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Lombardi ushers in new era at UF

High hopes, controlled chaos highlight first week

By RONALD DUPONT JR.
Alligator Writer

Amidst a whirl of controversy and high expectations, 47-year-old John Lombardi — scholar, leader and driver of a red pickup truck — will begin today as UF's president.

Known for his diversity of knowledge and contrasts in style, Lombardi left The Johns Hopkins University as its academic affairs vice president to replace UF's Robert Bryan as president of the nation's 10th largest university.

Hailed by students and faculty alike as UF's savior, Lombardi arrives at a time when UF is battling athletic scandals and racism. At the same time, it is completing its most successful fund-raising campaign and is well into its drive to become a national top-10 public university.

Lombardi knows that he will be expected to make hard decisions right away. There is no time for weeks of getting familiar with UF.

"I'm excited," Lombardi said from his new home Thursday after driving 17 hours straight from Maryland. "I think it's great to come into a university and dive into it. I'm looking forward to meeting a thousand people. I'm looking forward to seeing the students.

"This is wonderful stuff."

Lombardi arrived in Gainesville in his red pickup truck, an obvious contrast to the luxury cars driven by other UF administrators. But Lombardi's driving preference is only one example of his contrasting styles.

He has the ability to speak in high academic tones one moment, then joke around the next. He is just as at ease writing books about life in

Latin America as he is speaking to groups of students.

It is this type of contrasting style that has won him praise from faculty, administrators and students — all of whom say Lombardi is putting them first.

"He is going to be a student's president," said UF's Student Body President-elect Michael Browne. "I'm excited about that. We've got

someone who is going to get in the trenches with us."

Another image of Lombardi is painted by UF's faculty union president, Jane Brockmann, who said the new president will focus his attention on teachers.

"We're very close to being a major public university in teaching and

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JOB EXPERIENCE

- 1990- President, University of Florida
- 1987-90 Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, history professor, The Johns Hopkins University.
- 1985-87 Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University.
- 1978-85 Dean, International Programs, Indiana University.
- 1977-87 Professor, Department of History, Indiana University.
- 1976-77 Chairman, Faculty Affairs Committee, Bloomington Faculty Council, Indiana University.
- 1973-74 Director, Latin American Studies, Indiana University.
- 1971-72 Director, Center for Studies in History, Indiana University.



KEVIN WISNIEWSKI — ALLIGATOR
Lombardi speaks at his first news conference last November after accepting the offer to be UF's next president.

Students have own ideas about what's important

□ This is the first of a 5-part series examining the issues facing President John Lombardi as he leads UF into a new decade.

By GEOFF BOUCHER
Alligator Staff Writer

Put a stop to embarrassing athletic scandals, teach your employees some manners and find a way to soothe campus hostility. And, oh yeah, get me a parking space, too.

While none of UF's 34,000 students knows what John Lombardi will do his first week as president, many of them know what he should do and they're happy to tell the former provost of The Johns Hopkins University all about it.

The concerns of students range from the growing specter of racism at UF to campus construction putting a dent in already-scarce parking. But if Lombardi's priorities are decided by the number of complaints, the

California native's first task will be halting UF's unsportsmanlike conduct.

"He's got to clean up the athletics," said Chuck Gaillard, a business administration junior. "He's got to get those burns out of there. If he does that, UF will be set. We've already got the academics.

"I talk to my friends up north and all I hear is, 'UF this' and, 'UF that,' and I'm sick of it," Gaillard, a Philadelphia native, said. "I want to go to a school with national respect. I want to be able to say, 'I go to UF' and be proud."

Many Gator fans find pride hard to come by after suffering through two years of allegations, investigations and resignations. Three of UF's top coaches left under fire, two of them making abrupt, mid-season exits. A fourth coach has been booed openly and hanged in effigy.

Players have been scrutinized by federal grand juries, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the National Collegiate Athletic Association for charges including illegal gambling, sexual battery and drug use.

Senior Doug Berman, campaign manager for City Commission candidate Mike Murphy, said Lombardi can improve UF's tarnished national image by paying more attention to teachers than to touchdowns.

"You look at the schools up north and they have sports, they have teams and they have athletics of all sorts but they're not as gung-ho," Berman said. "Maybe we go a little too far. There is a reason the school is here, and it isn't for sports."

Liberal arts junior Rachel Fisher also says UF's purpose is education. But Fisher said

the behavior of some staff, faculty and administrators makes the learning experience difficult.

"I think the people that work here have this very distant attitude and I don't think they're very helpful," Fisher said. "A lot of the time you tell them your problem and it's like, 'Oh, OK. Now go away so I can do my work.'"

Student Body President Ed Scales also said Lombardi needs to perform some attitude adjustment on UF employees.

"Right now when you go to Tigert Hall, you get the impression the feeling is, 'This university would be a nice place without those 34,000 students,'" Scales said. "And that's an attitude that has to go. We've got to have a president that's willing to be a hands-on president when it comes to student affairs."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Gay groups battle ROTC policy

Gay-activist groups from private and public universities across the country are protesting the U.S. Defense Department's long-standing sexual orientation discrimination policy, *The Daily Illini* reported.

The Coalition for Equal Opportunity at Northwestern University, along with groups operating at other campuses, are asking universities that promote anti-discriminatory policies to disassociate themselves from ROTC.

The military has discriminated against homosexuals since its inception, according to Bill Caldwell, Defense Department spokesman.

Its policy states that "homosexual behavior is incompatible with military service," but many schools are trying to change this.

Parents push for campus safety

Parents of two students victimized by campus crime have gotten legislation passed in three states to increase awareness of campus crime and improve safety measures for college students, according to *The Red and Black*, an independent newspaper serving the University of Georgia community.

Howard and Connie Clery have proposed the Clery Bill to several state legislatures in memory of their daughter Jeannie, 19, who was murdered in 1986

while sleeping in her dorm room at LeHigh University in Pennsylvania.

The Clery Bill, which requires schools to collect accurate crime statistics and release them upon request, is law in Florida, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The parents of University of Georgia student Dana Getzinger, who was stabbed in her Athens apartment by an intruder in 1988, are pushing for a national housing rating program for college campuses.

The program, proposed by Jim and Liza Getzinger, will rate on- and off-campus housing according to safety and area crime statistics.

Theta Xi's charter revoked

The National Board of Directors of the Theta Xi fraternity withdrew the University of Washington chapter's charter and suspended all chapter memberships following an investigation of a hazing incident involving two sheep, *The Daily of the University of Washington* reported.

Theta Xi was accused of violating its national hazing policy after Seattle Police found two sheep in the Theta Xi house's boiler room during Hell Week. The police also found several pledges smeared with peanut butter and Crisco who were wearing only their underwear.

— ELIZABETH CLARKE

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Communication: The G. Paul Moore Communication Symposium will begin this morning at 8:30 in the Reitz Union Auditorium. Call 392-2041.

COAR: Campus Organized Against Rape will have a peer education training session today at 3 in Reitz Union Room 122. Call 392-1161, ext. 294.

Chiles: The College Democrats present Lawton Chiles today at 4 in Reitz Union Room 346. Call 395-8514.

Engineering: The Hispanic Engineering Society will meet today at

5:30 in Weil Hall Room 320. Call Leo, 374-6868.

Wycliffe: The Wycliffe missionary will have a banquet tonight at 7 at the University Holiday Inn. A missionary from Peru will report on the work of Bible translation. Call Hattie Douglas, (904) 454-1214.

Words: The Gainesville Scrabble Players Club will meet tonight at 7 at Books in the Gator Plaza. Call 374-4241.

Careers: Peer Counselors present a Career Development Workshop tonight at 7:30 in Reitz Union Room 347. Call 392-1575.

NOW: Campus National Organization for Women will meet tonight at 7 at Kesl's Coney Island downtown. Call Joyce, 336-0940 or Erica, 374-7222.

Bible Trivia: Chi Alpha Campus Ministry will meet tonight at 7 in Turlington Hall Room 2342 for Bible Trivia. Call Dave, 395-7178.

