Schintzius suspended; may face felony charges

By RON KASPRISKE
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Alligator Writers

UF center Dwayne Schintzius’ controversial career may have ended Monday as the 7-foot-2 center was indefinitely suspended from the basketball team for his part in an incident at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house early Sunday morning.

Gainesville police spokeswoman Lt. Sadie Darnell said Officer Erin Desmond recommended Schintzius be charged with throwing a deadl...
MURDER INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office is still investigat-
ing the murder of 11-year-old Gainesville woman found
dead in her trailer home, said spokesman Spencer
Mann. 

Eileen Jones, 67, of Windmeadows trailer park,
3540 SW Archer Road, was killed between 3:30 p.m.
Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday by an unknown as-
sault, Mann said. Jones' body was found Saturday
morning by neighbors who noticed her door open. No
specific motive has been determined. Although a
cause of death is known, the Sheriff's Office refused
to release any information.

Before the autopsy, investigators were unsure
whether Jones was murdered because the body did
not appear injured, Mann said.

WOMAN BLOWS WHISTLE ON ROBBERY

Deputies are looking for two people who
committed a robbery Saturday night.

A woman told deputies she witnessed a
robbery at a local store and identified the
suspects. The store was located at
1200 SW Archer Road.

The woman told deputies she saw a man
enter the store and then leave with a
purse.

The woman described the suspect as a
man in his mid-20s, with light skin and
wearing a white shirt.

Deputies are searching for the
suspect and anyone who may have
information about the case.

DANCE SHOT DEEPLY CAPTURED

Late-night dancing at a Gainesville nightclub
ended with gunfire Sunday, leaving one man wounded
and his alleged attacker in the Alachua County jail, said
Gainesville police Lt. Scott Meffan.

George Franklin Young Jr., 18, approached Milton
Moore Jr., 25, on the dance floor of Kitty's Palace, 705
NW Fifth Ave., shortly after 1 a.m. According to police
reports, Young removed a shotgun from inside the
waist of his pants and fired once at Moore. Moore ran
from the dance floor and Young fired again, hitting
Moore in the upper left shoulder. Young then fol-
lowed Moore outside, started walking away from the
nightclub and was arrested shortly after, Meffan said.

Moore was taken to Alachua General Hospital
where he was in stable condition Monday afternoon.

Young was charged with attempted murder, and his
ball is set at $25,000.
More than 500 people marched Monday in Gainesville to pay tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hundreds march to honor King

By VIRGINIA MAYS
Alligator Writer

More than 500 people marched from Tigert Hall to Gainesville’s downtown plaza Monday to commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., paying little attention to the defacing of a downtown memorial.

The monument in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Garden was spray painted with the initials of the Ku Klux Klan, but City Commissioner Rodney Long told those who gathered in the downtown plaza that vandalism would not affect the day’s celebration. Former U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings addressed the marchers and delivered a firm message to the vandals.

“They can deface a monument, but they can’t deface a memory or a movement,” he said.

The march honoring the late civil rights leader had different meanings to different people.

“It represents everything he’s done,” Fred Woods, a march participant said. “But it’s more than talk about things. We are a new generation with a new belief in government.”

Mark Dunmore Sr., a local business owner said, “I’m here to celebrate a leader who’s given his life for freedom. Since then we’ve made some progress. Getting black elected officials is part of it, but there’s still more to go.”

Groups and organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha, Project 99 and members of the Rainbow Coalition lined Martin Luther King Jr. Highway to begin the march.

Church groups and gospel singers carried banners that called for racial equality and freedom. Some walked and others danced as they rejoiced in the celebration. Marchers wore T-shirts symbolizing black pride, unity and freedom. The shirts were also sold by various groups to raise money for their organizations.

Downtown, hundreds gathered to hear gospel singing and joined in clapping and swaying as they chanted the lyrics.

William Simmons, student services assistant dean and director of UF’s Institute of Black Culture, told the crowd that he was making his final public address.

“I’ve seen too much. I’ve read too much. I’ve learned too much. I know too much,” he said explaining why he was reluctant at first to speak on Sunday and why he would no longer speak publicly.

Simmons said he would not dwell on King’s dream nor on his famous words, “We shall overcome.”

“Twenty-two years later we have to put somebody else’s dream on the shelf and start developing some dreams of our own and start facing reality,” Simmons said.

Simmons blamed the U.S. government for the death of famous leaders.

“James Earl Ray may have pulled the trigger, but the government killed Martin Luther King,” he said with cheering from the crowd. “The government killed John Kennedy, and the government killed Malcolm X.”

He said that in 22 years, blacks may see March, page 8

Hastings says make King’s dream real

By ELIZABETH CLARKE
Alligator Writer

American leaders have lied to the public about the economic health of the country, gubernatorial candidate and impeached U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings told a crowd Monday.

More than 350 people gathered near the steps of Tigert Hall Monday afternoon to listen to Hastings and celebrate what would have been the 81st birthday of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

President George Bush and Florida Governor Bob Martinez have created an illusion of national prosperity by disregarding gridlocked transportation, deterioration of the environment, a decline in adequate health care and an increase in drug use, Hastings said.

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Party stopped after shots fired

By MIKE BRUSCELL
Alligator Writer

A fraternity party ended early Saturday morning when an unidentified man fired gunshots into the house, Gainesville police said.

The party at Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, 1318 NW Third Ave., ended soon after members refused to let the suspect and his two companions inside the party because they didn’t pay, spokeswoman Lt. Sadie Darnell said. No injuries were reported.

“They continued to argue and try to start something,” said Ken Howard, a Kappa Alpha Psi member who was at the party. “We were telling them to go.”

The suspect went to his car and returned to the house with a chrome revolver, Darnell said.

The suspect pointed the gun at UF student Arnete Watson, then shot a beer bottle near her feet. He walked to the front porch and fired a shot into the doormat, kicking the door in, Darnell said.

“The other guys got into the car,” Kappa Alpha Psi member Tony Henderson said. “The next thing you heard was ‘pop’ — gunshots.”

After walking inside, the suspect fired a third shot into the floor, then drove away with his two companions heading west on Northwest Third Avenue, Darnell said.

Interfraternity Council President Mike Puleo said fraternities have become more security conscious in recent years. Despite occasional disturbances, such measures as faculty chaperoning would be excessive.

“These students having the functions are adults,” Puleo said. “They can take care of themselves.”

