



ON CAMPUS

Taser report backs officers

By **KIM WILMATH**
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The UF police officers who Tasered Andrew Meyer at a September speech were well within the guidelines for use of force, according to a report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's investigation.

Eddie King and Nicole Lynn Mallo — the two officers who were suspended with pay after the event — are back on duty, UF President Bernie Machen wrote in an e-mailed statement.

The report stated that the officers used a Taser because it would provide minimal

injury, have no lasting side effects, and the officers would gain control in the least time with the least effort.

The officers opted not to use OC spray, known as pepper spray, because it could have also affected other members of the audience, the report stated.



Meyer

Other options would have been to use hand strikes, kicks, knee strikes or batons. These methods were not used because

they would have caused greater injury to Meyer, the report said.

Meyer, a UF telecommunication senior,

was Tasered and arrested after officers said he resisted arrest with violence and disturbed the peace at a Sen. John Kerry speech Sept. 17.

Meyer and his lawyer, Robert Griscti, could not comment on the investigation because Meyer's charges are pending, Griscti wrote in a statement.

Meyer faces a third-degree felony for resisting arrest with violence and a second-degree misdemeanor for disturbing the peace.

The report stated that Meyer acted with "active physical resistance," meaning he either tensed his body or tried to push or pull away.

Under guidelines for police use of force, **SEE FDLE, PAGE 8**

Energy options discussed at forum

By **KORI FREDERICK**
Alligator Writer

Despite a steady drizzle, about 50 UF students showed up Wednesday to discuss the uses of a renewable energy fee. The forum was part of festivities for National Campus Sustainability Day.

Last spring, 78 percent of students voted in favor of a 50-cent-per-credit tuition increase to be used for research and development into renewable energy on campus. Student Government passed legislation supporting the fee Tuesday night.

But university administrators wanted to move forward with the new technology fee, which will be applied in 2009, before considering whether to approve the renewable energy fee.

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Kelly Moosbrugger
Gators for a Sustainable Campus treasurer

The fee breaks down to \$7 a semester per student, or \$14 a year, said Kelly Moosbrugger, treasurer of Gators for a Sustainable Campus.

"This will add up to \$650,000 for renewable energy at UF," she said.

Moosbrugger said a committee of students, staff and faculty would be responsible for how the fee is used if it is passed. If all 11 state universities chose to adopt the fee, it could generate \$3 million a year, she said.

Jesika Allen, a UF English senior, said she's finally glad to see someone

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Circus attracts families, protesters

■ **THE COLE BROS. CIRCUS IS AT THE OAKS MALL.**

By **JENNIFER BINGAMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Black, pink and baby-blue poodles rode in a tiny pink car and jumped from a ladder suspended in the air Wednesday evening.

It was just a small moment in the show of Cole Bros. Circus at The Oaks Mall, led by ringmaster Chris Connors.

The poodles arrived in an old-fashioned, hot-pink miniature car.

They leapt through rings, barrel-rolled, and rode around on feather-covered scooters.

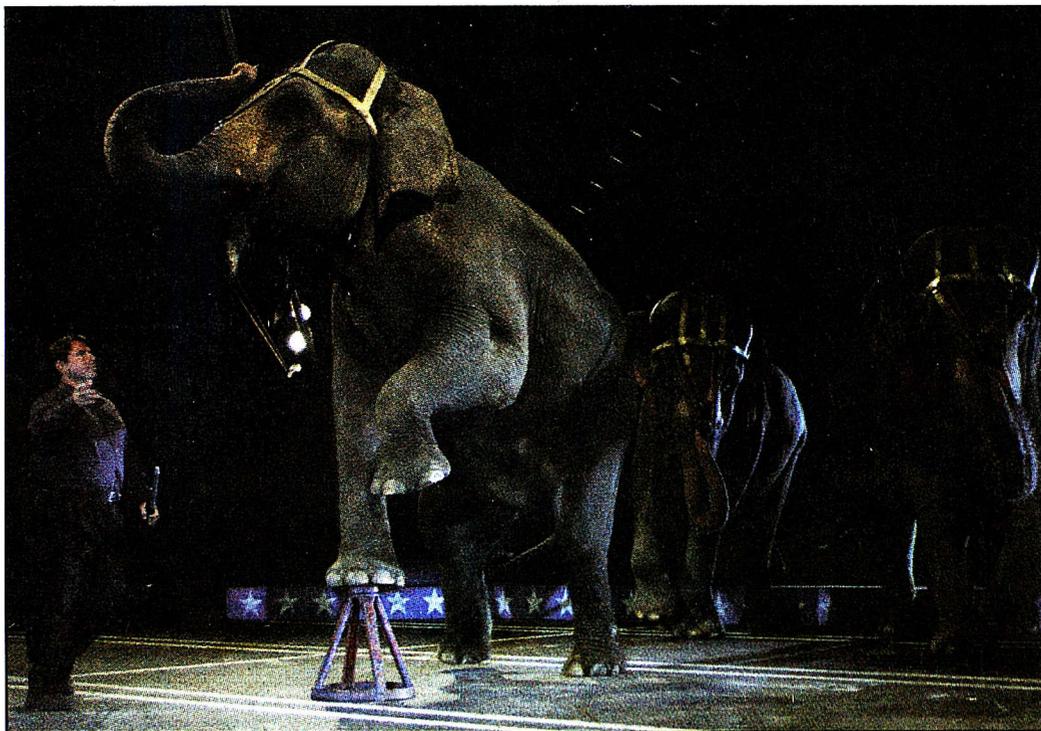
A white poodle leapt from a ladder into the safety of a purple blanket shortly before the poodles exited the tent walking on their hind legs in a conga line.

Performing to the tune of "Wipe Out," three giant elephants danced and skipped in a thundering fashion around the ring.

The crowd let out shouts of amazement as the elephants stood on only two feet and performed handstands.

While the display was pleasing to onlookers, protesters were outside the circus.

Animal Activists of Alachua,



Scott Robertson / Alligator Staff

Encouraged by commands from its trainer, an elephant poses for the audience during the Cole Bros. Circus in The Oaks Mall parking lot Wednesday night.

a student-run animal rights group, held signs that read "The Cruellest Show on Earth."

Kavita Rajasekhar, a 25-year-old UF medical student and member of the group, said the treatment of elephants in the circus is inhumane.

She said the elephants are trained by whipping them in their trunks and legs.

"It's not like they have this thick skin that doesn't hurt," Rajasekhar said.

Renee Storey, a spokesperson for the Cole Bros. Circus, said the

tool that trainers use, called an ankus, serves the same purpose as a leash and collar for a dog.

"It is used as a guiding device," Storey said. "Not as a device for punishment."

While elephants and poodles

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■ Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford looks to erase last season's nightmare of a game against the Gators. He was sacked four times and threw two interceptions. See story, pg. 23.



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Museum Nights

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The event will include a musi-
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Free Concert

Reitz Union Rion Ballroom,
9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., today
Nada Surf will be playing a free
show.

Homecoming Party

Reitz Union Rion Ballroom,
7 p.m., Friday
The Black Student Union will
be crowning the winners of the
group's Homecoming Court.

Closing Ceremony

Reitz Union Amphitheatre,
7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday
The Filipino Student
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Stuzin popular spot for 'cruising'

By JACLYN STARK
Alligator Contributing Writer

The men's restroom of Stuzin Hall on UF's campus is a top spot for gay "cruising" in Gainesville, according to a Web site that lists popular cruising locations.

Members of Squirt.org, who are identified by screen names to protect their identities, have posted more than 100 comments about Stuzin Hall to discuss experiences and to arrange meetings in the men's restrooms for sex.

All kinds of people participate in cruising in order to find same-sex partners for a "one-night stand," said Evan Lauteria, an intern for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs at UF.

Cruising is a forum in which people can practice same-sex relations without having to identify themselves as a member of the LGBT community, said Lauteria, who is also the director of the Intercollegiate Pride Conference.

"There are members of the LGBT

community who do cruise, but not everyone who cruises is a member of the LGBT community," he said.

Cruising could reinforce negative ideas that the LGBT community is promiscuous and not able to maintain relationships, Lauteria said.

Brett Scharf, a UF health science junior, said another UF student heard Stuzin Hall was an active cruising spot and decided to investigate it.

"There are members of the LGBT community who do cruise, but not everyone who cruises is a member of the LGBT community."

Evan Lauteria
intern for LGBT Affairs at UF

"My friend told a few of us about Stuzin as a ground for gay cruising," he said. "This guy wanted to find out if a Web site [Squirt.org] he came across contained factual information, so he went to the source to test it."

The student did not engage in

sexual relations, but he signaled to someone in the men's restroom, received a response and then left, Scharf said.

Employees who work in the Stuzin Hall area say they doubt the rumors are true. UF graduate students Ean Crawford and Jessica Saul, who share an office a few doors down from a men's restroom in Stuzin Hall, said they haven't noticed suspicious behavior.

Capt. Jeff Holcomb, spokesman for the University Police Department, said gay cruising isn't a major problem on campus.

"In the past, we've had problems with situations like this, but it's been at least ten years or so since we've had complaints about it," Holcomb said.

Holcomb said there used to be concerns with several buildings, and officers were working undercover to find solicitors.

"We've actually made arrests this way," he said. The past problems with cruising occurred mostly in Matherly Hall, Holcomb said.

UN raises money

By KATIE GALLAGHER
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UF Model United Nations raised more than \$250 for malaria prevention Wednesday as part of National United Nations Day.

The group set up tables from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. near Library West.

Representatives solicited donations from passersby and people eating Krishna lunch.

Amanda MacDougall, coordinator and conference service director, said the group hoped to raise at least \$600 for Nothing But Nets, a campaign that provides insecticide-treated mosquito nets to people in areas at risk for malaria in

Africa.

The money will all go to Nothing But Nets to buy the \$10 nets, which are large enough for an entire family to sleep under, she said.

The group set up a small basketball hoop to attract students.