Welcome: The official student welcome for UF President John Lombardi will be Tuesday at 12:30 at the Reitz Union North Lawn. Lombardi will address students at 1:15 and meet with them afterward. Call Jilan Carroll, 392-1691.

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2 women contend for Blue Key presidency

By **DEBBIE CENZIPER**
Alligator Writer

Two women are vying for the top spot of Florida Blue Key, UF's prestigious leadership honorary, and if there are no unexpected contenders, it will be the first time Blue Key has a woman president.

Blue Key President Ernie Cox said women have run for the presidency in the past, but were beaten by their male counterparts. Women have held almost every other office in the organization, though, including the vice presidency, he said.

"Having a woman president is not an issue with the chapter," Cox said. "People are looking at what individuals have done."

Although other Blue Key members can still run for the spot on the night of the election, scheduled for March 14, it's

unlikely that anyone will try without campaigning first, Cox said. The new president will take office April 20.

Both presidential candidates, education graduate student Lynda Wasula and third-year law student Kelley Geraghty, said it's time for a woman to be president of Blue Key. Women make up about 40 percent of the organization.

Wasula, who has been a member of Blue Key since the fall of 1988, said a woman president will offer Blue Key a different perspective and sense of sensitivity.

"It's hard to explain," Wasula said, "but women can bring additional things to the chapter that men can't bring. I think it's something that needs to happen."

Wasula said she heard Blue Key alumni may not be too receptive to a

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Finger-food

UF junior Sean Milarski plays with Mo, his 5-month-old albino ferret, Sunday.

SUZETTE COOK — ALLIGATOR

SG to begin polling students under Browne's plan

By **JOHN DAHLBERG**
Alligator Writer

Student Government must know — rather than assume — what students want, and polls are an excellent way to determine this, said Michael Browne, student body president-elect.

Browne, who will take office Fri-

day, said he will begin Campus Polling, Inc. after Spring Break. The permanent program will survey about 300 UF students each month by telephone to assess their views on campus issues.

"The program will help SG make more informed decisions," Browne said. "Most students don't have a voice. This is our way of hearing

from them."

Campus Polling, Inc. will seek student opinions on issues such as campus race relations, UF friendliness and funding for SG-sponsored groups, with the first poll asking what questions students want on teacher evaluation forms, Browne said.

"The polls will not be totally

scientific," Browne said. "My administration will write and administer the questions initially."

Within one year, the program will be computerized and conducted by marketing students, Browne said. This should decrease error and give marketing students practical experience.

Computer software and phones

needed for the project will cost about \$200, Browne said. The pollsters will be volunteers.

In the past, polling was sporadic, said Student Affairs Vice President Art Sandeen. Previous polls were taken only as issues warranted and never became a

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Hostage negotiations reported

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — An Iranian delegation paid unofficial visits to the capitals of Syria and Lebanon Sunday amid a swirl of fresh reports on the possible release of Western hostages in Lebanon.

The *Independent* newspaper of London reported the Iranian negotiators' mission was to organize the release of one or more of the 17 captives.

According to the newspaper, leading Iranian figures and U.S. officials, including Cyrus Vance, have already held secret talks in Geneva, Muscat and Ankara.

"The Americans involved were careful not to have contacts with present officials in Washington," the *Independent* said.

In Washington, Vice President Dan Quayle denied that any "quid pro quo" negotiations for the release of the hostages were taking place.

"We're not using Cy Vance to negotiate for the release of the hostages, Quayle said in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation."

British officials acknowledged, according to the *Independent*, that "an approach" had been made several weeks ago offering to open negotiations for the release of Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite.

A sum of \$20 million was to be included in the deal, it said.

The Iranian team was dispatched to Beirut by Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, who has shown interest in developing relations with the West to prop up Iran's tottering economy, the newspaper said.

Iranian sources in Beirut said Mahmoud Rafsanjani, the brother of Rafsanjani, met with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa in Damascus and Lebanese Health Minister Abdullah Rasi in Beirut.

The sources said Mahmoud Rafsanjani talked with Rasi on the possibility of Iranian assistance in reconstructing a water circulation network demolished in the ongoing inter-Christian fighting, but hinted that the plight of 17 Western hostages may have been discussed in the Syrian capital.

U.S. officials have emphatically denied reported clandestine efforts and President Bush branded them as ridiculous. Washington has officially vowed not to strike deals with "terrorist organizations or states."

But Moslem sources told UPI that one of the eight American captives was likely to regain freedom as a result of the secret U.S.-Iranian diplomacy.

Soviet voters flock to elections

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet voters jammed polls in the nation's three major republics Sunday in elections that Mikhail Gorbachev called a "people's referendum on *perestroika*."

The elections represent the second stage of the Soviet leader's democratic reforms that began last year with the emergence of a largely freely elected national parliament.

Sunday's multi-candidate elections offered voters choices among Russian nationalists, orthodox Communists and radical reformers. In some places, up to 20 candidates vied for one spot.

At stake were 1,068 seats in the Russian Republic's parliament, 450 for the Ukrainian legislature and 310 in Byelorussia, and hundreds more in city and regional councils.

In Leningrad, the country's second-largest city after Moscow, a specialized regional news agency said democratic bloc candidates swamped the orthodox Communists.

The Northeast News Agency, which covers Leningrad, said 80 percent of the candidates who made it to the runoff elections were nominees from either the Greens, the Russian or Leningrad Popular Fronts, or informal democratic organizations of various stripes.

Gorbachev, accompanied by his wife Raisa and his

granddaughter, cast his vote in Moscow's Oktyabrskaya district and praised the broad array of candidates on the ballot.

"The essence is that it is a people's referendum on *perestroika*," Gorbachev told reporters. "I do hope people will come forward and take greater responsibility for themselves."

Showing combative spirit, Gorbachev declared he would not refuse a nomination for his just created super presidency when the Congress of People's Deputies votes for a chief executive next week.

Although the communists were the only recognized party in the balloting, they were opposed by a host of contestants from movements certain to become opposition parties once the Communist Party formalizes its pledge to end its monopoly on power.

The Russian, Ukrainian and Byelorussia republics comprise almost three-fourths of the country's population of 290 million people. The Russian republic has a population of 147 million, the Ukraine 51.7 million, and Byelorussia 10.2 million.

On the eve of the elections in the giant Russian republic, *Pravda* newspaper rocked the country's fast-changing political landscape by publishing the program of the Communist Party's radical wing. It was another sign of splintering at the top of Soviet power structure.

Jury selection to begin in Poindexter trial

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Poindexter goes to court Monday, more than three years after the Iran-Contra scandal ruined his career, in a key trial expected to feature television testimony by Ronald Reagan.

Poindexter, Reagan's former national security adviser, is the highest ranking Reagan administration official to stand trial in the foreign policy and political debacle that seriously marred Reagan's second term.

The scandal involved the secret sale of weapons to Iran in an effort to win freedom for American hostages in Lebanon, and diversion of money from the weapons sales to aid the rebel Nicaraguan Contras when Congress had banned such military assistance.

Jury selection begins Monday and the trial is expected to last more than a month. Although Reagan will not appear personally, he will be the overriding presence at the trial.

It will be the first Iran-Contra trial to contain testimony from Reagan. Poindexter finally obtained Reagan's testimony on the strength of arguments that he reported daily and directly to the former president.

After a long legal battle, during which Reagan tried to avoid testifying, he relented at the last minute and agreed to respond to questioning.

Reagan spent some eight hours testifying on videotape in Los Angeles Feb. 16 and 17, and Poindexter's lawyers are expected to argue that Reagan gave overall policy guidance to Poindexter in Iran-Contra matters.

Poindexter was Reagan's national security adviser from December 1985 until he resigned in November 1986 as the scandal unraveled and became public.

He faces five criminal charges, including accusations that he obstructed congressional inquiries and made false statements to Congress.

