



# CLAS names 12 semifinalists for dean

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After four hours of debate and 11 boxes of pizza, the committee to find a new dean for UF's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences narrowed its list to 12 semifinalists Wednesday.

The semifinalists include two CLAS administrators, Interim Dean Joe Glover and Allan Burns, associate dean for faculty affairs.

The committee will submit a list of finalists to Provost Janie Fouke by the end of the month, said Pramod Khargonekar, the chairman of the search committee and the dean of the College of Engineering.

"I think there is a diversity of discipline, diversity of institutions, and strong academic and leadership experience" in the pool of semifinalists, Khargonekar said.

After conducting a national search, the 10-member search committee received 137 nominations and 42 applications, he said.

Before the meeting, he said

each committee member had the opportunity to nominate a candidate for semifinalist consideration. Eighteen people made the cut.

The committee narrowed the list down to 12 by considering how well the candidates could tackle the college's complexity based on their professional experiences.

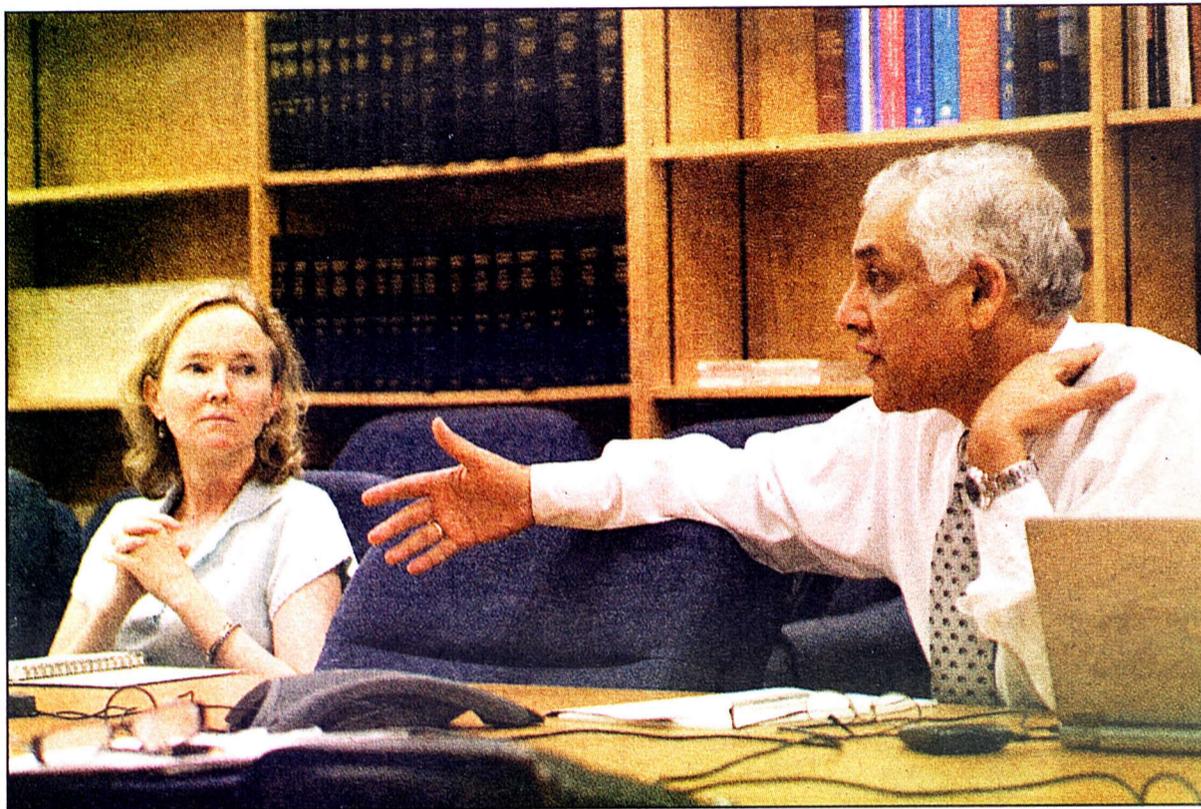
CLAS houses about 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students, provides general education to nearly every UF student and includes the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences disciplines.

Some of the candidates come from universities that are smaller or more specialized so they may not have the experience to head the college, Khargonekar said.

The committee also discussed the candidates' ability to manage a multimillion-dollar budget.

When former CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan resigned in November 2006, the college was \$6 million in debt and faced strong protests about a five-year

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Pramod Khargonekar, chairman of the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean search committee, speaks at a committee meeting Wednesday. The candidate pool was narrowed from 18 to 12.

## Agencies to lose funds

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As the Alachua County Commission begins planning for the 2009 fiscal year budget, local agencies are starting to come to terms with the impact of impending budget cuts.

Alachua County's Community Agency Partnership Program, which supplies grants to local non-profit agencies, will be losing funds next year, county commissioners decided at a special meeting Tuesday.

The exact amount that will be cut is uncertain, Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut said, and will be decided in March when commissioners start de-

termining the budget for the 2009 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, 2008.

Last year the program gave out \$890,756 to 21 non-profit organizations that help reduce poverty and \$172,599 to four agencies that promote the arts or the environment.



Chestnut

This is the first year the program's grants will not increase, Chestnut said.

Without the county grants, non-profit representatives said they would look for funding from the city and private donations.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# SG parties pick candidates

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More than 600 UF students — the highest turnout in Student Government's election slating history — showed up to the Reitz Union in hopes of filling two parties' Student Senate candidacies for spring elections on Feb. 26 and 27.

Sarah Krantz, SG supervisor of elections, said about 500 students are usually expected during the three days of recruitment. The count this time around was 640 students.

"It's unheard of," Krantz said. "It's really the parties that pulled them in."

Six parties were registered — Student Alliance, Progress, Orange and Blue, Gator, Swamp and Pants — but only Orange and Blue and Gator interviewed candidates to fill their party tickets, she said.

More than 500 students interviewed with the Gator Party, but each party is limited to ac-

cepting 47 people, Krantz said.

Kevin Reilly, Student Senate president and Student Body presidential candidate for the Gator Party, said his party took in 45 students.

Reilly said no one applied for seats to represent the UF medicine or veterinary medicine departments.

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SG supervisor of elections

Mark McShera, Orange and Blue Party chairman, said the party took in 32 students out of 48 who were interviewed.

"We were happy with the turnout," McShera said. "With 50 people up there, they all had pretty good ideas."

Krantz said recruited candidates would meet tonight to find out if they are still eligible to run based on academic requirements.

■ Coach Urban Meyer and the UF football team received letters of intent from 20 high school prospects on National Signing Day, including two new commits. See story, Page 20.



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■ For the first time, a study abroad trip to India will be open to all UF students. See story, Page 5.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Valentine's Day Graphic Design**  
Plaza of the Americas, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., today  
UF's graphic design student group, voxGRAPHIS, will be designing and selling Valentine's Day cards, posters, buttons and more.

**'Aristotle and Democracy'**  
University Auditorium, Friends of Music Room, 4 p.m., today  
UF's Department of Philosophy will host guest speaker Malcolm Schofield of the University of Cambridge.

**'La Vie En Rose'**  
Reitz Union Cinema, 8 p.m., tonight  
The Reitz Union Board will be showing a film based on the life of popular French singer Edith Piaf. The film presents a fractured and largely non-linear series of key events from Piaf's life.

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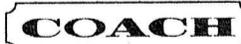
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# Students host Islam culture fair

■ THE EVENT KICKED OFF ISLAM AWARENESS MONTH.

By SARAH JONES

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Krishna Lunch wasn't the only tasty food served on the Plaza of the Americas Wednesday.

The scent of Arabic food wafted through the plaza, where UF student groups Islam On Campus and Arabic Cultural Association held their annual Islam Fair to kick off Islam Awareness Month.

Members of the two organizations and the Pakistani Student Association sat behind tables and answered students' questions about Islamic religion and culture.

"We just wanted to expose people to different Islamic cultures," said Derrick Peat, vice president of Islam On Campus. "We wanted to start off with a blast."

Free hummus, grape leaves, pitas and sweet rice were served to attract passers-by. Also, informational pamphlets and CDs, clothing, prayer rugs, hookahs and copies of the Quran were spread out on tables next to Library West.

"This is personal to us. This is music, this is fun," freshman Charissa Scott said.

Members conducting the fair took a break at 1:43 p.m. to observe Dhuhr, one of the five prayer times throughout the day. More than 40 students knelt facing east to pray, practicing one of the five pil-



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Volunteers from Islam On Campus serve food to students during a Wednesday showcase of Middle Eastern culture on the Plaza of the Americas.

lars of faith upon which Islam is based.

The fair's goal was to combat misunderstandings related to Islam and to educate students with questions about

the religion, which is currently the second largest religion in the world.

"Misconception is worse than ignorance," Scott said.

## UF PROJECTS

# UF's Eastside Campus grows

By STEPHANIE ROSENBERG

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UF plans to build a 65,000-square-foot building in the next 18 months at the Eastside Campus to create more office space. The project's estimated budget is \$15 million.

Ed Poppell, UF vice president of business affairs, said the university wants to move administrative offices to the Eastside Campus on Northeast Waldo Road to make more space on the main campus.

"It will free up parking and free up some congestion problems, which are a huge problem now," Poppell said.



