Search for UF president far from over

By Beth Kassab
Alligator Staff Writer

With no candidates left, UF officials will evaluate this week how to continue to search for the university’s next president.

One by one, the six finalists pulled out of the race after the Faculty Senate questioned their qualifications, Florida’s public records laws allowed their current employers to pressure them to stay in their current jobs and the state’s politicians decided to do away with the Board of Regents who will hire and oversee the new president.

Those factors have indefinitely stalled the search, which was supposed to have concluded when the Regents meet in Gainesville this week.

Regent C. B. Daniel said Monday the search process could now take “anywhere from two or three months to six months or longer.”

On May 1, the day the last two finalists dropped out of the race, the Regents held a teleconference with State University System Chancellor Adam Herbert and Bill Funk of the Texas-based search firm Korn/Ferry International, who the state paid $90,000 to collect the first round of finalists.

“Certainly the faculty resolution had an impact,” Funk said during the teleconference. “I do think it would be a difficult climate to go out and assemble a pool tomorrow.”

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution during the spring semester that demanded the search be reopened to find candidates who come from more prestigious universities. Funk said the negative sentiments are cause for “a little time to pass before we reopen or extend the search.”

Herbert pointed out during the teleconference, however, that he thought the search pool was highly qualified with the largest number of sitting presidents in a candidate pool and many of them having experience at member institutions of the Association of American Universities, the most prestigious organization in higher education. UF is a member of the AAU.

Several Regents called the timing of and the message in the faculty’s resolution “inappropriate.” Regent Gwen McLin said faculty should be reminded that someone who is a provost at another university “might be just as excellent” an applicant as a sitting president.

Florida’s open records laws allowed some of the candidate’s current employers to learn that they were being considered and pressure them to stay at their current universities. Herbert said that was another deterrent for some of the candidates.

Also, the Legislature voted to disband the Board of Regents, the 14-member panel that oversees Florida’s public university system, in exchange for individualized boards at the university level. The Regents will be phased out during the next two years – creating a situation in which the new president would not know who their long-term bosses would be.

The University Search Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. today at the Brain Institute. The Regents Search Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday in the O’Connell Center’s martial arts room.

Local activists protest Starbucks’ policies at store grand opening

By Jon DeCarmine
Alligator Staff Writer

Local activists took to the street Monday to protest farmers and local businesses from what they say are unfair business practices of the Starbucks Corp., which opened its first Gainesville-area store in Union Street Station Monday.

Chanting “Starbucks has blood in their coffee” and waving makeshift eviction notices, about 50 protesters rallied against the company’s policies, which often have come under fire for exploiting Third World farmers and driving independently owned coffee shops out of business.

Holding a banner contrasting the few cents Starbucks pays Guatemalan farmers for each pound of coffee, however, could not get that or any other coffee that guarantees the farmer is paid a living wage. Instead, it only is available by the-pound in whole-bean form. Gulick would not disclose what percentage of Starbucks’ sales come from whole-bean coffee versus that served to customers.

Starbucks announced in April that it would begin selling Fair Trade Certified coffee, which guarantees a living wage to farmers, in more than 2,000 retail locations.

Julia Henderson, 23, who stood behind a table across from the store giving away cookies, cakes and brownies, all vegan and mostly organic, said the store would hurt downtown’s unique atmosphere.

“The worst part is that this building is property-tax free,” she said.

“Taxpayers – us – are subsidizing the removal of local businesses.”

Starbucks, which will open its second Gainesville store in about a month in Magnolia Park on Northwest 39th Avenue, has taken steps to foster good community relations, such as donating all past-date coffee and pastries to Mighty Bread Food Bank.

Company representatives do not feel the downtown store, which sits directly across from Maude’s Classic Café, will damage existing merchants.

“We haven’t gained our success by undercutting anybody in price,” Gulick said. “We want to become a part of the fabric of the community.”

