



For UF, 'going green' more than just a trend

Campus leads Florida universities in sustainability criteria

Navigating UF down the path to greener pastures is what DeLongpré Johnston's job is all about, and with maintenance costs rising, helping campus go green is becoming essential.

"I would say it is a trend, and I

By **KRISTEN HUFF**
Alligator Writer

Dedee DeLongpré Johnston is a busy woman. Since becoming director of the

UF Office of Sustainability two years ago, she's hardly had time to stop and smell the greenery.

Her office in Tigert Hall is littered with brochures outlining projects and plans to make UF

run in a more environmentally conscious way.

Special Report DeLongpré Johnston shuffled through some folders and held out a brochure for a

Styrofoam recycling mechanism, a project she might pursue.

Her eyebrows furrowed at the thought of the material, which doesn't decompose in landfills.

"It's so offensive," she said.

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Gator Ride to offer bar patrons a safe route home

■ SERVICE SET TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER.

Members of UF's Student Senate promoted an effort Tuesday to help students at the nation's No.1 party school get home safe.

Gator Ride, a student-run organization that aims to shepherd students home after a night on the town to prevent drunken driving, is set to begin operating on Oct. 18, said Sen. Steven Reiss of the senate's Student Safety Committee.

The service will run Thursday through Saturday, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

It is free, but a donation jar will be in the cars.

"I'm sure that nobody would have a problem donating 2 or 3 dollars as opposed to taking a taxi, which is a pain," Reiss said.

Gator Ride will provide transportation from any bar or club in Gainesville to any residence in Gainesville — just not to another bar or club, Reiss said.

"They don't want to be associated with

"They don't want to be associated with facilitating college students in their ever-going desire to drink."

Steven Reiss
SG senator

facilitating college students in their ever-going desire to drink," Reiss said.

To use the service, a student must show his or her Gator1 card to prove he or she is a UF

student.

The organization will have three rented cars adorned with identifying stickers, all rented from Enterprise. Each vehicle will have a male and female student from the program present.

All of the drivers in the program will be given instruction on basic first aid and taught how to respond to emergencies such as alcohol poisoning, according to a document from Sen. Ryan O'Mara.

— VICTORIA WINKLER



Charlie Doerner / Alligator

Fresh Paint

Maintenance worker Lewis Troutman paints the steps at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Wednesday afternoon. The entire stadium is being repainted in preparation for football season.

Exotic dancers feel gas prices' pinch

■ CAFE RISQUE DANCERS SEE DECLINING TIPS.

By **HAILEY MAC ARTHUR**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Kendra slinked off stage. She counted the bills collected in her lace garter once more. The number was still the same. Five dollars. Disappointment, disbelief and discouragement overcame her.

"I cried," she said, "and I never cry."

The 5-foot-7-inch, 130-pound exotic dancer had finished twisting and twirling in black-lacquered, 8-inch stiletto heels for the night.

She banks on tips and private dances. She isn't paid an hourly wage. It wasn't the first time she left with a sparse amount. Kendra has walked out of Café Risqué in Micanopy three times lately with

only \$7. She used to strut out of the fully nude strip club with \$200 easy, she said.

Until recently.

And Kendra has company. More than 40 dancers and waitresses at the café are feeling the effects of the sagging economy. About 90 percent of customers are truck drivers, she said, who are now paying nearly \$5 a gallon for diesel and don't have much left to spare.

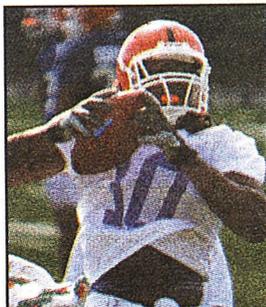
"Entertainment is always the first to go," Kendra said.

Customers are dwindling. Private dances, which cost \$30 for 5 minutes and \$50 for 10 minutes, are fleeting. Tips are worsening. It's a fight for every dollar under the spotlight.

Spare dollar bills are hard to come by in the sleepy, southern

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■ Freshman safety Will Hill has a chance at a starting spot since projected starter Dorian Munroe is done for the season with a torn ACL. Hill's main competition for the job is sophomore Ahmad Black. See Story, Page 29.



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■ Several UF and state leaders are looking into a controversial college gossip Web site. See story, Page Ten.

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ON CAMPUS

Moe's, Chili's construction to finish \$300K over budget

By **THOMAS STEWART**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Despite being almost \$300,000 over their estimated budgets, Moe's Southwest Grill and Chili's Too are set for their UF debut on Aug. 17.

Both Moe's and Chili's Too, a scaled-down version of Chili's Grill & Bar, will open on time at the Racquet Club Dining Center, but the addition of a new air conditioning system and bathroom renovations set the project over budget.

Lionel Dubay, director of UF's

Business Services Division, wrote in an e-mail that Aramark, UF's food service provider, funded \$750,000 of the project and the Business Services Division paid for the remaining \$1 million, including the extra costs.

UF will pay for the renovations using the 10.4 percent commission the Business Services Division receives on all campus food sales, Dubay wrote.

The two restaurants replaced six vendors that previously occupied the building, including Burger King and Java City. Except for a few de-

tails, construction will be finished on Friday, said UF's manager of the project, Chandler Rozear.

"It makes me feel like I'm at home."

Malvina Binjaka
UF freshman

The plan to bring Moe's to UF began about two years ago with a non-binding referendum that asked students if they wanted a Moe's on campus. The referendum was ap-

proved by almost 87 percent of the 7,000 students who voted, according to the SG Web site.

In April 2007, Bob Miller, UF's associate vice president of business affairs, wrote a letter to Aramark asking it to look into the possibility of adding a Moe's to campus.

Tommy Jardon, a third-year law student at UF and one of the students who originally pushed for the Moe's, said the restaurant's opening proves that it's important for students to voice their opinions.

"You don't know when, you

don't know how, but eventually someone might just listen to you," he said.

The Chili's Too menu is composed of appetizers, salads, soups, burgers, sandwiches and a few seasonal items, such as grilled salmon and ribs. The Moe's menu is almost the same as a typical version, but there isn't a special menu for kids.

Malvina Binjaka, a UF freshman, said she is excited about Chili's Too.

"It's my favorite restaurant," Binjaka said. "It makes me feel like I'm at home."

SG, UF Bookstores to offer textbook discount Aug. 25

■ DISCOUNT COMES AFTER FLORIDA CANCELS ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION.

In absence of this year's back-to-school tax-free days, Student Government and UF Bookstores will offer one day of relief to students purchasing textbooks in the fall.

UF Bookstores is sponsoring a Textbook

Sales Relief Day by providing a 6.25 percent discount on textbooks bought at the store from open to close on Aug. 25, the first day of fall classes, according to an SG news release.

An annual nine-day exemption from sales tax on books, clothing and school supplies has been implemented in Florida since 1998, except for 2002 and 2003, in an effort to provide relief to families with schoolchildren,

according to the Florida Senate Web site. A bill proposing the back-to-school holiday this year died in the House and Senate in May

due to concerns about the loss of revenue to the state government after budget cuts, according to the Florida House and Senate

Web sites.

Student Body President Kevin Reilly said

SG organized the event because textbooks are a major expense for students at the beginning of the semester.

"We've worked very hard with the state to pass some of the textbook reform bills they've passed recently," Reilly said. "This is just another way we can help make textbooks more affordable to students."

—MAGGIE LAWRENCE

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Teenage chess master competes, speaks at UF

■ HE'S THE NO. 2 PLAYER IN THE U.S. FOR HIS AGE GROUP.

By **VICTORIA WINKLER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

In a normal setting, 20 against one would be unfair.

Daniel Ludwig, an 18-year-old senior chess master, walked around the inside of the rectangle that seated his 20 opponents of all ages.

The competition, which chess players call a "simul," took place in the rotunda of UF's New Engineering Building Wednesday following a lecture he gave in the Reitz Union.

During his talk, he explained the solutions to difficult chess puzzles to a group of about 40 people. There were "oohs," "ahs" and gasps from chess aficionados in the audience.

"This is why I play chess. Besides all the winning and losing, it's art, and I like to create it," Ludwig said, referring to a particularly elegant chess solution.

Ludwig won the 2006 U.S. Masters Championship, and he said he's No. 2 in the nation for his age group.

He's been in a simul with two other players against 150 opponents at once, and he estimates he can play about five opponents in what they call blind simuls, where the player calls out the moves and can see the board only in his or her mind.

"He lives and breathes chess," said John Harris, associate professor in electrical and computer engineering at UF and sponsor for the Gator Chess Club.

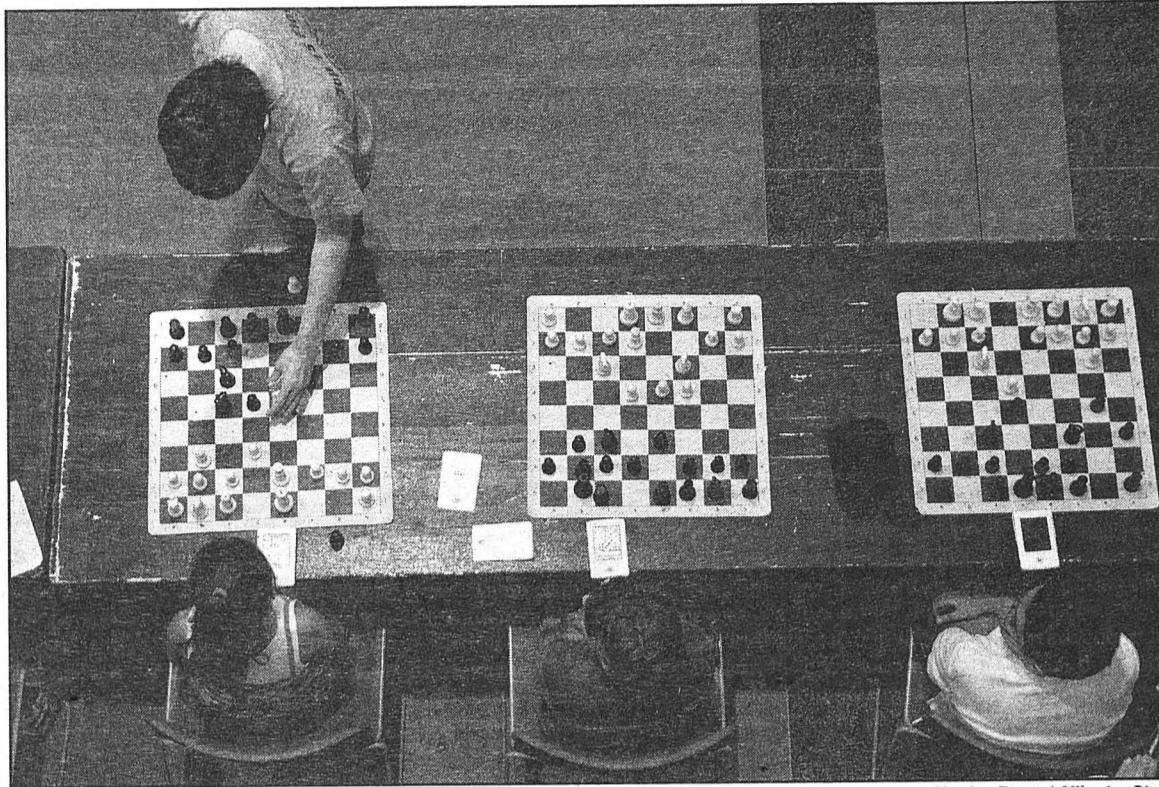
Harris had two elementary school age children, a son, Noah, and daughter, Maya, in the competition. Maya is the North Florida Regional Scholastic chess champion for the kindergarten age group and was the only female player in the game.

On Campus

She was one of the few players to make Ludwig pause during the opening rounds.

He said he considered going to UF, among other schools, but right now he just wants to play chess for maybe a year or two.

However, he will soon be No. 1 for his age group in a few months if another teenager with whom he's neck-and-neck "would hurry up and turn 19."



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Daniel Ludwig plays chess with one of the 20 opponents he faced simultaneously at the New Engineering Building Wednesday evening.

UF ADMINISTRATION

New conduct code addresses alcohol, honor court

By **KATIE SANDERS**
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UF officials proposed a rewrite of the Student Conduct Code this week in efforts to clarify UF's stance on drinking, drugs and the future of the Student Honor Court.

The new regulations spell out bans on students using "common source containers" such as kegs, mini kegs and beer balls, and they also prohibit activities such as drinking games, keg tipping and alcohol luges.

The new regulations, posted Monday, will need approval from the Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, in September.

The regulations will be discussed by the board's Educational Policy and Strategy Committee Wednesday.

Chris Loschiavo, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said these activities have always gone against UF's policy but were not always spelled out in the conduct code.

He said UF officials discourage drinking games because they could lead students to make decisions that would "short circuit" career goals, such as drunken driving and fights.

He said generally, UF will not go after students for having kegs off-campus unless the students were part of a UF group, sorority or fraternity, or if a serious incident occurred.

