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Buildings evacuated after threat, flooding

■ BOMB THREAT CLOSES FLORIDA GYM; PLUMBING PROBLEMS SHUT DOWN LIBRARY WEST.

By ILEANA MORALES and
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Hundreds of UF students, faculty and staff were forced outside during stormy weather Tuesday after the Florida Gym was evacuated due to a bomb threat and Library West was cleared out because of a plumbing problem.

The Florida Gym was reopened after two hours, and Library West was closed for the night. At press time, it was unknown if the library would open today.

Jeff Holcomb, University Police Department spokesman, said a male caller told an Alachua County's 911 dispatcher around 2 p.m. that a bomb would go off in the Florida Gym and then hung up.

UPD didn't send emergency text-messages to students because the threat was confined to one building, Holcomb said.

He said 11 officers were on the scene by 2:08 p.m.

They evacuated the Florida Gym, blocked off Stadium Road and searched the building for suspicious materials. Nothing was found, he said.

UPD tracked the call to an off-campus pay phone, but there was no one at the phone when investigators arrived, Holcomb said. There are no suspects.

He said Regional Transit System buses were rerouted. UPD kept everyone about 100 feet away from the Florida Gym during the search.

A police dog named Gator also searched the building. After Gator cleared the common areas, faculty were allowed back

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Carlos Baez / Alligator

Students and faculty stand across from the Florida Gym on Tuesday afternoon after the building was evacuated due to a bomb threat. Police reopened the building Tuesday evening.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Judge takes voting case

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The lines have been drawn; the first few battles have been fought. And on Tuesday, supporters of online voting in Student Government elections received notice they are one step closer in the virtual-ballot war — their lawsuit is legitimate.

A court order from Alachua County Circuit Judge Frederick D. Smith filed on Feb. 28 told members of Students for Online Voting, the UF group fighting for the new system, that UF must "show good cause" as to why online voting was shot down.

The group, known as SOLVe, filed a lawsuit against UF on Feb. 22 after the

UF Supreme Court ruled that an online-voting amendment would be unconstitutional. The court said online voting could interfere with SG's ability to prevent voter coercion.

"I don't know how they'll defend something that's undefendable."

Sam Miorelli
 SOLVe executive director

UF must respond within 20 days of when the suit was filed.

Janine Sikes, UF spokeswoman, said the university received the court order on Tuesday and would draft its response within the required time. Sikes said she couldn't comment on the order until

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Police add gang units

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Two officers jumped out of the police cruiser in a dead sprint.

A moment before, they were pulling up slowly behind two young men walking down NE 26th Terrace around 9 p.m. on Feb. 20.

When the car got close, one of the men suddenly ran through a neighbor's yard.

Gainesville Police Department detective Jon Rappa sprained his ankle as he turned the corner of an unlit sidewalk, but officer Brett Kikendall finally tackled the man as he was entering a house.

The man was Keith L. Singleton, 20, a suspected gang member, Rappa said.

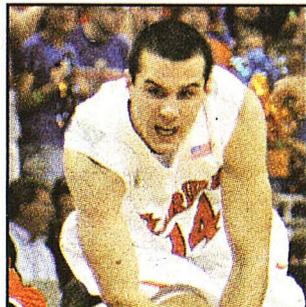
Cases like Singleton's have recently led both the Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office to investigate and document gang activity in Gainesville in order to keep it from growing into a larger problem.

State Law and Gainesville Gangs

Investigation teams were formed after a Florida statute was passed in 2007 that enhances penalties for gang members.

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■ Freshman forward Adam Allen knows the UF men's basketball team could get a big boost to its tournament resume tonight. The Gators host No. 4 Tennessee at 9. See story, Page 18.



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■ The state legislative session got underway Tuesday, and lawmakers are preparing for a tough financial year. See story, Page 3.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UF Saves

Florida Gym, 6 p.m., tonight. This event is for students interested in learning about how to save money, read their credit report and find out more about their financial future. See story at www.alligator.org.

ON CAMPUS

Library West to host Guitar Hero jam session today

Library West is no longer just a place to study.

Students will have a chance to take a break from cramming for midterms to play Guitar Hero from noon to 2 p.m. today in the group presentation area on the library's third floor.

The organizers of the event, Library West Info Commons, hosted the same event in December, as a part of the library's experiment to explore libraries as places to study, work and play.

Holding games and educa-

tional events in libraries is a trend, said Stacey Ewing, head of Library West Info Commons. Other universities have developed similar units to deliver services by integrating technology and research services. In addition, they create communities that offer social opportunities for library users.

Ewing added that she hopes the event will also bring more people into the library, so they can discover facilities they didn't know about before. Ewing said the event is not a competition and all UF students and staff are welcome to the "first come, first play event."

— KARUNA SZE-NGAR TSANG

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CORRECTIONS

Daniel Smith, a UF political science professor, was misquoted in Tuesday's Alligator. He said, "It basically raises eyebrows as to what are the priorities of the state Legislature when individual members are feeding at the public trough."

Sen. Mike Haridopolos is the highest-paid political science lecturer at UF. Eleven associate and full political science professors make more than Haridopolos. We reported otherwise in Tuesday's Alligator.

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STATE

Legislature gears up for tough financial session

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As the Florida Legislature opened its 2008 session Tuesday, state finances were a major concern in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Republican Speaker of the House Marco Rubio said he expects to find out next week that incoming tax revenue will be \$4 billion less than expected.

Rep. Larry Cretul, a Republican represent-

ing part of Alachua County including the UF campus, said the reduced budget would have a severe effect on the session.

"Today is the opening day of a session in a year that will probably go down as one of the most difficult years financially in the state's history," Cretul said Tuesday.

According to a letter from Rubio sent to representatives Feb. 29, priorities for this session include making homeowner's insurance and health care more affordable, exploring alternative fuel sources, making Florida

"It's a lot easier to lead when there's a lot of money."

Ken Pruitt
state Senate president

more attractive to investors and expanding the property tax amendment that passed in January.

But Democrats have said tax breaks are cutting into the state's social services and budget.

"It's not fat that they're cutting," said Senate minority leader Steven Geller, a Democrat. "We're now breaking the bones and trying to eat the marrow."

In opening speeches, both Rubio and Republican Senate President Ken Pruitt said government spending needs to be limited. Pruitt said this will be a year to reject many new initiatives. "It's a lot easier to lead when there's a lot of money," Pruitt said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

CLAS dean candidate outlines vision for college, budget

■ **SAYS BUDGET CUTS WOULD INCLUDE FACULTY INPUT.**

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Paul D'Anieri, one of the candidates for the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean position, assured the UF community during

his visit to campus Tuesday that he would act as CLAS' advocate to the administration during budget difficulties.

D'Anieri, University of Kansas CLAS associate humanities dean, said UF's CLAS could use impending budget cuts as an opportunity to improve the way the college works.

At an open forum during his two-day campus visit, D'Anieri presented an analysis of UF's budget

situation and his vision for CLAS.

He said outside pressure on universities to be economically productive creates pressure within the universities — especially on CLAS — to fund more research and carry larger teaching burdens.

After researching CLAS' budget problems, D'Anieri said he would

make sure faculty members agree on the budget-cut process, which should be transparent. But he said he doesn't have any "magical answers" to fix the problem.

Audience members, mostly faculty, also spent an hour asking him about his educational philosophy, fundraising experience and ideas for retaining faculty.

Randy Duran, a UF associate professor of chemistry, asked how

D'Anieri would deal with "the major problem" of UF student under-performance. Duran said students come in with at least 30 college credits and then take 12 credits each semester, "which is a crime."

D'Anieri said students who take only 12 credits a semester probably would not graduate on time, so he would make sure parents understand the costs of college beyond four years.

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Pulitzer winner speaks

■ DAVID McCULLOUGH APPEARS FOR GRAHAM CENTER OPENING.

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David McCullough, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian for the books "Truman" and "John Adams," spoke to a sold-out UF audience Tuesday night about the importance of writing.

McCullough's speech at the University Auditorium was part of the grand-opening celebration for the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. The center's dedication ceremony will take place today at 10:30 a.m.

McCullough, who also wrote "1776," emphasized the importance of documenting history to enable future learning.

"Everything that we have, somebody before us has made it possible," he said.

People have a false notion that reading information is a sufficient way to learn, McCullough said, but that isn't enough.

In order to really gain knowledge about something, you have to write about it, too, he said.

"If you were to memorize the World Almanac, you wouldn't be educated — you would be weird," he said, evoking laughter from the audience.

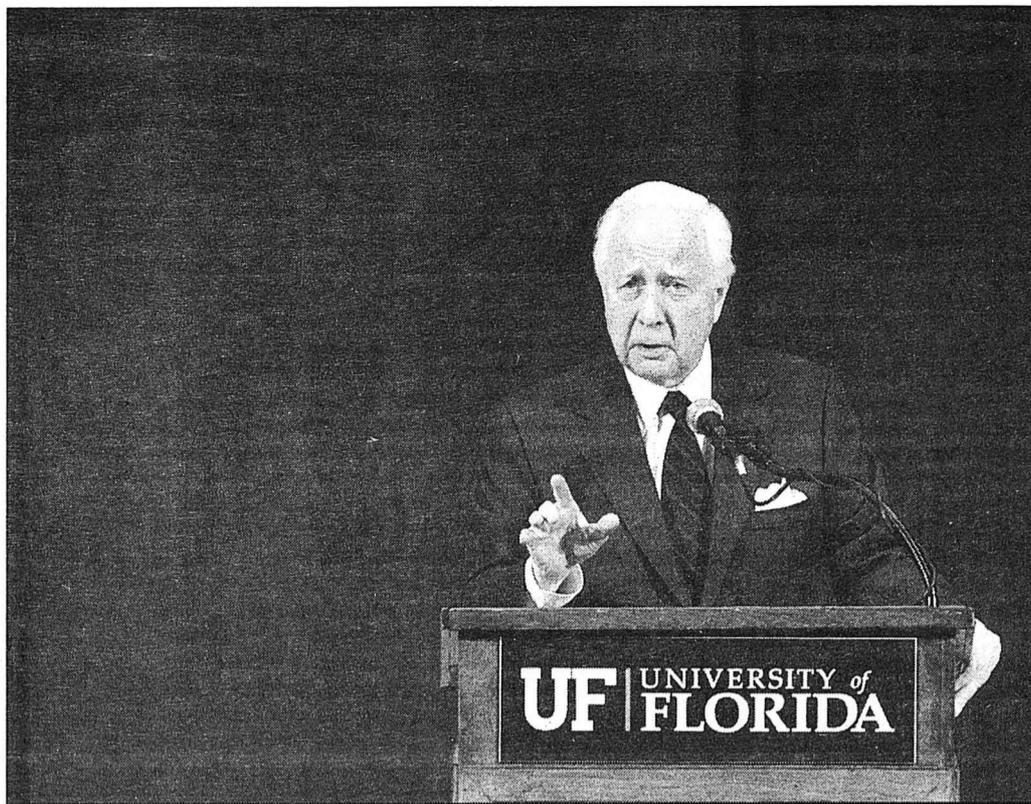
But students cannot learn if they don't have good teachers, McCullough added.

It's important for teachers to share subjects they are passionate about with their students, children or grandchildren, he said.

"Show what you love," he said. "That's the secret of teaching."

In an interview following McCullough's speech, former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham said the author set a precedent for the quality of speakers the Graham Center hopes to host in the future. Graham said he was most pleased with McCullough's encouragement of students to go beyond school to learn about their country's history.

"Preparing for citizenship is not just a matter of taking a course in American government," he said. "It involves an understanding of core values and skills. It's a challenge to each of us individually."



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Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough speaks about the history of leadership in America as part of the opening events for the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University Auditorium Tuesday night.

Treasurer resigns at Senate meeting

Student Body Treasurer E.J. Walicki announced his resignation at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Thursday will be his last day in office, he said. Walicki said he is returning home to Baltimore, Md., for the rest of the semester to be with his family following his father's death in January.

His announcement came during the first of two Student Senate meetings at which several members shared memories before the newest group of senators, elected Feb. 26 and 27, assumed their places.

Kevin Reilly, former Senate president and incoming Student Body president, touted several goals past senators accomplished, including improv-

ing Chomp the Vote, passing a graduate bill of rights and creating a sustainability minor that will begin in fall.

Steven Hoffstetter, Gator Party chairman, said he felt a sense of success during his last Senate meeting as a sophomore representative.

In the Senate's second meeting, the new senators elected their leaders. Kellie Dale was elected Student Senate president, and Mary Grace Bell was elected Student Senate pro tempore.

The new Senate members were sworn in at about 10 p.m.

— KATIE SANDERS

Student Government

STATE BOG upset over proposed changes

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Members of the Florida Board of Governors are up in arms about a proposed joint legislative resolution that would strip the board of many powers and put higher education in the hands of the Legislature.

Sen. Lisa Carlton proposed a joint resolution Feb. 26 that would reduce members on the Board of Governors, which oversees Florida's 11 public universities. Instead of 14 governor-appointed members serving seven-year terms, five appointed members would serve four-year terms.

The commissioner of education, chairman of the advisory council of faculty senates and the president of the Florida Student Association would retain their positions.

The resolution also proposes placing the commissioner of edu-

cation on the Florida Cabinet to supervise public education. The state Board of Education would be replaced with Gov. Charlie Crist and his Florida Cabinet.

The Legislature would determine the board's powers.

During an emergency conference call with the rest of the board



Carlton

Tuesday morning, Chancellor Mark Rosenberg said the Legislature's direct control over state universities could lead to more politicized curriculums, more crowded classrooms and a faculty "brain drain" due to the system's instability.

"The direction that the proposal moves in, in essence, may be an opportunity for our public universities to be highly criticized institutions driven by political agendas," Rosenberg said. "That's

not the way for our students to be educated."

Carlton said the new system would only improve state education. It's not meant to abolish the board, she said.

