Locals look forward after Obama victory

FOCUS TURNS TOWARD GENERAL ELECTION, RUNNING MATES.

By CHRISTOPHER MYERS
Alligator Writer

With Sen. Barack Obama clinching the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday night, both Democrats and Republicans have begun to speculate about who he will choose as a running mate and which issues will be most important in the general election.

Tim Cunha, democratic congressional candidate for Florida’s 6th District, said because Obama got the nomination, there is a good chance that Sen. Hillary Clinton will end up as the vice-presidential nominee for the party.

“In an ordinary year, you wouldn’t have two Northeasterners, two people who have Illinois roots, on the same ticket, but this isn’t a conventional year,” Cunha said.

Bryan Griffin, chairman of UF’s College Republicans, disagreed with Cunha’s prediction and said Clinton would be more likely to accept a court nomination than a vice-presidential one because she would not have to answer to anyone else.

“She has the type of personality that she would want to be on top or not at all,” Griffin said.

Stafford Jones, chairman of the Alachua County Republican Executive Committee, said the key issue Democrats will face in the near future is how to unify their party, not who will be nominated vice president.

Jones said infighting might cost the

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Florida CFO returns $160K to local man

By ZAHARA ZAHAV
Alligator Writer

When lifelong Gainesville residents Garland and Kate Robinson heard in April that Florida owed them money, Kate Robinson said she figured it would be “a little less than $1,000.”

After Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink handed Garland Robinson a pink check for almost $160,000 Tuesday afternoon, the Robinsons said they were a little more than surprised.

“The money came from what is called an unclaimed property account, which can be either money or the contents of a safety deposit box that Florida residents have forgotten to claim.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten refunds, stocks or dividends, uncashed checks, or deposits to an electric or utility company.

Companies are required to try contacting owners of unclaimed property, but if the owners have moved or died, that money is given to the state to hold until claimed.

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Florida Bureau of Unclaimed Property chief

Walter Graham, the chief of the Florida Bureau of Unclaimed Property, said the state tries to let owners know about their property with a letter, but it is impossible to contact everyone.

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Earthquake forces move for students studying in China

Students relocated to Beijing

By AMANDA MCKENZIE
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF in Chengdu study abroad program, sponsored by the UF International Center, relocated its students two weeks ago to Beijing for the remainder of the semester in response to the earthquake that struck the Sichuan province in southwest China May 12.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, some buildings in the city were deemed unsafe to stay in.

“Our primary concern was that it was a very difficult situation to be in,” said Kirsten Eller, International Center study abroad adviser.

With the constant aftershocks, students couldn’t go to class, students slept outside, and some were unable to go inside buildings.”

The decision was made based on reports from the faculty in China in conjunction with the Asian languages department and the dean of the International Center, Eller said.

Relocating to Beijing from Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan province, also created an increase in the cost of living for the students, she said.

“UF is paying the difference,” Eller said. “We wanted to keep the students in Chengdu, but it wasn’t possible, so we hope to continue the program in Chengdu next year.”

Meanwhile, the UF students have worked to create relief baskets and made monetary donations to the Red Cross in Chengdu.
The teenager, who was in school at the Tampa Marine Institute at the time of his arrest, said he had participated in two carjackings that took place in the past week, said Gainesville Police Department spokeswoman Summer Hall. Both cases involved female victims who were walking back to their cars through a parking lot early in the morning.

A 35-year-old woman was injured in the first incident, which occurred at a Walgreens on West Newberry Road around 2:30 a.m. Saturday, said Art Forgey, ASO spokesman.

The woman told police a man opened the driver’s door of her Mitsubishi sedan and hit her in the head with a gun. He then told her to get out of the car and to be quiet, Forgey said.

The man was unable to start the car, and he ran away with a handbag containing lipstick and some medication.

In the second case, a 57-year-old woman was getting into her car, parked at the Wal-Mart in Butler Plaza Monday morning, when a man pointed a long-barreled firearm at her, she told police.

He drove away in her Dodge Stratus, which officers found in Tampa.

Both the sheriff’s office and GPD are conducting an investigation into the connection between the carjackings.

— ZAHAZA ZAHAY

ON CAMPUS
New pump to distribute reusable water on campus

Construction is under way on a new pumping station that will conserve and reuse water on UF’s campus by October.

The pumping station will stand next to the reclaimed water ground storage tank, which holds 1.5 million gallons of water and is located in the large commuter lot on Gale Lemernard Drive.

The pumping station will take reusable water from the tank and distribute it at a high pressure to different parts of campus, said Jeff Bair, project manager and construction coordinator for the UF Physical Plant Division.

“Our master plan is to increase water conservation measures primarily for irrigation on UF campus and discontinue the use of the Lake Alice injection well as much as possible,” Bair said.

Reclaimed water, meaning any water contaminated by human waste, will be stored in a new tank and pumped to irrigate campus land.

The new tank and pumping station will also deliver water close to 34th Street and other campus areas that cannot be reached with the current system.

“The facility is set up to provide enough storage for reclaimed water, so we can optimize irrigation usage and conserve our natural resources,” Bair said.

— CARLY CHETEK
GPD resolves sign dispute

Farmers’ Market sign barred homeless from nearby tables.