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KEVIN WISNIEWSKI — ALLIGATOR

Two competitors take a turn on the half-mile criterium racetrack set up in a parking lot at Sante Fe Community College last weekend.

Team Florida cyclists host, win bike contest

By **SETH OLSEN**
Alligator Writer

Drawing more than 100 riders and teams from 10 colleges, the UF Cycling Team hosted the first Southeastern Cycling Conference Race of the spring semester last week in Gainesville.

For Team Florida, it was the first chance to capitalize on five months of extensive training.

"We've been training about 30 hours a week since the last race in August," said Tim Heffner, vice president of UF's team and a junior in the College of Health and Human Performance.

"Hosting the race worked to our advantage because we had at least two riders in each event who attacked like running backs — and four to five more who served as linemen and blocked the other team's riders from advancing," Heffner said.

With one of the largest teams in the conference and 30 riders competing, UF won the entire weekend event. The team earned a total of 598 points, finishing 296 points ahead of second-place University of Georgia.

Riders came from as far away as

Sewanee, Tenn., and Clemson, S.C., to compete in the event. As contest hosts, Team Florida provided judges, snacks on the race site and even floors to sleep on.

"Like us, the teams that come here aren't varsity, so they have to save money when they can," UF junior and team member Dale Davis said. "I had eight guys from Georgia on my floor and only one bathroom, so things got kind of crazy."

On the half-mile criterium racetrack, held in a parking lot at Sante Fe Community College, even organized racing became crazy. Three riders dropped out of the Mens' A-team finals during their 50th and final lap, after a high speed crash.

After rounding the fourth hairpin turn, Furman University rider Robert Babb hit a curb and slid. Heffner and UF engineering junior Chris Bruce likewise went down and crashed in a domino effect. No one was injured.

"When we came on the turn, I was drafting behind Babb when he went down," Heffner said. "I somehow hit him and the next thing I knew I flew over my handle bars, did a flip and landed on my feet sliding through the grass. It was really bizarre."

Program for disabled in need of funds, staff

By **RALPH ZANFARDINO**
Alligator Writer

Physical education for disabled students at UF is both understaffed and underfinanced, according to one UF professor who has tried to keep the program afloat since starting it in 1982.

Administrators asked Christine Stopka, a professor in the College of Health and Human Performance, to organize the Special Physical Education Laboratory in September 1982. Stopka started the program using federal, state and local grants.

Stopka said the federal grants are only available for one to three years and that the program is in its last year of financing.

"It takes a lot of time and trouble to get money for the program through the grants," said Stopka, who at times had to rely on her own money for the supplies and tools for maintaining weight machinery.

The laboratory first operated in a room

in Broward Hall, Stopka said. But three years ago, the laboratory moved into several rooms on the first floor of the Women's Gymnasium, which previously were used for storage.

"The university gave us some of the weights that they had in storage in the gym," Stopka said. "Then, with the help of the grants I got and the help from the graduate students, we were able to put the lab together."

The program offers physical education and recreation to both permanently and temporarily disabled people in all age groups.

There are only three schools in the area that have units available for the physically disabled, Stopka said. These schools are responsible for the disabled in nine to 12 counties.

"Adaptive physical education needs to be

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Disability Awareness Week hopes to erase stereotypes

By **PATRICIA LEE**
and **PAIGE EWALDSEN**
Alligator Writers

Disabled people, usually labeled for what they cannot do, will demonstrate the things they can do over the next few days, said UF professor Stuart Schwartz.

Disability Awareness Week, which begins Tuesday and continues through March 15, is sponsored by Physically Limited University Students and funded by Student Government.

Through discussions, movies and presentations, organizers hope to break down stereotypes of disabled persons and emphasize their capabilities — rather than their limitations, Schwartz said.

"People will see that people who they think are very different are actually much like them," he said.

Schwartz teaches Exceptional People, a course designed to increase awareness and understanding of disabilities. The class will

simulate physical disabilities during a kick-off program Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:25 a.m. at the Reitz Union. Ken Osfield, disabled student affairs dean, said he hopes Disability Awareness Week will raise consciousness on accessibility problems for disabled students on campus.

"This is an awareness event," Osfield said. "Even if it just makes one person understand that problems do exist, we have succeeded."

Student Services consultant Hank Reidelberger has organized a committee to survey 200 buildings on campus to determine their accessibility for disabled students.

"Our goal is to have all buildings on campus surveyed by June," Osfield said. "Disability Awareness Week will kick off this project, which is a main focus of ours."

A pre-conference communication symposium is scheduled today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Reitz Union.

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OPINIONS

Welcome to the machine

The moment seems so historic. UF is turning its back on some of its worst memories ever and enters a new year, a new decade, almost with a sigh of relief.

The feeling of solace comes after massive firings and resignations and a proverbial clean slate. Football coach Steve Spurrier rode into town on a white horse and a practically destroyed football team glows with integrity.

Today, UF gets its ninth president — a man expected to save UF. John Lombardi has said he will not make big decisions until he listens to people and is around enough to understand the issues.

Some things can't wait that long. Today, we start a five-part series that addresses how different UF groups see the important issues Lombardi needs to take control of.

The most prevalent of these issues is the University Athletic Association. Firing coaches wasn't the cure — it was what the media and some alumni wanted but it wasn't the cure. The cure instead started when the Board of Regents put athletic associations under the authority of university presidents last December.

In that vein, the UAA should take a hard look at itself. And Lombardi needs to do the same. Getting rid of coaches was starting at the bottom. Changes need to be made at the top and throughout the whole system.

Currently, the members of the UAA's Board of Directors are the same as those on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, a UF committee like any other with student and faculty members. The committee's duties are to supervise UF's relationship with the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA, to insure compliance with all rules and follow educational objectives.

But for some reason, the committee doesn't meet regularly. Members conduct much of their business under the mask of UAA directors, a group that often holds its meetings in private.

There are 18 members on the UAA Board — UF president, provost, two vice presidents, seven faculty members, athletic director, Board of Regents chairman, Gator Boosters president, two students and two alumni.

After violations and criticisms, members said the UAA is "a first class operation" and not "out of control." "It isn't like stuffing cash in a drawer," board member and associate law dean Dennis Calfee said in January. OK, then explain the last decade of athletic scandals and payoffs.

"I don't think these problems reflect a flaw in our system," UF law professor and 28-year member of the board Mandell Glicksberg said last semester. "I really don't know what the university could have done differently that would have prevented the problems we have now."

Is he saying the president, athletic director, students and faculty members were in on the unlawful activities? Or are they so removed that they just didn't know?

Maybe. Maybe not. But when a committee designed to supervise the actions of another group is made up of the same members, it becomes difficult to see what is right and wrong. Not to draw an unpleasant comparison, but if criminals sat on their own juries, how many guilty verdicts would there be?

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There's just no place like home

Though I find myself temporarily living in Port Townsend, Washington, in an isolated corner of the United States' Pacific Northwest, I am a Gainesville boy at heart. I find myself thinking of what I still consider my hometown often, and there are certain things about Gainesville that an expatriate who loves his city misses more than any others.

To those of you still blessed enough — and it is a blessing to be in what I like to call the Center of the Universe — I'd like to bring to your attention some of the praiseworthy things about Hogtown that you might not be appreciating fully now.

You don't know what you've got till it's gone, as some hippie chick once yodeled. So, here's a selected list of what I miss when I'm missing home.

- The UF library. It's a stunner, folks, particularly compared with what I've got to deal with up here. Unless you move to some other town with a humungous state university, you're just not gonna find such a treasure trove of "free" books and periodicals at your disposal. If you love books, knowledge and reading at all, you should be spending hours a day in there, no lie. You'll be kicking yourself forever if you don't take advantage now, trust me.

- Standing on the corner of University Avenue and 13th Street, watching cars go by watching me stand on the corner.

- Spring. I'm going to miss Spring entirely this year. There's a two or three week period, usually in late March or early April, where the weather in Gainesville achieves temperate zone perfection: mid 70s temperatures, breezes, sky a vivid blue broken by billowing clouds high up. Just right for me, lying in the grass with my shirt off.