"I think the most important thing we're here for is to raise awareness,"

MacDougall said. The Model UN chose to raise money for malaria prevention because it feels it is an issue that is not given enough attention, she said.

Model UN President Justin Berlin said the group will go to organizations on campus this week to raise the rest of the money to reach its goal.

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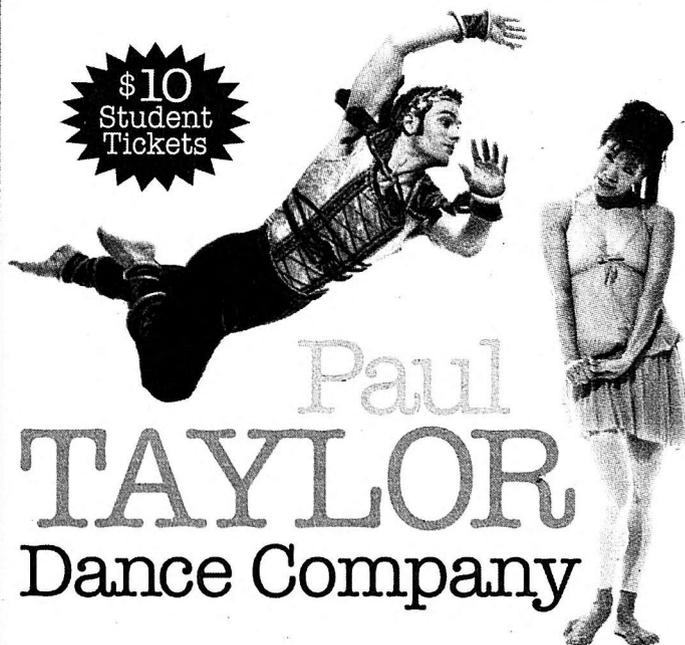
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PUBLIC HEALTH

UF offers vaccine for flu season

By DEVIN CULCLASURE
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Wednesday's damp, chilly weather was a hint of the approaching winter and its corresponding flu season.

UF's Student Health Care Center and the Healthy Gator 2010 Coalition announced in a news release Wednesday that they are launching a fall campaign to prevent the spread of infectious diseases on campus.

Both organizations are urging students to receive vaccinations for influenza and meningococcal meningitis, which can spread easily among college students facing crowded

classes, shared living spaces and a hectic lifestyle.

Students can get flu shots, which help build immune system protection prior to flu season, for \$5 at SHCC, while faculty and staff will have to shell out \$25.

Those who have not been vaccinated for meningitis are also encouraged to spend \$126 for a vaccine called Menactra that decreases but does not eliminate the risk of infection.

Though the vaccine is mandatory for new students prior to registration, they can waive the prerequisite after reading about the disease and vaccination.

Meningococcal meningitis can

quickly lead to swelling in the brain, coma and death.

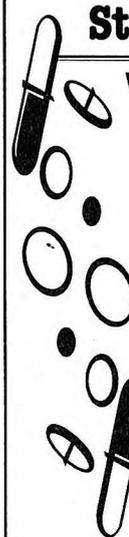
University of South Florida student Rachel Futterman, 19, died from meningitis Sept. 24, and a nursing student from the University of Central Florida is now hospitalized with the disease.

"The importance of vaccination in the prevention of meningococcal disease and influenza cannot be overemphasized," said Dr. Phil Barkley, center director, in the release.

"In combination with a common-sense approach to the prevention of common upper respiratory illnesses, the morbidity and mortality due to these diseases can be reduced," Barkley said.

Stop Sickness Before it Starts

Ways to reduce the chances of catching the flu or meningococcal meningitis:



- Wash your hands for 15 seconds with plenty of soap and water.
- Use a hand sanitizer if a sink is not available.
- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze in the crook of your arm.
- Wipe surfaces regularly with disinfectant wipes.
- Don't share drinks or eating utensils with others.

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Veteran BET comic performing at UF

■ BENJI BROWN WILL APPEAR TODAY.

By MARIA THOMAS
Alligator Contributing Writer

Benji Brown, a comedian and actor, will perform for UF students today at 8 p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Brown will perform in an event for Black Student Union Homecoming Week.

"Anyone can appreciate his comedy," said Shakelia LeBlanc, BSU homecoming director.

The free event will follow the group's pep rally at 6 p.m., which will incorporate a special ribbon fundraiser for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund.

Brown is a personality on Miami's WEDR-FM 99 Jamz "Big Lip Bandit Morning

Show."

But the airwaves aren't the only place where the comedian's fans can find him.

On an Internet video, Brown parodies the "Maury Povich Show" in a show in which he plays KiKi, a mother dressed in a skintight gold outfit searching for her baby's father.

Brown is veteran of BET's "Comic Multicultural View" and Affairs appeared on MTV's "Nick Cannon Presents: Wild 'N Out" in June. He has also worked with Chris Rock, the Queens of Comedy and rap artists Trina and Trick Daddy.

Unlike other comedians, Brown tells jokes as both himself and through his characters, LeBlanc said through giggles.

After the show, Brown will sign autographs and take pictures with fans.



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Batters Up

Arianna Smith, 7, and Chontavia Jones, 11, climb on the batting cage at Greentree Park on 39th Avenue on Monday night.

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UNDER THE BIG TOP

Performers share stories

By APRIL DUDASH
Alligator Writer

For Andrey Medeiros, the circus means more than doing daredevil motorcycle moves for a wide-eyed crowd.

Past the visually pleasing acrobatics and life-threatening tricks are family bonds between performers and staff.

Medeiros revs up a motorcycle almost every night and takes it, for a ride in the ThunderDrome: The Moto-Globe of Death.

He joins three motorcyclists in a spherical cage that is about 18 feet wide.

The cage shakes and shimmies as they weave paths. They can almost touch hands.

Medeiros said that during the dangerous feat he has to "take care of the guys."

Besides strengthening trust, the band of traveling nomads sometimes forms everlasting relationships.

A man and a woman meet under the big top and get married.

A baby is born and travels with them around the country.

The spouses perform together in the circus and live happily ever after.

Under the flame-retardant vinyl tent, Medeiros has started his family.

Medeiros, originally from Brazil, met his wife four years ago while performing gymnastics with relatives at Cole Bros. Circus.

"I fell in love with a beautiful girl from Bulgaria who is a showgirl in the show,"

Medeiros said.

When his family decided to perform with another circus, he had the hard choice of staying with Cole Bros. and his love interest or leaving it all behind.

"I chose love," he said.

Since then, Medeiros and his wife Viky have performed and traveled together with the circus.

"My wedding was right here in the tent, in the ring," he said.

His son, Christopher, is the fifth generation of his family to be in the circus.

He lives in a world where applause is the stamp of approval, the rowdy noise of success.

Where elephants are fed marshmallows by trainers as they're led in circles around the ring.

The Cole Bros. Circus crew travels across the country, toting its animals and props to different cities from March to November.

With about 25 semi-trucks in tow, RV campers full of families follow on their tour throughout the U.S.

Performance director Chris Connors said the circus is an international family business.

"As ringmaster, I say, 'Our family welcomes your family,'" Connors said.

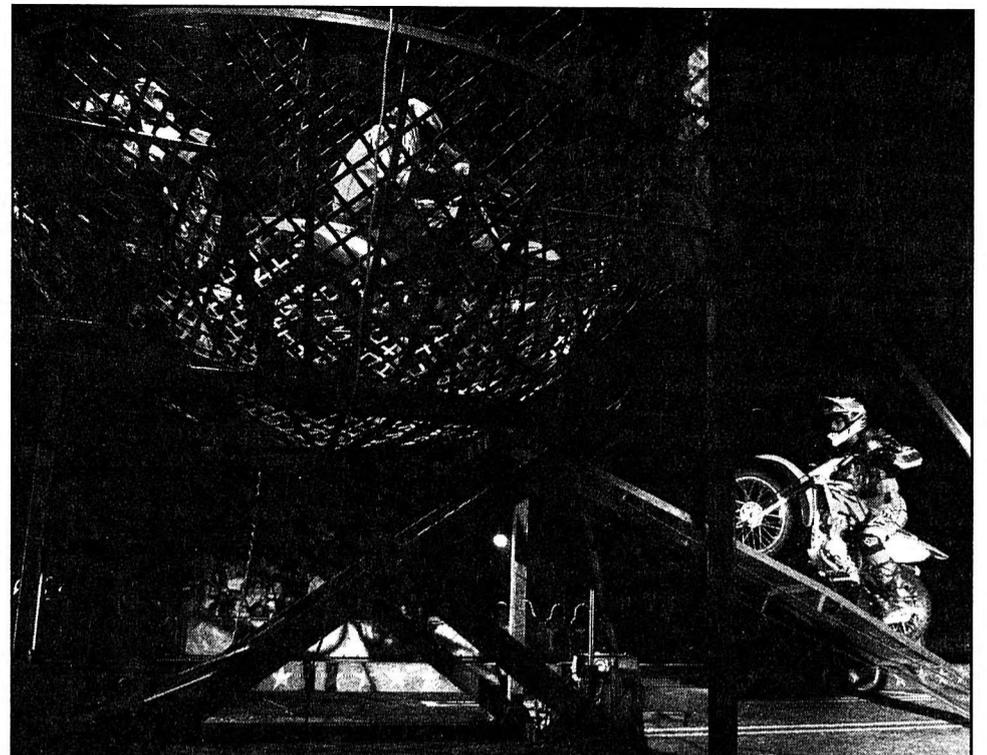
As a little boy, his family was a member of the Circus Fans Association of America.

Jimmy James, who was Cole Bros. Circus ringmaster for 35 years, used to feed him his bottled milk as a youngster, Connors said.

The career grew on him, and he said he hopes to live up to the circus reputation of Jimmy James.

He has been the Cole Bros. ringmaster for six years.

"Six years ... in circus years, that's 35,"



Scott Robertson / Alligator Staff

A motorcyclist rides up the ramp to the entrance of the ThunderDrome during the Cole Bros. Circus' first act, ThunderDrome: The Moto-Globe of Death, on Wednesday night.

