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Coming Out Week concludes with parade



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Students from Gainesville High School's Students Teaching Open Mindedness and Pride club march in the Pride Parade on University Avenue on Saturday.

By HEATHER STRANGE
Alligator Contributing Writer

Members of local pride organizations and their supporters cheered in celebration while marching down University Avenue on Saturday, holding colorful signs and waving water noodles, as part of Gainesville's sixth annual Pride Parade.

The parade preceded the 15th annual Pride Festival, and both events celebrated the conclusion of Gainesville's Pride Week and National Pride Coming Out Week.

The parade, which began at University Avenue and Seventh Street and ended at the Downtown Community Plaza, was led by members of Gainesville High School's Students Teaching Open Mindedness and Pride club, or S.T.O.M.P.

They held a large banner that read "STOMP OUT DISCRIMINATION."

Representatives from organizations such as Wild Iris Books and Trinity Metropolitan Community Church also marched in the parade.

Once the parade reached Main Street, people standing on the sidewalks waved and cheered as it marched by.

At the festival, hundreds of people roamed around the plaza getting airbrushed tattoos, face

paint and supporting the different groups at the event.

About 1,000 people were expected to have come and gone throughout the day, said Staci Fox, board member of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida.

About 40 vendors were at the festival, said Kim Kelley, board member of the center.

The Human Rights Council of North Florida also had a booth at the event with petitions to get gender identity and expression on Gainesville's anti-discrimination code of ordinance.

"It's about expressing ourselves to the people as a community."

Thomas Kieran
UF graduate student

The council recently helped pass the domestic partner registry, which allows couples to declare themselves as partners regardless of sexual orientation, and are now working toward the change in the ordinance, said Bob Karp, council secretary.

This was UF graduate student Thomas Kieran's first year at the festival.

He said he was excited that

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LOCAL

Two UF students die Friday

By KIM WILMATH
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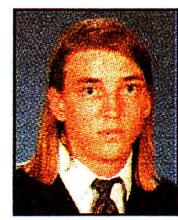
Two UF students, one a Gators football player, died early Friday morning in a motorcycle accident.

Michael Guilford was a 19-year-old UF sophomore and defensive back for the UF football team. He crashed his 1999 Kawasaki motorcycle at the intersection of Old Archer Road and SW 23rd Terrace at 12:40 a.m., said Lt. Keith Kameg, spokesman for the Gainesville Police Department.

Both Guilford and his passenger, Ashley Slonina, a 20-year-old UF political science junior from Lynn Haven, died at the scene, Kameg

said.

He said speed was probably the main cause of the crash. Neither of the students was wearing a helmet.



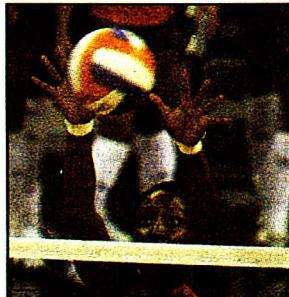
Guilford

Autopsy reports, which will determine whether alcohol was involved, will not be available for several weeks, he said.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said Guilford acted as Ohio State's quarterback when UF was practicing for the BCS Championship Game.

To read more about Guilford and Slonina, see Page 8.

The UF volleyball team was defeated for the first time this season in a 3-2 loss against Arkansas on Friday. The Gators snapped their 16-match winning streak. See story, pg. 18.



State cuts UF budget

By KIM WILMATH
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Members of the Florida Legislature cut \$22.1 million of state funding from UF's budget Friday at the end of a 10-day special session.

The cut was smaller than the \$26.9 million UF had anticipated earlier this year.

UF had planned to trim a total of \$34 million universitywide. The

extra cuts would fund several suffering programs at UF.

UF already cut the extra \$4.8 million, a memo from UF President Bernie Machen stated.

That money will be reinvested back into UF, Machen wrote, but he hasn't decided how it will be spent.

"We have no way of knowing what this university could be facing in just a few months when the

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Friends of Music Room, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., today
The Jamaican-American Student Association will commemorate the Seven National Heroes of Jamaica. The event is open to everyone.

Pre-Law Meeting

Rion Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., today
Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity will host a forum for students who are thinking about applying to law school. A panel of admissions personnel from law schools across the nation will answer questions.

Cultural and Fashion Show

Rion Ballroom, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday
The Asian American Student Union will host a fashion show displaying the culture and heritage of Korea.

Twister Tournament

Reitz Union Colonnade, noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday

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Man charged in battery cases

By APRIL DUDASH
Alligator Writer

The Gainesville Police Department has arrested and charged a man with the sexual battery of three Gainesville women since August.

Police Detective Joseph Mayo arrested Tyrone Williams, 22, of Florida City, a police report said.

GPD spokesman Lt. Keith Kameg said Williams associated himself with three rape cases that involved separate victims. None of the women were UF students, he said.

Kameg said a female rape victim spotted Williams walking in the Depot Avenue area Sunday and recognized him.

Public Safety She told a friend to notify the police, and GPD Officer Mike Denmark responded to the call, Kameg said.

Detectives Randy Roberts and Mayo were called to the scene.

Williams was charged with three counts of sexual battery and one count of false imprisonment, Kameg said. False imprisonment is illegally holding a person against their will.

"In all of the cases, while raping the women, he beat the women," Kameg said.

The most recent alleged rape took place Tuesday in northeast Gainesville, Kameg said.

Police alleged Williams was involved in an Oct. 8 rape attempt as well, he said.

The female victim who spotted Williams was allegedly sexually assaulted in August, Kameg said.

Williams allegedly held the victim down and repeatedly punched her in the face during the assault, the report stated.

Inside Williams' backpack, police found a ski mask and gloves, which linked him to the rape, Kameg said. He said Williams has been in the Gainesville area for about six months.

His first alleged rape took place in early August in southeast Gainesville.

Police suspect there are other victims who haven't spoken up.

"A person like this, who's this young — the thought of him escalating was very high," Kameg said.

"If he is beating women that badly, raping women, it only gets worse from there."

Krishna festival designed to educate

■ ABOUT 400 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EVENT.

By CASEY BROOKE LAWSON
Alligator Contributing Writer

ALACHUA — The scent of incense wafted through the air of the ornately decorated temple.

Men, women and children removed their shoes before they entered and kneeled to pray before a representation of Krishna, which was adorned with a fresh flower garland.

About 400 people gathered at the Alachua Krishna Temple for the third annual Love Thy Neighbor Festival on Sunday.

Maha Maya, an Alachua Krishna, created and organized the event to encourage local neighbors to learn more about the Krishna faith.

"We are all here on this planet together, and the curiosity of our neighbors can be relieved when they come here and see what we are all about," Maya said.

Krishna is a monotheistic religion that comes from an Indian tradition, said Maya, a Krishna for 34 years.

More than a dozen Gainesville Krishna attended the event, which included a service, traditional Indian dancing, chanting and praying, as well as a feast.

SFCC student Jude Bailey, dressed in a white tunic and pants, twisted his hands, which held a strand of 108 wooden beads. The beads are meant to channel Krishna.

Bailey, 19, became a follower of the Krishna faith eight months ago and now lives in the preaching center of the Gainesville Krishna house.

Bailey got involved with the Gainesville Krishna while volunteering to serve the vegetarian Krishna lunch, which is served on the Plaza of the Americas on weekdays.

Originally captivated by the compassion and kindness of the Gainesville Krishna, Bailey said she slowly learned the philosophies of the faith.

The soft tones of traditional music and prayers floated over the grounds while men and women slowly crowded into the temple for the evening service.

A middle-aged man dressed in

white led the service songs and played hand chimes.

Next to him was a drummer, rhythmically beating on the stretched skin of his instrument, keeping the beat of the worshippers' chants.

The crowd swayed to the melody of the chant while a man on stage waved three sticks of incense in continual circles.

"Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna," chanted the crowd.

Clapping began as the hand chimes and drums sped up, and the members of the crowd raised their voices and their arms until the sounds of the instruments subsided into silence.