Then, by May, the high 80s or low 90s have set in and it rains every day between 3 and 5 p.m., and you begin to wonder why you're alive. But such are the cycles of the seasons and of life itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exceptional People is not an easy 'A'

Editor: I am writing this letter to express my strong resentment toward an article discussing the class Exceptional People in the Feb. 28 *Alligator*.

As a teaching assistant of the class, I recommend that you have your writers clarify their facts before printing such derogatory statements.

As a former student of the class, I look back at this course as the greatest learning experience of any class that I have taken at the University of Florida.

As a graduating senior, I have completed many classes. Exceptional People is the class that will help me the most in the real world.

Consequently, even though the grades may be high, with the 'A' grading scale ranging from a 93 percent to 100 percent, this is by no means an easy class. The class

requires volunteer hours to be completed outside of class throughout the semester. The student takes a number of tests and also is assigned 11 reaction papers.

In addition to this, each student learns sign language to let them communicate with the deaf.

Statistics show that the more a student enjoys a class, the more they will study. This could be a reason why the grades are so high!

Tammy Gordon

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FREE THOUGHT

- The record stores. Gainesville has more than one super-nifty one. Many other places — like Port Townsend, needless to say — are not so blessed.

- Lolling in the grass on campus, whether in the Plaza or on the Union lawn.

- All the young people.

- Mutley Chix.

- Live rock n' roll in general.

- Walking through the student ghetto in the hour before sundown, diffused colored light breaking through the trees and illuminating all the old, crumbling, yet charmingly beautiful houses.

- The magazine selection at Goering's.

- Riding my bike down 13th Street, seeing people I know and like wherever I go, which is the essence of home I suppose.

- Sunset over the corner of University Avenue and 13th Street, watching the colors on the Holiday Inn and everywhere else getting richer, darker and more vivid as the sun goes down, seeing all the cars go by while relaxing outside Leonardo's. It's one of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen.

Now, you might think here in Port Townsend I get to see sunrise over Puget Sound right outside my living room window, sunset over the imposing Olympic mountain range at night, loads of "scenic beauty," the kind of stuff we're all supposed to cream over — and I will admit it all has its merits.

So how can I get all misty about sunset over a fume-choked intersection and a goddamn Holiday Inn? If you have to ask, you just don't understand what it means to be home.

Brian Doherty is a Gainesville patriot.

Latin American cuisine entices curious eaters

By **PATRICIA LEE**
Alligator Writer

Curious and hungry, more than 300 people arrived at the University Women's Club Sunday to learn about Latin American cuisine.

What they found was a 40-course meal offering everything from appetizers to desserts — but only for those who arrived early. People who attended the Hispanic Student Association's Latin American Food Festival had to make quick decisions or risk missing out.

"The food went as fast as people could eat it, and that was very fast," said Mariella Gonzalez, HSA spokeswoman and coordinator of the event.

When people started arriving at noon, food servers almost couldn't keep up with the pace, Gonzalez said.

Many were tasting food from Peru, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries for the first time, but others came for foods that reminded them of home.

"We miss it like hell," said advertising senior Carlos Valiente. He and his cousin Luisa Varona, both born in Cuba, arrived early and were able to sample chicken and rice, pork rinds, coconut fudge, cassava, pork stew and

capuchinos, miniature sponge cakes drenched in a sweet, light syrup.

"I'm homesick!" said Varona, a telecommunications senior. "I miss my Tia Pia (the aunt who cooked for her in Miami)."

But Hispanics were not the only people who attended. Curious food lovers from different countries made their rounds, sampling dishes that ranged in cost from 25 cents for coconut fudge to 75 cents for a spiced chicken drumstick with sauce.

The festival was the closing event of the first annual Hispanic Heritage Week.

"It has actually been more of an international week," said graduate student Richard De Mey. "I've seen people from all nationalities at this and the other events."

Hispanics were joined by many non-Hispanics at the Latin Fiesta Friday at the University Holiday Inn, and different cultures met again at the *Carlos Oliva y Los Sobrinos del Juez* concert Saturday at the Reitz Union.

"The entire community has been very receptive to the Hispanic events," Gonzalez said. "There is a wonderful feeling watching everyone have a good time together."

Fair features exotic pets

Animal owners discuss care of snakes, bats, baboons

By **NICOLE SNEED**
Alligator Writer

Move those stuffed lions, tigers and bears; here come the snakes, bats and baboons.

Stuffed animal displays were crammed into a corner Saturday as the Florida Museum of Natural History made room for live exotic animals during Animal Fair '90.

Animal lovers gathered to talk about their exotic pets and, in some cases, to warn people against keeping such pets.

Niki Caligirui, who displayed his year-old Egyptian fruit bat, Prince, said he keeps five bats in his room as part of an exotic animal captive breeding program, but he said as a rule, bats make lousy pets.

"It is really hard to keep them," Caligirui said. "The hardest thing is getting them on the right diet."

The 12-year-old bat fan said he feeds his bats fruits supplemented with liquid nutrients.

Chiroptologist Jackie Belwood said bats are kept only for study because they tend to have nutritional deficiencies in captivity. "They do it in zoos and other facilities, but it is very hard to duplicate their natural diet," Belwood said. "If they are adapted to flying after insects, it's really difficult to get them to eat out of a dish. It takes months to train bats to survive in captivity."

Belwood currently is working with the University Athletic Association to move a large colony of North American free-tailed bats from McKethan Stadium bleachers to Lake Alice.

Jan Nuad and her 15-year-old Guinea baboon,

Olive, demonstrated how patience, persuasion and a few treats can make any animal a willing pupil for a wide variety of tricks. Olive twirled a baton, leaped through a hoop and played the cymbals for an audience of about 50. Naud said Olive performed in a circus before taking up the lecture circuit with her.

But Naud said keeping baboons takes complete dedication. Although Olive was calm throughout the entire demonstration, baboons are "potentially dangerous" animals that need constant attention to be handled safely.

"It's a 7-day-a-week thing," Naud said, "You have to handle these animals a lot."

Naud also explained that baboons are social animals, traveling in large numbers to protect themselves from predators, such as big cats and snakes. As a group they can be terrifying, but individually they are vulnerable to their many natural enemies.

"The baboon that finds himself alone in the wild is a dead baboon," Naud said.

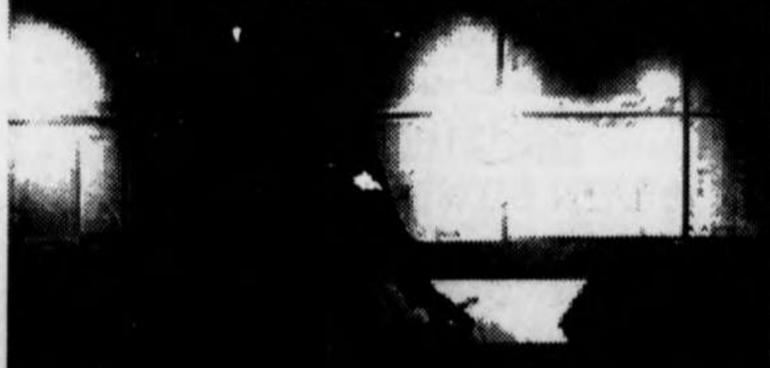
Contrary to popular belief, Naud said, baboons can live up to 15 years longer in captivity than they do in the wild, but they require expert attention.

Other people at the fair said their exotic pets are easy and fun to keep.

Ferrets are great pets, said ferret owner Carol Hill, because they are quiet, friendly, litter-trainable and inexpensive to keep. She said the hardest part about keeping them is "ferret-proofing the house" and keeping an eye on them.

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Scales said former president Marshall Criser, who resigned last April, and his temporary replacement, former Provost Robert Bryan, were unaware of UF's cold shoulder.

"If Criser and Bryan knew how students were treated by faculty and staff, then they might have gotten a little more involved," Scales said. "But there's such a level of bureaucracy, the problems never get to them."

