



University marks 50 years of integration

■ A YEARLONG CELEBRATION BEGINS THIS MONTH.

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Fifty years ago, George H. Starke Jr. made headlines when he came to campus. At 27 years old, Starke entered UF's law school and made the

news because he was the first black student ever enrolled at UF.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of integration at UF, the year when Starke, the son of a black doctor in Sanford, was admitted into UF's formerly whites-only College of Law.

UF will commemorate the event with a yearlong series of events starting this month, called "Celebrating the Firsts."

"We are celebrating the people who took the first steps in making it happen at the University of Florida," said Florida Multicultural Bridgewater-Alford, UF's director of community relations.

Met with little protest

UF's announcement that a black student had passed the law school's

admission examination in August 1958 was shrouded in mystery, as officials would not name the student because of university policy, said UF historian Carl Van Ness.

On the first day of fall classes, Sept. 15, 1958, Starke's presence was met with little protest from white students and officials.

Van Ness said the reaction was unexpected on a campus where dressing up as Confederate soldiers

for "plantation balls" was the norm for one fraternity.

"It's really surprising how quickly whites changed their attitudes," he said. "Florida has always been a little different from most Southern states."

Starke, who was described as mild-mannered in the Sept. 19, 1958, edition of the Alligator, reported

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Catching Air

Tim Viau jumps over a ramp on his skateboard at a skate park in Northeast Gainesville that opens today. See story, pg. 4.

Early-morning fire kills 1

The victim not yet identified

An early-morning fire at a house next to Bivens Arm Lake left one person dead Thursday, according to Alachua County Fire Rescue.

The victim, who as of Thursday night had not yet been identified by the county's medical examiner, was found near the front door by firefighters attending to the blaze, said Fire Marshal Mark Smith.

A neighbor of the home, which is located at the end of a dirt road cul-de-sac at 1875 SW 35th Place, saw the roof was on fire and called 911 at 8:09 a.m., Smith said.

By the time city and county firefighters arrived about nine minutes later, he said, about three-fourths of the house was engulfed in flames.

Smith said the fire took about half an hour to extinguish. No other homes nearby were involved in the fire.

Officials are still unsure what sparked the blaze, though the State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office has also begun an investigation into the victim's death.

Smith said firefighters found no activated smoke alarms inside the home.

The house has since been condemned by Alachua County Code Enforcement.

— DREW HARWELL

LOCAL

Local governments brace for amendment's impact

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It could be months before the passage of Amendment 1 starts to impact the housing market and local budgets, but meanwhile, many are left to wonder exactly what that impact will be.

The amendment to the state constitution, which passed Tuesday with 64 percent of the vote, cuts property taxes on homes and allows homeowners to take a percentage of tax benefits with them when they move — an option called "portability."

The number of people who will take advantage of that option is impossible to measure, local officials and real estate agents agree, making it equally impossible to gauge

the effect it will have in Gainesville. John Howe, a broker for Watson Realty Corp., said even though the stagnant housing market was starting to pick up before the amendment passed, sales are still slow.

"We're not going to see a mad rush of people jumping out into home ownership," he said. "They're still going to be cautious."

Right now, he said, there are 2,500 houses on the market in the Gainesville area — selling at about 10 to 15 a day. Houses that used to sell in 30 days now take three to six months.

Michael Kitchens, executive vice president

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Crist

■ Dan Werner (right) and the No. 20 UF men's basketball team will travel to Arkansas on Saturday. Coach Billy Donovan is trying to keep his team's ranking from going to its head. See story, pg. 24



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■ A pizza chain now allows customers to track the locations of their orders via the Internet. See story, pg. 9.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Writing on the Wall Closing Ceremonies

Plaza of the Americas, 1:15 p.m., today
The wall symbolizing the intolerance in the community will be torn down. It will be accompanied by a speech and live performance.

Medieval Masquerade

The Historic Thomas Center, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., tonight
UF's Center for European Studies will be one of the host's for this event, which will feature games, music and food. Students are welcome to come dressed in medieval garb.

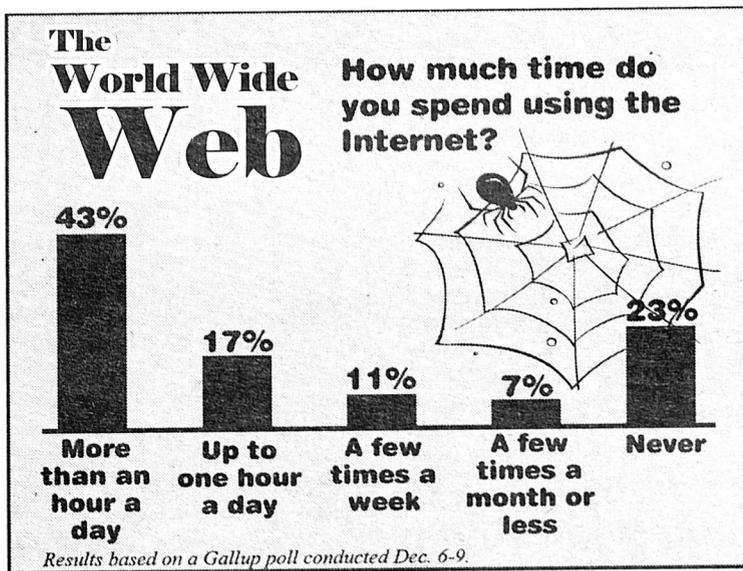
Benefit Concert

Civic Media Center, 9 p.m., Saturday
Florida Alternative Breaks, which organizes student community service trips during academic breaks, will be hosting a fundraising concert featuring Breaking Past, Conquistadors and several others. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Chinese New Year's Festival

Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 6 p.m., Sunday
The Chinese American Student Association will host a showcase of traditional Chinese performances infused with modern Chinese American pop culture.

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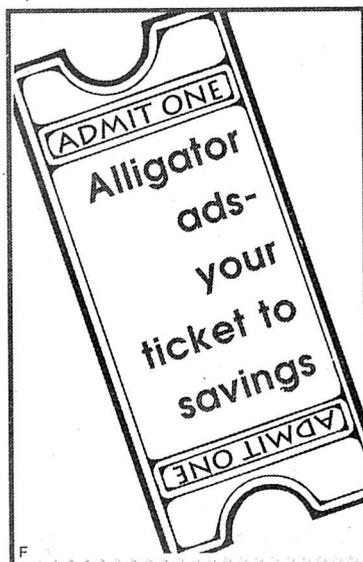
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG online voting may be contested

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Online voting for UF Student Government elections is the closest it's been to a reality in three years, but its supporters expect SG officials to block an amendment they have worked to get on the ballot for the upcoming elections on Feb. 26 and 27.

The group Students for Online Voting turned in a petition Tuesday signed by more than 5,000 students for an amendment to make online voting standard for SG elections.

Tommy Jardon, a UF law student and the group's president, said SG officials would try to block the amendment again because they are afraid of a larger and more diverse student turnout.

Student Body President Ryan Moseley said increasing voter turnout is a top SG priority, but he hasn't seen online voting work well at other universities.

"What it does to the institution itself is not positive," Moseley said. "The parties and the people that run take it a little less serious."

Jardon said turnout tends to double at schools using online voting, including SFCC and Florida State University.

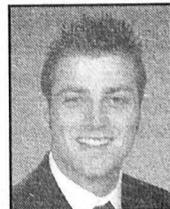
He said online voting would save money, improve ballot secrecy and provide more accurate results.

According to SG finance records, election costs for spring 2006 totaled to about \$26,324.

Jardon said making online voting standard would cost \$2,400 each year, and the one-time cost for the online system could range from \$500 to \$3,000.

Jardon said he expects SG officials to take the amendment to the UF Supreme Court to question its constitutionality.

Student Senate President Kevin Reilly, who is also running for Student Body president in February, said he also expects to see online voting in court but declined to comment until after the court's decision.



Moseley

Jardon said online voting has been controversial since he was on the first SG committee to investigate its practicality in the summer of 2004.

In spring 2005, students collected enough petition signatures to submit the option for online voting, but it never made it on the ballot.

In a secret meeting, the court invalidated the initiative because of ambiguous wording and sent ballots to print without it, he said. The meeting violated Florida Sunshine laws, but the court got "a slap on the wrist," he said.

Students got a partial solution when computers replaced paper ballots in

elections for fall 2005 and spring 2006. But with long lines and high costs for poll workers, it wasn't enough, he said.

Online voting faced another roadblock in 2006, he said. Former Student Body President John Boyles asked the court to investigate its constitutionality.

The court decided that paper ballots and the semi-online voting option already used were constitutional, but complete online voting was not because it could lead to voter coercion, he said.

Jardon said the decision was ironic because voter coercion is common among the mostly Greek SG officials who depend on fellow Greeks to vote them into positions.

Greek organizations ensure votes by keeping lists of members' names and making sure they turn in "I Voted" stickers, he said. While there is nothing illegal about the practice, it's more forceful than letting students vote online, he said.

Online voting showed up in court again on Jan. 15, when SG officials questioned the online voting group's petition deadline. But the court left the date for Tuesday, and the group turned in its petition for the amendment.

Jardon said his group is preparing for the worst possible outcome in court.

"What they would basically be doing is telling 10 percent of students 'We don't give a lick what you think,'" he said.

Interviews begin for SG hopefuls

The parties registered for UF's Student Government elections on Feb. 26 and 27 will hold interviews today, Monday and Tuesday to recruit students interested in SG executive or senate seats.

The interviews will take place in the Reitz Union Room 284 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Students must present their Gator 1 cards to qualify.

Six parties — Student Alliance, Progress, Orange and Blue, Gator, Swamp and Pants — are currently registered, said Sarah Krantz, SG Supervisor of Elections.

About 500 students usually turn out over the three days, she said. Each party is limited to accepting 47 people.

"I think it's a great way to start being politically active," Krantz said. "If you're politically active now, hopefully it'll be something you stick with for the rest of your life."

Last year, the Gator party was the only one to fill all its open spots, she said.

There's no required dress code, but Krantz said she would recommend that SG hopefuls wear casual business attire. Students will find out by Wednesday whether they've been chosen to run with a certain party, she said.

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New skate park nears completion

Some locals already testing it

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A new skate park was intended to open today in Northeast Gainesville — but local skateboarders couldn't wait that long.

