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Candidates talk homelessness at forum

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City commission candidates met at a public forum Tuesday night to give their input on Gainesville's homelessness problem.

The forum, at Northeast Gainesville's Fire of God Ministries, was hosted by the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, a local partnership of organizations that work with the homeless.

The seven candidates, representing Districts 2 and 3, agreed on the inadequacy of current services and shelters. They also agreed that despite budget cuts, funding should be maintained for the city's Office of Homelessness.

"Any time the county and city are working together on something, let's encourage that," said District 2 candidate Lauren Poe. "Let's keep that going."

Candidates disagreed on

whether it is city government or private charities that bears the brunt of the responsibility for tackling the homelessness issues.

"Government has completely failed," said District 3 candidate Armando Grundy, who added that he believes the entire community is responsible for tackling homelessness.

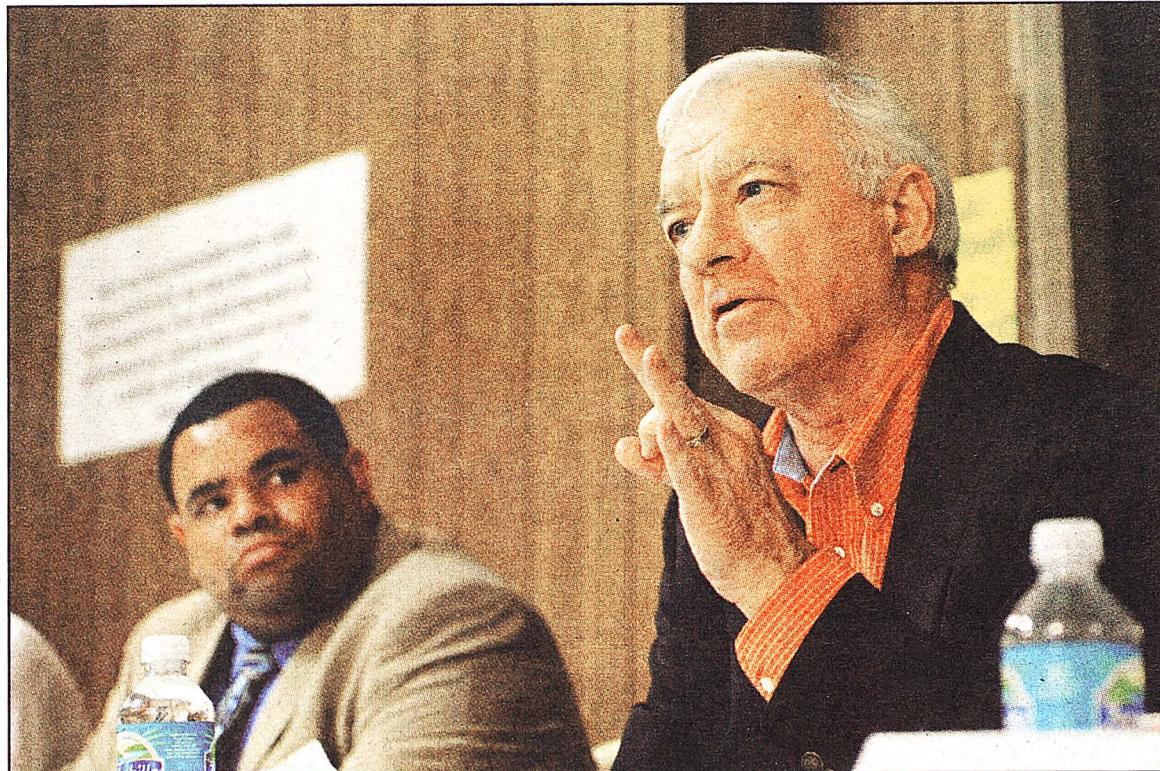
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Lauren Poe
District 2 candidate

District 3 Commissioner Jack Donovan, who is running for re-election, said that because charities have not been able to solve homelessness problems, help should come from government.

Candidates also disagreed on whether free transportation should be provided to GRACE

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Gainesville City Commissioner Jack Donovan, right, speaks about homeless issues while one of his opponents, Armando Grundy, looks on at a forum on Tuesday night.

Groups settle issue

By ALYSSA LaRENZIE

Alligator Writer

The UF student groups involved in a campus free-speech controversy that got national attention met last month to discuss the issue and to put it behind them.

In November, posters for a screening of the film "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West" that included the headline "Radical Islam Wants You Dead!" were put up around campus. Some Muslim students complained, saying they were offended.

Yaser Ali, the president of student group Islam on Campus, said, "We want to move forward from this."

Christian Waugh, president of the Law

School Republicans, one of the groups that sponsored the film's screening said the groups met to make peace.

Matt Klein, a justice on the Student Government Supreme Court, sent an e-mail to all students before the movie was shown, linking the students who removed the posters with "Radical Islam."

On Campus After UF Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin sent an e-mail to all students encouraging the sponsors of the screening to apologize, state politicians and members of the national media criticized the UF administration for suppressing free speech.

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Facebook enters classroom

■ MORE PROFESSORS ARE USING THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE.

By ILEANA MORALES

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Kelly Bailey doesn't make phone calls or wait in line to speak to her academic adviser. After all, they're friends -- on Facebook.

Bailey, a UF history senior, is part of a growing trend of students and faculty extending their relationships to the popular social networking site.

"It's absolutely easier than calling him at the office," Bailey said.

But it's not all business.

Steven Noll, a UF history professor, said he likes sending happy birthday wall posts to his students.

"Noll said while some teachers won't befriend their students, he doesn't have a problem with the upgraded student-

teacher relationships.

Getting to know students is an important part of his job, he said, and Facebook has made it easier.



"Looking at pictures and quotes just gives an idea of who people are," Noll said. "It's not just that kid who sat in row four in that class."

He said it's also more personal than communicating through e-mail.

By staying linked to students through Facebook, he said he keeps in touch with people he otherwise wouldn't.

"You're not friends with these people like with colleagues and friends," he said. "You're friends in a different way."

However, Noll's got some ground rules. He said he doesn't accept friend requests from students in his classes.

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■ Led by guard Nick Calathes (right) who had 21 points, UF opened its Southeastern Conference schedule with a 90-83 win Tuesday night against Alabama. See story, pg. 18.



1 dead after train crashes into 81-year-old's car

POMPANO BEACH (AP) — One person is dead after a train slammed into his car in Pompano Beach. Pompano Beach Fire Rescue spokeswoman Sandra King says it appears the driver tried to go around the arm rails when the crash happened at about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The driver, 81-year-old Arthur Brauer, was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was in the car and no injuries were reported aboard the Tri-Rail train.

■ Local public officials have set their personal and professional goals for 2008. See story, pg. 4.

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Deadline to Remember

UF Drop/Add and late registration for the spring will close Friday at 11:59 p.m.

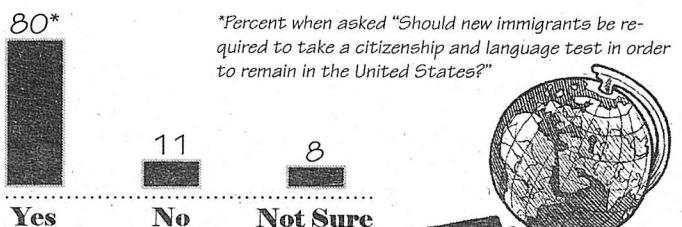
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Results based on a Financial Times and Harris Poll conducted online by Harris Interactive among a total of 1,056 adults in the U.S. between November and December 2007



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UF plans to test its text-messaging emergency notification system on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

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Students campaign despite Fla.'s weakened primaries

■ SOME BELIEVE FLORIDA STILL INFLUENTIAL.