Employee unfriendliness may bother students, but a different kind of hostility put UF in a statewide spotlight this semester. Reports of racial unrest on campus have been making headlines since last semester, with much of that attention focusing on a proposed white rights group.

Leaders of the white student union, which has entered the process to become an official UF organization, say the group is opposed to discrimination against whites. But many blacks see the group as evidence of increasing racism.

The white rights group is not alone in the headlines. Charges that UF police treat blacks unfairly, the increased local visibility of white supremacist factions and the defacing of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. monument downtown backed up the belief that racial tension exists.

"We have a severe problem with student relations, and it's getting worse and worse."

— Michael Browne
Student Body President-elect

That tension prompted Bryan to create a task force to examine the causes, while UF police Chief Everett Stevens set up a student forum to improve strained relations between officers and blacks. Student Body President-elect Michael Browne, who replaces Scales Friday, said those efforts are just a start.

"We have a severe problem with student relations, and it's getting worse and worse," senior Browne said. "A lot of students are afraid to walk on campus at night, afraid to talk to professors, afraid to talk to fellow students."

Sophomore Julia Wilson, a computer engineering major, said Lombardi needs to break down the walls that divide students.

"I think he needs to work on some type of unification for students, some type of system where minorities feel more comfortable around other students," Wilson said. "He needs to reach out to students

to get over these problems."

But political science junior Keith Williams said problems with race relations and athletic scandals take a back seat to the most important issue — campus parking. Or, more accurately, the lack of it.

"God, it's just terrible," Williams said. "I paid \$46 for my decal and then they build a new dorm and I lose all the spots that I could use. It's really a bad situation."

Williams got crowded out last October when construction on UF's 23rd residence facility cut 489 parking spots from Flavel parking lot, leaving 17,437 campus spaces for the 25,888 students who have parking decals. But Craig Varn, Student Traffic Court chief justice, said students can find a space any time they want.

"There's enough parking," Varn said. "It's just a matter of planning to get to campus a little earlier. (They can get a space) if they really want to make a conscious effort and park at the Park-and-Ride, and then ride a bus in."

Varn said the Park-and-Ride area southwest of campus offers 50 to 100 open spots at any given time and a 20-minute ride to the center of campus.

"There's really no place to put up more spaces," Varn said. "When it comes down to Lombardi, I can't see him doing much with parking."

"I'm sure he's got a lot of other things to think about."

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research," Brockmann said. "Having administrators who are academicians is the only way that vision will be fulfilled. They're the only people who understand that the real purpose and goal of the university is education and research."

The expectation of Lombardi to put his foremost attention on several groups at one time is to be expected, said Bryan, who added that Lombardi's first week will be "enjoyable anarchy."

"He will be pulled in 15 directions at once," Bryan said. "The most difficult thing will be to determine which things to do first. He will be led to believe each one is more important."

Perhaps the most publicized problems facing Lombardi is the athletic scandal and incidents of racism on campus. He also must begin working with alumni and continue UF's massive fundraising campaign.

But being at the center of controversy is just where Lombardi needs to be, said Charles Reed, chancellor of the State University System.

"Lombardi is the perfect person for UF at this time in his development," Reed said. "This is because of the academic set of binoculars he uses to look at the future. He will take the excellence of UF in all of those colleges and schools and pull them together."

"I just have high expectations from him," Reed said. "UF is going to be able to put our state university system on the map."

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Historian revisits Watergate

Author says Nixon shattered government's good image

By CORINNE TUTUSKA
Alligator Writer

Stanley I. Kutler last week asked a UF audience to imagine standing at the steps of Watergate, behind it, around it, in it — and to try to understand what it was about.

"I think it was about the rendering of the law in the United States," Kutler told about 40 UF students and professors who came to hear him speak Thursday night at Matherly Auditorium.

Kutler, a University of Wisconsin historian and author of "The Wars of Watergate — The Last Crisis of Nixon," said George Washington and the "cherry-tree myth" are deeply ingrained in American civil religion, but that Richard Nixon never understood it.

Nixon brought much "political baggage" with him to the White House that made Americans distrust their government, he said.

Kutler described Nixon as the most persistent and pervasive personality of the past half century, and he said the public will be hearing a lot more from him in the future.

"You don't have to like or dislike him to accept that," Kutler said.

He said Nixon is symbolic in American history for shattering the 'government is good' image, but that the reputation carries positive implications as well as negative ones.

Kutler said the scandals taught the public that political language can conceal. He said Nixon promised to bring people together and nurture trust in the White House. Instead, Kutler said, he fostered upheavals and created a weaker, more vulnerable office.

"Nearly a decade after (Nixon) resigned, he wrote, 'Virtue is not what lifts great leaders above others,'" Kutler said. "But even those words of self-incrimination pale next to the most fateful ones (Nixon) ever uttered: 'I hereby resign.'"

UF history senior Robert Levinsky said the speech, which was co-sponsored by Accent and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offered insight into the American presidency.

"The best point Kutler made," Levinsky said, "was that if Nixon would have admitted his mistake on TV, people would have accepted it and there would have been less of a chance with cover-ups like in the case of the Iran Contras."

Kutler's book will be published June 17, the 20th anniversary of the Watergate scandals.

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more widespread," Stopka said. "There is a statute that calls for equal opportunity in P.E., specifically for the disabled in public schools. This state is probably one of the slowest in the country, and lack of funds is used as a reason."

The laboratory also is used by physically disabled students enrolled in UF's Adapted Programs and Special Activities courses. At the beginning of each semester, about 16 permanently disabled students are enrolled in the courses.

Students enrolled in other physical education courses who injure themselves and can't participate in daily activities join the course to keep from losing credit and to rehabilitate themselves. Those who take the courses must have a doctor's note stating the limitations of their disabilities.

The lab has several other uses as well. Retarded children from neighboring schools use the lab for physical fitness, and several international wheelchair athletes use the lab to prepare for competitions.

Stopka also teaches students in the College of Health and Human Performance to become athletic trainers. She said her work load is too heavy and that she has difficulty finding enough staff members to cater to the needs of the physically disabled.

"We are understaffed faculty-wise," Stopka said.

The Reitz Union offered the leisure course Exercise for the Disabled for the first time this semester, providing disabled students another place to seek help. Susan Gornto, a senior in the College of Health and Human Performance, formed the class after taking part in Stopka's class.

When Gornto sprained her ankle and found herself unable to participate in the conditioning course she had enrolled in, she was placed in Stopka's Adaptive Programs course. She saw how Stopka worked with the disabled students, and she decided to form the course.

"We are not physical therapists or trainers," Gornto said, "but we are trying to help them out," Gornto said. "We offer them a nice atmosphere. It's relaxing."

Despite the popularity of the course before enrollment, only one student enrolled in the class, Gornto said. Gornto blames inflexible class hours for the small turnout.

Gornto works with journalism junior Beth Formica three times a week and said she is using this time to learn how to improve the course for summer enrollment.

Formica, who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair, said Gornto has helped her improve her ability to walk.

Gornto hopes to put the experience to use by pursuing a career in the field of physical education for special populations, particularly with physically disabled students.

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'Snakebusters' work to protect reptiles

By NICOLE SNEED
Alligator Writer

When Mike Welker gets calls from frightened folks, he grabs his hook and pillowcase and dashes out the door to save people from potentially touchy and dangerous situations with snakes.

He calls his service "Snakebusters," and he does it for free.

Welker just started "snakebusting" in Florida a few months ago, hoping to protect unwitting victims from home snake encounters and protect snakes from maiming or death. He said many snakes, including the harmless, endangered Indigo which can grow to more

than 10 feet long, frighten people into killing them.

Many times, Welker said, the caller doesn't even know if the snake is poisonous or not. They only want it gone.

But even if it is poisonous, the Santa Fe Community College student, who started a similar service in North Carolina last year, will still remove it. After he captures the snake in a pillow case, he will take it to a protected area, such as Paynes Prairie, to release it.