"To be honest with you, they're skating on it already," said Patrick Byrne, capital projects manager for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

But that's all right, Byrne said. The park, at the city's Northeast Complex at 1028 NE 14th St., just needs a few finishing touches like sodding, landscaping and a rules sign.

"Other than that, all the amenities are in, and the kids are using it," he said.

Byrne said the new park's features include a grind box, quarter pipe, half pipe, corner hip and grind rail.

The park is just one way the city has been good to its skateboarders recently.

A skate park at Westside Park, on the corner of Northwest 34th Street and Northwest 8th Avenue, recently had all its old wooden ramps replaced. The city also has plans to construct a concrete skate bowl by next fall at Possum Creek Park on Northwest 53rd Avenue.

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The renovations, skate bowl and new skate park are being paid for out of city capital funds designated long ago for that purpose, Byrne said, and are unaffected by city budget cuts.

Matt Cala, a SFCC student and

competitive skateboarder, tried out the new park Thursday with his friend, Koki Loaiza, 20.

"I live closer to the other one, but if there's a good park anywhere near Gainesville, we'll go skate it," Cala said.

The new park was small, he said, and both he and Loaiza said the equipment was manufactured.

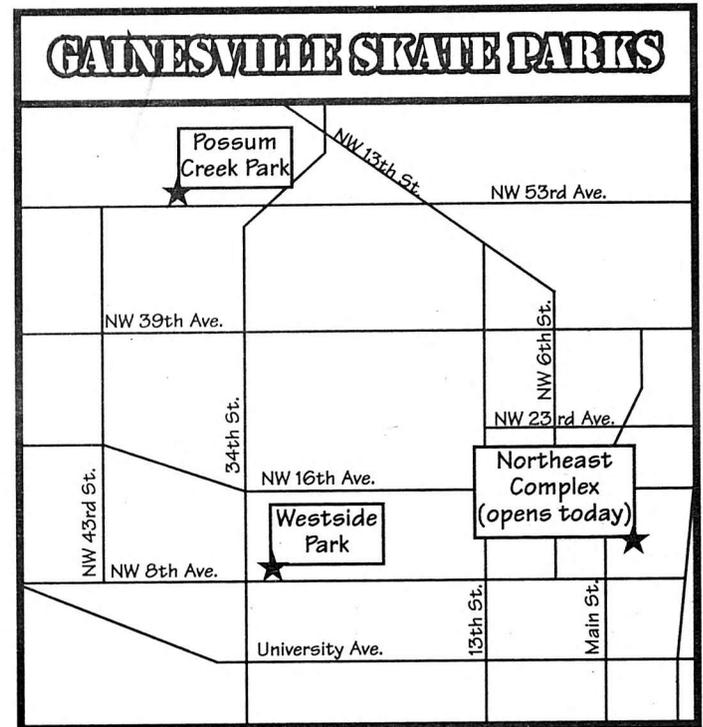
But the park has a poured concrete ground, which Cala and Loaiza said was better than Westside's blacktop.

Byrne said he hopes skateboarders take a sense of ownership over the parks and remember not to litter or graffiti.

"People from the public are more than welcome to use it," he said. "We hope they use it."

Cala said he thought they would.

"When I started skateboarding, it was so not cool," he said. "Now it's totally mainstream."



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MULTICULTURAL

Organization hosts panel to discuss interracial dating

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A group of about 20 students of various backgrounds, including white, black, Hispanic and Asian, discussed interracial dating and its role in society Thursday night at Griffin-Floyd Hall.

FEARLESS, or Fiercely Eradicate All Racism, Love Enemies, and Serve Society, a UF student organization that speaks out against racism, invited three panelists to answer questions and offer opinions on interracial relationships.

The group showed various video clips to

the audience, including one from "The Ricki Lake Show" in which a black woman was angry because her white co-worker was dating a black man.

The panelists shared their reactions after each clip.

Michael Leslie, a UF telecommunication professor who specializes in the media's portrayal of different races and cultures, said he could understand the black woman's reaction.

Leslie said black women feel threatened by white women who date black men because it gives them fewer options to choose from.

Emma Phan, a counselor at the UF Counseling Center, said families' and friends'

expectations influence how people feel about dating someone outside their race, but that shouldn't stop them.

"I think anybody who steps out of the boundaries will be criticized."

Mary Fukuyama
UF counselor

"Find your own voice and fight against the indoctrination," Phan said.

Phan, who is Vietnamese, is also in an interracial marriage.

It took her seven years to tell her family that her husband is black, she said.

Mary Fukuyama, another UF counselor, said society is adapting to the idea of interracial relationships, but backlash always follows.

"I think anybody who steps out of the boundaries will be criticized," Fukuyama said.

James Jackson, president and founder of FEARLESS, said in an interview before the panel that interracial dating has become more socially acceptable, but there's more work to be done.

"There are always going to be setbacks," Jackson said.

"Things may not be so idealistic right now, but they're not so dark either."

New vet hospital design in works

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Two architectural firms are closing in on a final design for the UF College of Veterinarian Medicine's new hospital for small animals.

Although the college will keep its existing hospital intact with a few improvements, the new building will offer several new features for veterinarians, students, clients and animals.

Sarah Carey, spokeswoman for the college, said UF has needed a new veterinary hospital for years.

UF Projects

"We haven't substantially changed our building since we opened our doors," Carey said. The hospital opened in 1978.

The college raised about \$4 million in donations before it received permission from the Florida Legislature to proceed with designs for the \$58 million, 90,000-square-foot building, she said.

Although she said raising enough money was the biggest hurdle, the college reached its funding goal in fall 2007. The state will match the donations to the college, she said.

The two architectural firms have designed a sustainable building that will include expansive windows to allow for natural sunlight, according to a news release.

"Natural sunlight is expected to facilitate the healing," Carey said.

The new hospital will include an emergency clinic and areas for physical therapy and surgeries, the release states.

Glen Hoffsis, dean of the college, said the hospital would help accommodate growing needs for animal care, attract qualified specialists from around the world and expand student enrollment in the college.



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A Little Evening Jazz

The Marty Liquori Jazztet performs at Leonardo's 706 restaurant on West University Avenue on Thursday evening. The band is comprised of, from left, Marty Liquori on guitar, Ben Champion on tenor saxophone, Mike Pokriefka on drums and Vic Donnell on keyboards and bass guitar.

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Editorial

What a week. One new amendment and a few new city commissioners later, and we're still reeling from all the political madness. As we inch closer and closer to Super Tuesday, presidential candidates have been dropping like flies, and the remaining few are fighting for their lives.

But we can't wait until we finally make it to Sunday, when we can watch a fight over something that people really care about — the Super Bowl. So before you start all your pre-gaming and nacho-dipping, sit back with this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurels

First up, we give a it-must-have-been-hard-to-cut-your-losses double LAUREL to former presidential hopefuls John Edwards and Rudy Giuliani. Edwards gracefully stepped aside to let history "blaze its path" without revealing an endorsement, while America's mayor dropped out after finishing third in the Florida primary and endorsed McCain.

Either way, they both handled it well for guys who just gave up on their Oval Office dreams, and now we get to see the real front-runners fight for the nomination.

Another fight may be brewing in the state Legislature, causing us to hand over a you-are-crazy-for-messing-with-a-sweet-deal DART to Sen. Jeremy Ring. His discriminatory bill to base Bright Futures scholarships on what a student chooses to study couldn't be more uninformed. The whole purpose of the scholarship is to keep talented students in Florida, not to make them feel like their state doesn't value them.

Sorry, Ring, but how we choose our major will never be based on a price. And we can't help but wonder what he majored in when he went to college, though we have a sneaking suspicion it wasn't rocket science.

As it turns out, some UF students will need more of that Bright Futures money in order to pay for campus scooter and motorcycle parking decals if a proposed price increase is approved.

A taking-advantage-of-students-to-make-some-extra-green DART goes to UF's Transportation and Parking Services. The proposal to increase the scooter decal price 236 percent, from \$36 per year to \$121 per year, is unreasonable, and will surely have more students switching back to driving their gas-guzzling cars on campus.

The fact that Ron Fuller, assistant director of Transportation and Parking Services, tried to justify the decal increase by referring to the "grand scheme of things" has us questioning just exactly what scheme he's really talking about.

Moving on to larger problems, all our fears were realized this week when Florida voters approved the adoption of property tax Amendment 1. So we give a did-you-actually-read-the-ballot-in-front-of-you-and-think-it-was-a-good-idea DART to Florida's voters, most likely senior citizens, who filled in the bubble next to "yes."

The amendment will now be just another benefit to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class. We hope those who voted to pass it are ready to deal with billion-dollar shortfalls in local government budgets and less funding for first responders, parks and recreation, and infrastructure and development.

Finally, we offer a thank-God-there's-a-congressman-who-actually-does-his-job LAUREL to Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd. He vowed to continue to stop a Senate bill last week that would grant retroactive legal protection to any phone or Internet company that helped with the president's secret wiretapping program.

Our faith in Congress has been renewed — at least until next week.

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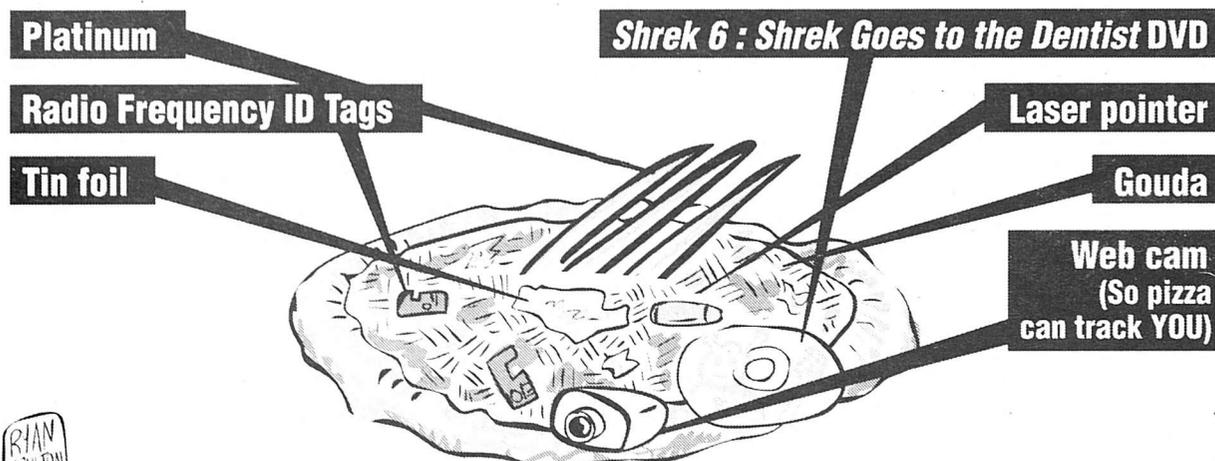
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Personally, I wait for the game to come back on before I go to the bathroom or grab another handful of chips. I don't want to miss any of the good stuff.