By CHRISTOPHER MYERS
Alligator Writer

A controversial sign displayed at Gainesville's Union Street Farmers' Market during the last few weeks has been removed.

The sign stated that certain picnic tables in the Downtown Community Plaza were reserved for paying customers on Wednesdays during market hours.

However, local homeless regularly gather at those tables.

A compromise was reached Tuesday between homeless advocates and Farmers’ Market representatives while mediators from the Gainesville Police Department oversaw the meeting.

As a result, the sign will not be displayed again.

Homeless advocate Pat Fitzpatrick said he believes the sign was used to relocate the homeless from one of their usual spots.

Charlie Lybrand, director of the Farmers’ Market, said the sign was there to allow patrons a place to sit and eat the food they bought at the market.

Local News Lybrand said businesses should have a right to promote their products, and that the sign was not intended to be discriminatory.

As part of the compromise, vendors from the Farmers’ Market are allowed to "responsibly" ask people to leave the food court area if they are not spending any money, said Joe Jackson, UF legal services professor.

The condition is that they must do it in a respectful manner without singling people out because they look homeless, Jackson said.

LOCAL COURTS

ASO makes porn arrest

By KATIE SANDERS
Alligator Staff Writer

A UF student was arrested on two felony charges related to child pornography following an undercover Internet investigation by the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office.

Mark Guterman, a microbiology and cell science junior, was arrested in his Gainesville Place apartment Friday for possession with intent to promote child pornography, a second degree felony. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to $15,000.

He was also charged with possession of child pornography, a third degree felony that has a maximum five-year prison sentence.

Guterman admitted he knew the pornography files were on his computer and were available for others to download, according to the report. Officials found a file on his computer depicting a man engaged in sexual acts with two 13-year-old girls.

Guterman made his first appearance in court on Saturday and pled not guilty, said Spencer Mann, spokesman for the State Attorney’s Office.

He was released on his own recognition Saturday night, Mann said.

Guterman’s attorney, Thomas Edwards, said he expects the trial will be resolved quickly because his client was released without having to post bail.

Guterman declined to comment.

He is allowed to use a computer for limited personal and business purposes, Mann said.

A court date has not been set for his trial.

Tom Kinsey, spokesman for the ASO criminal investigations division, said undercover Internet investigations are issued about three to five times each month in Alachua County.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said students convicted of a felony charge could face expulsion after a hearing with Student Judicial Affairs.

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Fla. Pool gets makeover

By SARAH HENDERSON
Alligator Contributing Writer

By the time Summer B classes begin, UF students should be able to enjoy a newly renovated Florida Pool. The eight-lane, 50-yard pool has been closed Summer A while workers carry out a nearly $350,000 renovation plan, said Chandler Kozear, project manager with the Architecture & Engineering Department of the UF Physical Plant Division.

Renovations include resurfacing the bottom of the pool, tiling depth markers and underwater lane markers, and clearing up any plumbing issues dealing with motors and valves. The pool was last resurfaced in 1996 with a fiberglass shell, which is now being replaced with smooth, quartz-based plaster, Kozear said.

"The pool is going to be so pretty," Diane James, aquatics and risk management coordinator, said. Student lifeguards who normally work at the Florida Pool were assigned to work at the O'Connell Center pool until renovations are completed. "The pool is going to be so pretty," she said. "It's going to look really amazing."

UF researchers work on long-lasting mosquito repellents

• RESEARCH AIMS TO ASSIST TROOPS ABROAD.

By VICTORIA WINKLER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Mosquitoes suck, and new UF research may soon produce several improved repellents to keep the pests away more than twice as long as the industry’s leading repellent, DEET.

"The research, conducted by UF’s chemistry department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, began in 2004 to combat mosquito-borne illnesses that affect American troops abroad, said Ulrich R. Bernier, a chemist at the USDA’s mosquito and fly research unit and a UF professor.

The research was funded by the U.S. Department of Defense as part of the Deployed Warfighter Protection program. DEET has been the go-to repellent for more than 50 years, but the need for long-lasting protection impelled the search for new repellents.

"The troops can’t use them 48 times a day to try to keep protected," Bernier said. The new repellents will first be available for military use, and civilians shouldn’t expect them for four to five years, he said.

The research stems from a mosquito repellent database kept by the USDA since 1942. The old repellents and possible new compounds were analyzed by UF’s chemistry department. The team will soon begin testing against other species of mosquitoes as well as determining the short- and long-term effects on humans, he said.

Bernier has tested many repellents over the past 12 years, but none compared with DEET, which lasts almost 18 days. Several of the new repellents lasted almost 40 days or longer at their highest concentrations.

"I couldn’t believe it," Bernier said. "It was incredible to see this."
UF alumnus donates $200K toward Holocaust film

By JESSIE COLEMAN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Stephen Cypen said it took him about 30 seconds after seeing a letter from UF’s Documentary Institute to make the decision to donate $200,000 for an upcoming film about a Holocaust victim.

Cypen, president of the Jerome A. Yavitz Charitable Foundation in Miami, had just returned from a trip to the Czech Republic, where he visited Terezin Ghetto, a camp near Prague where Nazis exiled Jews during World War II.

The institute’s letter detailed plans for a documentary about Petr Ginz, a teenage Jewish artist and writer who spent his last years in Terezin Ghetto before dying in a gas chamber at Auschwitz.