Poppell

The Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, and the Florida Board of Governors, the governing body of the state's 11 public universities, approved the plan, but UF needs permission from the Legislature to start the project.

If approved, construction would begin at the end of 2008 and the building would open in 2009.

UF would borrow money from the UF Foundation to complete the project. The UF Foundation is the university's fundraising organization and would borrow the money from a bank, said Steve Orlando, UF spokesman.

The new building is expected to generate its own money once built. Poppell said it would stimulate economic and community growth in the area along Waldo Road.

Orlando said despite the university's ongoing budget problems, UF still needs these facilities.

"It's part of a long-range vision for establishing our presence over there and making it grow," he said. "You have to plan for the future."

The Eastside Campus was home to the Florida Department of Transportation until 2003. The 12-acre site now houses offices for several UF departments, including the Office of Information Technology.

# Professor to discuss debated WWI genocide

By ILEANA MORALES and KIM WILMATH

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A historian who denies the Turkish military carried out a genocide against Armenians during World War I is coming to UF on Friday to discuss the controversy.

The Turkish Student Association and Accent, Student Government's speakers bureau, invited Justin McCarthy, a University of Louisville history professor, to offer his conclusions on the 1915 Armenian genocide that some claim never happened.

Accent Chairman Steven Blank said the event is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the University Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and students must have their Gator 1 Cards to enter.

Altan Ozler, the Turkish student group's president, said Accent would pay McCarthy \$500 for his speech.

McCarthy will discuss why the issue remains controversial and why it is not accepted among all historians, Ozler said.

He said many people don't call the deportation and killing of millions of Armenians by Turkey's Ottoman military a genocide because Armenians also massacred Turkish people.

McCarthy is an Ottoman expert who has written seven books on the Ottomans' history with Armenians, according to the University of Louisville Web site.

Ozler said he doesn't expect any protests and thinks at least 400 people will attend.



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## Garden of Youth

Dragan Bastaja, 85, tends his garden off of Museum Road on Wednesday afternoon. Bastaja regularly grows a variety of plants, including cabbage, peanuts, potatoes and radishes.

# Downtown nightclub robbery points to rising gun use

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A UF student got a firsthand look into the recent trend of rising gun use early Sunday morning when he was robbed in a downtown club.

Sharvin Berrian, an 18-year-old UF student, was robbed at gunpoint inside the Plasma Lounge on First Street, said Lt. Keith Kameg, spokesman for the Gainesville Police Department.

Witnesses told police they had seen Berrian with a stack of cash in the bar earlier Saturday night.

Berrian told police that two men approached him in the club and stole \$300 from him, Kameg said. One of the men hit him in the back of the head, while the other pointed a gun at him.

The incident sent hundreds of people pouring out of the club shouting, "Gun, he's got a gun," Kameg said.

"It's apparent that at some point during the night, these two guys saw him with the money and that

set him up as a target," he said.

He highlighted the weekend robbery as an example of the increased number of reported gun use his department has encountered lately.

"We're seeing them on traffic stops," Kameg said. "We're seeing them on bike stops."

In response to an increase in violent crimes, GPD created a temporary Violent Crimes Task Force last year.

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Because it was deemed successful and necessary, the department has replaced its temporary group with a permanent one called the Tactical Impact Unit.

Since it was formed in September, the unit has confiscated 21 guns, said GPD Cpl. Jamie Rohrbaugh, one of the unit's 10 members.

In total, GPD officers confiscated more than 200 guns in 2007, Kameg said. Rohrbaugh said GPD officers are seeing a mix of both handguns and rifles.

In his 22 years as a Gainesville police officer, Kameg said he has never seen as many firearms on

criminals as he does now.

"Guns are becoming almost like an accessory to their outfit," he said. "That's a statement on society."

On top of the unit, GPD has also beefed up its downtown presence in part to deter violent crime in the area.

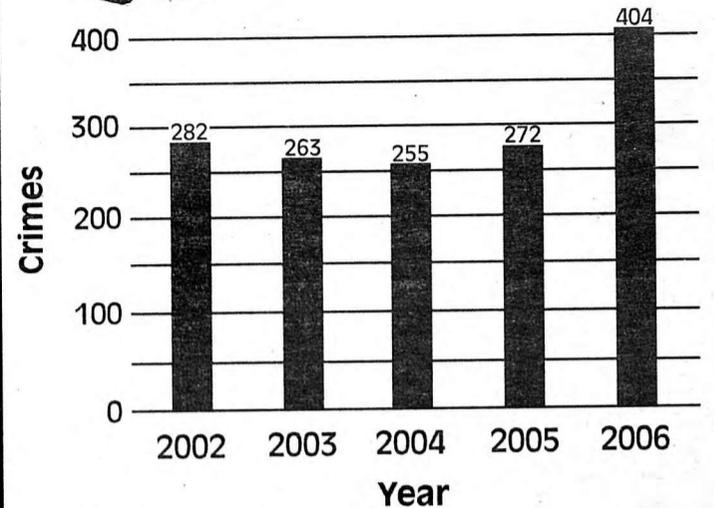
Having officers stationed outside of clubs and bars, where thousands of people congregate at once, allows police to both deter and quickly solve crimes, Rohrbaugh said.

It is not only Gainesville that has seen a rise in gun possession, but many cities and counties throughout Florida.

While data is only available up to the first half of 2007, preliminary statistics show that firearms were used more in 2007 than they were in 2006 in connection with all reported violent crimes, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Web site.

For example, from 2006 to 2007, the number of rapes decreased by 7 percent while the number of firearm-involved rapes increased by 26 percent, according to the FDLE site.

## Number of violent crimes involving firearms in Alachua County



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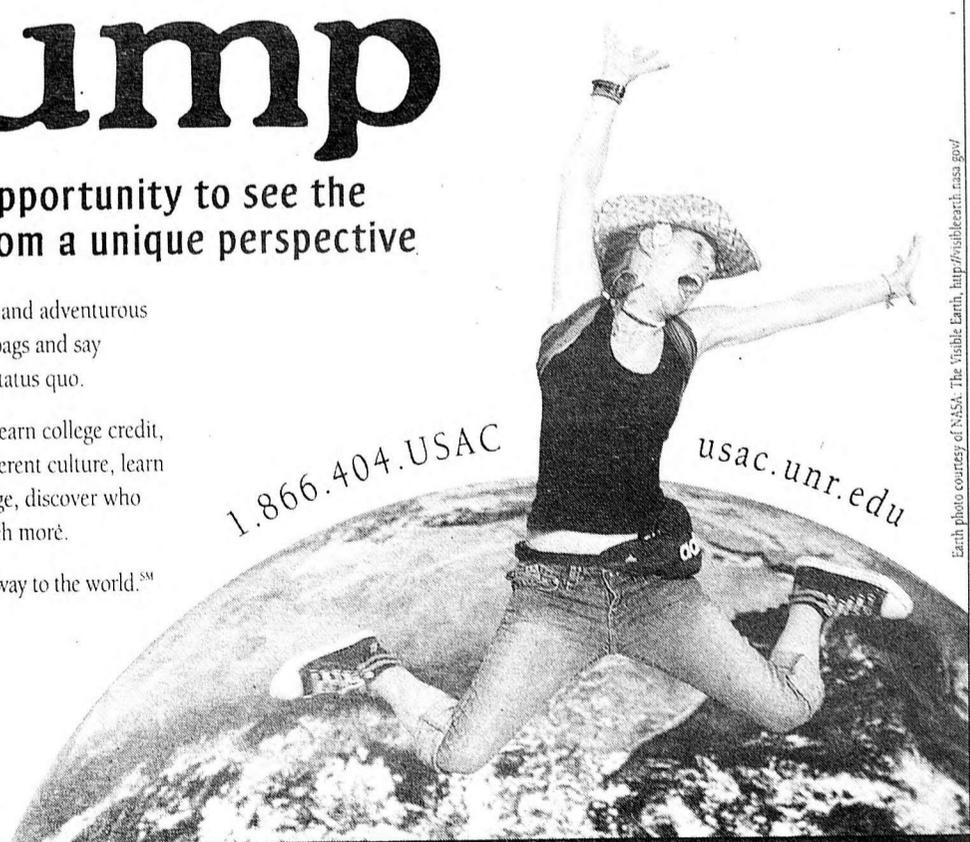
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# UF students to study in India

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When UF religion professor Travis Smith was a junior in college, he traveled to Bodh Gaya, India, the birthplace of Buddha, for a study abroad trip.

"That was the most fruitful academic moment I've had," Smith said. "It was life transforming."

So when he was asked to lead a study abroad trip to India, the opportunity excited Smith.

Smith and his wife, Anita Anantharam, are leading the first study abroad program in India that is available to all students. The program will take place this summer on an organic farm and focus on sustainability. The deadline to apply for the program is March 3.

The farm, Bija Vidyapeeth, is a 20-acre plot of land in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand.

The program will work in cooperation with Navdanya, an organization promoting nonviolent farming and protection of Indian farmers.

Students in the program will meet rural organic farmers and learn about sustainability.

"The curriculum that we want to teach — sustainability, simplicity and social responsibility

— are in keeping with the mission of Navdanya," Anantharam said.

Students will live in dormitories and classes will be held in an auditorium on the Bija Vidyapeeth property.

Engineering junior Tomasz Bacewicz, who is going on the trip, said living on an organic farm and doing yoga every day sounds appealing.