Carolyn Roberts, chairwoman of the board, said what's troubling about Carlton's suggestion is that it was a surprise, and she hoped the Legislature would not "fast track" the proposal.

If legislators acts quickly, it could be approved by three-fifths of both the state Senate and House of Representatives by next week, Roberts said. There must be time to discuss the resolution's implications, she said. Anything less is unfair to Florida families, students, faculty and university leaders.

"We have an understanding with the presidents, and they have an understanding with us, that we'll try to keep the surprises to a minimum," Roberts said.

Alligator staff writer Kim Wilmath contributed to this report.

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Editorial

Lower Education

Eliminating Board of Governors wrong move

Though Gov. Charlie Crist would have you believe the state of Florida is not overcome with serious financial difficulties judging by his overly optimistic State of the State speech Tuesday night, a storm is brewing for this legislative session.

And it's not going to be pretty.

While the governor was busy figuring out how to successfully downplay concerns over budget cuts and a softening housing market in his dinnertime debut, state Senate President Ken Pruitt was gearing up to put it all on the table.

In his opening address of the 2008 legislative session, he let voters know that he wants to bring back an elected education commissioner and do away with the university oversight powers of the Board of Governors.

"We are going to leave it to voters," he said. "Do they want an unelected board to set tuition? Or do they want their elected legislators to set it?"

Well, actually, Pruitt, the voters have already decided. But just in case it slipped his mind, we'll give him a quick refresher.

In 2002, voters approved a constitutional amendment creating the Board of Governors to oversee Florida's 11 public universities. The ridiculous power struggle over who has the right to set tuition came to a head when the board unanimously approved a tuition increase to combat the embarrassing student-teacher ratios and retain faculty in the state.

A lawsuit between Pruitt and the board soon followed, and the power has yet to be defined. Unfortunately, by doing the job it was appointed to do and attempting to maintain some standard of quality at Florida's public institutions, the board may have hammered the nails in its own coffin.

The current proposal, which is hard to view as anything more than underhanded revenge, filed by Sen. Lisa Carlton, seeks to reduce the 17-member Board of Governors to just seven. Their job would be limited to "administer the state university system as provided by law."

How conveniently ambiguous.

If the Legislature has its way, there would be no student or faculty voice to weigh in on issues that directly affect them, and that is not any way to run a state university system.

By essentially removing any power the board has, the Legislature would be attempting to drop the enormous responsibility of overseeing higher education in the hands of uninformed officials heavily influenced by public whim.

An independent board should be allowed to set tuition for the very reason elected officials should not.

How could elected officials be expected to resist doing everything they can to keep tuition low when it would look so good on their next election's campaign literature?

Therein lies the problem, but the solution is already in place.

The board's appointed officials — including 14 members appointed by the governor, the Florida commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, and the president of the Florida Student Association — have a vested interest in keeping educational quality high, rather than a perceived civic duty to keep costs unreasonably low.

They also happen to know what they're talking about.

We think it's not the wisest choice to allow elected officials whose only educational credentials include certification in wastewater treatment from Indian River Community College — like Pruitt, according to his Senate Web site — to make complicated, involved decisions about higher education.

If the Legislature strives to create an educational system it can be proud of, it's best to stop trying to figure out what voters want and listen to the message they have already sent.

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Opinions



Column

Fear tactics used to divide electorate

The American people have been fed a steady diet of fear for the better part of the last seven years. Since the harrowing hours of Sept. 11, our media and politicians have done their best to scare the living daylights out of us by incessantly informing us that it's not a matter of if there will be another terrorist attack, but when.

Perhaps no one has been more skilled in the art of fear-mongering than our leader, President Bush. For all the talk of his deficient intellect, Bush has proven to be exceptionally shrewd when it comes to using the fear card to gain support for his ruinous policies. The selling of the war in Iraq and the deletion of privacy rights from the Constitution come to mind.

Fear is an American pastime. It's as American as baseball and apple pie. Fear enabled slavery to survive for two-and-a-half centuries, then precipitated its evolution into the Black Codes and finally Jim Crow. Fear caused innocent Japanese Americans to be locked away in internment camps during World War II. Fear is the reason Lou Dobbs gets to spew his nationalist, anti-immigrant invective on national television.

No one is completely immune from fear; it is the most basic human emotion. The one who says he or she isn't afraid of anything is either a liar or an automaton. It's only natural to be afraid from time to time, especially when our leaders tell us we ought to be.

Some are afraid of Islamofascist terrorism, others — myself included — of Hannah Montana mania. Still others are afraid of losing elections.

Sen. Hillary Clinton falls into the latter category.

After a string of demoralizing defeats, the former Democratic front-runner is on the ropes. Unable to find a positive message to match Sen. Barack Obama's breathtaking oratory and growing grassroots movement, Sen. Clinton has turned to the divisive and irrational politics of fear in attempts to revive her campaign.

Last week, Clinton's campaign leaked a photo of Obama wearing traditional African dress during a trip



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to his ancestral homeland, Kenya. The implication being since he wore what Muslims in that region wear, the rumors about him secretly being a Muslim must be true! Failing that, at least the photo might place some doubts into the minds of voters about casting a ballot for him. Never mind that donning traditional ethnic dress is

a time-honored gesture of good will and friendship.

Case in point: a perusal of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum Web site will produce photos of then first lady Hillary Clinton wearing the hijab — Islamic head covering — as well as shots of former President Clinton himself sporting African attire during a visit to the continent.

Even if Obama were a Muslim — for the record, he is a Christian — why should that matter? There is no religious test for holding office in this country.

The Clinton campaign's attempt to use fear to divide us doesn't stop with questioning Obama's faith. Last week also marked the launch of a new Clinton TV spot that again sought to use fear to scare up votes. It shows a suburban woman checking in on her sleeping children: "It's 3 a.m. and your children are safe and asleep. But there's a phone in the White House and it's ringing. Something is happening in the world. Your vote will decide who answers that call." The ad is a blatant attempt to exploit the national security concerns of many, hinting that Obama shouldn't be trusted with our safety.

This is more than the symptoms of "silly season;" it's a calculated attempt to instill fear in the hearts and minds of the American people.

I hope that this time we will see through this deplorable ploy and reject it vigorously at the ballot.

Joshua Frederickson is a political science senior. His column appears Wednesdays.

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

Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

Police handled bomb threat poorly

When the alarm went off in the Florida Gym Tuesday, it was chaotic. There were no direct instructions other than the standard fire alarm the building is equipped with. All the message said was to evacuate the building. Students and faculty lingered because no one was given instructions.

The professors were just as lost as students on what to do because the police were not helping organize the situation. One of my classmates called the University Police Department, and they said there was a bomb threat. As I was walking, I saw several officers in their cars just sitting there. There didn't seem to be enough officers at the scene taking care of the situation.

I feel like there was a complete failure to

keep us safe. There have been several incidents at other schools this year, and every time President Bernie Machen tells us that UF has a system in place. Last semester, we gave the university our cell phone numbers so they could text-message us if there was an emergency. There is also supposed to be information on the UF Web site, and we are supposed to receive e-mail messages. There seems to be two logical explanations to why this system didn't work: they did not consider the situation an emergency or the system failed.

Maybe it is only an emergency when students or faculty are injured, but it seems when someone threatens to blow up a building on campus, it is worth informing students about immediately. The way UPD took care of the situation made it seem like this was the first

bomb threat it has ever encountered. As a citizen, I expect police officers to provide me with the necessary information to keep me safe. Instead, the situation was chaotic and disorganized. The university needs to take a closer look at the emergency preparedness plan because after today, I truly question its ability to keep anyone safe.

Jennifer Meyerson
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Tuition increase will prevent disadvantage

Within the past two semesters on campus, I experienced my second UF professor close to tears when it comes to the budget cuts. The most recent 6 percent cut that depart-

ments must meet makes matters even worse at a school that is trying to become a top 10 institution. I want UF to be that top 10 school, and I'm confident that the only way that will happen is tuition is increased to similar rates of other public schools. One can take a look at the University of Michigan. According to its Web site, tuition and fees for in-state students are currently \$10,448 for students in their first two years, and \$11,776 for students in their third and fourth years. In comparison, UF's tuition and fees are \$3,370. UF is an amazing institution, and I'm afraid that without an increase in tuition, The Gator Nation will be at a severe disadvantage in the future.

Jason Silver
UF Interfraternity Council vice president
of administrative affairs

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LOCAL

Veteran stabs self at hospital

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By **JESSICA PONN**
Alligator Staff Writer
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Gainesville police subdued a man who was threatening to light himself on fire Tuesday morning outside of Gainesville's Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center.

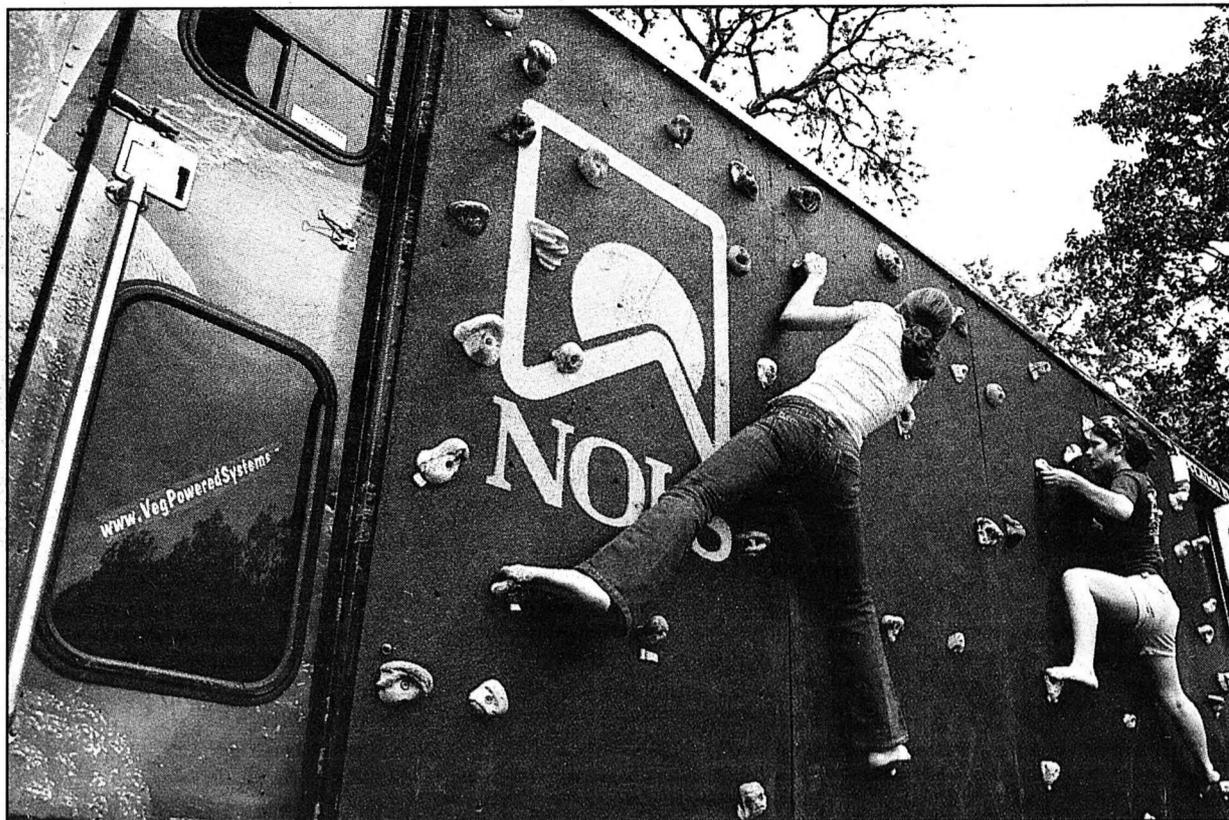
The man, who remains unidentified, cut himself across his chest with a 4-inch knife, wrapped himself in a gasoline-soaked flag and threatened to put a lighter to the flag, said Gainesville Police Department spokeswoman Officer Summer Hallett.

The man had a can of gasoline with him and began to pour it around himself when police arrived at the hospital, located off of Archer Road and Southwest 16th Street, Hallett said.

After the man refused the officers' requests to put down his knife and lighter, police fired two "bean bag" shots — non-lethal rounds made of the same material as bean bags — both of which hit the man in his chest and stunned him.

The man, who Hallett said is a veteran, was handed over to hospital staff for treatment.

He will not be charged with a crime, Hallett said.



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Get a Grip

UF students Hillary Smith and Racheal Stewart climb a rock wall provided by the National Outdoor Leadership School on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday before rain drenched the campus in the afternoon.

Police: Majority of Gainesville gangs aren't national but 'neighborhood cliques'

GANG, from page 1

The statute defines a gang as a group of three or more people who have a common name or unifying signs, colors or symbols and have two or more members who, individually or collectively, engage in or have engaged in criminal street gang activity.

Also last year, Rappa and other GPD officers attended a class on how to pursue gang prosecutions.

A few months ago, GPD assigned Rappa and another investigator to focus on gang-related crime, though they don't have an official "gang unit."

The sheriff's office created a formal gang unit — comprised of one deputy — around the same time.

Although Gainesville does have a small presence of national gangs, such as Latin Kings, Bloods and Crips, the majority of street gangs are what Rappa calls "neighborhood cliques." These gangs are spread throughout Gainesville. Most gang members are between 14 and 18 years old, Rappa said.

The crimes they commit usually involve burglary, theft, property damage and, when they're older, narcotic sales.

Gang graffiti is also common, Rappa said, with the Star of David or a crown with five points representing different loyalties.

Rappa said he has documented about eight gangs in Gainesville so far, half of them being national gangs.

Deputy Richard LaLonde, who heads the gang unit for the sheriff's office, estimates the number of gangs in Alachua County to be about 16, including national gangs, neighborhood cliques and even motorcycle gangs.

The Importance of Intel

Before someone can be prosecuted as a gang member, police must document the

gang and prove that the suspect is a member of that gang.

Therefore, intelligence gathering is the most action GPD is taking to combat gang activity, Rappa said.