Connors said with a smile.

C.M. Christ, a marketing director for the circus, compares its big top to a self-sustaining city.

"It's a city of lights and sights," Christ said.

The campers rest behind the towering yellow-and-red big top, creating an intimate town of larger-than-life props and shuffling animals.

The Abuhadba family keeps about 16 poodles contained by a small fence next to its camper. Originally from Chile, Rafael Abuhadba travels with his family and its performing pastel poodles.

As ringmaster, Connors is used to welcoming new international acts into its program

every year.

"We're a melting pot on wheels," he said.

It has performers who come from locations including Bulgaria, Mexico and Guatemala.

It's not unusual for performers and staff to know multiple languages.

"They all have one language, and that's circus," Connors said.

Medeiros said his son knows three languages at his young age.

Christopher, Medeiros' son, was born an American, although his father is from Brazil and his mother is from Bulgaria. Medeiros said this mix of nationalities is a common quality of a traveling circus.

"For us, it's a normal life," Medeiros said. "It's a circus life."

Circus performers showcased trapeze stunts, tricks atop moving horses

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garnered a significant amount of applause from the crowd, people came to showcase their talents as well.

The first event for the evening was the Steel Sphere of Danger featuring the ThunderDrome Riders.

The riders slowly trickled into the

steel cage to showcase their abilities. The three daredevils revved their engines as they looped above and beside one another in the dome.

"You haven't seen anything yet," Connors said. "Whatever you do, don't shut your eyes and hold onto your seats."

The sphere unhinged into two halves as the riders rode above

and below the void within the steel dome.

The Kim Brothers performed circus tricks atop moving horses in what Connors dubbed "equestrian artistry."

Connors introduced the "celestial stars of the flying trapeze," as a father and his four children entered

the tent.

The Ponce Family Flyers soared through the air, performing flips and twists as they clung to the trapeze. The youngest, 10-year-old Victoria, flipped from the trapeze and into the clutches of her father's hands at the end of the family's performance.

An 11,000-pound cannon rolled into the tent as a finale for the eve-

ning. With a heart-shattering boom, a woman rocketed out of the cannon at 65 miles per hour.

"It was a little noisy," said Ben French, a 41-year-old Gainesville resident, with his 3-year-old daughter Madelyn.

"I liked the horses," Madelyn said.

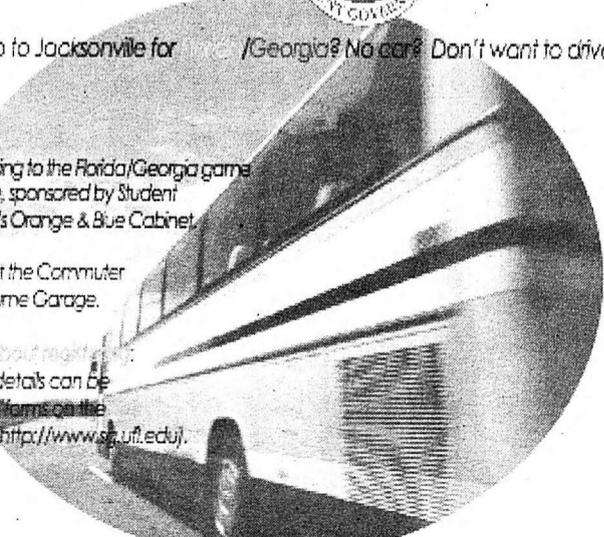
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Report Retort

Police's Taser use was apparently justified

W^{TF, FDLE?} The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's investigation of the Andrew Meyer Taser incident — Taserate, as we like to call it — is complete.

And the University Police Department has been absolved. Never mind that the Taser was heard 'round the world. Never mind that it was covered by nearly every major news outlet in the country. Never mind that the videos on YouTube made UF a laughingstock to the world — and Sen. John Kerry, live and in person.

No, once again all is well and good in the world, and UPD officers Eddie King and Nicole Lynn Mallo are back on the beat.

Using a Taser gun on Meyer was well within the guidelines for use of force, the FDLE's report stated.

That may be true, but one part of the job is knowing how to adapt to different situations and react accordingly.

Was it well within the guidelines for use of force for six UPD officers to hold down one average-sized student? If they could drag him all the way to the back of the University Auditorium, couldn't they have just moved him another few yards into the lobby?

Who knows — once the cameras were off of him, Meyer may have actually acted reasonably. He did, after all, tell the officers they didn't do anything wrong while he was in the police car afterward.

This seems to be a case of an overactive student and some power-hungry cops — a volatile combination, to be sure.

So now it's up to UF to determine what to do next. A UF panel is still looking into UF policies in light of the Taser event, and will be doing so for at least the rest of the semester. We hope it takes less of a technical approach than FDLE took and more of a common-sense approach.

Cruel and Unusual

Ah, the circus is in town. A timeless tradition. What's not to love? Clowns, tightrope walkers, trapeze artists, human cannonballs.

And, oh yeah — the animals.

Training for rigorous performances, dealing with crowds of screaming people and being constantly transported cannot be good for the animals. The Cole Bros. Circus has received quite a bit of criticism for how it treats its animals, mainly the elephants.

The circus has been charged with animal cruelty before, according to Circuses.com, a Web site that

compiles information about animal treatment at circuses. And it's no surprise that members of Animal Activists of Alachua protested the circus.

When not performing, the circus' three elephants were kept chained up in a parking lot.

Circuses receive a lot of flak for how they treat their animals, and with good reason. Animals were not meant to be kept in cages and trained to do stupid tricks just for the amusement of even stupider humans.

Troupes such as Cirque du Soleil have had huge successes with animal-free circuses. It's time for more circuses to move in that direction.

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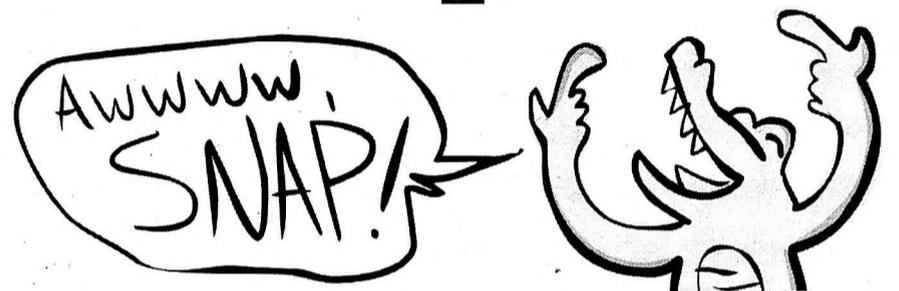
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On Wednesday, the university released a 17-page executive summary of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Andrew Meyer report. We'd like to offer our own

FIVE-WORD ULTRA SUMMARY:

"Better luck next time, chump."



Column

Bad body image fueled by magazines

Finally, there's peace. The dust has cleared. We're putting the horror and the carnage of war behind us. Seventeen Magazine has called a cease-fire in the war with our body images.

In a video featured on CNN.com, the editor in chief of Seventeen, Ann Shoket, presented the Body Peace Treaty campaign.

The Seventeen Body Peace Treaty advocates self-acceptance, inside and out. It's touching, really. I think Seventeen might have stolen the idea from Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul, though.

The treaty consists of conditions that people who sign must follow, and it boasts the support of various international celebrities. Some of the conditions are, "Know that I'm already beautiful just the way I am," and, "Notice all the amazing things my body is doing for me every moment I walk, talk, think and breathe."

Stars who endorse the campaign include Carrie Underwood, Ciara, Brittany Snow and Pink. So far, the Seventeen Web site has garnered more than 5,000 "signatures."

Seventeen also received backing from "Heroes" star and Barbie-doll look-alike Hayden Panettiere, who stressed that she, too, experiences "fat days." In other words, even though Panettiere knows that America knows she's gorgeous, rich and famous, she occasionally feels fat and ugly, too.

My parents always told me I was special, but the words of these celebrities truly affected me. Sitting on the couch and watching them make millions of dollars off of their looks really motivates me to listen to their sincere words.

So, great idea, Seventeen. You could also join forces with Playboy's abstinence-only program. Or what about Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority's new etiquette education program? Sounds great in theory. Actually, it just sounds really funny.

As humans, we'd be stupid to ignore the fact that we're all insecure. But honestly, don't insult our intelligence by rounding up a bunch of stars who hide their flaws on a daily basis,

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Stephanie Rosenberg

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then tell America that imperfection is just fine.

And it would also be a lot easier to take Seventeen's well-meaning campaign seriously if the headlines on its cover didn't stress the importance of outward appearance.

For example, one headline on the cover of the newest edition reads "695 Ways To Look Great Every Day." I thought there was only one

way to look great, Seventeen. I thought accepting myself would be good enough. Maybe you meant to say there's always room for self-improvement along with self-acceptance.

Another Seventeen article in that issue I found very suspicious: "Your Hottest Abs, Butt and Legs: Tone your body — fast." According to the conditions of this peace treaty, I should be happy I have a body at all. I should be happy that my un-toned body can walk, talk and breathe.

Until there are changes within the magazine itself, the contradicting messages of the publication renders this treaty shallow. Don't worry, though. I have a solution to save this worthwhile campaign.

All Seventeen has to do to make this work is get rid of the makeup section, the clothes section, all the ads — except the "Got Milk?" ads because those are awesome — and change all the content of its magazine to mental health and fitness articles. And it should also do away with airbrushing because that doesn't promote self-acceptance.

Got that, Seventeen? If you want to make this work, no fashion, makeup, models, ads and absolutely no airbrushing.

But wait — wouldn't that mean no more Seventeen? Ah, peace at last.

Stephanie Rosenberg is a junior majoring in journalism. Her column appears on Thursdays.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you agree with the Florida Law Enforcement Department's findings?

Wednesday's question: Should Zeta Tau Alpha be punished for what happened at its function?

58% YES
42% NO
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Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Letters to the Editor

Alligator harmed sorority's reputation

I'm extremely disappointed with the publicity given to Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority in Wednesday's Alligator.