"I have always wanted to go to India because it is one of the centers of religion and has a strong traditional culture," Bacewicz said.

**UF Academics** Planned trips include visits to Hindu and Buddhist religious pilgrimage sites.

Anantharam said an excursion to the Himalayan foothills will teach students about medicinal plants and indigenous crops.

Smith and Anantharam want the program to give back to Bija Vidyapeeth by digging a well or learning farming techniques on the land, Anantharam said.

"The program will be largely experiential because learning happens not only in the classroom, but through sustained engagement with the everyday life on Navdanya farm," she said.

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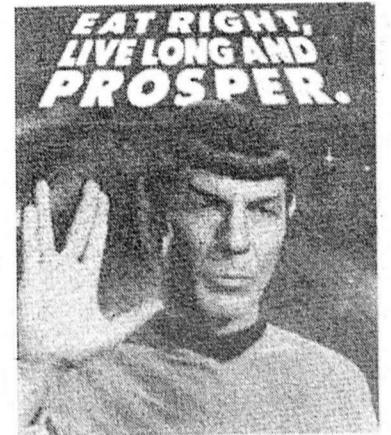
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## Editorial

# Equal Growth

## Development fee would make housing affordable

The mortgage crisis has dealt a major blow to the Sunshine State's real estate market, affecting everyone in the process.

Second only to Nevada, Florida had more than 2 percent of its households entering some stage of foreclosure last year, with a total of 279,325 filings. That's more than double the number reported in 2006.

And 2008 doesn't look much better.

When the full impact of the property-tax amendment hits, local governments everywhere will have to tighten their budgets.

Gainesville alone stands to lose an estimated \$3.1 million.

As the number of foreclosures continues to climb around the country and city services start to disappear, affordable housing options everywhere will only follow in the downward spiral for home buyers and renters alike.

You know it's bad when teachers, police officers and firefighters can't afford a place to live.

So when Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer proposed charging developers a new fee to raise money for affordable housing Tuesday, he came up with a reasonable solution that will help those residents expected to be hit the hardest — low-income families.

The so-called "linkage fee" would be simple and straightforward.

Developers of shopping centers, office buildings, restaurants and other commercial projects interested in building in Orlando would have to pay the fee depending on the size of their project when they apply for a building permit.

The city would create a fund for the revenue earned and use it to bring down the cost of building homes for low-income buyers.

The city council still has to approve the fee, but if it passes it would be only the second city in the state to have it.

Winter Park, which adopted the progressive idea 18 years ago, has used the extra \$600,000 in annual revenue to buy lots for Habitat for Humanity and to help build mixed-income apartments.

Sounds like something the city of Gainesville could use right about now.

With all the development projects going up around town — like the \$13 million Hampton Inn downtown — this seems like something that would help balance out the range of housing options in Gainesville.

It simply doesn't make sense to have residents who live just blocks away from these pricey projects face the tough choice between buying groceries or paying their rising rents.

Cambridge, Mass., another college town similar in size to Gainesville, started adopting linkage fees back in 1988 and has collected \$750,000 since then.

Critics may say that imposing a fee on developers would undo all the work the city has done to provide incentives to attract developers to the city.

Some would also argue that the fee would be enough to send developers elsewhere, causing the city to lose money from much-needed tax revenues. But we say if adopting these fees can create a stronger economy more able to supply a diverse, productive workforce with employees who can actually afford to live where they work, how can that not attract growth?

And since close to 25 percent of the city's children are living below the poverty line, we think it's about time the city considered one of the poorest with a large public university looks at options that have proven to be successful.

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## Column

## Menu labels would help to fight obesity

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Why on earth do people want to put something into their bodies when they don't know what it is?

It's a question I have been asking myself for years, and something is finally being done about it.

In New York City, a regulation was passed this week that requires any chain restaurant with 15 or more outlets anywhere in the U.S. to post calorie information on its menus and menu boards.

It will take effect in March.

I think this is a big step toward trying to make America a healthier country.

Now if only everyone would agree that this is necessary in all cities of all states, we might be able to lower our rank as one of the most obese countries in the world.

I don't understand how restaurants were ever allowed to get away with not telling customers what ingredients they put into their menu items.

I'm not talking about specific recipes or trade secrets that they cannot disclose, but the nutritional information that we all deserve to know, like basic ingredients and preservatives.

Obviously you can go online right now and search for the calorie, fat and carbohydrate counts of anything you order from most chain restaurants. But I have noticed flaws in this system that make New York's regulation a good idea. By posting information online, restaurants rely on the fact that people can't see this information as they are getting ready to place their order.

I realize that there are a select few food establishments that will give you a calorie and fat count of certain items right on the menu.

On each napkin at Subway, for example, you can view the subs that have six grams of fat or less. They don't take into account cheese or condiments, though.

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Rebecca Ganzak

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But it's not just the calories and the fats, or even the lack of trans fats, that concerns me. What about sugar?

Restaurants are forgetting one of the main causes of obesity and diabetes in our country. Also, what the heck is an "artificial sweetener?" You may have read that on the back of many food products you

purchase from the grocery store. Thanks for telling me it's in there, but I am going to need more specifics.

What they are probably referring to is a product like Splenda, which advertisements declare is a healthy alternative to sugar. It is actually made by combining a sugar molecule with chlorine atoms. This so-called "healthy product" contains no natural ingredients — it is completely artificial.

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So when Starbucks claims its new "sugar free" syrups are better for you, you should be able to know the truth.

Why would you want that in your body?

There are countless amounts of harmful substances in foods we consume every day. Of course corporations don't want people to know about them because that would take money out of their pockets.

Since apparently no one is going to tell you what exactly is in the food you're eating, I am begging you — please do the research for yourself. Know what you put into your system before it gets there.

And then you won't be surprised when it starts showing up on your menu.

Rebecca Ganzak is a journalism senior. Her column appears on Thursdays.

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Would nutrition labels on menus affect your food choices at restaurants?

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Letters to the Editor

**Amendment would hurt everyone**

What Benjamin Burwell doesn't realize is that the so-called "Marriage Protection Amendment" in Florida has nothing to do with gay marriage. In Florida, same-sex marriage is already banned by two state laws and a state court decision.

In fact, the amendment has nothing to do with marriage. Instead, it would squash domestic partner benefits for couples — both gay and straight. Benefits denied would include health insurance, medical visitation and decision-making rights, inheritance rights and many tax benefits.

However, it is no surprise that the amendment's sponsors have framed it as a gay-marriage issue. Since a majority of voters oppose gay marriage, conservative politicians bring

up the issue in order to win support for their election, party or amendment. The Florida Marriage Protection Amendment seeks to undermine parity in benefits to gay and straight unmarried couples who need them. So even if you are against gay marriage, please do not support this amendment.

Adam Amir  
Student Government LGBTQ  
Student Affairs Cabinet director

**Vote for marriage amendment is hateful**

I will vote against the marriage amendment simply because of Benjamin Burwell's ridiculous column. Essentially, what is a marriage? It is a couple's declaration of commitment. For some it is toward the church, but for all it is toward the government. Therefore, whatever

the pope said about marriage doesn't matter to a majority of people. What right does he, or any church, have to define such a term in a country of free thought and religion?

By saying that you do not believe in gay marriage, you are also lying about not hating homosexuals. What is more hateful than lack of recognition? How could you openly deny two people's right to commit to each other? Sure, they cannot biologically have kids, but let's be honest — marriage is no longer always about having kids, even to heterosexuals.

Pamela D'Andrea  
3LS

**Gay marriage is about law, not rights**

The debate over gay marriage is not the

civil rights movement of our generation.

The civil rights movement of the '60s and '70s focused on ending government policies that denied people certain rights based on their race. The gay marriage debate is over whether or not homosexuals should have laws changed because of their lifestyle.

Marriage as defined by law is the union of a man and a woman. Every American, homosexual or heterosexual, is entitled to this right. Gays and heterosexuals have the same rights.

Therefore gays are not being discriminated against like racial minorities were before the civil rights movement. Gay marriage is just one issue on a broad political spectrum.