By DREW HARWELL
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With the Florida primaries only a few weeks away, volunteer campaigners across campus have been working hard to popularize their favorite presidential candidate.

The question is, why?

Florida legislators and national party leaders have butted heads over the Jan. 29 primaries' loss of national influence and a pledge made by Democratic candidates to suspend their campaigning across the state.

Yet students around campus have still made it a priority to hold signs, raise money and get people to the polls — though it remains to be seen how much impact the votes will have.

Florida's demotion problems first began when the state scheduled its primary earlier than planned without seeking permission from the two parties.

The Democratic National Committee reprimanded the state for its decision and voted in August to strip the state of all its delegates, making the Florida primary technically useless later in the year when nominees are selected.

The Republican National Committee also chose to punish the state by depriving Florida of half its delegates, leaving the state with 57 — one less than Missouri, which has a third of Florida's population.

For the Democratic candidates, this punishment has given Florida the shroud of a leper's colony. According to the New York Times, candidates Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards spoke at only 20 events combined across the

entire state before signing a pledge, like all Democratic candidates did, to not campaign again in the state before the primary.

However, the state still holds some power for the Republican hopefuls. Candidates like Fred Thompson, Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney have made numerous trips to Orlando, Coral Gables and the state's West coast.

For some of the potential presidential nominees, Florida's weakened impact has shaken up campaign plans. But for some lower-level supporters, such as students around campus, the punishment has served only as motivation.

Kristen Misiak, a UF senior in biochemistry and English and member of UF Students for Barack Obama, said the primary at the end of the month remains as important as it ever was.

"We won't be getting delegates, but our primary runs a week before 22 other states," she said, referring to the nationwide primaries on "Super Tuesday" that will decide a little over half of the nation's Democratic delegates. "It matters as far as momentum."

Dave Chauncey, a UF political science sophomore who helped start Gators for Mike Huckabee, agreed.

"Politics, especially the primary season, is all about momentum," he said. "The way Florida goes may really determine the way the country goes."

Anthony Aspesi, a UF sophomore in biology and political science who supports Republican candidate John McCain, said, "Since we [Florida] are early, it's going to help set the tone for the rest of the states on February 5. People are still going to see the results of who wins and who gets the support."

"I'd be a little upset, though," he added, "if I was a Democrat."

It's not just delegates that Florida Democrats are missing out on. Because of the Democratic candidates' pledge to stop campaigning in Florida, some UF political support groups have found themselves low on resources.

Danny Beaulieu, the membership coordinator of UF Students for Barack Obama and a UF junior in political science and philosophy, said his group has been paying for stickers, buttons and other promotional material without any money from Obama's headquarters.

Though the group is now raising funds by selling T-shirts and drink koozies, Beaulieu estimated

his group was "still at least a few hundred dollars in the red."

Kathleen Shea, the president of Gators for Hillary and a junior in classical studies, also said her group has had trouble putting together enough cash for its campaign.

"Right now we can't really give out materials," she said. "We're planning fundraisers events for later this spring just to pay for fliers."

On the other side of the race, students supporting Republican candidates have also found themselves rich in support but poor in funds.

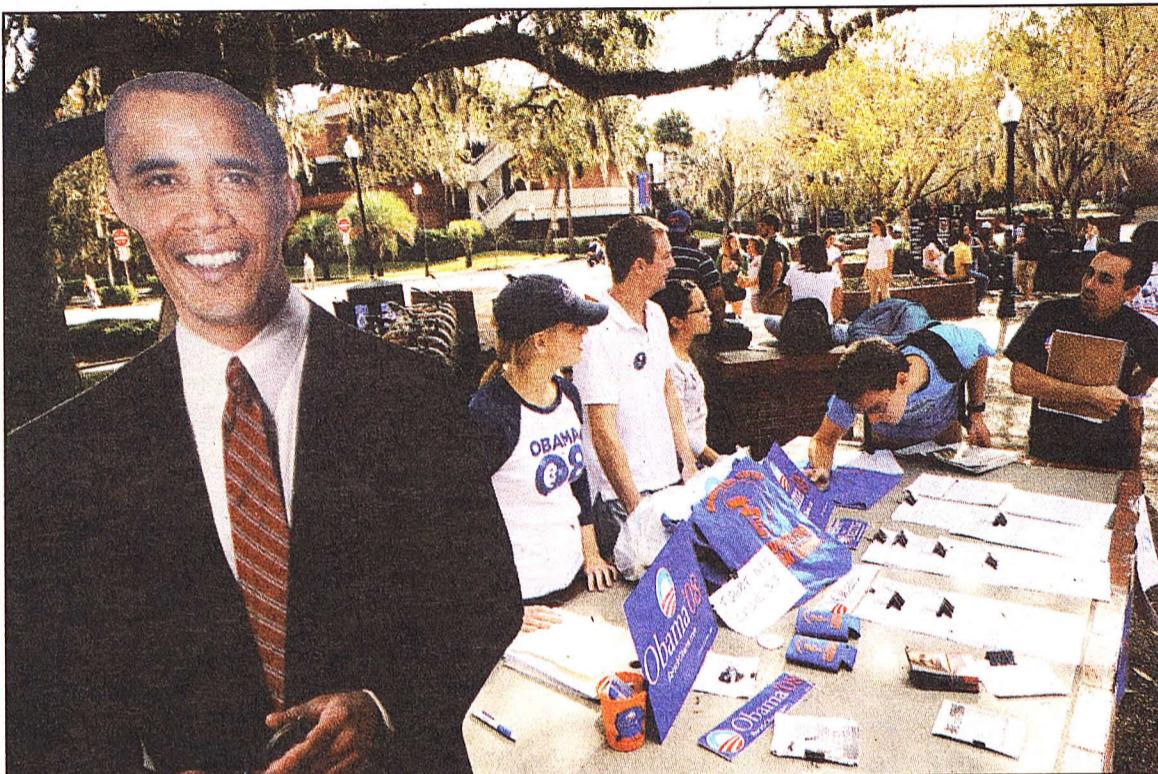
Bryan Griffin, a UF sophomore in classics and biology who serves as the campus representative for

Thompson's nationwide campaign, attested that his group hasn't received much money from the candidate's headquarters but has still organized promotional material, fundraising dinners and debate-watching parties.

"It doesn't really discourage us," he said.

Others, like David Polakoff, a UF junior in elementary education and member of Gators for Ron Paul, have found the Democrats' primary problem to be a surprising help.

"The fact that we [Republicans] still have half and the Democrats have nothing has worked to our advantage," Polakoff said.



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A cardboard cutout of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama greets students at a table set up by supporters on Turlington Plaza on Tuesday afternoon.

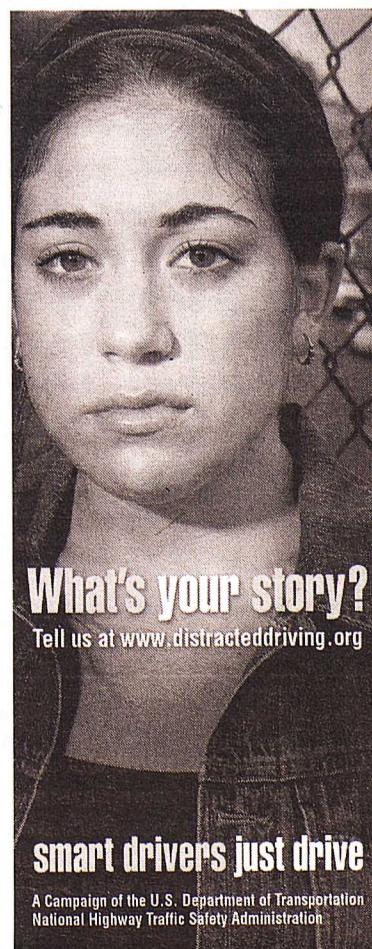
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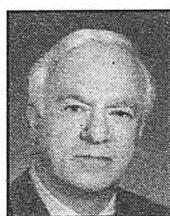
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Officials set 2008 resolutions

Jack Donovan, 63

City commissioner since 2005; he is up for reelection on Jan. 29.