Although the revisions debuted about a week after UF earned the title of No. 1 party school in the nation, Loschiavo said the effort to revise the Student Conduct Code has been about two years in the making.

Amid the revisions is a call to take away the Student Honor Court's ability to hear academic dishonesty cases.

"As it stands, the honor court is not exactly upset that we're losing this."

Jason Zimmerman
Student Honor Court chancellor

Under the current setup, students charged with academic dishonesty can have their case heard by the Student Conduct Committee, composed of students and faculty, or the court, which is a student-run trial hearing that is sponsored by Student Government.

Loschiavo said the court has heard 22 cases since 2000, but there are roughly 150 academic dishonesty cases per year.

He said he hopes the court will get back to its mission of proctoring exams and educating students about the conduct code.

Jason Zimmerman, chancellor of the honor court and a second-year law student, said the court only heard two cases last year.

Zimmerman said there is little surprise that the court could soon lose its ability to hear the cases after facing criticism from the Faculty Senate.

"As it stands, the honor court is not exactly upset that we're losing this," he said.

But Student Body President Kevin Reilly said he is against the honor court losing this ability, and he plans to speak on its behalf at the Board of Trustees meeting.

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UF law professor reflects on Obama as teacher

By **KRISTEN HUFF**
Alligator Writer

In 2001, UF law professor Daniel Sokol was just a student at the University of Chicago Law School, and the now-presumptive Democratic presidential candidate, Barack Obama, was just his professor.

Well, he wasn't "just" a professor; he was also a state senator who many assumed was in the autumn of his political career after losing his bid for a U.S. Congressional seat in 2000.

"I don't think anyone thought in a million years that he would be the presumptive frontrunner in a presidential campaign," Sokol said.

Obama taught at the law school for 12 years, according to *The New York Times*.

Sokol was one of about 20 students in Obama's well-liked "Racism and the Law" seminar.

"What made him popular was just that he was deeply engaging and very sophisticated in how he balanced class," he said.

Passionate class discussion of the controversial topic was volleyed among Libertarians, radicals, conservatives and Democrats, yet Obama was skillful at monitor-

ing the debate, Sokol said.

But the senator was quiet about his own thoughts, he said.

"He was very careful about sharing some of his opinions in class," Sokol said. "At the time, I thought, 'It's because he's a politician,' and I guess I was right."

Though guarded about his views, the senator was genuine in class, he said.

He recalled one time Obama came into class and asked students to forgive his nervous demeanor; his daughter was being evaluated for entrance into kindergarten.

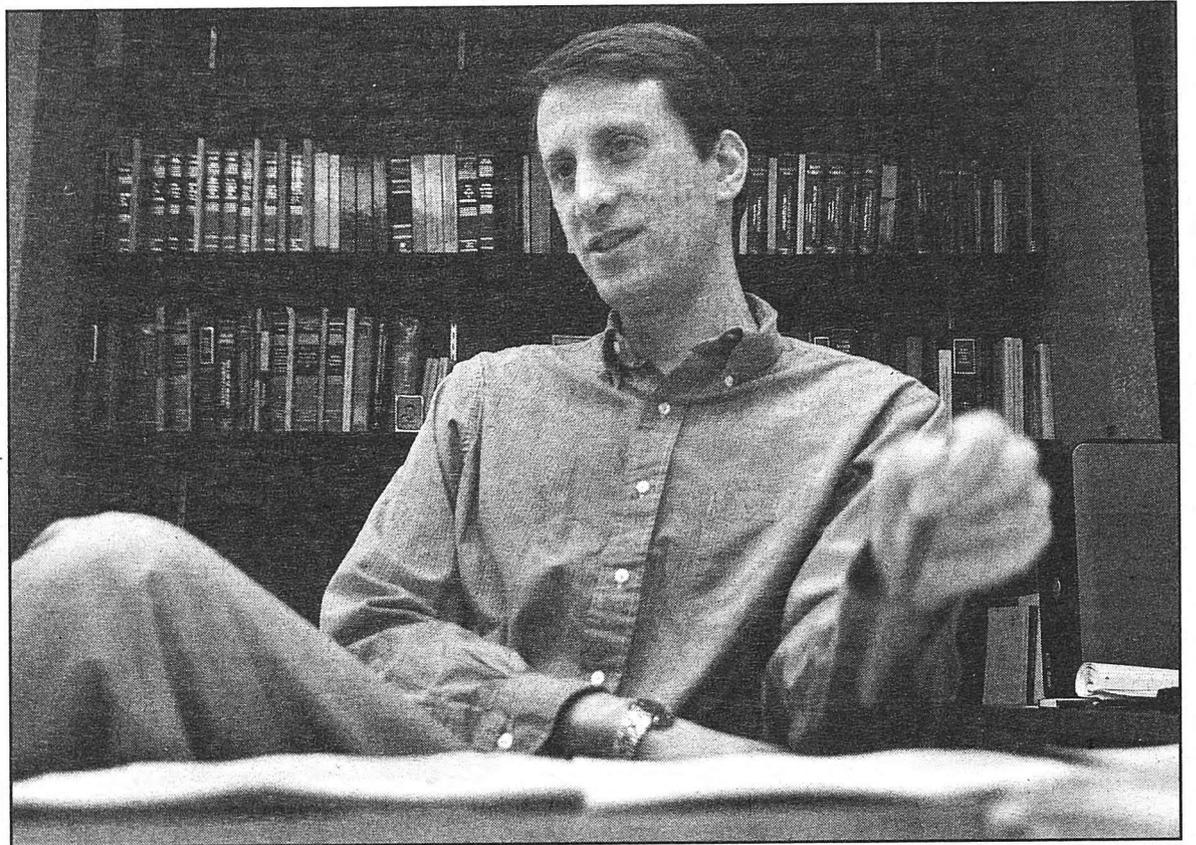
"That's the one thing I really liked," he said.

UF Academics "He never stopped being a person."

After practicing law for about five years, Sokol decided to become a teacher.

Obama, who had since left the law school and was a U.S. senator by then, had been impressed by one of Sokol's papers and had promised him a letter of recommendation if he ever went into academia.

Sokol, who is a registered Independent and has not made any donations to Obama's campaign, sent a letter to the senator on a whim, and within two weeks,



Charles Roop / Alligator Staff

UF law professor Daniel Sokol talks about his former professor and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama in his office Tuesday afternoon.

he got a response.

"Years later, this was a guy who still cared," Sokol said.

In terms of how fervently the

senator has been received by his supporters, Sokol said he could only speculate along with everyone else.

"There is something about Obama that really fascinates people," he said.

STUDENT LIFE

UF students spend summer months interning in D.C.

By **ZACH SEYMOUR**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The city is chock-full of historic locales, pillars of the government and beautiful, towering monuments to the nation's heroes.

Each summer, Washington, D.C., attracts droves of college-aged interns who travel to the city looking for the opportunity to succeed.

UF students who are talented or lucky enough to get an internship in the nation's capital gain experience and tantalizing resume fodder as well as the chance to meet ambitious and interesting leaders — especially during this election year.

But with the nation's elite students vying for a finite number of positions, competition is inevitable.

Daniel A. Smith, the coordinator of political science internships at UF, said there are usually three ways of obtaining internships: on your own merit, through personal contacts and through the contacts of an internship coordinator.

Nicole Sarrine, a UF political science sophomore, had to be persistent to earn her internship with Rep. Gus Bilirakis, a U.S. congressman from Florida.

"I went to Representative Bilirakis' Web site, obtained the application information, worked

extremely hard on the application materials, sent my application to the intern coordinator, went through an interview process and was fortunate enough to be granted this amazing opportunity," Sarrine said.

Daniel Thompson, a UF political science junior, had a more unconventional entrance into the Washington internship game.

"In October, I was at a Delta Chi fraternity function and Congressman John Mica was there," Thompson said. "We got to talking about politics and current events, and he ended up offering me an internship on the spot."

Thompson said interning during an election year sets the scene for an even more lively political environment.

"The city itself is all fired up, especially interns, about upcoming races and predicting the winners," Thompson said. "There is often debate in bars or restaurants until the wee hours of the morning discussing the presidential and congressional races."

Despite the exciting summer environment, many assume internships aren't exciting at all.

Thompson said his experiences proved otherwise.

"When I came up here, I thought I would be doing clerical work and coffee runs all day, but about 99 percent of my day is

spent doing work directly related to the congressman or the staff," he said. "Our main responsibilities as interns are to give staff-led tours of the Capitol, conduct research, write letters and answer constituent phone calls."

In addition to the responsibilities that come with the job, students must also deal with financial challenges.

"The experience is well worth the few thousand dollars."

Daniel Thompson
UF student

Lindsay Saxe, a UF law student, has spent the summer interning for the Sutherland law firm, a large firm based in Atlanta with an office in Washington, D.C.

Law firm internships like hers tend to pay well, but not everyone is so lucky.

Thompson's internship with Mica, a U.S. congressman from Florida, pays nothing, which means Thompson has had to take on all the financial responsibilities that come with traveling and living in a major metropolitan area.

But he doesn't seem to mind.

"The experience is well worth the few thousand dollars," he said. "This is a big boost on a resume as well as great for networking and

personal contacts."

Smith said the cost of Washington, D.C., internships is a problem UF hasn't dealt with well.

"UF is behind the times," he said. "There is a systematic bias against those that can't pay their own way. Other universities provide financial grants for students who can't afford their internships. Most of those schools are private though."

According to Smith, this problem is much worse for political science interns — especially students working on political campaigns, who are less likely to get paid for their internships.

Even with its problems, Smith said the wealth of contacts interns meet, introduction to real world action and the opportunity to apply the things that they've learned in textbooks can be well worth the cost of the summer.

Smith, who has 15 of his 37 interns placed in Washington, said he's not sure it's that much more valuable to work in the capital unless, of course, you want a political job.

Saxe said she thinks interning there helps secure a future in the city.

"I think it's important if you eventually want a job in D.C.," she said. "It shows you're interested in being here. Places look at that

when offering a permanent job because this is such a transient city."

The summer for these interns has been so much more than just networking or hands-on learning.

It has provided exposure to new ideas as well the chance to meet interesting and motivated people.

"It's really open," Saxe said. "My friends and I go out and meet tons of people from different backgrounds. I love the diversity of people, ideas and things to do."

For Thompson, the simple privilege of wandering the halls of the Capitol has brought great stories.

"Walking around the Capitol office buildings, you get to see and meet some amazing people," he said. "My first week here, I met Barack Obama and Mel Martinez within minutes of each other on the Senate side. Throughout my time here, I've met Sen. Joseph Biden, Dennis Kucinich and many more."

Although the capital isn't the only place a political science student can gain valuable experience during an internship, the diversity of the city as the center of government offers a unique perspective.

"The motto in D.C. is 'long days, long nights,'" Thompson said. "This city is just full of life and different people. All the different dynamics here are just unbelievable."

Editorial

You could best describe the current mood at the Department of Darts and Laurels as ambivalent. Summer classes have finally come to an end, and we're stuck somewhere in between nostalgia and euphoria.

While we're certainly looking forward to enjoying the remainder of the summer free from the tedium of textbooks and course work, there's just something magically melancholy about the conclusion of summer. Who are we kidding? Screw the summer. We're ready for some football! There's a little more than three weeks until the start of another year of Gator football dominance. And while we're sure that, like us, you can hardly contain your anticipation, we hope we can tide you over with the end-of-the-summer (semester) edition of ...

Darts & Laurels

First up, we send a we-see-through-the-façade-of-your-Olympic-pomp-and-circumstance **DART** the **Chinese government** for its decision to revoke the visas of two politically active former U.S. Olympians. Gold-medalist speed skater Joey Cheek and Bronze-medalist synchronized swimmer Kendra Zanotto have been denied entrance to the brutal communist dictatorship and close U.S. trading partner for undisclosed reasons. Both former Olympians are active members of an advocacy group called Team Darfur, an international organization comprised of Olympic athletes who work to raise awareness about and pressure the world community to help stop the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Team Darfur has been vocally critical of China for its support of the Sudanese government.

China's refusal to allow these American heroes to attend (in a non-competitive function) this year's Summer Olympic Games in Beijing is purely political and unacceptable. China simply doesn't want any attention brought to its abysmal human rights record.

Next up, we take aim at our bumbling, fumbling, flip-flopping pair of presidential candidates. We send a we-"hope"-you-"change"-your-mind-about-offshore-oil-drilling-(again) **DART** to **Sen. Barack Obama**, who came out this week in support of a "compromise" energy measure that includes allowing offshore drilling 50 miles off the Florida coast. Obama's defended his position, noting that the so-called compromise would include taxes on oil companies and billions of dollars for investment in renewable energy. That's great. But we still don't get how endangering Florida's environmental and economic vitality is a good idea.

