback while on a spring break cruise to the Bahamas.

“It wasn’t something that I asked for,” he said. “There was a group that I was with, and they knew that people think I’m Chris Leak a lot.”

Early in the cruise, Nelson’s resemblance to UF’s all-time leading passer turned from a quiet joke to a public spectacle.

Nelson — dressed in Gators apparel and wearing his national title ring — and his friends were in the ship’s dining hall when a DJ turned a would-be relaxing evening into anything but, Nelson said.

“[The DJ] made a huge announcement to the cruise ship saying, ‘We have the national champion MVP Chris Leak on board,’” Nelson said. “A spotlight just found me. I was sitting at my table and had no idea what was going on. Everyone just gave a standing ovation.”

“At this point I can’t be like, ‘No, I’m not,’ so I just stood up and waved and sat back down.”

Nelson spent the next few days awkwardly posing as Leak while fellow passengers hounded him.

“People would come up wanting autographs,” he said. “With little kids, I didn’t know whether to say I’m not Chris Leak and embarrass the kid, or just sign it and tell Chris later.”

Nelson said he didn’t turn down autograph seekers. He just scribbled away when asked to sign and told Leak about the incident afterward.

“He laughs about it — he loves it,” Nelson said. “Hopefully one day someone will come up to him and ask if he’s David Nelson, but I don’t think so. I think it’s funny because he’s like [5-foot-10] and I’m [6-foot-5]. Obviously people who think I’m Chris Leak don’t know

a lot about football.”

Nelson’s moment of celebrity offered him a few unique opportunities.

“I got to go meet the captain of the ship, and I had a lot of people offer to get me things or buy me things,” he said. “I guess I was just the most popular person on the ship. ‘Everywhere I went, people were taking pictures of me or shaking my hand and telling me good job on the season.’”

Not everyone believed Nelson was Leak. Nelson said several UF students approached him on the matter, prompting him to put an end to the rumor by having the DJ make another announcement to the ship.

“I wasn’t trying to act like I was Chris Leak by any means, but there was just so much going on that I was overwhelmed by it, and I didn’t know what to do,” he said.

Those days may have been the peak of Nelson’s fame so far, but he is beginning to make a name for himself on the field as well.

Due to injuries to fellow wideouts Andre Caldwell and Riley Cooper, Nelson started last weekend’s game against Mississippi, a career-first.

Nelson didn’t make a big impact on the stat sheet with just one catch for 5 yards, but he did throw a crucial block on a 23-yard catch-and-run by Percy Harvin.

The cruise ship experience may have seemed wild at the time, but Nelson can only imagine what it would have been like if he were mistaken for current starting quarterback Tim Tebow.

“I may have been able to drive the boat,” he said. “They may have thrown the captain off and let me drive it.”



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UF wide receiver David Nelson (83) blocks Mississippi defensive back Dustin Mouzon during the Gators’ 30-24 win against the Rebels in Oxford, Miss., on Saturday.

## Oft-penalized Gators seek to reverse worrisome trend

■ **UF IS AMONG THE NATION’S MOST FLAGGED.**

By **NICK ZACCARDI**  
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Name the infraction, and UF likely committed it.

From minor penalties (false start, offside) to major 15-yarders (kick catching interference, roughing the passer, unsportsmanlike conduct), the Gators made officials work hard at Mississippi on Saturday.

They racked up 14 penalties for

127 yards in a 30-24 win.

The No. 4 Gators (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) will now try to correct a recurring problem.

“Some people say lack of discipline. That’s fine,” UF coach Urban Meyer said Monday. “Whatever it is, we’ve just got to get it fixed. It’s not acceptable.”

Few teams are more penalized than UF.

The Gators rank No. 117 out of 119 Division I-A teams in penalties per game and No. 115 in yards penalized per game. In 2006, they finished No. 118 in penalties.

Meyer said Monday’s practice would focus on cleaning up the penalty act.



**ANOTHER ACCOLADE FOR TEBOW:** Sophomore quarterback Tim Tebow earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors after accumulating 427 yards of total offense against Mississippi.

“He actually did not have his best game in a lot of ways, but as

far as toughness, as far as character, as far as riding that horse, it’s as fine a game as I’ve seen a quarterback play in certain areas,” Meyer said. “As far as tenacity and toughness, I know who we were going to go to to win that game.”

Tebow lifted the Gators with 27 carries and 34 pass attempts, listing more bullet points on his Heisman Trophy resume.

His passer rating of 198 ranks him third in the nation, and his seven rushing touchdowns are tied for fourth in Division I-A, ahead of star running backs

Darren McFadden (Arkansas) and Mike Hart (Michigan).

**NOTEWORTHY:** Defensive end Derrick Harvey was the only defensive player to make Champions Club this week. On offense, tackle Carlton Medder, running back Kestahn Moore, fullback Eric Rutledge and Tebow made the list. ... Wide receiver Andre Caldwell (sprained MCL) is likely a game-time decision for Saturday’s contest against Auburn. ... Kicker Joey Ijas will be held out of practice until Thursday with a quad injury.

### SCOREBOARD

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### I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF volleyball player Elyse Cusack was named the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week by the league office Monday.

### TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1954: Unranked UF upsets No. 5 Georgia Tech 13-12 in Atlanta. UF had been 0-6-1 against the Yellow Jackets in the previous seven meetings between the schools.