“I’m hoping it can bring to reality what we saw personally [on the trip],” Cypen said.

A 1965 UF alumnus, Cypen has also supported UF’s Jewish studies program, the restoration of Newell Hall and UF Hillel.

The institute has already spent about $100,000 on the documentary, including $66,000 on the rights to the story and trips to the Czech Republic and Israel, said institute co-director Churchill Roberts. He estimated the documentary will total about $700,000, most of which will come from fundraising.

Institute co-director Sandra Dickson will travel to Israel with Roberts this month to start filming — a process that will take about two years.

Dickson stumbled upon Ginz’s story in the fall at a store selling his diary, which his sister edited after it resurfaced in 2003. Before his death at age 16, Ginz had authored five novels, written a diary, completed 120 pieces of art and edited an underground magazine.

“No matter how difficult the circumstances, he kept expressing himself creatively,” Dickson said.

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New Fla. law aims to stimulate science, technology industries

By ELIZABETH LEVA
Alligator Writer

In an effort to boost Florida’s economy, Gov. Charlie Crist approved a plan that aims to stimulate the state’s science and technology industries to create more profitable jobs for Floridians.

Crist signed a law on May 22 that authorizes the State Board of Administration to reinvest up to 1.5 percent — or $1.95 billion — of Florida businesses could not only boost the state’s economy instead of similar businesses in other states.

The law urges the board to invest in Florida businesses instead of similar businesses in other states. David Day, director of UF’s Office of Technology Licensing, said investing in Florida businesses could not only boost the job market but convince donors from other states to send money in Florida’s direction.

“It is basically a way of showing that the state has confidence,” Day said.

The law could help UF by financially enabling it to make use of its world-changing technologies that can net large profits, he said.

Jamie Grooms, CEO of Regeneration Technologies Inc., said venture capital backing and UF technology made his Gainesville business successful and benefited UF simultaneously.

Because UF resources were involved in his company’s technology, which uses human tissue in surgeries instead of artificial materials, UF has equity in his business. He said UF received about $60 million when the company went public in 2000.

“Without venture capital, these people wouldn’t be getting treated right now,” Grooms said.

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**Editorial**

Hurricane season is now upon us. June 1 marked the beginning of what experts predict will be an active storm season, with an estimated 15 named hurricanes on the horizon and at least one major storm in store for the Eastern United States. We at the Department of Darts and Laurels take hurricane season and hurricanes seriously, and we advise you to do the same. We strongly recommend that you stock up on those hurricane-survival essentials. You know, flashlights, bottled water, canned goods, transistor radios and, of course, drink mixers ‘cause what’s a hurricane (the storm) without a hurricane (the drink)?

As we hunker down in our state-of-the-art underground bunker — 30 miles above President Bernie Madchen’s bunker — we wish you and yours a safe hurricane season. In the meantime, we present you this week’s edition of...

**Darts & Laurels**

First off, we fire a that’s-not-the-audacity-of-hope-that’s-justplain-audacity DART to Sen. Hillary Clinton for her refusal to accept the reality that she will not be the Democratic nominee for president in 2008. Clinton’s less-than-gracious concession speech on Tuesday was conspicuously lacking one key element: the concession part. After Sen. Barack Obama clinched the nomination by securing the requisite number of delegates, Clinton addressed supporters in New York in what many believed would be a magnanimous concession speech. Instead, Clinton — who was introduced by campaign chairman Terry McAuliffe as “the next president of the United States of America” — proceeded to tout her popular vote “lead” (subject to which votes she decides to count and which to discard) and vigorously assert that she would be the strongest candidate for the general election against Sen. John McCain. The junior senator from New York asked her supporters to send their thoughts about what she should do next to her Web site, as the Clintonistas assembled against Sen. Barack Obama during the last minute fervent push to tout her popular vote “lead” (subject to which votes she decides to count and which to discard) and vigorously assert that she would be the strongest candidate for the general election against Sen. John McCain.

Clinton’s failure to quickly and gracefully exit the race endangers the Democratic Party’s chances to unify in advance of what will certainly be yet another razor-thin close election this fall. The contest is over. Clinton has lost. It’s time for the healing to begin. Otherwise we could very well be facing four more years of ruinous Bush policies in the form of the “Bomb, Bomb Iran” candidate.

Next, we fling a last-we-checked-this-was-still-(barely)-a-free-country DART to the Union Street Farmers’ Market for its attempts to discriminate against the homeless denizens of Gainesville with its exclusionary signage. Representatives of the farmers’ market posted a sign that declared certain area picnic tables were for “paying customers only,” thus serving to forbid homeless persons from taking a seat. Thanks to homeless advocates, the marketers capitulated Tuesday, agreeing to take the sign down. Nonetheless, the fact that the least fortunate members of our community continue to be the subject of such scorn and discrimination is a most troubling occurrence.

While it’s true that we have no shortage of epithets for our “leaders” in Tallahassee when they fail to address the serious problems facing our state, we’d like to think we also give credit where it’s due. In this spirit that we give a nice-to-see-you-anddoing-something-other-than-working-on-your-tan-or-lobby-signing into law a textbook bill that seeks to make our required reading a little more affordable and a now-that’s-what-we-promise-to-do post course textbooks online with their ISBN no later than a specified date, we present you this week’s edition of...