And there is usually a lot to laugh at during the commercial breaks.

There are beer ads with men behaving like children. There are Snickers ads with men looking ridiculous. Oh, and there are General Motors ads with men acting stupid.

I think that about sums up every commercial I saw last year.

A popular favorite was the Snickers commercial in which two men accidentally kissed, then ripped off their own chest hair in order to do something manly.

An ad for Bud Light that received big laughs showed men slapping each other across the face because the fist pump went out of style.

The ad that won the Chevy Super Bowl College Ad Challenge turned a car wash into a striptease when men on the street couldn't seem to keep their hands, or bodies, off a passing Chevy.

Now come on, guys. You're not all immature and foolish.

I'm studying advertising so it's possible that I've read way too much into this, but aren't art and entertainment supposed to, in some way, reflect life? Apparently, ad agencies everywhere employ either women who get a laugh out of



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making all men look stupid or men who get a laugh out of making other men look stupid.

I am not saying that the absurdity of everyday men behaving like idiots isn't entertaining. However, this is not at all close to reality. I mean, I've definitely met men who fit the idiot label. We all know a few. One of them may even be sitting on your beanbag chair during the game.

But in all fairness, there are plenty of intelligent, level-headed guys in this world. This could be the new male stereotype, if only it were funny.

Assuming the majority of Super Bowl viewers are men, clearly guys aren't too insulted.

Who knows?

Maybe this Sunday we'll watch an ad where two guys decide who gets the last Bud by seeing who can solve a math problem the fastest. Maybe a couple of guys will greet each other by reciting pieces of cultural trivia. Maybe after kissing, two men will enjoy the liberating feeling of breaking the mold. Hmm, probably not.

I'm guessing the stupidity will continue. Commercial breaks will most likely be filled with shirtless, mindless and shameless men on their worst behavior. They will undoubtedly embarrass themselves, and they will consequently get a laugh from every guy who's watching, which is great because that's what any Super Bowl ad aims for.

As a female, I am not terribly bothered by the obvious stereotype. Looking back at ads from the '50s, women were always the butt of the joke. But it's 2008, and we should be past that now. If I were a man I might be a little worried about the public's opinion of my gender. I'd consider the trite, oversimplified image a real manly slap in the face.

Carly Hallam is an advertising senior. Her column appears on Fridays.

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Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

Decal increase exploits scooter drivers

I am writing about the proposed increase for motorcycle and scooter parking decals. Guess what? If they raise the price of a scooter decal to the same price as a car decal, I'm going to drive my car to campus!

I am especially frustrated by the bureaucratic tyranny of UF's Transportation and Parking Services, which leaves assistant director Ron Fuller free to blow off concerns about the increase by stating in an article, "We have no happy customers."

So you don't have to even bother paying attention to the concerns of your customers? You are free to take advantage of them? In fact, you care so little that you insult your customers by saying their chosen mode of transportation sits around like "road mosquitoes."

We can argue all day about the benefits and costs of scooters, but in the end, a 230 percent increase is about being taken advantage of by the university. Oh, and Mr. Fuller, I am a very happy customer. I hope it stays that way.

Matthew Smith
Ph.D. candidate, zoology

Not everyone knows Sam Miorelli

After reading Sam Miorelli's self-important rant regarding the spring Student Government elections, I think I speak for the Student Body when I ask, who is Sam Miorelli?

Justin Miller
2LS

Bright Futures bill is unconstitutional

Sen. Jeremy Ring's Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program bill is unconstitutional, and it violates the equal protection clause of Section 1 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

When Bright Futures was first enacted into law, it provided an objective means for disbursement of scholarship funds.

This bill seeks to create inequity in the Bright Futures program by favoring students that choose a major from a predetermined list.

Therefore, it will be challenged in court and ultimately be declared unconstitutional.

Rafael Yaniz
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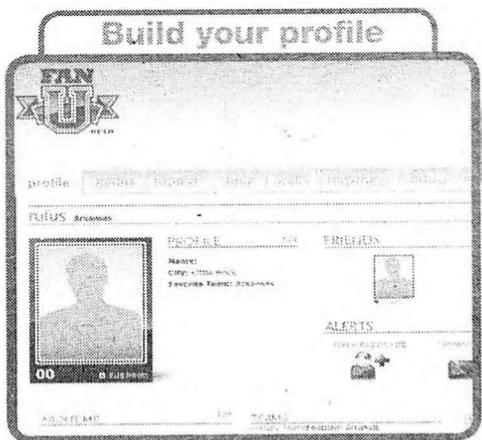
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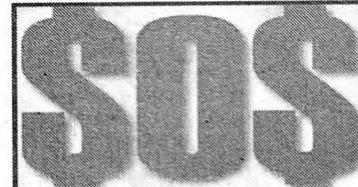
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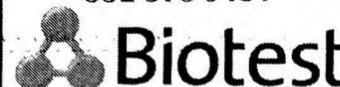
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LOCAL

For impatient pizza lovers, chain unveils Web tracker

By **KRISTEN HUFF**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Those who need more of a stalking fix than Facebook provides can feed their addiction with Domino's Pizza's newly launched Pizza Tracker.

When customers place an order online or by phone, they can go online and see if their pizzas are being prepared, baked, boxed or delivered. Once delivered, customers cannot see exactly where the pizza is, but they can know it is on its way. They can also learn who is delivering their pizza and rate that employee.

The tracker, which expanded Wednesday from online orders to include phone orders, is in all five of the Gainesville-area locations with delivery capabilities.

Gainesville establishments were part of the 3,400 stores to launch the tracker this week. The goal is to have it in all stores nationwide by June 30.

Eric Smith, vice president of operations for the Gainesville franchises, did not yet know how many customers used the tracker or if they rated employees, but he expects to find out that information soon.

The real test of approval will be Sunday for the Super Bowl — "the busiest four hours of the year," he said — when the demand for pizzas will be high and customers will

want to know the status of their orders.

Smith said Domino's has started using this technology solely for the purpose of giving the customers a choice, not because Domino's wants to cut down on calls.

He said technology is the driving force behind business.

"I believe that without staying on top of technology, you're going to fall behind," he said. "We're very proud of this new pizza tracker being the first in the world."

"We're very proud of this new pizza tracker being the first in the world."

Eric Smith

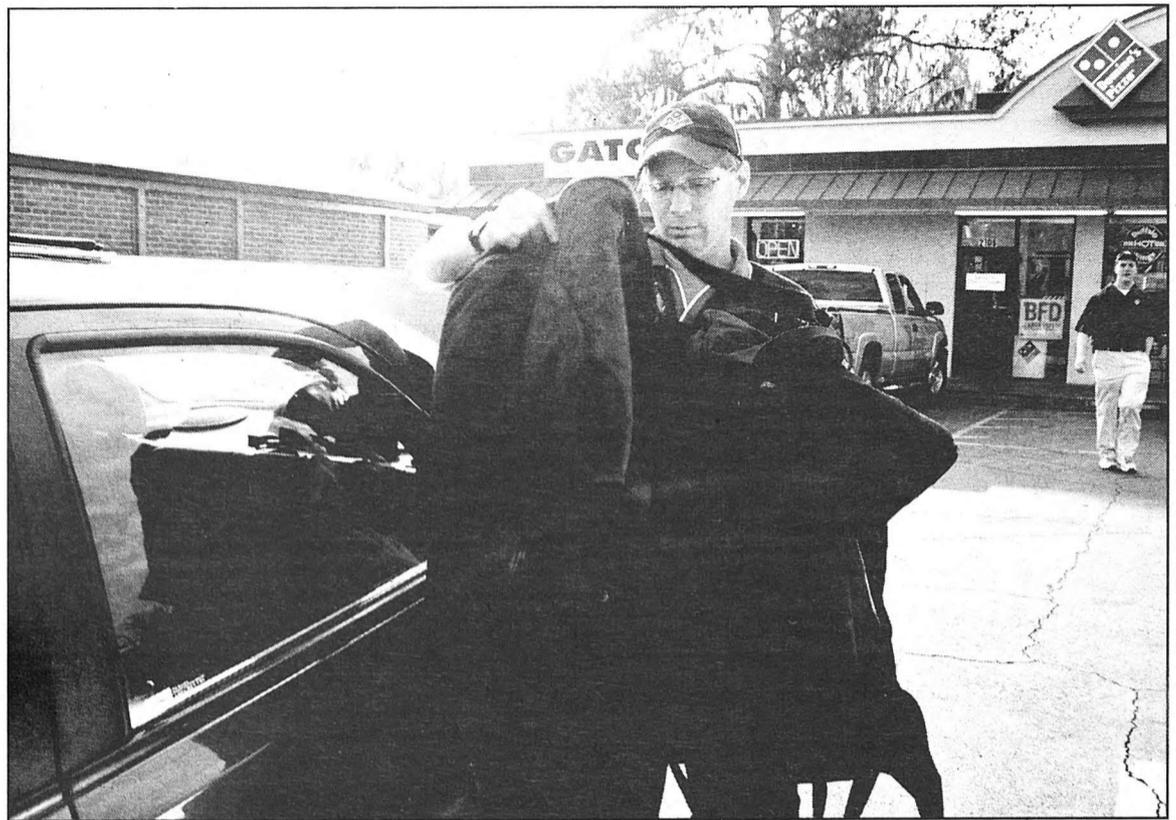
vice president of operations for the Gainesville Dominos

William Cossa, general manager of Papa John's on West University Avenue, said Papa John's does not have an online tracking system that customers can use, but orders can be tracked in the store by employees.

Cossa does not think that the tracking system will be a factor in customers deciding between the two restaurants.

Steve Solomon, one of the owners of Leonardo's by the Slice, said his restaurant does not deliver.

"Our product is food," he said. "Their product is convenience and delivery."