Student to form advocacy group for white rights

By ANA ACLE
Alligator Writer

A UF student who said he’s tired of the Black Student Union’s one-sided views wants to form a “white student union” that would balance arguments about issues such as affirmative action.

UF electrical engineering junior Mark Wright said a white student union would balance out views spoken by BSU. While BSU is saying blacks are under-represented at UF, no one is saying that whites are under-represented in sports, Wright said.

“It is not a black/white issue, it is an economic issue,” Wright said, referring to financial aid and college admissions. “But if you make it a black issue, you need a white student union to give their side.”

Wright also wants to start the student group because he said he’s tired of affirmative action, an issue he said is the government’s way of “babying” blacks. Wright said blacks get special treatment in areas such as college admission and financial aid while whites suffer double standards.

“The poorest person who walks into the office should get the money, not the poorest black person,” Wright said.

But not everyone believes the answer to Wright’s complaints is the formation of a white student union.

“I feel that the man is uninforme,” said Karl Rainhold, NAACP Gator chapter vice president, “ and if he has a gripe with affirmative action, I’d be willing to bet he knows only a little about it.”

Wright said groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and BSU are lobbying organizations that push for black issues. But Wright said there isn’t a group that pushes specifically and peacefully for white issues — especially the abolition of affirmative action.

Rainhold said Wright’s contention that whites need a group to push for white issues is “founded on ignorance.” White issues are dealt with by default because it’s a society

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34 dead in Soviet ethnic fighting

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet parliament declared a state of emergency Monday in Nagorno-Karabakh and other parts of violence-ravaged Azerbaijan where ethnic Armenian rampages have been occurring. Armenians, mainly women and children, were evacuated from Baku by boat across the Caspian Sea to the republic of Turkmenia, **Izvestia** said.

The death toll rose to 34, but there were no official government figures. **Izvestia** reported that a government source said that 34 people were killed and at least 34 have been injured in the ethnic fighting, Soviet television said. The government newspaper **Izvestia** said that the toll was likely to rise and that clashes took place for the third consecutive day Monday.

The official Tass news agency did not release details of the emergency measures ordered by Moscow. The parliament’s presidium, or executive arm, imposed the state of emergency at a meeting presided over by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Tass said.

The president of the Supreme Soviet, after discussing the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh and other regions of Azerbaijan, issued a decree imposing a state of emergency in Nagorno-Karabakh and other regions of Azerbaijan,” Tass said.

Ryzhkov, KGB chief Vladimir Kruchkov, Interior Minister Vatim Bakatin and other senior government officials spoke at the meeting, it said. A total of 660 police headquarters earlier that violence, strikes and the mass flight of refugees could cause East Germany to “disintegrate,” rushed to the headquarters to appeal for calm.

Opposition leaders interrupted their weekly “roundtable” meeting with government officials and raced to the building in an effort to bring the protest under control. An opposition leader issued an appeal by television for the demonstrators to halt their action.

Witnesses said the building had been plundered and damaged.

East German television interrupted its programming to read a government statement that said the country’s young democracy was in “great danger.”

“The irresponsible elements under cover of darkness stormed and wrecked the former headquarters of the Office for National Security,” the statement said. “Citizens should preserve calm and caution and show their civic consciousness.”

Protesters mob secret

WEST BERLIN (UPI) — More than 10,000 demonstrators stormed the East Berlin headquarters of the hated Stasi secret police Monday, hurling furniture from the windows and hanging a skeleton outside the building bearing the slogan, “Against a revival of the Stasi,” the official East German news agency ADN reported.

The protesters ignored appeals to refrain from violence, rampaged through the security police headquarters for an hour as an estimated 100,000 people demonstrated outside in a rally called by the New Forum, an East German opposition group.

The opposition New Forum called the rally to demand a quicker dismantling of the state security police, which is being dissolved by the new government but still employs 55,000 of its original 85,000 full-time workers.

East German Premier Hans Modrow, who warned

Navy secretly test fires

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The Navy secretly launched an unarmed Trident 2 missile from a submerged nuclear submarine Monday, pressing ahead with an accelerated test program to clear the submarine and the Trident missile for deployment in 1990.

The 126,000-pound, three-stage missile, carrying a load of dummy warheads, was fired from the USS Thresher at 11:45 a.m. EST while the Ohio-class submarine was cruising submerged about 50 miles east of Cape Canaveral.

Propelled to the ocean surface by a powerful charge of compressed gas, the solid-fuel missile was fired toward an undisclosed target in the South Atlantic or Indian oceans.

A media pool normally activated to cover such launches was not informed of the test ahead of time.

American aid to be limited in Eastern Europe

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The democratic government taking over in emerging Soviet empire in Eastern Europe will find the American foreign aid cupboards nearly bare.

The allocation of foreign aid will undergo even greater political pressures in Congress than usual and many nations that get only a few crumbs now may be shoved away altogether.

“The policy of programs that are going to be zeroed out are not marginal programs,” Mark Edelman, the acting director of the Agency for International Development, said in an interview.

“We are deciding which women and children to save,” he said.

AID, the pay window for American foreign assistance, is operating under a tight budget, and Edelman and no other details were provided.

It was the 26th test flight of a Trident 2, the Navy’s most powerful weapon system, the seventh from a submarine and the first this year for the crew of the Thresher, which conducted the most recent test firing Dec. 15.

The environmental group Greenpeace has protested recent launches and staged demonstrations on the high seas, including a clash with the Navy Dec. 4 in which one of the activists’ ships was rammed and damaged.

The Air Force spokeswoman said no one attempted to interfere with the launching Monday.

Including 19 test firings from a ground pad at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Trident 2 record now stands at 21 successes and five failures.

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The MIDS the pay window for American foreign aid

said Congress is restricting its flexibility by protecting favored countries that lent in the cold war.

This is the system under which Congress and the president set aside guaranteed sums for favored countries.

If there is not enough money to underwrite the overall program, countries without that shield suffer a greater budget hit.

“Then we get tighter and tighter, it becomes more difficult for us to meet changing needs,” Edelman said.

Congress appropriated nearly $833 million last year for the reformist governments in Poland and Hungary, more than President Bush wanted, and it will soon hear the pleas of assistance from Romania, Czechoslovakia and other nations.
Program recycles old phone books

By JUDY SCHRANN
Alligator Writer

Old phone books that normally stay stashed in kitchen drawers may be more valuable than some people realize.

