RTS considers cutting routes, hiking prices

By ZAHARA ZAHAV
Alligator Writer

Gainesville residents better not forget a book this fall when they head out to catch the bus. Riders may have to wait twice as long for a bus ride in August, and they may have to use extra change to cover an increased fare price.

The Regional Transit System announced a proposal in a news release Monday to reduce the frequency of buses on 12 routes around the city and completely discontinue service for two.

The release also stated that RTS may begin charging riders $1.25 as opposed to the current $1 fare.

City spokesman Bob Woods said he was unsure if the proposed increase in bus fare would affect UF students.

The changes come at a time when mass transit across the country is hurting from fuel costs, Woods said.

RTS buses run on diesel, which costs about $4.89 a gallon at local gas stations.

"The cost has been astronomical," Woods said. "RTS is not insulated from changes rippling through the economy." Woods said RTS projects its deficit this year to be around $1.5 million. About $1.3 million of that comes from increased fuel prices.

The bus system was well within its budget last year, he said. "The cost just rose too fast," he said. "We weren't expecting it."

To avoid such a deficit next year, Woods said changes like decreased services and increased

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Judge tells ex-Gator Dupay he could face life in prison

By ZAHARA ZAHAV
Alligator Writer

Former UF basketball guard Edward "Teddy" Dupay, 28, was told in a Monday arraignment that he could serve from five years to life in prison for three first-degree felony charges.

Dupay is charged with kidnapping, rape and assault, according to Summit County, Utah, court records.

Paul Christensen, prosecuting attorney for the state of Utah, said it is too early in the proceedings to know how Dupay will plead his case, but a preliminary hearing in August should reveal if the former Gator plans to plead guilty.

Dupay was arrested last month at a Park City, Utah, ski lodge after his girlfriend of two years told police he hit and kicked her about 150 times and then raped her.

When police arrived, the 28-year-old woman was sobbing uncontrollably and said she was frightened of Dupay, according to court records. She told officers Dupay started beating her as soon as the couple entered the hotel room. She said he locked the door and forced her under a desk, telling her that if she tried to leave, he would kill her and her family.

Medical personnel at the scene reported she had bruises on her thigh, arm and shoulder and scratches on her back. Her left eye was red and swollen, and there was dried blood around her lips.

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Derby girls roll out

By SARAH KIEN
Alligator Writer

Wearing red metallic hot pants emblazoned with the words, "It's gon' hunt," Spritzi Beers sped around the track as she lapped her tattooed, fishnet-wearing opponent to score another point for the hell-raising Sinners.

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Spritzi is one of the Gainesville Roller Rebels, an all-female flat-track roller derby team.

The Rebels held their first home match, an inter-team scrimmage themed Saints vs. Sinners, in front of a crowd of more than 500 fans Sunday night at the Alachua County Fairgrounds.

Despite their on-track personas, members of the team lead fairly regular lives. They hold nine-to-five jobs and have husbands and children.

When she isn't playing the role of Spritzi Beers, Lauren Schaffer is a business owner and part-time waitress at Satchel's Pizza. Given monikers like "Terror A. Part" to conjure fear in their opponents, players are required to wear helmets, pads and quad speed skates. The rest of their attire, however, has no restrictions. From angel wings to black fishnets, the league's costumes are just a part of their intimidation tactics.

Today's derby girl is less theoretical and more badass, unlike the 1970s roller derby TV shows that featured staged scrambles and pillow fights at halftime. These tough-as-nails Roller Rebels hold twice-weekly practices, and the full-contact bouts leave many skaters bruised or injured. Skaters for the league have had radial fractures, severely bruised

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A Jacksonville RollerGirl blocks Gainesville Roller Rebels' Lil Mamma Jamma as she attempts to score a point at the Saints vs. Sinners roller derby game hosted by the Rebels at the Alachua County Fairgrounds Sunday.
Harn Museum brings Wonderland to campus

For Harn Museum of Art visitors, Wonderland may no longer be an imaginary realm. The museum’s newest exhibit, “Almost Alice: New Illustrations of Wonderland by Maggie Taylor,” consists of 45 digital prints that follow the story line of Lewis Carroll’s “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.” The exhibit opens today.