And his service is not limited to snakes. Welker can remove any type of amphibian or reptile — except alligators. The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission will remove the alligators.

PETS

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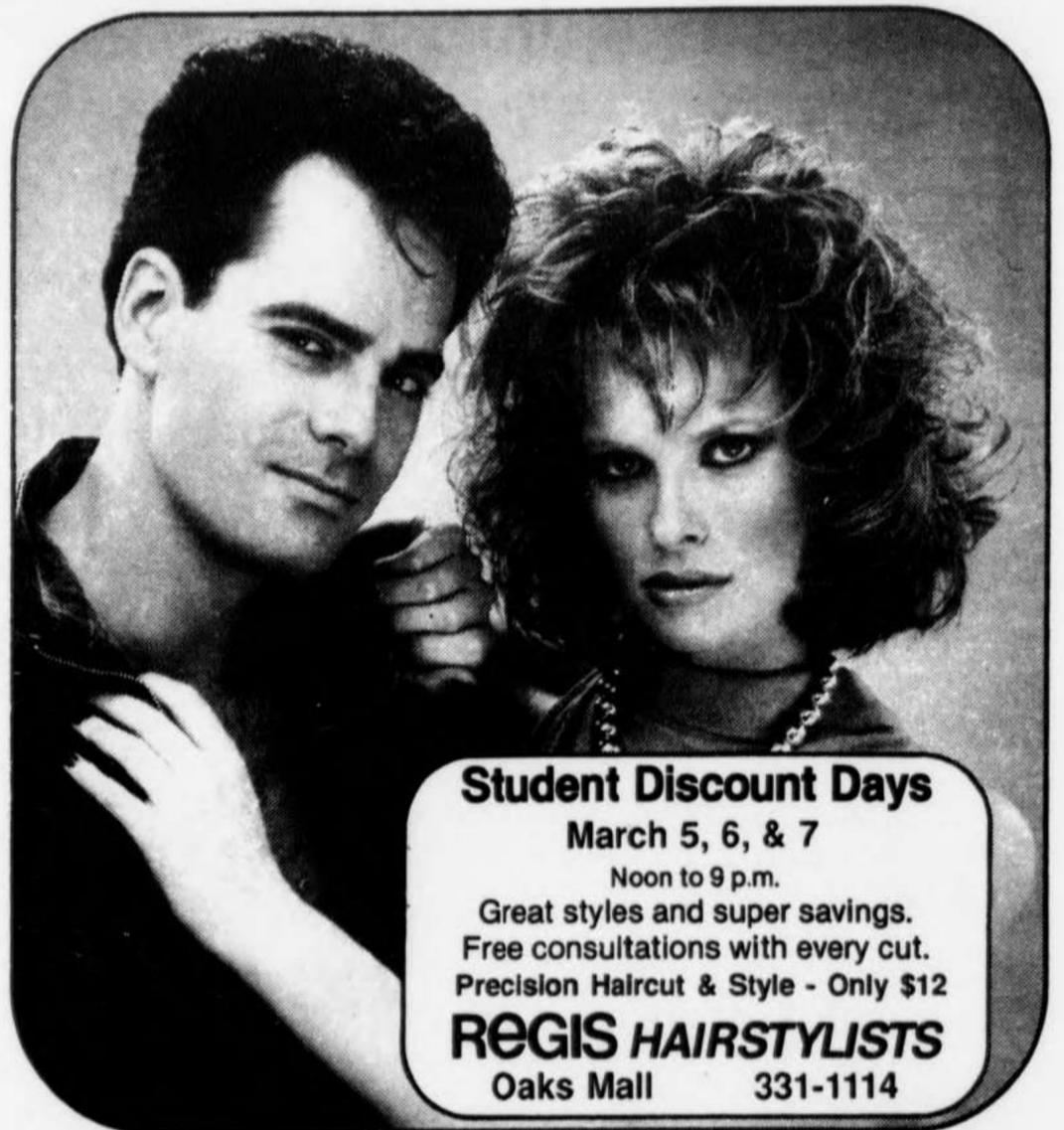
"You have to be really careful not to leave doors open because they might leave, and unlike dogs, they won't come back," said Hill, whose pet's name is Blazer.

Hill said she wanted to dispel rumors about the ferociousness of ferrets and teach people how to properly care for ferrets they own.

Jerry Ruiz and his 17-foot Burmese Python, Puffy, guarded the front entrance of the museum.

Ruiz, who is a zoo keeper in High Springs, said he feeds Puffy six rabbits every other week — by hand.

"You can just hold (the rabbit) by the hind legs so that the snake can grab it easier," Ruiz said, adding that he has never been bitten by his snakes.



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<p>March 10 Saturday</p>	<p>March 11 Sunday Movie - Beauty and the Beast (RUPC), 2nd floor auditorium JWRU.</p>	<p>March 12 Monday Main speaker Dr. Richard Radtke, Internationally renowned Marine Biologist and underwater explorer will discuss his life's work and how he hasn't allowed Multiple Sclerosis to get in the way of his life's work. 100 Carleton Aud., 7:30 pm. also the Drake Crossland Award Ceremony. Movie - The Miracle Worker (RUPC), 2nd floor auditorium JWRU</p>	<p>March 13 Tuesday EEX 3010, Dr. Richard Radtke to address the Students in the Exceptional People's Class. Adaptive Equipment Exhibit. Women's Gym parking lot, (Florida Gym if raining) from 12noon to 3pm - Dr Christine Stopka. Alpha Kappa Psi, guest speaker - Janet Christie, Director of Up-Reach Pavilion. Little Hall room 215, 7:00pm.</p>	<p>March 14 Wednesday Handi-Van Driver Appreciation Day Movie - Children of a Lesser God (RUPC), 2nd floor auditorium JWRU Renegades Basketball game at Lake City, call Dug Jones at 392-2161 for details.</p>
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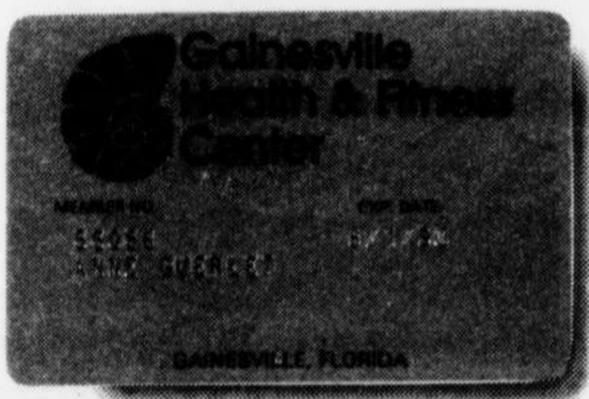
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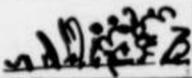


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WOMEN

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woman president. Women have only been allowed to become members of Blue Key since about 1973.

"Florida Blue Key, in a lot of ways, is a good ol' boy network," Wasula said. "It still amazes me that women haven't been in the chapter for 20 years."

Wasula said one of her biggest goals if elected is to work on Blue Key's relationship with the administration and students. Students especially feel distanced from Blue Key, she said.

"Students need to realize the good programs we do for them, like Homecoming and Growl," Wasula said. "We're not as removed with the student population as people think."

Geraghty has been a member of

the organization since the fall of 1986. She said she will strive to work on Blue Key's image and establish a working relationship with UF's new president, John Lombardi. Blue Key is viewed much as an elite organization, she said.

Geraghty said the next Blue Key president will have to work with Lombardi and new head football coach Steve Spurrier. She said she will use her knowledge of the chapter and outside sources to establish working relationships with both men.

Geraghty said she is excited about running for the presidency because Blue Key has always been a predominantly male organization.

"I feel that women in the chapter are on equal footing with men," Geraghty said. "But for some reason women have never been elected president. It's about time."