UF administrators and student groups hope to collect at least 20,000 by the end of the week, said UF law student Tad Deglei, who organized a campuswide phone-book recycling effort that began Monday.

Students, faculty and staff have until Friday to exchange phone books for coupons to receive a free medium-sized soft drink at any Gator Dining Service cafeteria, said Al Krause, UF solid waste coordinator.

Members of Student Government, Delta Sigma Pi, and the Environmental Law Society will distribute coupons at the law school, Turlington Hall, Business Administration Building and Black Hall.

Collection bins also will be placed in commuter lots and outside most of the main buildings on campus for those who don't mind foregoing the free soft drink, Krause said.

The books will be shipped to Venetia, where they will be made into wall insulation, he said. They will replace tree fiber normally used in the process.

The bins are not meant for recycling newspapers and other paper products, Krause said.

UF groups are working with the Gainesville and Alachua County governments to lengthen the life of the Alachua County landfill, which was built to last into the early 1990s. A new landfill would cost $50,000.

"Thanks to intense concentrated efforts of the residents of the city and county, the landfill will last into the mid-1990s," Krause said.

The campus program was coordinated on short notice, after Krause learned phone books could be used in the recycling process.

"We were offered the opportunity in late December. It's too good a thing to pass up," he said.

Trip to Tallahassee fails to change proposed plans for women's clinic

Chancellor Reed says issue should have been resolved at UF campus NOW

By MIKE CARR
Alligator Writer

The four students who traveled to Tallahassee Friday couldn't convince State University System Chancellor Charles Reed to save the UF Women's Clinic, but the students still claimed success for a number of reasons.

Citing his own experience and the success of generalized health care at the University of North Carolina, Reed said he was sold on the team approach that UF administrators favor.

But the students still claimed success for a number of reasons. They said Reed was the first official to treat them like adults because he took time to learn about the issues and because he promised to have a colleague call UF today in support of open dialogue on the issue.

"In express our concern that this conversation could have occurred in Gainesville rather than Tallahassee," said Health Affairs Vice Chancellor Pat Haynie, who Reed has asked to make the call.

Students were also pleased with Reed because they said he judged the merits of the two health care systems fairly. "He is for the team approach for a reason - because he has experience with it," off-campus Student Senator Charlie Grapski said.

Reed called his experience with the team approach a bias and said he wanted to be open about it with the students.

"I'm on the board of a health maintenance organization, and we deliver better health care by using the health care team approach," he said.

The students - campus NOW president Joyce Leggette, Campus Organization Against Rape president Wendy Maynard, COAR member Betty Campbell and Grapski - traveled to the capitol because they opposed Kellett's plan to replace specialty clinics at the Infirmary with five health care teams.

Reed asked students why they had bypassed Student Affairs Vice President Art Sandeen and Interim President Robert Bryan.

"We did not feel they would be receptive," Leggette said.

But Reed said, "The problems need to be worked out at UF. (UF president-elect) Dr. Lombardi and Dr. Bryan need to be brought in. Student business is their business... You deserve time to have them discuss the issue with you."

Although calling for more local dialogue, Reed offered his opinion on the co-educational waiting rooms Kellett has proposed. Maynard said many UF women won't feel as comfortable seeking care from a clinic that also treats men.

"How a waiting room is organized should not affect how you feel," Reed said. "Nobody knows if you're there for a bruised knuckle or an ear ache. When the doctor sees you, it's by yourself. It's the attitude of the health care provider that's important."

Grapski said the trip was worth it.

"We brought (Reed) up-to-date on things he did not realize."
Give him a chance

UF's golden son has returned. Sure, everyone knows that. Everyone has seen the pictures and heard the talk about how UF's drowning football image will be saved.

For the first time ever, Coach Steve and his offensive coaching staff were introduced to the students — more than 9,000 of them — during Saturday's basketball halftime. They received a standing ovation, needless to say. In fact, most of the student section bowed when the man took center court.

Yet there are those who would love to blacken Coach Steve's luster. Those people say things are too good to be true or doubt that he can really graduate 70 percent of UF football players. You know those people, the annoying pessimists who always complain about missing four points on an exam when they set the curve with a 96.

It's those people who like to take the air out of our lofty dreams and bring us down to earth. When one concerned Gator reminded us that our quarterback legend never graduated, our hearts sunk. It couldn't be true. Our image of Coach Steve was blighted.

But there's an explanation (sorta). Quarterback Spurrier didn't graduate while he was here in the '60s but came back to get his degree in 1981. Coach Steve, UF's first and only Heisman Trophy winner, had to miss two weeks of school during his senior year to attend several banquets across the country to collect kudos for winning the Heisman Trophy — the annual award for the best college football player.

When he returned from the trip, he had been kicked out of two classes for unexcused absences and giving failing grades. Spurrier took those courses again and passed them, but only three credits away from a teaching inter schip, he dropped out of school to play for the San Francisco 49ers.

In 1981, Spurrier came back to UF. He took two correspondence courses, used his coaching experience as internships and earned a degree in physical education.

While a lot of people may be criticizing him for taking 18 years to get his degree while demanding that his student-athletes graduate, we think it takes guts. A lot of guts. And it commands respect. This 10-year professional athlete who left his job to go back to school.

We say to hell with the pessimists and, “Go get 'em Coach Steve.”

Making progress

Monday was much more than a day free from class. By celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, our campus and community recognize the impact and importance of the civil rights leader's struggle against bigotry and hatred.

The community has celebrated King's life for the past few years by holding marches and speeches. By continuing the many celebrations again this year, the holiday gains more respect. The more people realize the impact King made on all of our lives, the sooner hatred and misunderstandings will disappear.

Many black leaders say the struggle is far from over and they are right. But the positive impact the holiday makes is a sign that ignorance is starting to be replaced.

Clinic article had grammar errors

Editor: This letter is in regard to your article written by Mike Carr on Jan. 12.

First, it is only implied that Joyce Leggette is the president of UF's National Organization for Women, she is not really given that title properly in the article.

Secondly, and more horrifyingly, in the second column the article states that Leggette was "unable to get fingers support." I was surprised at this. Not because she was unable to get the support of the Health Affairs Associate Vice President Ken Finger, but because she was unable to get fingers support instead of Finger's support.