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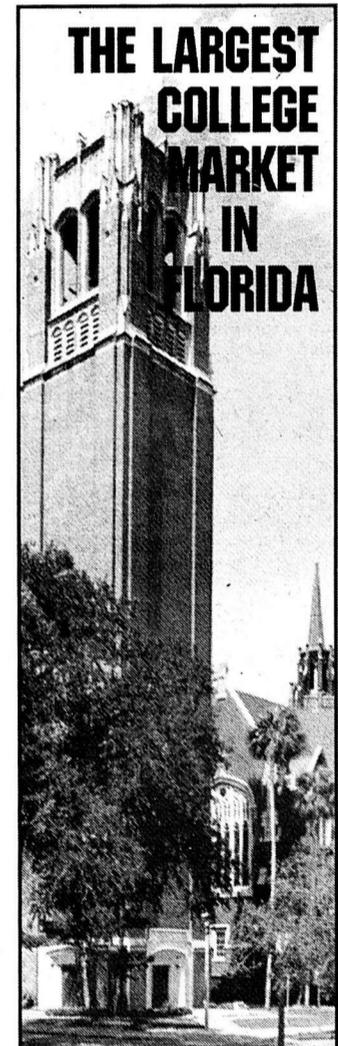
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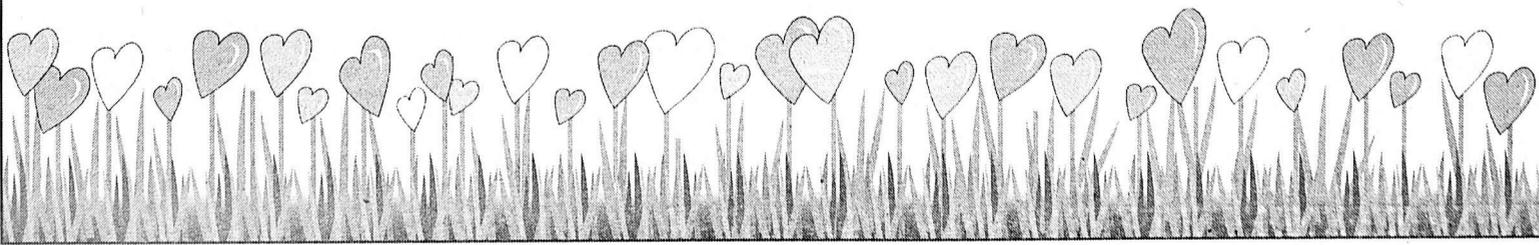
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UF PROJECTS

# Harn receives \$10M for new wing

By **KATIE SANDERS**

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UF's Harn Museum will be able to more than double its Asian art on display thanks to a \$10 million gift announced Wednesday that will fund building a new wing of the museum.

The 22,000-square-foot, two-story addition will be built on the northwest side of the museum, near the corner of Southwest 34th Street and Hull Road.

A large Asian gallery, a multi-purpose suite for discussing art purchases and housing events for donors and students, a storage area and an Asian garden will be built in the new wing, said Jason Steuber, the Harn's Asian art curator.

Steuber said the wing would allow visitors to see the depth of the museum's collection.

He said the museum's Asian art collection includes almost 1,300 pieces including jades, ceramics, screens, sculptures and a 7-foot-tall stone stupa — a fixture in Buddhist temples.

Only 130, or 10 percent, of the

museum's Asian art collection can be on display in the present facility, Steuber said, and the addition could potentially triple that display capacity.

"Works that have never been seen before will be able to come out," Steuber said.

He said the new wing would make the Harn one of the largest university-based collectors of Asian art.

"Works that have never been seen before will be able to come out."

**Jason Steuber**

Harn Museum Asian art curator

"I think very few will be able to compete with 22,000 feet," he said.

Rebecca Nagy, the museum's director, said the museum hopes to continue to ride the momentum it has experienced since the 2005 opening of the Mary Ann Harn Cofrin Pavilion, which houses contemporary art.

Cofrin is the daughter of the late Samuel P. Harn, for whom the museum is named, according to a UF news re-

lease. The Cofrin family has contributed significantly to the museum since its initial construction in 1990, said Christine Hale, director of marketing and public relations.

UF President Bernie Machen announced the most recent gift from the Cofrins on Wednesday.

"We look forward to a similar surge in interest in our collections when we open the Asian wing," Nagy said.

She said the museum is excited to work with students and professors as part of the UF Asian Studies Program once the expansion is done.

"They can enhance their learning experience through studying art at the Harn," Nagy said.

Construction could begin as early as next fall, states the release. The new wing will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, Hale said.

The gift is part of Florida Tomorrow, UF's seven-year capital campaign to generate \$1.5 billion to support UF programs, states the release.

"We just see all kinds of possibilities with this new wing," Nagy said.

## Interim dean still in running for spot

**CLAS**, from page 1

plan that proposed budget cuts in the humanities departments and the termination of two department chairmen.

Interim Dean Joe Glover took over in January 2007 and pledged to bring the college out of the red by the 2008-2009 fiscal year.



Glover

The college's debt was reduced to about \$4.5 million in December 2007 and now stands at \$1 million.

Khargonekar said the semi-finalists' interviews on Feb. 15, 16 and 17 would be "critically

important" in determining which candidates can handle CLAS' finances.

He said the committee would choose three to five finalists at its Feb. 20 meeting.

"I'm very optimistic we will be able to recruit a new dean from this strong and deep pool of candidates," he said.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Grocery stores starting to use more recyclable bags

By **MICHAEL BLACK**  
and **ERIN WHITE**

Alligator Contributing Writers

Paper or plastic — or cloth?

Alternative shopping bags are becoming more popular with local grocery shoppers and environmental enthusiasts. Instead of the traditional paper or plastic bags, Gainesville supermarkets are now offering reusable or recyclable ones.

At Publix, customers are quickly buying the reusable bags, said Josh

Ferris, a Publix assistant manager.

"We can't keep them in the store," Ferris said.

Each bag holds up to two and a half times more than standard plastic bags, Ferris said.

A large amount of energy and fossil fuels go into the creation of all disposable goods, including plastic grocery bags, said Anna Prizzia-Taylor, the outreach coordinator at UF's Office of Sustainability.

"All the energy it takes to make, ship and store the bag, and then people use it once and throw it away," Prizzia-Taylor said.

"We throw it away after one use and create a lot of waste."

**Anna Prizzia-Taylor**

UF Office of Sustainability  
outreach coordinator

Americans consume 100 billion plastic shopping bags every year, and the majority become litter on the streets or clutter in landfills, according to the Worldwatch Institute, a sustainability research organization.

The problem in landfills is not just the amount of space taken up by bags, said John D. Schert, executive director of the Hinkley Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management at UF.

"The biggest challenge for the landfill operator is that the bags blow away," Schert said. "It just litters the landscape." In addition, he said, bags don't degrade.

Other grocery stores have already phased out plastic bags entirely. The Whole Foods Market chain announced Jan. 22 that it will stop offering plastic bags in its stores

by Earth Day, on April 22.

Chantel Wilson, manager of Sunflower Health Foods on Southwest 34th Street, thinks the transition is the right move.

Wilson said the store does have customers who bring hemp or canvas bags, but most use plastic.

Prizzia-Taylor is hopeful reusable bags will soon be the norm.

"It seems a little funny that rather than carry a bag that is durable and lasts long, we just automatically take a plastic bag," she said. "We throw it away after one use and create a lot of waste."

## Local nonprofits can't rely on county for funding, hope to find it elsewhere

**CUTS**, from page 1

The director and only employee of Gainesville Harvest, Frances Leslie, said about half her budget comes from the county grants.

Last year her agency, which supplies food to local food banks, received \$53,546.

"People think when you recycle food you don't need money," she said.

Theresa Harrison, executive director of Peaceful Paths, a domestic violence shelter, said the \$80,279 the agency received from county grants last year is about 10 percent of its budget. Without it, Peaceful Paths will look to the city and hold fundraisers to get the funding it needs, Harrison said.

She said she hopes private citizens will help out by donating food and supplies.

Dick Bradley, executive director of the nonprofit organization ARC of Alachua County, which helps the disabled, said he will not worry until the commission makes concrete decisions.

The organization received \$35,511 last year

to fund an elderly day program. While it has a \$10 million overall budget, the elderly day program, which provides nursing care to 40 senior citizens, was funded entirely by the county, Bradley said.

Without county money, he'll have to look for more grants.

"We're not swimming in extra dollars by any stretch of the imagination," he said.



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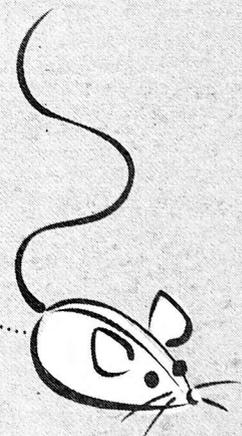
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# SPIRITUAL HEALING

## Trauma helps woman find new trade

ANA MONTANO  
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The accident left her horribly mangled.

Her back was broken in six places, her pelvis was shattered and she had severe amnesia, among other injuries.

But Kimberli White Otter considers her car crash a gift. Without it, she would not be doing what she does today.

Otter, along with Eric Dreaming Trout, owns the Otter and Trout Trading Co., a quaint little boutique located at 625 West University Ave. that sells herbal remedies and spiritual trinkets.

Otter had interest in these things before her car crash, though. In her passion for Native American customs, she prayed for accelerated spiritual growth and on Jan. 12, 1996, she got just that.

While driving down a dark highway near Bunnell, Fla., a coyote crossed her path and caused her car to swerve off the road and topple over, ejecting her from the vehicle.

She said she doesn't remember what happened after her car left the road, but she believes she left her physical body.

She recalled going through a white tunnel of light where she felt nothing but peace and bliss. She was surrounded by positive energy, she said.

When Otter returned to an earthly plane, paramedics were on the scene, apparently called by hunters who mysteriously disappeared before help arrived.

After being rushed to the hospital, much of Otter's memory was gone, but she also knew things she never did before, she said.

Otter believes the coyote gave her this transcendence.

"A coyote is symbolic to many of the native peoples as a trickster who teaches through painful and unexpected means," she said. "One of the gifts that came was all this knowledge about herbs."



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Kimberli White Otter, owner of the Otter & Trout Trading Co. Inc, poses in front of a display of herbs in her store on University Avenue.

Otter recovered after just three months with the help of native healers and all sorts of people of different faiths, including Mormons and Wiccans.

Once she was able to walk again, she found herself being able to advise people about different herbal medicines. It was like she had woken up with a world of knowledge, she said.