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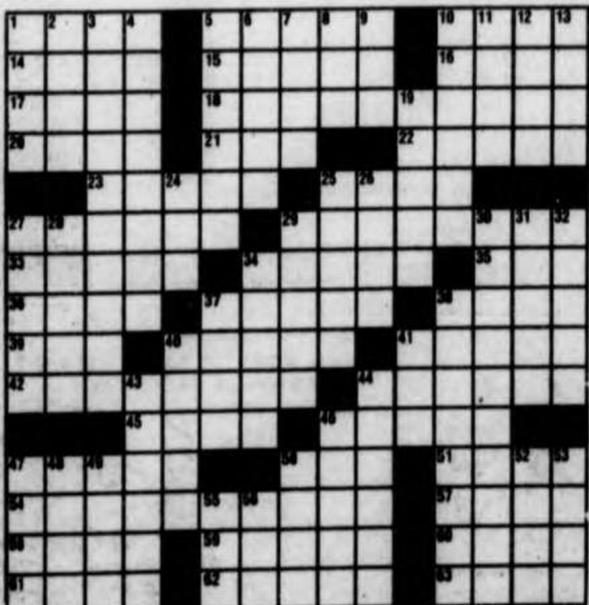
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Crimson Tide rolls past UF, 63-54

By DAN STIFFLER
Alligator Staff Writer

The UF basketball team reached the magic number 20 for the fourth consecutive season Saturday afternoon against Alabama.

But unlike the last three seasons when the Gators won 20 games en route to reaching the NCAA Tournament, the 1989-90 squad ended the regular season 7-20 with a 63-54 loss to the Crimson Tide in front of 7,111 in the O'Connell Center.

"They just out executed us today and we lost. They just have a lot of horses and they play hard," freshman Stacey Poole said after scoring a team-high 18 points. "We played our hearts out but the shots just wouldn't go down today. We could have beaten them if some of the shots would have fallen for us.

"We could have beat them today and I think they know that."

With the loss, the Gators finish the season with a 3-15 mark in the Southeastern Conference and the last-place seed in the SEC Tournament, which starts Thursday in Orlando. The 20-loss season is the first since the 1981-82 season and it is the seventh time in history.

While the Gators battled the larger Alabama players, they also had trouble finding sympathy from the officials. Alabama shot 27 foul shots, making 18, while the Gators took only four foul shots, making all four.

"The final analysis is the home team shots four free throws and the visiting team shoots 27," interim coach Don DeVoe said. "Who's going to win with a disparity like that? No, you're not going to win."

The Gators took no foul shots in the second half while the Crimson Tide attempted 19, building the lead to 13 points with 6:13 left in the game.

"The officiating plays a very important part in the game and you have to believe they are doing their very best job," DeVoe said. "But today we shot four and they shot 27, and we play man defense and they play some man defense."

But the Gators refused to give up at 13 down, going on an 8-1 run in a four-minute span to pull within six, 53-40, with 2:46 remaining. But the Gators would get no closer as 'Bama closed the game by making four of five free throws while UF had scoring trouble.

"I think we gave the effort. A lot of shots that went up tonight just didn't fall," Poole said. "I think we could have done without it (the missed shots) but it happens, and you've got to live with it."

But Alabama had a lot to do with the UF missing its shot, DeVoe said. The Crimson Tide used a variety of defenses against the Gators and took away their inside game.



KEVIN WISNIEWSKI — ALLIGATOR

Dwayne Davis grabs one of his game-high 12 rebounds during the Gators' 63-54 loss Saturday to Alabama in the O'Connell Center.

"We didn't play very well today," DeVoe said. "At the end of the game, we were not able to set up for good shots, and Alabama had a lot to do with that."

UF center Dwayne Davis recorded a double-double, 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Melvin Cheatum led Alabama with 21 points and Keith Askins scored 13 points.

The loss is the Gators' seventh home loss this year, matching the most losses at home since the O'Connell Center opened in 1981.

"I'm relieved we broke that losing streak but

I'm not relieved the regular season is over," Poole said. "It's been very disappointing. I wish we could have those 14 games over again. It's over and we just need to get going to get ready for the tournament."

UF will open the SEC Tournament against Vanderbilt in Orlando Arena.

"Florida is going to beat someone if we come in prepared," Poole said. "If we don't come in prepared, Florida is going to get blown out. No one is going to take us for granted."

More UF runners qualify for championships

The men's and women's track teams each qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in one more event at the Florida Fast Times in the O'Connell Center on Friday.

The meet was a last chance to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships, to be held in the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome this Friday and Saturday.

AROUND SPORTS

Junior pole-vaulter Mike Holloway cleared 17 feet, 7 inches to qualify. The jump was Holloway's first to clear 17 feet in competition since injuring his hamstring before the season started.

Holloway joins long jumper Dion Bentley, 200 and 400-meter runner Tyrone Kemp, 400 and 800 runner Mark Everett and hurdler Earl Diamond as the Gators who qualified this

season. The Gators also qualified a 4x400 relay team composed of Everett, Kemp, Diamond and Lewis Lacy.

The Lady Gators lone qualifier Friday came in the 4x400-meter relay which ran a 3:36.91.

Women golfers place 14th

MONTEREY, Calif. — The UF women's golf team finished in 14th place Sunday at the Josten's/San Jose State Invitational.

The Lady Gators shot a three-day total of 331-323-317—971, falling 38 strokes behind winner Arizona State. Tulsa was second with 940, followed by Oklahoma State (946).

Lisa Hackney was UF's top finisher, placing 15th with a three-day total of 235.

2 swimmers qualify for NCAAs

ORLANDO — UF swimmers Mike Wermuth and Vince Giambalvo qualified for the NCAA tournament Saturday at the State of Florida Region IV Swimming Championships in the Orlando Aquatic Center.

Wermuth qualified in the 50 freestyle in 20.34 seconds. Giambalvo qualified in the 200

free. Both were first-place times.

Water polo club holds toumey

Despite a 7-0 record and a "home-pool" advantage, the UF water polo club was knocked out of this weekend's double-elimination Gator Spring Invitational after two games.

A team from Clearwater defeated UF 9-7 in the tournament's opening game and North Miami Beach eliminated the Gators later in the day. UF took out its frustration on the University of Miami club with a 24-4 thrashing Sunday in a consolation game.

The Miami city club won the tournament with a 16-12 victory over North Miami Beach in the final.

Wes Faunce led the Gators with eight goals in the tournament and goalie Scott Spangler stood out defensively, shutting down the Hurricanes' offense.

Compiled from Alligator staff and wire reports.

Lady Gators fall at SEC tournament

By GREGG DOYEL
Alligator Staff Writer

The UF women's basketball squad's best season in five years came to an end Saturday at the hands of Tennessee, 81-56, in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Albany, Ga.

But the loss didn't come before the Lady Gators gave the nation's third-ranked team an early scare.

UF, which upset Kentucky 70-54 Friday in first-round action, jumped to a four-point lead late in the first half against the Lady Vols, who beat the Lady Gators 75-42 on Feb. 17.

But Tennessee brought the Lady Gators back down to reality over the last five minutes of the half, outscoring the suddenly cool Lady Gators by 15 during that stretch to take an 11-point halftime lead.

The second half held more of the same for UF, despite its rebounding advantage over the taller Lady Vols. UF, the eighth-best rebounding team in the country and tops in the SEC, outboarded Tennessee 37-36.

Junior guard Sophia Witherspoon led all scorers with 22 points. Junior forward Rhvonja Smith added 17 points and a team-high 10 rebounds for the Lady Gators (15-13).

Daedra Charles scored 17 points and Dena Head added 16 for the Lady Vols, which improved to 24-4 with the victory.

UF avenged an early-season loss to Kentucky on Friday, riding the crest of a 44-point second-half outburst at the expense of the Lady Kats, who only managed 21 points in the last 20 minutes.

Witherspoon had 13 of her game-high 19 points in the second half, and UF turned its perennial Achilles' heel into a potent weapon, sinking 24 of 34 free throws to the Lady Kats dismal 7-for-23 shooting at the line.