This is particularly disturbing when you consider that this article is fighting to save the women's clinic. I ask that you and your copy chief, not to mention your reporters, keep an eye on these factual and grammatical errors.

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Secretary of Health
Senate to fill vacant executive posts

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By ANTHONY LEDERMAN
Alligator Writer

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have come too far economically, politically and socially.

"But we've come so far today that many of us don't know who and what we are," he said. "Of the different cultures in America today, we are the only ones who try to integrate." Other cultures, he said, maintain their identity.

He announced that although he does not have a problem with inter-racial marriages, he believes they will weaken the black culture.

"How can we develop as a strong people in this country if we dilute our very own essence?" he asked. "Are we doing all we can to make Dr. King's dream a reality?" he asked the crowd.

A true participatory democracy, in which all races work together to solve the nation's problems, only comes with education, Hastings said. The only other option is "the divisive notion of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer."

William Simmons, student services assistant dean and director of the Institute of Black Culture, introduced Hastings as a controversial figure who is respected by blacks but not by whites, who he said consider Hastings a criminal.

The U.S. Senate convicted Hastings of conspiring to obtain a $150,000 bribe and removed him from office October 20. He announced plans to enter the race for governor of Florida the same day.

Simmons said Hastings is respected by black people for his efforts to uphold the Constitution while he was a U.S. district judge, and because he is "a fighter for truth and justice."

Being impeached only means that he was fired, something which has happened to many Americans, Simmons said.

Hastings, upon reaching the podium, said that he had lost his job but not his mind, his caring attitude or his vision for America."

That vision includes defending women's rights to abortions. "A woman's choice in this very moral issue is always her right," he said as the crowd cheered.

Hastings said he carried Alachua County in the 1970 Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate and that he expects to carry Alachua County in the 1990 race for governor.

Black Student Union member Cherry Celestine said Hastings would be a good candidate for governor but that she wasn't sure he could overcome people's prejudices and actually win the Democratic nomination.

Student Senator Raymond Sweet said, "Hastings gave a great speech and didn't sugarcoat the truth" but added that he was unsure that being a good speaker indicated he would be a good governor.
Professor seeks to increase sale of produce from South America

By C. K. LEE
Alligator Writer

There's a treasure of the ancient Incas hidden deep in the Andes Mountains of South America that intrigues Hugh Popeone, director of international programs for UF. So much, in fact, that he wants to bring it back and share it with the rest of the world. But it's not the lost people's gold or silver that he's interested in — it's their grocery lists.

Tasty and highly nutritious fruits, grains and vegetables went virtually undiscovered for centuries because Spanish Conquistadores and subsequent upper classes shunned them, Popeone said.

"To them it was the food of the lower classes and Indians," he said. "Because of that they refused to eat much themselves or export the plants to anyone else."

But today's merchants are beginning to stock the exotic foods, particularly in California and in health-food stores across the U.S. Popeone has written Lost Crops of the Incas and worked with the National Research Council to identify more than 70 South American crops and to encourage merchants to stock such foods as guinea, a grain, and cherimoya, a fruit.

"The guinea is very high in protein and is usually served in a tasty soup with other vegetables and meat," he said. His favorite, though, is the cherimoya.

"It's the tastiest fruit I've ever had," he said. "It is very sweet, has white flesh and black seeds. They mix the juice with milk in the blender to create a milk shake-type drink that is sometimes spiked with rum. Either way it is excellent." The Space Committee of the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers is accepting applications for office space in the J. Wayne Reitz Union. Any registered student organization wishing to apply for office space should pick up an application for space in room 315 of the Reitz Union and submit it to room 315 no later than 4:00pm Friday, January 28, 1990.

The space committee chair is Veronica Smith (Committee Chair), Gianna Thornton (Board of Managers Chair), Wade Rickatson, Jason Rosenberg, Heather Stein, Dr. Joe Ragna and Dr. Vivian Correa.

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UF freshman and ATO pledge Alex Patton said he saw Schintzius throw the mirror that hit the second-level terrace, but he did not see him rip it off Woodroffe's Jeep. No one was hurt in the incident but damage to the Jeep was estimated at $500.

The incident started when Schintzius was asked to leave a party at the house, Darrell said. Patton said Turner might have been in the car Schintzius rode away in, but he also was unclear what Turner had to do with the incident.

Patton, who was reached in his dorm room Monday, said he saw Schintzius arguing with a woman at the party.

"There was a girl and she had a drink (in her hand)," Patton said. "He snatched the glass out of her hand, drank from it, and spit on the floor. I do know that the drink was alcoholic.

Schintzius could not be reached for comment, and his father, Ken, was unaware of the incident when reached at his home in Brandon late Monday afternoon. Turner was also unavailable for comment.

Woodroffe was reached but said through his roommate, that he would not talk about the incident. Police will file the complaint today and the State Attorney's Office will decide whether charges will be accepted, dropped or upgraded. If found guilty of the felony charge, Schintzius could be fined up to $10,000.

Meanwhile, coach DeVoe said after Monday's practice that he would not make a decision on whether to reinstate the two players until he "knew all the facts.

"They could have walked away from this," said DeVoe, whose team faces Tennessee Wednesday with just eight players on scholarship and two walk-ons. "In my opinion this whole situation was totally avoidable. Individuals have to make the right decisions if they're going to represent this basketball program.

UF forward Dwayne Davis said he's used to Schintzius' rowdy actions.

"What's been going on here is real crazy," Davis said. "(Things like this) don't even bother me anymore. This is ridiculous but you can't worry about it."

Former head coach Norm Sloan in November 1988 for striking two men with a tennis racket outside a local nightclub. Paul Sullivan, 21, pressed charges but later dropped them when Schintzius apologized.

Through 11 games, Schintzius averaged a team-leading 19.1 points and 9.6 rebounds a game while Turner is averaging two points and 1.7 rebounds a game.

Alligator Staff Writer Dan Stifler contributed to this report.

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Lowndes, one of the 23 students on the Committee on Disabled Persons, said her part is to make life easier for UF's disabled students.

"It wasn't just me looking for special recognition or anything," Lowndes said. "These are things that really and truly legally have to be done."

While major accessibility demands have been made, Lowndes says the wording in said and campus regulations often fails to address easily.

"Many people think accessibility means that every space is ever building is accessible," Lowndes said. "But if they say they want or what the current thing is trying to be held.