She also began traveling again and going to powwows. It was there where she met Trout.

Both shared an interest in herbs, and the two soon hatched a plan to start selling their concoctions on their Native American journeys.

Their little business became successful at art shows and powwows, but they wanted to settle down and open a store, Otter said.

They got their wish last November when the space in Gainesville they had been hoping for became available. They worked

hard to clean the place up with the help from local artists, healers and friends.

It opened its doors in January, and it's grown exponentially through word of mouth and because of curious people walking around, she said.

“People are starving for a reconnection with the earth.”

Kimberli White Otter  
Herbal medicine store owner

Otter and Trout can barely break for tea because they are swamped with customers and clients coming in and out at all hours.

"It's really bad around normal business closing hours," she said. "Everyone leaves work and comes here."

She thinks the store is so popular because people "want to get

back in touch with their ancient roots, and many people are starving for a reconnection with the earth and getting away from a lot of the chemical and pharmaceutical treatments that they have considered to be methods of healing for so long," she said.

The store offers something for everyone. Even the mailman picks something up every day while he delivers the mail.

Otter said they have something available for just about every ailment, such as stress and asthma, and even offer herbs that help with the side effects of chemotherapy when smoked.

Aside from herbal remedies and oils, most of which they make themselves, they offer an opportunity for "spirituality, self-fulfillment and to become one with the earth," she said.

Otter, who is a certified massage, offers her services and

herbal consultations to improve lifestyles of others.

Also, starting in February, classes will be offered such as Tibetan yoga, tarot reading and instructional sessions on Wicca for the pagan and non-pagan alike, Otter said.

She said all the classes discuss contraindications so people can determine what is and isn't right for them and to provide everyone an opportunity to find their own method of healing.

But the remedies and classes offered at the store aren't designed to help just one person. Otter hopes the business will spawn collective knowledge to find spiritual bliss.

"I just want to give an invitation to the community to come in and experience something very different and find their own way to inner peace," she said. "I would love for them to share their knowledge and what's given them peace in life to make the world a better place."

INSIDE

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QUOTABLE



"I just found out about 10 days ago that I must live 300 to 400 yards from Britney Spears...so now I have to move."  
— George Clooney on living in Britney Spears's neighborhood

# Romance can hinder good sex

Lately, I've been thinking: do sex and romance ever co-exist?

Let me clarify here. Yes, romance should theoretically happen prior to sex (though I can certainly vouch it doesn't always), and yeah, sex is a natural expression of that romance and love (though it's not always), but let's face it — sex isn't romantic.

— Sure you can kiss erotically beforehand and cuddle afterward, but sex is messy, aggressive and often gross.

I've been fooled by Hollywood magic myself. I've tried lighting candles, giving massages, taking baths, but when it comes to getting it on, it gets dirty.

Think about it for a second. Is there anything even remotely loving and tender about exchanging bodily fluids?

My friend Sarah swears that once she starts dating a guy, the sex goes downhill.

"Suddenly they try to be all sweet, like now that we're seeing each other they

shouldn't be rough," Sarah confessed. "That would never happen with a one night stand. They wouldn't care if they yanked at your hair or threw you around a little. And I wouldn't mind it either."

It seems to me that there is a fundamental incompatibility between the hot and heavy with the hearts and Hallmark.

But maybe it doesn't have to be that way. Perhaps we just need to stop thinking of the two as subsisting in separate spheres. Maybe like the extra calories and letdown expectations, we need to blame the Valentine's Day hoopla.

We think we're supposed to be turned on by that box of chocolates, when the only things we really get out of it are extra pounds around our midsection.

We need to realize that there is a time

and place for both sex and romance, and while they are both equally important to a successful relationship, they are two separate beasts. You don't need both at the same time. In fact, I'd prefer if they stayed separated. Saying "I love you" in bed only works with mood music, perfect lighting and abs like Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.

So only on the big screen, basically. I'm sure plenty will contend that romance creates intimacy, and intimacy is an integral component of sex, but given the choice between some intensely hot, sweaty lovin' and sweet kisses and petting, I'd rather have the former. And I doubt I'm alone.



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*on the avenue*

# New flourishes add pop to old styles

VANESSA DIMAGGIO ▸ AVENUE WRITER

There comes a point in every fashionable college student's life when you look in the closet and just think, "blah."

The shoes you bought when they were trendy just seem boring now, and your clothes look drab and lifeless.

But before making a giant trip to the thrift store with all your old clothes, consider these simple trends that can bring your wardrobe back to life.

Double hoop earrings are making an impression on the red

carpet, and they can help make an impression on your humdrum collection too.

These earrings give you not one but two dramatic hoops to take your look from day to night and give your outfit some added flair. Take a cue from Rachel Bilson, who wore a pair of diamond-studded double hoop earrings with a strapless dress, heels and matching bangle bracelets.

There comes a point in every fashionable college student's life when you look in the closet and just think, "blah."

Another way to spruce your stuff up is to buy a pair of architectural heels.

Nothing can turn an outfit around the way a stunning pair of shoes can. Try a pair of T-strap peep-toe platforms or heels with unusual cutouts and designs.

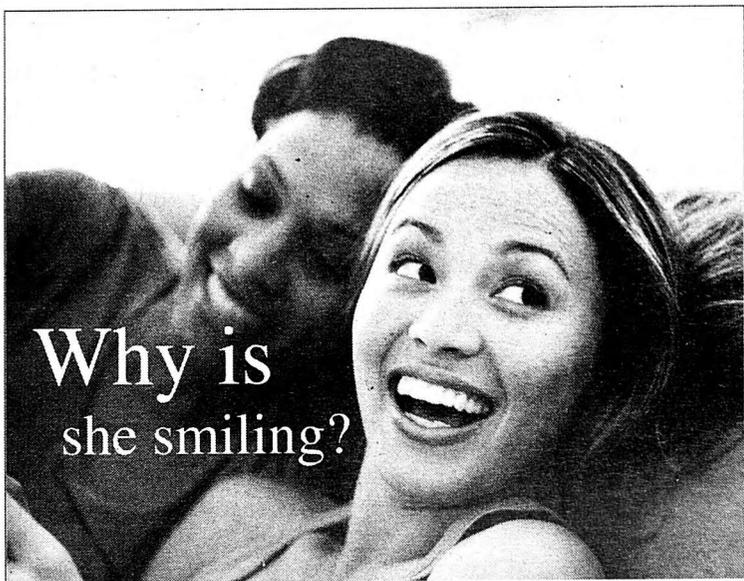
Add a pop of color to old outfits with some red accessories. You can transform a monochrome look, like a little black dress, by wearing red platforms or carry-

ing a red clutch. Try brightening up an all gray outfit with some red flats or a red scarf, too.

Another trend that can transform your outfit is a black leather bomber jacket. This jacket can give your style the edge or even the sophistication it needs.

For an interesting combination, wear it like Ashley Olsen with a sleek dress or high-waisted skirt, or pair it with black denim and knee-high boots.

If your wardrobe is in need of an overhaul, don't get stressed. Just make something modern again by adding new trends.



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## music

## Album ditches elitism

ADRIAN RUHI ▸ AVENUE WRITER

So this is what Ivy League indie rock sounds like? And it's not mired by snobbishness and elitism?

For the most part, no. Vampire Weekend, straight from the sweater vest and penny loafer-wearing recesses of Columbia University, is a refreshing foursome unafraid to shy away from typical indie rock clichés. The pop-rock group isn't the Afrobeat band some critics call it, but it does dabble in African pop and world rhythms, meaning it's more Paul Simon than Fela Kuti.

"Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa" is the definite standout, with drummer Chris Tomson making great use of not only his drum kit, but various Afro-Caribbean percussion instruments. Paired with

funky bass grooves, smooth guitar licks and singer Ezra Koenig's voice falling somewhere between Sting and Bono, the song is perfect for a day at the beach.

Thematically, "Vampire Weekend" often deals with the college life lived in the Ivy League and other schools like Duke. "Walcott" deals with finally leaving home (in this case, Cape Cod), while "Campus" deals with college relationships, or the lack of such thing. "Oxford Comma," a rejection of the punctuation mark, is about as rebellious as the silver-spoon group gets.

The most snobby-sounding song is "M79," the musical equivalent of tea and crumpets at Buckingham Palace. Otherwise, Vampire Weekend's debut is compelling and surprisingly worldly.



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The tune helped Harrison win the Presidency, and then thirty days after, he died. But something else lived on.

One hundred and sixty-eight years later, people are still voting for really old dudes who run their campaigns based on former military glories, and they are still listening to campaign songs.

Hillary Clinton took an interesting approach to selecting a song for her candidacy when she allowed her supporters to choose it. After surveying the entire catalogue of recorded music, Clinton supporters choose Celine Dion's "You and I" as their top pick.

Some were irritated by this choice, pointing out that Dion is Canadian. Yet they chose to silence their detractors when they remembered that Clinton herself is, indeed, a robot.

Nationality and droid status aside, who wants to think of Clinton when a song has lyrics like, "I'm burning, yearning / gently turning round and round"? Not even Bill.

But it's not just Whigs and Democrats

— Republicans have theme songs too.

The real trouble for the Republicans, though, is finding an artist who will allow their songs to be associated with right-wing politics.