When the temple service concluded, people slowly wandered out onto the grounds to eat and then watch traditional Indian dancing.

"I wanted to create this event to impact our community, and I believe we have with this festival," Maya said.



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Nadia Heintz, 18, and Kalindi Andujar, 17, do a traditional Indian dance at the Love Thy Neighbor Festival on Sunday.

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Gandhi's grandson to speak about peaceful change

By HEATHER STRANGE
Alligator Contributing Writer

Wanting to promote nonviolence and peace, Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi's grandson travels the world teaching the philosophy of India's legendary leader. Tonight, his journey will bring him to UF.

Arun Gandhi will open UF's Kaleidoscope: Asian and Asian American Awareness Month. The speech, sponsored by Accent, Student Government's speakers bureau, and Kaleidoscope will

begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a reception.

While growing up in South Africa, Gandhi began to reflect on what his grandfather, who protested the British occupation of India through nonviolent means, taught him.

He also considered the work his parents were doing for nonviolent social change.

He felt inspired and thought he could do something, too.

In 1957 he met his wife in India. She was also very keen on working

with oppressed people, he said. He moved to India because the South African government wouldn't allow her to return to South Africa with him, Gandhi said.

During his time in India, Gandhi co-founded India's Center for Social Unity in 1968.

Teaming up with his wife and some friends, they worked for the poor and oppressed people.

Gandhi moved to the United States in 1987 to write a book on prejudice. Once people heard who he was, he began receiving invitations to speak about his grandfather and his philosophy.

In 1991, he founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, which was moved from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn., to the University of Rochester in New York state this year.

He opened the institute to promote and teach people the Gandhi method of nonviolence and peace.

"It's been very successful judging

on the number of invitations I get to go out and do these programs all over the country, in fact, all over the world," Gandhi said.

To mark his grandfather's 50th memorial anniversary and Martin Luther King Jr.'s 30th memorial anniversary, Gandhi helped launch A Season for Non-Violence in 1998.

Since that first event, it has become an annual feature with more than 300 groups around the United States and internationally doing wonderful things to bring about peace and understanding, Gandhi said.



Arun Gandhi

PUBLIC HEALTH

SHCC due to begin offering flu vaccinations today

By LINDSAY SMITH
Alligator Contributing Writer

It lurks inside of your damp laundry, it watches you from the mucus membranes of your friend's nose, and it hides quietly on the door handle to your apartment.

It's back. It's the flu.

Luckily there's hope. The Student Health Care Center is kicking off its influenza campaign today by offering vaccinations to UF students, staff and faculty from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost for the flu shot is \$5 for students and \$25 for employees.

"A \$5 flu shot is a great deal, and the fact that it's right on campus is so convenient."

Wendy Alexaitis
UF journalism junior

"A \$5 flu shot is a great deal, and the fact that it's right on campus is so convenient," said Wendy Alexaitis, a UF journalism junior.

Alexaitis has received a flu shot every year from the Student Health Care Center since attending college.

"In high school, I had the flu," she said. "I

was glued to my bed for an entire week, and I barely had enough energy to move. Plus, I was knee-deep in homework."

She said the worst part about the flu is "the languid feeling you have where you can't do anything" and spending the whole time watching bad television.

The health care center's Web site states that people at the highest risk of catching the flu include those with chronic illness, such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension, people age 50 and older and health care workers and students with direct patient contact.

Alexaitis believes that she caught the flu from another student.

Randi Smith, a graduate teaching assistant at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is aware of the risk of catching the flu on campus.

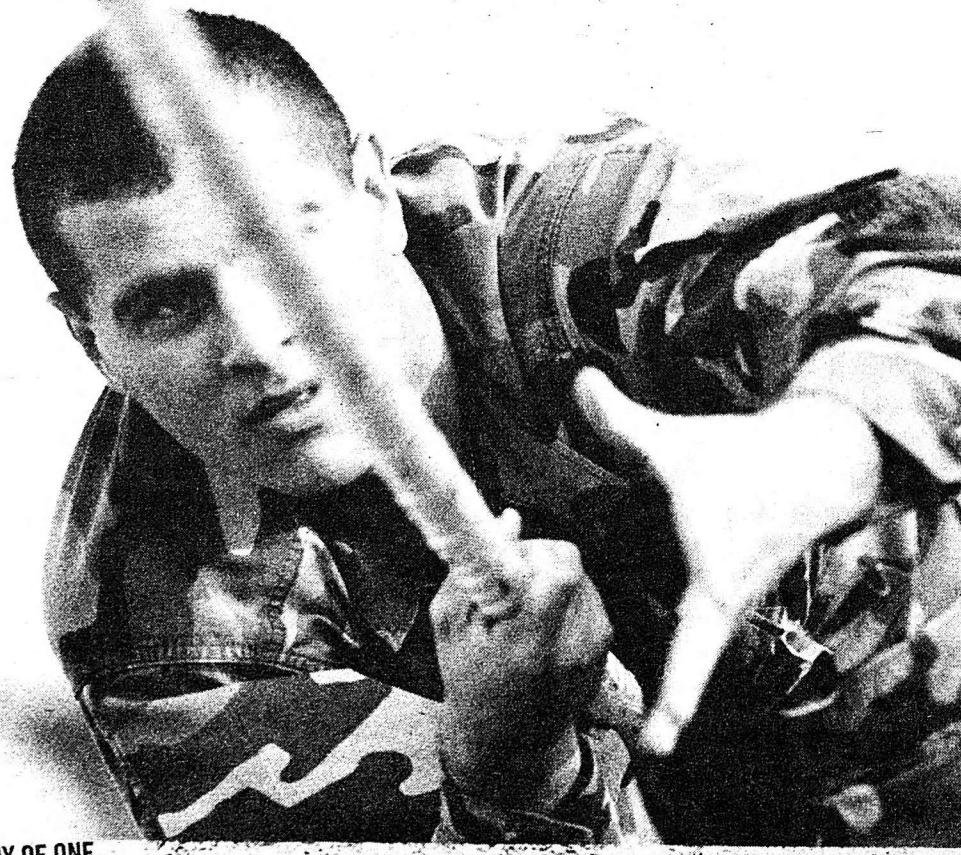
"The environment we work in is conducive to transferring colds and the flu easily," she said.

"When I get sick, my doctor frequently blames germs from my students' papers."

Additionally, she said that the attendance in her class drops as the flu spreads throughout the classroom.

Grades go down when students are sick because they sleep instead of finishing assignments or attending class, Smith said.

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Editorial

Money Matters

Tuition increases won't make up for budget cuts

Friday was a busy day for the Florida Legislature, but at least it threw UF a bone — a \$4.8 million bone. UF expected to see its budget cut by \$26.9 million, but the Legislature only cut \$22.1 million.

We're happy to see that.

A technology fee was also approved. Students will have to pay it — Bright Futures won't cover it — so students should have input on how it is spent. Students shouldn't have to shell out for computers on public university campuses, but someone has to. The universities can't afford it, and apparently the Legislature can't either, so that leaves us, the students. Technology isn't cheap, and we've accepted that.

The Legislature also approved a 5 percent tuition increase that would go into effect in the spring, and it approved a plan that would increase tuition based on rises in inflation.

We said last week that we're wary of this.

If this had been implemented back in 1987, tuition would have risen by 77 percent by now. But over that 20-year span, tuition has actually risen by 214 percent. Pretty substantial difference, isn't it?

Unless you don't have Bright Futures, this increase probably won't mean much to you. Hell, if you don't have Bright Futures, it still probably won't mean much to you because inflation usually only rises a couple of percentage points per year — last year, it rose by 2.6 percent, which would have added less than \$2 per credit.

But the point is, increasing tuition based on inflation will not bring in much money. If the Legislature sits on its laurels and won't increase tuition otherwise, we'll have a problem. Sure, UF's budget wasn't cut as much as predicted, but it was still cut by \$22.1 million.

It would take about a 58 percent increase in inflation to make up for that — and no one wants that.