Personal: "I sort of have two, but they merge together. Continue to love my family and friends and..."

Professional: "... help Gainesville continue in growing and be safe, sound and prosperous for all," Donovan said. Issues he would like to focus on are juvenile crime, energy, the environment and the economy.

Ed Braddy, 35

City commissioner for six years; his term expires this year.

Professional: As the only Republican on the City Commission, Braddy said with a laugh that he wanted to "be more humble in accepting praise from [his] fellow commissioners."

Personal: "I told some friends I would be giving blood regularly," he said, adding he would research how often was suggested for his lifestyle. "I'm looking for a good repetition."



By DREW HARWELL

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Pegeen Hanrahan, 41

Mayor of Gainesville for four years.

Professional: Hanrahan wants Gainesville residents to be better connected and wants to have more meetings in different parts of the city. She looks forward to working with ongoing projects like the Kennedy Homes site, the Sixth Street Trail and Depot Park.

Personal: "My main ones, personally, are to continue to have lots of time with my family and learn from my kids," she said. "I learn something from them every single day."

Hanrahan has a 2-year-old daughter, Evelyn, and a 10-month-old son, Quinn.

**Paula Delaney, 54**

County commissioner since 2004; her term ends this year.

Personal: "I guess we all, of course, want to do the usual things: eat better, sleep longer — all those kinds of things," Delaney said.

Professional: She cited issues like youth services, homelessness and public education as important points to continue working on. "I think a lot of people perceive the county as a wonderful place to live, but we are in fact a poor community," she said. "We have many, many needs." She also mentioned working closer with cities on annexation and finances.

**Sadie Darnell, 56**

Alachua County Sheriff since 2006; up for reelection later this year.

Personal: No resolutions. "I heard some celebrity say you just tend to break them," Darnell said.

Professional: She plans to walk the halls of the sheriff's office more often and speak with deputies daily in order to stay connected with her co-workers. Also, she plans to return phone calls from residents on the same day she receives them.

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■ LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS
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Gainesville and Alachua County's 10-year plan to end homelessness, which is in its third year, will be assisted by more than \$800,000 worth of federal grants.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will provide eight grants to the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, totaling \$821,693 — more than double the funds given for 2007, according to a news release.

"For some reason, they've given us a little bit more than we've requested," said Jim Wright, the coalition's executive director. "I have no idea why, but it's nice."

The coalition includes organizations in Alachua, Putnam, Bradford and Levy counties. Last year, HUD gave the coalition about \$407,000, Wright said.

The grants are part of HUD's "Continuum of Care" program and will primarily benefit veter-

ans, single women and abuse victims.

The Alachua County Housing Authority was the largest recipient, Wright said. The Housing Authority will receive \$255,000 to provide housing for female veterans and domestic abuse victims, and \$20,000 for its Homeless Management Information System, a computer system that tracks homeless people and services.

The Housing Authority has not received any grants from the program for the past two years, said Gail Monahan, the organization's executive director.

Local News The housing grant will supplement a program that currently provides 21 single-person residences, paying for four more for the next 10 years.

"That's a few more people we can help," Monahan said. "Slow and steady wins the race."

The other six grants were renewals for programs that already receive HUD funding regularly, though not all organizations received more funding than usual.

Cheryl Wedgwood, of VETSPACE, said she did not receive any increase in funding for her programs, which provide rent vouchers and transitional housing to veterans.

Still, she said, the programs will continue to make progress toward ending homelessness.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Phi Delt rush ban lifted

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A UF fraternity formerly banned from recruitment this semester will now be allowed to take on new members after appealing its punishment.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, known as Phi Delt, was placed on conduct probation by the UF Dean of Students Office in November. UF charged Phi Delt with harboring underage drinking at an Aug. 30 event.

Phi Delt was originally prohibited from spring recruitment and from hosting social events through summer.

In addition to regaining spring recruitment, Phi Delt is now allowed to have alcohol at one social event this semester.

Phi Delt already had sanc-

tions from previous incidents imposed by its national office, such as reducing the number of members in the fraternity, said Steve Orlando, UF spokesman.

Orlando said UF didn't want to overload the fraternity with punishments.

The fraternity must still conduct two risk-management trainings with 90 percent member attendance. Eighty percent of its members must also each complete two hours of community service.

The service hours cannot be done through a Phi Delt philanthropy project, which is a Phi Delt-sponsored fundraiser.



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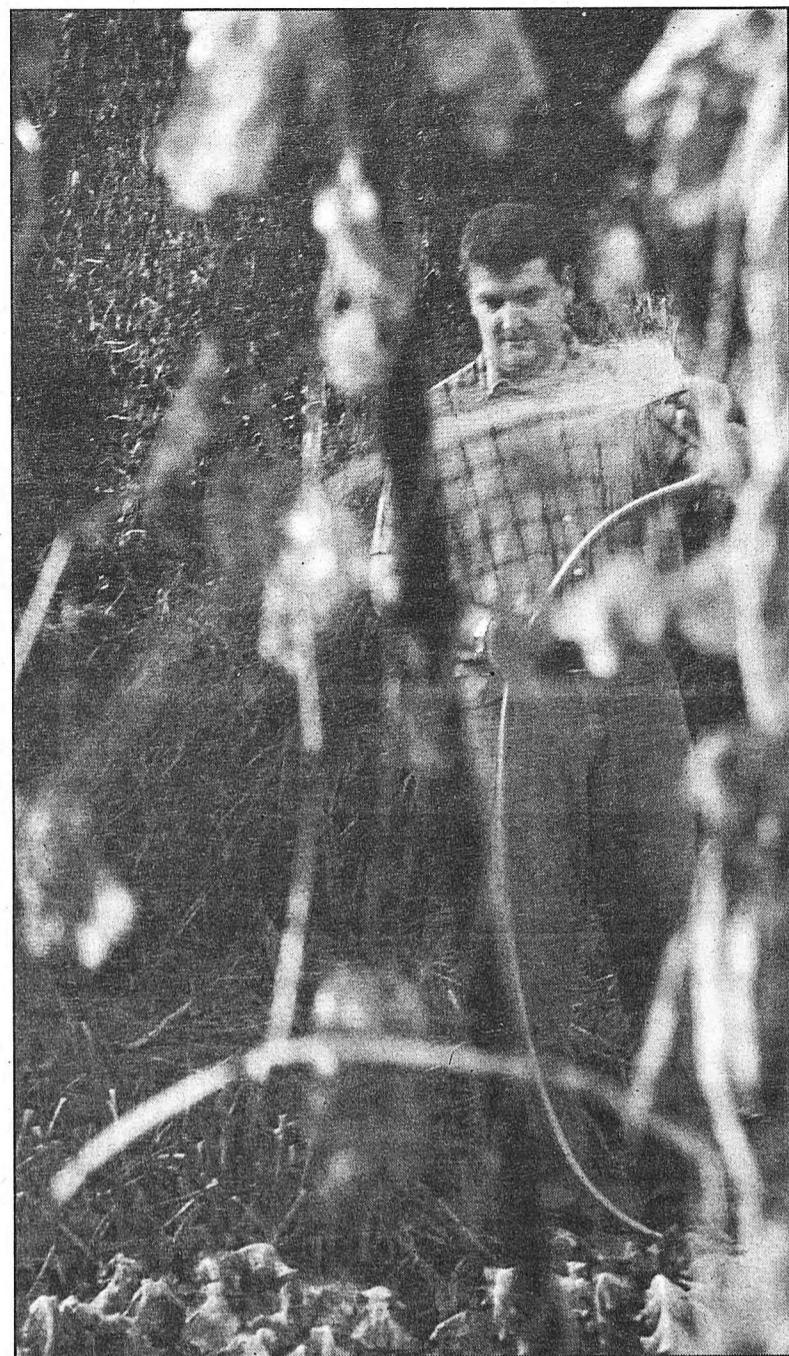
Chris Loschiavo, assistant dean and director of Student Judicial Affairs, said Phi Delt needs to be careful this semester to stay out of trouble.