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**Guest column**

**Failure to sign bomb treaty is hypocritical**

Last week, over 100 countries met in Dublin, Ireland, to sign an agreement banning the use of cluster bombs, weapons invented by the Soviet Union during World War II. Cluster bombs are large single bombs which release a number of "bomblets" over a vast area and are usually intended for anti-personnel use.

Up to 10 percent of these bomblets may not explode and can remain dormant for years. Because cluster bombs are typically used in civilian areas, any unexploded duds serve as a serious threat to innocent civilians long after their initial use. Furthermore, the bomblets are about the size of a soda can and are often brightly colored, making them attractive to young children who mistake them for toys.

A study by Handicap International found that 98 percent of cluster-bomb-related casualties were civilians. In other words, actually killing a combatant with cluster bombs is an extreme statistical rarity.

When these findings are extrapolated to all areas where cluster munitions have been used, the total number of casualties could be as high as 100,000 worldwide. This does not include the many people who do not die as a result of the bombs but instead are left limbless, severely burned, blind or deaf. For the 128 signatory countries and to anyone with a heart or brain, these factors provide clear enough evidence to permanently ban the production and use of cluster bombs in all future military operations.

Unfortunately, one of the largest purveyors of cluster munitions, not only agreed to the ban on cluster bombs, but even went so far as to ban the use of U.S. kites for storage of the weapons.

However, when one peruses the list of signatory countries, there are a handful of economically and politically influential nations that are conspicuously absent: Russia, China, Israel, India, Pakistan and the United States.

President Bush defended his decision to not agree to the ban by saying eliminating cluster bombs would endanger U.S. soldiers.

Apparently, innocent civilians and small children pose a grave threat to our brave men and women in uniform, and the best way to protect our troops from danger is with 75-year-old Russian technology.

What exactly do we use that $700 billion a year in military budget for, anyway?

Perhaps if our president did indeed have either half a heart or brain he would realize the lack of decency and logic in his decision.

Instead, once again the U.S. has positioned itself on the world stage not as a moral leader and a champion of human rights, but as a violent perpetrator of suffering.

For Russia, Pakistan and China, countries whose leaders have historically disregarded human rights and make no apologies about it, the decision not to sign this enlightened and humane treaty makes perfect sense.

But for the U.S. and Israel to continuously rant about the depravity of "terrorists" while simultaneously reserving the right to use weapons which they know maim and kill almost exclusively civilians and children, brings a whole new depth to the word "hypocrisy."

Sadly, we have now lost all moral credibility in the eyes of the world community. We do not have the right to label any person, organization or state a "terrorist" until we actually walk the walk and start holding ourselves up to the same standards we so disingenuously demand of the rest of the world.

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**Reader response**

**Today’s question:** Is Sen. Barack Obama the best candidate for the Democratic Party?

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate budget may need reapproval

By ELIZABETH LEVA
Alligator Writer

Student Senate may need to reapprove its 2008-2009 budget for student organizations following one senator's realization that the budget was passed against Student Body statutes.

Sen. Cain Norris led the discussion of the budget debacle at Tuesday's meeting. Student Body statutes mandate that the organizational budget, which provides money for student groups, be passed before spring elections.

Senators approved the nearly $590,000 organizational budget April 22 as part of an almost $1 million budget for student organizations and academic groups. He said because Drayton's bill was passed in violation of the statutes, approval of the organizational budget should be invalidated.

Norris said he has e-mailed Patricia Telles-Irvin, vice president of student affairs, who has the ability to permit the budget to stand as it is. He said he has not received a response since finding the blunder last week.

Norris said if Telles-Irvin does not intervene by Tuesday, the Senate will have to begin the re-approval process, which must be done before the new fiscal year July 1 and would require extra Senate meetings.

Sen. Jordan Johnson, budget and appropriations committee chairman, met with officials from SG Finance after the meeting to investigate Drayton's bill.

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Florida holding $1.5 billion in unclaimed property

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waiting for people to find," Graham said.

"It's their money, and most people have no idea it's there."

In Alachua County alone, there is about $9.2 million in unclaimed property.

In Garland Robinson's case, his money came from a start-up company he had invested in about 20 years ago.

He was notified in late April by a letter from the bureau.

But for most Florida residents, unless they check the bureau's Web site or call 1-88-VALUABLE, they might never hear about their unclaimed property.

There is $1.5 billion in unclaimed property in Florida, according to data from the bureau.

That money comes from about eight million accounts that belong to people living in Florida.

"It is years versus days in McCain vs. Obama," Griffin said.

Griffin disagreed, adding that the economy will make the differences "nothing compared to the differences between Obama and McCain," he said. "There's no way in the world that any Democrat truly wants John McCain to be president."

Mark McShera, editorial chair-man of the UF College Democrats, said the U.S. economy will be the number one issue for voters.

"I think that the voters are ready for a total 180 in the economic sphere," McShera said.

Griffin disagreed, adding that the most important issue will be experience.

"It is years versus days in McCain versus Obama," Griffin said.
College life hits the stage

"COLLEGE: The Musical" premieres Friday

BRIANA O'SULLIVAN • AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Weekday parties, drunken mistakes, hangovers and the resulting truancy come to Gainesville this summer, and they're not just on campus.