The Time is Now

In case you didn't realize, climate change is a pretty big deal. So big a deal, that Al Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to raise awareness about global warming. He shares the prize with the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

President Bush praised Gore for his win, but White House spokesman Tony Fratto said Bush would not feel any pressure to adopt caps on greenhouse gas emissions, something Gore has strongly advocated. That's too bad.

But then again, Republican lobbyists wouldn't let a measly Nobel Peace Prize winner affect their agendas.

The Bush administration has also made many environmental acts less stringent than they were in the past — for instance, the Clear Skies Act of

2003, which allows for more pollution than the Clean Air Act, which was passed in 1963 and most recently amended in 1990.

So it's up to us.

One motto of environmentalism is, "Think globally, act locally." Our generation needs to embrace this now, while we still can — not once we've reached the point of no return. We can't say, "Oh, someone else will do it," because at the national level, not much is being done.

Turn off lights. Turn up the temperature on your thermostat. Ride your bike or take the bus, and for goodness' sake, trade in your SUV. Write letters to your congressmen and women.

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Column

Virginity extends past the bedroom

Let's talk about virginity.

Friday on this page, columnist Colleen Shea wrote about how virgins are out of place in the hook-up culture that is college.

I couldn't disagree more. I dare to say virginity is what college is all about. If anything, it defines my experience.

Allow me to elaborate. But first, a warning: This column has nothing to do with sex.

College is the one time in my life when I'm allowed to put off making real decisions about the future.

To say it another way, I'm saving myself for true love.

In the meantime, I study only enough to get by, I wake up whenever I want and I don't pay any bills. I live within walking distance of campus, yet I still drive my car to class. Laundry is my only enemy.

I don't have any responsibilities other than myself — which is hardly a responsibility.

But unfortunately, from what I've heard, the "real world" is a slightly different affair. As someone once told me, "College is a four-year hiatus from civilization."

Essentially, I am a virgin to adulthood, to maturity. I have yet to "lose it" to the great abyss oft-referred to as the rest of my life.

But perhaps adulthood isn't all it's hyped up to be (unlike sex ... I hope).

When I look at my parents after collecting my humble monthly allowance, as I'm driving away in the second car they bought me (which is incidentally worth more than at least one of my professors' cars), I can't help but think my parents gave "it" up too easily.

Didn't they have any respect for themselves? What about self-control? I don't know what to think.

You might say these four formidable years are actually the first time I have an opportunity to lose my virginity — in terms of real-world experience.

I am living on my own, after all. And this is college, home of the not-so-virgin mind.

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



Vincent Massaro

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But when it comes to working — like for money — I signed an abstinence pledge. I had two part-time jobs, but those were just foreplay — clumsy foreplay, if I may say so.

As for politics or activism on campus, I flirted with a few causes here and there. I even hooked up with a few of them, but it was nothing serious. It's so hard to maintain a serious relationship in college.

Intellectually speaking, I might have been deflowered by the writings of such-and-such author or philosopher, but I still have no idea what they were talking about.

In academic thought, like sex, experience is necessary, but not sufficient for mastery. A bachelor's degree conveys little authority anymore.

But it looks like staying in school is the only way to keep my innocence and purity intact.

I've always wanted to go to law school, but that only lasts three years. What would I do afterward?

I can't just go work in some firm somewhere, never having seen what other big, strong firms may have to offer. What if I don't like it?

I won't be able to just up and leave. I'll be committed. I'll have little cases running around, cases I'll have to look after.

If I wait that long to lose it, it'll be too late.

I've got to be assertive and put myself out there now. I've got to see what this whole adulthood thing is really about. I've got to play the field before I sign up with a team, so to speak. I've got to live a little before I settle down.

I'm still worried about my first time, for sure, but my virginity can't last forever.

Sooner or later everyone has to grow up.

Vincent Massaro is a senior majoring in journalism. His column appears on Mondays.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think the Legislature will approve future tuition hikes?

Friday's question: Do you plan to go to the Friends of the Library book sale?

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Letters to the Editor

Attend forum for new CLAS dean search

I am writing this message as a member of the search committee for a dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

We would like to invite you to an open forum Wednesday at Library East in Room 1A from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to solicit your ideas and opinions on this search.

We are interested in input from all CLAS stakeholders to help us as we proceed with this important task. Please attend the open forum. We want input on any issues relevant for the search committee to consider as we move forward in obtaining the best candidate for dean.

We would like to fully represent the CLAS community (faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and supporters) as we set criteria for the evaluation of candidates.

We value your input concerning the major scholarly and educational goals of the college for the next decade, the major challenges to be addressed by a new dean, the most important personal and professional qualities of a new dean, and particular questions you might like included in our interviews with potential candidates.

We also strongly urge you to nominate individuals who have the potential to be excellent candidates. Nominations can be sent to any member of the committee or to the Parker Executive Search Web site.

This is a critically important search for

CLAS and UF. The CLAS budget situation has improved substantially. UF President Bernie Machen and Provost Janie Fouke have made significant new commitments to CLAS for the future.

We feel optimistic our search will lead to the recruitment of an outstanding new dean. We are pursuing this goal with vigor and appropriate speed and hope you will join in our efforts.

If you are unable to attend the forum but would like to send comments, please e-mail clasdeansearch@ufl.edu.

Vanessa Goodwin
Student Body vice president

Police Department.

The Alligator's coverage of SG is always the same — unreasonable and unwarranted. When new SG officials take office (every semester), it immediately reports their lack of capability. Go through your archives before you print articles — you'll be hard-pressed to find someone who gets a third-floor office without working for tangible results.

SG-ers are not dirty politicians. They're the people sitting next to you in class. While you have to study for exams and write your papers, they're responsible for a multimillion-dollar Activity & Service Fee budget.

When the Alligator unfairly bashes SG (because it is exceedingly liberal and thinks politics are inherently bad) it's no wonder only a very small minority of students willingly withstand its abuse. Stop bashing SG and misrepresenting the great people who are trying to do great things.

Not every SG official has been of the same caliber as Kevin Reilly and Kellie Dale, but I can assure you that their time in office won't disappoint you.

Shannyn Schott
former student senator

SG works hard; Alligator unfairly bashes

Remember the time when you wanted Subway but you didn't have any cash on you, so you starved? I do. Thankfully, Kevin Reilly changed that with "tangible results," and now Gators can use their credit and debit cards on campus.

And didn't you give Student Government a LAUREL for its "tangible results" when it installed more blue lights on campus? Do you know who the chairwoman of that committee was? Kellie Dale. While her friends were out having fun, she was doing walkthroughs on campus with the University

she wrote about how she is a college sophomore and still a virgin. So what? Still having your V-card is nothing to be ashamed of. I just got married this summer. I was a virgin until my wedding night.

I am very thankful I held out for my wife because when it's with someone you really care about, sex is special.

That's actually an understatement. I have had several female friends who were, in the past, stressed because they were still virgins. They were virgins as long as they were because they wanted it to be with somebody special.

They got tired of waiting and ended up losing it to guys they really didn't care about.

From all of the people I've talked to about that kind of situation, I have learned one thing clear as crystal: Don't settle! Everyone says sex is overrated when you really don't love the person. They regretted it when they didn't.

I love my wife, oh so much, and I could not imagine sharing that with anybody else. Take it from a guy who waited for that right person. Don't settle. Find somebody who means that much to you, hang on and be proud of your V-card until then.

V doesn't have to be your scarlet letter — it should be a trophy.

Matthew Puopolo
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Family, UF teammates recall Guilford's spirit

By NICK ZACCARDI
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They called him "Sunshine."

Michael Guilford, a UF sophomore and defensive back for UF's football team, received the nickname because of his long, blond hair and resemblance to quarterback Ronnie "Sunshine" Bass from the movie "Remember the Titans."

But the connection was more than superficial.

"Michael lived life to the fullest every day," said Guilford's mother, Janice Watson. "They named him 'Sunshine' because of his hair, but it was his personality, too. If he was in a group, everything was better because he was there."