"Information and intelligence are just so important to a police department," Rappa said. "It's just vital."

Because the gang teams at both GPD and the sheriff's office were created so recently, they haven't yet done much more than gather information. Rappa said while he receives most of his information from road patrol, the tactical impact unit and the street crime unit, he also conducts field interviews.

Sometimes he sees people hanging out on a street corner and approaches them.

"It doesn't have to be confrontational," he said. "You never know what you can find just getting out and talking to them."

Rappa keeps field cards from his interviews of different suspected or confirmed gang members containing their names, dates of birth, where they were found and descriptions of their clothes.

"It just helps us know who is hanging out where," he said.

Rappa and LaLonde also work together, sharing information, LaLonde said.

The sheriff's office is working on new ways of storing intelligence, as well as educating local law enforcement agencies about how to recognize the signs of gang activity.

LaLonde also communicates with agencies in surrounding counties.

Street Families

The Rev. Karl Anderson is the president of People Against Violence Enterprises, or P.A.V.E., a Gainesville organization that raises awareness about youth violence.

Anderson said neighborhood cliques are prevalent throughout the city, and his organization seeks to reduce gang activity by

informing parents and raising awareness in the community.

Anderson believes the main reason young people join gangs is for acceptance, he said.

"Parents don't spend time with them," he said. "They feel more loved and receive more attention on the streets."

LaLonde agreed that gangs offer members a sense of family they may be missing.

But many gangs require initiations, such as beat-ins or criminal activity, which are supposed to build trust, LaLonde said.

"It also means now they have something

"I think if we have one gang in Alachua County, we have one too many."

Richard LaLonde

Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputy

on you," he said. "That doesn't sound like love to me."

Erick Baker, the director for the Boys & Girls Club of America Woodland Park Unit in East Gainesville, said it is not just a lack of family supervision that pushes kids into gangs.

"A lot of it comes from kids who aren't bad, but kids who are bored," Baker said.

He said Alachua County doesn't offer enough age-appropriate activities for middle- and high school-age children, and most jobs that would normally be filled by this age group are given to college students.

A lack of discipline and structured family life also contribute to neighborhood gangs, Baker said.

"The friends are now taking the place of the family," he said. "They're more loyal to the streets than they are to their family."

Gangs have also been glorified in popular culture by icons like Snoop Dogg and 50 Cent, LaLonde said.

Growing Pains

Unlike national gangs, the allegiance of neighborhood clique members to their gang is usually fairly loose.

Anderson said that once gang members move to a new neighborhood, their alliances change.

"They're territorial but the individuals aren't as devoted as, say, a Blood or a Crip," he said.

Rappa said most members start to outgrow their neighborhood groups in their early 20s. Some then join a more serious gang, but others choose to just move on.

The loyalty of gang members is also usually quickly forgotten when they're facing serious charges, LaLonde said, and many will snitch under pressure.

"There isn't too much honor among thieves," he said.

Warren English, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Gainesville coordinator, said most neighborhood cliques aren't gangs, just children thinking they're a gang.

"To me it's just immaturity and not understanding what a gang is," English said.

English said although young people may represent their neighborhoods, they're usually not committing crimes together in an organized way, and they usually stop after high school. Despite local law enforcement's recent focus on gangs, Rappa said he doesn't think Gainesville has a "gang problem" because gangs are not rampant and are invisible to the average citizen.

"If you don't stay on top of it, you'll have a problem," Rappa said. "That's all we're trying to do — stay on top of it."

LaLonde said although gangs are not a big problem right now in Alachua County, gang activity is increasing statewide, and law enforcement needs to monitor it.

"I think if we have one gang in Alachua County, we have one too many," he said. "They're like cockroaches."

Faith In Her

Local pastor reaches out to young, old

Pentecostal pastor Kathleen Dames' faith in God is unwavering.

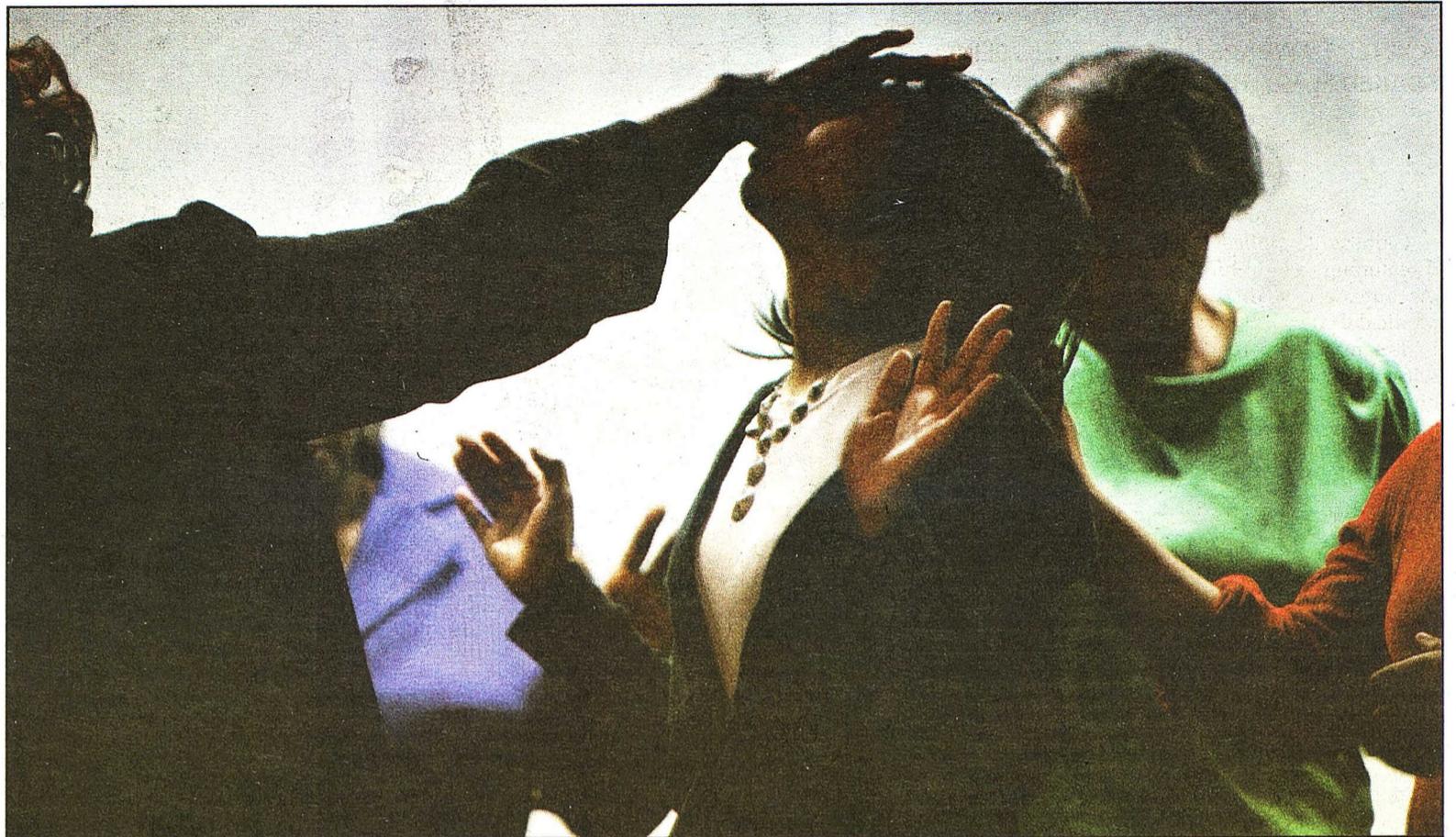
In a community constantly dealing with crime, her followers have resolute faith in her, seeking guidance and salvation.

As overseer of the Deliverance Gospel Temple Worship and a preschool director, her righteous reach extends well beyond the church to young and old.

She says she does her best to instill respect and confidence needed for her pupils to succeed in life.

But Dames' selflessness and care for others leaves her little time and energy to spend on herself.

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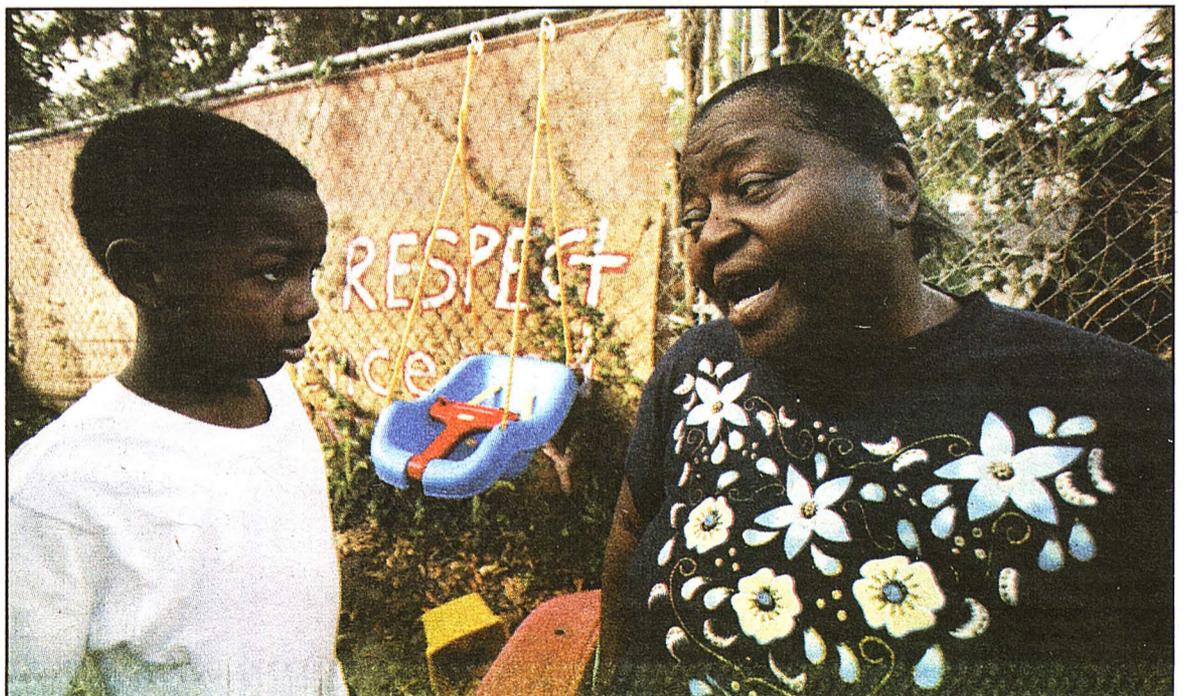


ABOVE: Her hands worn and weathered, Dames leads a child inside after he fell and scraped his knee.



TOP RIGHT: Dames blesses parishioner Jessuca Milton during prayer, admonishing that if she doesn't stop associating with a certain crowd, she'll end up having to go to church in jail.

CENTER RIGHT: Dames' outreach extends to driving the children home from the day care center she manages. While attempting to gather the children to her car, she laughs at a co-worker's remark about needing to retire the wig she was wearing for a new one.



BOTTOM RIGHT: After Malik, 7, threw a toy at a pupil, Dames firmly explains to his behavior is unacceptable.

Bomb threats common at UF in 1990s

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inside around 4 p.m. to search their offices for any suspicious items.

Holcomb said it was safe for faculty members to enter the building at that time because their offices were more secure than common areas, so there was a slim chance a bomb could have been planted there.

He said students were allowed in at 4:17 p.m.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said bomb threats during midterms were common in the 1990s as a way for students to avoid exams.

Orlando said he wasn't sure if midterms motivated Tuesday's threat.

Stacey Wroble, a history junior, said she had been in her religion class in the Florida Gym for about 10 minutes when a voice on a loudspeaker told occupants they needed to exit the building.

She said students filed downstairs and huddled in the lobby to avoid the rain, but officers told them to wait across the street.

Wroble said no one seemed worried, and no one asked the police any questions.

"I feel like I was the only person who was freaked out," she said. "I started thinking of Columbine. Those kids were having just a normal day like I was."

Danielle Dennis, an advertising junior, also said most students seemed calm. After waiting outside for 10 minutes, Dennis said she went to a meeting in Weimer Hall

and then to Library West.

But a half hour after she settled in to study at the library, another announcement ordered occupants to evacuate within 15 minutes.

Dennis said she saw a puddle less than an inch deep leaking from the bathrooms near the second-floor elevators before she left the library.

Jim Stevens, circulation department supervisor, said library officials were notified at about 4 p.m. that bathrooms on all floors of the building's west side were leaking.

"I started thinking of Columbine. Those kids were having just a normal day like I was."

Stacey Wroble
UF student

Stevens said students were asked to leave just before 5 p.m., and the building was closed for the rest of Tuesday.

Bill Covey, interim director for UF library support services, wrote in an e-mail that backed-up sewage lines caused overflows in the bathrooms, making them unusable. Covey said he wasn't sure how much it would cost to fix the damages.

But, explanation or not, Dennis and other students said they found it hard to muster enthusiasm to study after being interrupted by the evacuations.

"I was kicked out of two buildings in one day," Dennis said. "At least it's not raining now."

Special election on table

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then.

Sam Miorelli, SOLVe's executive director, said the group has "won round one."

"It is everything we ever could've dreamed of," Miorelli said.

He said he has no idea how UF might proceed.

"I don't know how they'll defend something that's undefendable," he said.

Student Government Miorelli said SOLVe wants SG to hold a special election for students to decide if they want online voting for future SG elections.

Sarah Krantz, SG supervisor of elections, said a special election would be possible if the court decides the request is warranted.

Krantz said a special election in the fall would be ideal to give SG more time to plan and order materials.

The cost of a special election would depend on the number of polling locations and voting days, she added.