The Hippodrome State Theatre will host the opening of "COLLEGE: The Musical" Friday at 8 p.m. The play, which chronicles the trials and tribulations of 12 students in a college town, will run eight times a week throughout the rest of the summer.

"We sometimes joke that this play is us living the college experience," said Scott Elmegreen, who wrote the musical with fellow Princeton University alumnus Drew Fornarola.

Jake McKenna, who plays the innocent freshman Nathan, said the show is the greatest hits of four years of college. Elmegreen described the production as a rock concert with a story.

Cheeky humor and catchy musical numbers highlight the play along with the occasional reference to UF. It shows the characters dealing with the loneliness of college and the anxiety of life after graduation through adolescent apathy and the occasional beer in glorious dorm squalor.

"Whether you are 18 or 88, there is something that you can relate to," Elmegreen said.

The writers said the musical was not written about any particular college, allowing theaters to add their own inflections. Locals will be able to see UF spirit tied into the show.

Elmegreen and Fornarola said they originally had promotional shirts made in crimson and gold, but quickly changed the shirts. "When we realized we were going to do the production in Gainesville, those colors weren't going to cut it here," Elmegreen said.

The actors, many of whom are recent UF graduates, added their own touches to the play. As the first cast, they were able to add their own nuances to the characters and set a precedent for future cast members. Jennifer Shorstein, who plays Adrienne, added a cast member of her own to the Gainesville rendition and was able to sneak in a "your mom" joke into a scene.

There will be a preview tonight at 8 p.m. before the opening night on Friday, said Jessica Thompson, director of advertising and marketing at the Hippodrome.

Shows will run Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for students.

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Sex and the City finishes with style

EMILIE WILLIAMS • AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The premiere of "Sex and the City" on Friday night brought out Gainesville's most devoted fans, and some even dressed the part. I wanted to get really carried away and dress in a pink leotard and pink tutu, which Sarah Jessica Parker does in the show's opening sequence, but my roommates thought that was taking it a little too far.

"The girls had more than 300 wardrobe changes in the movie, and each one was more glamorous than the last." I did, however, want to look fierce because it's not every day that an event like this happens. I wore my latest Forever21 party dress paired with an over-the-top necklace and, of course, fabulous shoes.

If there was a fifth leading lady in the movie, it would have been fashion. Carrie's, Samantha's, Charlotte's and Miranda's styles have definitely evolved in the movie, but costume designer Patricia Field stays true to each character's personality.

"Pat Field is indispensable," Parker told the Los Angeles Times. "We could not continue to tell the story without her, period. Her ideas, the breaking of the rules, is infectious."

The girls had more than 300 wardrobe changes in the movie, and each one was more glamorous than the last. The movie did not shy away from Manolos, lots of studded and patent leather belts, Christian Dior's latest glitterator sandals, and flowers and feathers used as accessories. Carrie even sports a feather in her hair for a wedding scene.

My favorite scene, and I'm sure many others will agree, is Carrie's Vogue cover shoot where she tries on a montage of gorgeous designer wedding dresses women everywhere would die to wear. She pranced around for the cameras, draped in pearls and the latest creations of all: Vivienne Westwood, Herrera, Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and the most magical of all: Viviene Westwood.

And in classic "Sex and the City" manner, Carrie is mailed her hair, in true Carrie fashion. Large, blue and green feather in her hair. In true Carrie fashion. She pranced around for the cameras, draped in pearls and the latest creations of all: Vivienne Westwood, Herrera, Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and the most magical of all: Viviene Westwood.

I did, however, want to look fierce because it's not every day that an event like this happens. I wore my latest Forever21 party dress paired with an over-the-top necklace and, of course, fabulous shoes.

If there was a fifth leading lady in the movie, it would have been fashion. Carrie's, Samantha's, Charlotte's and Miranda's styles have definitely evolved in the movie, but costume designer Patricia Field stays true to each character's personality.

"Pat Field is indispensable," Parker told the Los Angeles Times. "We could not continue to tell the story without her, period. Her ideas, the breaking of the rules, is infectious."

The girls had more than 300 wardrobe changes in the movie, and each one was more glamorous than the last. The movie did not shy away from Manolos, lots of studded and patent leather belts, Christian Dior's latest glitterator sandals, and flowers and feathers used as accessories. Carrie even sports a feather in her hair for a wedding scene.

My favorite scene, and I'm sure many others will agree, is Carrie's Vogue cover shoot where she tries on a montage of gorgeous designer wedding dresses women everywhere would die to wear. She pranced around for the cameras, draped in pearls and the latest creations of all: Vivienne Westwood, Herrera, Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and the most magical of all: Viviene Westwood.

And in classic "Sex and the City" manner, Carrie is mailed her hair, in true Carrie fashion. Large, blue and green feather in her hair. In true Carrie fashion.

For those of us who were not fortunate enough to attend New York Fashion Week, "Sex and the City" is our cinematic runway, so make your outing a glamorous night. Leave the boys at home, grab your closest girlfriends, and don't forget the Cosmos.

Music

Spiritualized in limbo on "A&E"

ROBERT HILSON • AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

British trance-rocker and Spiritualized frontman Jason Pierce nearly died in 2005 because of–get this–pneumonia. Go figure. When you've had addiction problems with heroin, landing in the accident and emergency (A&E) ward because of respiratory complications is kind of like topiowing through a minefield only to contract tetanus from a rusty nail. Irony aside, the near-death experience yielded "Songs in A&E," a rock 'n' roll record that could very easily be confused for an electric requiem.