"The whole university will be keeping an eye on them," Loschiavo said. "And they should keep an eye on themselves."

Wills City, Phi Delt public relations chairman, said the fraternity was pleased with the decisions, particularly the reversal of barred recruitment. With a new executive board, City said Phi Delt would turn over a new leaf this semester.

These aren't the out-of-control "Animal House" days of the '70s and '80s, he said.

As for his advice to other Greek houses, "You just really gotta watch your tails," he said.



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Field Repairs

Brian Jackson, a UF graduate student in the Plant Medicine Program, waters his plot in the Student Agricultural Gardens on Monday evening. Much of the garden fell victim to recent frosts.

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Civic Duty

Vote despite partisan primaries

While political pundits and election experts painfully regurgitate the results from Iowa and New Hampshire and supply their own twisted analyses, Florida is gearing up for its earliest primary ever.

The buzz over Barack Obama's early victory in Iowa or Rudy Giuliani's fall from grace probably has you wishing this election year was over before it even begins, and you're not alone. The media sure make it easy to get irritated to the point of apathy.

But, there is something you can do at the polls on Jan. 29 that will actually affect what happens right here in Gainesville.

Unlike the presidential primary elections, which are closed to those not affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic party, the Gainesville City Commission has three open seats on the ballot, which any registered voter can select.

Choosing who sits on the commission may not seem as sexy as backing Obama or stumping for Ron Paul, but it may determine a lot more of your life here in Gainesville than you think.

Who decides how much you have to pay to get your car back after a tow? How much will rents around town increase? When will University Corners ever be finished? Why does everyone have to clear out of the bar at 2 a.m.?

The commission has the power to directly influence what we as students do, where we can afford to live and how this booming college town manages its growth. And this year, two students are in the commission mix — one from SFCC and a former UF Student Senate president.

So if you can muster the strength to walk past even more far-too-enthusiastic campaigners — tastefully 100 feet from the polling place, of course — do it.

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Guest column

'Subprime' not a worthy selection

I feel misrepresented. I feel cheated. It's downright wrong.

While there are many injustices rearing their ugly heads around the world, none are so infuriating as my current source of discontent.

Get this: The American Dialect Society chose "subprime," which is an adjective used to describe a risky or less than ideal loan, mortgage or investment, as its word of 2007. I mean, come on. In the overused, usually exploitative and insensitive words of Dr. Phil, "What were you thinking?"

Out of all the words in the English language, the American Dialect Society found it fitting to select "subprime." Wow. What a boring bunch of linguists. As if the name, American Dialect Society, didn't already designate the group the wallflowers of language experts.

So why the word "subprime" anyway? Perhaps it's the impending economic crisis America is facing. Perhaps it's because we're obsessed with the fact that the value of our homes, places we've come to love, have little value anymore. We could soon be living in wastelands of foreclosures formerly known as neighborhoods. I guess that would be slightly worrisome and worth discussing. But, honestly, it's not worth the title "Word of the Year." The Bush administration admits we're seeing some hard times right now, and there may be a few more to come, but surely the administration can figure a way out of this rotting pickle. The administration has acknowledged the grim financial situation, but it's not speaking in terms of recession, despite, you know, logic, and the fact that "subprime" has been named the most important word of the year. Therefore, American Dialect Society, "subprime" isn't as important as you so-called English language devotees think.

But it's not like the runner-up words were any better. According to a recent CNN article, some of the alterna-



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tives were "Googleganger," the prefix "green-" and "Facebook." I would have preferred "Facebook" to "subprime." "Facebook" says Americans are Internet addicts and stalkers. At least that's interesting — and slightly creepy.

"Googleganger" is just a cool word in itself. If I were to guess, a "Googleganger" is a member of a gang of Google fanatics, like Stanley "Tookie" Williams was a member of the notorious Crips. Apparently I was wrong, and a "Googleganger" is actually the person who shows up when you Google yourself. Then you have the prefix "green-", which reflects America's love for the environment, despite the fact that we're helping melt the polar ice caps at an alarming pace.

But anything would have been better than "subprime." Perhaps more than reflecting our supposedly imminent economic crisis, "subprime" illuminates our greedy, money-hungry society, and the sad realization that we're truly in denial not only of all the other words but all other problems — at least the American Dialect Society is.

Obviously, I don't truly believe this is the gravest injustice of our time. There's more political corruption going around than pink eye in a kindergarten class. There's more innocent people dying every day than there are living. All the while, we stick our heads in the sand and declare the word "subprime" the "Word of the Year," a word that defines the year 2007.

Hopefully, the members of this language enthusiast organization don't reflect the interests of all Americans. And if a picture is worth a thousand words, a year should be worth a heck of a lot more than one.

Stephanie Rosenberg is a junior majoring in journalism.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Are you Facebook friends with any of your professors?

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Letter to the Editor

Pakistan not important for everyone

In response to Anuradha Pandey's column Tuesday, so what? I happen to be one American who knows what's happening in Pakistan, and that's why I support those who don't care. Your generalizations about most Americans being close-minded and careless aside, I'm sorry some of us don't reel in shock after hearing about yet another country plagued by fundamentalist Islamic terrorism. Please stop trying to make us all feel bad because you think you're the only one who is informed about the world. There are others. And please stop berating Americans about their political knowledge by assuming foreigners know our domestic politics better than we do.

As for not caring "to know anything beyond their own noses," perhaps we've got other things to do, such as make time in the day for school, careers and families – things that make life satisfying. I'm sorry all Americans don't believe Pakistani politics are one of those things.

Warren Rhea
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Guest column

Networks should strike reality shows

I've never seen an episode of "American Idol." I know, I know – I must be a terrorist. Reality television has just always rubbed me the wrong way.

But since "Arrested Development" was canceled and all the good television writers went on strike, I've been a lot more open to shows I never thought I might watch. What can I say? I'm a sellout and a sloth. Moving on.

I was channel surfing last night and got to a show that I had never realized existed: "Snoop Dogg's Father Hood." Ol' Snoop is getting up there in dog years (he's almost 40 in human years), and it really showed in his opening rap.

I thought Snoop Dogg was supposed to be the epitome of hip, and he's up on the screen rapping about how he doesn't make his kids eat their vegetables. It was pathetic. But is his desperate grapple for a little more fame and fortune any different than other "family reality" sitcoms?

What can I say? I was bored and I kept watching.