Zeta was misrepresented and portrayed as an organization without integrity, class or pride in being a part of UF.

As an invited guest at this particular date function, I can say it was a great success with the exception of those few incidents.

I found it disappointing that the editorial board made the implication that "they thought they could get away with it just because they were Greek."

I am not Greek, and I still think it's terrible the board would make such allegations.

The fact that Zeta's national office is offering to pay for damages reflects the organization's common ideal of responsibility.

And you're right, "everyone will remember the time its women trashed a restaur-

ant," because you aided in stereotyping on Page 1 instead of highlighting how Zeta is trying to raise \$30,000 for breast cancer.

Jon-Erik Escribano
4AG

Zeta event sounded like a fun night

"Way to embarrass all of UF"? Seriously? Am I really reading this?

A month after Andrew Meyer was Tasered by University Police Department officers, Zeta's date function is the universal embarrassment for UF?

I had two thoughts when I read this story: I wish I had gone — it sounded like a good time. And it reminds me of every night I have ever worked at a bar downtown.

The embarrassment to UF isn't the sorority that's already raised \$20,000 this month for breast cancer research. It's the editorial

board that can't find something more relevant to write about than drunken antics.

Patrick Duffey
acting president, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Recent Alligator coverage lacks heart

The Independent Florida Alligator should know its own history. The whole reason behind the "independent" in its title is because it could no longer associate itself with the university administration due to its commitment to investigative and unrelenting reporting on controversial issues in the 1960s and '70s.

Lately, though, all it seems to produce are lazy and complacent news reports, such as the coverage of the "No War, No Warming" protest.

Instead of a not-so-subtle attempt at infantilizing the anti-war movement, why not treat it as what it is — exciting, progressive political activism provoking student thought.

The Alligator's role should be to foster discourse, not to make it cute by featuring 9-year-olds rather than the people who spent endless hours planning the event.

Criticize it if you want, but investigate the subject further. Yes, free speech is a great thing, but the Alligator must have forgotten the part about freedom of the press — and journalistic integrity at that.

Come on, Alligator. You can — and have — done better. Until things improve, I propose a new slogan: We selectively and irresponsibly inform. You can decide — if you feel like it.

Robyn Moore
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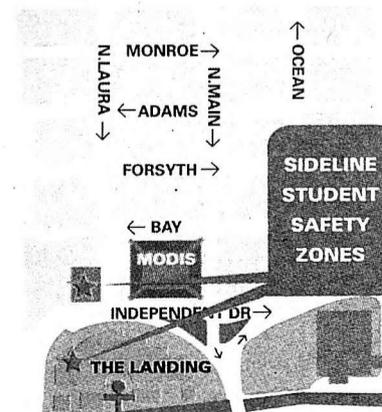
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SFCC participates in sustainability day for first time

By **KATIE EMMETS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and SFCC President Jackson Sasser discussed the possibility of a mass transit system for SFCC students Wednesday.

The discussion was part of the first time SFCC participated in the annual Campus Sustainability Day, said Julie Garrett, a member of the Sustainable Santa Fe Committee. The committee is a group of faculty, staff and students who are trying to make SFCC a more sustainable campus, Garrett said.

"Transit is a big issue because the Santa Fe students don't have the same opportunity as the UF students to ride the buses," Hanrahan said.

Hanrahan said she and Sasser will work together to bring the issue of a mass transit system for SFCC to the state Legislature's higher education committee to get it approved.

Other than a mass transit system, Sasser and Hanrahan discussed other ways for SFCC to have a more environmentally friendly campus, which included recycling and how sustainability

could become a part of every curriculum at the college.

They held a lunch on what a sustainable SFCC would look like in the S Building on the northwest campus.



Hanrahan

Dance Theatre Santa Fe also performed a dance routine around campus with large spheres that represented the earth.

Local businesses, nonprofit groups, government groups and

SFCC's Model United Nations set tables up to inform the students and staff what to do to practice sustainability on the E Breezeway of the northwest campus.

Mike Amish represented Indigo, a locally owned business located downtown. Amish said that Indigo is a green home and business supply store.

He said Indigo sells things such as recycled trash bags, cleaning supplies, floors, countertops and shingles, all made from environmentally friendly parts.

"We are trying to help change the way people build the homes

and help them live healthy lives at the same time," Amish said.

Ramesh Buch, land conservation program manager for Alachua County Forever, said that the group was started in 2000 to keep space in the county green and open.

It is in the process of figuring out which will be preserved and which will be set up for recreational use.

Rebecca Rogers, project manager of facilities and services for SFCC, said the day is a celebration of sustainability in higher education.

Meyer appeared to sound 'elated'

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that level of resistance warranted officers to restrain him, move him somewhere else, hold him to the ground or inflict pain to gain compliance.

The report also stated that on the way to the jail, the police recorded Meyer's conversation without his knowledge, and Meyer told officers that they didn't do anything wrong.

He also asked if cameras would be at the jail.

While at jail, Meyer made two phone calls, which were recorded and reviewed for the investigation. The report states that he "appears to sound elated that the arrest has occurred and at one point, states that he is happy this has happened."

Meyer spent the night in jail and was released around noon on Sept. 18.

Griscti wrote that Meyer encourages the media to investigate the questions about voter disenfranchisement he posed to Kerry before he was arrested at the speech.

The State Attorney's Office will decide whether the charges against Meyer are appropriate. If so, a court date will be scheduled.

"We believe in crossing our T's and dotting our I's."

Spencer Mann

State Attorney's Office spokesman

Spencer Mann, spokesman for the attorney's office, said the office would review the department's report and would consider using some of the same witnesses, he said.

"We're still in the homework phase," Mann said. "We believe in crossing our T's and dotting our I's."

Group plans energy projects

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being proactive.

"I think it's a great idea," Allen said. "They should ask us to pay more. Fifty cents is nothing. We spend more on textbooks we never even use."

The panel discussed how the money could be used.

One of the highlighted projects is a new garage that will be built near the office of Transportation and Parking Services. The panel wants to equip the garage with solar cells so it will be completely solar-powered.

The panel said it would also like

to see a conversion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to a renewable energy plant.

"I want to see the money used the most effective way to make it go the farthest," Allen said. "Student involvement is key. I want to do something direct."

On Campus UF President Bernie Machen also gave his annual sustainability report card to start off the day.

One of the specific projects he was impressed with was the eco-garden on the roof of Rinker Hall, which helps control the building's internal temperature.

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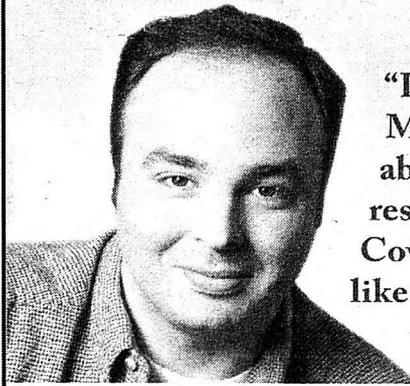
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Is it Worth the Risk?



Nada Surf

online:

'Popular' '90s alternative-indie rock band Nada Surf is playing on campus tonight, with Sea Wolf and Emperor X, for free. Check out the story online for info and interviews.

Courtesy of Chris Vinyard



"I love what you've done with the place!"

Jessica Simpson, upon meeting the U.S. secretary of the interior when visiting the White House

10: Three days. Eight venues. 200+ bands. This weekend is Gainesville's annual Festivus for the rest of us.

12: Every college student is stoked about the upcoming release of Guitar Hero III, but our gaming writer sees how it should stack up against a promising newcomer.

online

This week, have we got online stories for you! There's an interview with tonight's act Nada Surf, a review of the new album from Little Brother and, of course, the sex column. Go to www.alligator.org/the_avenue.

Tonight:

Movies

Reitz Union Cinema: "Sunshine." 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free!

The Hippodrome: "King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters." 7 and 9 p.m.

Music:

1982: Young Livers, Glass and Ashes, North Lincoln, No More, Science of Yabra, Old Growth. 9 p.m.

Art

The Harn: Museum Nights, featuring a lecture and a musical tour through the museum. 6 p.m. Free!

Friday:

Movies

The Hippodrome: "La Vie en Rose (La Môme)." 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Music

Tim & Terry's: Funkatron. 10:30 p.m. Free!

Theater

The Hippodrome: "Night of the Living Dead." 8 p.m.

Art

Downtown: Art Walk, the monthly art showing at different downtown locations. 7 p.m. Free!

Saturday:

Movies

The Hippodrome: "La Vie en Rose (La Môme)." 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Music

Tim & Terry's: Lars Din, Future Kings of Nowhere, Resist Not, Dirty Fist.

Theater

The Hippodrome: "Night of the Living Dead." 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Visit www.alligator.org for complete calendar listings.

Best of The Fest

The Fest 6 takes over downtown this weekend

BETH ROMANIK ▸ AVENUE WRITER

If it seems as though there are a lot more bearded, PBR-chugging 20-somethings in tight jeans roaming Gainesville today than usual, it's not your imagination.

The sixth annual Fest is upon us.

Hipsters, punks and music aficionados of all types have descended on our fair town to see the more than 200 bands that signed up to pack eight of downtown's most popular music venues this weekend.

If you're a visitor to Gainesvegas (or one of a surprising number of residents who haven't heard of The Fest's existence until now but want a part of it), tear these pages out and put them in the back pocket of your Levi's cutoffs. This is a guide to the best of The Fest.

Best Bands to Keep an Eye Out For

5. Defiance, Ohio
(Sunday, 4:05 p.m., 2nd Street Bakery)

It's not every day you find a band with its roots in punk rock and a cello on its stage. The acoustic folk-punk band Defiance, Ohio pulls it off, though, and its enthusiastic show will have you singing and clapping along with

the banjo and harmonica.

4. Planes Mistaken for Stars
(Friday, 9:40 p.m., Common Grounds)

It's true: Planes Mistaken For Stars announced in July that after a decade of swapping band members and changing genres, they decided to part ways. You should pay tribute to the post-hardcore band formerly signed to Gainesville's very own No Idea Records.