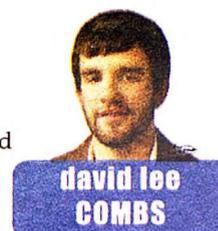
In 1984, Bruce Springsteen, questioned Ronald Reagan's validity as a fan when Reagan started playing "Born In The USA" at his rallies. The Boss later granted John Kerry permission to play "No Surrender" at his rallies. Kerry later surrendered.

George W. Bush had a similar run in with a rock star. Hometown hero Tom Petty told Bush that he would sue if the presidential candidate did not stop playing "I Won't Back

Down" at speeches and rallies.

Bush went on to choose songs by Billy Ray Cyrus and Brooks & Dunn before reaping destruction upon the world.

Overall, campaign songs do little to affect the outcome of a given race. At rallies and on TV, they give us something vapid and vaguely inspirational to listen to before the politicians show up and take over that duty. It's a brand name, a rallying cry and enough to make you bring earplugs with you on your way to vote.



David Lee Combs

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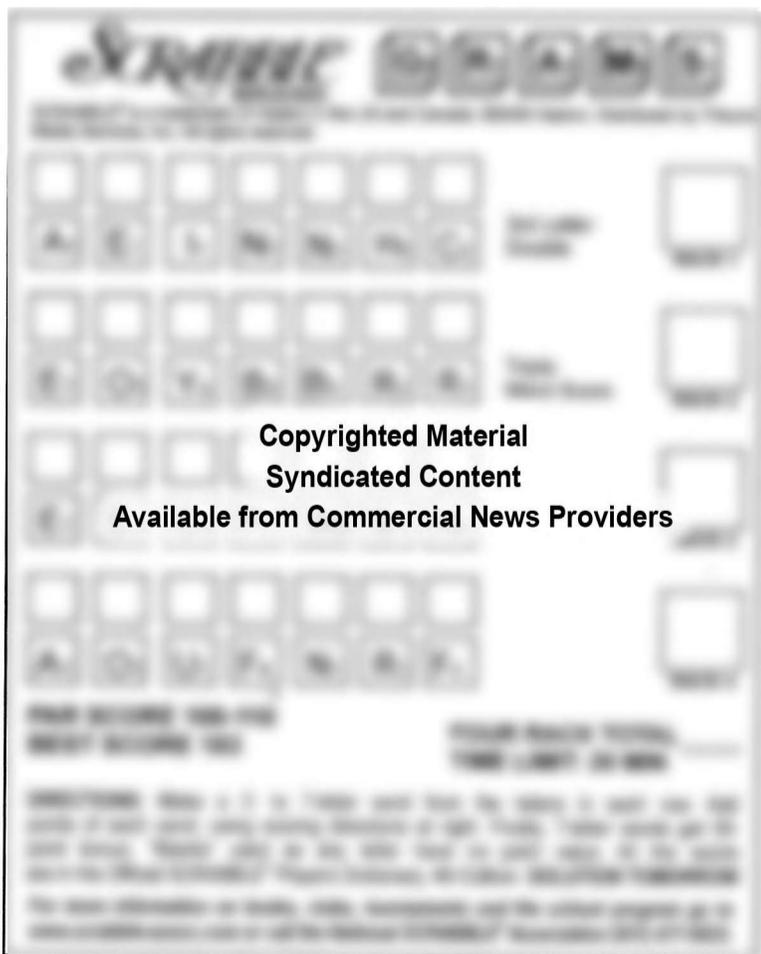
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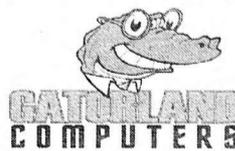
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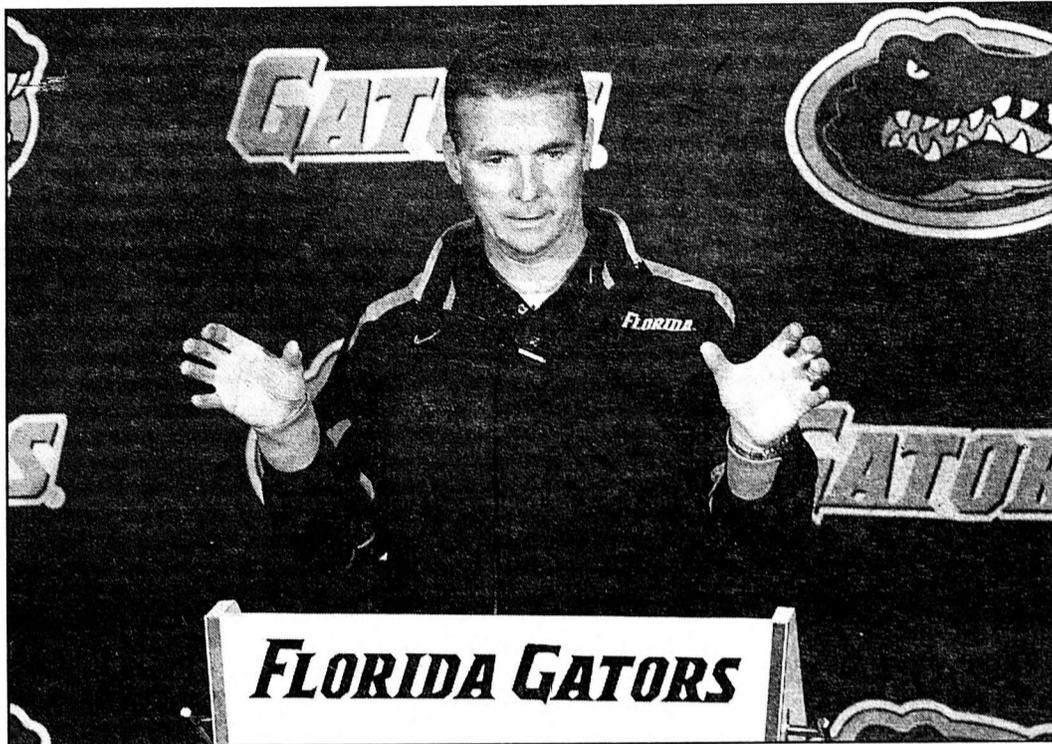
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## National Signing Day starts rocky, ends well for UF



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UF football coach Urban Meyer speaks at a press conference on Wednesday about his 2008 recruiting class.

By **MIKE MCCALL**

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The UF football coaches headed into National Signing Day expecting a relatively calm morning of collecting faxes, but it didn't take long for a few kinks to slow the celebration.

Two verbal commits who were supposed to send their letters of intent to Gainesville instead directed them elsewhere, as Melbourne Palm Bay High linebacker Ramon Buchanan chose Miami, and Lakeland Lake Gibson High guard Ricky Barnum signed with Michigan. Both players had committed to UF in January.

"To see coaches fire cell phones across the office when you lose a guy — every coach is a competitor, but he also understands that you can't win every game you play," Meyer said. "It's disappointing, but it happens."

Then Buford (Ga.) High defensive tackle Omar Hunter — who was supposed to send his letter in at 7:30 a.m. — kept Meyer on pins and needles as his signature didn't roll through the printer until around 11.

"Those were three tough hours,"

Meyer said.

Then, things took a turn for the better, as the holes left by Buchanan and Barnum were plugged by Lakeland Kathleen High receiver T.J. Lawrence and Edwardsville (Ill.) High offensive tackle David Young.

"Those were three long hours."

**Urban Meyer**

UF football coach on waiting for Omar Hunter's letter of intent

Lawrence, a three-star prospect rated the No. 55 wide receiver by Scout.com, chose the Gators two weeks ago but kept it quiet until an announcement on ESPN.com on Wednesday afternoon.

"He always wanted to go to Florida, but he didn't know how he would fit in with all those great athletes," Kathleen head coach Irving Strickland said. "The coaches really built up his confidence by telling him he's a great athlete and not to sell himself short."

Lawrence starred at receiver, defensive back and returned kicks at Kathleen, and he also plays baseball and basketball.

"He's a hard person to get to open up,

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### FOOTBALL RECRUITING

## State teams rebound

By **NICK ZACCARDI**

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In-state powers might not dominate on the field anymore, but apparently that doesn't matter much to blue-chip prospects.

UF, Florida State and Miami boasted top-10 classes as the 2008 recruiting season climaxed with National Signing Day on Wednesday.

It's a welcome change from last year, when the three teams were humbled to various degrees.

They combined for 17 losses.

FSU suffered a major academic cheating scandal before the Music City Bowl, which it lost.

Miami didn't even make a bowl.

The Gators had it a little better, but even celebrated coach Urban Meyer was placed under a microscope in January thanks to a recruiting controversy.

The negatives can be forgotten for the time being, as all three teams experienced simultaneous success as the letters of intent poured in on Wednesday.

UF (No. 11 on Scout.com,  
No. 3 on Rivals.com, No. 3 on  
ESPN.com)

The Gators had almost everything to lose and very little to gain, so a quiet signing day didn't come as much of a surprise.

Though UF added coveted wide receiver T.J. Lawrence, it also let two prior verbal commits get away.

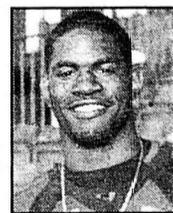
Linebacker Ramon Buchanan and offensive lineman Ricky Barnum, who gave their word to UF in January, did not sign letters of intent to come to Gainesville.

Barnum switched for Michigan, and Buchanan chose Miami.