Ray Khan / Alligator

Troy Wood, a Domino's Pizza delivery driver, prepares to deliver a pizza in front of the chain's Southwest 13th Street location on Thursday.

Solomon said his restaurant has a Web site but it is meant to educate.

"We're low-tech," he said, citing the use of brick ovens as an

example.

UF sophomore Rutger Myers said he prefers ordering in because it's easier and more convenient.

Myers said he's ordered pizza

before, but he has not used a tracker. "I'm not really interested in where the pizza is in Gainesville," he said, "just how long it's going to take to get to me."

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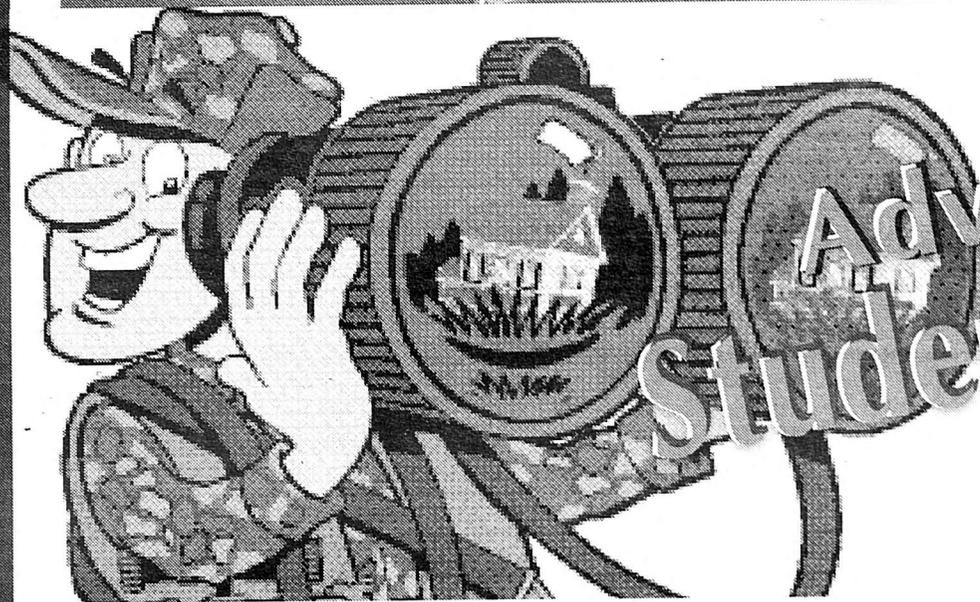
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Climate-crisis panel focuses on possible solutions

By **APRIL DUDASH** and
STEPHANIE ROSENBERG
Alligator Contributing Writers

Focus the Nation, a national organization that emphasizes global warming education, held a "Science of Climate Change" panel Thursday afternoon in UF's Ustler Hall Atrium to discuss possible solutions to the climate crisis.

Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, who has been involved in conservation efforts for more than a decade, gave a presentation on Gainesville's efforts to conserve energy and reduce carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

"What is really happening on the ground in America's cities and counties?" Hanrahan said. "The answer is: quite a bit. Certainly, Gainesville and Alachua County have been

active."

She highlighted some of the city's conservation programs, which include planting trees, rebate and incentive programs for energy efficient buildings and shortening the time that traffic lights are lit.

She also explained a proposed biomass-fueled power plant, which would use plant waste for energy.

Another means of energy conservation Hanrahan encouraged was alternative transportation, such as biking, walking and the Regional Transit System buses.

She said about a million people used buses more than a decade ago, and that number has grown to more than 8 million people today.

Of all energy-conscious initiatives mentioned, she said the most important step is improving building codes to make structures more energy efficient.

Gainesville has offset more than 247,000 tons of carbon dioxide, but Hanrahan said the city still has a ways to go.

Two UF professors also shed light on global warming and possible solutions.

Stephen Mulkey, a UF associate botany professor, focused on the effects of global warming on Florida.

Florida's sea levels are expected to rise about 27 inches by 2100, which will put about 20,000 historic sites and 334 public schools at risk around the state, Mulkey said.

Scientists project increased rain and drought, more damage to coral reefs and frequent extreme weather, he said.

He said his "gut feeling" is that there will

be fewer hurricanes over the next century, but the storms will be more intense.

"Even so-called abrupt climate change can take a decade or more to unfold," he said. "We need to really play a proactive, heads-up game here."

Every major scientific organization is aware of the growing effects of global warming, he said.

"I'm happy to throw a glove down on this and make them stand by their statement," Mulkey said.

He added that if scientists end up being wrong about global warming, it would represent the greatest scientific failure in history.

Environmental Paul Sotkiewicz, UF's director of energy studies, said the economy should place a price on greenhouse gas emissions in the next 25 to 50 years, such as through emission taxes.

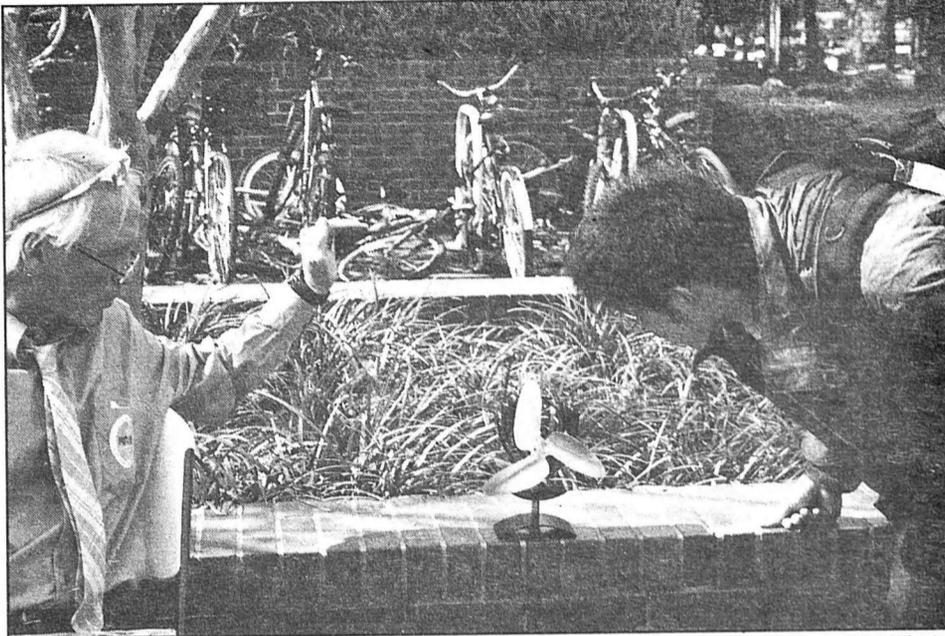
If people have to pay for extra energy, Sotkiewicz said they wouldn't. It would be an effective way to cut back.

Greenhouse gases, which absorb heat in the lower atmosphere, are largely affected by fossil fuels as well as economic and industrial activities, Mulkey said.

If people don't reduce the planet's heat-up, major destruction will ensue, he said.

Mulkey said there's no quick fix for the damage already done by years of global warming.

"You have to be willing to invest in the long term for future generations," he said. "We're in it for the long haul."



Amy Ustjanowski / Alligator

UF civil engineering professor David Bloomquist demonstrates a fan that circulates warm air Thursday for electrical engineering student Bot Kittipat Kampa.

UF clinic gives free hearing screenings

Free hearing screenings attracted dozens of people to UF's Speech and Hearing Clinic on Thursday in honor of the American Academy of Audiology's 20th anniversary.

The clinic will offer free screenings on select Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April at 1405 NW 13th St., Suites B and C.

"We were stunned to see all of the people out there."

Patricia Kricos

UF communication sciences and disorders professor

"We were stunned to see all of the people out there," said Patricia Kricos, a UF communication sciences and disorders professor. "I love it."

A standard hearing screening costs nearly \$50, and Kricos said adults should start to get them regularly at age 45.

Patricia Lane, 66, took advantage of the freebie and received the first hear-

ing screening of her life.

"I really came so my husband would get one, too," Lane said. "They said his hearing is fine, so now when he doesn't listen, I know it's selective."

Kricos said she was happy with the turnout. The clinic would bring in more screening machines to accommodate next week's patients, she added.

During the screening, patients respond to tones produced by an electronic machine.

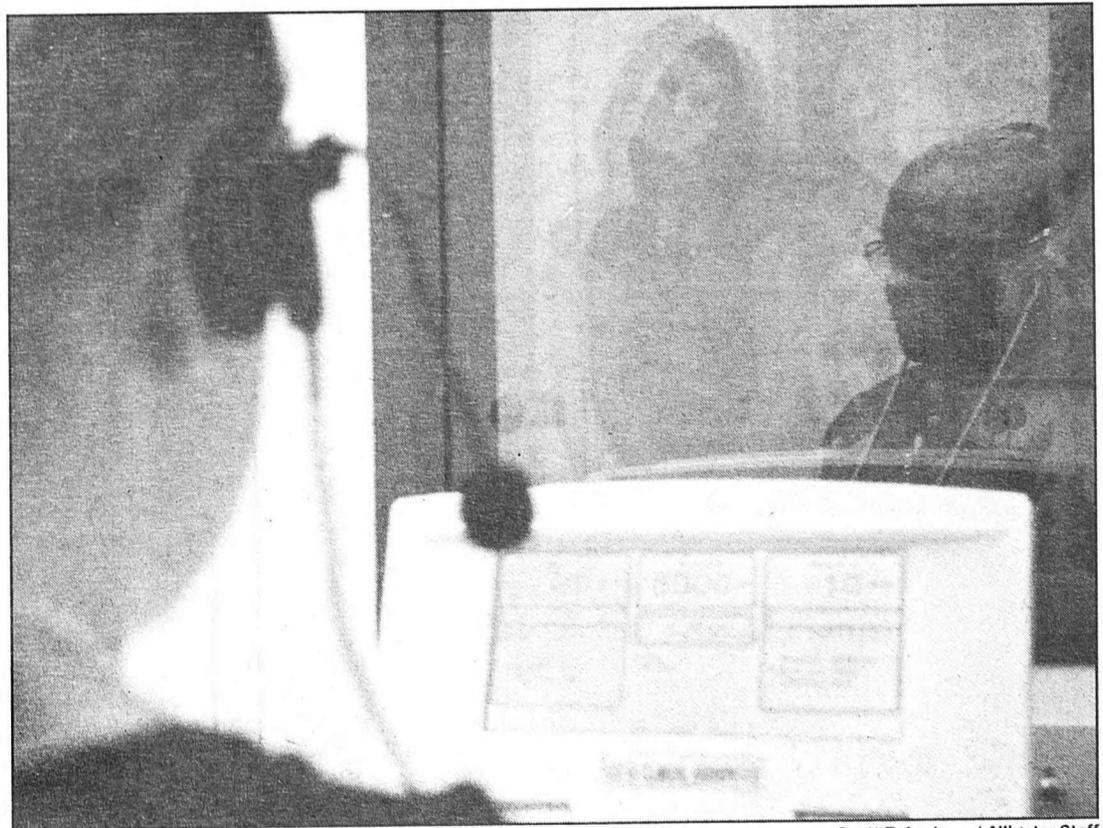
Once the fifteen-minute process is complete, audiologists determine whether a hearing aid is needed and potentially send patients on to a full hearing evaluation, she said.