Monday’s protest promises to be only the first punch in the emerging fight to ensure downtown Gainesville’s vibrant air is not lost to corporate chains and strip-mall mentality. Another protest is scheduled Wednesday to coincide with the opening of the Hooters restaurant.

“Our larger goal is not just against Starbucks, it is against the corporatization and gentrification of Gainesville,” Berger said. “We don’t need Starbucks, we don’t need Hooters and we don’t need Burger King. And we don’t want them here either.”
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UF hands bookstore operations over to Follett

By Roland Liwag
Alligator Writer

After 94 years of retaining independent operation of the UF Bookstore at the HUB, UF officials decided to hand over daily bookstore operations to Follett Higher Education Group in response to "increased competition in the volatile nature of the textbook market."

As part of their 12-year partnership, Follett will take control of UF's bookstore on July 1 and support UF's effort to build a $10 million dollar, 50,000-square-foot bookstore next to the Reitz Union.

The UF Bookstore's Invitation to Negotiation Committee asked representatives from Barnes & Noble Booksellers and Follett to answer an "invitation to negotiate" proposal containing questions about their plans for a partnership with UF.

The companies were asked to explain in detail their plans for a new bookstore, merchandise pricing, student employment opportunities and commission on sales and other income.

The committee -- formed to explore the feasibility of privatizing UF's bookstore -- was composed of faculty, student and university officials.

Describing both competitors as near equals in their bid to win the sought-after contract, UF Vice President for Administrative Affairs Gerald Schaffer said he believes Follett will provide "a level of service that will meet our high expectations."

Out of a possible 5,000 points, Follett outscored Barnes & Noble 4,783 to 4,569 in the 14-question proposal survey.

Committee members gave Follett higher scores in sales commissions, pricing retention of current bookstore personnel, the main HUB store, qualification of staff and textbook reservations and buyback.

UF Director of Business Services Jim Morgan said there are still other concerns to settle, among them a 40 to 50 page contract defining the legal terms of the UF corporate partnership with Follett.

Morgan, the committee chairman, said it will take up to 18 months to finalize the agreement with Follett, although transfer of control of the store will begin this summer.

He said geological studies on the proposed site for the new bookstore, funding for the project and approval from the Board of Regents are still needed.

To address funding concerns, Morgan said Follett will support a "multi-tiered" contract where UF will receive a commission of 10.75 percent for the first $10 million of merchandise sold.

He said UF's percentage share is not fixed and will pace the amount of revenue generated by Follett.

Another option UF officials have for funding the bookstore can come from a direct capital investment from Follett in exchange for a lower commission rate.

"This is not an option or an ideal situation we want to be in, but [university officials] will use it if they have to," Morgan said. "This will give the university flexibility in having the bookstore finished by 2003."

Morgan said construction of the new bookstore is expected to begin in 2002.

Follett representatives suggested the Reitz Union's southeast loading dock facing Museum Road was the best location for a market-wise to build the new bookstore.

Morgan said the UF would be responsible for constructing the building's exterior, but the responsibility of finishing the interior would fall to Follett.

He said Follett would have two million dollars at stake designing, building and furnishing the interior of the store.

In the meantime, Follett will continue to operate the bookstore at the HUB for the next three years after the partnership is formalized in July.

Starting in Summer B students will have the opportunity to order their books on the Internet through Follett's online bookstore, follett.com.

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Medical student found dead, police track down leads

By Gavin Burgess
Alligator Writer

A first-year medical student who was found dead in her apartment last week, leaving police tracking down several leads as they search for the cause of her death.

Sheriff's deputies found Caroline Annette Cody, 22, in her Gainesville apartment after her friends reported they had not seen her since Monday.

A maintenance worker unlocked her apartment for sheriff's deputies to search, said Linda White, spokeswoman for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's investigators have been checking into different leads to try to establish the circumstances that led to Cody's death.