Flipping from channel to channel,

**Lauren Davidson
Speaking Out**

it's almost overwhelming how pervasive reality television has become. It has become the new vehicle for anyone who was ever remotely part of popular culture to attempt to kickstart an already crumbling career. What would Bret Michaels be doing if he weren't on "Rock of Love"? I'll tell you one thing: he would not be hanging in a sweet mansion full of women.

No. In real reality, Michaels would more likely be dancing on street corners for change so he could buy eyeliner? More hair dye and bandanas? We just don't know because the reality we're presented with is a twisted fantasy world he designed for himself.

Frankly, I don't care about Michaels' fantasies. I don't care whether New York ever finds love again, or whether or not the Hogans throw a lavish party.

And yet, I know about these plot lines. I know what the archetypal ridiculously rich-and-almost-kindafamous Mom is like (and I bet you do,

too). So why in America, a place where most everyone is supposedly educated, are these the shows that have dominated our culture? I've never seen "American Idol," but I would bet money that it insults your intelligence.

TV is for entertainment, and I'm not claiming there isn't a certain amount of amusement to be had from watching Janice Dickinson scream at her models to "Suck it in!"

I'm just praying that this trend isn't the beginning of a new standard in television. After the hokey, laugh-track-filled sitcoms of the '80s, there was a shining moment in time when it seemed like truly well-crafted shows might make a comeback.

The writers hold a very special position in the media in that it is their voices that call us together, and that gives us reason to care about the dazzling special effects and good-looking actors.

Reality television has its place, but hopefully that place will soon be very far back in our memories.

Lauren Davidson is a student at Eastern Illinois University.



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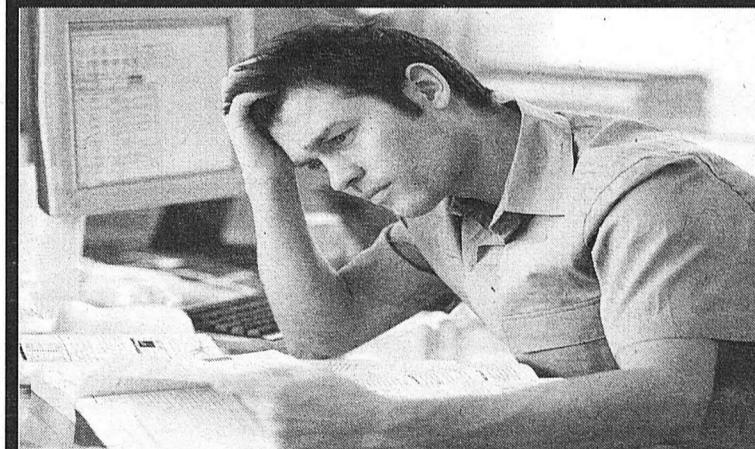
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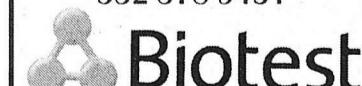
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Prof. writes book on civil rights

■ BOOK ADDRESSES LABOR MOVEMENT.

By LINDSEY ROBINSON
Alligator Writer

I'm not a particularly religious man, thought Robert Zeiger as he made the long walk from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to his car. It's just a Baptist preacher, and I need to pick up my wife anyway, he said to himself.

Forty-five years later, the UF history professor still regrets leaving the 1963 March on Washington before Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech.

But before Zeiger, then a 25-year-old graduate student, left the march, he picked up a slightly damaged poster that read "UAW (United Auto Workers) Says Jobs and Freedom for Every American."

"I was well aware of the civil rights movement and sympathetic to it," Zeiger said. "To me, it's a great, in-

spiring thing."

The sign, which now hangs in his office in Keene-Flint Hall, inspired the title of his most recent book, "For Jobs and Freedom."

The book, which was published in October, addresses civil rights struggles and the labor movement for working-class blacks since the Civil War.

The struggle for blacks to find work during the first half of the 20th century was as important, though perhaps less televised, as the struggle for voting and education rights, Zeiger said.

Though the book focuses on history, the present and future success of labor unions rests in the hands of working-class minorities, he added.

While minorities make up a large part of the working class, they are often underrepresented in labor unions, he said.

Though the U.S. is more multicultural than ever, labor unions' numbers remain low. In the past, some unions often ignored or shunned minorities, he added.

On Campus

E-mails sparked free-speech debate

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State Attorney General Bill McCollum e-mailed a letter to Telles-Irvin on Dec. 3, arguing that the suggestion of an apology violated students' free speech rights.

Following the letters, Telles-Irvin issued a second e-mail to the student body on Dec. 6 that clarified the first. It stated that students had a right to free speech, but it did not retract the suggestion of an apology.

"The administration was finally able to understand that its actions did chill free speech."

Christian Waugh
Law School Republicans president

On Dec. 13 Telles-Irvin sent a third e-mail to all UF students retracting the suggestion of an apology. After several attempts to contact Telles-Irvin, she responded with

an e-mail stating that she had no further comment.

The Law School Republicans were pleased with the university's last e-mail response.

"The administration was finally able to understand that its actions did chill free speech," said Christian Waugh, organization president.

However, Islam on Campus felt differently about the position taken by the administration in the last e-mail.

Candidates argue homeless solutions

ACCOUNTABILITY, from page 1

Marketplace, a homeless services center set to be built 22 blocks north of University Avenue, on North Main Street.

Most candidates said the out-of-the-way location was not ideal, but argued over how and if transportation should be provided.

"The city commission putting it there has forced us to give them transportation," said District 2 candidate Bonnie Mott. "I have no choice but to support it."

At-large District 2 candidate Robert Agrusa proposed a reduced bus fare for the homeless, while his opponent, Thomas Hawkins Jr., said he did not think it would be financially possible for the city to subsidize transportation for the homeless.

Also present at the forum was District 3 candidate Christopher Salazar. District 2 candidate Bryan Harman was the only candidate unable to attend.

Candidates had the opportunity ahead of time to fill out questionnaires explaining their stances on a one-stop homeless service center, free meals in the downtown plaza and other issues pertaining to homelessness.

Jim Wright, executive director of the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, said his organization held similar forums in previous years, but not last year.

The coalition does not have the power to endorse candidates, he said, but he added that he looked forward to hearing all their opinions. He named the GRACE Marketplace as an important factor in the coming election. "I think homelessness itself is a big issue," he said.