### The Attitude

Schwartz said the best way to improve campus is to improve the attitude on campus. And the best way to do that is to educate.

"Education leads to understanding," Schwartz said. "I believe that the attitudes are improving over the years, but we still have a long way to go in educating the faculty and staff so that they can understand the attitude and needs of individuals with disabilities."

But attitudes and misunderstandings can be barriers as real and imposing as inaccernable buildings. Last and literally major, James Gates said it took him three years, three administrators and one dropped semester to figure out how a blind student could succeed at UF.

"I went to Florida, but with problems with O'Connell's two professors — problems which pushed him to drop an 118-hour schedule last year."

"I couldn't get student services to give me a real strong diagnosis and a counselor for me and they didn't how to get me the braille books I needed," Gates said. "They didn't know what they were doing."

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**Basketball**

1981 season ranked second in the nation. And unlike their biggest rival, Nashville’s Music City Lightning, their on-the-court success was not a result of a big budget.

“We lost two of our best players in the last two years because other teams could pay them more money and let them play against better competition,” Jones said.

The Lightning beat the Renegades three times on the way to a national championship last season. The defeats did not sit well with UF advertising major Matt Sterling, also a starter.

“We just want to kick their butts so bad,” Sterling said. “We get real pumped up when we play them.”

The NWBA traces back to the late 1940s when thousands of soldiers returned from Europe and the Pacific in wheelchairs. Membership grew again in the ’70s, when Vietnam tripled the number of players.

“The reason the NWBA got where it is is because of Vietnam when all these young guys came home disabled, but they still wanted to be active,” Schwarz said. “It’s just now getting to where the teams aren’t all Vietnam veterans because they are getting older.”

Sterling said the sport is another way disabled people can prove they aren’t fragile and they aren’t inhuman.

“We’re not just things in a chair, we’re real people with real feelings.”

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**Barriers**

191 students registered as disabled is an inaccurate number, especially considering the broad definition of the classification which includes everything from blindness to arthritis to emotional disorders.

“I know there are more than we have registered because I see students in wheelchairs on campus all the time who I don’t recognize,” Osfield said. “A lot of them come in late in their academic careers, as juniors or seniors, and they want their independence. Others have had a bad experience with administrations and they go and do everything on their own.”

Osfield also said some students with disabilities try to escape the stigma of being lumped together with “people that have something wrong with them.” It’s an attitude that upsets journalism graduate student Rod Leonard.

“They’re hurting other disabled students, and they’re not doing themselves any good,” Leonard, 30, said. “You have to say ‘Yes, I have these problems.’ It’s the mature attitude to have.”

Leonard is confined to a wheelchair by osteogenesis imperfecta, a disease he refers to as “lousy bones.”

He said disabled people need to be recognized and active, and one way to do that is through groups like Physically Limited University Students — which he said has a woefully low membership.

“I go to a PLUS meeting and I see 10 or 15 students out of, what, hundreds? Sometimes I get more upset with disabled people than the groups that are supposed to be helping them,” Leonard said. “Sometimes they have the attitude that all the things in the world should be there for them.”

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Things are kind of crazy," Weaver said that Titus will be learning a few new things this year, and will most likely be in the all-around competition by season's end. She said the only gymnast not mentally ready for the meet was sophomore Melissa Kutcher.

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Financial Aid Help Sessions Thru Feb. 8

The Office of Student Financial Affairs is conducting help sessions through Feb. 8 for students needing assistance in completing financial aid forms.

Workshops will be held at 7 p.m. at the following locations on these dates: Jan. 17—Room 363-367 Reitz Union, Jan. 19—Hume Hall Lobby, Jan. 30—Florida Gym, Feb. 1—Beatty Towers TV Room, Feb. 8—Broward Hall, Feb. 13—Grammer Area Lobby, Feb. 15—Nursing Hall, Feb. 21—Hull Hall, Feb. 23—Jennings Hall, Feb. 28—Room 346-347 Reitz Union.

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The talk is part of a lecture series sponsored by the UF Center for Jewish Studies and co-sponsored by the Department of Religion and the Gainesville Jewish Appeal.

International Education Teleconference Thursday

A teleconference entitled “Planning for the 1990s: Challenges for International Education” will be presented Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 409 of the Reitz Union, UF’s auxiliary education building. Richard Dowrie, will moderate the teleconference, which will broadcast highlights of the first international National Association of Student Affairs conference in Minnesota. All international faculty, administrators and students are welcome to attend.

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UP Top 20

The University Press International Board of Coaches released its top 20 rankings for the men's and women's basketball teams on Monday. Xavier University, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 1 with 1,340 points. The Musketeers have won their last 16 games and are now 12-0.

The only change in the top 20 was the addition of Oklahoma State, which moved up to No. 10 with 582 points. The Cowboys have won their last six games and are now 12-0.

Purdue, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 2 with 1,340 points. The Boilermakers have won their last 15 games and are now 12-0.

Michigan State, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 3 with 1,270 points. The Spartans have won their last 14 games and are now 12-0.

Kansas, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 4 with 1,200 points. The Jayhawks have won their last 13 games and are now 12-0.

Indiana, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 5 with 1,150 points. The Hoosiers have won their last 12 games and are now 12-0.

Pittsburgh, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 6 with 1,100 points. The Panthers have won their last 11 games and are now 12-0.

Kansas State, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 7 with 1,050 points. The Wildcats have won their last 10 games and are now 12-0.

Purdue, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 8 with 1,000 points. The Boilermakers have won their last 9 games and are now 12-0.

Northwestern, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 9 with 950 points. The Wildcats have won their last 8 games and are now 12-0.

Oklahoma, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 10 with 900 points. The Sooners have won their last 7 games and are now 12-0.

Kansas, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 11 with 850 points. The Jayhawks have won their last 6 games and are now 12-0.

Pittsburgh, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 12 with 800 points. The Panthers have won their last 5 games and are now 12-0.

Kansas State, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 13 with 750 points. The Wildcats have won their last 4 games and are now 12-0.

Purdue, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 14 with 700 points. The Boilermakers have won their last 3 games and are now 12-0.

Northwestern, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 15 with 650 points. The Wildcats have won their last 2 games and are now 12-0.

Oklahoma, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 16 with 600 points. The Sooners have won their last 1 game and are now 12-0.

Kansas, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 17 with 550 points. The Jayhawks have won their last 0 games and are now 12-0.