3. Paint It Black
(Saturday, midnight, Common Grounds)

This Philly-based hardcore punk band's energetic, shout-singing style is reminiscent of old-school bands gone by. It's no wonder, considering current and past members of Paint It Black were also involved in the influential punk bands Lifetime, Kid Dynamite, Good Riddance and None More Black.

2. Small Brown Bike
(Sunday, 8 p.m., The Venue)

Small Brown Bike's Fest show is the last of only five this year, a special reunion tour after a breakup in 2004. This could be your last chance to hear their melodic double vocals and '80s-like guitar riffs live, so take advantage of it.



Courtesy of Brian Kelleher

Dillinger Four plays a packed Fest Five show on Oct. 29, 2006. The band returns this weekend for Fest Six.

1. Lopan Takes Japan
(Sunday, 7 p.m., The Venue)

If history is any indicator, this band is actually another, more well-known Gainesville band that also possesses the initials LTJ, and it's always fun when they play their hometown. Just a hint.

Best Bands Your 31-Year-Old Brother Would Love to See

5. Youth Brigade
(Friday, 11:30 p.m., The Venue)

Three brothers formed Youth Brigade in 1980, beginning the punk epidemic in L.A. They've broken up and reformed a number of times, but 2006 brought these punk legends back to touring.

4. Dillinger Four
(Saturday, 8:30 p.m., The Venue)

Chances are you know this

band from a Fat Wreck Chords compilation, but they go back much further. Since 1994, they've put out five albums of their Americana brand of punk rock, and as Fest veterans, they'll definitely play their best crowd-pleasers.

3. Avail
(Saturday, 7:10 p.m., The Venue)

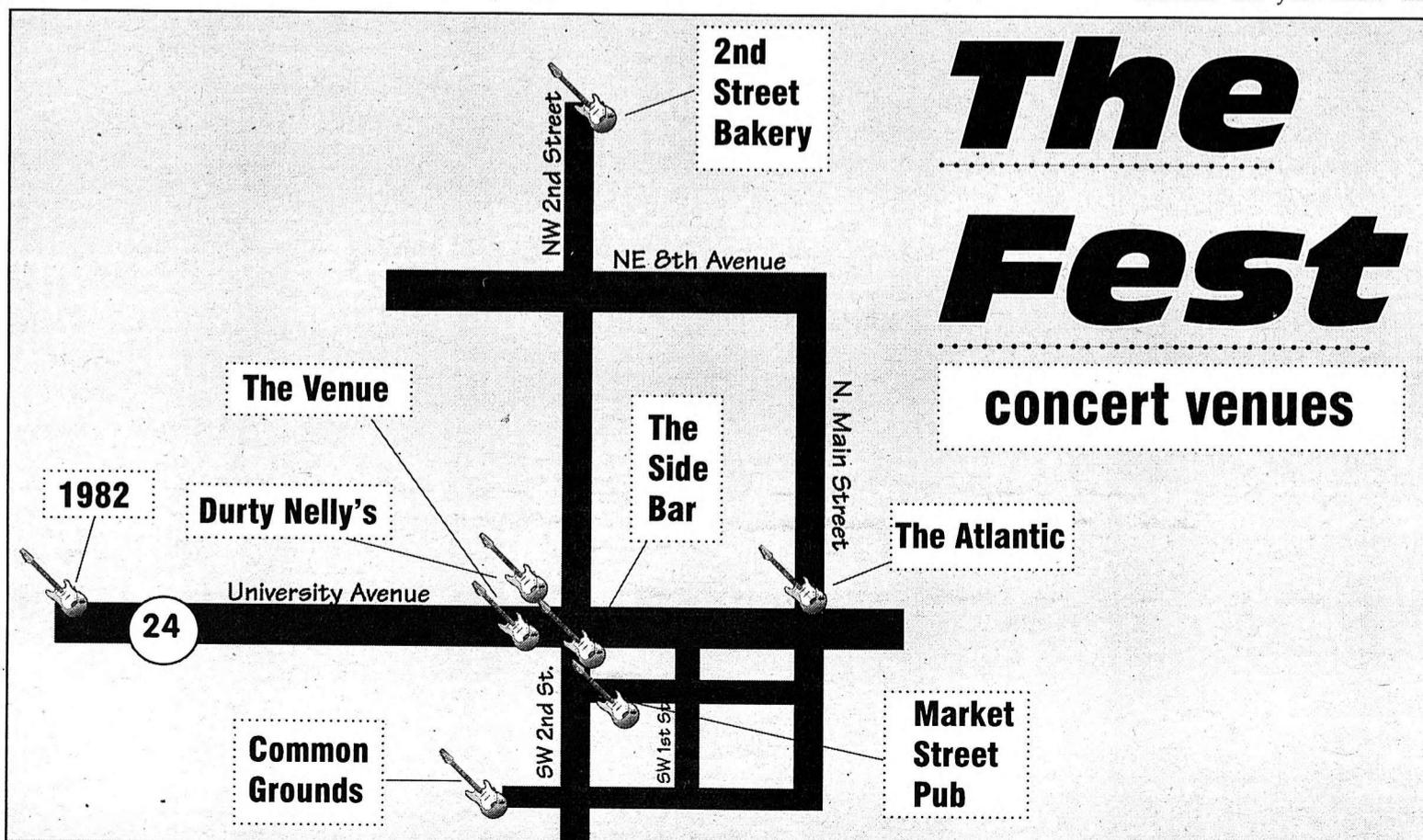
Avail was formed in 1987, and although they've released almost a dozen albums, it was likely 2000's "One Wrench" that changed the lives of all of us middle-school punk wannabes. A live show lets Avail showcase their range of musical styles, from classic punk to more pop-friendly punk to '70s-era rock 'n' roll.

2. Seaweed
(Sunday, 9:20 p.m., The Venue)

Seaweed was born around the same time as many of you freshmen, and the band quickly earned a reputation for its gritty punk music and energetic live shows. The influential band broke up about a decade later, but they reformed earlier this year and a new album is in the works.

1. Naked Raygun
(Friday, half past midnight, The Venue)

Formed in 1981, the Chicago-based Naked Raygun is considered one of the first post-punk bands in the U.S. They broke up a year later but reformed in 2006, bringing back their political lyrics and melodic hardcore style of music to stages.



The Fest: more than just concerts

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Best Non-Music Stuff to Do

3. The Civic Media Center Film Fest (Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m., Civic Media Center)

The Civic Media Center will be showing seven documentaries, including a film about Iraq war veterans and a Noam Chomsky profile.

2. The Fest Flea Market

(Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., University Hotel/Holiday Inn)

This year, The Fest offers its first-ever flea market. According to The Fest organizers, 60 vendors will showcase their "label, distro, clothing company or black-market counterfeit Pogs" to anyone who'd care to come by and purchase unique crafts from independent designers.

1. The Fest Art Show (Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., The Atlantic)

This is another Fest first. The Atlantic's upstairs gallery will showcase artwork from nine different designers responsible for photos, album art and merchandise for many bands we know and love.

Best Band Names

Editor's Note: This section may not be exactly informative, but the title is self-explanatory. You should see these bands due to their names alone.

5. Witches With Dicks
4. Religious as Fuck
3. Shark Pants
2. Vagina Sore Jr.
1. Bloodbath & Beyond

Fest 6 passes are indeed sold out, but check out venues to pay a fee and walk in for shows.



Courtesy of Brian Kelleher

Paint It Black singer Dan Yemin shares the microphone at the band's Fest Five show last year. The band returns to Fest Six this year.

Will Matt & Kim's upbeat songs get stuck in your head? Yea, yeah.

BETH ROMANIK ▸ AVENUE WRITER

Nowadays, it seems too many bands have fights and power struggles, too many albums are seen as status symbols and too many shows are treated as recitals.

Enter Matt and Kim.

The energetic power couple from Brooklyn breathes some fresh air into the pop-punk indie genre with their uninhibited, unselfconscious brand of music.

Matt Johnson and Kim Schifino met at art school and, after dating a couple of years, decided to start messing around with the idea of forming a band. Creatively, they decided on the band name Matt & Kim.

"We were just sort of jamming, really," Matt said. "Kim naturally liked drumming, and I found this keyboard I thought would be cool to learn to play."

And that's pretty much where they are now. Matt plays fuzzy notes on his keyboard and shouts lyrics exuberantly, while Kim bashes simple, toe-tapping time signatures on her drum kit and adds a background yell now and again.

Rather than limiting the band, the fact that they utilize only two instruments (other than their voices) has just made them think more creatively, Matt said.

"We have to make songs work, which can make cool things happen that you wouldn't expect to happen," he said. "It just makes you do things differently, which can be good. It gives you good surprises."

Considering the couple is adorable and the band has no other members, it was inevitable that fans would draw comparisons between Matt & Kim and Mates of State.

"We actually didn't hear about them until after our first couple of shows, after people told us, 'Hey, you're like this band, we think you'd like them,'" Matt confessed. "So we checked them out, and we like them, but I think Kim and I just come from a different place. We come from a more punk rock sort of background, and they..." Matt hesitated, giving Kim a window in which to yell into the phone, "It's slow!" causing them both to laugh.

"Slow" is definitely not a word to describe Matt or Kim, and definitely not the two of them together. Their live show sees them rolling out the infectious beats nonstop, grinning all the while.

"I'd like to try to think of it like a party," Matt said of their concerts. "We like to have fun — what we don't want to do is have a recital. We want people to come and let loose."

Consequently, they play more basements and lofts than clubs, and everyone just laughs when a crowd surfer almost knocks the set over or someone rushes onstage to shove pizza in Kim's mouth.

“ Bands should never go into it with any intention other than to have fun. Anything else that comes with it is the bonus. **”**

Matt Johnson
Half of Matt & Kim

Matt lamented. "Not long after that we came back (to Florida) and did some more shows, and they were all really awesome. The one in Gainesville was super fun,

so we got revived on Florida."