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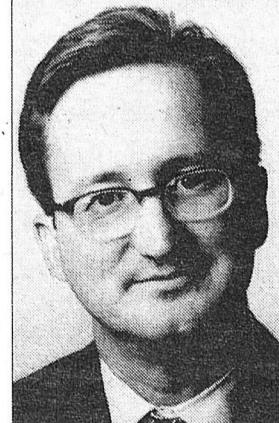
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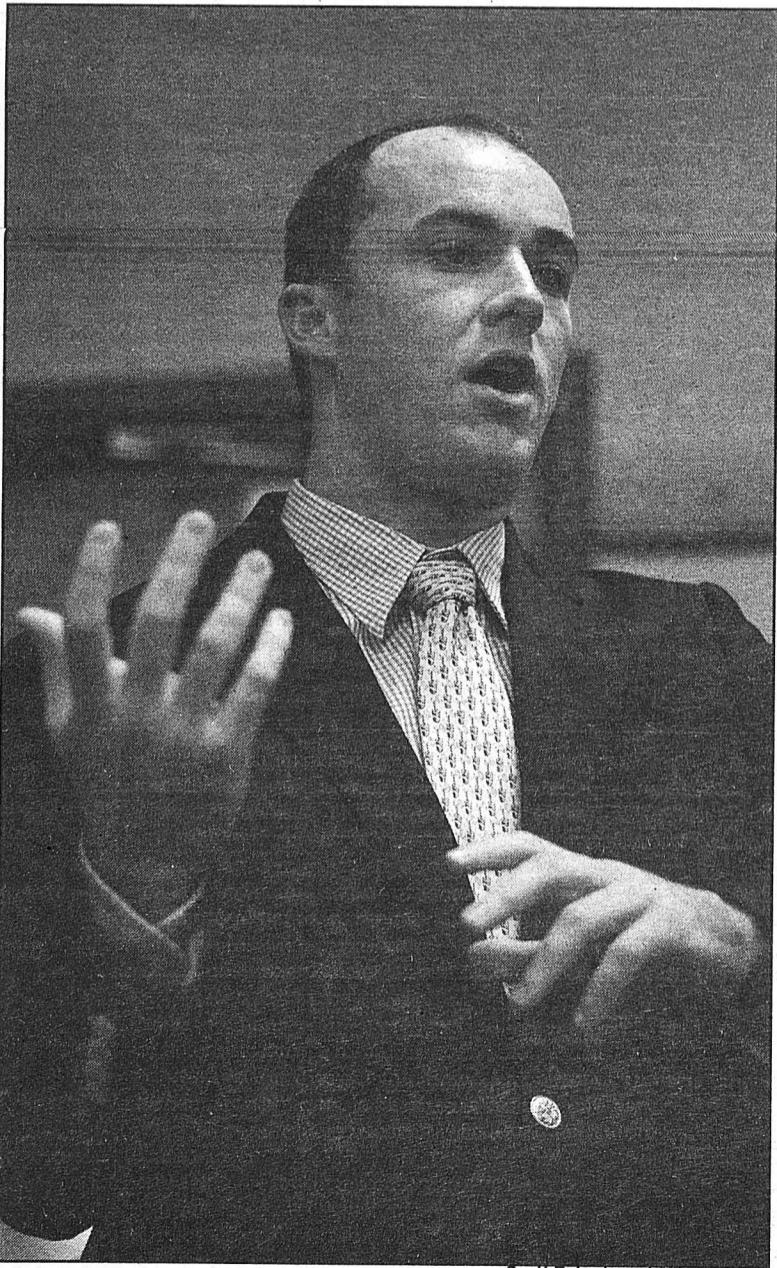
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Judiciary Chairman Ryland Rogers speaks to the Student Senate on Tuesday evening.

■ AMENDMENT WOULD LIMIT NUMBER OF SENS.

By KATIE SANDERS

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Students could have the chance to cap the size of UF Student Senate close to its current amount if senators approve a constitutional amendment proposed Tuesday night.

The amendment would limit the amount of senators elected each semester to between 40 and 50 representatives. There are 47 senators from each term serving to date.

If passed, the amendment will appear on the Student Government spring election ballot Feb. 26. Senators will vote on Tuesday.

Glenda Frederick, Student Senate secretary, said the current range, which is 40 to 60 senators, became effective in 2000 to reflect a growing student body.

Since then, the growth of the university has slowed, Frederick said.

Sen. Mary Grace Bell, who represents District A-01 and is on the committee that proposed the amendment, said the idea is not to limit Senate.

“The U.S. population grows exponentially every year, and Congress still meets demands,” Bell said.

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Profs. ‘friending’ students

FACEBOOK, from page 1

“At some level students assume if they’re your friend during that semester maybe you’ll cut them a break,” Noll said.

He said he doesn’t think his 280 Facebook friends in the UF network expect special privileges.

However, he said sometimes Facebook offers more information about students than he’d like to know.

“What’s interesting to me is you get a lot of people, particularly young women, whose political views are conservative and ‘I walk with Jesus,’ all this kind of stuff, and their picture kind of belies that,” Noll said.

Megha Nagpal, a UF graduate student, said she thinks there’s no problem with virtual student-teacher friendships.

Nagpal said she’s never befriended a professor on Facebook, but she looks at their profiles out of curiosity.

“It seems a little awkward to me,” she said.

“I’m old so I try to keep up with you young people. This is one way that doesn’t require any physical exertion.”

Mike Foley

UF journalism professor

Mike Foley, a UF journalism professor, said he can’t remember why he joined Facebook a couple years ago, but he’s glad he did.

“I’m old so I try to keep up with you young people,” Foley said. “This is one way that doesn’t require any physical exertion.”

He has 243 friends in the UF network so far. Browsing through the preferences and activities on students’ profiles helps him keep in touch with this generation, he said.

He said he doesn’t have a rule about accepting friend requests from current students, and hasn’t run into any problems because of it.

“There are too many policies in the world,” Foley said. “I try to keep mine to a minimum.”

He said the only thing he doesn’t like about Facebook is receiving friend requests from people he doesn’t know.

He prefers to use the Web site to stay in touch with alumni, he said.

Some students’ posts surprise him, but he said he doesn’t take Facebook too seriously – it’s just for fun.

“Sometimes I’m amazed at some of the pictures,” Foley said. “Not sure I would’ve done that. But, again, they’re young and having a good time and that’s OK.”

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Late run spurs Gators

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UF carried the momentum into the second half and silenced the raucous crowd when Lucas hit a 3-pointer that gave UF the lead at 61-59, their first all night.

The two SEC teams battled down the stretch, the young Gators never backing down and answering every Alabama score and run with big play of their own.

With the score tied at 71, Florida poured on 11 straight points and never looked back.

The Gators kept the defensive pressure on, pressing the Alabama players from baseline to baseline and answering their coach's request to play harder and most inspired than their opponent.

Alabama refused to go away, pulling to within two with 24.3 left to play and bringing the crowd to its feet.

Calathes was then fouled and hit the first free throw before Dan Werner snagged the second miss and hit two from the line that sent the fans filing for the exits.

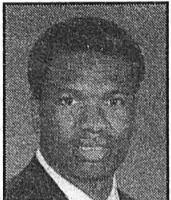
Florida native Alonzo Gee had a career day, scoring 32 points including 17 in the opening period.

Speights did a good job of corralling Alabama big man Richard Hendrix early on, holding him to just two field goals for nearly the first 14 minutes. Hendrix would then explode and finish with 24 points and 16 rebounds.

Speights seemed outmatched at times. Hendrix blocked Speights twice in the first half, including a crowd-rousing stop on a dunk that led to an Alabama 3-pointer and UF timeout.

"I'm not saying he (Hendrix) was Superman or anything, but he was pretty close to it," Donovan said.

The Gators will hope to continue their strong play, hosting Auburn on Saturday.



Speights

NICK, from page 18

last year.

From the bench, he got a good look at just how different the conference competition is.

"Just watching, you could see the competitiveness and physicality of the game," Mitchell said. "It's totally different than the non-conference schedule. Guys are way bigger, stronger, faster."

Teams like Tennessee Tech, Stetson, Charleston Southern and High Point don't scream big, strong and fast.

And even though Calathes seemed poised for the 2008 portion of the 2007-08 schedule, Mitchell had some advice for him.

"You knew it was a different animal," Mitchell said of the SEC. "I mean wow, I don't know if I was ready for it last

year. (The '04s) even went through some games where we lost and struggled. That just goes to show you how hard the SEC is."

The laughable non-conference schedule taught us very little about this new team, but it's tough to question Billy Donovan's motives when you look at his recent pedigree.

"Just playing games helped us," sophomore forward Dan Werner said. "With young guys, you just need to get them out onto the court. The experience playing together is just really important, more than competition out there."