In more than 18 new tracks, Pierce plays up the dichotomy between life and death, good and evil, heaven and hell. He's got a devil perched on one shoulder prodding the guardian angel on the other. So for every choir-whispered hymnal reading like "Sweet Talk," there's a wild-eyed blues stomper to ward off any lingering traces of good karma.

This might seem an ill-advised arrangement given the man's intimate relationship with mortality, but at least the music doesn't suffer for it. In fact, if not for the feverish blits of the devil-may-care numbers, Pierce would risk a catac tonic relapse.

A firecracker at the heart of the album, "Yeah Yeah" keeps pace, as it transforms gospel into an agitated, bad-mood-rising hoedown. With indecipherable lyrics, an amen-influenced chorus and hand claps galore, it has all the necessary elements to score a Jeremiah Wright sermon.

Pierce must be familiar with the notion that sporadic highs inevitably invite comedowns, and yet he can't mitigate post-rave up crashes. The ballads and "Harmony" interludes, if not bereft of tune or melody, unfold aimlessly and in a glazed-over haze.

"Soul on Fire," though, shows no signs of withdrawal. The soaring single resembles late period Spiritualized frontman Jason Pierce transformed by Pierce's Marlboro croak and bolstered by a celestial symphonic army.

It all conjures some kind of heavenly caricature, complete with white light, ethereal choirs and an unsettling blandness that prompts the inescapable question: So this is it?
A quick look at the Avenue CD stash

SHAW PATTON ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Collecting dust isn’t a CD’s purpose. In hopes of finding a worthy album to review, I snagged a stash occupying space in the Alligator office.

I failed in this endeavor.

None of the artists could elicit an appropriate reaction. My head did not bob, and my feet did not prance, and my desire to listen to Elton John only grew. Not something I had expected.

The first song built up methodically with pattering helicopter voices spooked me. I lost faith when spelled-out lyrics proved recipes of a sticky bridge metaphors proved recipes of a compromise between Barry White and Lil’ Kim.

I skipped to the song “How I Could Just Kill A Man” only to be disappointed by its tawdiness. I wondered why there was a parental advisory label on the CD and spent the next 10 minutes reading through lyrics and skipping through songs to figure out the mystery. The mystery remains.

Charlotte Sometimes is a decade too late with her album. I decided to give one of the less snazzy packaged CDs a chance, and it ended up being my favorite of the mediocre albums in the bunch. The sheer number of hands contributing to the project guaranteed a song or two would be good.


The bio said that S.O.U.L. Purpose is currently the largest crew in hip-hop because “if you helped our music to prosper in any way, then you are a part of the S.O.U.L. Purpose collective.” Finally, I am part of a rap crew.

“Sounds Like This” by Eric Hutchinson

I skipped to the track “Food Chain” because my roommate claimed a friend of his really liked it. Right off the bat, I thought of how it sounded like Elton John. I played “Tiny Dancer” on my computer simultaneously, and the match up of the piano chords and voices spooked me. As Hutchinson’s songs continued, my desire to listen to Elton John only grew. Not something you do for 10 minutes.

“Waves & the Both of Us” by Charlotte Sometimes

She reminds me of Christina Aguilera before Aguilera turned “dirty” and more recently, pregnant. Both vocally and visually, Charlotte Sometimes evokes the spirit of ‘Aguileras’s “Genie in a Bottle” days.

A summer heat may lead to underwater acts

Rock is not dead. We can thank all of the recent band reunions for attempting to repeat what was once good. A flip through the pages of Rolling Stone magazine reveals more and more bands coming out of retirement. Quarter is touring with Bad Company’s former front man Paul Rodgers as a replacement for the late Freddie Mercury. Jane’s Addiction is back, and Scott Weiland ditched Velvet Revolver to give Stone Temple Pilots another go.

I’m sure ‘80s rockers are pumped to see Def Leppard again, I wonder what’s brought about the sudden revival of long expired bands. Have their funds finally run dry? Do they miss the scream of adoring fans?

For every Jonas Brothers and Maroon 5 tour, there are at least four old-school bands filling the same venues. New groups not only need to compete with other fresh-faced bands, but now they have to try and knock out big hitters like R.E.M. and the Eagles, not to mention boy bandcomebacks like New Kids On The Block.

The biggest surprise was the return of Robert Plant. Led Zeppelin ruled the rock world decades ago, and their music still occupies airwaves today. And though I know thousands of fans, young and old, will shell out their life savings to see a reunion, when do rock stars finally give in?

The Rolling Stones seem determined to tour until no longer possible. But when do legends finally let go? Sure, I still sing along to classic hits like Led Zeppelin’s “Whole Lotta Love” and the Eagles’ “Hotel California,” but it’s been years since those songs were hits. And though I’d love to flashback to when these bands topped the charts, I’m too scared to see them in concert now. Jimmy Page can shred some serious guitar, but it’s been decades since he’s taken the stage. My fear is disappointment. I love Led Zeppelin, but I don’t want to risk the chance of attending a show only to see four old guys trying to regain their youth.