The free and frequent opportunities for screenings over the next couple months eliminate the excuses of busy schedules and high costs, Kricos said.

"We encourage people to come once and follow up so we can help them get the treatment they need," she said.

For more information, contact the clinic at 273-0542.

— ELIZABETH LEVA



Scott Robertson / Alligator Staff

James Geeter, right, sits inside a soundproof room during a free hearing screening at the UF Speech and Hearing Clinic on Thursday.

Local crossword puzzle tournament to be held Saturday

■ **COST OF ENTRY IS \$30 FOR STUDENTS.**

Gainesville residents are sharpening their pencils and their minds in preparation for the second annual North Florida Crossword Puzzle Tournament, which will take place Saturday.

Doors at the Savannah Grande, 301 N.

Main St., will open at 8:30 a.m., and the competition will begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fees are \$40 per person and \$100 for teams of three. For students and seniors, it is \$30 per person and \$75 for teams of three. Walk-ins can register at the door. Spectators are asked to make a donation.

The price includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

This year, the grand prize is a trip to

the American Crossword Tournament in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Will Shortz, the crossword puzzle editor for The New York Times, has created a welcome video for the competition.

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"For anyone that knows puzzles in the puzzle world, Will Shortz is our superstar," said Alyson Adams, crossword tournament committee chair and

program coordinator at the UF Lastinger Center for Learning.

Helen Hovanek, American Crossword Puzzle Tournament director, is also scheduled to attend the tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit The Generation Connection, a one-week day camp that brings seniors and kids ages 8 to 12 together.

—KRISTEN HUFF

NATIONAL

Democratic candidacies point to changing views

By **DREW HARWELL**
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The United States presidency, an office run by white men for more than 200 years, may soon be run by anyone but.

With candidate John Edwards withdrawn from the race, the upcoming Democratic nomination is sure to make history.

Either of the top Democratic candidates — Barack Obama, a black senator from Illinois, and Hillary Clinton, a female senator from New York — would establish a new precedent for the White House, which up until now has been solely run by white men.

Sharon Austin, a UF associate professor in political science, said she was surprised by Obama's recent increase in support.

"It does show progression," Austin said. "It shows people are able to look beyond color."

Clinton's accomplishments in her candidacy have also been as

unexpected as they are unconventional.

Retired UF political science professor Margaret Conway said Clinton's primary wins have been a sign that females in America are increasing in influence and confidence.

"The whole role of women in society has changed," she said.

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Margaret Conway
retired UF political science professor

The country's views on minority leadership have changed significantly in the last 20 years. A nationwide Gallup Poll found that 93 percent of people surveyed in December 2007 would vote for a black president, compared to 79 percent in 1987. Again in December 2007, 86 percent of people surveyed said they would vote a woman into

the White House, a increase from 82 percent in 1987.

But the candidates have faced their share of bias.

Despite the strong points of her candidacy, Clinton must still deal with what some critics believe is her weakest point: her gender.

In early January, male hecklers were removed from a New Hampshire auditorium after inter-

rupting the former first lady's speech with chants of "Iron my shirt."

Obama has had his loyalty questioned numerous times because of his Kenyan father and years in an Indonesian religious school.

Some, including President Bush and his former adviser Karl Rove, have labeled Obama "articulate" — as if they expected something different from the Harvard graduate.

Still, Austin believes Clinton and Obama's progress represents the most recent step toward equality for the nation's commander in chief, and that one day soon an election confined to a single race and gender will be a thing of the past.

"Inevitably," Austin said, "it will be a case where a black candidate and a woman candidate won't be so much of a novelty."

Female Presidential Candidates

1964 *Margaret Chase Smith* ran as a Republican and was the first woman to run on a major party ticket.

1976 *Ellen McCormack* ran as a Democrat and won 22 convention votes.

1988 *Patricia S. Schroeder* ran as a Democrat but dropped out before the primaries because she did not have enough money.

2004 *Carol Moseley Braun* was the first black U.S. Senator and ran as a Democrat.

Black Presidential Candidates

1972 *Shirley Chisholm* ran as an "unbought and unbossed" Democratic candidate.

1988 *Jesse Jackson*, who also ran in 1984, lost the nomination to Michael Dukakis in the Democratic primary race.

1996 and 2000 *Alan Keyes*, whose name was also on the 2008 primary ballot, ran as a Republican.

2004 *Al Sharpton*, founder of the National Action Network, ran as a Democrat.

Sources: www.blackamericaweek.com, PBS, Center for American Women and Politics

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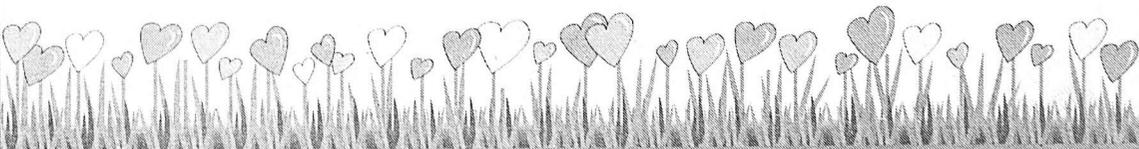
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LOCAL

Florida filmmakers to display work at local festival

By ERIK VOSS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The second annual Florida ART Film Festival will showcase works by Florida filmmakers this weekend.

Only independent films made by Floridians were accepted into the festival for award consideration, said Sarah Bewley, assistant to the coordinator for the festival.

"It's the only film festival designed to promote Florida filmmakers and Florida as a filmmaking site," Bewley said.

The films submitted were divided into two categories: documentary and narrative. A panel selected two documentary finalists and three narrative finalists.

The documentaries can be seen on Saturday, and the narratives will be shown on Sunday at the Acrostown Repertory Theatre, 619 South Main Street.

Two judges, one for each category, critiqued the films.

Bewley said she was excited about having outside judges with professional filmmaking experience view the finalists, which was some-

"It's the only film festival designed to promote Florida filmmakers and Florida as a filmmaking site."

Sarah Bewley

assistant to festival coordinator

thing the festival lacked last year.

Time will be allotted between the screenings for discussion about the films.

The festival kicks off with the east coast

premiere of "Ten Inch Hero."

The romantic comedy follows four friends who work at a sandwich shop as they learn about themselves and deal with their love lives.

Bewley said this year's festival grew from last year's thanks to a tourist development grant from Alachua County.

She said she wants the festival to expand to a weeklong event with workshops and a different feature each night.

"We see this as having potential as something that really matters," she said.



AP Photo

Trail of Tradition

Maracatu lance-bearer Josenildo Estevao da Silva, 19, walks to Recife where he will join other lance-bearers to celebrate carnival, in Nazare da Mata in Brazil's Pernambuco state on Jan. 26.

Students, faculty say UF still needs improvement

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that students had been friendly to him. Despite his history-making enrollment, Starke left UF after one year, according to the law school's Web site.

Bridgewater-Alford said being the only black student on a campus of white students probably pressured Starke into leaving, but it doesn't lessen the impact of his legacy.

"His decision has brought us here," she said.

'A watershed moment'

Black students were not always given warm welcomes by UF students and administrators, especially during the 1970s, a time when unrest brought on by Vietnam War protests, the civil rights movement and the counterculture revolution was common on campus.

While it was the first university in the state to begin integrating, Van Ness said UF dragged its feet bringing black students to Gainesville.

Six black students were admitted as UF undergraduates in 1962, according to Alligator archives. In the fall of 1970, there were between 300 and 400 students on campus, Van Ness said.

The most infamous racial clash between black students and UF administrators came on April 15, 1971, forever remembered as "Black Thursday."

Sixty-six students from UF's Black Student Union and six nonstudents were arrested following an unannounced sit-in in the president's office. The group presented six demands to UF, including creating a black cultural center. Then-president Stephen C. O'Connell, a "stickler for rules," refused to grant the students amnesty, which drew national media attention to UF, Van Ness said. About one-third of UF's black students withdrew shortly thereafter, according to UF's Web site.

"That was a watershed event in the university's history," he said.

Home away from home

Two years after the national

media storm of "Black Thursday," black-student enrollment reached more than 1,000, according to UF statistics. Black cultural, musical and Greek organizations began to flourish.

Less than a year after the nonviolent protest, UF President O'Connell endorsed UF's Institute of Black Culture on Feb. 11, 1972, Van Ness said.

Anthony Crenshaw, current director of the institute, said the institute provides a home away from home for black students and functions as a place of entertainment and education.

The Black Student Union was recognized as a UF organization in 1970 and is now the largest black-student organization on campus, said Betty Stewart-Fullwood, faculty adviser to the Black Student Union.

But with all of UF's programs for minority students, Crenshaw and Stewart-Fullwood agreed that UF could be doing more, particularly in terms of interaction between faculty and black students.

"There are still places on campus where students are invisible," Crenshaw said.

50 years later

As UF celebrates its golden anniversary of integration, students and faculty said the university has made strides in welcoming multicultural students but admit there is still work to be done.

Crenshaw said there is a "false assumption" that black students are at UF because of affirmative action.

Affirmative action was a program that created minority quotas in schools and workplaces. It was eliminated from Florida in 1999.

Petra Dix, a black UF English senior, said UF is still a predominantly white school, and she doesn't see its image changing anytime soon.

Still, Dix said improvement is inevitable.

"Admit your faults, but also admit that you are doing something to actively change that," she said. "It takes years to change a campus completely."

Official: Gainesville could lose \$3.1 million

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of Bosshardt Realty Services Inc., said the market increases in early January could have been the result of homeowners anticipating the benefits of portability.