Guilford, 19, died after his motorcycle hit a median early Friday morning, which sent shock waves across UF's campus and throughout Guilford's hometown of Quincy, Fla.

Guilford started his football career as a quarterback for Blountstown High School for three years. When he was a high school junior, he played in a state championship game at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Greg Jordan, Blountstown's football coach, said his current players honored Guilford by wearing his high-school number, 13, on their wristbands for their Friday night game.

The loss has had a communitywide effect, with more than 100 people showing up at his family's Quincy home Friday morning.

Guilford's funeral is expected to take place early this week in his hometown.

"There's probably no churches that are going to be big enough to house the whole thing," Jordan said. "They'll probably have to do it at the school."

News of the accident has been featured on ESPN's "SportsCenter."

"We're going to remember him as a fun-loving kid — passionate, full of life," Watson said.

Guilford gained fame during the Gators' practices leading up to the BCS National Championship game in January. He helped the team practice by playing as Troy Smith, quarterback for Ohio State University.

"He was an outstanding, quality young man that was loved, respected and admired by all of us," UF coach Urban Meyer wrote in a statement.

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Greg Jordan

Blountstown High School football coach

"His unselfish efforts on helping his teammates getting ready to play every week were only a glimpse of the person he was," Meyer wrote.

In addition to playing the guitar and drums, Guilford took pride in learning opposing teams' plays every week to prepare UF's defense, although he never had the chance to play in an actual game.

"He was very competitive," said Sean Cronin, a graduate assistant who runs the practice squad's offense.

"He had a fire and was the leader," Cronin said. "He was the core of that group. He was the heart and soul of our scout team." Cronin said he last saw Guilford at a dinner honoring the practice squad Thursday night.

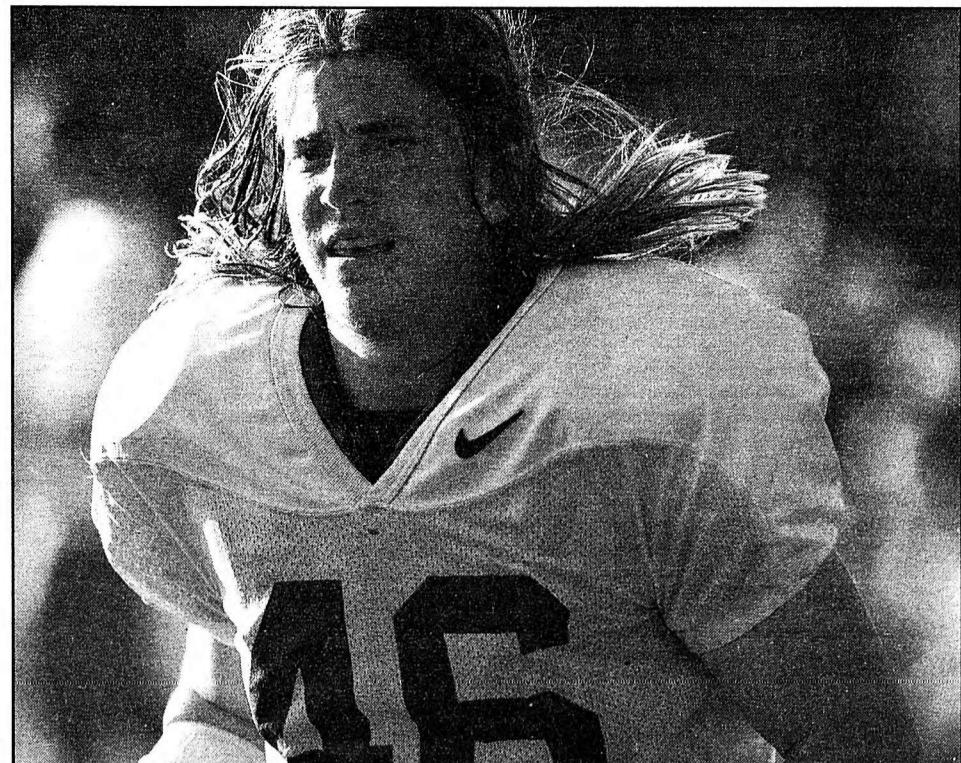


Photo by Tim Casey

UF defensive back Michael Guilford leaves the field during a Gators' practice in March at the UF practice field.

The video staff presented a tape of the practice squad team's highlights, including a shot of Guilford holding his hand up in a peace sign and smiling.

Cronin spoke to Guilford for the last time before leaving the dinner.

"He thanked me for the highlight video and said thanks for the dinner," Cronin said. "I said, 'No, thank you. I really appreciate everything you do for us.' It just means a lot that I was able to thank him."

Guilford later played video games at a teammate's apartment, Cronin said. Guilford always wore a helmet when riding his bike but left it with his belongings at the apartment

before taking a late-night ride, Cronin said.

Cronin told UF players about Guilford's death Friday morning.

"A lot of them were just shocked and probably didn't have any reaction until after they got off the phone," Cronin said. "They probably broke down afterward."

Tim Tebow, UF quarterback, missed calls while he slept but woke up to hear the news.

"I was just in shock," Tebow said. "Right when I heard it I was like, 'What? Say it again.' I felt horrible and sick about it. The first thing I did was pray for him and his family."

Alligator Staff Writer Mike McCall contributed to this report.

Slonina's friends try to cope in days following loss

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In the past two days, Allison Cecchini has called her best friend 17 times, though she knows Ashley Slonina will never pick up her phone again.

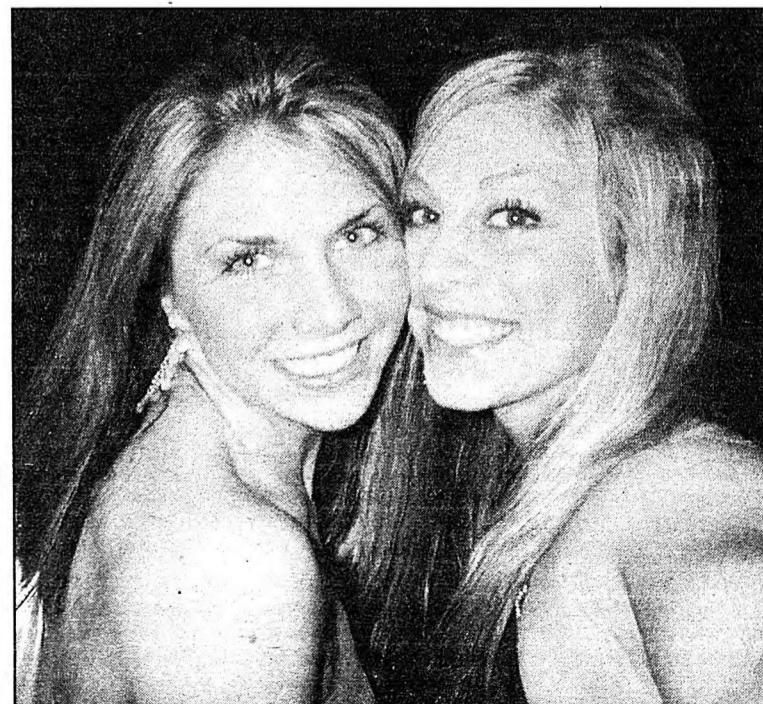


Photo Courtesy of Allison Cecchini

Ashley Slonina, left, and her friend Allison Cecchini, a UF sophomore, pose in this undated photo.

Cecchini said she just wants to hear Slonina's voice, even if it's only a recording.

Slonina, a UF political science junior from Lynn Haven, died early Friday morning in a motorcycle accident with Michael Guilford, a UF sophomore and defensive back for UF's football team.

Cecchini, a UF sophomore, heard the news of Slonina's death later that same morning.

"I didn't even know what to do," she said. "I didn't know whether to brush my teeth first or put my hair up. I was walking around in circles. I had to leave the apartment, but I didn't know how."

Cecchini went to Slonina's townhouse to check on Slonina's dogs, a chihuahua named Bella and a pug — a pug and poodle mix — named Bitty.