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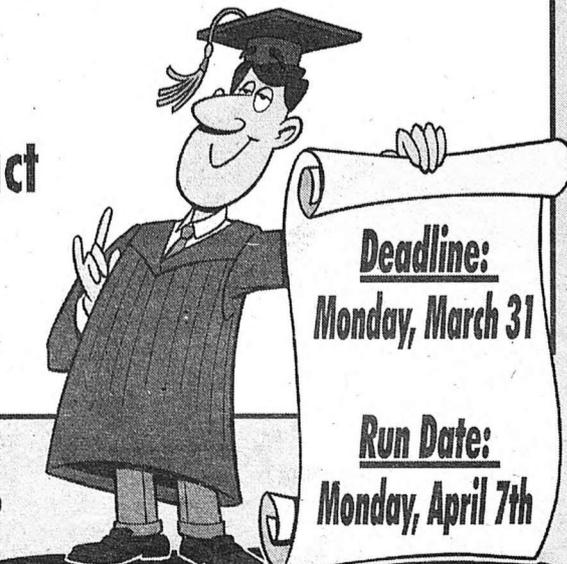


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UF scientists test safety of experimental vision loss drug

In a first-of-its-kind safety research study, University of Florida researchers have injected an anti-inflammatory compound into the eye of a person with a sight-robbing disease.

The procedure was performed last month to test the safety and effectiveness of a synthetic peptide — a small protein fragment — in procedures involving the human eye.

"All patients with macular degeneration have good peripheral, or side, vision, but it's their central vision that's affected in both the dry and the wet forms of the disease," said Shalesh Kaushal, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of ophthalmology and director of the vitreoretinal service in the UF department of ophthalmology.

Macular degeneration affects about 9 million Americans, according to the National Eye Institute. About 15 percent of those people have the wet form of the disease, in which leaky blood vessels crop up like weeds beneath the macula, a part of the retina responsible for central vision.

Doctors can inject the eyes with drugs to stem the abnormal growth of blood vessels, but that approach benefits only the 15 percent of patients afflicted with the wet version, leaving the vast majority of people with macular degeneration in the dark.

These therapies only manage the symptoms, according to Cedric Francois, M.D., Ph.D., the

president and CEO of Potentia Pharmaceuticals Inc., the company that designed the anti-inflammatory compound and is funding the safety trial at UF.

"In about 15 percent of people with macular degeneration, you get bleeding in the back of the eye. The drugs that are on the market can stop that bleeding from occurring but they don't treat the cause of the disease," said Francois. "The problem was that until recently, no one knew how the illness worked."

That changed two years ago, when a series of reports in the journal Science shed light on the underlying mechanisms of macular degeneration. The reports revealed a link between the chronic inflammation and tissue damage that accompany both forms of the disease and a genetic defect in the complement system, a series of enzymes that defend the body against pathogens by stimulating a potent inflammatory response.

"Complement is a set of proteins

that are often triggered in inflammatory diseases, including the eye in particular," Kaushal said. "There are now multiple reports that these complement proteins may be overstimulated in wet macular degeneration."

Those reports allowed scientists to begin tackling the disease from the roots up.

"What's become clear in the biology of this disease is that there are multiple facets to the disease process. The inflammatory component may be central to the development of age-related macular degeneration because it affects the survival of visual cells and also promotes new blood vessel growth," Kaushal said.

With that in mind, researchers from Potentia Pharmaceuticals Inc. set out to develop an existing family of complement inhibitors called Compstatin for use in the human eye. In animal studies, complement inhibitors have been shown to prevent the inappropriate inflammato-

ry response that accompanies both the wet and dry forms of macular degeneration.

Compstatin and its derivative, POT-4, are the first molecules of their kind to prevent overactivation of the complement pathway.

"Compstatin is a unique complement inhibitor," said John Lambris, Ph.D., the University of Pennsylvania professor of pathology and laboratory medicine who initially discovered the peptide over 12 years ago. "POT-4 is a much more active version of the original compound."

Now, teams from Florida, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Arizona are evaluating the safety of POT-4 in humans with the wet form of macular degeneration. The first and third subjects received injections of the peptide at UF in November and December. The second subject was treated in New Hampshire in November.

The UF scientists continue to monitor the subjects closely to

gather important information about the safety profile of POT-4. After a safety committee reviews data from the first round of participants, an additional 12 subjects will participate in the study.

"Any peptide or protein that you inject into the eye has the potential for kicking up inflammation," Kaushal said, noting that because POT-4 is injected locally into the eye in the same method used to deliver existing treatments for macular degeneration, the possibilities for widespread side effects are limited.

Scientists are beginning to explore the role of complement in rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and Alzheimer's disease.

"There are many human diseases related to complement," Kaushal said. "That whole area of research has just blossomed over the last four or five years."

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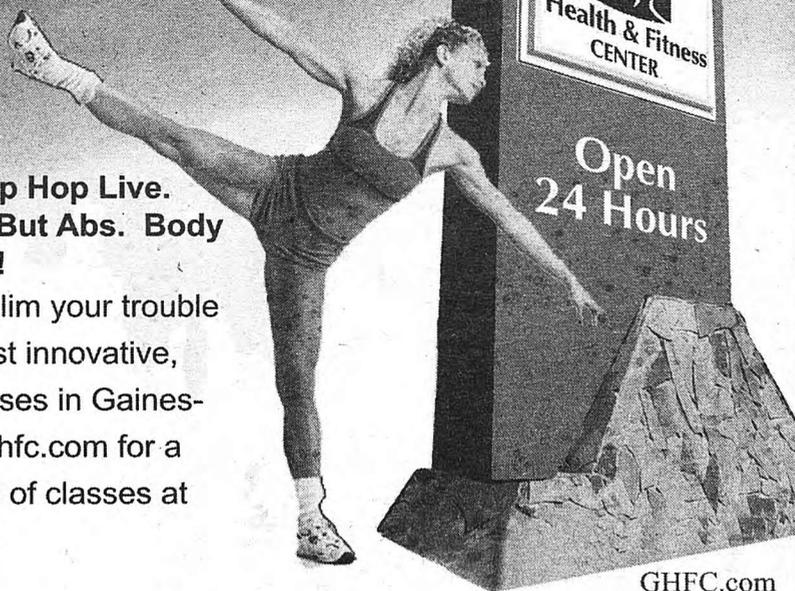
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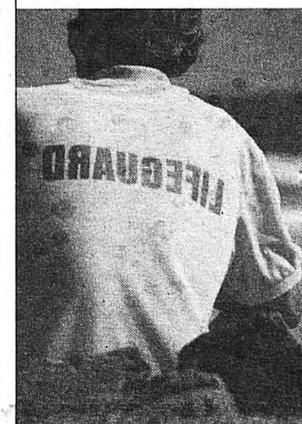
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Sex Education varies widely, not available to all FL students

A University of Florida study reveals sex education programs in Florida's public schools vary widely in content and often are afforded little class time — and many students miss out altogether.

The findings were presented today (Nov. 5) at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

"What we found was quite concerning, particularly in light of the fact that levels of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies continue to rise in Florida and the state ranks second in the nation in terms of annual incident HIV infections," said lead investigator Brian Dodge, Ph.D., formerly of the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions.

Florida's rates of gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis have risen from 307 cases per 100,000 residents in 1997 to 399 in 2006, a 23 percent increase, according to the Florida Department of Health.

Previous national studies have consistently shown that most parents want

some form of sex education to take place in schools, said Dodge, who is now associate director of the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University Bloomington.

Although Florida is technically one of 23 states that require schools to teach sex education and HIV prevention classes during the course of the students' academic careers, it is unclear whether scientifically accurate

and comprehensive information regarding the risks and benefits of sexuality is being offered to students, he said. There are no requirements or standards for the course content and, until the study, little

was known about what topics are typically covered.

To find out, in 2006 the research team performed the first statewide assessment of sex education in Florida's public

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UF Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health assistant professor

middle and high schools, funded by The Picower Foundation. Data were collected from surveys completed by instructors who are most commonly responsible for sex education — those teaching health, science, physical education or family and consumer sciences.

The survey was developed with input from a six-member scientific advisory committee and a 20-member community advisory committee that included teachers, public health workers, nurses, doctors

and school administrators from across the state.

"Given the sensitive nature of this topic, it was essential that the study had guidance from the people who really understood how Florida school systems work, and how state and local policies impact the teachers' ability to educate their students," said researcher Ellen Lopez, Ph.D., an assistant professor in UF's department of behavioral science and community health. "It was also important to gain insight from people who had different views about sex education."

The results of the study, based on 479 respondents, showed that 87 percent of the teachers surveyed acknowledged that sex education, in some form, took place in their schools in the 2005-06 school year. However, sex education was a requirement for all students in only 16 percent of the respondents' schools, and most teachers

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Beachgoers who stay high and dry may stay healthier

Attention snowbirds and spring breakers: Beachgoers who stay high and dry may have healthier fun in the sun than those frolicking on wet sand or in the water, according to a University of Florida veterinary researcher.

"Our objective was to understand whether beach sand could pose a health risk to beachgoers," said Tonya D. Bonilla, a doctoral student in the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's department of infectious diseases and pathology who studied three South Florida beaches over a two-year period to see whether human health risks appear to increase based on the level of sand exposure.

"What we found was that there was no increased health risk due to exposure to sand on the upper beach," Bonilla said. "However, the longer the period of time people spent in the water and in the wet sand, the higher the probability that they would experience some gastrointestinal illness."

Bonilla's research was conducted at Fort Lauderdale Beach, Hollywood Beach and Hobe Beach. There were 882 respondents who participated in the pilot epidemiological study and 609 who participated in the control group.

Beachgoers were made aware of the study and, if willing to participate, were given a survey form to complete four days after their beach visit. The questionnaire focused on type and duration of beach activity and inquired whether participants became ill during the four days after the beach visit. The control group consisted of people randomly chosen from the general population who had not visited a beach in at least nine days.

Jay M. Fleisher, Ph.D., an associate professor in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University, analyzed the epidemiological data collected in the study.

"Our findings suggest that there is an increased risk of acquiring

gastroenteritis the longer a bather either sits in the wet sand or stays in the water," Fleisher said. "The probability that an individual will become sick increases over expected non-exposure rates from six out of 1,000 people for a 10-minute exposure to approximately 12 out of 100 people for a two-hour stay in the wet sand.

"For exposure to water, these rates increase from seven out of 1,000 people affected over expected non-exposure rates for a 10-minute stay to approximately seven out of 100 people exposed for a 70-minute stay," Fleisher added.

"Both show a clear dose-response relationship in risk with increasing time of exposure. These estimates of increased risk might seem small, but when one considers how many people use this beach in the course of a year, we can end up with a substantial public health problem."

While fecal indicator levels in the near-shore waters of South

Florida's recreational beaches are routinely monitored, sand samples from the surf zone — the wet sand — and the upper beach are not. Beach sand may become contaminated by gull droppings and other sources of fecal-derived organisms

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that then diffuse into wet sand and water, said Bonilla, whose research was published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin. Her work, part of her master's thesis work at Nova Southeastern University, was funded by a grant from the Environmental

Protection Agency. She has continued her water-quality work at UF, where she is pursuing her doctoral degree.

Her former mentor, Andrew Rogerson, Ph.D., a professor of biology who is now at Marshall University in West Virginia, is a study co-author. Their findings suggest water is an important factor for pathogen transmission.

"At this point, we don't know

whether the increased health risk is due to pathogen exposure," Bonilla said. "To really understand this, a more comprehensive and targeted epidemiological approach is needed."

Helena Solo-Gabriele, Ph.D., a professor of environmental engineering at the University of Miami and a collaborator in the National Science Foundation's Oceans and Human Health Center, is working on understanding how fecal indicator levels correlate with pathogen levels in her own research. Her work primarily focuses on environmental measurements, specifically of microbial indicators in water.

In addition to evaluating the potential human health effects of microbes from beach sands, Bonilla's paper provides new information concerning the reservoirs and sources of fecal indicator bacteria, Solo-Gabriele said.

"This study emphasizes that beach sands serve as the most significant reservoir of fecal indicator bacteria, and shows that the situation is not isolated to one specific beach, but can be widespread across regions," she said. "Bonilla and her collaborators provide a mechanistic explanation for the potential spread of fecal indicator bacteria through gull droppings and subsequent distribution through natural diffusion in the environment, as well as by people walking on the beach. The suggestion of an association between fecal indicator levels in sand and illness rates among humans is very significant and points to the need to conduct more comprehensive studies of beach sand."

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The Fun and Fitness question answers were written by GatorWell Health Promotion staff members Catrina Liott, Taylor Bennett, health professionals at the Student Health Care Center and professionals at the University of Florida.

What is a healthy amount of time to be in the sun during the week of spring break?

There is no "safe" amount of time to be in the sun, but there are several preventative measures to take to protect your skin. Continually apply sunscreen generously over your body every two hours. If you sweat heavily or get wet, re-apply the sunscreen more frequently. Keep in mind, the sun's rays are strongest between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., so seek shade whenever possible, wear a hat that shades your face and neck, and use a beach umbrella especially in the middle of the day.

What is happening to your skin when you get burned from the sun?

With every sunburn, your skin cells are being damaged. The outermost layer of your skin, the epidermis, is comprised of dead skin cells (the skin that you feel) and living skin cells. The sun gives off ultra violet rays which go through your dead skin cells and damages or kills your living skin cells. Regardless of the color of your skin you should always protect it. Every time you get sunburn you are increasing your skin of getting skin cancer.

Are dark sunglasses worse for your eyes?

No, dark sunglasses are not worse for you eyes! Actually, dark sunglasses are better for you eyes than lighter sunglasses. In fact, your eyes can become sunburned just like your skin. Photokeratitis, sunburn of the eye, can be painful causing redness or extreme sensitivity to light. Although photokeratitis is usually temporary it is very important to protect your eyes when you are outside in the sun. Purchase sunglasses with the following features:

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Does sitting in a hot tub or sauna while you are drinking make you feel drunk faster?