Speights helped spur UF to a comeback win against Alabama last year with eight points on perfect shooting.

The soft-spoken big man was asked Monday how the team would react to SEC play. Despite his success against the Crimson Tide, he didn't have an answer.

"We don't know yet," he said.

After Tuesday night, I don't know yet, either.

Mossor attempts to regain form after recent recovery

WHOOPS, from page 18

because she broke the pinky on her non-shooting hand during pre-season practice.

She made her season debut Nov. 28 at Jacksonville, scoring 6 points in 16 minutes. Three games later, Mossor had the best game of her career, making her first start of the season and scoring 17 points on 6-of-12 shooting in 34 minutes of action.

But then she strained her abdomen and had to miss yet another game.

She returned on Dec. 28 against Holy Cross, but has made just 3 of 15 shots in her four games back.

She also fell on her wrist during the game against Florida A&M on Jan. 2.

"I haven't really been making any in the game," she said with frustration ringing in her voice. "I just gotta get in the gym and shoot more so I can get back where I was."

Lowery saw Mossor attack the lane Saturday against Temple, even if the sophomore's shots weren't falling.

"She was so aggressive to the basket and just wanting to make a play for us," Lowery said.

"You want that. That's what we miss the most. That's what we want out of her."

He's also unsure how to get her point total back to double digits.

"It's just not being able to get on

the courts as much," Lowery said. "She's been able to bounce back and when she falls down, she'll get right back up, and she's ready to go again."

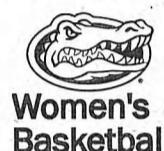
Mossor still wears tape on her ring and pinky finger on her left (non-shooting) hand and had her middle finger wrapped Tuesday at practice as well.

The tape does get annoying.

"It makes you want to feel like stripping it off," Mossor said. "I have to wear it to play, so I just gotta deal with it."

All of her setbacks have left Mossor wondering where the first half of the season went.

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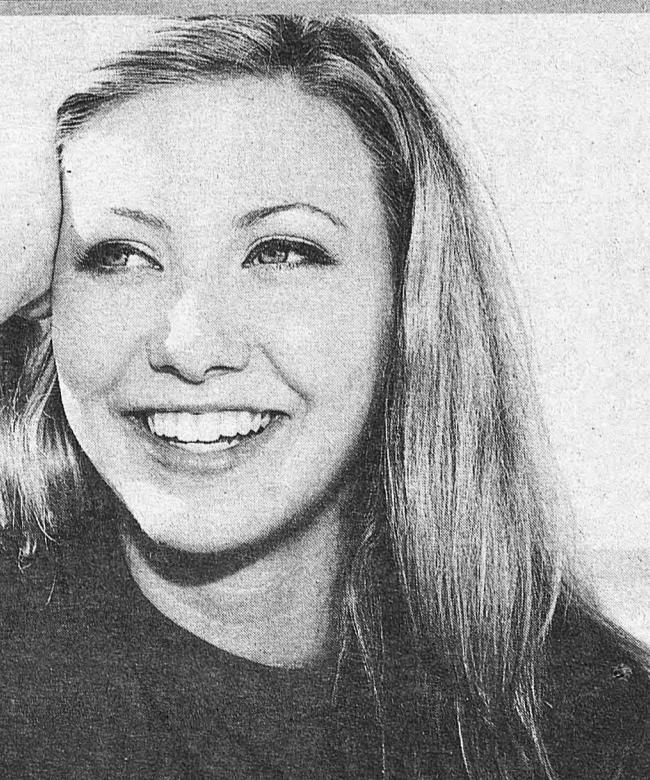
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — On a crowded and hostile night in Alabama, the young Gators finally proved they could play with the big boys and showed their coach just how old they really can be.

The Gators, with just one player in junior Walter Hodge with any significant Southeastern Conference experience, overcame a rough start and a feverish finish to hold off Alabama 90-83 Tuesday night.

"When you're playing basketball there really is no age," freshman Jai Lucas, who scored 19 points said. "We don't feel young, and hopefully today we showed that we really aren't at all."

UF head coach Billy Donovan said he was proud of his team after the win, but remains wary moving forward.

"I'm scared to death of this," Donovan said. "I've been around too many young teams that embrace it and think it's easy and don't handle it the right way."

"You can look at this two ways. This can be a great thing in terms of confidence or momentum or it can be a team thing and we get fat and lazy."

UF looked sloppy and shaky early on, committing more turnovers (10) than assists (9) in the first half. Guard Nick Calathes committed five himself and the Gators looked like they were struggling to stay in the game.

The Gators seemed on the ropes after a bad foul by Marreese Speights put Alabama forward Richard Hendrix on the line with just 6.5 left to play in the opening period. The Gators trailed by 10 for the second time in the game and looked despondent and discouraged.

The Gators then showed a resiliency and maturity absent during their tough games so far this season.

Jai Lucas hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer that brought UF to within seven and his father, John Lucas II, to his feet for the first time in the game.

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UF guard Nick Calathes, seen here during UF's win against Jacksonville, led the Gators to a victory against Alabama, scoring 21 points.

Mossor works to make contribution despite injuries

■ SHE HAS PLAYED IN JUST EIGHT OF 15 GAMES.

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Jennifer Mossor doesn't want to spend any more time in the training room.

The sophomore guard has battled injuries and illnesses, playing in only eight of the team's 15 games so far this season.

It hasn't been easy for the player coaches looked to make a major contribution this season.

"It seems like once it starts feeling good, I take one step backwards," Mossor said. "I guess

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Jennifer Mossor
UF guard

there's nothing really you can do about it but hope that you get better."

Assistant coach David Lowery hates to watch one of his players go through so many mishaps like Mossor has.

"It's been tough," he said. "She's a great kid to have on the floor, she just has a certain presence about herself — her smartness of the game and just knowing what to do, when to do it and

where to do it."

Mossor will have to hope her injuries don't become a trend.

She missed the first two games of last season with a stress fracture in her left foot.

Then, this year she missed the first six games of the season

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Men's basketball:
Duke vs. Temple
ESPN, 7 p.m.

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TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 2002: Ron Zook is hired to replace Steve Spurrier as UF head football coach. The Web site fireronzook.com is created soon afterwards, and three years later he was. He finished 23-14.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ The UF women's tennis team is ranked No. 4 in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. The Gators return six of their seven members, and have four ranked individuals and two ranked doubles teams.

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Minnesota	101
Men's basketball	
Purdue	75
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RB coach takes job with Tennessee