Losing a commitment at a needed position to an in-state school is especially tough for Gators fans to swallow.

Forgetting what happened on signing day, UF put together a solid class.

Safety Will Hill, kicker Caleb Sturgis and defensive tackle Omar Hunter



Buchanan

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## Recruiting class addresses defense

It's time for the UF defense to get on the defensive.

With the unveiling of the Gators' latest recruiting class Wednesday, Urban Meyer sent a clear message to the defensive unit: no job is safe.

Out of the 22 scholarships UF handed out, they listed 12 as defensive players and eight as offensive players to go along with kicker Caleb Sturgis and defensive tackle Bryan Jones, who is expected to get a look on both the offensive and defensive lines.

That breakdown likely would have been 13 to seven in favor of defense had linebacker Ramon Buchanan not made a last-minute switch, signing with Miami instead of UF, leaving the Gators to pick up offensive lineman David Young to round out the class.

The split is magnified by the fact that the Gators also stockpiled defensive players last year, issuing 15 scholarships as opposed to just 10 on offensive players and had an even split in 2006.

It appears the coaches may feel that inexperience isn't the only problem for a unit that struggled miserably last season and



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that an off-season and another dose of spring practice won't be the quick fixes UF needs.

Given Meyer's propensity for playing freshman, I wouldn't feel comfortable right now if

I were a starter on defense.

Last year, true freshmen Joe Haden and Major Wright started at cornerback and free safety, respectively, for most of the season, while several other rookies saw legitimate playing time.

Don't be surprised to see that trend continue next season.

And with the strength of this recruiting class being in the defensive backfield, Haden and Wright could find themselves in position battles again this off-season.

Next year could be UF's best opportunity in the foreseeable future to win a championship, but that can't happen if the

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### ON TELEVISION

■ **UF co-defensive coordinator Greg Mattison is considering a job offer from the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. Coach Urban Meyer told the Alligator in a text message that he would know more on Friday.**

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**Tuesday's question:** Should the UF men's basketball team have been dropped from the AP top 25 following its loss to Arkansas?

Yes **75% (45)**  
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# Signing Day 2008



Ratings and photos  
from Scout.com.

UF hauled in 22 prospects for the class of 2008, including two junior college transfers. Eight of the signees are already on campus and enrolled in classes, and they will participate in spring practices beginning on March 19.



**Brendan  
Beal  
LB**

★★★★★

Bethlehem (Pa.) Liberty High  
6 feet 3; 223 pounds  
No. 6 strongside linebacker  
Enrolled at UF  
*Beal has the physical tools and competitiveness needed to compete for playing time in UF's solid linebacking corps.*



**Jeremy  
Brown  
CB**

★★★★★

Orlando Boone High  
5 feet 10; 163 pounds  
No. 25 cornerback  
Enrolled at UF  
*Brown has the speed and quickness to stay with fast wideouts, and his extra time on campus will give him a chance to get bigger before the season starts.*



**Adrian  
Bushell  
CB**

★★★

DeSoto (Texas) High  
5 feet 10; 183 pounds  
No. 23 cornerback  
*Bushell transferred to DeSoto after three years at Miami Pace High. He's another player that will be thrust into the mix at defensive back.*



**Jeffrey  
Demps  
ATH**

★★★★★

Groveland South Lake High  
5 feet 8; 176 pounds  
No. 36 running back  
*Demps is similar to current Gator Chris Rainey. He is a shifty runner with dangerous speed who can hit full speed in the blink of an eye.*



**Troy  
Epps  
DT**

★★★★★

Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College  
6 feet; 285 pounds  
Junior college transfer  
Enrolled at UF  
*The junior college All-American adds another big, athletic body to the Gators' already talented defensive line.*



**Dee  
Finley  
S**

★★★★★

Auburn (Ala.) High  
6 feet 2; 200 pounds  
No. 5 safety  
*Finley shunned hometown Auburn for the Gators, and his combination of size and speed make him a dangerous prospect at either safety spot.*



**William  
Green  
DE**

★★★★★

Hoover (Ala.) Spain Park High  
6 feet 4; 215 pounds  
No. 7 strongside linebacker  
*Green starred at linebacker for Spain Park but will move to defensive end for UF, where his speed will give him a big advantage.*



**Frankie  
Hammond,  
Jr. WR**

★★★★★

Hallandale High  
6 feet; 170 pounds  
No. 60 receiver  
*Hammond ran track in high school, and his speed is his greatest asset as a wideout. That should fit in nicely with UF's offense if he can refine his body and skills.*



**Will  
Hill  
S**

★★★★★

Jersey City (N.J.) St. Peter's Preparatory School  
6 feet 2; 203 pounds  
No. 1 safety  
*Hill will have a shot at getting into the starting lineup this season and could develop into a Reggie Nelson-like player.*



**Omarius  
Hines  
WR**

★★★★★

Corsicana (Texas) High  
6 feet 1; 205 pounds  
No. 48 receiver  
*With the receiving talent already present at UF, it'll be tough for Hines to get much (if any) playing time this season.*



**Omar  
Hunter  
DT**

★★★★★

Buford (Ga.) High  
6 feet; 322 pounds  
No. 2 defensive tackle  
*Hunter is the centerpiece of the class, and Meyer believes he will make an immediate impact. He joins a talented young group of defensive linemen in Gainesville.*



**Janoris  
Jenkins  
CB**

★★★★★

Pahokee High  
5 feet 10; 177 pounds  
No. 12 cornerback  
Enrolled at UF  
*With his quickness, instincts and participation in spring practice, Jenkins will be in a position to get on the field this season.*



**Bryan  
Jones  
OL/DL**

★★★★★

Jacksonville Forrest High  
6 feet 3; 305 pounds  
No. 47 guard  
*Meyer promised Jones a scholarship if he could lose weight, and he did. If he's as dedicated while in Gainesville, he could be immovable on both sides of the ball.*



**T.J.  
Lawrence  
WR**

★★★★★

Lakeland Kathleen High  
6 feet; 185 pounds  
No. 55 wide receiver  
*Lawrence starred on both sides of the ball at Kathleen, and he also plays basketball and baseball. His well-rounded athleticism makes him tough to contain.*



**Lerentee  
McCray  
LB**

★★★★★

Dunnellon High  
6 feet 2; 205 pounds  
No. 11 weakside linebacker  
*McCray could bulk up and move to an inside or strongside position or improve his pass coverage and follow in the footsteps of UF linebacker A.J. Jones.*



**Carl  
Moore  
WR**

★★★★★

Sierra (Calif.) Community College  
6 feet 3; 220 pounds  
Junior college transfer  
Enrolled at UF  
*Moore is the most exciting offensive prospect of the class, and his big frame makes him a candidate to start right away. He can provide the big outside target the Gators are missing.*



**Earl  
Okine  
DE**

★★★★★

Gainesville High  
6 feet 5; 250 pounds  
No. 28 defensive end  
Enrolled at UF  
*The lanky end could be a valuable pass rusher if he can fill out a bit. Meyer compared him to current UF freshman Carlos Dunlap for his freakish combination of size and athleticism.*



**Matt  
Patchan  
OL**

★★★★★

Seffner Armwood High  
6 feet 6; 260 pounds  
No. 4 offensive tackle  
Enrolled at UF  
*Patchan spurned his family ties with Miami to become a Gator, and it shouldn't be long before he's on the field.*



**T.J.  
Pridemore  
FB**

★★★★★

Buford (Ga.) High  
6 feet; 236 pounds  
No. 5 fullback  
*Pridemore could play either fullback or linebacker for the Gators and his knack for big hits should suit him well at either spot.*



**Sam  
Robey  
OL/DL**

★★★★★

Louisville (Ky.) Trinity High  
6 feet 4; 275 pounds  
No. 63 defensive end  
*Robey could end up playing anywhere on the UF line, although the early indication is that he will train as a center.*



**Caleb  
Sturgis  
K**

★★★★★

St. Augustine High  
5 feet 10; 182 pounds  
No. 2 kicker  
Enrolled at UF  
*Sturgis' arrival could usher in a new era of kicking in Gainesville, where fans won't have to hold their breath on each attempt.*



**David  
Young  
OL/DL**

★★★

Edwardsville (Ill.) High  
6 feet 6; 290 pounds  
No. 94 offensive tackle  
*Young was high on UF's board until knee injuries hampered him in his senior year. Once the Gators were sure he could recover, they brought him in.*

# Meyer says 2008 class is his favorite regardless of drop in rankings

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but the light switch goes on when he puts on his cleats and helmet," Strickland said. "He's so humble that you wouldn't believe he's the same kid on the field. Once he puts his pads on and ties his shoes, he's a different kid. I really can't explain it."

Young — a 6-foot-6 290-pounder who will likely play offensive tackle — also signed with UF after the Gators were sure his recent injury (broken kneecaps) would heal.

"He struggled his senior year," Meyer said. "Once [team physician Pete Indelicato] gave us the 95 percent or better that he was going to be fine, we signed him."

The Gators brought in 22 players, with two junior college transfers

who signed Dec. 19.

UF came away with Scout.com's No. 11 class after finishing in the top two in each of the last two years. Because the Gators addressed nearly all areas of need in the class, Meyer isn't hung up on the lower ranking.

"It's hard to say this isn't my favorite class if you look at the amount

of time and research spent on each player," Meyer said.