Taylor, a UF graduate who lives in Gainesville, used Adobe Photoshop to digitally layer 19th-century photographs with pictures she drew of the novel’s characters. Taylor used images of Victorian girls to represent Alice. Her prints will be published, alongside the story’s text, in a new version of the 1865 novel to be released in August.

“It’s not just cutting-edge in terms of digital technique but is also accessible to a broad audience of young people,” said Taylor.

Tom Southall, the museum’s photography curator. “The exhibit is free and will be on display until Oct. 19.

—EMILY BLAKE

Student senators bond through basketball

UF student senators traded ties for tennis shoes and bills for basketballs at a Saturday basketball tournament at the Southwest Recreation Center. The senators were divided into four teams according to their committees. About 40, or almost half of the nearly 100 senators, showed up to play. The Rules and Ethics team showed the most team spirit, naming themselves the Enforcers and practicing for three days before the tournament.

But in the end, hard work couldn’t save the Enforcers. Enforcers, and players from the Replacement and Agenda Committee swept the tournament.

Sen. Beau Fral, who played for the Enforcers, said the event helped the senators bond.

“Sports in general seem to facilitate camaraderie, and we want to build trust and respect in the chambers,” Fral said.

—VICTORIA WINKLER

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Fouke loses USC bid

University of South Carolina officials chose an in-house candidate as the university’s new president over former UF Provost Janie Fouke on Friday.

Fouke lost her bid for USC’s top position to Dr. Harris Pastides, USC’s vice president for research and health sciences and executive director of the South Carolina Research Foundation since 2003.

Pastides, 54, was unanimously approved by USC’s Board of Trustees and will become the university’s 28th president on Aug. 1, according to a USC news release. Andrew Sorenson, the university’s former president, is retiring.

The search for the university’s president was narrowed to three candidates Wednesday. The other candidate was Geri Hoofield Malandra, an official with the University of Texas System.

Neither Fouke nor a USC spokesperson returned phone calls or e-mails seeking comment.

Since resigning as provost on July 1, Fouke has served as senior adviser to UF President Bernie Machen.

In April, Fouke was also selected as one of six candidates for the chancellor position at Louisiana State University.

The position was given in June to Michael V. Martin, a former president of New Mexico State University who served as UF vice president for agriculture and natural resources in UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences from 1998 to 2004.

-KATIE SANDERS

Study examines online profiles

A recent UF study suggests that medical students should take up a "private" practice and conceal personal information on their Facebook profiles.

Some UF medical students lack discretion on the social Web site, and patients and future employers may not find their collegiate antics acceptable, according to the study.

From a pool of 800 UF medical students and residents, 44 percent had Facebook profiles.

Only a third of the students who were studied kept their profiles private.

Dr. Lindsay Acheson Thompson, an assistant professor at UF’s College of Medicine and one of the researchers, said she was disturbed by some of the photographs that the students posted for public viewing.

When 10 profiles were randomly selected, researchers found that half of them contained photographs showing the students drinking alcohol excessively.

Three belonged to groups with sexist or racially charged names, such as "Physicians looking for trophy wives in training" or "I should have gone to a blacker college," according to a UF news release.

Thompson was interested in studying how medical students maintain their identity on the site after a similar study was conducted on elementary education students in UF’s College of Education.

"We’re supposed to be model citizens 24/7, and that’s expected of us."

-Saad Mir

second-year UF medical student

She said she is worried that students are not aware of the consequences of having their actions on a public record.

Nothing ever disappears on the Internet, she said.

Students should make their profiles private and be confident with what details they choose to post, Thompson said.

Saad Mir, second-year UF medical student, said he chose to keep his Facebook profile private to be safe.

"We’re supposed to be model citizens 24/7," he said, "and that’s expected of us."

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Group fights gender law

By CHRISTOPHER MYERS
Alligator Writer

The community organization Citizens for Good Public Policy filed a petition to place a repeal of Gainesville's Anti-Discrimination-Gender Identity Ordinance on the next city election ballot.

The group's chairman, Cain Davis, said it will have enough signatures by the July 29 deadline.

The ordinance makes it illegal to discriminate against people based on their gender identity, which is defined as an inner sense of being a specific gender or a vocalizing of gender identity through verbal statements, appearance or mannerisms.

The ordinance also states a person can claim to be a specific gender without regard to his or her designated sex at birth.

City Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa said repealing the ordinance and reverting to the Florida civil rights code would affect other antidiscrimination ordinances. “A lot of people don’t realize in repealing this — assuming that there are enough petitions to place this item on the ballot in March — it also repeals the protection of sexual orientation,” Mastrodicasa said.

The law allows people to use the restroom or shower facility consistent with their gender identity, said Jimmie Williams, director of the Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office.

Williams added that this rule does not apply to places where people could be seen fully undressed, such as public showers without individual stalls.

The ordinance also requires employers to provide adequate facilities for transgender individuals at their own expense, adding that “unisex, single-occupancy shower stalls or dressing areas” would be adequate.

Davis said the fact that the ordinance does not require any form of registration or official proof of being transgender, other than simply saying so, can lead to people taking advantage of the ordinance.

Williams confirmed that no official proof of transgender status is required. “Our main problem is that the way the ordinance is written, it facilitates people abusing it.”

Citizens for Good Public Policy chairman

When the ordinance was being considered, Davis wanted it to require transgender individuals to officially register as such, though he did not specify how that might be carried out. Now, he and his group want the ordinance completely repealed.

They believe state laws offer sufficient protection for transgenders.

“Our main problem is that the way the ordinance is written, it facilitates people abusing it,” Davis said. “If you read the ordinance, it basically says that any man can go into a female restroom by simply stating, ‘I have a gender identity disorder.’”

Davis said it is irresponsible to allow Gainesville's 265 sexual offenders and predators access to restrooms and showers for women.

Mastrodicasa said sexual predators are irrelevant to the ordinance. “It’s a scare tactic designed to frighten people,” she said.

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State attorney drops 31 cases involving Bostick

The State Attorney’s Office dropped 31 criminal cases during the last two months because the only witness in the cases was a former Gainesville Police officer who recently resigned amid an internal investigation.

No other evidence supported former officer John Robert Bostick’s testimonies, said Spencer Mann, State Attorney’s Office spokesman.

Bostick voluntarily resigned May 9 after a woman told police that Bostick shared confidential police information with her and intimidated her into having sex with him.

The dropped cases included 17 felonies, nine misdemeanors, four criminal traffic cases and one municipal ordinance case for an open container violation.

Most of the cases involved charges of possession of marijuana, cocaine or narcotic equipment.

Other charges included driving with a suspended license, trespassing and resisting an officer without violence.

The attorney’s office started closing the cases around mid-May, and the last case was closed June 11.

Court documents show the cases were closed because there was insufficient evidence or the witness was not competent enough to testify.

The attorney’s office is still deciding whether Bostick will be charged and prosecuted for sexual battery in connection with the woman’s complaint, Mann said.

— APRIL DUDASH

UF ADMINISTRATION

Nursing college dean adds associate provost to her plate

By KATIE SANDERS
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UF Provost Joe Glover announced the appointment of a familiar UF face to a high-ranking position in the provost’s office Monday.

Kathleen Long, dean of the College of Nursing since 1995, will spend half of her time serving as an associate provost while continuing to work as dean during the other half.

Long is the first “half-timer” to assume the role, which she begins filling today, Glover said in a phone interview.

Her new salary is still being worked out, he added.

Long said in a telephone interview that the first area she plans to tackle is developing a plan for grades of assignments into a word or two.

Glover said it is still too early to condense Long’s list of assignments into a word or two.
Forgotten War
Troops pay for leaders’ mistakes in Afghanistan

As violence in Iraq has decreased significantly over the past several months, President Bush and Sen. John McCain have been quick to attribute the sharp decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian casualties to their troop-surge strategy and claim that victory in the desert quagmire is now within reach.

While we welcome the news of diminishing bloodshed and increasing stability in Iraq, we find it difficult to define “success” in the face of a tragically unnecessary and grievously costly foreign policy misadventure. Furthermore, the unsettling developments in the forgotten war being waged in the mountains of Afghanistan have overshadowed the progress in Iraq and further complicated the “success” calculus.

Violence levels in Afghanistan have been steadily increasing since 2002. In May, U.S. and NATO casualties in Afghanistan were higher than those in Iraq for the first time ever. This disturbing trend continued in June. Insurgent attacks are up 40 percent, and Afghan civilian casualties are up 60 percent from just a year ago.