She said she didn't know how long the dogs had been alone because Slonina didn't have a roommate. Cecchini had planned to move in with her next year.

She said she was at the townhouse when Slonina's parents arrived.

Her dad, Jim Slonina, was calm and collected, Cecchini said. It was difficult to look at Slonina's mom, Rose, because she looks so much like her daughter, Cecchini said.

Jim and Rose Slonina could not be reached for comment.

"I couldn't leave her room," Cecchini said. "I just sat there expecting her to jump out and laugh at us like this is a big joke."

She said everything in the townhouse was exactly as Slonina left it.

Clean clothes she would never wear sat folded on her bed. Next to a bowl of Halloween candy in the kitchen was a stack of mail waiting to be sent.

A Halloween welcome mat was left unopened in the garage.

Cecchini unwrapped it and placed it outside Slonina's front door.

What Cecchini wanted to find most were photos from a concert she and Slonina went to on Monday.

She said Slonina tried to give her the developed pictures Tuesday, but Cecchini told her she'd get them from her later.

After searching Slonina's townhouse, Cecchini said she finally found the negatives for the photographs she'll keep forever.

"I don't ever want to forget her."

Allison Cecchini

UF student

"I don't ever want to forget her," she said.

Cecchini said she wanted to do something to keep thoughts of Slonina close to her every day.

So with a prick of a needle, she said she put the memory of her best friend under her own skin.

Cecchini's new tattoo is a replica of the one Slonina had on her back — a winged heart. Cecchini added a halo, Slonina's initials and "Rev. 21:4" to hers.

The Bible passage it refers to reads, "God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes, and there

shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Janae Hart, a UF communication sciences and disorders senior and another close friend of Slonina, picked up Slonina's personal belongings from a funeral home.

Hart also drove Slonina's white Lexus SUV back to Slonina's parents' home in Lynn Haven.

"It was kind of healing to be in her car and feel her with me," she said. "I did a lot of thinking of all the times we had in that car."

Hart met Slonina at a skating rink in middle school. They attended A. Crawford Mosley High School, Gulf Coast Community College and UF together.

For now, Hart said she's trying to stay strong for Slonina's family.

"I have to do what I have to do to make this right for everyone else," she said. "I can come in later."

Remembering the good times makes it easier to postpone her grieving, and she said she has plenty of memories to choose from.

Hart said she's also called and text messaged Slonina several times since she died, spilling secrets and inside jokes to a phone.

Like Hart, Cecchini knows she'll never get a response, but she said Slonina couldn't have left her with a better last text message: "Just wanted to say LOVE YOUUUUUUUUU."

Center offers aerial tours of Gainesville at open house

■ FLIGHTS WENT OVER UF CAMPUS LANDMARKS.

By DEVIN CULCLASURE

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UF students and Gainesville residents had the chance to gain a new perspective of UF on Saturday.

Evan Donoghue, a UF graduate student in physics, said everything looks different from 2,000 feet up in the air.

Donoghue participated in a "discovery flight" at the University Air Center's second-annual open house at the Gainesville Regional Airport.

"Discovery" flights, which cost \$59 and last about 20 minutes, were the main attraction at the open house.

Participants were able to fly around Gainesville and over campus landmarks such as Century Tower and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"It was worth it," Donoghue said. "It was awesome to see the Swamp."

Bill Pokorny, general manager of the center, said the open house was held to generate interest in the center's flight school.

"We want people to come out and experience the thrill of flight,"

Pokorny said.

Between 100 and 150 people participated in the open house in 2006, and Pokorny said he expected a similar turnout this year.

Besides flying, people who attended the event had the opportunity to learn how to obtain a pilot's license, view about 30 planes on display, tour the center, eat free food and use a Microsoft computer flight simulator.

Pokorny said the air center offered the open house as a community service, not a fundraiser.

The \$59 charge helped pay for the instructor's time, fuel and maintenance of the planes, but the actual cost of a "discovery" flight is about \$100.

Operating the flight school is more of a public service than a business, he said, and it usually breaks even in costs each year.

Charles Morehead, a 22-year-old UF alumnus, was one of about five certified flight instructors from the center giving "discovery" flights on Saturday.

Pokorny said he wants more students to be pilots.

Flying can offer students a hobby outside the usual college party scene, he said. "For all the money that students literally pour down their throats, you



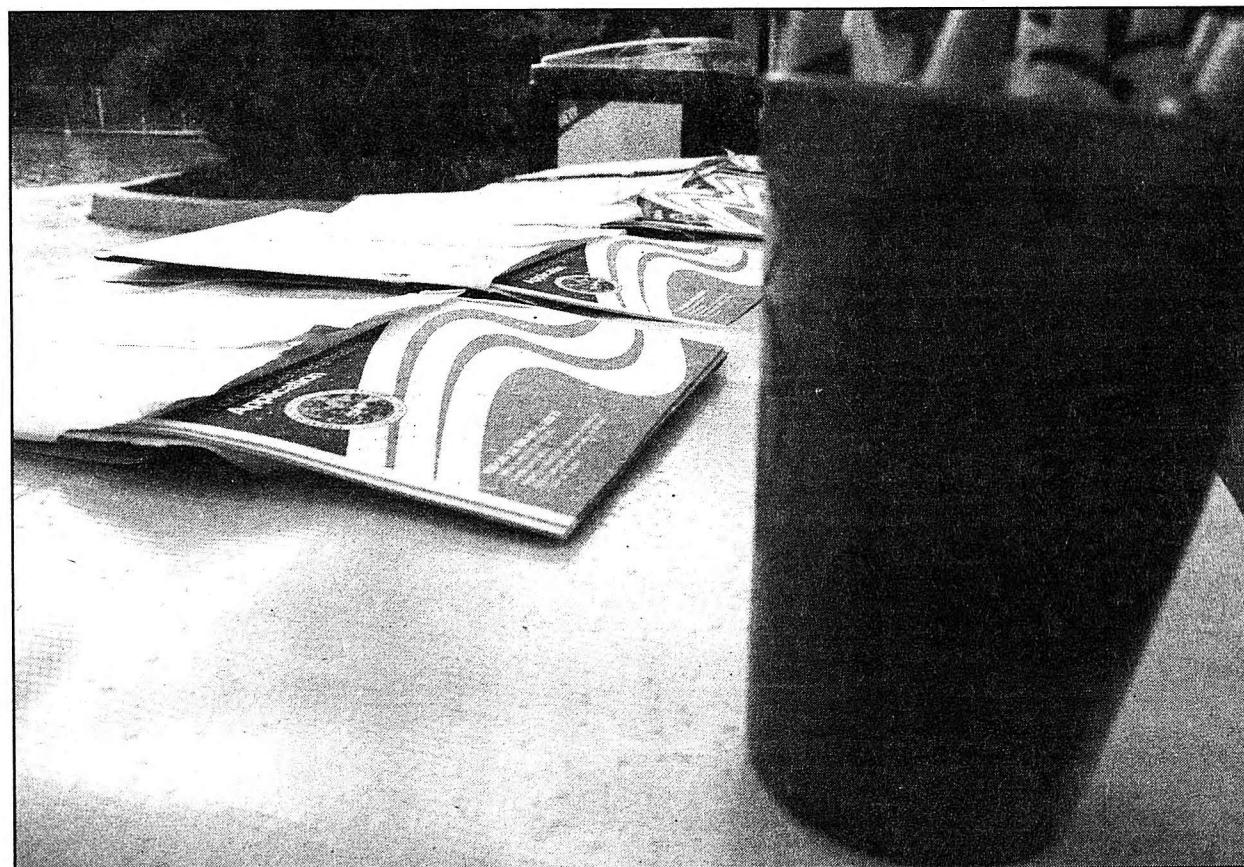
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Flight instructor Charles Morehead explains flight procedures during a test flight Saturday afternoon. The University Air Center offered chartered flights to the public during an open house.

could spend \$6,000 to \$8,000 to get a private pilot's license," he said. "A lot of students spend that much just on drinking over four years."