As for expectations for their show here Sunday, the first thing Matt thought of to say was, "Well, Kim is trying to collect every Rhode Island quarter ever made, so if people at the show want to bring her some, that would be very cool."

She's got about 600 so far, and "she thinks she's going to have all of them," Matt said, before Kim interrupted from the background again, "I will have all of them!"

Being showered with quarters is a perk that didn't occur to Matt & Kim when they started their band.

"Bands should never go into it with any intention other than to have fun," Matt said. "Anything else that comes with it is the bonus."

Catch them Sunday at 2nd Street Bakery at 6:05 p.m.



Courtesy of Tammy Lo

Matt & Kim play one of their trademark energetic sets at a concert in Brooklyn. Their Fest show is Sunday at 2nd Street Bakery and starts at 6:05 p.m. It's \$10 to get in or free with a Fest pass.

gaming

Battle of the band games: Guitar Hero III vs. Rock Band

RYAN LEVICK ▀ AVENUE WRITER

I love rock 'n' roll.

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So you can imagine how happy I was when Harmonix Music Systems came out with their guitar simulation game, Guitar Hero, in 2005. College dorms haven't been the same since.

A sequel and an expansion later, Guitar Hero is now one of the most played games on any university's campus, where everyone loves playing such classics as "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd and "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses.

Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock will be released Sunday. This time, they have a new developer, Neversoft (the makers of the Tony Hawk series), and they're poised to retake the video game industry.

Unfortunately, they have considerable competition. Harmonix has teamed up with MTV to make Rock

Guitar Hero III look like a fourth-grade strings lesson.

Rock Band, which comes out Nov. 23, will include the guitar peripheral just like the previous renditions of Guitar Hero did and just like Guitar Hero III will. Here's the kicker: It also includes bass, vocals and even drums to make the rest of the band.

You and friends will form, name, dress, customize and play with a band that you create.

You'll then sweep the nation, playing songs and gathering fans on your way to rock glory. You can play any of the four instruments and have the computer play the rest, or you can get your friends to fill in with you.

While Guitar Hero III is touting a new battle mode, Rock Band promises to fulfill you and your musically challenged friends' dreams of making a band. The game will

include the guitar, drum kit and microphone, which includes pitch recognition technology, peripherals in-box.

Of course, the song lineup is what really matters. Guitar Hero III has 73 confirmed titles to date, which allows it to have a few lesser-known tracks, while Rock Band relies on 40 mostly hit songs.

The real difference is more in the downloadable content. Upon release, Harmonix has guaranteed new content for Rock Band available online each week that will often include complete albums such as "Who's Next" by The Who and "Nevermind" by Nirvana, while Guitar Hero III only has plans for individual track releases.

It seems that you won't be able to play through career mode with bandmates over the Internet in Rock Band yet, but both games will include online competition.

Rock Band has the potential to rock harder than Guitar Hero III.

Downloadable full-length albums and an interesting career mode make Rock Band all the more interesting. On the other hand, Guitar

Hero III is already wildly popular and is utilizing a proven formula. Which game will rock your socks more? Save it for the stage.

	Guitar Hero III	vs.	Rock Band
Release Date:	Oct. 28		Nov. 23
Price:	\$160/\$170		\$90/\$100
Consoles:	Xbox 360, PS2, PS3, Wii		Xbox 360, PS2, PS3
Peripherals:	guitar		guitar, bass, drums, microphone
Songs:	73, including "Paint it Black" by The Rolling Stones and "Rock and Roll All Nite" by KISS		40, including "Blitzkrieg Bop" by The Ramones and "Enter Sandman" by Metallica
Online Competition:	yes		yes
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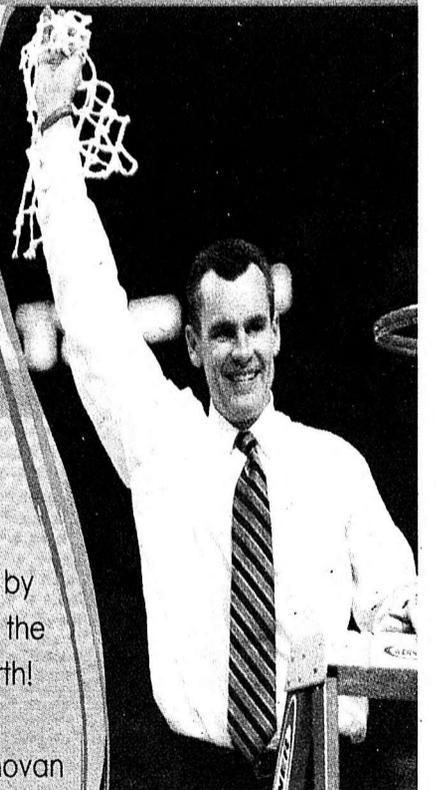
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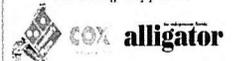
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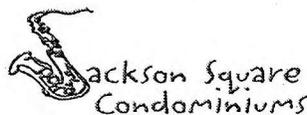
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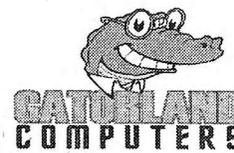
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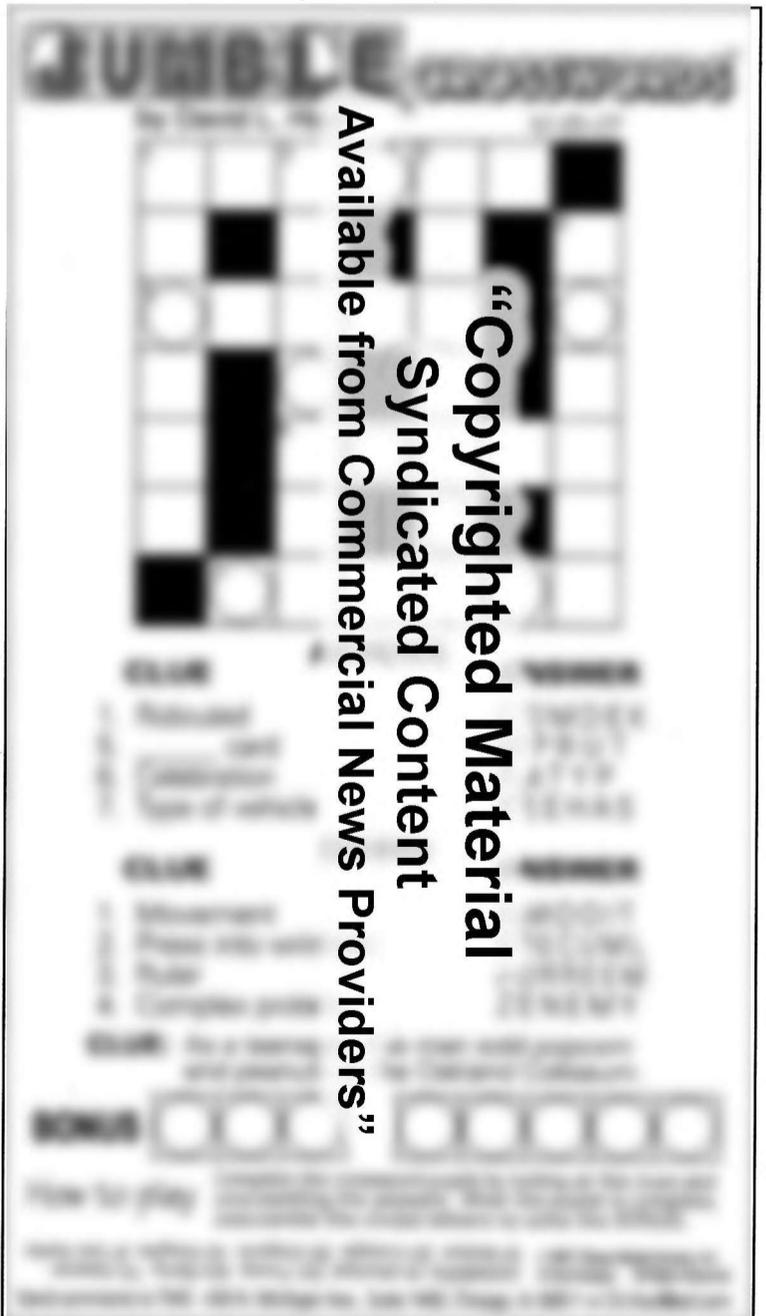
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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman center Crawford adjusts to college game

By PHIL KEGLER

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This sure isn't high school ball anymore.

At least that much is clear to freshman center Ebonie Crawford after the first few weeks of practice with the UF women's basketball team.

Her opposition in the paint will be far different than it was during high school play in Atlanta.

Now Crawford will be matched up against athletes just as big and just as talented.

"I didn't really have too many girls who could guard me or I was getting double-teamed, triple-teamed a lot of times," she said. "That's the biggest difference coming in here. Now you have girls that are your height, girls that are your level."

It will be quite a change as

she adapts to competing against players like Tennessee's Candace Parker and LSU's Sylvia Fowles.

A year ago, Crawford looked up to the pair.

Now she'll take them on in the paint and compete with them for rebounds.

Crawford knows she has to work on her low post game if she wants to excel in the paint.

"In the (Southeastern Conference), the girls are faster, the girls are bigger, the girls are stronger," Crawford said. "The game is physical so you've got to get in the habit of posting up big, posting up strong. It's a different game. It's different from high school."

She said the speed of the game is the biggest difference in the college game.

"It's back and forth," Crawford said. "You have a shot clock now. You have to get used to working

with a shot clock, running your plays, knowing that you don't have time to dribble all across the court."

"That's the biggest difference coming in here. Now you have girls that are your height, girls that are your level."

Ebonie Crawford
UF freshman center

Crawford and junior transfer Aneika Henry, both listed at 6 foot 3, became the tallest players on the Gators' roster from the moment they stepped on campus.

Junior forward Marshae Dotson welcomes the post help.

"We needed it," Dotson said. "It was me and [former UF forward Briana Phillips] that were

probably the tallest people on the team (last season). It's a big help for us."