Purdue, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 18 with 500 points. The Boilermakers have won their last 0 games and are now 12-0.

Northwestern, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 19 with 450 points. The Wildcats have won their last 0 games and are now 12-0.

Oklahoma, which has been ranked in the top 20 for the past two weeks, moved up to No. 20 with 400 points. The Sooners have won their last 0 games and are now 12-0.

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A conversation with new coach Steve Spurrier

The new Gator football coach talks about his goals and ideas for the team he inherits

Since his arrival on New Year's Eve, new Florida football coach Steve Spurrier has given Gator faithful across the state reason to believe UF football is headed toward its greatest heights in the 1990s. Alligator staff writer Mike Dale spoke with Spurrier at length last week to discuss the 1966 Heisman Trophy winner's goals and philosophy.

You've placed a lot of emphasis on the importance of an education. How does that fit in with the athletic demands at UF?

When your college days are over, you try to go out and get a good job, a meaningful job that pays a decent salary so you can live comfortably. We want our players to have character, to be good students and then be football players. That's what college is all about, and I think it's a shame that so many players come to the university, play their hearts out for their school and after four or five years they leave with no degree, no education and they're not bettered themselves at all. It's our job as coaches to impress upon our players that the main objective is to get the education and graduate.

The NCAA voted last week to begin year-round testing for drugs. First-time offenders could lose a year of eligibility under the new rules. What are your feelings about the measure?

Personally, I'm for testing. I think if you have nothing to hide, then it certainly doesn't bother you. The school that I just left, Duke University, is a private school, and they do not test there. They say it is an infringement on privacy. But I'm for the way the University of Florida does it. Basically, I'm not here to try and change any policies, because I agree with the way we run our football department and athletic department here.

The NCAA also voted to shorten spring practice by five days, from 20 days to 15 days, beginning in 1991. Do you think that will be beneficial for players?

I think that's OK. I think once you get started, possibly you don't need 20 days. But that starts in '91, so that will really help us because we'll put in a new system offensively and defensively. We'll need all the time we can get this year.

The past few years, the UF has had discipline problems on the football team, often involving run-ins with the law. Will it be difficult to discipline the Gators and bring order to the team?

I hope not, but I imagine that somewhere along the line I'm probably going to have to suspend a player if he does something that embarrasses our team and our university. I'm prepared to do that, and hopefully we can talk to them and try to impress upon them the reasons to be a good citizen and stay out of trouble. When a football player breaks rules and gets into trouble, it's not just him, it's all of us. It's his teammates, coaches, head coach, athletic director, University of Florida fans - it makes all of us look bad.

That's why Athletic Director coach (BUD) Arnsperger hired me, to keep these players doing the right things. That's the first thing I talked about as our goals as a football program. We want sound citizens with good character off the field.

Allen Trammell, one of your former teammates in the 1960s and now the president of the UF Letterman's Club, said you exude an air of winning. He said with you on the field, the Gators thought they could win any time they took the field. Winning has followed you everywhere. What is your secret?

That's hard to answer, and I don't like to talk about myself too much. Basically, what we try to do is practice and repeat so many plays that when you get into a pressure situation, you really have to be nervous or be tight. Just go ahead and play and allow good plays to happen. Really, I think instead of the desire to win, hating to lose is a little bit more of an emotion. I hate to lose a whole lot more than I like to win. And I think most coaches are that way. Mentally you try to get your team to where they expect to win.

Because of the uncertainty with the UF coaching job and possible NCAA sanctions, many high school athletes across the state didn't consider UF before your arrival. What kind of reaction have you been getting from high school prospects?

We've been receiving a positive response, and we should. Shoot, I and our coaches are all coaches at the finest academic school in this state. Vanderbilt is the only school academically ranked higher than us in the SEC (Southeastern Conference). The advantage of a Florida degree, living in the state of Florida - we should be able to excel easily. Football-wise, we have the finest facilities, we're going to put grass back on the field. And when they enlarge the stadium to 85,000 (capacity), it will be one of the finest in the nation. We've got everything going for us here.

We've just got to get out and get the message across and get a little better track record for graduating our players. That's something that will come along with our success on the field. And hopefully these young men will maybe look at my track record.

The coaching staff you have brought to UF boasts a vast array of experience, from college to the United States Football League to Arena football. What was your philosophy when you were choosing your assistants?

The first thing you look for is a good person, someone you know you can get along with and you can send him to any high school in the state or any alumni group and he's going to represent you and the University of Florida. After that, you look for someone that can get along with other people. There are so many coaching staffs that have a few coaches that can't get along with the other guys, and you can't have it. It's something I will not put up with, and I really believe we've got coaches with excellent character. And their track records as coaches are great.

Former UF head coach Charley Bella is trouble with boosters while he

was here. How would you handle a problem with overzealous boosters?

Obviously you can't watch every booster around the state. But hopefully now with what has happened when schools are accused and convicted of cheating, you see what damage it does to a university. Hopefully those boosters can see that. If they do anything to hurt their school, other boosters ought to make it tough on them. You just try to educate them and impress upon them that we're not going to break any rules here.

I can assure you.

One of the most pressing concerns of fans around the state is whether or not Emmitt Smith is going to stay here or move on to the NFL. Have you had a chance to talk with Emmitt one-on-one?

We've talked a couple of times. He's still thinking and weighing all the possibilities. I talked to him a little bit about

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Gymnasts earn team, personal victories at meet

By Sharon Ginn
Alligator Writer

The UF gymnastics team posted more than just team victories Friday night when it defeated Georgia College and Iowa in its season opener. Two Gator gymnasts had personal triumphs of their own.

For the first time in her college career, all eyes were focused on senior Karen Brennan. And for sophomore Christina McDonald, too. An event that caused that such grief in last year’s opening meet put the former Olympian in the spotlight. All this from a depth-think team whose season record as figured to be questionable, at best.

Any doubts that the injury-plagued UF gymnasts would be able to win the balance beam event in Friday’s meet were erased when the team scored 184.80 points to Iowa’s 177.50 and Georgia College’s 160.55 in the O’Connell Center. The Gators took 10 of 13 individual event honors and first and second in the all-around.
The only non-UF gymnast with a notable performance was Iowa’s Lori Cole, who took third place on the vault, second on the balance beam and third in the all-around competition.
UF starts its season at 2-0 with the dual-meet victory.