There is no research that shows drinking in a hot tub will make you feel drunk faster, but there are several health concerns. Alcohol is a diuretic which results in dehydration and a hot environment only exacerbates the problem. When you are drinking you may not notice how hot you are getting and this may subsequently contribute to heat exhaustion. If you do not address this issue it can lead to heat stroke which is a life threatening health condition. If you do choose to drink in a hot tub, avoid using glass containers because broken glass can be a safety hazard.

How much water should you drink to keep from dehydrating if you're drinking a lot of alcohol?

You should alternate alcoholic drinks with non-alcoholic drinks like water to prevent dehydration. Dehydration contributes to a hangover so the more hydrated you are the less severe the symptoms you'll experience. So as a general rule, drink water before, during and after you party AND do your best to limit the total amount of alcohol you consume.

Does alcohol really destroy the effectiveness of antibiotics?

There is no clear answer to this question, but there are a couple of guidelines that are good to follow. First, you should consult with your doctor or a pharmacist before drinking any alcohol while taking antibiotics. Second, you should always read the labels of your antibiotics and follow them! They are put there for a reason. Finally, keep in mind that alcohol depresses the immune system. If you are sick and need antibiotics it's best to take extra care of yourself by getting plenty of rest and eating healthy. Drinking alcohol may actually compromise your recovery time.

What's the safest, most effective way to sober up and avoid a hangover?

Time is the only way to sober up if you have had too much to drink. To reduce the effect of a hangover, drink water before and while you are partying and drink 2-3 large glasses of water before you go to bed. Also consider a sports drink like as Gatorade or PowerAde to replenish your body with the electrolytes excreted during drinking.

What are the signs of alcohol poisoning?

Alcohol poisoning can happen to anyone who consumes too much alcohol and it is very dangerous so it is very important to know the signs and symptoms. A person's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) can continue to rise even after passing out or sleeping. Do not assume that a person will be fine by going to sleep. Some of the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning include:

- Mental confusion, stupor, coma, or person cannot be roused
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Slow breathing (fewer than eight breaths per minute)
- Irregular breathing (10 seconds or more between breaths)
- Hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish skin color, paleness
- Call 911 if someone is

showing these signs and don't leave the person alone!

Is smoking hazardous to my health even if I only smoke while drinking or out with friends?

This is called social smoking, and it can contribute to tobacco addiction among young adults. When you are out drinking, it is easy to increase the amount you are smoking without really even noticing. Social smoking also poses risks to others due to secondhand smoke especially people with asthma or allergies

Is smoking a hookah as harmful to your health as cigarettes?

Smoking a hookah or waterpipe is often thought of as a safe alternative to cigarettes but it is not! You can actually get more nicotine from a hookah than from smoking cigarettes and increased nicotine intake increases the risk of addiction. A typical hookah smoking session also lasts about 45 minutes which is much longer than a typical cigarette break. Just because the smoke is going through water does not mean that the cancer-causing agents are filtered out. Hookah smoke has numerous toxins including some that cause lung cancer, heart disease, and other health complications!

Remember, inhaling hookah smoke is just as harmful as inhaling cigarette smoke.

I like to run at night with my iPod on. How can I stay safe?

Here are some tips on how to be safe when you are running at night:

- Be aware of your surroundings! Watch what is going on around you and watch for anything that might seem odd.
- Use only one headphone or earphone. By using both earphones you make yourself more susceptible to danger because you can't hear things around you.
- If you don't like using only one earphone, keep the volume lower. It is important to hear sounds around you like cars.
- Wear something that can be seen by drivers like white clothing or something reflective.

How can I protect myself when walking home alone after my evening class?

Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Walk confidently. Carry your keys in hand to get in your car quickly or to use as a weapon. If you feel threatened, cause a disturbance to be noticed.

Have your cell phone handy, but avoid talking or texting while walking because this will decrease your awareness of your surroundings.

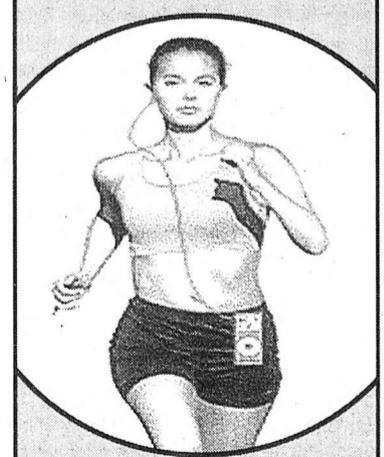
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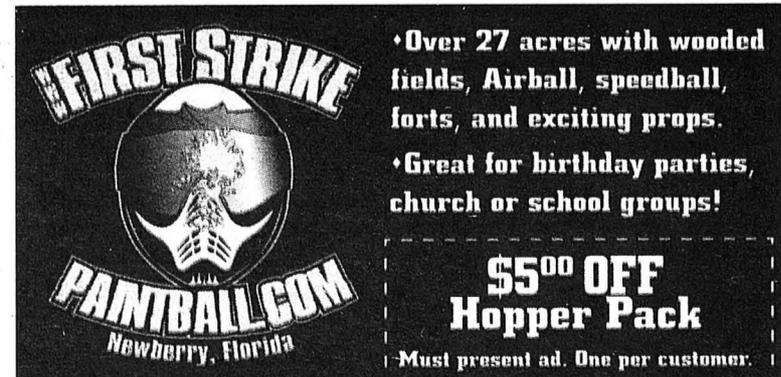


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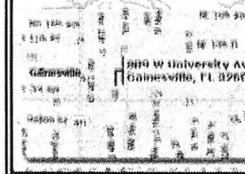
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What are some safety tips you can give while out partying/drinking?

It is important to have a plan before you go out that includes where you will be, transportation, how many drinks you will have and the people you will be with.

Make sure you watch out for yourself and your friends. Look after personal belongings, and never leave a drink unattended. Avoid drinking games and keep track of how many drinks you are consuming. Pace your drinking to one or fewer per hour.

When out with your friends, appoint a "drink watcher," preferably someone who stays sober. Last, but not least, leave with the people you came with. Never leave with a stranger.

What do you do if you have unprotected sex?

If you have unprotected sex the first thing you do whether male or female is get tested for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). You can do this at the Student Health Care Center, Planned Parenthood, Alachua County Health Department, or your personal doctor.

It is important to keep in mind that some STIs don't show up on tests until a couple of months after transmission, so check with your doctor on this.

Females should also be concerned about getting pregnant. If you are on some kind of hormonal birth control and take it regularly then you are 99% not likely to get pregnant.

If you are not on some kind of hormonal birth control or you have not taken it regularly around the time of the unprotected sex, then you should consider emergency contraception.

What is Plan B and where can I get it?

Plan B, or emergency contraception, reduces the risk of becoming pregnant after unprotected sex.

It can be used right away or up to five days after sex if you

think your birth control failed, you did not use contraception, or you were forced to have sex. Emergency contraception is not designed to be a routine birth control method.

Plan B is available to men and women over 18 years old over the counter in most major pharmacies (including the Student Health Care Center pharmacy). Persons under 18 years old need a prescription for Plan B.

Do your chances of getting pregnant increase with certain sexual positions?

You may have heard that positions that deposit the sperm closest to the cervix — such as the missionary position (man on top) — are more promising than other positions, however there's no evidence that any particular sexual position is more likely to lead to conception.

Proper timing is a crucial factor. Having sex a day or two before you expect to ovulate and then again on the day of ovulation is the best way to increase one's chances of getting pregnant.

I would like to get an HIV test, and I do not have insurance.

Where can I get one and how much would it cost?

There are several places in Gainesville that offer free or low-cost HIV testing:

• UF students can get confidential testing at the Student Health Care Center (392-1161) for \$30. A "rapid test is available with results in 30 minutes, but may require confirmatory testing.

• Planned Parenthood (377-0881) offers free, anonymous HIV testing on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Alachua County Health Department (334-7960, ext. 79621) offers anonymous HIV testing by appointment for an optional \$20 fee. You can pay some, none, or all of this fee and still be tested.

What is the link between exercise and stress?

According to research, exercise may improve mental health by helping the brain cope better with stress. During the stress response, the body releases hormones which help the body respond to a particular stressor. These hormones prepare the body to fight or to flee. Aerobic activity uses the stress hormones that are released during the stressful events of day and helps boost energy and improve sleep, definitely a bonus! Exercise does not always have to happen at the gym. Take some friends canoeing or paddle boating at Lake Wauburg, or play frisbee in one of the beautiful open areas of campus.

Can listening to my iPod affect my hearing?

Whether your iPod affects your hearing depends on how loud the volume is. iPods and other MP3 players have a maximum volume of 120 decibels. Any sound over 85 decibels (dBs) exceeds what hearing experts consider a "safe" range. Listening at more than that level over time will increase the chances that you'll damage your hearing. Using earphones for hours at high volumes damages delicate hair-like cells deep within the inner ear that help the brain process sound. Apple has provided a new update for the iPod nano and fifth generation iPod, allowing customers to easily set their own personal maximum volume limit. Also, remember that some people are more susceptible to noise induced hearing loss than others. If you have to raise your voice to be heard over the noise, then it is too loud. Signs to watch for include a ringing or buzzing in the ear and sounds being "dull."

It's hard for me to get back on track with sleeping after I have been off for a week or even just staying up later over the weekend. What do you recommend to get back on a normal schedule?

The best thing you can do to

stay on track is go to bed and awaken within a two hour time frame regardless of the day or week.

Because this might not be realistic, especially on the weekends, there are some other things you may want to try. First, try taking classes that start later in the day. This can help make a later sleep/wake cycle on the weekends less of a drastic change from your normal schedule.

Next, try to pick Friday to be your late night out. This will give you more time to resume your sleep schedule on Saturday and Sunday nights. Finally, get outside and exercise Monday morning before class. Sunshine and exercise can reset your biological sleep clock.

For more tips on sleep, check out *Sleeping in the Swamp* at HealthyGators.hhp.ufl.edu.

How long can the body really go without sleep?

It is difficult to determine the maximum amount of time a human can stay awake without serious consequences, but when lab rats are denied the chance to rest they will die within two to three weeks. S

evere sleep deprivation causes serious physical and mental impairments in humans. Inadequate rest impairs concentration and memory and the brain's ability to function quickly deteriorates.

Other typical effects of sleep deprivation include depression, heart disease, hypertension, irritability, slower reaction times, slurred speech, and tremors. Our body's ability to maintain a healthy immune system also declines. Dramatic weight change, especially weight gain, is another common side effect. The amount of sleep needed varies from person to person so it's important to find out how much sleep you need to function at your best and then honor it by going to bed!

I tend to go to bed around three or four a.m. and sleep for four hours, and then, I take a four-hour nap during the day. Is this a good solution, or will I be more tired than if I slept eight hours straight at night?

It's normal for some students to feel most alert late at night, however, it's important to find a way to get about 8 hours of sleep each night of the week and maintain a consistent sleep schedule. Studies have shown that sleeping or napping for 2 - 4 hours is not particularly effective at improving alertness or academic performance. Other studies have shown that a 10-minute nap produces the most benefit in terms of reduced sleepiness and improved cognitive performance. A nap lasting more than 30 minutes or longer is more likely to make you feel more tired. The bottom line is, if you are having problems sleeping at night, a nap will only magnify the problem.

What is the best way to eat healthy on the go?

Go for balance. Choose meals that contain a balance of lean proteins (like fish, chicken, or beans if you're a vegetarian), fruits and vegetables (fries and potato chips don't qualify as veggies!), and whole-grain breads. That's why a turkey sandwich on whole wheat with lettuce and tomato is a better choice than a cheeseburger on a white bun. Also, watch portion sizes. The portion sizes of American foods have increased over the past few decades so that we are now eating way more than we need. Lastly, drink water or low-fat milk. Regular sodas, juices, and energy drinks usually contain "empty" calories that you don't need — not to mention other stuff, like caffeine.

What is a good energy boosting snack?

Here are some good ideas for snacks to keep your energy up throughout the day!

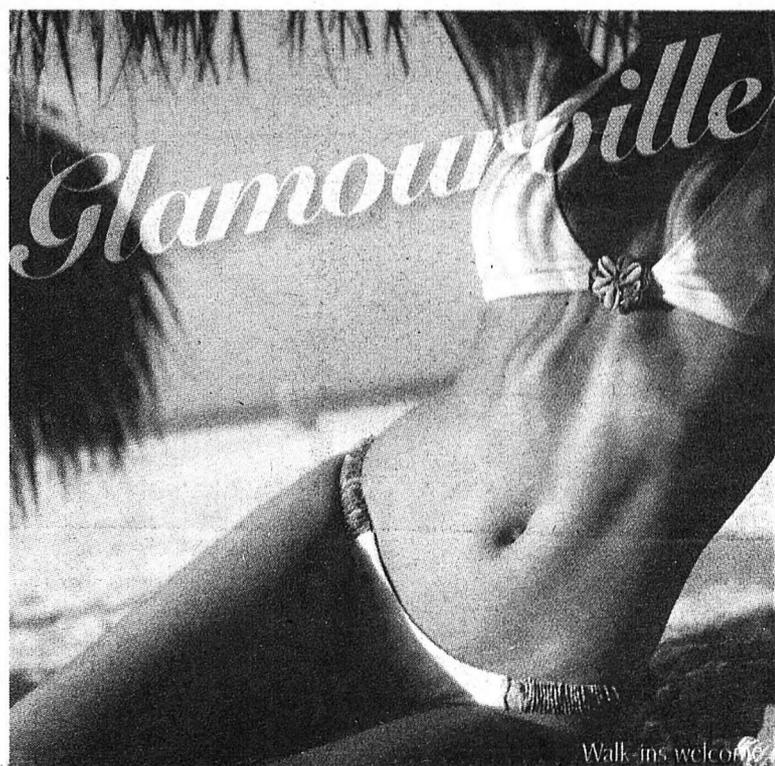
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UF, French scientists seek test to detect gene doping in athletes

Gene doping has the potential to spawn athletes capable of out-running, out-jumping and out-cycling the strongest of champions. But research under way at the University of Florida could help level the playing field by detecting the first cases of gene doping in professional athletes before the practice enters the mainstream.