Next, we send a we-know-Republicans-are-the-party-of-exclusion-but-this-is-too-much **DART** to **Sen. John McCain** for allowing his security team to throw Stephen Price, a reporter for the Tallahassee Democrat, out of a rally in Panama City last week. Price was asked by security whether he was a national reporter traveling with the McCain campaign. When he responded that he was a local reporter, he was told to leave the event even though other local reporters were permitted to stay. The only difference between Price and the others? He happens to be black. The McCain camp initially blamed the Secret Service but have since issued an apology. This sort of behavior coming from the campaign of a man who voted against the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day is disconcerting, to say the least.

Now we offer a now-that's-what-we-call-aggressive-diplomacy **LAUREL** to **UF President Bernie Machen** for his willingness to engage in a meeting of the minds with Iranian universities next fall, depending on the political conditions in the "Axis of Evil" member state. The trip's purpose will be to further scientific and research interests between U.S. and Iranian universities. The trip won't be a taxpayer-funded junket, as Machen will be paying his own way. We're glad to see B. Mac actively pursuing this academic exchange. Who knows? Maybe we'll find out we're not so different from the Iranians after all.

Lastly, we offer a you-may-not-always-keep-your-promises-but-at-least-you're-trying-to-keep-us-safe **LAUREL** to the **Student Senate**, which approved funding for a program called Gator Ride, which will provide UF students with a safe way home after a night on the town. The service will dispatch drivers to pick up Gator revelers at any location in Gainesville and return them to their residence. We thank our senators for pushing this prescient and prudent program.

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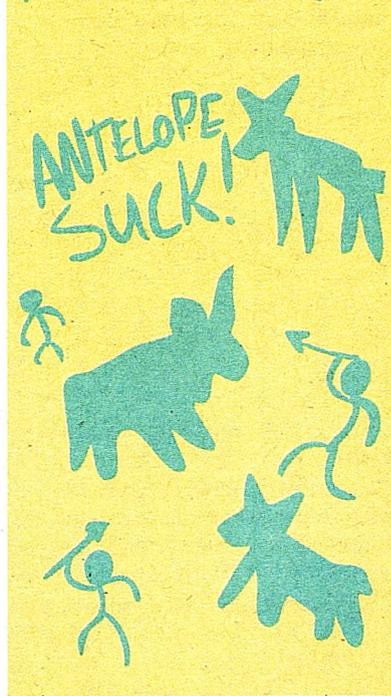
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Column

Bush, Cheney deserve impeachment

Given their Nixon-esque polling numbers, it's safe to say that President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are not exactly the most popular pair to grace 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. In fact, only about 25 percent of people think our feckless leader is doing a good job. Incidentally, the same percentage of people predicted that the second coming of Jesus would occur in 2007. I've got a hunch that there's a lot of overlap in those two groups.

But while it may make us feel smart and savvy to point out Bush's failures, it doesn't do anything to set this country on the right course.

Luckily, there is one man in Washington who has the chutzpah to actually stand up and do something about the Bush administration's abuses.

Recently, Rep. Dennis Kucinich introduced a resolution listing 35 articles of impeachment against Bush. The allegations include Bush's illicit wiretapping program, the illegal detention of and use of torture against "enemy combatants" and his misleading statements about Iraq's weapons program. Kucinich also introduced articles of impeachment against Cheney for fabricating Iraq's threat to American security, manipulating intelligence to deceive Americans about a relationship between al-Qaida and Iraq, threatening the state of Iran without any justification and falsely impersonating the Penguin from Batman. The last one was recently removed, however, at the request of the Penguin.

Until last week, Kucinich's attempts were nothing more than the butt of Bill O'Reilly's jokes. However, the House Judiciary Committee has allowed hearings on one of the articles of impeachment against President Bush, one concerning his deception of Congress in the lead-up to the Iraq war.

While committee members did not explicitly call the 6-hour session "impeachment hearings," that's exactly what they were. And while there were enough members of Congress and the public to necessitate an overflow room,



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there was one person whose support was conspicuously absent — Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi has continuously stated her opposition to impeachment since she took her post. In a recent interview, she defended her opinion by stating impeachment would be a distraction from efforts to "expand

health care, protect the American people and educate our children." That's very interesting considering the president she refuses to impeach has twice vetoed the expansion of health care for children and has endangered the American people by overstretching our armed forces in an unjustified war. And what's the educational value of allowing a president who treats the Constitution like a wet napkin at a Sonny's Bar-B-Q to continue serving as president just because impeachment isn't politically convenient?

Well, if she won't listen to a fellow member of Congress, perhaps she'll listen to Vincent Bugliosi, the famous lawyer who successfully prosecuted Charles Manson and twenty other murderers. Bugliosi has just released a book outlining in detail the case against George W. Bush for the murder of the 4,000 U.S. soldiers who have died in a war that was sold to Americans under false pretenses.

Not only do we owe it to future generations to set a precedent and ensure these egregious acts never happen again, but we owe it to ourselves. When left unchecked, a war-mongering administration that has no reservations about lying to the American people to advance its own agenda will not hesitate to start another illegal war (Iran?).

For our own security and for the security of the world, we are obligated to impeach the president and vice president.

Brandon Sack is a second-year biomedical sciences graduate student. His column appears Thursdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you think President Bush deserves to be impeached?

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Guest column

Obama trip demonstrates Americans' shifting worldview

Senator Barack Obama's trip to the Middle East and Asia has demonstrated a significant shift in the American worldview. Obama's trip was not just a diplomatic mission, but a reflection of the changing priorities of the American people. The fact that he chose to visit these regions first, rather than Europe or other traditional allies, signals a new focus on global issues and international relations.

The Obama administration's approach to foreign policy is more pragmatic and focused on the interests of the United States. This is a departure from the more ideological and interventionist policies of previous administrations. The American people are looking for a more balanced and realistic approach to global affairs, and Obama's trip is a clear sign that this shift is taking place.

The trip also highlights the growing influence of the Middle East and Asia in the global economy. These regions are becoming increasingly important to the United States, and it is essential that we maintain strong relationships with them. Obama's visit is a step towards building a more stable and prosperous world.

Naming sewage plant 'Duke' is waste of time

Local officials are wasting time and money by naming a sewage treatment plant after Duke the dog. The plant is a necessary part of the community's infrastructure, and naming it after a dog is a frivolous and unnecessary expense. The money spent on the naming ceremony could be better used for other community projects.

The naming of the plant is a waste of time and resources. It is a distraction from the more important issues of water quality and environmental protection. The community should focus on ensuring that the plant is properly maintained and that the water it treats is safe for consumption.

The naming of the plant is also a reflection of the local government's priorities. It shows that they are more concerned with public relations and community events than with the practical needs of the community. This is a concerning trend that needs to be addressed.

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Group holds water pong contest

By **BETHY PIERRE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Members of a UF student organization played a drinking game Tuesday that won't meet the disapproval of UF officials.

A Spring of Hope, a new UF organization dedicated to building wells and clinics on school grounds in South Africa, sponsored a "water pong" tournament held on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward building wells at schools in the Limpopo Province of rural South Africa.

Jonathan Ossip, president of the organization's UF chapter and co-founder of the international organization, said building a water source on school grounds creates a better environment for students' health and education in South Africa.

Ossip said the wells cost between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and bring a contaminant-free source of drinking water, a more sanitary environment and a means to water the gardens, which grow food to feed the children while they are in school.

Nine teams paid \$5 each to play, while other passers-by bought wristbands and made donations.

In total, the club raised \$122.26, which exceeded its \$100 goal for the day, Ossip said.

The grand prize was a \$25 gift certificate to Gumbby's Pizza and \$10 to Smoothie Paradise, while the runners-up received a \$20 gift certificate to Gator Dawgs.

John Fedele, a UF freshman, was a member of the winning team.

Fedele said the event was a fun way to support a good cause.

Silvio Casco, UF freshman and

Fedele's teammate, said he admires the organization for having a fundraiser during finals week.

Ossip and three friends started the national organization after they visited South Africa last summer.

The friends was there to make

a documentary entitled "Water" after a travel companion who vacationed in the country a few years earlier told them about the shortage at South African schools.

After a year, the organization has about 15 high school and college chapters, he said.



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Jonathan Ossip teams up with UF freshman Alex Chitty in a water pong game against freshman Luke Schmidt at the Reitz Union on Tuesday.

Local T-shirt site faces lawsuit

■ **DESIGNER CLAIMS POLO LOGO TOO SIMILAR.**

By **APRIL DUDASH**

Alligator Staff Writer

Nick Moskowitz is fighting to make his mark in the T-shirt industry.

Moskowitz is the 29-year-old creator of ThreadPit.com, a company based out of Gainesville that sells humorous and raunchy T-shirts.

Moskowitz started ThreadPit.com in the summer of 2004 with one of his friends.

"We were just sitting around the pool one day and said we wanted to make T-shirts," Moskowitz said.

But one of the shirts currently featured on Moskowitz's site depicts a polo rider falling backward off a horse, an image that has caught the attention of fashion company Polo Ralph Lauren.

Polo Ralph Lauren filed a petition to cancel Threadpit's registered trademark with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, which is an administrative arm of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, said Howard Caplan, the attorney representing ThreadPit.com.

The trademark cancellation is on the basis that ThreadPit's mark is confusingly similar to Polo Ralph Lauren's and that it tarnishes the image of their polo

products, Caplan said.

Deidre Blocker, an associate with the Greenberg Traurig law firm representing Polo Ralph Lauren, said she could not comment on the case.

A public relations representative at Greenberg Traurig also said he could not comment.

Caplan said Moskowitz's trademark is more of a parody that pokes fun at a sport considered exclusive and elitist.

"I think it would be good to have this on the books as a victory for parody,"

Nick Moskowitz

ThreadPit.com creator

"That's really the genesis more so than Ralph Lauren's rider," he said.

The case was filed in April of 2007, and both parties are still going through a "discovery period" during which they request information from each other.

After that, depositions will be scheduled, and from there they will decide whether to reach a settlement or go to trial, Caplan said.

Moskowitz said he will continue "sticking it to the man" by fighting the trademark battle.

"I think it would be good to have this on the books as a victory for parody," he said.

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Today, the Florida Board of Governors, the State University System's highest governing body, will try to stop the flow of what has been dubbed "the brain drain" in the state university system.

In today's general meeting, hosted by the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Chancellor Mark Rosenberg will recommend the board request \$65.4 million from the Legislature in an effort to retain faculty members who are leaving the Sunshine State for better offers in states with stable

economies. In a meeting of the board's budget committee Wednesday, **State News** University of South Florida Provost Ralph Wilcox said the growing attrition of faculty will result in irretrievable losses to Florida.

Wilcox said the "stark reality" is that the state is losing faculty at three times the rate it did last year, and enrollment in large classes has increased by 50 percent. He said the loss of quality could lead to a similar student drain. "I'm beginning to believe Bright Futures incentives are in-

sufficient to keep them in state," he said. In addition to funds going toward faculty retention, the board is also expected to request \$30.3 million from the Legislature to cover the increased cost of utilities. **— KRISTEN HUFF**

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UF, state leaders look into controversial gossip site

■ WEB SITE LETS STUDENTS INSULT ANONYMOUSLY.

By **THOMAS STEWART**
Alligator Contributing Writer

In recent months, the college gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com has attracted the ire of students and administrators across the country.

Amid calls to shut the site down, free speech advocates have come to its defense.

But earlier this year, the site gained two new adversaries at UF, and according to a UF law professor, its troubles could just be starting.

After about a dozen students came to him and complained about the site, Student Body President Kevin Reilly sent a letter in June to Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum, urging him to investigate the popular gossip site that allows people to post anonymously. The letter, also signed by Marc Hoit, UF's former chief information officer, states that the site plays host to cyberbullying and raises concerns about public welfare and safety.

"It is not uncommon for posts on Juicy Campus to mention students by name and discuss their sexual histories, their sexual orientation and even speculate as to their HIV status," the letter stated.

Reilly said he doesn't necessar-

ily want the site to be shut down, but he wants McCollum to see if the site is obeying the law and to possibly find a way to give students more options when dealing with the site's harmful content.

"All I'm trying to do is protect the privacy and protect the rights of students," he said. "How we go about doing that, I don't necessarily have the answer."

Reilly said posts about him on the site don't bother him.

"When you're in public office ... you gotta grow a tough skin," he said.

In a July interview, Sandi Copes, McCollum's press secretary, said McCollum started looking into the site before he received Reilly and Hoit's letter, which is the only complaint about the site his office has received.

Copes said the attorney general's office is particularly concerned about breaches of medical privacy and public safety that could be on the site.

Copes said one concern is that a person's address will be posted on the site, and people will show up to that address, which happened in one reported case.

McCollum is not the only attorney general looking into the site.

The attorneys general in New Jersey and Connecticut have each launched investigations into how the site operates.

In both those states, officials are trying to determine if Juicy

Campus has committed consumer fraud by not adhering to its own terms and conditions.

The site responded to e-mailed questions with the following statement: "Juicy Campus is very confident that it has not violated any laws."