Pokorny, who has flown for more than 30 years, said another perk of flying might appeal to students if the alternative to drinking doesn't.

"I flew my girlfriend to Cedar Key for lunch for under \$100," he said. "Talk about a way to impress your date."



Charles Roop / Alligator Staff
Voter registration forms lie on the table at a voter registration drive at Campus Club apartments on Sunday.

UPD brochure details crime statistics, traffic-safety tips *Brochure will be released Tuesday*

By CARLY BLUSTEIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

In its yearly effort to increase safety awareness at UF, the University Police Department will release its 2007 safety brochure in hard copy Tuesday.

The safety brochure is called "Together

for a Safe Campus."

It will feature crime statistics for crimes from the previous academic year that took place on and near UF facilities.

It also contains traffic safety tips, victim assistance information, crime prevention pointers. There is also information in the brochure about the multiple services UPD

has to offer.

Parents often read the online version when deciding which university is best for their child, said Lt. Robert Wagner of UPD.

"Parents of prospective students are especially interested in reading up on crime statistics and the university's policies," Wagner said.

"They want to make sure they are sending their kid to a safe school."

Capt. Jeff Holcomb, UPD spokesman, hopes students educate themselves with the brochures so they can feel safer at school.

"We give them plenty of opportunities to learn about previous crimes and how to prevent future ones," he said.

The brochure is available at the Community Services Division of UPD or at UPD's Web site.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT Pool parties attract new student voters

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Chomp the Vote, a Student Government program designed to increase student turnout at all elections, held a social at the Campus Lodge and Campus Club pools from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

John Carreras, Chomp the Vote's director of off-campus activities, said 20 to 30 people registered to vote through the organization on Saturday and 15 to 20 registered on Sunday.

About \$125 of the organization's budget was spent on the socials. Chomp the Vote plans to host similar socials this semester before the weather cools down.

Sitting by a table decorated in red and blue balloons, Carreras said he isn't fixated on the number of students who registered this weekend.

"No matter how many you get, it's successful. It's people registering to vote who wouldn't have otherwise."

John Carreras

Chomp the Vote's director of off-campus activities

Registered student voters will benefit by having a more unified voice, he said.

"No matter how many you get, it's successful," Carreras said. "It's people registering to vote who wouldn't have otherwise."

Museum's butterfly festival educates, entertains



Amy Ustjanowski / Alligator

Collin Kane, who plays violin for the Gainesville Youth Symphony, which performed at ButterflyFest, reaches for a butterfly at the Greathouse Butterfly Farm tent Sunday afternoon.

■ THE FESTIVAL WAS HELD THIS WEEKEND.

By KRISTINA PEIN
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Pink paper wings with glitter spots and hot pink, pipe cleaner antennae rounded out Isabella Gomes' butterfly costume.

Isabella, 6, was one of many children to attend the Florida Museum of Natural History's second-annual ButterflyFest held on Saturday and Sunday.

More than 6,000 people were expected to attend the weekend-long event.

Every hour about 20 monarch butterflies were released. All were tagged to follow their migration patterns to Mexico.

Vendors, many who had little relation to butterflies, were selling their wares, including plants, jewelry, wall art and pottery.

The children's event tent was the center of most of the activity. About 40 children colored with great concentration in order to create the perfect butterfly flag.

Amy Brote, a volunteer at the event, is 50, but that didn't stop her from dressing up for the event.

"We're just trying to get children interested in saving the environment and the animals in it."

Amy Brote
volunteer

Brote walked around in her butterfly costume handing out information cards, which listed the six ways to help protect and feed pollinators.

"We're just trying to get children interested in saving the environment and the animals in it," Brote said.

Pride event ends with drag queens' show

PRIDE, from Page 1

Gainesville has a festival and was glad it had such a large turnout.

"It's about expressing ourselves to the people as a community, showing our pride and really letting them know we're not here because we want to screw things up," he said. "We're not going against the Catholic church, we're not going against anything. We're here just trying to live and want to express ourselves as people," he said.

The event concluded with a drag show.

Lady Pearl, a drag queen at University Club, hit the stage in a white, beaded gown and sang Beyoncé's "Listen."

The crowd moved closer to the stage and danced along to songs as the show went on. Several drag queens and one drag king performed songs to end the festival.

Legislature approves tuition increase, tech fee

CUTS, from Page 1

Legislature reconvenes in regular session," he wrote.

"Because of this uncertainty, I want to help insulate us from possible tough times ahead," he added.

The Legislature also approved a statewide 5 percent tuition hike, an additional 5 percent technology fee and linked tuition increases to state inflation.

If approved by Gov. Charlie Crist, the 5 percent tuition hike will take effect in spring 2008 for all Florida's 11 public universities. The increase would be about \$55 more per student.

Although Crist vetoed a 5 percent increase in May that would have taken effect this fall, he recently gave indications that he would favor the increase.

Machen wrote that some of the revenue from the extra tuition would fund need-based aid at UF.

The Legislature's hike is not the same as the tuition hike announced by Florida's Board of Governors at a September meeting.

The board, the State University System's highest governing body, increased tuition without permission from the Legislature for the first time since its 2003 creation.

In a July meeting, board members asserted that they have the constitutional authority to increase tuition.

A judge will rule on the decision by December.

Friday, legislators also voted

to link tuition increases with annual inflation hikes beginning in fall 2008.

The inflation rate is a continuing rise in prices based on the amount of money versus the amount of goods in the nation's market as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The marriage could actually slow the rate of increases.

If tuition rates were linked to inflation 20 years ago, students would pay about 77 percent more today.

The actual tuition increases approved by the Legislature over the 20-year span have added up to about 214 percent.

The Legislature also voted to tack on a 5 percent technology fee, not included in tuition and not covered by the Bright Futures scholarship program.

The fee will begin in fall 2009.



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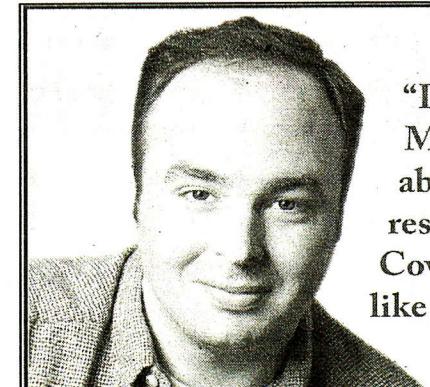
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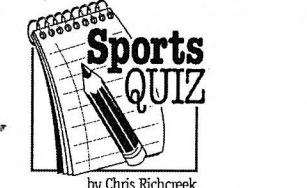
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- Answers**
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Wise: Gators hindered by lack of prep time

VOLLEY, from page 18

of the night.

The Gators had two game points in the second game when they got ahead 29-27, but Arkansas recovered with a kill and then a service ace to tie the game at 29. After the game was tied at 30, the Gators committed a hitting violation and then an attack error to give the game to the Razorbacks.

The Gators had a huge lead toward the end of game one, and

the night looked to be going the way all of UF's other SEC matches had gone.



Wise

game at 21.

The game was tied at every point starting with 24-24 until

the Razorbacks eventually pulled away with two kills and a block to win the game.

"Preparation time, that's the challenge," Wise said before the match. "We play Wednesday night, so Thursday players are in class all day. Then we have to practice before we went on the plane. Not the ideal situation."

"Sometimes I wish we had the football schedule — just play on Saturday and have all week."

A television broadcast contributed to this report.

Forward hopes to be two-sport athlete at UF

HOOPS, from page 18

If Allen's high school experience is any indication, the former Milton High School Panther should have no problem adjusting to any role.

As a senior, he averaged 24.7 points, 12.2 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per contest en route to becoming the runner-up of Florida's Mr. Basketball, finishing only behind current teammate Nick Calathes.

However, Allen's versatile talents are not only limited to hardwood.

The freshman plans to be a pitcher for UF's baseball team, and he claims to throw a fastball in the high 80s to lower 90s.

Allen said splitting time between the two sports will not be an issue.