In the wake of recent Tour de France drug violations — and with the 2008 Olympics looming — the need to stay ahead of the game has never been more evident. That's why the Montreal-based World Anti-Doping Agency, or WADA, charged with monitoring the conduct of athletes, is working with investigators around the globe to develop a test that would bust competitors for injecting themselves with genetic material capable of enhancing muscle mass or heightening endurance.

"If an athlete injects himself in the muscle with DNA, would we be able to detect that?" asked one of France's leading gene therapy researchers, Philippe Moullier, M.D., Ph.D., an adjunct professor

of microbiology and molecular genetics at UF and director of the Gene Therapy Laboratory at the Universite de Nantes in France.

Right now the answer is no, he said. But the UF scientists are

"The next variation of boosting red blood cell production is to actually inject the EPO gene itself, which would cause increases in red blood cells. So the idea is to develop a test that could detect the gene that's administered."

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UF's Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology director

among several groups collaborating with national and global anti-doping organizations to develop a test that could detect evidence of "doped" DNA.

"WADA has had a research program in place for some years now, to try to develop tests for gene-based doping," said Theodore Friedmann, M.D., head of the agency's panel on genetic doping and director of the gene therapy program at the University of California, San Diego.

It sounds futuristic, but experts say it's only a matter of time. Unscrupulous athletes began showing an interest in gene doping in 2004, when the first reports of muscle-boosting therapies in mice were published by University of Pennsylvania researchers.

Since then, several potential targets of gene doping have emerged, including the gene for erythropoietin, or EPO. A bioengineered version of the hormone, currently on the market, increases red blood cell pro-

duction in patients with anemia and boosts oxygen delivery to the body. In athletes, this translates to enhanced stamina and a competitive edge.

But because synthetic hormones such as EPO are prohibited by WADA and readily detected through drug tests, performance-driven athletes have begun searching for stealthier and more powerful alternatives.

"The next variation of boosting red blood cell production is to actually inject the EPO gene itself, which would cause increases in red blood cells," said Richard Snyder, Ph.D., an assistant professor of microbiology and molecular genetics at UF and director of UF's Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology. "So the idea is to

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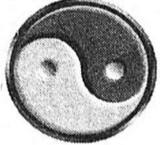
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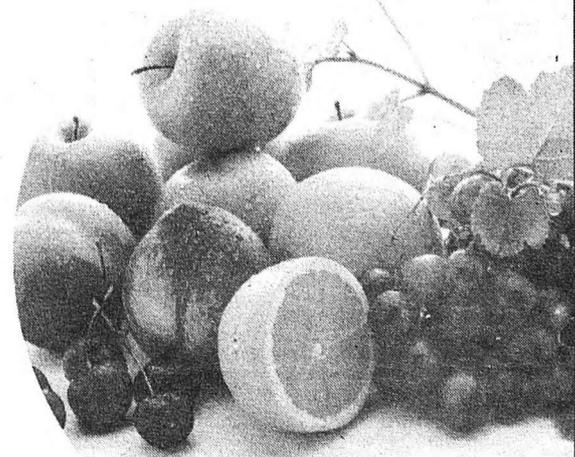


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The observation that males evolve more quickly than females has been around since 19th century biologist Charles Darwin noted the majesty of a peacock's tail feather in comparison with the plainness of the peahen's.

No matter the species, males apparently ramp up flashier features and more melodious warbles in an eternal competition to win the best mates, a concept known as sexual selection.

Why males are in evolutionary overdrive even though they have essentially the same genes as females has been a mystery, but an explanation by University of Florida Genetics Institute researchers to appear online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this week may shed light on the subject.

"It's because males are simpler," said Marta Wayne, an associate professor of zoology in the College of Liberal Arts and

Sciences and director of UF's Graduate Program in Genetics and Genomics. "The mode of inheritance in males involves simpler genetic architecture that does not include as many interactions between genes as could be involved in female inheritance."

The finding may also be useful to scientists studying why diseases may present themselves or respond to treatment differently in men and women.

Researchers examined how gene expression is inherited differently in male and female fruit flies using microarray analysis, which is a way to monitor the activity of thousands of genes simultaneously. The flies were identical genetically, except that females have two X chromosomes and males have

a single X and a single Y chromosome.

It turns out that the extra X in females may make answering the call of selection more complicated.

In flies or humans, sex cells from a mother and a father combine to make what eventually becomes an embryo. Females are equipped with two versions of X-linked genes that interact not only with each other, but also with other genes. Males have only one version of the X chromosome, making for fewer interactions and more straightforward male inheritance, especially since the male's Y chromosome contains very few genes.

"In females, a dominant allele can hide the presence of a recessive allele," said Lauren McIntyre, an associate professor of molecular genetics and microbiology in UF's College of Medicine. "In contrast to females, which have

two X chromosomes, one inherited from each parent, males have only one X inherited only from their mother. This is a simple mechanism that could be working in cooperation with sexual selection to help males evolve more quickly."

Researchers believe this relatively uncomplicated genetic pathway helps males respond to the pressures of sexual selection, ultimately enabling them to win females and produce greater numbers of offspring.

Relationships between gene expression and modes of inheritance have been addressed before, but this study analyzed an extremely large data set that involved most of the genes in the fruit fly genome, said David Rand, a professor of biology at Brown University who was not involved in the study.

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"This research shows how recessive and dominant traits are important in determining variation in populations," Rand said. "The best way to think of it is males play with one card, but females get to play one and hold one. If males have got a good trait, it's promoted; something bad, it's eliminated. In females you can have a bad card, but a good card can protect it. As a result, females can carry deleterious traits but not express them."

UF scientists analyzed 8,607 genes that are shared by both sexes of a fruit fly called *Drosophila melanogaster*. Of those genes, 7,617 are expressed differently — meaning the same genes do different things — in males and females.

Over the years, fruit fly research has helped scientists understand the role of genes in diseases, development, population genetics, cell biology, neurobiology, behavior and evolution. Humans share more than 65 percent of their genes with the fruit fly, including many implicated in certain cancers, Alzheimer's disease and heart disease.

The finding helps explain fundamental processes that may factor into why men and women may show different symptoms or respond differently to diseases.

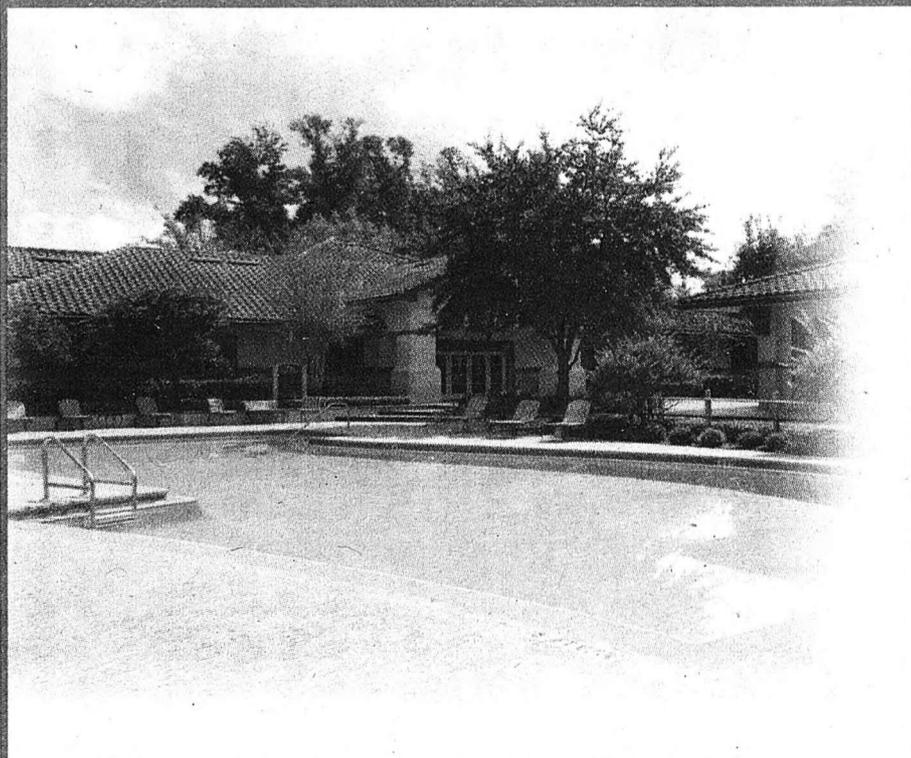
"There's a health aspect in figuring out differences in gene expression between the sexes," said Wayne. "To make a male or a female, even in a fly, it's all about turning things on — either in different places or different amounts or at different times — because we all basically have the same starting set of genes."

The research was supported by a National Institutes of Health grant. Scientists from the University of Nebraska, Ohio University, the University of California Davis and the University of Southern California were also involved in the study.

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develop a test that could detect the gene that's administered."

The task isn't easy — the researchers are faced with a myriad of uncertainties, such as which tissues in the body to sample and how to distinguish a "doped" gene from a naturally occurring form of the gene. Ultimately, the test will compare how many copies of the EPO gene are found in an athlete's body to levels found in the average person who has not been doping.

"Our research aims to develop the ability to detect gene doping, primarily in athletes. But it has a wider purpose, and that's to understand how gene therapies are disseminated throughout the body," added Snyder, whose research stemmed from a cooperative agreement between the UF Genetics Institute and two biomedical research organizations in France: INSERM, the French version of the National Institutes of Health, and the French national blood bank, Etablissement Francais du Sang Pays de Loire. The agreement allows Snyder and Moullier to pool their expertise and resources.

A major objective of the UF-French collaboration is to decipher the structure of AAV, a virus commonly used to deliver genes into the body for therapeutic purposes. Gene "doping" would enter the body through a similar route, but scientists say the two procedures are as different as night and day from a therapeutic standpoint.

"When you use the phrase 'gene therapy' it should be very clear that you're talking about therapy," Friedmann emphasized. "But the same process of transferring genes

would also be relevant in sport doping settings. And there you cannot talk about gene 'therapy' — you can simply refer to the same technology as gene 'transfer.'"

Gene therapy has progressed in leaps and bounds over the years, but the field has proved anything but predictable. Scientists say gene doping will be no different. Current technologies could prove ineffective — or even lethal — in humans. When the EPO gene was first introduced into macaques, for example, the animals produced so many red blood cells that their veins clogged, and many eventually died after developing massive allergic responses to the therapy.

"I think many athletes know of the technology. They're aware and they're concerned. WADA's aware and concerned," Friedmann said. "One can overestimate the urgency, or one can be sort of blind to it. But the technology is relatively straightforward and people involved in gene therapy studies could very well see how it could be applied to sport doping."

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reported that parents or caregivers were able to control whether their children participated in the classes. In a third of the schools, parents need to opt in, rather than opt out, for their child to receive sex education.

The sex education course content overwhelmingly fell in line with the state of Florida's official "abstinence-only until marriage" policy for sex education and instruction on HIV/AIDS. Nearly every educator who responded to the survey stated they taught abstinence from sexual activity as the only way to avoid unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and other associated health problems.

The researchers found regional differences in program content in Florida's public schools. Teachers in North Florida were twice as likely as teachers in Central Florida and three times as likely as those in South Florida to teach an abstinence-only curriculum, which typically does not cover the risks and benefits of contraceptives, said research team member, Frank Bandiera, a graduate of UF's Master of

Public Health program and a doctoral student in epidemiology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

"Most people are aware that there are major cultural differences between, say, Miami and Tallahassee," Bandiera said. "What we found in terms of sex education, though, is that these places may as well be on different planets."

The investigators also discovered many differences in the source of Florida teacher's sex education curriculum.

"More than half of sex educators used a 'locally developed curriculum,'" Dodge said. "In reality this could be anything. Respondents to our survey reported using everything from formal state guidelines to random Internet information and outdated county curricula. In short, there appears to be no uniformity in terms of underlying value systems or philosophical foundations for sex education in Florida."

In addition, the teachers reported that less than one-quarter of overall classroom time was de-

voted to sex education and that it was most often taught as part of another course, such as family and consumer sciences or health.

"This is an important study," said Theo Sandfort, Ph.D., a research scientist at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies and an associate professor at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. "While unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections in young people form a great concern, little seems to be in place to actually promote responsible sexual behavior. Education has a major role to play in promoting young people's sexual health, but it cannot be effective if supportive policies, skills and resources are lacking. Hopefully this study will not be without consequences."

The results of the UF study are currently in press and will appear in the peer-reviewed journals "Sex Education" and "American Journal of Sexuality Education."