Lyriisa Lidsky, a UF law professor, said there is little the attorneys general can do about the site.

They get involved because "it's a great public relations move" for them, Lidsky said.

"Someone just needs to completely destroy the site. It's not right."

Dana Perrone
UF biochemistry junior

Despite sometimes racy content, Juicy Campus is protected by a federal law that prevents Web sites from being held liable for content posted by others, she said.

But that doesn't mean people who post under the assumption of anonymity can't face consequences for their comments.

Even though its motto is "Always anonymous ... Always Juicy ...," the site claims on its FAQ page that it will help trace an individual if ordered to by a court.

This happened on two occasions in the past year when college students were arrested after allegedly making posts in which they threatened to go on school shoot-

ing sprees.

Connor Diemand-Yauman, Class of 2010 president at Princeton University, created the 900-member Facebook group "Boycott JuicyCampus.com!"

Diemand-Yauman said he found out about the site when one of his friends was "attacked" on it.

He said he was shocked that a site like that existed, but he decided to do something positive in response.

A few months ago, he created Own What You Think, a campaign aimed at fighting what he calls a "culture of gossip."

The campaign included an online petition, posters, T-shirts printed with the phrase "anonymity = cowardice," and a "Love Wall," a 14-foot-by-10-foot screen stationed on campus that displayed positive comments about fellow students.

Marc J. Randazza, an adjunct law professor at Barry University Law School and an attorney who deals with free speech issues, said he is OK with people who want to boycott the site, but he finds it disturbing when people want the government to get involved.

For this reason, Randazza, a UF alumnus, said he thinks the letter sent by Reilly and Hoit was misguided.

He compared attempts to regulate the site to attempts to regulate phone conversations.

"Could you imagine if, in the

early days of the telephone, if the telephone company was told, 'We want you to make sure that nobody's committing defamation or conspiracy over these lines?'"

He said if people are mad about a comment, they should go after the person who posted it, not the person who provided the forum in which it was posted.

Lidsky said even though the site is not doing the defaming, it still runs the risk of being sued out of business.

The site's operators should be afraid, she said.

"I do think that if Juicy Campus is sued for defamation by private individuals who are defamed by things on the site that eventually enough lawsuits will cause it to shut down," she said.

Dana Perrone, a UF biochemistry junior, said she would love for the site to shut down.

"Someone just needs to completely destroy the site. It's not right," Perrone said. "If this is what free speech is, then that's really sad."

Other students, like Stephen Ebel, a University of South Florida graduate student, think people are making a big deal out of nothing.

Ebel said many of the comments are stupid and disgusting, but he feels that people should be allowed to say what they think.

"Juicy Campus, in all of its vileness, it's free speech and, you know, that's beautiful," he said.

On Olympic eve, Bush criticizes China on repression

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush on Wednesday criticized China for its repression of human rights, saying the country's actions were "incompatible with the Olympic spirit."

Bush made the remarks in a speech to Congress on the eve of the start of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. He said the United States would continue to work with China to improve its human rights record, but that it would not support the Olympic Games if the Chinese government did not take steps to address the concerns.

The president's speech came as the United States and other nations were preparing for the opening ceremony of the Olympics. China has been accused of widespread human rights abuses, including the suppression of dissent, the persecution of religious minorities, and the use of force against protesters.

Bush said that the United States would continue to engage with China on human rights issues, but that it would not support the Olympic Games if the Chinese government did not take steps to address the concerns. He said that the United States would continue to work with China to improve its human rights record, but that it would not support the Olympic Games if the Chinese government did not take steps to address the concerns.

The president's speech was widely expected, as the United States and other nations had been vocal in their criticism of China's human rights record. The speech was seen as a warning to China that the United States would not support the Olympic Games if the Chinese government did not take steps to address the concerns.

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Advocate starts speakers' bureau for local homeless

By **ZAHARA ZAHAV**
Alligator Writer

Candy Ganyo wants you to know she's not a prostitute, drug addict or alcoholic.

But Ganyo was homeless, and to many people, there isn't much of a difference, she said.

Ganyo, 51, spent about two years lining up for free food, washing in store bathrooms and sleeping in the backseat of a car parked in various Gainesville lots.

Now, she is working alongside homeless advocates, like Amanda Haymond, to give a voice to the county's nearly 1,400 men, women and children who will sleep on the street tonight.

Haymond, a Las Vegas native and AmeriCorps volunteer, moved to Gainesville last month to address what she calls the dehumanization of the homeless through a program that aims to dispel stereotypes and have people see a face rather than an issue.

The program is called "Faces of GRACE Speakers' Bureau" and will hold presentations beginning this fall.

The bureau, which is part of the city and county 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, is made up of homeless and formerly homeless people willing to talk about their experiences.

Twelve similar speakers' bureaus, all coordinated through a nationwide program, will begin operating across Florida this year.

The state ranks No. 1 in documented attacks against the home-

less for the last three years, according to speakers' bureau statistics.

Haymond's interest in listening to an often-ignored sect of society began six years ago when she was working at a public library in Las Vegas.

She said her perceptions of the tired-looking, often-unkept people were stereotypically uninformed at first.

Then, she did something she says even do-gooders often don't take the time to try.

She talked to them.

"The minute I saw them as people, only with problems, I couldn't just say, 'OK, bye,'" she said.

"I wanted others to hear their stories, see their faces and how they're like anyone else."

So Haymond started Forgotten Voice, a Las Vegas newspaper written by homeless residents, formerly homeless people and their advocates.

The paper's name came from one of its homeless writers who told Haymond he thought it was a shame that "everybody talks about the homeless, but you never hear what the homeless have to say."

But this fall, Gainesville middle schools, high schools, university campuses, religious groups and civic organizations will not only hear what the homeless have to say, but they will also meet the people saying it.

Jon DeCarmine, executive director of the City of Gainesville / Alachua County Office on Homelessness, said getting to

know the homeless on an individual level makes it harder for people to view them as less than human.

"We want to show housed people these guys aren't monsters," DeCarmine said. "You don't call someone you know personally a bum or a vagrant."

He said he thinks people are typically afraid of the homeless because they shed doubt on what Americans are raised to believe.

"They've worked hard all their lives and have just been beat down," he said. "People don't want to confront what they see as the system failing."

According to bureau statistics, more than one-third of people without a home in Alachua County are under 18 years old.

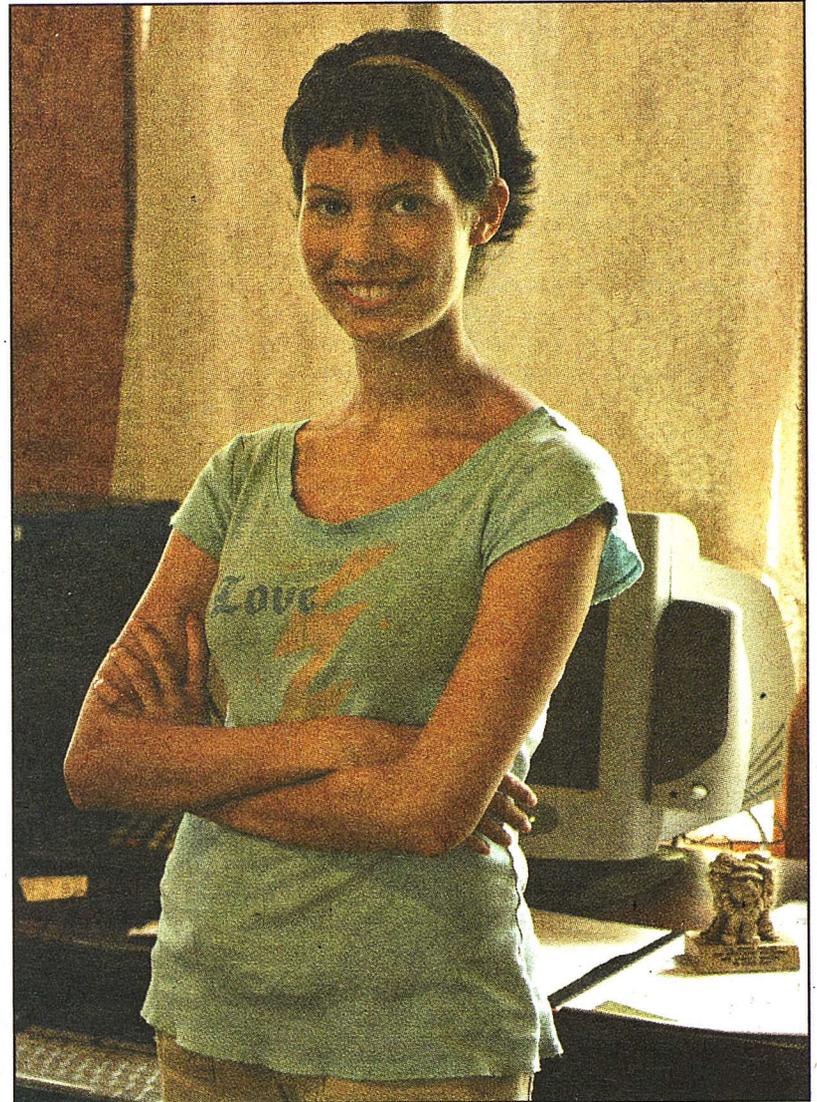
Ganyo, who is now living in a friend's home, said the number of young people living on the streets shows that being homeless is not always a choice.

"No kid would pick sleeping on a bench over a warm bed," she said. "Usually, we're just people who can't get out of a bad situation."

Though she worked as a substitute teacher for several years, Ganyo said getting hired for a job when you don't have a running car or phone is almost impossible.

She estimated that about 75 percent of the homeless people she knows are physically or mentally handicapped, which also makes work difficult to come by, she said.

"So much has got to be done," Ganyo said. "But so much can be done with a little human courtesy."



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Amanda Haymond poses in front of her desk at the Alachua County Housing Authority Wednesday afternoon.

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UF leads Florida universities as most sustainable campus in state

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would differentiate that from being trendy," DeLongpré Johnston said.

While, for some, "going green" is jumping on a bandwagon, the trend has been growing at UF for more than 10 years with the support of students and the administration, she said.

"What went from trying to get the word out is now trying to keep up with the number of people who want to get involved," she said.

LEED the Way

UF has made it part of its policy to incorporate green standards into construction.

In 2001, UF adopted the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design criteria, or LEED criteria, for all new construction and renovations, according to the Office of Sustainability Web site.

LEED is a national, third-party rating system that rates buildings based on six criteria, including water management, energy management and material use, said Bahar Armaghani, UF's LEED-accredited faculty member.

Once buildings are complete, they are submitted for review and can earn certified, silver, gold or platinum certification based on a point system, Armaghani said.

When LEED was first adopted, it was more expensive to build buildings at high certification levels, but now, because the products are in high demand, it doesn't cost more to build green, she said.

In 2006, UF tightened its standards and made it a requirement for all new construction to be at least at the silver level, she said.

"We knew we could do better, so we decided to raise the bar," she said.

Campus currently has two gold buildings, eight certified buildings and more than 30 that have been submitted for certification, she said.

Older buildings are the most difficult to bring up to new standards because they weren't built green-mindedly, she said.

They are also expensive to renovate, and with budget cuts, often the most that can be done is ensuring that the old equipment is maintained and operating efficiently, she said.

For example, Tigert Hall, which was completed in 1951, loses 30 cents on every dollar spent on energy because its air-handling system needs to be updated, DeLongpré Johnston said.

John Lawson, UF energy coordinator, said it can be daunting to make older buildings energy efficient.

Efforts are being made to cut back on air-conditioning use when buildings are unoccupied and to replace equipment when funds are available, he said.

Yet last year, due in part to the rising cost of oil, UF's utility bill increased by 17 percent, totaling \$40 million, Lawson said.

"It may be five years before there's a payback," he said. "But in five years, that's money you could use for other projects."

Grassroots Support

Students are the school's most valuable resource in the effort to go green, DeLongpré Johnston said.

"I think students are more passionate about it and more committed about it because they aren't jaded yet," she said.

Sara Hutton, incoming president of the student organization, Gators for a Sustainable Campus, represents that "green" drive.

Hutton has been a member of the organization since it began two years ago with about 10 students.

The group's Listserv now has almost 1,000 e-mail addresses.

Hutton said the group not only spreads the word about "going green" but takes part in initiatives on campus as well.

One such endeavor is the Tail-Gator recycling program, which started in 2006. During home football games, members volunteer to collect recyclable trash, Hutton said.

"Some people will cheer for us and take pictures with us or offer us beer," she said.

Hutton and other volunteers even dig through Dumpsters to make sure they gather all recyclable trash.

During last football season, 13 tons of recyclable material was collected.

Another event, which aimed to help deal with rising energy costs, involved a competition among undergraduate dorms to see which of the 24 halls could decrease electricity use the most over the course of a month, said Claire Long, who organized the competition, in an e-mail.