The Taliban, once thought to be severely weakened, if not completely vanquished, has made a surprising resurgence, taking refuge in the uncontrollable tribal areas along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. It is from this region that insurgents assaulted a remote U.S. base on Sunday, killing nine U.S. soldiers in the war’s deadliest day since 2005, when an American helicopter was shot down and all 16 passengers died. This disheartening news comes on the heels of a Taliban-orchestrated jailbreak last month that freed 886 insurgents.

These distressing events lend credence to the notion that our leaders took their eyes off the ball when they rushed our nation into a lengthy, costly and pointless war against Iraq before we had finished the job in Afghanistan. The Bush administration and its neoconservative allies, aided by a spineless “opposition” party and some national security hardliners, recklessly shifted the focus of the War on Terror from a front of legitimate concern to a manufactured threat. What do we have to show for this breathtaking strategic blunder? Have we captured and brought to justice Osama bin Laden? Have we really avenged the victims of Sept. 11?

There are currently 32,000 brave American servicemen and servicewomen fighting in Afghanistan — bin Laden and al-Qaeda’s base of operations for the Sept. 11 attacks — while there are 145,000 equally brave U.S. soldiers currently serving in Iraq — a country that did not present an imminent threat to our national security and had absolutely nothing to do with Sept. 11, despite the necon public relations campaign indicating otherwise.

Military commanders estimate that our already over-stretched armed forces will need to commit between 7,000 and 10,000 additional troops to Afghanistan in order to quell the ascending Taliban insurgency and ensure the country does not fall back into the hands of those responsible for the murder of 3,000 Americans on that dark day in September of 2001.

It is clear that we must redistribute our efforts in Afghanistan in order to compensate for the profound miscalculations, incompetence and hubris of our elected leaders who chose imperialism over national security and in the process, have pressed our military to the breaking point.

Guest column
Liberals have it wrong on energy policy

Even if you’re the consummate hippie, walking or biking everywhere, you’ve probably felt the squeeze of skyrocketing oil prices. The price of electricity, food and practically every consumer product imaginable has increased due to the historic spike in oil prices.

To the uninitiated or unformed, it might seem as if this increase came out of nowhere, as neither supply nor demand for oil has shifted significantly. Consequently, it’s become fashionable among the liberal and idealistic crowd to lay the blame at the feet of mammoth oil companies, President Bush or the American public. With such a cursory examination, though, none of these criticisms hold water.

The cost of crude oil is close to $150 a barrel, and a barrel of even the crude oil yields about 30 gallons of gasoline. Although the remainder of the barrel can be refined into various other products, when considering taxes and the cost of producing and distributing gasoline, the cost of raw materials alone makes it hard to believe that companies are pricing from gasoline at all, much less raising the windfalls for which they’ve often accused.

Likewise, it’s become almost a cliche to blame Bush for whatever new ills befall America this week. For what it’s worth, Bush recently returned from a trip to Saudi Arabia where he convinced the Saudis to increase production by 300,000 barrels a day. Although relatively small, this bump should make a noticeable difference in the price of gasoline.

Perhaps the closest liberals come to the truth is lambasting the American people for their inability to curb their thirst for oil.

Never mind that American demand for oil has in fact been falling slowly but surely over the past 12 months or that hybrid car sales are soaring. The truth is that Americans are unwilling to give up their current standard of living, which means the demand for energy will, at best, remain relatively constant.

Therefore, the principles of economics dictate that any major change in consumption must come from the supply side of the market — a reality that liberals with their emissions caps, recycling programs and fuel-economy standards fail to recognize. While they’re on to something with their emphasis on renewable fuels and sustainable energy, they’re still far behind the free market.

Again, look at the hybrid car market, which has grown steadily every year for a decade. Americans are largely unwilling to drive less, but they’re perfectly happy to use less gas to do it. Whether they’re influenced by high gas prices or environmental consciousness is irrelevant — the effect is the same.

Besides tapping the billions of barrels of oil under American soil and just offshore, the mere suggestion of which sends liberals into fits, perhaps the most obvious solution to securing both stable oil prices and energy independence lies deep within the atom. Hardly one in five of America’s electricity comes from nuclear sources, far less than Europe and soon even China. To this end, Sen. John McCain has proposed building 45 new nuclear power plants in America, while Sen. Barack Obama has simply stated that he is “not a nuclear energy proponent.”