Gators coach Ernestine Weaver said she was happy with the results of the meet, but was particularly pleased with how they handled the loss of senior All-American Janice Kerr and sophomore Lynette Wittmeier to season injuries.

"That was left behind before they came into the gym," she said. "They have confidence in themselves."

Brennan and McDonald certainly demonstrated their self-confidence Friday night. For the first time, Brennan went into the meet as the expected standout for the Gators. Last season, she showed a glimpse of her abilities by winning the Southeastern Conference vault championship, but for the past three months, her performances have been overshadowed by gymnasts such as six-time All-American Melissa Miller, as well as Kerr and Wittmeier.

Brennan lived up to the expectations by winning the all-around with a 37.35 and the vault with a 9.60. She also placed 9th in the floor exercise competition with a 9.55, with a routine choreographed by Miller.

"(She) was a real joy because I’ve been trying to convince her she could do that for three years," Weaver said. "It’s all right that she did it in the last year. It would be pretty hard to tell her tonight that she’s not going to nationals."

"It was a nice feeling to be out there," Brennan said. "I’ve been working very hard and I feel that everything I accomplished I have worked for. I came in every day with the hope that I’d do all-around on Saturday."

Brennan had to share the spotlight with McDonald, who completed her first full meet with the Gators. She was expected to be a standout on the team last year, but injured her right knee during her balance beam dismount at the 1989 season opener.

McDonald, captain of Canada’s 1988 Olympic gymnastics team, proved she had healed from her injury both mentally and physically by winning the balance beam event with a 9.30. She also took second on the uneven bars with a score of 9.35.

"In warmup I did (think about the injury), but not in the meet," McDonald said. "You just remember how to compete."

"She did a beautiful bar routine," teammate Pam Titus said. "And the beam… I was so happy for her. I think it is a big accomplishment for her.”

Titus had her own triumphant moments at the meet. The All-American, lacking a beam routine, did not compete in the all-around. But she did place in the three events in which she performed, taking top honors in the floor exercise with a 9.60, tying McDonald for second place on the uneven bars and placing third on the vault with a 9.10.

"I’m pretty satisfied," Titus said. "There were a lot of problem areas. Bars was not a good routine for me. It’s kind of hard to say right now (when I’ll compete in the all-around)."

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UF athletic officials opposed to cutback of basketball season

By Ron Kaspriske
Alligator Writer

UF delegates left last week’s NCAA national convention in Dallas pleased with the steps the association took to reform several rules.

With one exception.

UF Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger and his assistant in charge of finances, Jeremy Foley, made it quite clear that the new rule to cut the college basketball season from 28 games to 25 — beginning in 1992 — is something they strongly oppose.

Foley said the loss of three games would cost UF $150,000 in revenue, and while that may sound like just a drop in the Athletic Association’s multi-million dollar bucket, it’s still money the school counts on.

"One hundred fifty thousand dollars is $150,000," Foley said. "It’s hard to speak for the majority (of schools), but this will have a definite economic impact with no exceptions. If this rule goes into effect, we’ll have to find a way to make up for lost revenue.”

Foley added that he has a long time to figure out how to make up for the loss of revenue, but he hopes it never comes to that.

Arnsparger echoed that sentiment, saying the NCAA has two years to figure out if shortening the basketball season is the right thing to do.

"We would not support anything that takes money away from a program that is used to support our other 14 sports," Arnsparger said. "We would have really liked for that (vote) to have happened a little differently. But it won’t take effect until the ‘92 season, and the NCAA has several chances to review this rule and make sure it’s the best course of action to take.”

The NCAA thought it took the best course of action in several areas, thanks to a push by college presidents to emphasize to college athletics the importance of academics in the 1990s.

Delegates voted in several reforms that Arnsparger said were favorable not only to the President’s Committee, but to athletic directors and coaches.

Presidents and athletic department officials were pitted against each other throughout much of the convention, but through compromises, legislation was passed to appease both sides.

"I think many of the issues that were discussed at the convention were issues that both sides needed to compromise on," Arnsparger said. "Some of the original proposals needed to be worked out.”

Arnsparger said the president’s original proposal of shortening spring football practice to only 10 days with the elimination of contact drills was a good example.

"The original proposal had to be compromised," said Arnsparger, who voted for spring football to be reduced to 15 days with five no-contact days. "You — as Auburn opened an 14-point lead in the early going. After UF cut the deficit to 29-23, Linda Godby and Carolyn Jones on Saturday, falling to the 15th-ranked Lady Tigers 73-66 in Auburn, Ala.

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UF chipped away, pulling to within seven points on a three-point shot by senior guard Susan Witherspoon with 3:42 remaining. But the Lady Gators could get no closer than six on a Sophia Witthaus three-pointer with seven seconds left.

Witherspoon had 17 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Gators, who fell to 9-6 overall, 5-4 in conference. Junior forward Rhonja Smith added 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds for the Lady Gators, who out-rebounded the taller Lady Bulldogs 44-35.

Jones led Auburn (12-4, 4-0) with 29 points and 14 rebounds. Lady Gators fall short against Auburn, 73-66

By Gregg Doyel
Alligator Writer

The UF women’s basketball squad couldn't figure out Auburn’s inside-outside tall men of Linda Godby and Carolyn Jones on Saturday, falling to the 15th-ranked Lady Tigers 73-66 in Auburn, Ala.

For the third time in a week, the Lady Gators suffered from the too-little, too-late syndrome. UF actually outscored Auburn in the second half, but couldn't quite overcome the Lady Tigers’ 10-point halftime lead, mimicking two previous losses.

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UF shut down Jones during the second half, holding her to seven points. But Godby picked up the slack, scoring 13 of the 36 points in the second half as Auburn rolled to a 73-66 victory.

UF chipped away, pulling to within seven points on a three-point shot by senior guard Susan Witherspoon with 3:42 remaining. But the Lady Gators could get no closer than six on a Sophia Witthaus three-pointer with seven seconds left.

Witherspoon had 17 points and seven rebounds for the Lady Gators, who fell to 9-6 overall, 5-4 in conference. Junior forward Rhonja Smith added 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds for the Lady Gators, who out-rebounded the taller Lady Bulldogs 44-35.

Jones led Auburn (12-4, 4-0) with 29 points and 14 rebounds.

helped put the Lady Tigers up 46-36 at intermission.