The winner, Keys Residential Complex, saved 14,000 kilowatt-hours, Long said. The typical U.S. household consumes about 11,000 kwh a year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

All together, the residence halls reduced carbon emissions by 340 tons and energy consumption by 24 percent, which is the equivalent of taking 56 cars off the road, Long said.

"My hope is that eventually students won't need a competition to spur them into action," she said.

Green Power

DeLongpré Johnston has no doubts that the UF administration supports efforts to green the university.

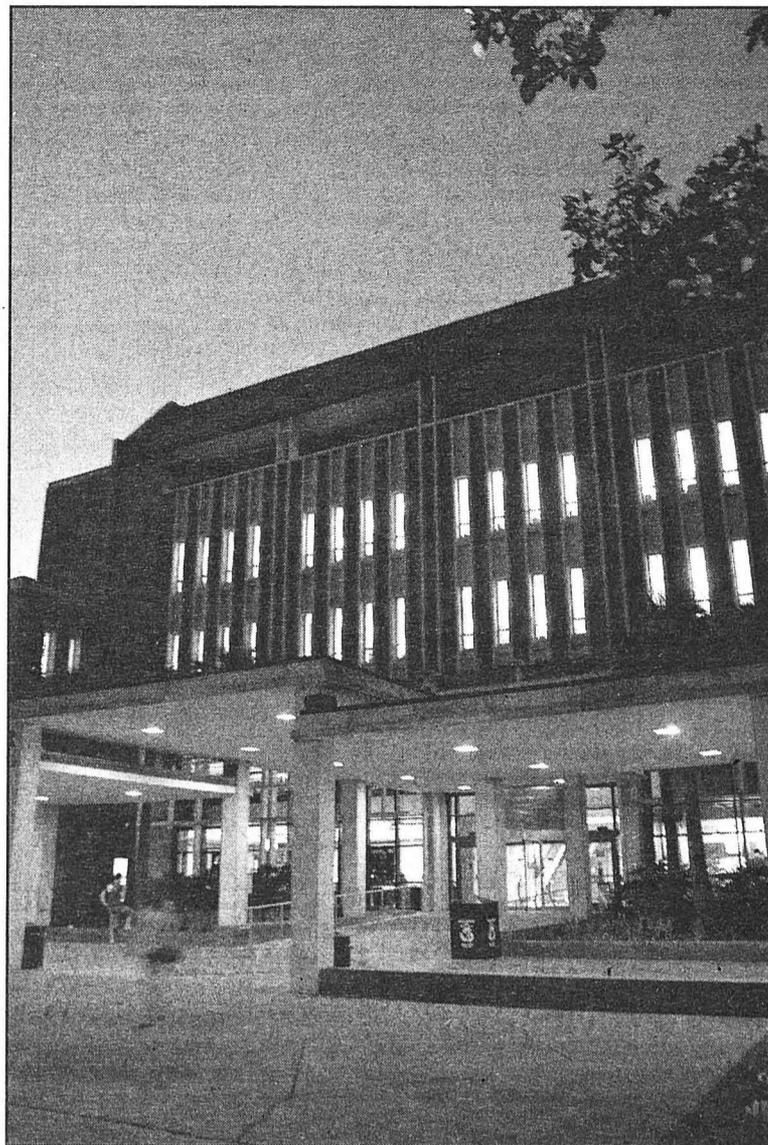
"I think the location of the office speaks volumes to how the campus views it," she said as she gestured over her shoulder toward Bernie Machen's office, which is on the same floor in the administration building as her own. "We're right around the corner from the president."

DeLongpré Johnston said her \$125,000 budget, which is matched by a grant, wasn't trimmed in the recent round of cuts.

Besides providing the green, Machen has shown his support for environmental efforts in other ways as well.

In October 2006, he was the first to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, which obligated UF to make an effort to become carbon neutral.

DeLongpré Johnston said the goal is to fulfill that promise by



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A girl walks toward Library West, which is gold certified under the LEED standards.

2025.

Plans are already in the works, starting with Gator football.

Last fall, when the Gators took on the Florida State University Seminoles, UF hosted the first-ever carbon-neutral football game, she said.

This year, every home game should be carbon neutral — offset by \$10 donations that will go toward the purchase of compact fluorescent lightbulbs, DeLongpré Johnston said.

So far, enough money has been raised for the first three home games, she said.

She said the goal of carbon neutrality in 17 years is slightly

unrealistic, but that was on purpose.

"If you don't set the bar high enough, you won't push yourself," she said.

Not Quite in the Bag

While canvas bags might be a passing fad, green changes to UF's policy are likely here to stay as the university sets an in-state standard for going green.

UF received 97 of 99 possible points in the Princeton Review's green rating system.

While that didn't put it among the top 11 universities, all of which scored 99, that score did earn the top spot in Florida.

FSU earned an 83, and the University of Central Florida earned a 60.

Lawson believes efforts to go green will continue until a new source of energy is found.

"This is a wake-up call to be more sustainable in regards to our resources and environment," he said.

With students, the challenge is making changes easy, Hutton said.

She said her club will continue to hand out canvas bags and high-energy efficiency bulbs to make it as convenient as possible, but students will have to feel impacted to really change.

"When you get right down to it, people are motivated by money," she said.

Princeton Review's Green Rating Honor Roll

Top 11 schools, which scored a 99 out of 99 in the rankings

- Arizona State University at the Tempe campus
- Bates College
- College of the Atlantic
- Emory University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard College
- State University of New York at Birmingham
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Oregon
- University of Washington
- Yale University

UF by the Numbers

\$40 million: Amount UF's utility bill increased last year

13 tons: Amount of recyclable material collected last football season

\$250,000: Total annual budget of the UF Office of Sustainability

2025: UF's target year to be carbon neutral

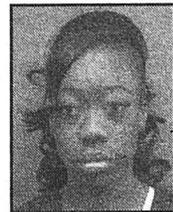
\$10: Cost to save 1 ton of carbon emissions at a UF football game

GPD nabs cashier

A Wal-Mart cashier was arrested Tuesday for allegedly stealing more than \$1,700 from the Gainesville store on Northwest 13th Street from June through July.

Aretina Williams, 20, put 33-cent price tags on 42 items, some of which should have been priced between \$90 to almost \$170, according to a Gainesville Police report.

Williams either charged items at the reduced price or voided them altogether before giving the merchandise to visiting friends to hide in their bags.



Williams

Items included clothing, sheets, towels, a DVD player, cameras, a Lego set, a TI calculator and various other purchases.

Williams rung up 42 items as "hoiery" except for \$70 worth of fireworks, which she charged \$1 under the code "women's beads."

She was caught after some of her friends set off an alarm at the front door. The friends dropped the items and ran. Officers traced the items back to Williams' register. Video surveillance showed the fraudulent transactions, according to the report.

Williams was charged with grand theft and fraud and could serve up to five years in prison or pay a \$5,000 fine, said GPD spokeswoman Summer Hallett.

— ZAHARA ZAHAV

Bin Laden driver gets split verdict

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Cafe Risque sees few customers as truckers struggle to fill their tanks

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town of about 700 people, who are less than excited about the restaurant with scenery. So Café Risqué is offering a 50 percent discount on food and store purchases to customers with a gas receipt. Asher Sullivan, owner of the cafe, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The economy isn't only affecting the sex industry in Micanopy. Newsweek reported that Nevada's legal brothels are feeling the pinch too. Business is down by as much as 45 percent in the Silver State's rural areas, which are dependent on truckers for more than half their business.

Jennifer, a waitress clad in boy shorts that flaunt "Café Risqué" across the back, said the average customer spends \$25, and that number is dropping quickly.

She was the only waitress Friday night; there always used to be two. She used to make \$200 a night working with another waitress. Now, she struggles for \$100 alone.

"If there's nobody on the road," she said, "there's nobody in here."

The 26-year-old described how she will stomp after customers who don't tip her, hands on hips, pout on lips.

"I get stiffed more than I get tipped," she said. "I have to go up and say, 'Seriously? You're not kidding me, right?'"

She said she always gets the tip.

Damayanti, a dancer whose name means "beautiful" in Hindu, doesn't. She said she has left with barely \$100 lately, to her dismay.

"I'm not much of a hustler like some of these other girls," she said. "I'd like them to come to me, but that doesn't happen."

In ruffle-trimmed sheer lingerie, the 27-year-old mother lingered by the stage side, gazing up to the bare-bottomed ballerinas who pirouette and perform pas de deux to less-than-classical songs for the pleasure of the onlookers.

She has worked in five strip clubs. Her husband, a carpenter, was supporting her until the econ-

omy started suffering. She had to start working again.

"It's like riding a bike, really,"

"Right now, I'm just getting by," she said. "It seems money is the root of all evil."

Damayanti

Cafe Risque dancer

she said.

Damayanti said she can only afford to put \$20 worth of gas at

a time in her car, which gets her hardly above empty. She is working toward sending her 5-year-old son to a private school in the fall.

"Right now, I'm just getting by," she said. "It seems money is the root of all evil."

The current gas receipt promotion adds to the discounts and deals already geared toward truckers, including a \$5 entrance fee reduced from \$8, 25 percent off food purchases, unlimited coffee and free showers. Truckers who sleep in

their truck overnight get free entrance the next morning too.

Mark Gautreau, 49, is one trucker who took advantage of the deals. He parked a company-owned 18-wheeler Friday night in the designated truck area behind Café Risqué. Only three out of the 30 truck spaces were occupied.

The 13-year veteran driver said he was forced to give up his own semitrailer in May. He couldn't afford it any longer with the price of diesel steadily mounting.

The national average price of a gallon of diesel was \$4.644 on Tuesday, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. A year ago, the average was \$2.959.

Additionally, Gautreau's weekly payments included \$170 for insurance and \$460 for truck payments. Last year, he said he took home as much as \$1,000 a week. Now, he earns \$600.

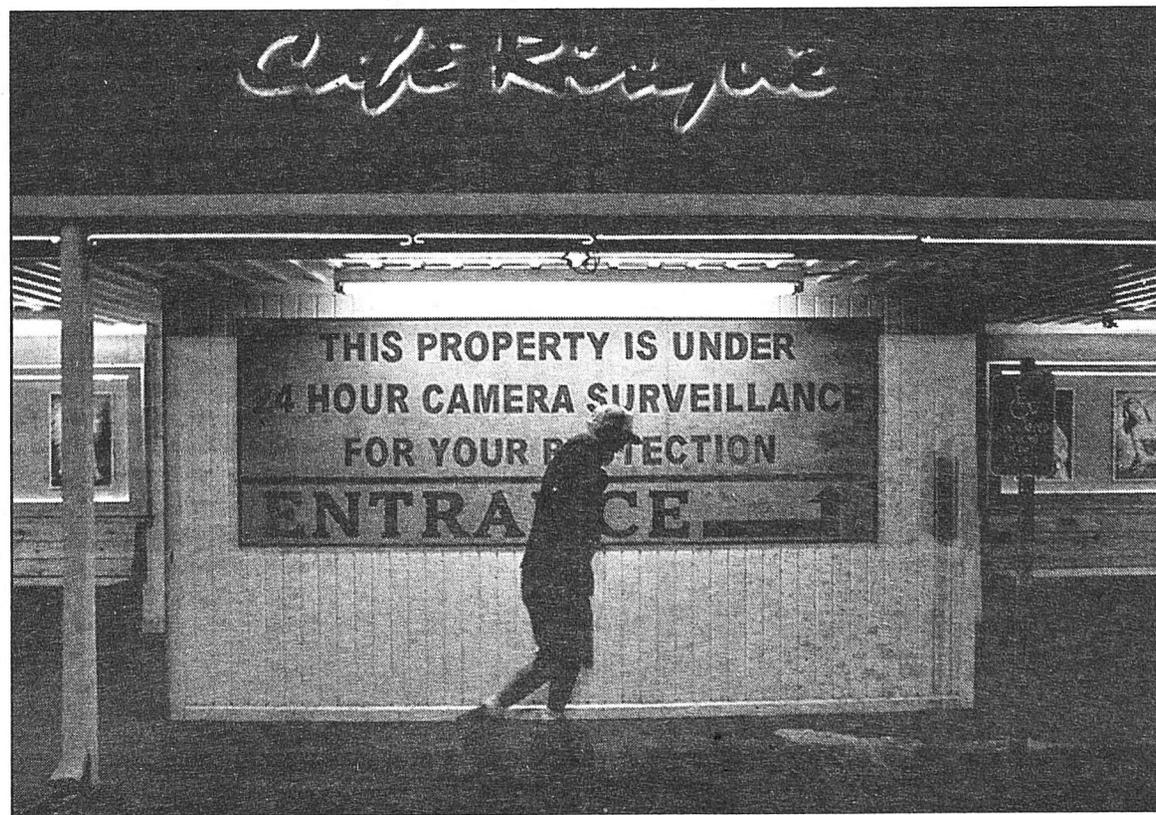
"How can you make money?" he asked. "You can't."