UF's atmosphere influenced Crawford's decision to play in Gainesville.

"That's one of the things I just loved," she said. "I got down here on my official visit, and I was just like, 'Oh I definitely want to come here.'"

The possibility of playing time early in her career didn't hurt either.

The freshman knew that UF lacked height last season, and she looks forward to making a quick impact on the team.

"I'm coming in now, working hard so that way I will get some playing time," she said. "I know that I will be called upon early, so I'm looking forward to it."

Coach Amanda Butler said a lot of college-level adjustment was made during the summer.

"When [the freshmen] got here on campus in July, we started them in the weight room and started them playing pick up with one another and getting a glimpse not just into the physical nature of ball at our level, but also the speed," Butler said. "That is going to be a huge adjustment for them. Being in shape ... and the mental aspect of having to make quick mental transitions."

It'll have to be a quick learning curve for Crawford as she'll likely be called on to log plenty of key minutes.

The nonconference schedule will be crucial on-the-job training for Crawford.

Dotson remembers what it's like when conference games roll around each spring.

"As soon as we start SEC games it's like hitting the wall," Dotson said. "Every year when we get in conference it's a total difference."

Versatile Gators share offensive, defensive responsibilities

■ UF FACES ARKANSAS IN FAYETTEVILLE TONIGHT AT 8.

By KARL HYPOLITE

Alligator Writer

Ashley Harris isn't claiming that the UF soccer team is as good as the Brazilian national team.

It's just that for Harris, the easiest way to describe the Gators and their versatility is with a comparison to one of the world's best squads.

"When you play Brazil, you can't just say, 'hey, we're going to mark one player,' because if you do that someone else is going to score," she said. "The thing with our team is you can't just say, 'we're going to mark Stacy (Bishop), or 'we're going to

mark Ameera (Abdullah) or whoever,' because Shana (Hudson) or Daniela (Sanchez) will have opportunities opened up for them."

Arkansas (8-8-1, 1-6-1 Southeastern Conference) will have to contend with UF's versatility tonight at 8 as the Gators (9-4-2, 5-2 SEC) travel to Fayetteville for a rare Thursday night match.

UF coach Becky Burleigh prefers to call UF a "fluid" team. From top to bottom, Burleigh said, the Gators have the talent to move around and play different positions effectively, making them a harder team to defend and score against.

"We like being able to bring our defenders up on offense and have them be a threat to the opposing team," Burleigh said. "Being able to move people up and down like that makes it tough on both sides."

Harris may fit this playing style best. After spending three years on defense, Burleigh decided that the Gators could use Harris' speed on offense and moved the senior to forward.



Harris

Senior defender Hudson has also helped out on offense this season. She scored her second goal of the year during Sunday's 5-1 rout of Alabama.

The Gators' fluidity also gives them an

advantage on the defensive end. Burleigh has emphasized screening, or playing aggressive defense in the passing lanes, to make it more difficult for opposing defenders and midfielders to move the ball up to their forwards.

"Denying the ball to the forwards puts teams at a huge disadvantage," defender Lauren Hyde said. "When they do get shot attempts, they're taking shots from up top instead of in the box, which makes it much harder to score."

UF's screening has stymied opponents all season. The team has forced seven shutouts.

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Forward Mitchell hopes to follow in Noah's footsteps

By **DANNY KLEIN**
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He may not have the crazy curls, lanky body or scrappy style of play, but Jonathan Mitchell is determined to become UF's next Joakim Noah.

"Coach (Billy Donovan) hit me with the Joakim Noah story," Mitchell said. "We played the same kind of minutes, and he told me to just keep working hard, and for some reason I just took it to the heart and worked harder every day."

Similar to the former Gators and current Chicago Bulls forward, Mitchell suffered through an unproductive first year. Mitchell averaged just 1.2 points in only 6.2 minutes per game. Noah contributed 3.5 points in 9.4 minutes in the 2004-05 season.

In each of their first years, Noah and Mitchell both failed to start a game or play more than two minutes total in the NCAA tournament.

This is where the similarities end. Mitchell now has a mountain to climb if he ever wishes to cast a shadow as large as Noah's.

At this point, Noah's legacy is cemented in the history books: a two-time national champion, MVP of the Final Four and a top-10 NBA Draft selection.

Mitchell is aware that the task ahead will be difficult but said he is doing all he can to reach his goals.

"This summer I just took everything and worked hard everyday," he said. "Conditioning, dribbling, shooting, passing. I'm trying to be the best player and the most complete player that I can be. It was a real intense summer for me this year."

Whether or not Mitchell will ever reach that point is hard to determine, but his talent is obvious. Mitchell averaged 19.5 points and 7.6 rebounds in his senior season at Mount Vernon High School (Mount Vernon, N.Y.) en route to being named New York's Mr. Basketball.

While in high school, Mitchell looked up to

another Chicago Bulls player — Ben Gordon. Gordon, a former University of Connecticut standout and national champion with the Huskies, also attended Mount Vernon High. Mitchell broke Gordon's all-time school scoring record during his senior season.

While Mitchell's ability is there, Donovan still doesn't seem completely sold on the sophomore

"I think that Jonathan Mitchell has worked hard, but there's also an internal competitiveness that I haven't seen out of [the sophomore class] yet," he said. "It's a different thing when you talk about a guy's will to win and when you go into a game to impact winning. I feel like guys in the past that we had on teams impacted winning."

Donovan said Mitchell and his fellow sophomores Dan Werner and Marreese Speights have been up and down so far in practice. Donovan is looking for consistency from his returning players, just four on a roster

of 11.

"I really haven't seen a different mind set, which for me is disappointing," Donovan said. "I just thought that mentally, in terms of the competitiveness, fatigue and fighting through being tired, those guys have been really inconsistent. No question the sophomore class has to be consistent everyday for us, and they haven't been up to this point."

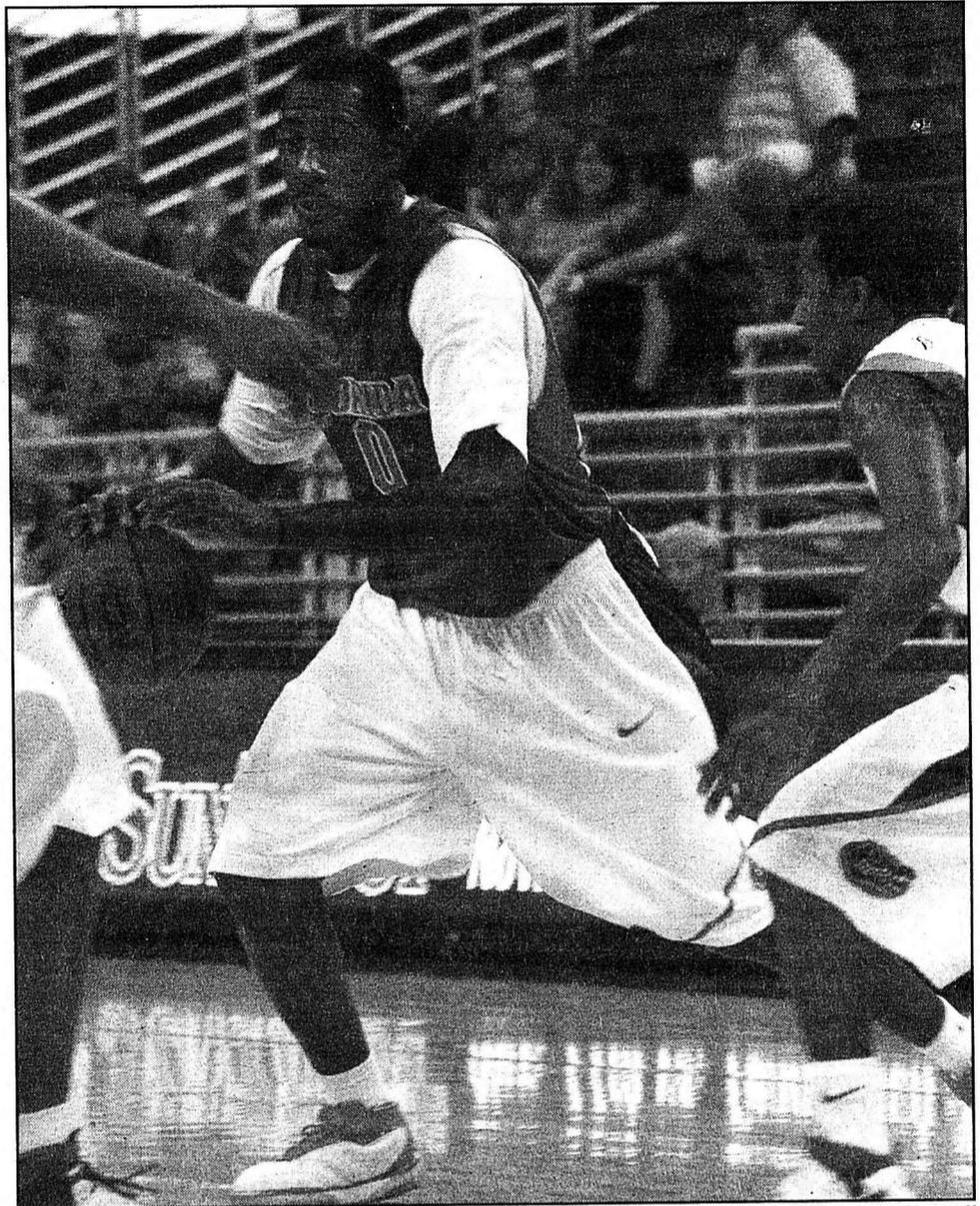
With seven freshmen on the roster, Mitchell now assumes a leadership role — something that might take some getting used to.

"I'm just trying to do what I can, help out in any way," he said. "I try to teach the new guys what I know — to stress the little things, rebound and do what you have to do get the job done."

Heading into the new season, Mitchell will feature a new look on the court. The former No. 23 has switched his number to 0, a change that means a lot to the sophomore.