Some bands have succeeded their prime, but can’t seem to let go. While I support them and hope they continue making music, I can’t help but wonder: Can they still bring the rock?
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Former UF linemen have NFL hopes

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Nothing says welcome to the NFL like a 12-hour meeting scrapped throughout two days.

Drew Miller sat down with Jacksonville Jaguars' offensive line coach Andy Heck and went over everything from what gap to hit when Maurice Jones-Drew bounces out to the outside to how to keep David Garrard on his feet. UF's former captain and center has joined the lengthy list of undrafted free agents trying to make an NFL squad.

"It's been like cramming for a final," he said.

Except now, if he fails these finals, he doesn't have a job.

"Going into it, I was nervous," Miller said of the meeting with Heck. "He said to ask any questions, and he said I picked it up pretty quickly. I'm just doing whatever they tell me to do."

Former Gator tackle Carlton Medder, who signed with the Arizona Cardinals, is in the same boat, and it's not easy. Former defensive end Derrick Harvey, who the Jaguars plucked with the No. 8 pick, is sitting with a plush signing bonus and a guaranteed contract. He's got it easy. Even former wideout Andre Caldwell is essentially guaranteed a roster spot as the Cincinnati Bengals grabbed him in the third round.

But at least Medder and Miller got to choose where they ended up. After "Mr. Irrelevant," the last player chosen in the draft, was picked, Miller and Medder's phones started to ring. After hearing from the Chicago Bears who actually told him they may draft him in the fourth round, Medder heard from the Buffalo Bills.

But until Miller and Medder's careers take flight, they will be swimming together for the Cayman Islands in the water has just become

Brothers team up for Beijing Olympics

Growing up in the islands, there was water everywhere," Brett said. "I just loved being in it." This passion for swimming turned into a competition by age 7.

"When I was young, I was into several different sports," Shaune said. "When I realized I was good at swimming, I decided to stick with it." Their natural abilities made the dream of making it to the Olympics one that these brothers always believed to be attainable.

But there were a few years where Brett doubted his potential. As he began to train more intensely, his childhood dreams of qualifying for the games became achievable.

This trip to Beijing will be a repeated dream for Shaune. In 2004, Shaune, just 16 at the time, competed in the Summer Olympics in Athens. Then it came time to try to take his skills to an even higher level in Gainesville.

"I came to UF to see if I could improve and see where it takes me," Shaune said.

According to UF coach Gregg Troy, it is not surprising that his talents took him to this summer's games. "They are both great swimmers with

Gator athletes must stay on classy path

By BRITTANY WILLIAMSON
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Two brothers from UF will compete in the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing. However, there will be no sibling rivalry, as this pair of swimmers will be competing as teammates.

Shaune Fraser, 20, and Brett Fraser, 18, will be swimming together for the Cayman Islands' Olympic team in August.

Shaune will be swimming the 100 and 200 Freestyle, along with the 100 Butterfly. Brett will take on the 200 Backstroke. After growing up in the Cayman Islands, being in the water just became second nature.

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Gator athletes must stay on classy path

U F's athletic programs have been making headlines this summer.

-You know the softball team took a trip to the Women's College World Series, the women's tennis team made a run to the final four and the baseball team was back in the NCAA Tournament.

But, well, maybe you didn't notice all of those.

But I'll bet there were a few headlines that kept you gossiping with your fellow Gators:

Safety Jamar Hornsby gets kicked off the football team for using the credit card of Ashley Slonina who died in the tragic motorcycle accident of teammate Michael Guilford.

Offensive lineman Matt Patchan, who has yet to play a snap wearing the Orange and Blue, gets shot in his hometown of Tampa.

Joakim Noah comes back to Gainesville and racks up a laundry list of "minor" legal offenses — open container, possession of marijuana, speeding and driving with a suspended license.

As I found each of these headlines while perusing ESPN.com — news travels fast outside of little Alachua county — I couldn't help but think: Aren't these things that happen at the U and not the University of Florida?

From 1983 to 2001, Miami won five national football titles and established itself as the heavy hitter in Florida athletics.

In 1995, the 'Canes also established themselves as the bad boys in Florida athletics. Amid NCAA violations, the U lost scholarships not to mention respect — over the next two seasons.

Sports Illustrated even called for the university to shut down its football program when the scandal surfaced.

Miami since revived its program, winning a title in 2001 with high-character guys such as Ken Dorsey, Andre Johnson and Ed Reed.

But a few years later, the 7th Floor Crew's ode to "muddin'" girls and a brawl with cross-town FIU put the 'Canes back in the doghouse of public opinion.

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Former Gator star finds success in minor leagues

BRYAN AUGENSTEIN HAS SHINED IN CLASS A.

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Just one year ago, Bryan Augenstein had wrapped up his junior season at UF and was awaiting his professional fate like hundreds of players across the country will be today. Major League Baseball’s First-Year Player Draft kicks off at 2 p.m., and many of those selected will be faced with a difficult decision: Should I stay or should I go?

For Augenstein, who was chosen by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the seventh round of the 2007 draft, the decision was that much harder because the UF program was in limbo after Pat McMahon was fired as head coach.

“It was really tough,” Augenstein said. “I waited to sign because I wanted to see who they were bringing in.”

He was familiar with the program’s new face. Coach Kevin O’Sullivan had recruited Augenstein at Clemson when he was a senior in high school.