An autopsy performed on Friday was unable to determine a cause of death and there were no signs of a struggle or physical trauma on her body, White said.

A toxicology report, which can take weeks to complete, will determine if there were drugs or alcohol in her system at the time of her death.

Some residents of the southwest Gainesville apartment complex believe foul play could be involved because on the last day Cody was seen, a letter was given to residents about an incident involving a man exposing himself to a complex resident.

The Sheriff's office would not release details about what room of the apartment Cody was found in or the approximate time of death.

Betty Cody, Caroline's mother, said she was told her daughter's car is missing from the apartment complex, but is unsure whether that was related in any way to her death.

Cody was born in Memphis, Tenn., and later moved to Jacksonville with her parents and brother.

When Cody was 14 she began helping her father, Dr. William Cody, at his office answering phones during summer and winter vacations.

Her father eventually took her "on the rounds" to emergency rooms, where her interest in medicine began, Betty Cody said.

Caroline Cody also enjoyed swimming and golfing. She played the piano, a hobby she began medical school at UF.

Her major interests were gynecological and obstetric studies, Betty Cody said.

In addition to her mother, Caroline is survived by her father, William and her brother William Cody Jr.

A visitation service will be held Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Holmes Glover Solomon Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

The funeral will be Friday at 12 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, also in Jacksonville.

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It's not too late: Alligator still recruiting staff...for summer

By Roland Liwag
Alligator Writer

Calling all aspiring Carl Hiaasens, Tom Frenches, Hunter S. Thompsons, Theo Wilsons, Linda Greenhouses, Carl Bernstein, Bob Woodwards and others. The Alligator is still recruiting staff for the Summer term.

If you want to get stellar clips and experience as to land your dream internship next summer, need extra credit for reporting class or if you are simply looking for a creative and worthwhile way to spend all your free time this summer, the Alligator is the place to be.

The newspaper publishes two days a week during the summer (Tuesdays and Thursdays), so the schedule is a lot less hectic than that whole daily, back-to-back issue publication schedule we keep during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Now is the perfect time to get started... and we need you because the majority of our staff is made up of students or who have to hold down day jobs. The Alligator is a non-profit publication staffed by students and therefore relies on student journalists to keep the ship afloat.

Non-journalism majors also are encouraged to join our staff. We are in need of news, sports and entertainment writers as well as photographers and copy editors. Some positions are paid.

If you're interested to join the staff or would like to know more, attend the meeting on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the newsroom for a chance to get acquainted with our day-to-day operations.

To inquire further, stop by the meeting, e-mail editor Beth Kassab at bkassab@alligator.org or call 376-4458.
Students first charged with noise ordinance violation

By Jon DeCarmine
Alligator Staff Writer

A loud graduation party two weeks ago turned two UF students into the first casualties in Gainesville’s war against noise.

Gainesville Police Cpl. Ed Barry arrested Jason Douglas Richichi and Matthew Koger Still, both 21, in the early hours of Sunday, April 30, for violating the city’s new noise ordinance, which commissioners recently strengthened in response to numerous complaints from neighborhoods near the UF campus. The students, who at the time were roommates in the house at 1301 NW 31st Drive, spent about 13 hours in jail before being released on their own recognizance.

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Senate to appoint new senators, committee chairmen tonight

By Roland Liwag
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Convening at its first meeting of the Summer term, the Student Senate will appoint summer replacement senators tonight and name new committee chairmen.

The Replacement and Agenda Committee met on Monday afternoon to interview people interested in heading several Senate committees that lack leaders.

The Budget, Allocation, Rules and Ethics, Judiciary and Information and Communication Committees currently do not have chairmen.

Marc Adler, who replaced Brooke Myrick as Senate president on April 18, has said that he plans to improve the Senate during his term. Among those improvements would be moving Senate meetings out of the Reitz Union to a location more accessible to students.

Adler said he also plans to publish Senate agendas online, making them available for students to read before it meets on Tuesday evenings.