This anxious, idealistic attitude lies at the base of most liberal proposals on the issue. All Americans want greater energy independence and lower energy prices, but conservatives seem to be the only ones presenting logical, realistic policy proposals for attaining them.

Joshua Simmons is an economics senior and the executive director of the Florida Federation of College Republicans. His column appears on Tuesdays.

Reader response

Today’s question: Do you believe the war in Afghanistan has been mishandled?

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Letters to the Editor

Senate wrong to confirm Chomp director
I voted against Brett Roth's confirmation as Chomp the Vote executive director during Student Senate deliberations last week. In what is likely to be the most pivotal election of our lives, we cannot afford to pass up the opportunity to register as many Gators as possible. Unfortunately, I fear that Student Government may have done just that.

My objections to Mr. Roth stem not from his internship with the Republican National Committee, but rather from the simple fact that he is not here in Gainesville to direct Chomp the Vote. The voter registration deadline in Florida is Oct. 6, and when Mr. Roth returns, he will have less than two months to build an organization and register as many students as possible.

Last year, Chomp the Vote took this task head-on and ran a highly visible and effective campaign, registering thousands of returns, he will have less than two months to build an organization and register as many students as possible.

Reilly errs with choice for Chomp
I laughed out loud when I read the latest story in the Alligator about the Student Senate once again filling a critical position in Student Government with an empty chair.

The treasury job was so important to Paul Drayton that he would fill it faithfully — as long as nothing better came along. Now we learn that Student Body President Kevin Reilly, in his infinite wisdom, has decided the best person to get UF students to register to vote currently lives in Washington, D.C. On top of this, the appointee in charge of getting all students to vote, regardless of their political affiliation, happens to work for the Republican National Committee. Katherine Harris would be proud!

Does Mr. Reilly really believe that out of the more than 50,000 students at UF, there’s no one to fill the Chomp the Vote position who currently lives in Gainesville? Maybe he could even pick someone who currently doesn’t work for a political party. This just shows that once again, when it comes to Student Government, even the SG leadership currently in Gainesville is out to lunch.

Sam Jones
Chemical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate.

Scooter restrictions will protect students
I am writing in response to Mr. Hewlett's editorial letter in the July 10 edition of the Alligator. As a student who has walked this campus for five years, I could not be happier with the decision that Transportation and Parking Services made restricting scooters from the auto-free zone.

Mr. Hewlett asks for the university to compromise with scooter owners, but the university has already compromised. Students are still allowed to park in designated areas on campus that are outside of the auto-free zone; they will just have to walk to class like the rest of us who don’t own scooters.

As far as going green, UF has a great relationship with Regional Transit System buses. Instead of riding scooters to campus, students can ride on the buses, with many convenient stops campus-wide. Additionally, they can park their scooters outside the auto-free zone and ride a bus to class. This will further reduce emissions into the environment.

I do not view this new policy as “punishing” scooter owners. Rather, it is a way to protect those who don’t ride scooters.

Beginning in the fall, approximately 50,000 students as well as faculty and staff will be moving between buildings, especially during the 15 minutes between classes. By eliminating scooters in the auto-free zone, we are reducing the chances of accidents and injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists as well as those on the scooters. I would also encourage the administration to consider limiting the number of service vehicles in the auto-free zone during the times between classes.

Emily Appleton
7HP

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Long lines for iPhone 3G highlight latest tech craze

Locally, phones sold out within an hour of Friday release

By CHANTELLE MARCELLE
Alligator Writer

Josh Kaplan waited in line for six hours when the iPhone came out in June 2007 and was able to get one the same day.

He wasn’t as lucky when the iPhone 3G was released in stores on Friday.

The UF marketing junior was one of about 75 people who showed up at the Butler Plaza AT&T store Friday to buy the new iPhone.

Unfortunately for him, the phones sold out at about 10 a.m., an hour after the store opened, as sales associates informed hopeful shoppers who showed up too late.

The release of the iPhone 3G created another widespread consumer craze in the trend of purchasing the most innovative cell phone technology.

The new iPhone model runs on the 3G network, which allows faster Internet access — advertised by Apple to be twice as fast as the original iPhone.

Kaplan said after seeing the rush to get the first iPhone, he wasn’t surprised he was unable to get the new one.

“I figured unless I was actually waiting in line before 8 a.m., I wouldn’t even have a chance,” he said, regretting his arrival at about 10:30 a.m.