The Gators signed four five-star prospects, eight four-stars and nine three-stars according to Scout.com, including several players Meyer believes can make an early impact.

Defensive linemen William Green, Hoover (Ala.) Spain Park High, and Hunter both drew heavy praise from the coach, who compared Green to former UF and cur-

rent Denver Broncos defensive end Jarvis Moss.

But he made it no secret whom he thought could have the biggest influence on next season's squad.

"Omar Hunter is the guy," he said. "We had to have him, we got him, and like I told [athletics director Jeremy Foley] and everybody else, if we get that one I'm going home. I didn't go home, but we got him so that's good."



Football

# UF, Miami and FSU classes could lead to on-field success

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could start right away.

Other stars include wide receiver Carl Moore, linebacker Brendan Beal and offensive tackle Matt Patchan. These names will resurface in a year or two as they work up the depth chart.

UF now has three straight years of elite classes under Meyer, but this one checks in as a little less impressive than the first two.

Grade: B+

**FLORIDA STATE (No. 5 on Scout.com, No. 7 on Rivals.com, No. 12 on ESPN.com)**

FSU gave up 80 points to Southeastern Conference teams in its last two games.

The Seminoles hope a class bubbling with defensive stars can make losses like the ones to UF and Kentucky rare occurrences.

Five-star junior college defensive end Markus White is the gem of Bobby Bowden's haul.

He could start opposite Everett

Brown and help shore up a position that used to be fearsome.

Remember Peter Boulware, Reinard Wilson and Andre Wadsworth?

FSU didn't need that much help at linebacker, but they got it anyway.

Nigel Bradham and Vincent Williams will compete to replace Geno Hayes.

The Seminoles solved their quarterback succession situation back in June, when they received a commitment from highly rated pro-style thrower E.J. Manuel.

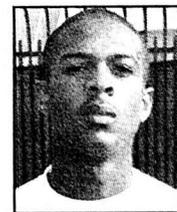
Like UF, signing day was not kind to FSU.

The Seminoles' top-ranked target, Tallahassee Lincoln High cornerback T.J. Bryant, decided he wanted to be as far away from his hometown as possible.

Bryant signed with Southern California.

Still, given FSU's recent on-field troubles, it can't gripe about this class.

Grade: B+



Harris

**MIAMI (No. 3 on Scout.com, No. 4 on Rivals.com, No. 1 on ESPN.com)**

The Hurricanes still own South Florida, and that seems to be good enough.

Miami cracked the top ten in team rankings for the first time since 2005 on Rivals and 2004 on Scout.

'Canes fans finally have something to shout in the faces of the Gators faithful, as they stole away Melbourne linebacker Ramon Buchanan at the last minute.

Another defensive standout, five-star cornerback Brandon Harris, chose Miami on signing day. That helped shoot the school up ranking lists and ahead of UF on two of three Web sites.

Of their 33 signees, 22 came from the southern half of the state.

Randy Shannon's strategy is crystal clear — recruit the heck out of South Florida and hope its enough. Only one top recruit came from outside 'Canes country: Kansas linebacker Arthur Brown.

Still, you have to think Miami won't be going 5-7 a few years from now if classes like this keep rolling in.

Grade: A

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defense can't get off the field against Auburn, can't stop LSU on fourth down, makes Knowshon Moreno look like Barry Sanders or puts up less of a fight against Michigan than Division I-AA teams do.

After losing so many defensive starters from the national championship team, nobody really expected much from the Gators' defense heading into last season.

But let's face it. If the squad could've lived up to the tempered expectations, UF almost certainly would have been playing in a BCS bowl last season.

And next season, those expectations will skyrocket, whether it's fair or not.

With Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin heading into their junior seasons, nobody really knows for sure how much longer they will be at UF.

The Gators need to turn around the defense now before the window closes.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# Gators sign local prospect

By RYAN LEVICK  
Alligator Writer

Earl Okine is living the dream. The Gainesville High defensive end signed a letter of intent Wednesday to become what he has always dreamed — a football player for the Gators.

As family and friends cheered around him, Okine got the chance to put it in writing, ending his high school football career and beginning his collegiate one.

As the National Signing Day ceremony went on, Okine's excitement to play for UF became more and more obvious.

Every time the Gators were mentioned, Okine would pause, take a breath and smile.

The four-star prospect hopes to join a group of Gainesville natives, including UF wide receiver Cornelius Ingram, that not only have played for the Gators but also have excelled.

Okine was the first member of UF's 2008 recruiting class, committing to the Gators on April 19, 2007.

He already has sent in his official paperwork and enrolled at UF this semester, as many early commits do.

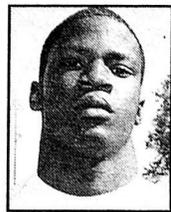
Gainesville High coach Eddy Moore thinks Okine can definitely join those other Gainesville greats, adding that he acts more as a specialist in his position rather than an example of pure athleticism.

"He's meant to play defensive end," Moore said.

Okine has the advantage of being the only true high school defensive end in the Gators' recruiting class this year, but he will face competition from Hoover (Ala.) Spain Park High linebacker William Green, who will most likely switch over to play defensive end, and sophomore Jermaine Cunningham.

When he met Okine — at that time an unusually large freshman — Moore knew that he was going to grow to be an elite player.

"He's like a Rottweiler puppy," Moore said. "At first he's clumsy, but you always know that inside him is this potential to be something special."



Okine

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# Dotson takes new role

By PHIL KEGLER  
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Monday — 10 points and eight rebounds against Stetson. Fractured tooth.

Tuesday — Trip to the dentist for crown and root canal.

Wednesday — 18 points and six rebounds at Jacksonville.

Such is a week in the life of 5-foot-11 Marshae Dotson as she matches up against her post opponents, many of whom stand over 6 feet tall.

That stretch, which took place in November, came just two weeks after she fractured her nose against Xavier in the season opener.

So it's little wonder that UF coach Amanda Butler has come to expect such toughness from Dotson, the team's leading scorer

and rebounder, who will lead the Gators (14-8, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) against Auburn (15-6, 3-3 SEC) at home Thursday.

"You're not successful as an undersized post player if you think you're going to be a finesse player," Butler said.

"That doesn't happen. Those two things — it just doesn't work out that way.

"You've got to be just a little bulldog in there and seek contact. Show that toughness and expect the contact, and even on some instances seek the contact."

This one could be extra special, though — Dotson needs 14 points to reach 1,000 for her career. It

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# Meyer emphasizes importance of winning Gainesville recruiting battle

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James Okine, Earl's father, never thought his son would grow to be 6 feet 5 inches and 250 pounds, let alone play American football at a major university.

Before Earl was born, James

Okine came to America from Ghana to get an education. He now works as a pharmacist for Shands at UF, where Earl was born.

While extremely proud of his son, Okine hopes that Earl will continue on a path of excellence not only on the football field but also in the classroom.

"Our family philosophy is education," James Okine said. "Now it looks like he can be the best football player as well as the best educated person."



Football

Earl Okine said that he re-

ally enjoyed how UF coach Urban Meyer got to know his family well, something coaches from other schools did not do.

For Meyer, it's important to start recruiting local talent early.

"You better take care of home before you go anywhere else," Meyer said. "That's a sign of a

problem if a guy from your back door goes somewhere else."

It seemed, however, that Okine's mind was made up before the recruiting process even began.

"It's always been my dream to play for UF," Okine said. "I never really wanted to go anywhere else."

# Chance to surpass 1,000-point plateau isn't major priority for Gators forward

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hasn't really sunk in for the junior forward.

"That's probably one thing that's not on my mind right now," she said. "From my understanding, it's pretty big. It's nothing really to me other than, 'Hey, I hit 1,000 points.'"

Dotson has set the standard for consistency, netting eight double-doubles this season and being the leading scorer in eight games and the leading rebounder in 16 games.

"It's incredible. It really is," Butler said. "The fact that she consistently shows up and puts up double-doubles regardless of who

we're playing is amazing, but then you look at her performance (Sunday) against an LSU team with probably the best post player. ... It speaks volumes about not just how talented Marshae is, but just how badly she wants to win."

Along the way, Dotson manages to spin around her taller foes en route to making some unbelievable up-and-under post moves. Against LSU, she drove, had her shot blocked, then spun and laid the ball in as the shot clock expired. As she ran back up court she gave Butler a high-five — and nearly dislocated her shoulder, as Butler would later say with a laugh.

"Every game there's at least one of those

plays where you're sitting there as a coach thinking, 'OK, this is a train wreck about to happen right here. There's nothing good that can come out of this play,'" Butler said. "Then all of a sudden Marshae just does something incredible that you don't see happen in most games. She gets me fired up. I'm inspired when I see plays like that."



Dotson

"I may think twice about sticking my hand out there the next time when she's coming at me full speed, but it was a huge play. Definitely highlight reel."

Butler knew before this season started that Dotson would play a big role in the offense. Now Butler can see Dotson realizing her importance to the team.

"She's embracing the fact that if we're going to be great and if we're going to continue to do things that people don't expect us to do, she is going to have to, in terms of points and rebounds, lead that charge," Butler said. "She's meeting that challenge so consistently. In my mind — and again, I've not seen every post player at her size in the country — but it's hard for me to imagine there's anybody as an undersized player in the paint that's playing better than Marshae Dotson."

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