The Lady Gators had been shooting 59 percent from the line, but improved on that against Kentucky, shooting at a 71 percent clip.

Senior UF forward Ann Glasse scored nine points and a game-high 11 boards, both career-bests, and freshman center LaTonya McGee added 11 points and nine rebounds. The Lady Gators out-rebounded Kentucky 61-31.

The Lady Gators held Kentucky's Kristi Cushenberry, who had 29 points in the Lady Kats' 84-70 victory over UF on Feb. 10, to just 14 Friday.

Kentucky entered the contest 10th nationally in scoring offense, averaging 84.3 points a game. But with leading scorer Lisa Ellis scoring just eight points, the Lady Kats were held to 34 under their season's average as UF knocked the Lady Kats from the SEC tourney for the second consecutive year.

SPORTS

Gymnasts improve on road, but still lose meet

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Although the UF gymnasts haven't exactly been road warriors this season, Friday night they may have taken a step in the right direction.

The No. 13 Gators lost to No. 4 Louisiana State and No. 11 Arizona State, but their score of 187.25 was their highest road total of the season. LSU posted a 190.15 to win the meet in Tempe, Ariz. ASU took second with a 188.75.

"I was very happy with our team score," Gators coach Ernestine Weaver said. "We

did our job tonight. We only had to count one fall, so we were pretty pleased with that fact."

The Gators haven't won a road meet yet this season, a fact that Weaver said could hurt them at the March 24 Southeastern Conference Championships in Athens, Ga. UF will be facing four of the teams they have lost to this year, including 1989 NCAA champions Georgia.

But Weaver said UF (6-5) needed a good road score at this weekend's meet even more than they needed a win. The Gators' previous season-high road total was 185.65 in their Feb 10. loss to Alabama and Georgia.

UF got the score they needed without the services of sophomore all-rounder Melissa Kutcher, who was ill and did not make the trip. The Gators filled the gap easily, posting a season-high vault total of 46.90 despite being one vaulter short. Three Gators matched or set their collegiate-best vault scores — Kim Day (9.15), Amy Beispiel (9.35) and Jeannette Hrubes (9.35).

Senior Karen Brennalt and junior Pam Titus were the Gators' top performers, tying for third in the all-around with a score of 37.70. LSU's Rachelle Fruge took first with a 38.25, and ASU's Suzy Baldock scored a 38.05 to place second overall.

Titus and sophomore Christina McDonald shared first place in the uneven bars competition with LSU's Amy Churchill and Eva Hozman. The four scored a 9.60 to win the event. Baldock scored a 9.55 to place second, and ASU's Tracy Butler took third with a 9.50.

UF posted a season-low floor exercise total of 46.90. Titus led the Gators on that event, scoring a 9.60 to take third. LSU's Fruge placed first with a 9.85.

Butler scored a 9.70 to win the beam competition, and ASU's Molly Carpenter and Julianne Wilson tied for the vault title with scores of 9.75.

'Canes hit Gators, take 2-game series

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The UF baseball team ended its two-game series against the University of Miami in appropriate fashion Sunday — Billy Minnis grounded into a double-play with runners on first and third base to seal an 8-3 loss to the Hurricanes in front of 4,186 fans at Perry Field.

The Gators stranded 10 runners on base Saturday in a 6-3 loss and four on Sunday. In the second game, Dave Majeski was stranded on third base in the first inning, Herbert Perry and Joe Russo were left on

first and second in the fourth, and Mike Moberg hit into a fifth-inning double play that drove in Rick Britton from third but forced Gregg Castaldo out at second.

"We have got to get going offensively and start to get a little hungrier if we are going to be successful this year," UF coach Joe Arnold said. "In order for us to do anything, we've got to start getting some runs in when we have runners in scoring position."

UF, 8-7 and ranked 18th in the *Collegiate Baseball/ESPN* poll, found itself in a 4-0 hole Sunday in the third inning. Mike Tosar

scored in the first inning after walking, stealing second base and crossing home on a single by Frank Mora.

Tosar struck again in the third inning, belting a three-run home run with Orlando Palmeiro on third base and Gino DiMare on second. Tosar, a junior who had only one

career homer entering the series, also delivered a solo blast in the eighth inning of Saturday's game.

The Gators, who split a two-game series on the road against Miami last week, closed the score to 4-2 after Russo drove in Majeski from second base with a single in the fourth inning

and Britton scored an inning later.

The fourth-ranked Hurricanes (15-2) ensured the victory, though, by scoring three runs in the seventh inning. DiMare led off with an infield single and moved to third base on a double by Greg Erickson. After a ground out by Tosar, Mora singled to center field to drive in both runners. Mora then scored on a single by Jon Farrell.

"Miami proved they're a better ballclub right now than we are," Arnold said. "They're putting together some things that a winning ballclub has to do, and we are not at this particular moment."

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Gators first baseman Herbert Perry had to get used to a lot of Miami runners on base during the series this past weekend.

UF freshman John Burke (2-3) lost his second consecutive game in an erratic manner. He struck out nine batters but allowed eight hits and seven earned runs.

"My fastball was a little bit flat," Burke said. "They caught up to it in the seventh. In the third inning, Tosar turned on one. That cost us big time right there."

In Saturday's loss, the Gators jumped out to a 2-0 second-inning lead. Castaldo tripled to drive in Mario Linares from second base, and scored on a double by Moberg.

But Miami came back and scored three runs in the seventh inning and did not trail again. Mora led off with a single and scored on a home run by Charles Johnson. Jorge Fabregas and Jon Farrell each singled and advanced one base on a balk by loser Cord Corbitt (2-1). After Juan Flores grounded out off reliever John Pricer, Palmeiro singled to drive in Fabregas.

"The key was winning (Saturday's) game, which gave us a boost and put them a little bit

down," Tosar said. "I think that before the game they were a little bit mentally beat."

■ **Looking ahead to FSU.** The Gators now begin preparing for a home-and-away four-game series with Florida State beginning Thursday. UF plays host to the third-ranked Seminoles Thursday and Friday, then travels to Tallahassee for games on Saturday and Sunday.

Women's tennis team falls at ITCA Championships

Alligator Staff Report

Not quite as planned.

That's how the USTA/ITCA Women's National Indoor Team Tennis Championships went for the Lady Gators this weekend at Madison, Wis.

Third-ranked UF entered the tournament Thursday seeded as the No. 2 team, and following the history of the tournament, was favored to reach the Sunday's final against top-seeded Stanford.

Instead, UCLA took advantage of several UF mistakes Saturday and advanced to

Sunday's final against Stanford with a 5-2 victory.

Results of Sunday's final were not available at press time.

UF's No. 1 player, Andrea Farley, lost 6-2, 6-2 to UCLA's Jessica Emmons after having defeated her in November to start the onslaught at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

After Nicole Arendt tied things up with a 6-2, 6-0 thrashing of Kim Po, the rest of the way was tough. UF fell behind 3-1 following losses by Holly Danforth (7-5, 6-2 to Mamie Ceniza) and Jillian Alexander (6-2, 6-3 to

Kirsten Dreyer).

Amy Alcini posted UF's only other victory, a 7-5, 6-2, 7-5 win at No. 6 singles, but it wasn't enough.

UF advanced to the final four of the tournament Friday with a 6-0 whitewashing of No. 6 Southern Cal.

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Men's squad loses two. The Gators lost their first matches of the season this weekend, falling to Auburn and Alabama on the road.

Sunday, 10th-ranked Alabama defeated UF 8-1. The only victory for the Gators (6-2 overall, 1-2 in the Southeastern Conference) came at No. 4 singles, where Rick Holton beat Brad McMurray 6-2, 6-3.

Alabama improves to 4-4 and 1-1.

At Auburn, the Gators were swept in singles play, with their two victories coming from the teams of David Blair-Holton and Jeff Mager-Jim Spencer.

The Tigers improve to 10-0, 1-0.

UF will face No. 2 Georgia today in Athens, Ga.