The line at the store started forming Thursday night.

Gretchen Schultz, AT&T spokes-woman, said stores in North Florida were depleted of their iPhone 3G stocks by noon.

The exact number of phones sent to each store was not released for financial and competitive reasons, Schultz said.

Individual plans for the iPhone 3G and other AT&T phones on the 3G network range from $69.99 to $129.99 a month, excluding text messaging.

Even though the new plan is more expensive than that of the previous iPhone, the price of the new phone is less expensive, starting at $199.

“It’s kind of a give and take,” Schultz said.

Jonathan Paez, a sales associate at In Touch Wireless in The Oaks Mall, said the better the phone, the more expensive the phone and plan will be.

Paez, a Santa Fe College freshman, said the popular T-Mobile phones, the Sidekick and Blackberry, also require additional fees for the extra features.

He feels increased use of cell phones has led to the demand for newer technology.

“The past three years have been the most speedy as far as technology developments,” Paez said.

In general, touchscreens, full keyboards and Internet access on cell phones are very popular now, he said.

Peter Kovachev, a sophomore at UF, said he thinks the iPhone makes you cooler, but he would only get one if his job required it and covered the expense.

“I figured unless I didn’t have one, I wouldn’t,” he said. “It’s just another thing to worry about.”

Reese Darlington, an economics junior at Florida State University, said most people buy the iPhone to get the new one during his visit in Gainesville.

Darlington thinks the extra fees for the iPhone 3G are a rip-off and the phone is a fad.

“Technically, all you need a phone for is to call somebody,” he said.

However, he still wants the phone because he travels a lot and thinks it offers better reception, as advertised by AT&T.

Kaplan returned to the Butler Plaza store Saturday and was told the best thing to do was wait about a week for his iPhone order to arrive.

He said having a cell phone with better technology is more convenient than carrying around a laptop.

“What I look for in a phone is the newest and most innovative technology I can get my hands on,” he said.

Kaplan said he uses his phone for business, academic and entertained purposes.

“Honestly, once you go iPhone, you can never go back,” he said. “It changes your life.”

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fares have to be implemented although such changes are projected to raise only about $200,000.

He said the city would also seek additional funding from private contributors and the state or federal government.

Despite a steadily declining economy, he said this year is the first time in 12 years the city has planned to raise bus fares.

He said RTS would remain a cheaper transportation alternative for residents than cars.

Routes that would be affected by the city’s proposed changes were chosen because they had the lowest number of riders an hour, according to the release.

Most revised routes would only change on weekends, when there are fewer riders than during the week.

If the city’s plan is approved, the routes should change Oct. 1.

The plan leaves almost all routes that run through UF’s campus unaffected because they are funded by the school.

Exceptions are routes 122 and 126, which would continue only at certain times, and route 128, which would no longer shuttle students out to Lake Wauburg. These changes, if approved, will become effective Aug. 18.

The city will hold a public hearing today for residents wishing to discuss proposed changes at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Auditorium.

Dupay told police he did not rape girlfriend

**DUPAY, from page 1**

X-rays showed she also had two fractured ribs.

Dupay told police he did not rape the woman and added things only got “a little rough.”

“How can you rape someone you love?” he said.

The information gathered for the court records was based on evidence and testimony from nine witnesses.

Dupay, who attended high school in Cape Coral, Fla., played on UF’s basketball team from 1999 to 2001 and helped lead the Gators to the 2000 Final Four before the team lost to Michigan State in the NCAA championship game, according to the GatorZone Web site.

He left the team at the beginning of his senior season in 2001 after gambling allegations were brought against him, but he was never criminally charged.

The Rebel Record in Park City, Utah, and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Hundreds turn out to watch Rebels’ home debut

**DERBY, from page 1**

tailbones and rink rash.

“I like hitting people,” said Catherine Seemann, known as Ms. Rebel on the track, who is out for the rest of the season due to torn ligaments in each knee. “It really is fun. You’re not supposed to play nice in derby.”

Seemann, founder of the Rebels, insisted she is not a violent person and said there is strategy involved in roller derby.

The frenetically paced sport is played in matches, called bouts, between two teams. Each team has three blockers and one pivot who skate together in a pack as defense. Players called jammers start from 20 feet behind the pack and have two minutes to skate past the blockers and pivots to score points.