"During the season, I'm going to keep my arm in shape and throw," he said. "But being a pitcher, you

don't have the same responsibilities that a normal position player would. So it will be possible. I mean, people have done it in the past."

Allen has had a lot to adjust to since arriving in Gainesville. Aside from the rap music his teammates enjoy playing during practice, Allen has had to listen to the jokes and sarcasm pointed in his direction.

"During the season, I'm going to keep my arm in shape and throw."

Adam Allen
UF forward

"Whenever I say something, someone will say: 'Don't listen to him. He's country,'" he said. "But I don't listen to them — they know I know what I'm doing out there."

OUT LOUD, from page 18

berth after pulling off the huge upset against Louisville.

A couple of losses and a reality check later, and everyone took the Scarlet Knights for what they were: a top-25 team, worthy of a berth in a decent bowl game.

Just as Rutgers wasn't a national championship team last year, USF is not this year.

Did the Bulls really receive 11 first-place votes in the Associated Press poll and three in the coaches' poll?

Look, I know there are two ways to vote in a poll. You can either vote by who you think is the best or you can vote based on performance and who has earned it the most. Apparently, the AP poll is loaded with writers who prefer the latter.

I realize this has been a crazy season, but it's not that crazy.

Does anyone really think USF is better than Oklahoma and LSU?

What about Boston College, who is also undefeated?

The Bulls aren't even the best team in the state.

I don't care how many losses the Gators have, would you really put money on USF if they played UF? Of course not.

I mean, we're talking about a directional school named after a part of a state it isn't even in. I'm from South Florida, and last I checked, Tampa isn't a part of the region.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, the polls won't be too kind if and when they lose.

Not only will a loss put them in jeopardy of not winning the sixth-best conference in America, they'll drop so fast in the polls they'll forget they were ever ranked so high.

So cherish it while it lasts, Bulls fans.

But before you book your tickets to New Orleans, consider Rutgers' big bowl win last season: a thrilling victory against Kansas State in the Texas Bowl.



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VOLLEYBALL

UF suffers first loss

By EVAN DREXLER
Alligator Writer

Four match points.
Four chances for victory.
Four failed attempts.

Arkansas downed the previously undefeated UF volleyball team Friday in a thrilling five-game match 3-2 (29-31, 30-32, 30-20, 30-12, 18-20).

No. 5 UF (16-1, 9-1 Southeastern Conference) is still two games ahead of LSU and Kentucky for the SEC lead.

Up 14-10 in game five — which is only played to 15 points — the Gators looked like they were finally going to put away the pesky Razorbacks.

That's when Arkansas called a timeout and rallied off five straight points to take the lead.

UF had two attack errors during that time and allowed two Arkansas kills and a block. The teams traded points after that, tying the game at 15, 16, 17 and 18 points before Arkansas got two straight kills to claim the match.

"We had chances to win, but we

let them go by the wayside," UF coach Mary Wise said.

After dropping the first two games, UF won the third and fourth easily, looking like a completely different team.

The Gators stormed out to a 15-4 lead in game four and went on to dominate Arkansas.

Game three was also lopsided. After a 10-10 tie, UF scored 20 of the next 30 points to win the frame.

Senior outside hitter Amber McCray led UF with 20 kills, her highest total of the season, and senior outside hitter Marcie Hampton chipped in 18 of her own.

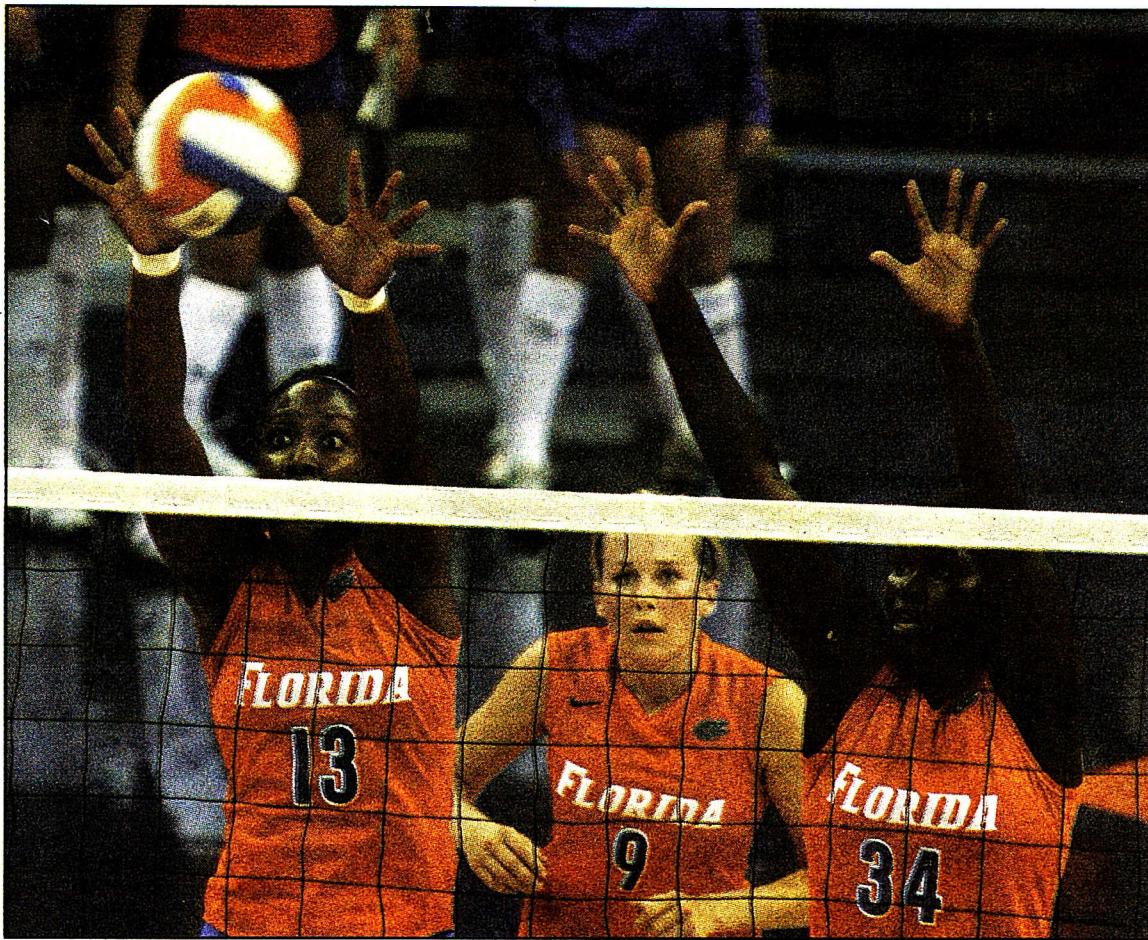
But attack errors and service errors doomed the Gators in games one and two.

The team finished the match with 24 attack errors and 11 mis-hit serves, six of them in games one and two.

UF hit .132 and .263 in games one and two respectively, and ended the night with only a .247 hitting percentage.

The inability to finish games when ahead seemed to be a theme

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF opposite hitter Amber McCray (13) and middle blocker Kisya Killingsworth (34) attempt to block a Georgia attack during UF's 3-1 victory against the Bulldogs on Sept. 14.

Enjoy it while it lasts, USF

Rejoice, Bulls fans, while there is still time.

South Florida sits at No. 2 in the first installment of this year's BCS poll, the only poll that actually counts for anything.

But unfortunately for the Bulls, the season doesn't end today.

With back-to-back road matches against Rutgers and Connecticut looming and home games against Louisville and Cincinnati still on the schedule, USF's celebration could be short-lived.

I'm not trying to discredit what the underdog Bulls have accomplished so far this season. They've faced six opponents and defeated each one. They even knocked off West Virginia and Auburn, a Southeastern Conference team that defeated the Gators.

But the Bulls aren't sneaking up on anybody anymore.

USF is no longer the underdog. They are the mighty Bulls. Opposing



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fans will storm the field if they lose.

Don't expect Rutgers or Louisville to overlook USF the way Auburn apparently did and commit five turnovers. The Tigers were so shaken up by the loss they carried it into the next week, losing to lowly Mississippi State.