"I think many of the issues that were discussed at the convention were issues that both sides needed to compromise on," Arnsparger said. "Some of the original proposals needed to be worked out.”
**SPORTS**

By JASON DAVIS

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UF standout basketball player Livingston Chatman put an end to speculation about his future Sunday with the Gators, saying he will take an indefinite leave of absence from the team.

Chatman, a 6-foot-7 junior forward from Lakeland, cited mental and physical burnout in reaching his decision. He was suffering from a sprained right ankle and a sore right knee, he also has been publicly upset with the forced coaching changes on Oct. 31 — when Norm Sloan and his staff were ousted amid reports of NCAA violations — and with some of the new coaching strategies under interim coach Don DeVoe.

"I am not really enjoying the game of basketball right now and feel burnout out," Chatman said. "At this time, I feel it is important to take care of my physical and mental health. I do not think it would be fair to my teammates or fans to continue to play in this physical condition or frame of mind."

Chatman, a preseason All-SouthEastern Conference player, said he will concentrate on working toward a degree in sociology. He said he hopes to graduate in 1991.

Chatman added he has not ruled out the possibility of returning next season. He said he will not transfer to another school.

"I chose to come here, and I'll always be a Gator," Chatman said.

DeVoe said he will recommend Chatman retain his athletic scholarship.

Chatman, who averaged 12.6 points and seven rebounds a game for the 6-6 Gators, was not scheduled to play in Saturday's 84-62 victory over Auburn at the O'Connell Center because of his injuries. He skipped Friday's practice and did not appear at the arena for the game, leaving DeVoe and his teammates wondering about the situation.

Following Saturday's game, DeVoe had harsh words about Chatman going AWOL, but was more understanding Sunday.

"Livingston is obviously going through some physical and mental anguish at this time," DeVoe said. "Hopefully, he can work through these times and play again. I wish him a speedy recovery."

DeVoe has been the focus of some of the players' frustrations this season, having rearranged the starting lineup for the past three games.

Against Kentucky last Wednesday, DeVoe did not play his three top returning front-line players — Chatman, center Dwayne Schintzius and forward Dwayne Davis — at the same time.

USF lost 89-81 to the probation-depleted Wildcats, and the three-some called by some analysts the best front line in the college ranks — openly questioned DeVoe's tactics.

Those players, who led UF to its first SEC title last season, pointed out the previous success as reason they should be playing together.

Nevertheless, DeVoe said he had planned on using the same strategy against the Tigers until the injuries sidelined Chatman and Davis.

Chatman's mother, Claudette, reached by The Alligator at her home in Lakeland, said the decision was strictly her son's.

"Livingston take care of these things," she said. "It was his decision."

She declined to say how long Livingston had been thinking about it.

This was not the first time Chatman has made a departure from the team. He and Schintzius both skipped a practice session the day following DeVoe's appointment as interim coach. Both said they were upset about the way Sloan's dismissal was handled and protested the situation.

**Schintzius stands tall in UF victory**

By DAN STIFFLER

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While offcourt distractions continue to plague the UF basketball team, one player stood head and shoulders above the rest in the O'Connell Center on Saturday.

Eight inches to be exact.

Center Dwayne Schintzius scored 26 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the Gators to an 84-62 victory over an Auburn Tigers squad with no starter taller than 6-foot-6 in front of a crowd of 8,177.

But later that night, Schintzius became involved in an incident at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house that forced interim coach Don DeVoe to suspend the preseaon All-American candidate Monday.

And Schintzius had just become the focal point of the Gators' attack when forward Livingston Chatman missed Friday's practice and the game. It was later announced that Chatman plans to sit out the rest of the year.

Schintzius scored repeatedly inside over the smaller Auburn lineup. The Tigers were forced to foul Schintzius, and the 7-2 senior converted all eight of his free-throw attempts.

Also shining on the inside for the Gators was disgruntled forward Dwayne Davis, who was upset after the Kentucky game, replaced Chatman in the starting lineup and had 10 points, 10 rebounds and a team-high five assists.

"Dwayne Davis is one of the best rebounders in the league," Auburn coach Tommy Joe Eagles said. "Schintzius and Davis are both a factor inside as much as keeping the ball alive on the boards."

But Davis acknowledged the Gators had to raise their level of play with the absence of Chatman.

"We miss him a lot," Davis said. "We had to work harder. He took a lot of pressure off us."

**Bentley shines as track teams open season**

By GREGG DOYLE

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UF freshman Dion Bentley burst onto the collegiate track scene with a bang at the Florida All-Comer Meet on Sunday at the O'Connell Center, breaking the 10-year-old Southeastern Conference indoor long-jump record in his first meet as a Gator.

Bentley soared 26 feet, five inches to beat the 26-4 jump of Tennessee's Jason Grimes. He also smashed the UF record of 25-3 1/2, set in 1987 by Nick Rahal.

"Dion Bentley had just an unbelievable performance today," Gators track coach John Weir said.

Four other UF performers and two relay teams didn't fare too badly themselves, walking away from the 1,000-plus participant meet with victories.

Anita Howard matched Bentley's splashy debut by winning two events with NCAA qualifying times in both. Howard's time of 6.71 seconds in the 55-meter dash broke her own school record of 6.81, set last year.

Later, she won the 200 in 23.73, while fellow Lady Gator Tasha Downing finished fourth in 24.56.

One of the best showings of the day, that of All-American Earl Diamond, didn't net a victory. Diamond finished fifth hundredths of a second behind Olympic gold-medalist Arthur Blake, who recorded a time of 7.21 in the 55 hurdles.

UF sophomore Tyronne Kemp's anchor leg of 45.6 in the 1,600 relay gave the Gators a come-from-behind win, while UF's Russell Willilt won the shot put with a heave of 55 feet, nine inches.

UF women's coach Beverly Kearney, looking for her athletes to step in and provide results, found two volunteers in Kim Mitchell and Coralena Velsen. Mitchell placed second in the 400 with a time of 55.52, while Velsen sixth (50.538).

The javelin throw was almost a Lady Gator sweep. Cindy Herceg won the event with a toss of 165-6, followed by Mary Armin (third), Alexandra Gulyak (fourth) and Katherine Heller (fifth).

Also, UF's Raelee Carter won the discus with a toss of 137-1 1/2, while the women's 1,600 relay team notched a victory in 3:47.59.