Before assuming the position of Senate president, Adler was the Student Government Lobbying Director. During that time, he worked closely with the Florida Students Association and dealt with student concerns about such issues as tuition hikes and the rave ordinance.

Wanting to continue at that level of involvement, Adler said he plans to increase Senate involvement in local and state issues concerning students.

Student Senate Secretary Glenda Frederick said a resolution also will be presented tonight in honor of Caroline Cody, a first-year medical student who died last week.

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A clean start

Jim Rice cleans a window at Union Street Station Monday afternoon. Stores and restaurants have begun to open in the new building, situated across from the Sun Center downtown.

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Court will not review First Lady's law license

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Arkansas Supreme Court's disciplinary arm has decided not to institute proceedings against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that could have led to the revocation of her law license because of the Whitewater scandal.

A complaint by a conservative group, Landmark Legal Foundation, did not present "a sufficient basis" to initiate an investigation of the first lady, James Neal, executive director of the committee on professional conduct, wrote in a letter released Monday by Landmark.

The group asked for an inquiry after federal regulators found in 1996 that Mrs. Clinton, as a lawyer in Little Rock, created a real estate document later used by her Whitewater partners' savings and loan to deceive federal regulators. The document helped enable a payment of $300,000 in real estate commissions to the father-in-law of Mrs. Clinton's partner, Webster Hubbell, on a failed land development called Castle Grande.

The conservative group never got a response to its initial complaint in 1996 due to what Neal said may have been a "mix-up or miscommunication."

Marl Levin, president of the conservative group based in Herndon, Va., said the Arkansas disciplinary committee provides "no information justifying or explaining their latest decision for failing to investigate."

"The inspector general at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. singled out Mrs. Clinton's legal work as a major factor in the perpetration of this fraud" at the S&L owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners, Levin said.

Separately, the court's attorney disciplinary arm is considering whether to revoke President Clinton's law license for his denials of a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

New law to reconfigure leadership of Florida's educational system

By Beth Kassab

The Associated Press

The Board of Regents, which will meet in Gainesville on Wednesday and Thursday to decide the fate of UF's search for a new president, is embarking on the beginning of its end.

Florida's Legislature decided during the Spring session to replace the governor-appointed board of 14 members who oversee Florida's 10 public universities with individual Boards of Trustees at each university. The new plan set by the state's politicians would also create a state Board of Education that would oversee K-12 and higher education, taking over many of the Regents' responsibilities.

The changes, which would also eliminate the state Board of Community Colleges, would not take effect until 2003.

In addition to hiring the state's university presidents, the Regents also develop the State University System's budget.

Critics of the plan have voiced concern over the potential political conflicts it could create because the Board of Regents would no longer serve as a buffer between university presidents and the state Legislature.

In February, a 37-member commission recommended that a "mega-board" be established that has authority over Florida's entire education system.

Because the future of the governance of Florida's higher education system was in question during the Spring when UF was recruiting presidential candidates, several finalists withdrew their names after learning more about the plan. Many realized that the board that would hire them would not be the same one that oversees their tenure as president.

Who's your daddy?
EDITORIAL

Coming together

Along with swearing in two new Gainesville City Commissioners, Thursday's inauguration ceremony at the Thomas Center will provide students with an opportunity to polish their on-again, off-again relationship with city government into one that is as harmonious as it is progressive.

Though the citywide goals of students and longtime residents have diverged less than a casual observer might assume, given the heated debates surrounding the anti-rave controversy, the city government remains an untapped — and unhostile — source of potential for everyone in the UF community.

In the past, student interaction with commissioners has been largely pragmatic, and almost always focused on the negative too late after key decisions had been made. That made our role a reactive one and limited the community's view of our efforts solely to issues in which we opposed the commission's actions.