Gautreau now turns to his company to provide him a truck. He said it costs about \$1,400 to fill up both gas tanks, which hold a total of 300 gallons. That will take him about 1,300 miles, or 2 and a half days, before he has to fill up again.

"To be honest, I've got maybe \$40 in my pocket, and that's bad for a trucker."

Gautreau has a family of five in Bonifay, Fla., a small town of 4,000 about 100 miles east of Pensacola. He said his family's major stress is money. Overdue mortgage and car payments pile high.

"It's not just me," he said. "It's everyone out there. The fuel is killing everyone."



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A patron walks out of the Café Risqué in Micanopy on Friday. The club is experiencing a decline in clientele due to high gas prices.

Major League Baseball Rays six-run 9th inning leads to win

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We asked for your feedback about what the UF football team could do in response to the entire Georgia team rushing the field during last year's annual matchup, and here's what some of you said, via e-mail.

I think they should do nothing and act as it is business as usual right after they score. But if they must do something in retaliation for Georgia's crap they could have Albert eat a stuffed replica of Uga (the Georgia mascot) right after the score.

The football team shouldn't do anything - they should keep their cool and win the fight, however...Albert, Alberta, the band, maybe even Mr. 2 Bits... they should all plan for something big. Albert and Alberta should get down on the ground and act like that stupid "Uga" dog.

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Kind of a big deal

Local agent creates two-day music festival

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Pat Lavery has done it all. He has played a prominent role in Gainesville's music scene since the late '90s, working his way up from going to shows and meeting bands to working at a local radio station to starting his own booking agency called Glory Days Booking.

"You just kind of stumble into it," Lavery said.

After spending a decade working with Gainesville music, he realized he wanted to do something bigger. He wanted to do something that would be a big deal in the Gainesville music scene.

That is why Lavery decided to

produce Gainesville's only music, camping and arts festival known as The Real Big Deal, which will take place at the Alachua Country Fairgrounds on Sept. 13 and 14.

"This was kind of the logical next step," he said.

Lavery and his partner, Danielle Robinson, have been putting in almost 100 hours of work a week for the past three months to create the festival that will feature national acts such as Drive-By Truckers, Motion City Soundtrack and Mates of State, as well as local bands such as Morningbell, Umoja Orchestra and T13C.

"It's non-stop from the time we wake up to when we sleep," Robinson said.

"Then we have dreams about

it," Lavery added.

The idea to bring a festival to Gainesville came to fruition when the two attended Langerado Music Festival in Big Cypress, Fla. They thought Gainesville was the perfect place for a big music festival since so many of its residents travel hours to attend other music festivals.

"We saw the potential of the fairgrounds, and we thought 'We can do it,'" Lavery said.

It took about five to six weeks to book all of the national acts, which was challenging because bands were reluctant to join the

unknown festival's lineup.

unknown festival's lineup.

"It's really about getting that first person signed on," he said. "It really snowballed from there."

Another challenging task for the duo has been "selling the concept" of the festival to locals, Lavery said.

"We saw the potential of the fairgrounds, and we thought 'We can do it.'"

Pat Lavery
The Real Big Deal organizer

"People aren't used to having this here, so they're having a hard time wrapping their heads around that

it's real," he said.

Robinson and Lavery want everyone to enjoy The Real Big Deal festival because they booked a diverse lineup to meet everyone's preferences. Music lovers can enjoy the punk stylings of bands like Whole Wheat Bread, the hip hop beats of MC Chris, the funky bass of Soulphonics & Ruby Velle and

the ska rhythms of Chupaskabra.

Lavery said he cannot wait for the finished product and to see "people embrace it."

The two expect thousands of people to attend. Several hundred people have already bought tickets. The event will feature two stages outside and two inside a pavilion. There will also be several food vendors, as well as camping sites inside the grounds.

Weekend passes are \$53 in advance and \$60 at the gate. Single day passes are \$29 in advance and \$35 at the gate.

Robinson said their main goal for the festival was to keep it unique to Gainesville by including several local and national bands.

"I feel like we have the caliber music festival that would be outside of Gainesville," Lavery said.

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■ Wondering who else is playing at the Real Big Deal festival? For the full lineup visit <http://therealbigdeal.com>.

INSIDE

■ Lollapalooza just wrapped up another music-crammed weekend. For a recap of some great performances check out the story on page 18.

QUOTABLE



"I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties." Blake Lively, on what she doesn't do to unwind, at the premiere of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*.

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Maintain style and cash with thrifty shopping

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I want to tell you a secret.

It's about immaculately dressed girls that seem to have it all—perfectly fitted blazers, platform booties, silk maxi dresses — an entire wardrobe straight off the latest Parisian runway.

You might look at her and think — “Yeah, she’s loaded. I’d look like that too if I could blow \$500 on a dress.”

She probably wants you to think that, but here is where I have to blow the cover. If she’s smart, it probably cost less than \$50.

The truth is, to have style, and I mean real style, what you need is imagination, not a trust fund.

I spent my fall 2007 semester as a fashion intern in New York, where everyone around me had plenty of money to invest in clothes — Marni sweaters, Christian Louboutin pumps, Hogan bags.

Living on what FASFA deemed a reasonable amount to send me on a New York internship with, I had to get creative.

Trust me, if I could find a way to blend in and even score some fashion compliments along the way, you can too.

First let’s look at what style is. The dictionary defines style as “a quality of imagination and individuality expressed in one’s actions and tastes.”

Having great personal style is about wearing clothes that you love and represent who you are, not about owning all the latest trends.

As the legendary designer Yves Saint Laurent said, “Fashions fades, style is eternal.”

Don’t spend even \$10 on a leopard-print sweater just because you saw a similar piece in Glamour.

If you don’t love it you can’t expect to wear it. I predict you will wear it once or twice before it hangs in your closet for the next year.

Buy only what you love. This ensures you will adore everything in your closet and never suffer a “What was I thinking?” moment.

That doesn’t mean you shouldn’t experiment. If you love the way Kate Moss looks in gladiator sandals and vests, try it out by all means. But try it on before you swipe your debit card.

A trend that looks great on someone else might not be comfortable for you. Thus, it will end up a waste of money.

Now that you will never mispend another dollar, we can move on to the second lesson.

Don’t pay full price.

You do this by carefully perusing off-price stores like T.J. Maxx

and Loehmann’s, outlet stores and consignment shops. Take Urban Thread for example. You can find an Anthropologie dress, normally \$200, for 80.

Off-price and outlet shops sell brand-name clothes for 20 percent to 50 percent off retail price. They constantly run sales as well, which can knock off another 50 percent.

A perk of shopping at these stores versus inexpensive department stores like Forever 21 is that clothes are good quality.

Why would you buy a \$22 jacket if it will look faded and linty after one wash?

Since the clothes at outlet and off-price stores are name brand, they also come with the security provided by quality fabrics and workmanship labels.

Consignment shops are great places to get basics and funky jewelry. Stores such as Sandy’s and Flashbacks operate on the basis of “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.”

Not only can you get money for selling clothes you no longer want, but then you can turn around and buy gently used clothes at unbelievable prices. A BCBG dress for \$12? Unheard of.

You can walk out with a entire week’s worth of outfits for \$30.

In the event you simply must shop at the mall, bypass all the pretty displays and fly to the sales sign like a moth to light. With the drab economic situation, stores hold sales regularly.

Chances are if you buy a shirt today for \$39.99, you will find it’s 50 percent off within a week.

What a disappointment to watch someone buy a piece on sale when you bought it full price.

Why spend more than you have to?

Some people might tell you to invest in key pieces. I disagree.

Sure, I could have bought my Marc Jacobs bag full price (\$400) at Saks, but instead I got it for \$198 at an outlet store. I ended up with an extra \$200 to buy more accessories. Take that, overpriced retail stores!

Which brings me to my last tip: Befriend accessories.

Hats, bangles, earrings — anything you want can be bought for the price of lunch at stores like For Love 21 and consignment stores.

Take advantage of this because personal style is all about accessorizing. You can be wearing head-to-toe black, but with the right accessories, you will look original and fresh.

There you have it — the whole bag of tricks laid out for you to look like a million bucks without

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Lollapalooza '08: Music and mayhem in the windy city

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"We're from Oakland, Calif., but we love Chicago," was the sentiment echoed by Zach Rogue after his band, Rogue Wave, ended their first song for Lollapalooza 2008. As tens of thousands descended upon Grant Park, it was hard to imagine anyone disagreeing with the statement. Lines were long and seat-saving situations grew tense, even downright nasty as the Chicago sun began to set. But these moments couldn't ruin the eventful and eclectic weekend of music.

Friday night was all about Radiohead. The musical titans were scheduled alongside no one. If you had any intention to be in Grant Park after 8 p.m. on Friday you could either be the only one in line to buy a T-shirt or join the estimated crowd of 70,000 for Radiohead's 24-song set.

The show started with "15 Step," the upbeat opener off their new "In Rainbows" record, and never looked back, following with "Airbag" and "There There." Quick turnarounds coupled with the band's eco-friendly LED display kept the audience enthralled. Blistering renditions of "2+2=5" and "Idioteque" closed Friday night's festivities for good around 10 p.m.

Saturday, I found myself with front row seats for the Eastern European gypsy punk of DeVotchKa and the raucous indie rock of

Okkervil River. Both shows proved to be highlights of the entire festival. Every member of DeVotchKa utilized multiple instruments throughout the show, encompassing guitars, sousaphone, drums, accordion, trumpet, keyboard, violin, double bass and a theremin.

If the many instrument changes weren't enough to keep one's attention, it's almost impossible not to be swept up by frontman Nick Urata's splendid fervor. The full wine bottle that he brought on stage didn't stay corked for long. The bottle's fermented contents seemed secondary as Urata used the bottle to hold down the frets on his guitar as he wailed away on the strings with his free hand. Not to be outdone, drummer Shawn King managed to play his trumpet and keep the track on pace with his foot on the kick drum, all while hitting his snare with the drumsticks he held in his opposite hand.

Next was Okkervil River's 5:15 p.m. show. Aside from an amazing set list, which kicked off with "The President's Dead" and "Black" and ended with the sing-along "Westfall," the band seemed determined to spread their infectious enthusiasm to the whole audience. Front man Will Sheff spent time jamming with each of his bandmates and demanding the audience to clap and sing along.

Sunday seemed like a down-



Lollapalooza concluded its fourth year at Chicago's Grant Park on Aug. 3. The three-day festival attracts thousands of music lovers every year with headliners like Radiohead and Rage Against the Machine. The festival was created in 1991 by Jane's Addiction front man Perry Farrell. Photo courtesy of Jack Bengé

er after two great days. The Weakerthans' 1:15 p.m. show was canceled. Iron & Wine managed to bore casual listeners enough to create a noticeable shift of festival-goers to other stages. My odyssey weaving through drenched Flogging Molly fans to get good seats for The National's show almost proved fatal. An initial acous-

tic problem with The National's set led fans to shout at the band in between numbers to try and rectify the situation. But the band locked in and played a good show, closing with the political rallying cry "Mr. November."

And then there was Kanye West. West managed to start his show promptly, using his "Stronger

Intro" to build hysteria for his entrance before he opened the show with "Good Morning." Chicago's hometown hero delivered the goods, playing hit after hit behind his blinding light extravaganza. The crowd let themselves get swept up by West's distinct brand of hip-hop hoopla and danced what was left of the weekend away.

Codependency doesn't make couples cute

As part of the follow-up to my first article, I thought I would continue to talk about codependency because if you have full love for yourself, you won't be codependent.

We all know someone that is constantly in a relationship on the grounds of being "lonely" or some other excuse.

I'm here to say, "stop."

Some use a relationship as a means of escaping something they want to avoid in their own lives. Some use it as a way of feeling "complete," but if you're the kind of person who bounces from relationship to relationship, are you really happy?

I sympathize, don't get me wrong.

Perhaps everyone in your social circle is in a relationship, and you seem to be the only one that isn't. It doesn't help that if you're on Facebook, or any Web site for that matter, there are advertisements that make you feel bad about being single. They trick you into thinking you need to be in a relationship with headlines like "Over 21 and Still Single?" as if we're already extremely old and running out of time.

I say, don't be upset by it, and don't buy into it! Use this as a time to figure yourself out. You can't expect another person to know exactly what you want when you don't even know yourself.

Read that book you've always wanted to, work out more, get those grades up, get involved with clubs, sports, religious groups — the possibilities are endless. Stretch those independence muscles. You don't need a relationship when you have yourself.

We have been told all our lives that we need a relationship to complete us. What a heavy, stressful term. The dictionary defines "complete" as "lacking nothing" or "whole." Equating relationships to a means of completion makes us think we can't live without someone.

Let's turn this charged term around. Think of the person you want to be

with as someone to complement your personality, rather than complete it. If you're already body, heart and mind, what else do you need?

Work on getting out of this needy mind-set. Before anyone else can love you, you have to learn to live with and love yourself. Love is inside of you, and you can't expect anyone else to fill a gap that's up to you to fix. You'll find that you'll attract that right person once you find contentment in yourself.