Since the amendment is retroactive, he said, anyone who moved in 2007 is immediately eligible for portability benefits.

As far as how many people would choose to move now, Kitchens said he was still unsure.

"We're only a day into it, so it's hard to tell," he said. "It'll probably take a couple months before we can see what kind of effect it's had."

Local budgets will take a little longer to feel the effect, but officials are equally uncertain of how serious the consequences will be.

County Commission Chairman Rodney Long said cuts could come from fire and police departments,

recreation, the jail, the county clerk's office or from layoffs.

"All of that's just pure speculation," Long said.

County Manager Randy Reid added the possibility of decreases to animal services and aid to outside agencies. Though the county's budget stood to increase by \$9.8 million this year, officials are instead facing a \$1.2 million net loss.

Local News The city could lose \$3.1 million, spokesman Bob Woods said.

But neither of those numbers includes losses from the portability option, which Woods said are impossible to estimate.

Both city and county officials said that budget cuts caused by the amendment will not be felt until the 2009 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, 2008. The city commission will start looking at department cuts in the spring, Woods said.

"The process really hasn't begun at

this point," he said.

Long said the county will also make formal budget decisions in the spring, but will hold an informal public meeting Tuesday to discuss possibilities.

While the amendment passed with 64 percent in the state, it received only 51 percent approval in Alachua County.

Reid noted that since the values of homes in Gainesville were relatively low compared to other parts of Florida, homeowners were estimated to save a little more than \$100 a year, rather than the \$240 average projected for the state.

"It wasn't viewed as a substantial savings," he said.

Long said in Alachua County, only 48 percent of property is even taxed — most of it belongs to the state.

"We're not a tax-rich county," he said. "I think most citizens understood what the impact of passing the amendment would be."

ON CAMPUS

Tony Award winner offers advice, critiques to UF actors

By **ELIZABETH LEVA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Tony Award-winning actress attracted a crowd of nearly 100 observers and aspiring actors to UF's Constans Theatre on Thursday afternoon.

The Florida Players, a UF acting group, arranged for Katie Finneran to give a speech and workshop to discuss her success and critique several audience members' performances.

"My career has been so eclectic," said Finneran, who won the Tony Award in 2002 for her performance in the play "Noises Off." "In show business, anything can happen."

She offered advice on everything from banishing pre-audition jitters to choosing between Manhattan and Los Angeles for a future home.

She said she sympathized with young actors who have difficulties finding theater work while also trying to pay bills in expensive cities.

As an aspiring performer, Finneran said she worked at cappuccino bars, washed gym floors and was fired from Tavern on the Green restaurant. But she said nothing broke her spirit.

"I really and truly would have done anything just to stay in the game," she said.

Now 17 years of hard work in New York have led to roles in the-

ater, television and movies. Finneran said she knew she'd made it when she won the Tony in 2002.

Winning the award gave her a sense of accomplishment and a security that is often uncommon for actors, she said.

"At least I know I will always be able to do a play," she said, "even if it's in Poughkeepsie."

During a break between Finneran's speech and the student performances, the room swarmed with activity.

Many approached Finneran with questions and compliments, while others silently mouthed the words to pieces they were about to perform.

George Salazar, UF theatre performance senior and Florida Players publicity director, sang "If I Didn't Believe in You," a piece from a musical he saw while interning in Manhattan last summer.

"I don't feel that nervous, butterfly-in-the-stomach feeling because I know she isn't going to sit there and judge me," Salazar said. "She's going to sit there and help me."

Finneran challenged Salazar to display a wider range of emotions throughout the piece while she posed as his girlfriend listening to the song's message.

"Perfect! Genius!" she shouted after his fifth take. "I felt the song."

She encouraged the audience to



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Tony Award winner Katie Finneran hugs George Salazar, publicity director for the Florida Players and a UF theatre performance senior, at a class in UF's Constans Theatre on Thursday.

stop listening to the opinions of everyone around them and trust their own intuitions in acting-related decisions. "If I teach you anything at all today, I'll teach you to just shut your eyes and listen to yourself," Finneran said. "Everybody knows what the right answer is for them."

Web site offers text-message coupons on demand

■ UF STUDENT, GRADS DEVELOPED COUPON SITE.

A new Web site allows both students and Gainesville residents to choose coupons from about 35 local restaurants and businesses and immediately receive them as text messages. Users redeem the coupon by showing the

message on their phone as they would with a paper coupon.

The site, www.mobilecoups.com, is up and running, but the grand opening is scheduled for Monday, said UF graduate and service developer Dan Doromal.

Doromal developed the site with his brother, UF student Raphael Doromal, and

UF graduate Nick Hu. Raphael Doromal said users will have full control over what is sent to them and when it is sent, which distinguishes MobileCoups from other text-messaging-coupon services.

Hu said one of the site's features is allowing people to decide when they want to view

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Arts Center to hold jewelry sale

By **ALYSSA LaRENZIE**
Alligator Writer

With Valentine's Day less than two weeks away, the UF Arts & Crafts Center is hoping to cash in on the holiday by selling unique jewelry pieces.

The sale is being held today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

The handcrafted jewelry, purchased from art sales and jewelry makers around the world, range in price from \$2 to about \$100, said Samantha Salay, assistant director of the center.

All the jewelry is made with sterling silver and semi-precious stones, according to a news release.

"Some (jewelry) we have purchased from gem shows, some from people who traveled around the world and brought things back," said Jill Keezer, associate director of student activities. "And some of it we had made specifically for the University of Florida."

Keezer said the sale is scheduled to take place on the Reitz Union Colonnade, but bad weather may move the sale indoors to the Arts & Crafts Center, located on the basement floor of the Reitz Union.

While jewelry can be purchased year-round at the Art Underground Gift Shop, all pieces at today's sale will be 25 percent off, she said.

The retail sale, one of about seven held throughout the year, generates revenues for the center,

Salay said.

"(Valentine's Day) is a great icebreaker for sales," Salay said, "because we know what everyone's there for."

Usually, more women purchase jewelry at the sales, she said, but at the Valentine's Day sale men make up about half the shoppers.

"(The sale) is truly unique. We have a lot of things you couldn't find in other places."

Samantha Salay

UF Arts & Crafts Center assistant director

The sale is a good option for some people because it offers more than the typical jewelry that can be found at the mall, Salay said. She already purchased her favorite piece from the acquired collection, a pair of green earrings that she calls her "space rocks."

The earrings are made from moldavite, a substance formed by meteorite impact, she said.

Though few of these pieces are left, the space rock earrings exemplify the unusual pieces that can be found at the handcrafted jewelry sale.

"(The sale) is truly unique," Salay said. "We have a lot of things you couldn't find in other places."

Dorms compete to conserve energy

UF's 7,600 on-campus students have a chance to save money and energy for The Biggest Saver: Battle of the Halls Energy Challenge beginning Friday.

The challenge asks students to cut back on electricity and water used in their halls to celebrate National Campus Energy Reduction month. The "Biggest Saver" will be one of the 12 residential areas on campus that conserves the most energy. The winning area will be announced in March and will get a party with food, prizes and a trophy.

"I want Beauty to win," said Alexandra Klein, the environmental concerns director for the Inter-Residence Hall Association. "That's my hall, so I'm going all out."

Klein suggested students unplug computers, lamps and other electronic devices while not in use because many people don't realize that energy is still used when something's plugged in, even if it's turned off.

The Office of Sustainability is working with IRHA to promote the competition and with the Physical Plant Division to measure the energy, said Claire Long, an intern at UF's Office of Sustainability.

"We don't want this to be about saving energy in February," Long said. "The hope is that students will take these habits into their lives past college."

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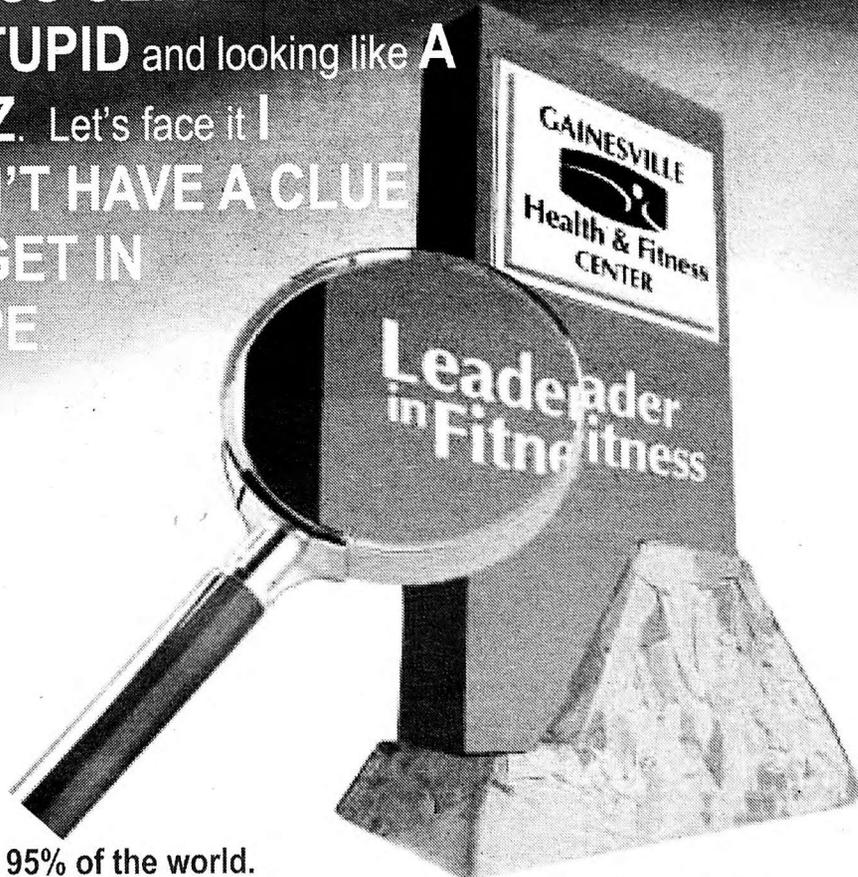
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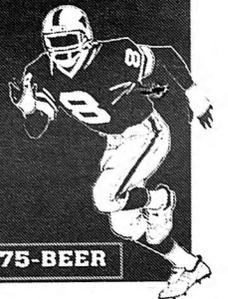
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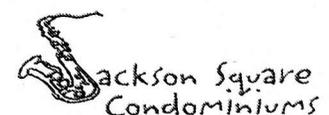
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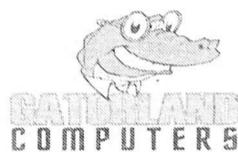
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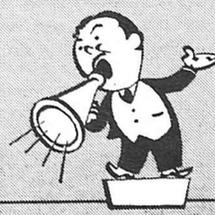
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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Donovan tries to keep team's confidence in check

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If Tiger Woods has room to improve, so do the Gators.