Through this, however, students have sat, often as full-voting members, on various city boards to contribute a student perspective to policy-making decisions. These positions are available to anyone, and commissioners have expressed their desire to work more closely with students.

Most promising to the future of the student-city relationship, and Gainesville in general, is At-Large Commissioner-elect Warren Nielsen's commitment to establishing joint committees to open dialogue between students, neighborhood residents, commissioners and other groups.

On Thursday, Nielsen moves into the seat Bruce Delaney will vacate due to term limits, and District 1 Commissioner-elect Chuck Chestnut IV fills the slot Ed Jennings Jr. will leave for the same reason. Regardless of whether their contributions affect the bellwether student issue of regaining freedoms curtailed by the rave ordinance, their willingness to work to unify Gainesville residents promises to benefit the entire community.

Speak your piece

Got a gripe about the latest thing Student Government has or hasn't done? Don't think it's fair that the City Commission wants you in bed by 2 a.m.? Still can't figure out how Krishna food leaves a grease mark that seeps into your very soul?

It could be anything from the relative importance of social media to the body odor of the kid who sits next to you on the bus. Figure out what's wrong with the world, mull over what we can do about it and pen your manifesto. Unless it contains imminent, unanswerable threats to mankind, we won't run it on the front page, but you'll still reach an audience of more than 40,000 a mere six pages into the largest independent student newspaper in the nation.

You can respond to articles, editorials, letters to the editor or guest columns, set the record straight or just say what you've got to say (unless it involves Elian Gonzalez, campus preachers or the Confederate flag). The Opinions page is your page, for your voice, to be heard by your peers. Check out the box below this editorial for length requirements and contact information, and use this space wisely.

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UN ‘peacekeeping’ an utter failure

Screw peacekeeping and screw the United Nations! Peacekeeping never works. Aside from being simply the most incompetent and useless organization in the solar system, the United Nations’ official line is that the hostage situation in Sierra Leone is not their fault. The United States should take the blame.

Like much of Africa, Sierra Leone has been consumed by civil strife. Horrible violence gets a new standard with each passing day. One can’t help but want to put peace on earth, but everything comes at a cost and peace cannot be kept where peace does not exist. Earlier this month, 500 UN troops were taken hostage by the Revolutionary United Front. The rebel forces used UN equipment to do the job.

Humiliation doesn’t begin to describe the constant results of United Nations peacekeeping operations. Reckless endangerment of human lives is the basis of idealism is a good place to start. The concept of peacekeeping developed in 1948 with a resolution from the Security Council authorizing international forces to separate armed conflict. The first such mission was to keep peace between Israel and Arab nations.

By 1956, the UN established rules before establishing a peacekeeping force. First, permission from all parties, second, the Security Council must authorize the deployment. Third, all member nations must finance the operation. In the case of Sierra Leone, obviously someone didn’t ask the rebels how they really felt about peacekeeping. Since it takes only one permanent member of the Security Council to oppose, veto and kill an operation, everyone that counts gave the green light. Unfortunately, not everyone wanted to pay for the African mission, yet troops were sent anyway.

To date, peacekeeping still doesn’t work but the get-along gang in New York wanks that it will eventually. Currently, there are 17 peacekeeping missions around the globe: Bosnia, Congo, Croatia, East Timor, Georgia, Kosovo, Israel, Kashmir, Iraq, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, Lebanon, Western Sahara, Haiti, Tajikistan and the beautiful Sierra Leone.

The expense of keeping peace isn’t worth anyone’s time or effort. People die in these places. Every political and ethnic group that declares war and dies fighting for their cause has died for a legitimate reason. You may not agree with the concept of dying for God, King and country, but that’s the Ivory Tower speaking.

Most people are content with the idea. Most academics are not. We picture a world of war, famine and injustice. We forget that our own country had to kill for freedom. Blood is a necessary ingredient of peace. Fear of more blood is a necessary ingredient for keeping peace.