Augenstein visited Gainesville a few times during the summer to talk with the new coach. But in the end, he chose to sign on the dotted line.

“It just felt like it was the right time for me to sign and go pro,” he said. “As a pitcher, the younger you are, the better you are because you only have so many years in your arm.”

Given the success the towering 6-foot-5 right-hander has had so far, it would be hard to argue. Augenstein has dominated at Class A South Bend with a 3-1 record and a sparkling 2.09 ERA.

His 61 strikeouts lead the Silver Hawks’ staff to go along with an impressive juxtaposition of just nine walks in 73 innings pitched. His performance has earned him a spot on the 2008 Midwest League All-Star Team.

In a quirky twist of fate, Augenstein happened to face former Gator teammate Matt LaPorta, now with the Milwaukee Brewers’ organization, in his first professional at-bat.

Both players were assigned to their respective teams’ short-season rookie club after signing. In the lineup as designated hitter, LaPorta greeted his former teammate rather rudely.

“It was pretty crazy,” Augenstein said. “He hit a home run off of me, and the next at-bat I ended up striking him out. He got me, and then I got him too.”

“I talked to him before the game, and it was fun. “I’m just glad all throughout my college career I never had to pitch to him because he can hit anything.”

Another former teammate of Augenstein’s is likely to be drafted fairly high today, and he has no doubts that, regardless of what shortstop Cole Figueroa decides, he will be successful.

“He’s a really consistent player,” Augenstein said. “Either way it’s going to be a good decision for him because I think the scouts see he’s got some talent, and in the future, he’s going to be a good one.”

The same could be said of Augenstein, who continues to work on developing his changeup and tweaking his breaking ball while adjusting to the grind of the minor leagues.

“It’s definitely different because it’s baseball 24/7,” he said. “It’s living out of hotels. It’s not a very fun life being a professional baseball player outside of baseball.”

“You just have to love what you do.”
**Frasers support each other**

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good natural abilities,” Troy said. “I have confidence in them both.”

He will be cheering the boys on in Beijing along with their parents and younger brother. The brothers agree that their family members have been their biggest fans. “Our dad has always been there to support us. He’s done anything we need to be successful,” Shaune said.

When Brett joined Shaune at UF, the elder brother knew that the coaches and support system would help put his younger brother on the road to Beijing. “I knew he had the talent to do it,” Shaune said. “It was nice to see him qualify and know he would be alone.”

Brett echoes his older brother’s excitement about braving the games together. “It helps going with him because he’s more experienced. It will be nice to have the support and have someone to talk to,” he said.

According to the brothers, their feelings regarding the games are a blend of nerves and excitement. “It’s both. Mainly, excited to see what I can do,” Shaune said. “My training has been going really well.”

Their journey to the games is a testament to their work thus far. With no definite expectations in mind, the brothers are going simply for the experience. “It’s a great experience no matter what the outcome,” Troy said. “They’ll be better swimmers for it.”

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Cardinals surprise Medder

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late rounds — and the San Diego Chargers.

"I hadn't ever talked to the Cardinals," Medder said. "But, they're the ones that wanted to pick me up. They called me like they're the ones that wanted to."

"Cardinals," Medder said. "But, no more than a year makes for a lot of packing.

"He kind of knows the ins and outs," said Medder, who has changed position from tackle to left guard. "Make sure you know the plays. You can ask anybody else for help. If I ask the guys a question, they sit down and work it out with me. I appreciate it. They say, 'Don't worry about it, you got another day.'"

Well, maybe there will be another day.

"Anything can happen," Medder said. "That seventh d-lineman might be that good, and they say we don't need that left guard. I just got to try and execute the plays and let them know they can rely on me."

End of the season is bittersweet for some

Is there anything sadder than watching an amateur athlete end their career? In the week that I spent at the Women's College World Series, I saw more tears than smiles, more hugs than home runs and more endings than beginnings.

For every new star — see UF slugger Francesca Enea — there were a handful of seniors forced to say goodbye to their collegiate careers. The list of athletes who broke down in tears during postgame press conferences read like a Who's Who of College Softball.

Arizona's Taryne Mowatt and Virginia Tech's Angela Tincher, just to name a few. Or maybe you saw UF's Mary Ratliff shed a few tears on the field after losing to Texas A&M in her last game ever.

Unlike their counterparts playing football, basketball or even baseball for that matter, there's no multi-million dollar payday around the corner.

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Can you imagine how hard that must be on these athletes?

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No more practice.

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No more gameday.

Something that has defined you for your entire life is just taken away.

How many of you struggled with the fact that you were no longer an athlete afterward?

Now imagine what it would be like if you spent the next four years of your life competing at the highest level.

Tincher, the NCAA Player of the Year, struck out 19 batters in the Hokies 2-0 loss to the Gators — I hope you realize how ridiculous that is.

Tincher, hands down the nation's best player, won't be a first-round draft pick for any pro team.

She won't be waiting to see how big her signing bonus is or buying her parents a gigantic house.

Tincher will be a graduate assistant for the Hokies next season.

These athletes put just as much blood, sweat and tears into their sport as the ones you see every night on SportsCenter.

And for what?

So that maybe, just maybe, they can matter for one weekend a year?

No, they play because they love the game, and, no matter how cliché that may sound, it's true.

Isn't that something that should be admired?