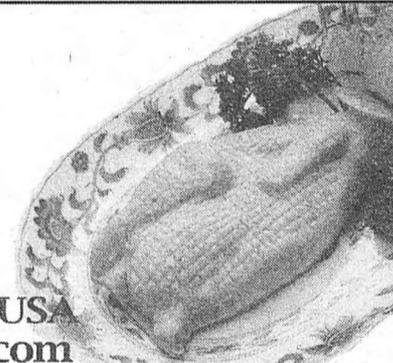
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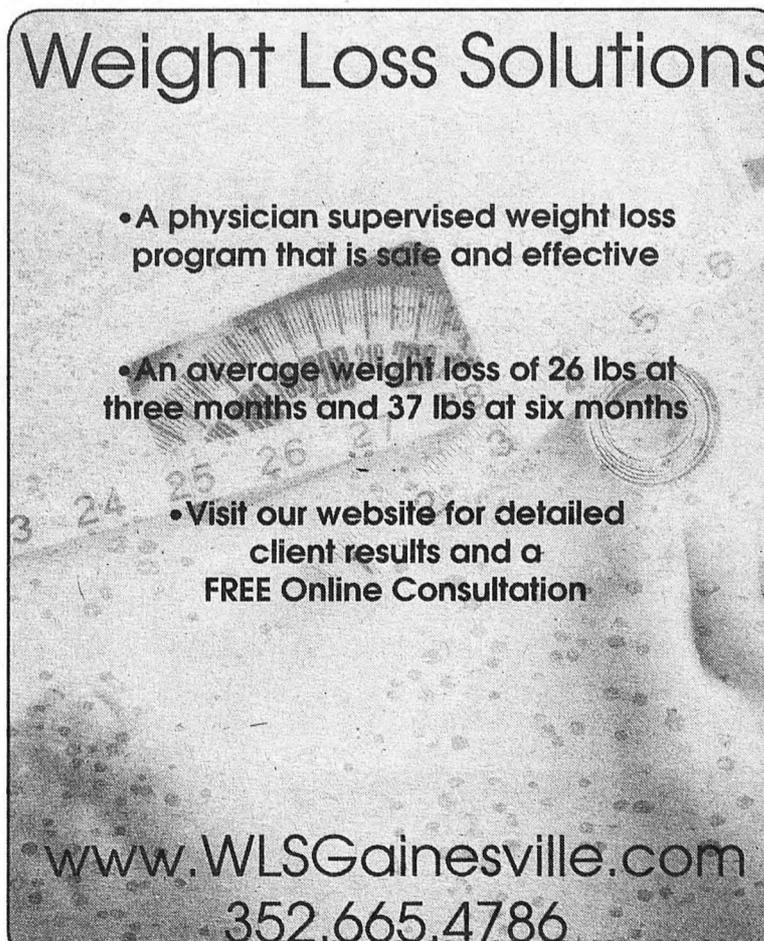
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UF study examines heart risks of stimulants in children with ADHD

Stimulant medications used to treat children with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder may be responsible for an increased number of visits to the emergency room or doctor's office because of cardiac symptoms, but deaths or serious heart complications are rare, a new University of Florida study reveals.

"Treatment decisions are always a risk-benefit assessment for doctors," said Almut Winterstein, Ph.D., an assistant professor of pharmacy health care administration at the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy. "We know about the benefits of central nervous system stimulants. There are a lot of advantages to the patient — improved concentration, the improved ability to interact socially — but the risks have been very poorly defined."

Despite concerns about the risks of taking medications such as Adderall and Ritalin for the treatment of ADHD — the drugs are known to raise blood pressure and heart rate, and other members of this drug class, such as methamphetamine, are associated with serious adverse effects — use of the drugs has steadily risen over the past decade.

Winterstein, a pharmacoepidemiologist, led a team of researchers in pharmacy, pediatric medicine and psychiatry who analyzed records from 55,000 children ages 3 to 20 who had ADHD and were undergoing treatment between 1994 to 2004. The UF study, which sought to assess the effects of these drugs on the risk for heart disease, relied on the Florida Medicaid database of more than 2 million youth, cross-matched with vital statistics records — the first of this magnitude in ADHD

safety research.

The researchers published their findings Saturday (Dec. 1) in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Children who used central nervous system stimulants were 20 percent more likely to visit an emergency clinic or doctor's office with cardiac-related symptoms, such as a racing heart-beat, than children who had never used or discontinued treatment. The researchers also reported that the rates of death or hospital admission for serious heart conditions were no different than the national rates among the general population, but the total number of events was too small to allow definite conclusions.

Since 1995, the number of patients newly diagnosed with ADHD has grown at a fairly constant rate, Winterstein said. Today, nearly one-third of these patients — more than 5 percent of American children — chronically take stimulant medications.

Approximately 3 million to 4 million youngsters in the U.S. are prescribed stimulant medications for ADHD, said Daniel Safer, M.D., an associate professor in psychiatry and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Safer added that the major side effects from stimulant treatment are decreased appetite

and, in some cases, difficulty falling asleep.

"Methylphenidate and dextroamphetamine have been carefully studied for cardiovascular side effects in children for periods up to three years in extended clinical trials, and the reports indicate minor blood pressure and

heart rate changes — which the authors deem clinically insignificant," Safer said.

As national attention at the close of the 20th century focused on the problem of ADHD in the classroom, the debate over the safety of prescribing stimulants for chronic use intensified, especially as the number of children taking the drugs rose rapidly.

In 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Drug Safety and Risk

Management Advisory Committee recommended a black-box warning regarding the drugs' cardiovascular risks be added to the package insert.

However, the FDA's Pediatric Advisory Committee disagreed, saying there was strong scientific evidence the drugs were beneficial, whereas data regarding risks indicated cardiac effects were often mild and could be treated by adjusting the dose or timing of medication.

The UF research team's recent findings raise several important issues that warrant

further investigation, Winterstein said. Critical concerns include stimulant safety in populations with cardiac risk factors and in those who use the drugs for several years. The UF study found that more than 25 percent of stimulant users also used antidepressant or antipsychotic drugs, which are known to affect the heart and blood pressure as well.

UF researcher Arwa Saidi, MB.BCh., an associate professor of pediatrics in UF's College of Medicine, believes more research is needed to evaluate potential effects of chronic exposure to stimulants in childhood and how their use might influence the development of high blood pressure or heart disease later in life.

"We don't know if the increased heart rate and blood pressure in childhood will have long-term implications," said Saidi, a study co-author. "It is furthermore unknown whether the risk is similar among the various stimulant agents."

Risk management strategies should be identified and implemented, the researchers say, pointing to recent FDA recommendations asking drug manufacturers to issue medication guides, which explain the potential risk and emphasize precautions to patients who use their products.

In his practice, most parents whose children were diagnosed with ADHD and prescribed stimulants have been satisfied with the treatment effects, Safer said.

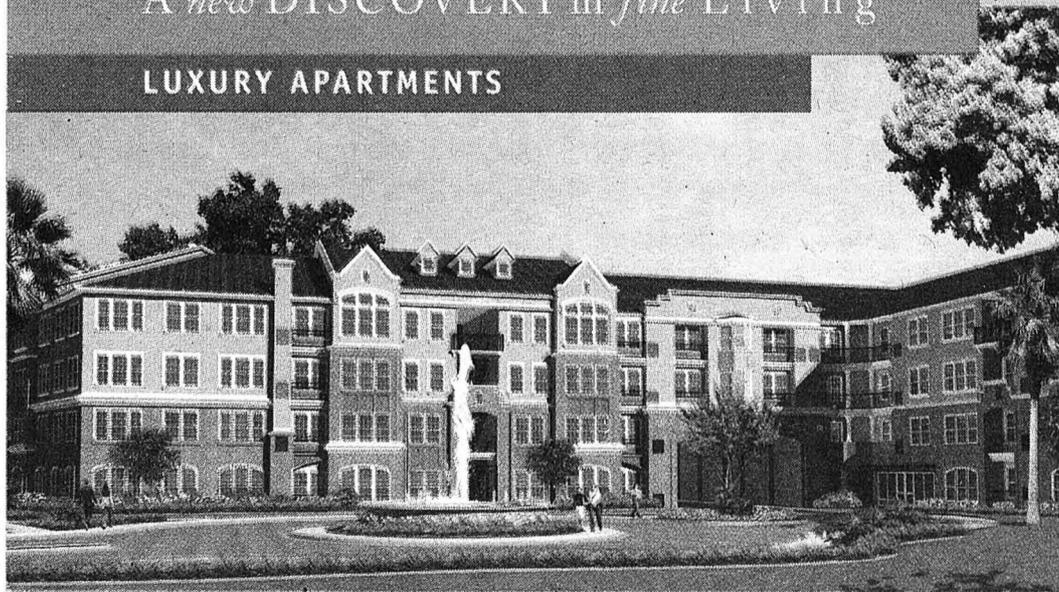
"In fact," Safer added, "more parents than previously are requesting such treatment if their child is having serious problems in school."

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M-F, 8am - 6pm, Sat. 10am - 5pm
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UF faces important matchup with Vols

■ AN UPSET AGAINST NO. 4 TENNESSEE COULD CLINCH AN NCAA TOURNAMENT BID.

By **DANNY KLEIN**
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Some teams search forever to prove themselves.

It isn't common for fate to fall into your own hands.

Yet, here on March 5, in their most important regular-season game in recent memory, the Gators hold the key to their post-season lives.

When UF (21-8, 8-6 Southeastern Conference) hosts No. 4 Tennessee (26-3, 12-2 SEC) Wednesday night at 9, a chance to play in this year's March Madness will be on the line.

"Everybody knows our lives are at stake here," forward Adam Allen said.

Allen said the team remains confident but aware of how twisted the road will become if UF fails to pull the upset.

It's unlikely the Gators will earn a bid to this year's NCAA Tournament with a .500 confer-

ence record — something they will face if they lose.

It will become do-or-die on Sunday, when UF heads to the hostile stomping grounds of always-stingy Kentucky.

For such a young, inexperienced team, a game of that stature on the road might not be the ideal situation UF coach Billy Donovan wants.

"I think there are a lot of things that you're trying to piece together and trying to take a stab in the dark at it," Donovan said. "These guys have never experienced this."

If UF can pull off the unlikely win, all the mounting questions and anxieties of late will melt away.

Win and you're in, it's as simple as that.

As storybook as it sounds, however, the task is far from easy.

When these teams last met on Feb. 5, the Gators hung close for most of the contest before the Volunteers wiped the floor with UF in the final minutes.

The scored ended up a deceiving 104-82.

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF forward Adam Allen fouls Auburn's DeWayne Reed during the Gators' 72-56 win on Jan. 12 in the O'Connell Center. He knows tonight's game with No. 4 Tennessee will be key to UF's NCAA hopes.

Should fans rush the court?

Talk about coming full circle. It was only two years ago that Tennessee stopped an upstart UF team from running its record to 18-0 and ascending to the top of the national polls.

I still vividly remember seeing that sea of pukey orange spill out onto the floor of Knoxville's Thompson-Boling Arena like a newly opened and violently shaken bottle of Sunkist.

Two national titles later, only Walter Hodge remains from that UF team, but the Gators are still having all sorts of problems with the Volunteers. In fact, Tennessee has won four of the last five games between the two schools.

And when the SEC rivals square off in the O'Connell Center tonight,



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flexing its muscles, while the Gators will try to prove that they, too, are still relevant in the college basketball landscape.

So if the Gators pull off the upset tonight, should Gators fans storm the court?

Jeremy Foley and Billy Donovan

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it will be a complete role reversal for the two teams.

No. 4 Tennessee will enter a hostile road environment

UF BASEBALL

Gators smoke Camels

By **KARL HYPOLITE**
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It was a night of firsts for Matt den Dekker.

He got his first career start at pitcher, his first strikeout, his first walk and his first career hit batter. Unfortunately for him, he didn't stay in the game long enough to record his first career win. The sophomore pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed five hits and three walks with just one strikeout.

UF (7-2) on the other hand, earned its seventh victory of the season after shellacking Campbell 15-3 in the first half of their two-game series Tuesday night. The Gators and the Fighting Camels (3-4) complete the series Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Den Dekker's performance was shaky at best, but the Gators expect him to play a key role in the pitching staff.

"I'm definitely going to be needed down the road to help the team," den Dekker said. "I've got to give them some innings with us playing four or five games a week, so I've definitely got to be able to give us some innings."

"I'm definitely going to be needed down the road to help the team."

Matt den Dekker
UF sophomore pitcher

The start of the game was delayed by a half-hour because of rain, but that didn't keep the Gators from scorching McKethan Stadium.

Every UF starter recorded a hit, and the Gators finished with 17 hits on the night.

Despite what the final score suggests, the game didn't start very smoothly for the

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Saints persevere through rain, sweep doubleheader

■ SFCC HAD LOST SIX STRAIGHT.

By SHANNON MCCARTHY
Alligator Writer

After losing six straight games, Santa Fe Community College desperately needed a win but almost didn't have the chance thanks to some inclement weather.

When the rain finally lifted, however, the Saints ended the losing streak and marked two in the win column after sweeping a doubleheader against Kellogg (Mich.) Community College on Tuesday afternoon.

"We fought really hard to get these games in, and it was definitely worth it," SFCC coach Johnny Wiggs said. "We needed something like this to get our confidence going before conference play started."

The Saints defeated the Bruins 11-3 and 6-5 to improve to 14-9 in the last leg of their non-conference schedule.

Game One saw two rain delays and was nearly postponed, but the weather finally cleared and the Saints scored three runs in the fifth inning to take a 5-3 lead. The sixth inning saw another offensive explosion, resulting in six additional runs.

Catcher Jordan Hollis ignited the Saints offense by going 3 for 4 at the plate with four RBIs and was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle in Game One.

In the second game, SFCC mounted another comeback after trailing 4-1 through five innings. Hollis once again played a key part in the rally, stroking a first-pitch single to send home shortstop Tyler Cook, the first of four Saints to cross the plate in the sixth inning.

The Bruins tied the game in the top of the

"We needed something to get our confidence back up. We came out today and just played together."

Jordan Hollis
SFCC catcher

seventh inning.

In the bottom of the seventh with two outs and a runner on third base, right fielder Andy Mee took ball one from Kellogg's Tyler Kelly, who mishandled the return throw from the catcher, allowing the Saints' Callahan Hood to trot home with the winning run.

It may not have been the textbook ending, but SFCC was happy to come away with both wins.

"The team was down and we were humbled a bit after losing six straight," Hollis said.

"We needed something to get our confidence back up. We came out today and just played together. Everyone contributed and we got exactly what we needed."

Eight pitchers took the mound for the Saints on Tuesday, with only last Sunday's starter, Matt Hinkle, and the starters for this weekend, Andy Mee and John Lambert, unavailable. The plan made sure every pitcher is fresh for the start of conference play.

After seeing solid pitching performances as well as timely hitting from his club, the Saints' coach feels his team is ready to take on its conference foes.

"Every time we take the field I feel like we're going to win," Wiggs said. "This is one of the most talented clubs that I've had. I still believe that. We may not have played as well as I'd hoped at times, but we're on the right track now."

Tennessee guard Lofton makes his final appearance in Gainesville

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UF showed it could play the up-tempo, high-octane game Tennessee loves to play, but it didn't play it well enough.