After the first point, jammers score additional points for every opponent they pass. The team with the most points at the end of three 20-minute periods wins. On Sunday night, the Sinners triumphed over the Saints, winning 107 to 64.

A resurging interest in roller derby began with the creation of the Texas Roller Girls of Austin in 2003 and has fueled the formation of more than 50 leagues across the country, according to a recent ESPN news story.

The Rebels described their league as a sisterhood in which the members watch out for each other.

While the husbands and boyfriends of the Rebels, known as Derby Widows, are supportive, they try to stay out of most of the planning and execution.

Dann Hansen, fiance of Jennifer Cowan, known on the track as Diamonds & Rust, stood on the sidelines watching their three children as Cowan circled the track wearing demonic face paint.

“It’s definitely a subculture where men aren’t allowed,” Hansen said.

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Munroe to miss entire 2008 season due to torn ACL

BACKUP SAFETY JOHN CURTIS IS ALSO OUT.

STAFF REPORT

It's only mid-July, but UF's secondary just took a major hit.

Rising junior safety Dorian Munroe, the probable starter at strong safety opposite Major Wright, has suffered a torn ACL in his right knee that will require him to have surgery and miss the entire 2008 season. Fellow safety John Curtis also suffered the same season-ending injury to his left knee. This is the third tear in Curtis' left knee, on which he has had two prior surgeries.

"Dorian and John were having tremendous off-seasons," UF coach Urban Meyer said in a statement.

"I'm confident Dorian will battle through the rehabilitation process and come back a better football player."

With Munroe out, the door is wide open for incoming freshman Will Hill to step in and earn the starting role opposite Wright. The 6-foot-3, 200-pound Hill was one of the top-rated safety prospects in the country.

Others who may start include Ahmad Black and Moses Jenkins, two cornerbacks who could see a position shift due to the sudden thinness at the safety position. Bryan Thomas, who has also struggled with injuries, should get more playing time as well.

GATORS ON TV: UF and Sun Sports have signed one of the most lucrative media rights deals in the country, according to the Jacksonville Business Journal.

The deal could be a sign that an SEC channel in the vein of the Big Ten Network is not on the horizon.

BRIAN, from page 19

with Erin Andrews, but a few muscle flexes the past few years don't overtake the history of major metropolises that have lasted for decades. L.A. has the Lakers' ridiculous number of titles and John Wooden making the rest of college basketball look like Division II during his tenure at UCLA. Wayne Gretsky grazed L.A. with his presence for eight years, too.

Tim Tebow's tears could cure cancer, but they couldn't have penetrated Wooden's zone defense.

As shocking as UF's football dismantling was against Ohio State, the New England Patriots' upset of the St. Louis Rams in 2002 was even greater. New England Patriots' upset of the St. Louis Rams in 2002 was even greater.

But why does L.A. have such a point to the New York Giants.

season's Super Bowl, you need to give from the Patriots for their loss in last season's game against Florida State.

"I love the Gators. I had to do what I could to make sure Gainesville is TitleTown," he said.

Around Gainesville

Gainesville was chosen as one of 20 finalists for the competition, which were announced earlier this summer. Gainesville will be followed in the coming weeks by trips to New York City; Williamsport, Pa.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Columbus, Ohio, among others.

The finalists were chosen from a group of fan video and essay submissions, as well as by the anchors of SportsCenter and a collection of national sports columnists.

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Urban Meyer

UF football coach

paint began to drip in the hot Florida sun, did all he could to accommodate the attention he received from fans and reporters alike.

Scheidorf spent the afternoon as Tebow's Heisman Trophy.

Originally a Halloween costume, Schendorf first donned the outfit publicly for last season's game against Florida State.

"I love the Gators. I had to do what I could to make sure Gainesville is TitleTown," he said.

"I grew up this way, and it's just how I am."
ESPN comes to Gainesville for TitleTown filming

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Tim Tebow isn’t the only one in town in need of a police escort these days.
For the first time in a long time, the Heisman Trophy winner was forced to share the spotlight.
When ESPN rolled into town last Thursday to film the Gainesville portion of the SportsCenter series “TitleTown USA,” they brought with them one of UF’s most popular alumni.
Sideline reporter Erin Andrews was on hand to host her school’s segment of the summer series.
The former Dazzler needed a police escort in order to make her way from her tan Toyota FJ Cruiser parked in the back of the stadium to the stage in front of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.
Fans made signs, proposed marriage and chanted her name.