After entering the polls and walking into the spotlight, UF coach Billy Donovan has pointed to the recent exploits of golf's greatest player as an example of how the No. 20 Gators should handle their sudden success.

"Here's maybe the greatest athlete to ever walk the face of the earth, and (Woods) wins, and he's talking about getting better," Donovan said. "If he's saying that, the fact that these guys would embrace a win to me doesn't make much sense."

Woods is coming off a dominating eight-stroke victory in the Buick Invitational — his first tournament of the season. Woods spoke afterward about the changes he made in the off-season and how he feels his best golf is still ahead of him.

It's a scary thought — but the exact mindset Donovan is looking for in his players, who he hopes will continue to improve, regardless of how successful they become.

"We still need to get better," Donovan said. "We're not where we should be, where we can be, where we want to be."

Since routing Vanderbilt 86-64 at home last Sunday, the Gators (18-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) have had nearly a week to prepare for perhaps their toughest stretch to date.

UF heads first to Arkansas (15-5, 4-2 SEC) on Saturday and then to No. 7 Tennessee (18-2, 5-1 SEC) on Tuesday.

"We still need to get better."

Billy Donovan
UF men's basketball coach

The Gators will first direct their attention to an under-achieving Razorbacks team that has failed to meet expectations so far.

Arkansas entered the season ranked No. 19, but bad losses to Georgia, Providence and Appalachian State have left Razorbacks fans searching for answers.

Arkansas, however, is coming

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UF forward Dan Werner drives against an Auburn defender during the Gators' 72-56 win on Jan. 12. Werner hit five of his nine shots from the field and finished with 11 points.

Gators focus on nixing falls

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In the last two weeks, UF has fallen on the bars, on the floor and in the rankings.

The Gators dropped to No. 3 in the national rankings after losing to Georgia two weeks ago and falling twice against Auburn last week.

If the Gators are to beat up-and-coming No. 9 Arkansas on Friday, they will need to fix those mistakes.

Against Georgia, falls on the uneven bars by Ashley Reed and Nicola Willis cost UF the meet. Then last week, Amanda Castillo fell on the bars as Rebekah Zaiser and Courtney Gladys fell on the floor event, but the Gators still pulled out a win over Auburn.

In practice, the Gators have been working on being more consistent and concentrating more on their routines.

"We haven't really had our minds focused on what we need to do at the time," Melanie Sinclair said. "We are training hard and doing all the right things in practice, so we just need to be focused during competition."



Sinclair

The falls are unusual of Gators gymnastics teams.

Before the struggles of the last two weeks, UF had not had a counted fall since Jan. 20, 2006.

Even though falling is disappointing, the Gators gymnasts try not to think about the mistake and try to still put together a good performance.

"The last thing you want to think is 'Oh my gosh, I fell, I got .5 off,'" Sinclair said. "You have to think about that you still have a routine to finish, or wherever you are in the

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UF learns from first loss

■ THE GATORS HAVE A CHANCE TO REBOUND AGAINST UCF.

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**
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Losing to Miami on Tuesday wasn't easy for the UF men's tennis team, which suffered its first loss of the season.

But immediately forgetting about the loss isn't exactly what coach Andy Jackson has in mind.

"I don't think that we can (forget)," Jackson said. "I don't really particularly want them to forget about it. I just want them to learn from it and see if we can take the positives and go forward."

The No. 13 Gators will get their first chance to move ahead on Friday when they host Central Florida at 3 p.m. at the Ring Tennis Complex. UF defeated the Knights 5-2 in 2007. While Jackson expects his young squad to win, he

said nothing about this inexperienced team is a sure thing.

"I believe with this team that we really can lose to anybody, just because we haven't been around very much," he said.

A loss to UCF would put the Gators a step back. Four of their next six matches before Southeastern Conference play will be against top-20 teams, the first of which comes Sunday.



Tennis

UF will travel to Waco, Texas, to face No. 4 Baylor, which advanced to the NCAA semifinals last year.

The Gators have defeated the Bears each of the last two seasons by the same 4-3 score, something Jackson believes is extra incentive for UF's opponent.

"I think they're tired of losing to Florida," Jackson said. "Obviously they can hurt us under those circumstances,

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Men's basketball:	
N.C. State	72
(3) Duke	92
(11) Indiana	49
(13) Wisconsin	62

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UF will face former coach Pelphrey

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off a convincing 78-58 win against Mississippi State.

Donovan said the Gators are aware of this team's talent and respects the Razorbacks heading in.

"They're a big, strong, physical team," Donovan said. "These guys, in a way, pose dilemmas unlike any team we've played before. They're experienced, and they have guys that a lot of people respect and think very highly of."

The Razorbacks are coached by former Gators assistant John Pelphrey, who enters his first season in Arkansas after spending five years at the helm of South Alabama.

Pelphrey began as one of Donovan's assistants at Marshall in 1995, and he followed Donovan to Gainesville, where he remained until 2002.



Men's Basketball

Pelphrey is one of three former Donovan assistants who are currently coaching in Division I. The others are Virginia Commonwealth's

Anthony Grant and Marshall's Donnie Jones.

This is the first time Donovan will face one of his assistants in a head-to-head matchup.

"You're dealing with someone who's very close in your life, who's made a lot of sacrifices," Donovan said. "I think it's always hard when you're coaching against someone you've shared so much with, a lot of ups and downs and emotional things."

On the court, Arkansas is led by forward Sonny Weems, who is averaging 14.4 points per game, and sophomore standout Patrick Beverley, who adds 12.2 points per contest.

UF center Marreese Speights will have his hands full as well, as he lines up against 7-foot center Steven Hill.

Speights has played well of late, and is averaging 18 points and 9.7 rebounds over the last three games.

Another player who has come on lately is forward Dan Werner, whose newfound aggressive style and work ethic has won over the fans and his coaches. Werner has been elected hustle player of the week six out seven times this season by the coaching staff, with the lone loss coming to Speights.

Players receive an "F" on their shorts for recognition, something Werner displays proudly in practice.

"It shows I do all the little things," Werner said. "That's what I pride myself in."

Gators hope to continue dominance of Arkansas

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routine you still have to finish, you still have to put on a good performance."

The next time the Gators who fell compete, they will have to brush away any thoughts of the fall.

"You try to keep a clean mind and start over," Castillo said.

UF coach Rhonda Faehn said she doesn't expect the falls to affect the athletes in the future.

One of the causes of the falls had been the young, inexperienced lineup Faehn put out for last week's meet.

This week, she will have UF's best gymnasts competing.

"You try to keep a clean mind and start over."

Amanda Castillo

UF sophomore gymnast

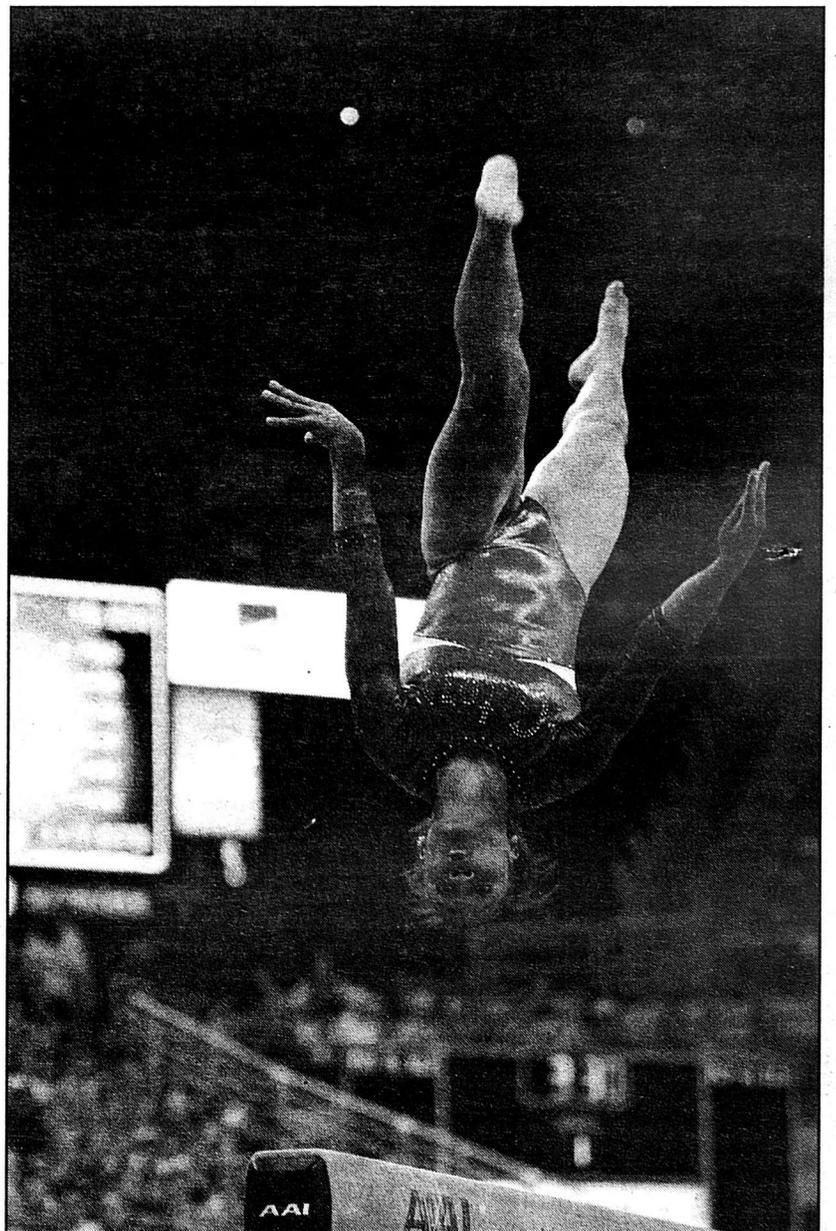
"We are going to put in our strongest lineup this weekend; we had the opportunity to rest them last weekend, especially Melanie and Nicola," Faehn said. "We gave them a good rest, so we are looking to get them out in front of our home crowd again and put on a good performance against Arkansas."