The Gators were doomed by fatigue and a lack of depth, which was exposed in those final few minutes, where Donovan felt his team ran out of gas.

UF's ability to hang with one of the nation's best helped boost the confidence of many of its players.

They remain confident heading into Wednesday night's contest and feel they can steal this win.

Tennessee has won four of the last five against UF and was ranked No. 1 last week.

"This time, it's going to be a 40-minute game, and we have to come with the right mindset," Allen said. "We know we can play with them. It's just a matter of doing it for the whole game."

Defense will be a major concern for the Gators.

Tennessee is the only team to



Lofton

break the century mark against UF this season and did so by attempting a staggering 71 shots from the field.

Guards Chris Lofton and Jajuan Smith hit six 3-pointers each, and four players scored 10 or more points.

With the way the Gators are shooting lately, UF doesn't want to get caught in another high-

scoring affair.

UF connected on just 36.1 percent of its attempts in Saturday's loss to Mississippi State.

"Well clearly we're playing, if not the best team, one of the best teams in the country," Donovan said. "There's a lot for us to get prepared for in playing these guys."

One positive is that UF will face Lofton for the final time during the regular season. The senior will be making his farewell Gainesville appearance.

In two games at the O'Connell Center, Lofton has scored 22 and 16 points. In this year's win against UF in Knoxville, he added 26.

Lofton is known for his difficult shot-making and unconscious demeanor on the court. Allen joked about switching roles with the Tennessee star and imagined taking some of the shots Lofton is revered for.

"I probably wouldn't see the court for the rest of the game," Allen said.

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would certainly prefer the fans cheer from a distance, and the SEC offers UF 25,000 good reasons to do just that.

My guess is storming the court probably won't be a viable option for Gators fans, as uniformed officers will likely make it quite an obstacle. Let's hope we can avoid a repeat of the Tasergate scandal.

But given the right situation, would Gators fans engage in that kind of display, anyway, or are they too proud for that?

Regardless, whether UF fans storm the court or even whether the Gators win tonight isn't the point. What is significant is that the fans would even have a reason to rush the court in the first place.

When was the last time any Gators fan with a blood alcohol level less than three times the legal limit even thought about storming the court? UF has been such a proud program lately that being even a slight underdog at the O-Dome has been extremely rare.

The only case in recent history where fans might have had a reason to consider

leaving their seats was at a 2005 game against Kentucky. The Wildcats, similar to what Tennessee has done to the Gators lately, seemed to have UF's number until that point, claiming eight straight victories against the Orange and Blue.

The Gators won that game — which essentially served as a changing of the guard in the SEC — and senior David Lee finally got his first win against the Wildcats.

But the fans didn't storm the court.

Judging by what I heard from a reporter who was sitting on press row at the time, it's a good thing they didn't. Let's just say

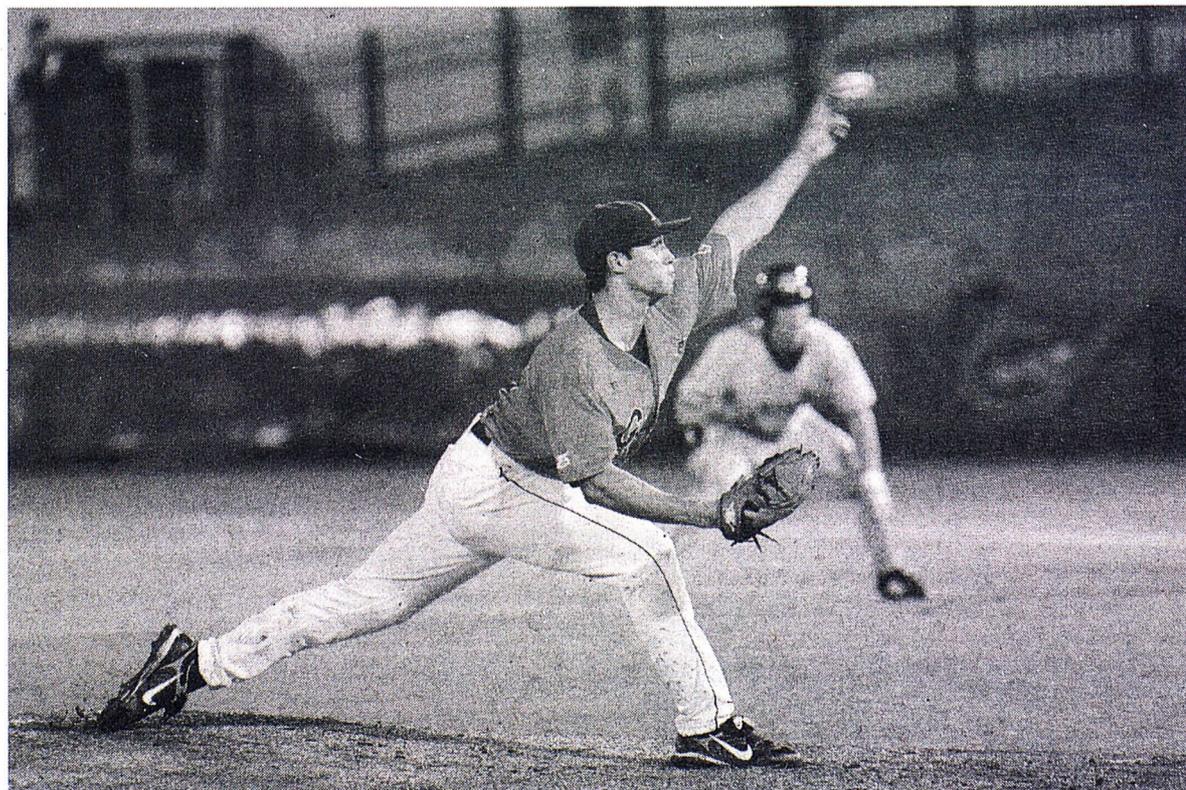
the police were very determined to keep fans off the floor.

But while that truly was a marquee win for UF, a victory tonight would be more than just a symbolic achievement.

The Gators desperately need a win to avoid the NIT, and this is their best opportunity to make an impression on the NCAA selection committee.

A late-season victory against a top-five team would be the perfect lead note on the Gators' postseason resume.

That would be something that could be appreciated from the comfort of your seat.



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UF pitcher Matt den Dekker throws a pitch during the first inning of the Gators' 15-3 win against Campbell at McKethan Stadium on Tuesday night.

Bullpen throws six scoreless

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Gators. Den Dekker struggled with his control in the first inning, allowing three singles, a walk and three runs.

"I've got to throw my pitches for strikes," den Dekker said. "I've got to throw them for strikes early. That's the key to getting better; working on some things, throwing for more strikes and having better command."

Den Dekker also contributed at the plate, finishing 3 of 5 with two RBIs and scoring three runs.

Avery Barnes was nearly flawless.

The left fielder finished the game 3 for 3, scored four runs, drew two walks and stole a base.

"I'm just trying to stay focused up at the plate," he said. "I'm trying to have a quality at-bat every time. My plan every at-bat is to try and get on base for my teammates."

Barnes, who leads the team

with a .438 batting average, scored UF's first run in the bottom of the first on a Cole Figueroa sacrifice fly to left-center field. He didn't wait very long to score again. The sophomore scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the second on a Figueroa two-run double to right field. That was Figueroa's only hit of the game, but he still managed to drive in four runs.

Senior Josh Edmondson (1-0) earned the win for the Gators. The senior pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowed just two hits and struck out three batters.

Entering the season, UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said that UF would be reliant on stellar play from its defense to make up for a pitching staff that lacks a power pitcher. UF's defense responded Tuesday, turning five double plays.

"We've got to play good defense," O'Sullivan said. "If we do that, we've got a chance to stay in every game."

Butler falls short of SEC Coach of the Year honor

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The person who started the talk about Amanda Butler possibly earning conference coach of the year ended up beating her out for it.

LSU coach Van Chancellor earned Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year honors, the league announced Tuesday.

UF junior forward Marshae Dotson, the only Gator recognized, was named to the All-SEC First Team. All awards were voted on by the league's coaches.

Butler made a big turnaround in her first year with UF (17-12). Last season, the Gators finished with a dismal 9-22 record, resulting in Carolyn Peck's firing.

Only two teams made four-game improvements upon their conference record from a year ago — Butler's Gators (6-8 from 2-12) and Chancellor's Tigers (14-0 from 10-4).

Of course, Chancellor has the advantage of coaching SEC Player of the Year Sylvia Fowles, who topped Tennessee's Candace Parker for the award. Fowles also won defensive player of the year honors.

Chancellor sang Butler's praises after UF's 85-71 home loss to LSU on Feb. 3.

Despite the wide margin of victory, the Gators forced Chancellor to substitute back in some of his starters after they cut a 27-point lead to 15 in the second half.

"Give Florida credit for coming back," Chancellor said at the time. "Coach Butler's really got them playing hard, playing tough. ... They had a lot of fight about them. They have a lot of scrap. I can remember when she played here, and she was gritty and tough, and this team has exactly her personality, and I think she's done a great job. (She's) going to be a strong candidate for coach of the year."

In the end, LSU's perfect conference record gave Chancellor the edge. His No. 7

Tigers (25-4) handed No. 3 Tennessee (27-2, 13-1, SEC) its only conference loss on Feb. 14 in a 78-62 decision in Knoxville that the Volunteers entered ranked No. 1.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who has 974 career victories and seven NCAA Championships to her name, also noticed good things happening in Gainesville.

"Amanda has really gotten this group to play together," Summitt said on Feb. 27. "They are playing with a lot of intensity. For a new coach going in and being able to bring that out, that is important."

"I see a commitment to each other on the floor and how they share the basketball. She has three players averaging double figures and a couple more right there, so she has balance. That is a difference in what I've seen in the team this year."

"(The Gators) had a lot of fight about them. They have a lot of scrap. I can remember when (Butler) played here, and she was gritty and tough, and this team has exactly her personality."

Van Chancellor
LSU women's basketball coach

When asked about being in the running for the award at her weekly press conference Monday morning, Butler was taken aback and deflected praise.

"I have not even considered that," Butler said Monday. "There's so many coaches in this league that have done more in my opinion and deserve that more than I do."

She did, however, follow that up by admitting it was a compliment to even be considered for the award, citing Chancellor, Summitt and Vanderbilt's Melanie Balcomb as great coaches with the league.

"If that's what someone thinks, that's an honor for someone even to mention that and bring that question up, knowing the coaches that are in this league," Butler

said.

The Gators enter the SEC Tournament as the No. 7 seed and will face South Carolina in the first round at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The 5-foot-11 Dotson will be a big factor in how far the team progresses.

The junior leads the Gators in scoring (14.1 points per game), rebounding (8.4) and has nine double-doubles. Dotson eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau earlier this season, becoming the 20th Gator to do so.

She has slowly progressed her way up the SEC award teams. Dotson made the SEC All-Freshman Team two years ago, and last season, she was named to the All-SEC Second Team despite UF's lowly record.

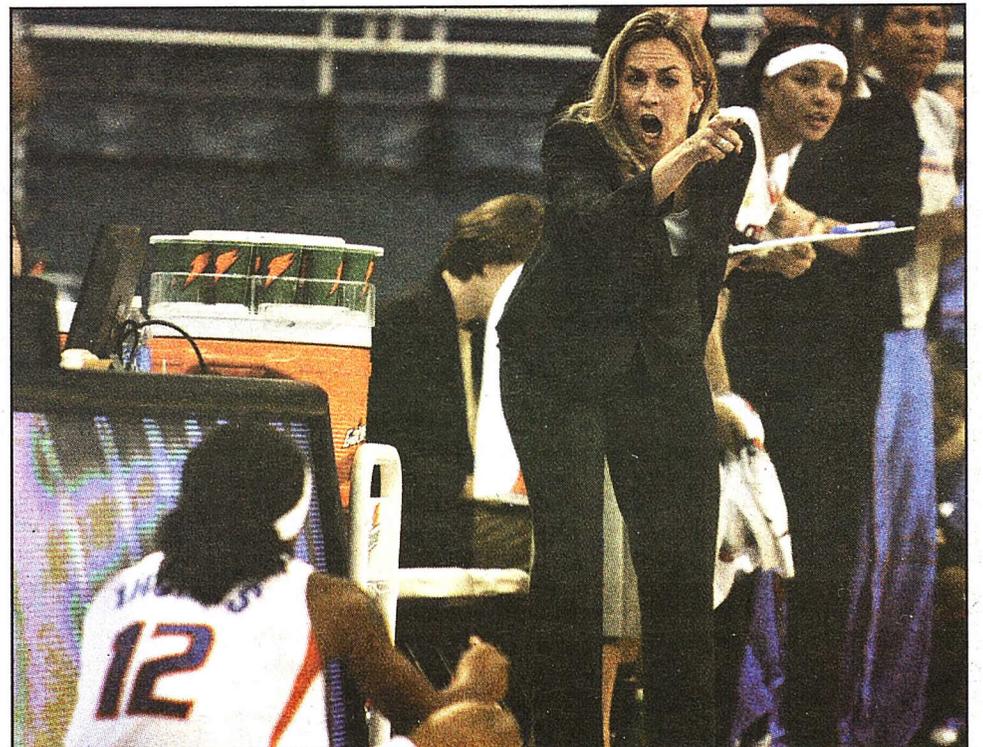
Before this season began, the league

coaches made her a preseason All-SEC Second Team selection along with junior guard Sha Brooks. Dotson's performance throughout the season elevated her to the eight-player top team, while Brooks did not receive mention in the postseason awards.

Despite her short stature, her stats match up well with other taller post players. In conference games, Dotson ranks third in field-goal percentage, sixth in rebounding and eighth in scoring.

Dotson said Monday that she was happy Butler was being considered for SEC Coach of the Year at the very school where she once played.

"It brings a lot of credibility and respect," Dotson said.



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UF coach Amanda Butler, shown here during the Gators' 67-63 win against Robert Morris on Nov. 12, has led the Gators to an eight-win turnaround so far this season.

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