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Not so tough anymore, are you?
This, ladies and gentlemen, is why Gainesville is not TitleTown USA. I don’t doubt Gainesville on the college scene. Gator fans are as crazy as they come, and UF certainly has had unprecedented success in the past few years: A remarkable football championship with a quarterback who now can barely find a home in the Canadian Football League. Back-to-back men’s basketball championships from players who, before the 2006 season, were expected to be playing in the NIT at the end of the season. That 2006-07 run will probably never happen again.
It’s just too bad for Gainesville that it’s called TitleTown USA and not King of Small Town USA.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
UF alum dreams of MLB

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Last fall, Jeff Corsaletti sampled the Fenway Park experience he’d always dreamed of: patrolling the expansive green in front of the famed Green Monster, taking in the deafening noise of the 30,000-plus crowd, enjoying the thrill of a comeback win.
No, the former UF outfielder and current Boston Red Sox prospect wasn’t called up for a cup of coffee at the major-league level. The game was part of a minor-league twin bill that saw Corsaletti’s Double-A Portland Sea Dogs take on the Harrisburg Senators.
But the memory sticks with him.
“Being able to get a taste of that, playing in Fenway Park with all of those fans, it was something else,” Corsaletti said in a phone interview. “It’s my goal to be able to experience that every day.”

He faded a bit after the midseason mark, ending the year batting .266 with six home runs and started this season repeating Double-A.
All the while, murmuring in the background were the scouting reports that projected the former Gator as nothing more than a backup outfielder in the major leagues.

“It’s my goal to be able to experience that every day.”

Jeff Corsaletti
Former UF outfielder

“My whole career, people have constantly been telling me what I can and can’t do,” he said. “And I’ve constantly proved them wrong.”
That includes his time at UF. When Corsaletti came in as a freshman on nothing but a scholarship that would pay for his books, people told him he was never going to play every day.
But that year, he had more playing time than anyone in his class and would become a starter his sophomore year. He never looked back.
Milton-Jones overcomes injury to make Olympic team

**CorsolettI**, from page 19

In 2005, CorsolettI was the emotional leader and offensive sparkplug of the team that made it to the championship series of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., batting .358 with 10 home runs and 53 RBI in the leadoff spot.

It's safe to say he proved the naysayers wrong about his college career, and now he looks to do the same in his professional future.

"It's things like that that constantly motivate me and constantly keep me going and constantly keep me working hard," CorsolettI said.

He's worked hard in one specific area that the Boston organization emphasized: aggressiveness at the plate.

Before, CorsolettI was more focused on getting on base and not striking out. Now, he has a slightly different approach.

"I've been focused on driving the ball more in advantage counts," he said. "When pitchers get behind, I'm hitting their mistakes. It's working out really well."

The difference has been remarkable. Though CorsolettI is striking out more — 58 times in 76 games as opposed to 37 in the same timeframe last season — his production and power numbers have improved significantly. He is batting .310 at the midway point with 12 home runs, as opposed to half that all of last season. His doubles, triples and RBI are all up as well.

But CorsolettI hasn't lost his patience at the plate. He has an otherworldly strikeout-to-walk ratio of almost one (58/51).

He also ranks first or second on the Sea Dogs in every offensive category.

"It's no surprise, then, that he will be playing in his second consecutive Eastern League All-Star Game on Wednesday night in Manchester, N.H."

"It's an honor," CorsolettI said. "I'm really looking forward to it. We'll get to joke around, relax and have fun, and play a little baseball too."

As for what lies ahead, the UF alum said he's trying not to worry too much about when the call to Triple-A might come, though right now he has a very good shot at reaching Pawtucket before the end of the season.

He tries not to worry about much of anything these days — including those pesky scouting reports that say he won't be anything more than a backup in the majors.

"I'm just trying to make the big leagues any way I can," CorsolettI said. "I'll worry about where I'm playing when I get there."

"The goal right now is just to get there, and if it's as a fourth outfielder, then so be it."

"But I have the goal to be up there as an everyday player."

Someday, perhaps one corner of the outfield in Fenway Park will belong to the guy no one believed could claim it.

**Fourth-year outfielder continues to defy naysayers with standout seasons**

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