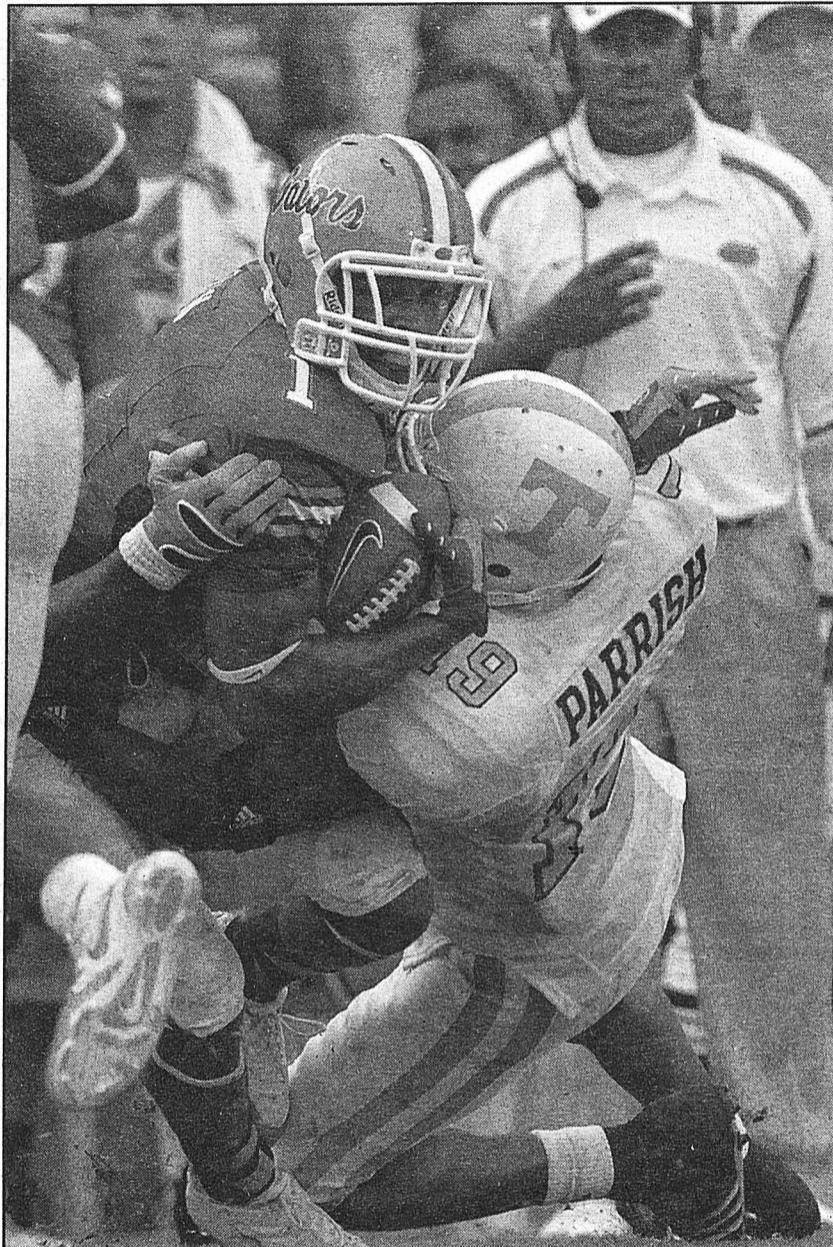
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Former UF running backs coach Stan Drayton, a heavy recruiter for the Gators, made a lateral move to Tennessee on Sunday.

Drayton said he waited until Tuesday to make the news official,

so he could have time to speak to his players at UF, but he will be headed to Knoxville, Tenn., on Wednesday.

"Obviously we have some strong relationships built here, but they do understand the business," Drayton said. "They understand the situation that I was in. They're wishing me all the best just like I'm wishing them all the best."



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Former UF running backs coach Stan Drayton, right, looks on during the Gators' 59-20 rout of Tennessee. He will coach for the Vols next season.

Drayton will replace Kurt Roper, who left Tennessee in December with former offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe when he accepted Duke's head coaching position.

UF coach Urban Meyer was not made available for comment on Tuesday, so Drayton's replacement is still unknown.

Meyer met with Drayton on Jan. 2, and the two decided that it was time for a fresh start at the running backs coaching position, though Drayton pointed out that he was not fired.

Drayton said his interest grew with the Volunteers after he spoke with Tennessee's assistant athletic director Bruce Warwick. Drayton and Warwick worked together in 2001-03 with the Green Bay Packers.

Drayton said he felt Tennessee was the right move because the running back position is featured more prominently.

Football "I was excited about coaching Emmanuel Moody and Chris Rainey and Kestahn Moore, but some opportunities just fell in my lap that made me reevaluate my situation," Drayton said. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to explore a system where I could continue to grow as a position coach and help my longtime goal in becoming an offensive coordinator or head coach someday."

Drayton was the lowest paid of Florida's nine assistant coaches this season at \$135,000, and he was one of only two coaches making less than \$170,000.

Drayton was named one of Rivals.com's top 25 recruiters in 2007 for his role in Florida's No. 1 recruiting class. He secured players like Rainey, defensive tackle Torrey Davis, backup quarterback Cameron Newton.

It's unknown how Drayton's departure will affect this year's recruiting class.

Among others, Drayton was trying to convince Jacksonville Trinity Christian Academy running back Jamie Harper — the nation's No. 5 back according to Scout.com — to come to UF.

Spicer stands by criticism of 'spygate'



UGA president criticizes BCS, pushes for playoff system

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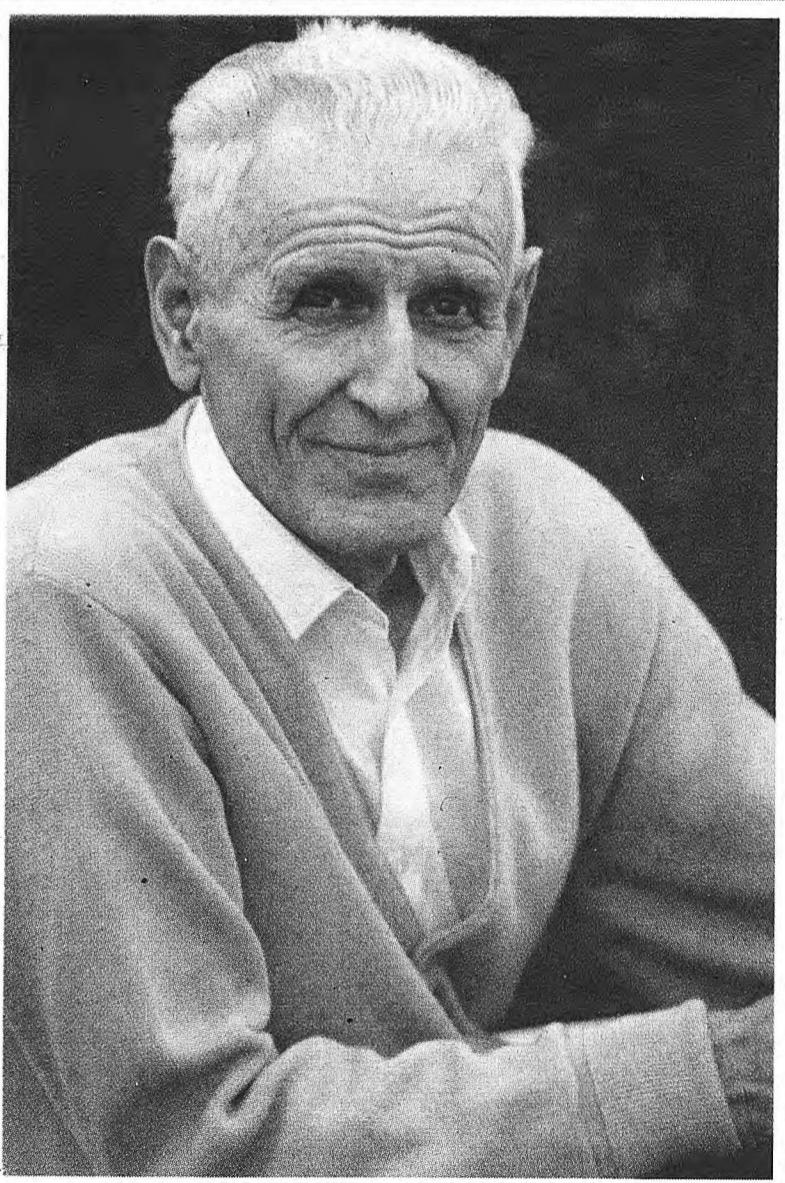
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