UF will need solid outings from all its athletes to beat an Arkansas team that is at its highest ranking in school history.

Since Arkansas' gymnastics program started in 2003, the Gators have dominated the Razorbacks, winning every meeting between the two — UF is 15-0 all-time against them.

The Gators might have one of their best athletes competing at less than 100 percent, as Castillo has been affected by pinkeye this week. If Castillo isn't at her best, UF will need others to step up.

Even with Castillo and their best lineup on the floor, the Gators will have to avoid falls if they are to retake the No. 1 ranking.



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF gymnast Melanie Sinclair performs her beam routine in the Gators' narrow loss to Georgia on Jan. 18. Georgia won by .025 points.

Jackson hopes weekend matches can boost confidence

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but we have talent on our team and we can hurt them as well."

Despite its high team ranking, Baylor has just two ranked singles players (Nos. 10 and 80) and no ranked doubles teams, but UF will have three players ranked No. 62 or

higher in singles.

However, the match will probably be decided on courts four, five and six, where the Gators will likely play three freshmen.

"We have to have a step up from everybody," Jackson said. "We're just going to stick with what we got, and just try to give a little bit better."

There's one thing Jackson thinks

will be a huge issue for his team, especially on the road Sunday — the c-word.

"Confidence is not something that you can buy at the drug store," he said. "It's something that you have to earn, and we don't have it. But we're going to try to earn a little bit of it on Friday, and then there's a big opportunity on Sunday to get a lot of it."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Jones faces long road to reinstatement in NFL

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UF TRACK AND FIELD

Ealey running toward fourth All-American honor

By MIKE DIFERDINANDO
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Lakecia Ealey is never satisfied.

The senior is a three-time All-American, but she wants more.

While the sprinter has had success throughout her career at UF, it has all come as a member of the 4x100-meter relay team.

"My goal this year is to become an All-American as an individual," Ealey said.

Up to this point in the season, she has done all she can to make that dream a reality.

Through the first two meets, Ealey has already racked up two first-place finishes and two second-place finishes, and she will have a chance to add more to that list

Saturday when the No. 11 Gators travel to Lexington, Ky. for the Rod McCravy Memorial meet.

"She is a tremendous competitor," Coach Mike Holloway said. "She wants to be the best."

Ealey has fought injuries to both hamstrings during her career, and for the first time since her freshman season, she is finally ailment free. Ealey credits her success this season to her health.

Holloway believes Ealey's hardworking nature has led to a great start to 2008.

"Lakecia has had the success she has this season because she comes out everyday, works hard and does all of the things that we ask her to do," Holloway said.

Ealey said Holloway's coaching has helped her take the next step as a sprinter.

"Coach Holloway does a great job of working one on one with each athlete," Ealey said. "That has made a big difference for me this year."

"She is a tremendous competitor. She wants to be the best."

Mike Holloway
UF track and field coach

Ealey is determined to be an All-American this season, and Holloway expects her to do just that.

"My challenge to her this fall was to go out everyday and prepare like a champion, and that is exactly what she has done," Holloway said.

While Ealey hopes that she is able to fin-

ish her senior season as an All-American, it is not her only goal.

She says being a finalist at the NCAA indoor championships would be a dream come true. Ealey is aiming for a top-three finish.

Holloway believes that Saturday's meet will be an opportunity for Ealey and the rest of the squad to test themselves.

"This weekend is a chance for us to compete against some great competition," Holloway said. "It's a chance for us to go up against some of the best teams in the country."

As most of the squad travels to Lexington, the team's multi-event specialists will head to Nampa, Idaho, this weekend for the United Heritage Invitational hosted by Boise State.

Gators head into final conference meet against Vols

■ THE NO. 7 WOMEN COMPETE TODAY AND THE NO. 5 MEN CONTEND SATURDAY.

By EUGENIO TORRENS
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The UF swimming and diving teams will look to end their Southeastern Conference season on a high note against Tennessee on Friday and Saturday.

While the No. 5 men try to rebound from a loss to Auburn last week, the No. 7 women will hope for their sixth straight dual-meet victory.

The women's team takes on the Volunteers first, Friday at 7 p.m., while the men's team won't see action until Saturday at 1 p.m.

UF swimming coach Gregg Troy seems to have the Volunteers' number, going 21-0 all-time against them. Despite the confidence boost from the Auburn meet, Troy doesn't want his women to get overconfident.

"It's a very improved Tennessee women's team," Troy said. "Tennessee's always raced us tough. We really get their best shot all the time."

The men's team is coming off a loss, but Troy was pleased with

his swimmers' effort. He maintains they will have to be more consistent in the relays. "We had some guys a little erratic in their performance,"

Troy said. Troy also hopes that this time around, the diving team will leave the men with more wiggle room.

Last week, the women's squad was bolstered by the diving performance of Jeana Bartell, Monica Dodson and Jennifer Funch. UF diving coach Donnie Craine will be taking all three to Knoxville.

Against Auburn, the trio com-

bined for 32 points. Craine doesn't believe they'll be able to repeat that performance, noting the home-field advantage. "You go into their home floor, you have to give them the advantage," Craine said. "I think we can compete with them in the diving. Whether we're going to win or not, that's just a matter of the day. ... I hope to go in and maybe steal an event from them."

The men's diving team will hope to forget its performance against the Tigers and recover against Tennessee. Grayson Patton and Aaron Leech only managed to tally 3 points for the Gators last weekend.

"Grayson was very good on (the) one-meter, one of his best events...but it still wasn't good enough," Craine said. "I'm hoping Aaron steps it up a little bit."

This meet will be the last chance for swimmers to be evaluated against conference opposition before the SEC championships. This could motivate the younger athletes, whose spots on the conference team are on the line.

The Volunteers have all the motivation they'll need. "We're catching Tennessee at home, (it's) their last meet at home and it's their senior day. We'll get a really enthusiastic Tennessee group," Troy said.

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Gators drop home contest against Commodores

■ UF SHOT 11.1 PERCENT FROM BEYOND THE ARC.

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The UF women's basketball team continues to feel the growing pains of a team that finished 9-22 last season.

The Gators got another chance Thursday night to establish themselves in the top half of the Southeastern Conference — and just couldn't get it done.

Vanderbilt (15-6, 4-2 SEC) simply had too much size in the post, and UF (14-7, 3-3 SEC) could not convert at key junctures, so the Commodores walked away with a 66-56 victory Thursday night.

UF (42.6 percent) shot just a tad better than the Commodores (42.2 percent) but could not overcome losing the rebounding battle (40-35), committing more turnovers (23 to 18) and dreadful 3-point shooting (11.1 percent).

Gators coach Amanda Butler felt despite the statistics, her team could have won this game, but they stopped believing they would.

"We really have to believe that we are supposed to beat some of these teams that are in the top of our league," Butler said. "There was a moment where we didn't feel like we were supposed to win. Vanderbilt seized that moment, and that's something that just can't happen."

It didn't help that the Commodores had a dominating post presence for which the Gators had no answer.

Vandy center Liz Sherwood came off the bench to score a game-high 20 points and added 12 rebounds. The 6-foot-4 two-time reigning SEC Sixth Woman of the Year controlled the second half, and Vanderbilt's offense became looking to pound it into Sherwood on every offensive possession.

"It didn't matter who was in there (guarding Sherwood)," Vanderbilt coach Melanie Balcomb said. "We were running stuff to Liz, and she was confident and going strong to the basket."

UF tried a couple of different things to stop the senior, including a 2-3 zone, and had both Marsha Dotson and Aneika Henry match up with her in man-to-man defense. But Sherwood continued to find a way to get one-on-one situations down on the low block and connected on 9 of her 17 shots.

"They didn't double Liz, and when she got them buried, they couldn't do anything but go

one-on-one," Balcomb said. "Liz is very good one-and one. She generally sees double- and triple-teams and everybody packs it in. ... They went with the philosophy of pressuring our guards and I thought they did a great job at it. Then we had to depend on Liz instead of our 3-point shooting."

Butler knew Sherwood would get her points but was frustrated with the many put-backs she got after missed shots.

"The goal of (Balcomb's) offense is to get Liz Sherwood one-on-one on the low block," she said. "Certainly we know that in some circumstances we couldn't handle her all alone on the low block. The points where they entered the ball in and she scored are easier to accept than the second chances."

Dotson put it more plainly. "She's a big girl," she said. "She was bigger than most of our post players."

The Commodores got two other big offensive contributions — one from someone they expected and another from someone unexpected off their bench. Christina Wirth averaged 13.2 points per game entering Thursday's contest, and lived up to the expectations, pumping in 15 points and six rebounds.

Perhaps more surprising was sophomore guard Jessica Mooney, who averages just 7.7 points per game but tied her career high with 16 points against the Gators.

UF had just one player finish in double figures — Dotson (16 points, 6 rebounds).

It looked like this game would be a blow-out similar to the Gators' Jan. 24 affair against Georgia.

Vanderbilt's zone defense pressured the UF guards on the perimeter, and Gators had difficulty running their offense or even getting the ball within the 3-point line. They settled for ill-advised jump shots and started just 1 of 7 from the field with five turnovers in the first seven minutes, allowing the Commodores to open up a 23-10 lead with 8:43 left in the first half.

Then the Gators finally found an offensive flow and rattled off 11 straight points to draw within 2, an entered halftime trailing just 30-25.

UF started well after the break and tied the game for the first time at the 15:35 mark. The Commodores would answer with 6 straight points, and the Gators never ended up taking the lead the entire game.

Now, they must rebound Sunday when No. 8 LSU comes to town.

Butler said her team knows they can beat

the Tigers but can't give up at critical moments.

"You've got to believe it more than your body telling you that you're tired or being upset about a player, like Liz Sherwood dominat-

ing a certain sequence of the game," she said. "Those things are going to happen and you've still got to believe it in spite of those things. ... We've got to quit talking about it and do it. Walk the talk."



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Vanderbilt center Liz Sherwood (left) tallied 20 points and 12 rebounds off the bench in the Commodores' 66-56 win against UF in the O'Connell Center on Thursday.

No. 4 Tarheels score 21 straight points in rout of Eagles

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