Men's Basketball



Nicole Saffer / Alligator Staff

Sophomore forward Jonathan Mitchell dribbles during a scrimmage at the Basketball Fan Appreciation Day on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

"I changed my number to No. 0 this year because I feel kind of like the Gilbert Arenas story," he said. "I could kind of relate to it. I feel like the impossible is nothing. I feel like last year I didn't play too much, and I'm going to prove people wrong now."



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Georgia to rely on Stafford's passing game

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touchdowns in 2006. So far this year, he has 10 touchdowns and only four picks.

"I feel like I've been playing better throughout this year," said Stafford, a member of the hyped quarterback recruiting class of 2006 that included Tim Tebow and Southern California's Mitch Mustain. "It's definitely better than how I played last year."

Stafford now returns to the scene

of one of his freshman flops at the former Alltel Stadium, now dubbed Jacksonville Municipal Stadium.

The name of the site is different — Alltel did not renew its sponsorship rights this year — and it looks like Georgia's offense will also be.

"With Stafford, we need runners to establish the running game to set up the passing game," Richt said.

That was the philosophy last year, too. But the Bulldogs' experienced running back duo of Thomas Brown and Gregg Lumpkin are currently sidelined with injuries.

That means Georgia's fate will likely rest on Stafford, who will go up against the SEC's most porous pass defense.

"To keep us in it and give us a chance to win, our offense goes through me," Stafford said. "I'm ready for the challenge."

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game than either The Swamp or Georgia's Sanford Stadium could — even with expanded seating.

One of the SEC's greatest rivalries, the Iron Bowl between Auburn and Alabama, moved from a yearly meeting in Birmingham to a home-and-home series after both schools' stadiums exceeded the capacity of Legion Field.

A new attendance record was set at Alabama when they hosted the game in 2000 for the first time in nearly 100 years.

Can you imagine the environment in Gainesville or Athens if the game was moved?

For now, the game is unique, but it's a dying rivalry.

The only way to revive it is by changing it from its current bowl-like atmosphere to what it should be, a major SEC rivalry game.

The contract to play in Jacksonville will expire in 2010, and hopefully by then the schools will come to their senses and play a traditional series.

The finances would likely work out better as well. UF will be paid a management fee for hosting the game this year, and other proceeds will be divided among the two schools.

While this ensures that each school gets some money from the game every year, the benefits would be far greater in a home-and-home series.

Revenue is generated for Gainesville and UF with each Gators home game. Money is spent on hotels, food and other related merchandise, and that's money lost with the game in Jacksonville.

I don't have a problem with my hometown making money off of the backs of UF and Georgia fans, but I do have a problem with watching the game and wishing it was somewhere else.

Tebow excited to start in hometown

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Saturday," Meyer said.

HOME SWEET-HOME: UF's homecoming game is more than a week away, but Tim Tebow has his eyes set on Saturday against Georgia.

Tebow is as pumped as ever to start at quarterback in his hometown Jacksonville.

"He said, 'I'm going back home, baby, to Duval' ... He's really excited," Meyer said.

"He said when he was a kid he would go to the Florida-Georgia game back when it was in the Gator Bowl. That's a special game for him."

D-LINE DEPTH: After being impressed with the play of defensive tackle Torrey Davis against Kentucky, Meyer said he is gaining confidence in the rest of the young unit.

In particular, he said defensive linemen Justin Trattou, Duke Lemmens, Terron Sanders and John Brown have been making strides.

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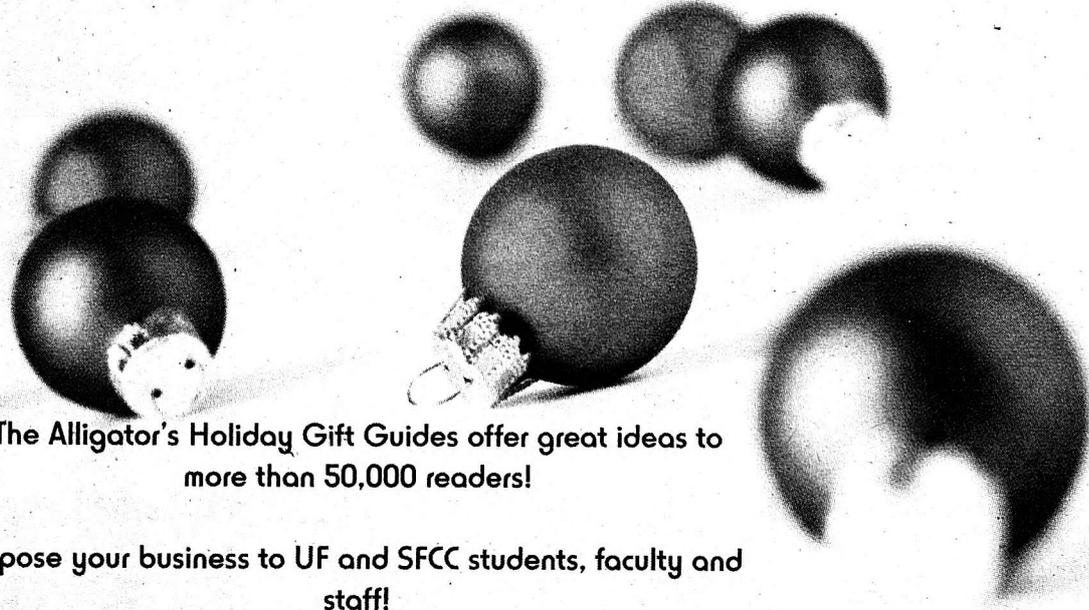
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QB aims for better result against UF

■ STAFFORD STRUGGLED AGAINST THE GATORS LAST SEASON.

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
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Ask Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford what happened against UF last year, and he will answer bluntly.

"I didn't play well at all," Stafford said. "I turned the ball over three times. We turned it over five as a team."

Stafford completed 13 of 33 passes for 151 yards in an ugly 21-14 loss. He was sacked four times, threw two interceptions and lost a fumble.

He laid one more egg in a loss to Kentucky the next week before finishing his season on perhaps the hottest streak of any passer in the country as unranked Georgia won three straight games against teams in the top 16.

Stafford has taken his up-and-down freshman year, including the forgettable UF game, and used the experience to help him adjust to being a full-time starter as a sophomore.

He hopes his hard work will translate into a better performance as No. 20 Georgia (5-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) prepares to take on No. 9 UF (5-2, 3-2 SEC) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

"You can learn a whole lot more by playing than you can just sitting on the sideline," Stafford said. "You can get out there and get game experience. I think it helped me progress this year and hopefully in the future."

Georgia coach Mark Richt noticed Stafford's improvement from game to game as a freshman.

He has seen early success this year and greater respect from his older teammates.

"Being put into the leadership role the way he is, he has to take in things a little bit quicker than most people," senior safety Kelin Johnson said. "He's been put into the fire."

Through seven games, Stafford has upped his completion percentage from 52.7 to 55.3 and his passing efficiency has risen from 109 to 122.

Most importantly, Stafford is taking better care of the ball. He threw 13 interceptions to just seven



AP Photo

Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford rolls out during the Bulldogs' 20-17 victory against Vanderbilt on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

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UF FOOTBALL

Wright, Cooper, Medder uncertain to play

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UF defensive tackle Brandon Antwine, who has been hospitalized due to a lower back injury, should be released today, Coach Urban Meyer said.

Meanwhile, a few key players remain questionable for Saturday's game against Georgia.

Sophomore wide receiver Riley Cooper, who had two screws inserted

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Urban Meyer
UF football coach

into a broken finger Monday, did some running at practice Wednesday.

Meyer said he should know today about Cooper's availability for Saturday.

Offensive tackle Carlton Medder, who suffered an injury to his heel against

Kentucky, did not practice Wednesday but "was out there moving around," Meyer said.

Starting free safety Major Wright also had surgery on a broken finger Monday, and Meyer said he is "very questionable" for Saturday.

If the freshman can't play, he'll likely be replaced by Kyle Jackson and Dorian Munroe.

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Neutral site kills rivalry

This weekend will mark the 75th meeting between UF and Georgia in Jacksonville.

That's about 75 times too many.

Holding the game in Jacksonville may be a fun yearly pilgrimage for some fans or a chance to catch up with old friends, but it holds little benefit beyond that.

As a Jacksonville native, I loved having a major college football game in town each year, but the atmosphere is slowly killing a once-heated rivalry.



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The neutral site just doesn't provide much of a spark to the game.

The stadium gets loud before kickoffs or when it is announced that another Southeastern Conference foe has lost, and big plays are met with a dull roar from one side.

In a conference chock-full of loud stadiums and hostile environments, this game lives up to its name and not much else — a cocktail party.

The rivalry has also become much more civil because of the location.

"I think it's more of a friendly rivalry," freshman defensive lineman Duke Lemmens said.

Not that friendliness is a bad thing, but it takes away from the magnitude of the game and the rivalry.

I witnessed just how hostile fans can be during this year's trip to LSU. Tigers' fans — young and old — don't hold back threats, liquids or cans from passers-by.

They certainly aren't model human beings — maybe the worst group of people I've ever seen — but a little hostility goes a long way inside the stadium and can impact a game.

UF fans and players who made the trip will certainly remember how they were received in Baton Rouge, and bad memories provide fuel for a rivalry.

Playing the game in Gainesville and Athens would lead to that wild environment.

Jacksonville Municipal Stadium holds about 10,000 less people for the

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Channing Crowder
Former UF linebacker,

after telling *The Palm Beach Post* he didn't know people in London spoke English,

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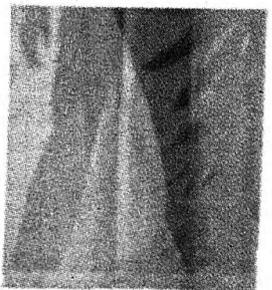
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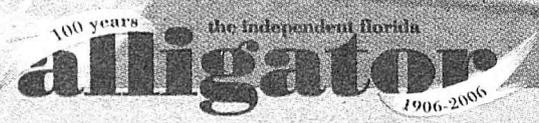


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