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Reznor extends hand that feeds with new album release

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Feeling the pinch yet? Getting squeezed at the pump? Gouged at the grocery store? Not to worry. While Congress waffles over another round of stimulus checks and Sen. John McCain whets the collective petroleum appetite by dangling a gas tax holiday just out of reach of this nation's penny-pinching fingertips, Nine Inch Nails is actually offering a whiff of wallet-sparing practicality.

Trent Reznor - noted masochist, purveyor of wrath and nihilism - feels your pain. Go figure.

And so "The Slip," the eighth studio album from the goth-core elder statesman, comes completely free of charge to anyone with an Internet connection and 87 idle megabytes. Sonically speaking, these ten

compositions adhere to conventional industrial standards. For emotional breadth and instrumental diversity, look elsewhere. This is jet-black brood-rock pummeled out with all the delicacy of hurdling shrapnel. Though Reznor incorporates ambient intermissions, including the seven-minute epic "Corona Radiata," to ease the corrosive tension, the initial aural ambush simply overwhelms.

In addition to hooky vocal melodies, "Echoplex" and "1,000,000" demonstrate Reznor's affinity for laptop tinkering. Meticulous production notwithstanding, the constant rhythmic battering courtesy of earsplitting percussion takes

a toll. Coincidentally, repeated thwacking of a spatula against the tin walls of an abandoned warehouse adequately replicates the drum sound.

“Meticulous production notwithstanding, the constant rhythmic battering courtesy of earsplitting percussion takes a toll.”

But I'm nitpicking. Criticizing this album is like complaining about the food at a soup kitchen. It's the method of distribution, rather than the actual product, that gives "The Slip" an enormity that the music alone would not otherwise merit.

Reznor isn't a fringe artist. On the contrary, he's an alternative icon backed by a fanatical legion and a bankable brand name. By giving away new material with no strings attached, he's effectively

driving another nail in the already sealed major label coffin.

In terms of fanfare, "The Slip" will no doubt flounder in the shadow of Radiohead's "In Rainbows" despite its more user-friendly logistics. The British quintet offered its latest album via a pay-what-you-want system which resulted in a pocketbook coup d'état, allowing the band to cash in on a yet-untapped reservoir of goodwill. In contrast, NIN's leak doesn't require credit card numbers or soul-searching valuations, just an open mind and an open hard drive.

Options to download in a range of high-fidelity formats sweeten the package and lend to its unprecedented nature. As for Reznor and his fans, this is a win-win scenario. If the music flops, it's at a price they are willing to pay: none at all.

'Swing Vote' fails to win over audience with hazy plot

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Just in time for our own election season, "Swing Vote" enters theaters and, like most politicians, tries hard to reflect the thoughts and feelings of the average American.

Instead, it flip-flops on its message.

Bud Johnson (Kevin Costner) is a bum. His daughter Molly (Madeline Carroll) is responsible for waking him up, preparing his breakfast and making sure he gets

to work on time.

The one thing she asks in return is that Bud vote in the upcoming election between incumbent Republican President Andrew Boone (Kelsey Grammer) and his Democratic opposition Donald Greenleaf (Dennis Hopper).

When the election comes down to one uncounted vote, the vote that Bud seems to have cast, both candidates fly to his sleepy New Mexico town to win him over be-

fore he recasts the crucial ballot.

The audience is meant to follow Bud as he discovers the importance of voting and political awareness, but the political process is shown to be a joke where ideals and morality are thrown out in favor of power struggle.

The action unfolds like a tennis match once the candidates come

to town. If one candidate makes a commercial or holds a benefit aimed at Bud, the other quickly responds with a similar tactic.

Like Bud, the audience is overwhelmed by all the hoopla surrounding him. The talents of Nathan Lane and Stanley Tucci as advisers are wasted in brief and almost identical roles.

Even the presidential candidates lack complexity and growth.

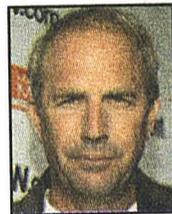
Their dilemmas and emotions are superficially represented as

they experience guilt over pandering to Bud yet continue to do so, as if helpless.

Bud calls for someone "bigger than their speeches," yet the film culminates in a huge speech.

By trying to balance cynicism and optimism, the movie proves that you can't win everybody over.

While the concept has potential, "Swing Vote" needs a new, clearer platform in order to be a potent satire.



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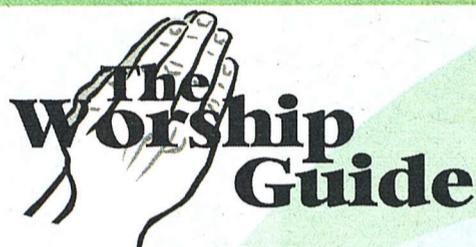
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Male, grad student, small apt on side of private home close to UF on bus line. One person only, no pets. Cable, patio, clean, quiet. \$500/mo. Utilities included. 378-2016 8-7-08-10-4

2 ROOMS

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4 Roommates

Engineering junior, clean, quiet, looking for same. 2 BR/1 BA, 1 blk from Shands. No pets, 12 mo. lease. Call 352-843-0220. 8-7-5-4

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4 Roommates

Female Roommate Needed for fall 2BR/2.5BA Furnished Townhouse. W/D in apartment. Located in 35th Place 1 Mile from UF. \$450/mo plus util. Call 561-723-0191 or email k_wink21@yahoo.com 8-7-08-2-4

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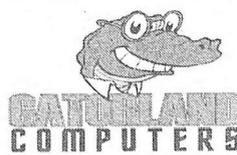
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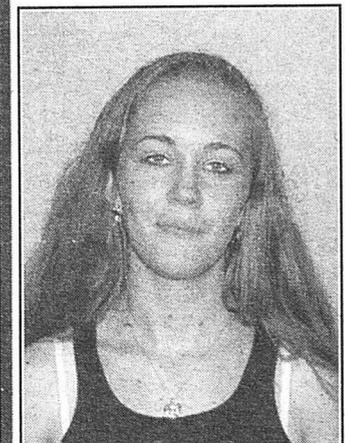
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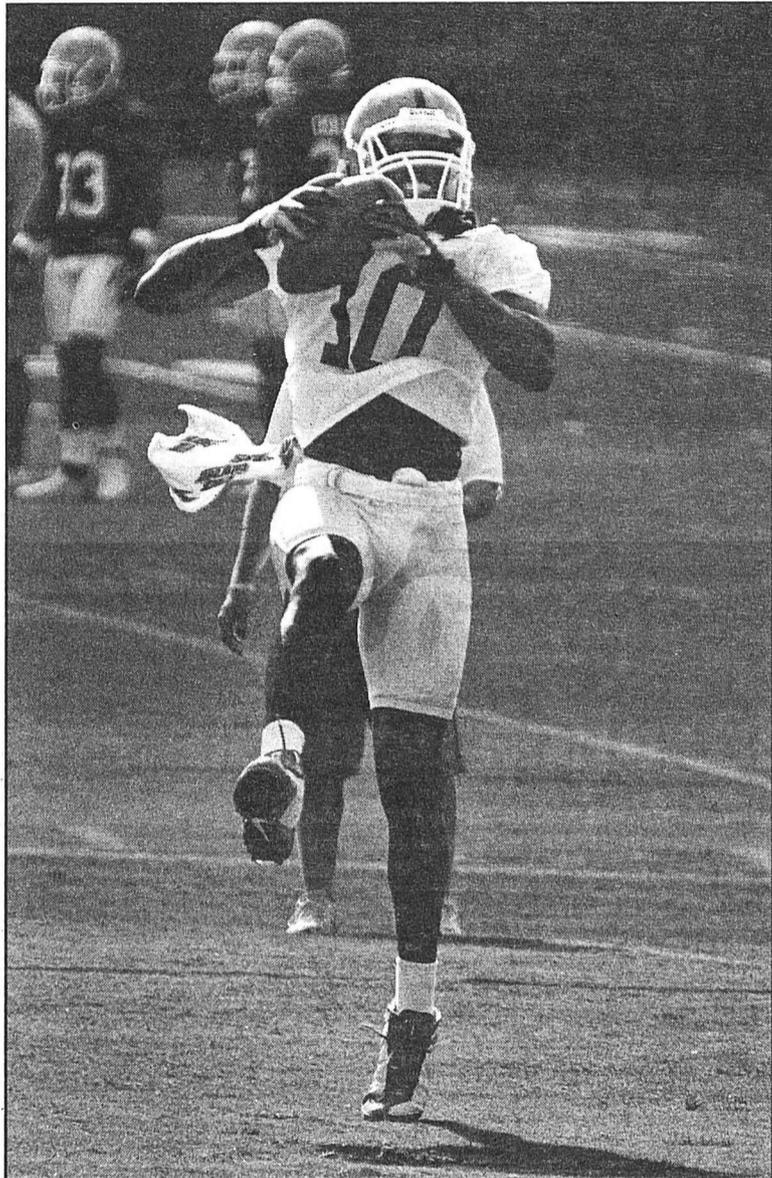
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Freshman Hill aims for starting spot



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UF freshman safety Will Hill catches a ball at practice on the UF Practice Field Tuesday.

By MIKE DIFERDINANDO

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Will Hill always planned on making an impact as a freshman. But even he couldn't have foreseen the opportunity that has presented itself.

After knee injuries left projected starting strong safety Dorian Munroe and backup John Curtis sidelined for the entire 2008 season, Hill has suddenly found himself in the thick of the competition for the starting role.

Only sophomore Ahmad Black figures to be ahead of the former prep All-American on the depth chart this fall.

"I knew I was going to play early, but the opportunity came at hand rather quickly," he said. "It was like, 'All right, here's your chance, so go out and get it.'"

The Gators became surprisingly thin at the position after a summer of attrition.



Football

Junior Jamar Hornsby was kicked off the team in May after a felony theft charge. Sophomore Bryan Thomas is still recovering after having a cyst removed from his knee, and freshman Dee Finley was forced to go to prep school after he failed to qualify academically.

The 6-foot-1, 203-pound freshman will have his hands full with the talented Black.

The former Lakeland High standout came to UF as a cornerback but was moved to safety during spring practice.

Black played in seven games last season, mostly on special teams, but managed to tally seven tackles.

"I waited a whole year for this," Black said of the opportunity to start. "But I also know that I have a whole lot of talented people behind me that would do anything to take my spot."

Exuding confidence, Hill said that he welcomes the competition with Black.

"I love the pressure," Hill said. "Without the pressure, I'm going to go out there and just go through the motions. With the pressure, it's pushing me to be a better player."

Hill, who played quarterback in high school, said his biggest obstacle is adjusting to the faster-paced college game.

The New Jersey product has received some assistance from someone who knows all about the pressures of playing as a freshman.

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UF FOOTBALL

Howard puts struggles in '08 behind him

By BRIAN STEELE

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Jaye Howard watched last season as Mike Pouncey, who had been on the offensive line, snagged a starting position at defensive tackle.

When you're a defensive lineman, that's not an ideal situation to be in. None of the fledgling defensive line-

men, most of who were a few months removed from getting their prom tuxedos fitted, were deemed reliable replacements for Javier Estopinan when he went down for the season with a torn ACL.

So instead, the coaching staff plugged in Pouncey, who had never played the position, because of his energy. And while Pouncey did well

"That was the hardest thing I ever went through."

Jaye Howard
UF defensive lineman

enough — his energy was certainly notable with the way he slapped teammates' helmets and jiggled his 312-pound frame — it wasn't easy

to watch for true defensive players.

Maybe that's why Howard spent so much time at Pouncey's house this summer looking over film.

Whatever he did, it certainly helped. At Wednesday's practice Howard was scrimmaging with the first-team defense at tackle.

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Patchan all patched up for fall play

By MIKE DIFERDINANDO

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Matt Patchan is grateful to be alive.

The freshman defensive tackle said Tuesday that he is fully recovered from a gunshot wound he received to his left shoulder earlier this summer.

Patchan was shot at Sadie Park in Brandon on May 9 just after 10 p.m.

According to a police report, a gunman opened fire on Patchan and a group of others that included former Armwood High School teammate and kicker Wesley Skiffington.



Patchan

Skiffington, now a freshman on the Stony Brook University football team, was shot in the right foot.

When reporters questioned Patchan about the incident, he was careful with his words.

"I was just at the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

UF coach Urban Meyer said that he was shocked when he got the phone call from Patchan's father about the shooting.

"You start hearing the word, 'shot,'" Meyer said.

"I was thinking, 'Is he alive? Is he going to be OK? Will he be functional?' He's very fortunate."

Patchan joked he was not allowed to keep the bullet that was removed from his shoulder because it was used as evidence in the case.

According to Patchan, police have given up looking for the shooter, who has still yet to be identified.

The freshman said he has put the experience behind him, and he is happy to just be out on the field again.