Look, USF is a very good team. But the Bulls are a long, long way from even securing a Big East championship.

Haven't we all seen this before?

Last year it was Rutgers who was supposed to run the table in the Big East and shock the world with a BCS

SEE OUT LOUD, PAGE 17

Allen likes country image

■ THE FRESHMAN LEARNED THE VALUE OF HARD WORK ON A FARM.

By DANNY KLEIN
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Adam Allen has no problem admitting he's country.

Raised in the humble surroundings of Milton, Fla., the freshman forward spent his childhood nurturing his love for basketball amid the presence of cows and hard work.

With a farm as his home environment, Allen grew up learning lessons through strenuous chores. He cites 'work ethic' as his most avid feature, a value he picked up from days of working in the field.

"On the weekend you would have hay to do or things around the barn, build stuff with your hands and stuff like that," Allen said. "When you work out in the tough sun and you have to concentrate to do something, it makes working hard that much easier. When I get into a gym, I'm just happy to be playing basketball, and I have no problem working hard at it."

Allen, one of five scholarship freshmen on the roster, hopes to bring his tough personality and style of play to the Gators in the upcoming season.

UF coach Billy Donovan said the 6-foot-8, 206-pounder may make an immediate impact.

"Adam is a hard-nose, competitive, tough kid," Donovan said. "He has great energy, great effort, he's physical, tough, and just gives his all. ... I don't think that there's any question with his energy and his toughness that he's going to play."

Just how much Allen will get to play has yet to be determined. On a team filled with question marks, positions on the court are still up for grabs.

"The biggest thing for him, because of our team, is that he may get caught playing a couple of positions for us, and I always get concerned with young guys, because that's when thinking becomes involved," Donovan said.

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UF SOCCER

Burleigh earns 300th win

By KARL HYPPOLITE

Alligator Writer

With one swift kick, Megan Kerns helped UF soccer coach Becky Burleigh make history.

In the 46th minute of the Gators' match against Mississippi on Friday, Kerns scored from 5 yards out on a cross from Stacy Bishop.

The junior's goal gave the Gators a 1-0 victory and Burleigh her 300th career victory.

The momentum carried over to Sunday's match as the Gators crushed Mississippi State 5-0.

With Friday's win, Burleigh became just the fifth active Division-I coach and the nation's only female coach with 300 career victories. But following two big wins, the 18-year coach remained modest.

"I know I sound like a broken record, but I'm just happy we got the win today," Burleigh said Friday. "What's most important is that Mississippi was in first place, and we got three points."

"We're in the heat of battle right now, but I'm sure this is something I'll reflect on when my career's over."

Bishop's cross appeared to be intended for KeLeigh Hudson, but Hudson noticed Kerns was standing behind her uncovered and allowed the pass to reach Kerns.

"Bishop played a great ball, and KeLeigh did a nice job by noticing that I was right behind her, wide-open," Kerns said. "She let the ball go and I was able to sneak it past the goalkeeper. It was a good team effort all around."

Despite the 1-0 score, the Gators outshot the Rebels 17-1 in what Burleigh called their "most dominating performance of the season."

UF's dominance was reflected in the

score Sunday. The Gators were aggressive from the start, taking nine shots to the Bulldogs' three in the first half and rushing out to a 3-0 halftime lead.

"I think we've been waiting for a while to have a little bit of a goal explosion, and that finally happened today," Burleigh said. "They were really good goals — good runs into the box, good services, good individual efforts — so it was a real team effort."

Shana Hudson opened the floodgates in the 23rd minute when she scored from 8 yards out on a goal assisted by Kerns.

"It was all Megan Kerns," Hudson said. "She put the best ball on my foot, and I give her all the credit for that."

Said Burleigh: "I was about to yell at Megan for not taking the shot, but she made a great pass to Shana who turned it into a great play."

After a quiet start to the season, Bianca Gibbs put the game away with two second-half goals.

The senior's first score came on a header from a cross assisted by Shana Hudson in the 51st minute, which made the score 4-0.

Gibbs added another score in the 86th minute, scoring in the box on a pass from Ashley Harris.

Though they claimed their third straight victory, the Gators didn't leave Starkville unscathed. Bishop hurt her side late in the first half and didn't return to the game.

But for the moment, Burleigh and the Gators are going to enjoy their weekend's work.

"This is an important weekend," Burleigh said. "Getting two road wins in the [Southeastern Conference] is never easy, and to pick up two shutouts on top of that is even bigger."



Burleigh

Women open practice

■ THERE WAS NO MIDNIGHT MADNESS THIS YEAR.

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UF may not have held Midnight Madness this year, but that didn't mean the women's basketball players got the night off.

The team held its first practice at 7 p.m. Friday, the exact moment teams were allowed to begin.

Coach Amanda Butler said the team had a great opening practice but then struggled a bit during Saturday's practice, which followed a community service event that morning.

"It's hard to maintain your focus over a long amount of time, especially when you start to feel tired," Butler said. "But that's what we expect. Overall I've been pleased. We've seen some bright spots and a few surprises and then ... we still have a lot of areas we need a lot of work."

These preseason practices give the coaching staff an opportunity to teach new things and run many repetitions for the players to pick it up.

Butler said a midseason practice probably would not last as long and would feature lots of film review.

"It's hard to put anything productive on film that's worth watching at this point because things are so new to everyone," she said.

Senior guard Depree Bowden said practices are very different this year.

"[Butler's] very energetic and always trying to get the best out of you," Bowden said.

Junior guard Sha Brooks has also

seen difference in practice intensity compared to last year and said there aren't any boring moments during practice.

"[Butler] expects a lot out of us — 110 percent," Brooks said. "Even if we mess up, she expects us to at least go hard and go fast."

The team started working on its full-court press, looking to pressure the offense with in-your-face coverage.

Brooks said the team has been frustrated by the new defense but is starting to pick it up a little bit more as each practice goes on.

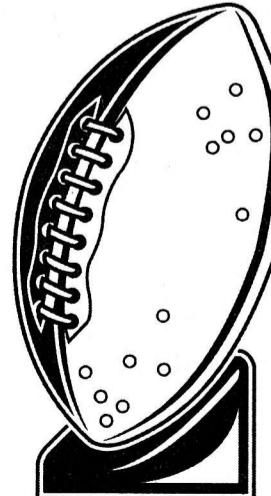
"Everyone wants to play the safe defense just in case you get beat," Brooks said. "But she's telling us to play close up on them so if we do get beat, know that we have help."

ETC: Brooks tweaked her knee during Saturday's practice, but it appears to be minor. The junior, who underwent lateral meniscectomy surgery in March, did not participate in the beginning of practice Sunday as a precaution, working out on the exercise bike and doing some extra stretching on the sidelines instead. ... It's possible the roster is not finalized yet. The Gators have 12 eligible players listed — junior guard Susan Yenser must sit out the 2007-08 season due to NCAA transfer rules — but there was a possible walk-on at practices over the weekend. Butler declined to comment until a later date, citing paperwork requirements still needing to be fulfilled.

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	Harris	Coaches	Avg	Harris	Coaches	Avg
1. Ohio State	1	1	.942	14. USC	9	.472
2. South Florida	3	3	.920	15. Florida	14	.435
3. Boston College	2	2	.891	16. Missouri	17	.382
4. LSU	5	5	.840	17. Auburn	19	.337
5. Oklahoma	4	4	.762	18. Hawaii	16	.284
6. South Carolina	6	8	.743	19. Virginia	24	.229
7. Kentucky	11	13	.683	20. Georgia	20	.224
8. Arizona State	12	12	.683	21. Tennessee	22	.195
9. West Virginia	8	7	.662	22. Texas	18	.180
10. Oregon	7	6	.637	23. Cincinnati	23	.119
11. Virginia Tech	13	11	.630	24. Texas Tech	21	.105
12. California	10	9	.600	25. Michigan	25	.078
13. Kansas	15	15	.517			

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