"I know that God was watching me through that and gave me a second chance," Patchan said. "So I'm going to make the best of it."

He is now leading the way for a

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I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ The UF volleyball team will hold its fan day on Aug. 24 at the O'Connell Center. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with players and coaches scheduled from 1-2 p.m. for an autograph session. Fans can watch the team scrimmage afterward.

alligatorSports.org POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Who should start at safety?

Tuesday's question: Should Ronnie Wilson be let back on the UF football team? (see right for results)

	Percent (Votes)
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Ingram sits out due to leg injury

■ THE TEAM IS AWAITING MRI RESULTS.

By **EVAN DREXLER**
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Senior tight end Cornelius Ingram missed the Gators football practice on Wednesday because of a strained left knee.

UF coach Urban Meyer said Ingram hurt his leg in one-on-one drills Tuesday, and the team was waiting on MRI results. There is no indication as to the seriousness of the injury, Meyer said.

Redshirt freshman running back Chris Rainey also sat out practice with a nagging groin injury. Rainey will be shut down for a couple of days at the most.

Overall, Meyer was upset with the quality of Wednesday's practice. He

kept the players an hour later than scheduled and had them run sprints at the end of the session.

"Today wasn't very good," Meyer said. "Lack of intensity, and it used to be when people talked about the Gators, it was relentless effort to the football. That comes from leaders.



Football

this team.

"The problem with them is those are older players that had leadership value," he said. "Right now we're expecting some of our leaders to pick up and go on our young team. In certain areas we're real young still, which is almost like a four-letter word, 'young.'"

HARVIN SITS OUT AGAIN

Percy Harvin was limited in practice as well for the third straight day.

Meyer insisted he was just playing it safe by not overworking his junior wide receiver, who missed the more intense drills at the end of Tuesday and Wednesday's practices.

"Real cautious," Meyer said. "We're just going to be real smart."

Offensive lineman Maurice Hurt was in a small scooter accident, Meyer said, but the sophomore should be full go soon. Meyer also said fellow offensive lineman Carl Johnson had a broken wrist. Defensive tackle John Brown also said he had to see a trainer for a hurt knee.

ETC.

Redshirt freshman receiver Deonte Thompson made a spectacular leaping catch Wednesday before falling out of bounds. Sophomore safeties Ahmad Black and Major Wright had tight coverage on Thompson and even bumped into him, but he managed to hold on.

Fresh. eager to play

PATCHAN, from page 29

talented group of freshmen that could push for significant playing time in the fall.

Patchan, who enrolled at UF in January, is the elder statesman of the 2008 class.

"It was the best decision that I could have made," he said of the choice to leave high school early. "I'm sort of like a sophomore now."

Patchan said that he and the other freshmen are making a point of pushing the veterans for playing time.

"When you put those pads on, everyone is the same," he said.

"We're all getting better every day."

Patchan, who played both offensive and defensive line in high school, has been working out at defensive tackle and defensive end.

The freshman said that he doesn't care where he plays once the season starts as long as he has a chance to get on the field.

"(The positions) are all pretty easy," he said. "Football is football."

Patchan added that he would like to eventually play on the offensive side of the ball.

The Tampa native was kept out of the weight room for a portion of the off-season due to a strained pectoral muscle but said that he is once again lifting and has been steadily gaining weight.

The 6-foot-6 lineman currently weighs in at 270 pounds, but he said that he would like to work his way up to 300 while still being able to run a 4.5-second 40-yard dash.

When asked what he could bring to the UF defense, the freshman replied with a touch of wit.

"Long hair and attractiveness," he said with a smile.

Heater aims for depth at safety before season begins

HILL, from page 29

Hill said that starting free safety Major Wright has done his best to help him adjust to the new level of competition.

"He played a big part as soon as I got here," Hill said. "He got on me and was telling me everything, what to do and how to do it — about the tempo, mostly."

Safeties coach Chuck Heater said that while he would like to have five safeties ready to play at the start of the season, he's only concerned about finding his starters right now.

"We have to start with getting two good guys out there," he said. "Then you can worry about getting the third and fourth."

Walk-on Cade Holliday and true freshman wide receiver T.J. Lawrence figure to be in the mix for backup roles at the free safety position.

"He's a very intelligent player. But it's so early."

Urban Meyer
UF football coach

Despite the attention Hill has received from media and fans alike, Urban Meyer isn't ready to anoint the Orange Park, N.J., native just yet.

"He's a great kid," Meyer said. "He's a very intelligent player. But it's so early."

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After redshirting his freshman year, lineman ready to get on to the field

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"That was the hardest thing I ever went through," Howard said of having to watch several freshmen such as Pouncey, Major Wright and Joe Haden get starting gigs. It was a hard year in general for the defense. But now everyone is talking about the improvement of the defense. "Last year a lot of guys didn't make plays that they could have made," linebacker Dustin Doe said. "Because they were scared

to gamble or didn't take chances because they didn't start." So at least Howard and some of the young linemen know what not to do. Howard said he has gotten better at keeping his arms and feet in constant motion, which makes it harder for the offensive lineman trying to keep them from closing in on the quarterback. And when an offensive player gets in on defense, a defensive player's ego needs him to get out there. "If he did it," Howard said. "Then I got

to do it. He's a very energetic person, and it started to rub off on me." It just rubbed off too late to have any impact in 2007. Howard said he thought he'd come in and compete for playing time right away, and with such a bevy of young defensive linemen that appeared to be a legit option. Apparently that option was more like a small chance, though, and Howard redshirted his freshman year.

"It was painful," he said. "It was a hard situation, and it took awhile to get used to. I wasn't ready to touch the field." But now, he's getting through gaps and is even an occasional high-five recipient from defensive line coach Dan McCarney in practice. Now, Howard is looking to use his freshman year's motivation, and with even more young, talented linemen like Matt Patchan and Omar Hunter coming, Howard will need all the motivation he can get. "It's making me stronger," he said. "I want it so bad. I'll do whatever it takes."



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Sat Jan 10 Ole Miss	Gainesville	TBA
Wed Jan 14 at Auburn Auburn, AL		8:00 PM
Sat Jan 17 Arkansas	Gainesville	2:00 PM
Wed Jan 21 at South Carolina Columbia, SC		7:00 PM
Sun Jan 25 at Vanderbilt Nashville, TN		1:30 PM
Wed Jan 28 Georgia	Gainesville	8:00 PM
Sat Jan 31 at Tennessee Knoxville, TN		9:00 PM
Tue Feb 3 South Carolina	Gainesville	9:00 PM
Tue Feb 10 at Kentucky Lexington, KY		9:00 PM
Sat Feb 14 at Georgia Athens, GA		3:30 PM
Wed Feb 18 Alabama	Gainesville	TBA
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Tue Feb 24 at LSU Baton Rouge, LA		9:00 PM
Sun Mar 1 Tennessee	Gainesville	2:00 PM
Wed Mar 4 at Mississippi State Starkville, MS		8:00 PM
Sat Mar 7 Kentucky	Gainesville	2:00 PM
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Cooper bounces back from injury-filled soph. year

■ HE STRUGGLED WITH A HURT FOOT IN 2007.

By **BRIAN STEELE**
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Riley Cooper can walk off the practice field with a little more jump in his step now.

And he's just happy to be able to jump at all.

The backup receiver has dealt

with a litany of injuries since arriving at UF, including foot injuries that he struggled with most of last season.

Last fall, Cooper said the injury could best be related to "turf toe."

That's not an ideal situation for a receiver who mainly has run straight-ahead fly routes and depends on his speed.

UF coach Urban Meyer described the problem last fall as a

"toothache in his foot."

A band-aid can't fix that problem.

"Everyone goes through injuries, but not a lot of people go through one as long as mine," Cooper said.

Now, that long time is finally coming to a close — maybe. It's at least as good as it's been since last season.

"I'm as close to 100 percent as I've been since I've been here,"

Cooper said.

"It's obviously been frustrating, but it's something I've had to deal with."

Tim Tebow is probably not going to be looking Cooper's way before the likes of Percy Harvin or Louis Murphy, but he has been as good as any other deep threat on UF's roster when he has been healthy.

Cooper has done most of his damage against lesser competition (see Western Kentucky in 2007 and Western Carolina in 2006), but he burned their cornerbacks on nearly every play.

He got 82 yards on just four catches and three scores against WCU, and then did much of the same against WKU when he had 122 yards and two scores on just four catches.

"I'm as close to 100 percent as I've been since I've been here."

Riley Cooper
UF junior receiver

would be like to go through all of Cooper's injuries.

"He's working through it, and he's a fighter. He's coming along real good. He's making plays, and he's still got it."

He's possibly fighting for a starting spot, too.

Deonte Thompson will probably end up as the No. 3 receiver, but if UF goes into four wide-receiver sets then Cooper is probably a prime suspect.

And if he goes against a slower safety, Tebow's eyes could get big as he watches Cooper sprint down the field wide open.

Cooper believes he has a "legit shot" at a starting gig.

"I got a lot of work to do," Cooper said.

"That's what two-a-days are for."

The comeback was not easy. So at least there were around 50 other players there to help him through that, and Cooper said that was key to keeping his head up.

"That's what teammates are for," Cooper said.

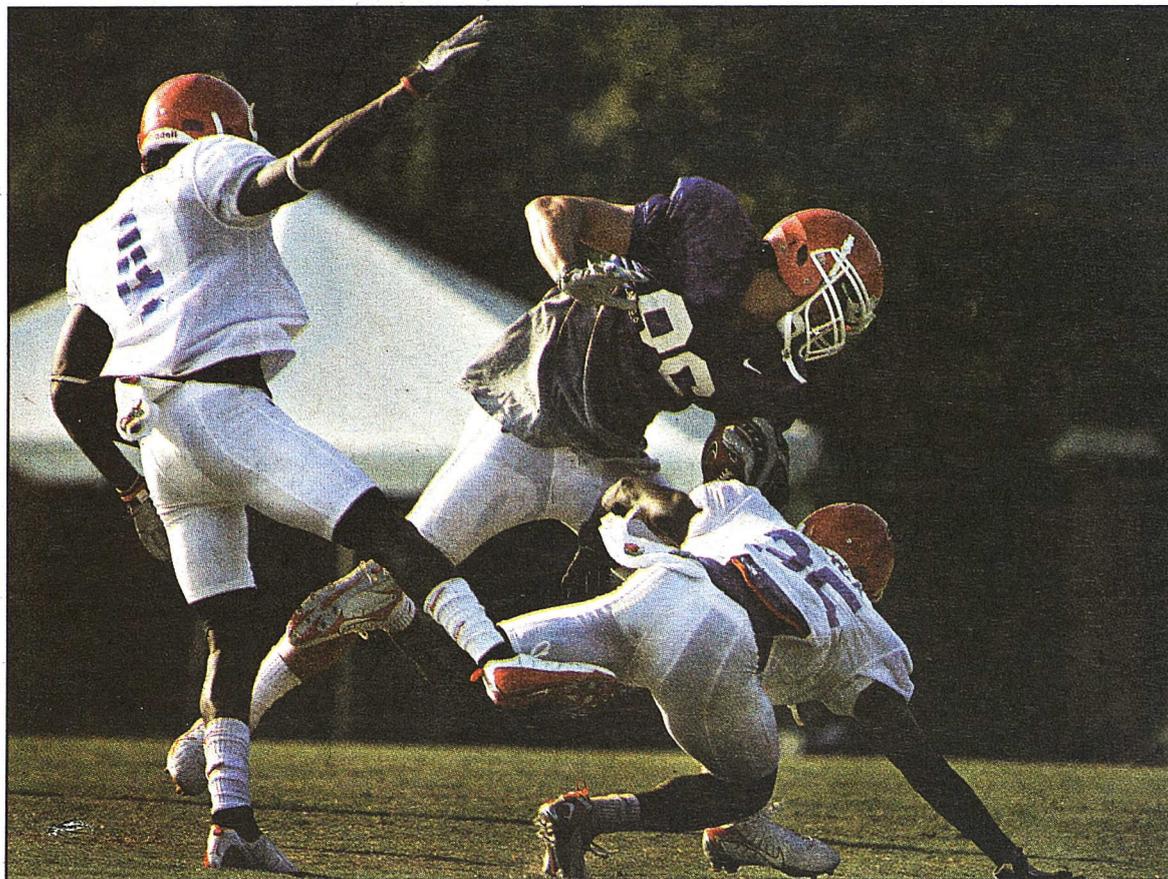
"To pick you up when you're down."

One of the biggest improvements in Cooper's game could be his route running. So far during fall practice, he's been running several different curl routes instead of just his patented fly route.

"I've been here two years, so it better improve or you got to hit the road," Cooper said of his route running. "It's improved."

Do you want another good sign for Cooper?

His new roommate is Tebow.



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UF wide receiver Riley Cooper breaks away from defensive backs Wondy Pierre-Louis (4) and Ahmad Black (35) during practice on the UF Practice Field Wednesday.

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