CHRIS UZAL

With that in mind, it’s not clear exactly what the average UN conscript is putting his life on the line for. The UN conscript will never die for God, King or country. When he does die, he is not remembered. The group he laid his life down for believes in everything and therefore nothing. His leaders are spineless, cheese-tasting, Doves clones that speak of idealism, minus reality, in their Esperanto gibberish. Some of the active UN missions have been going on since the dawn of the organization. Most have been established since 1991. None – Persian Gulf War included – can be called a success. Idealism can hurt actual people as the UN’s blind insistence on photogenic, feel-good forces has shown.

The fundamental elements of a country are legitimacy, authority and sovereignty. Legitimacy comes from the acceptance of rule, authority is granted by those ruled and sovereignty is given to nations that can keep it. If a government cannot keep all three elements in line, it does not deserve to rule. If people must die to get an illegitimate government that can’t keep its sovereignty, then that’s how the game is played. Peace doesn’t come any other way.

From a political standpoint, the UN is worthless. From a military standpoint, the UN is worthless. From an economic standpoint, the UN is worthless. Every military mission since 1948 has been expensive and exploited by the parties involved. When the UN wants peace, everybody re-arms and re-supplies themselves. The Revolutionary United Front took that scam to the next level by taking everything from the UN as its own – particularly guns and ammo.

The same money invested in the impossible effort of keeping peace could be spent on cheaper medicine and better yielding agriculture. Wars would be much shorter if the UN just abandoned the military business.

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Bar closings not equally enforced

Editor: Here's the deal. I was one of the last people ushered out of the Soulhouse at about 1:50 a.m. Thursday. My abrupt departure was forced by the anti-rave ordinance. Unfortunately, it was obvious that the bouncers were awaiting the arrival of law enforcement, a nightly occurrence at the Soulhouse. As I drove west on University Avenue, I observed a most disturbing scene. Bars such as The Swamp, Ballz, The Grog House and The Purple Por-

poise were not only still open, but were packed full of UF students with drinks in hand. Obviously these bars weren't in the line of fire with the city commission over the whole rave ordeal, but as I understood it, the 2 a.m. law was supposed to be enforced for all bars and clubs. Where is the law enforcement at these bars at 2 a.m.? The cops sit perched outside the Soulhouse and Simonis to make sure every last breathing soul is out the front door the second the clock hits 2 a.m. But yet these "non-rave" associated bars can remain open to filter every- one out as they please. I don't get it. One thing I do get though: only the bars the city commission doesn't like must lock up at 2 a.m.

Michael Tomas

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One Florida ends discrimination

Editor: The NAACP's lawsuit is the best thing that has happened for the One Florida cause. Now we can have a full debate on affirmative action, which is "discrimination to end discrimination." It infuriates me to be stuck in a university that has Jewish Awareness Month, Black History Month and Women's History Month. It is sad that there are people out there that just can't see that these separatist groups are NOT for equality. How would you feel if you were African American and you found out that the only reason you got accepted into UF was because of that? This is an insult to humanity and I am sick of it. If this is an Equal Opportunity university and it does not discriminate based on race or creed, then why does it ask on an admissions application for those details? Well, it is so they can discriminate based on race or creed — duh! This is so obvious that it isn't funny. I am so proud of Jeb Bush's One Florida plan for many reasons. One of them is that the people who claim to be championing equality are finally showing their true colors. The NAACP is upset with One Florida because it is a racist organization that does not want equality.

Drew Mallo

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Connerly postpones bid to end affirmative action

Current campaign comes to an end as amendment's fate remains held up in court

By Mark Ward
Alligator Staff Writer

The campaign headed by Ward Connerly to end affirmative action programs statewide has been put on hold, at least until after the November election.

On May 8, Connerly postponed his drive to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would have ended race-based preferences in Florida, conceding his supporters could not gather the necessary 435,000 signatures in time to place the measure on the ballot.

But Kevin Nguyen, Connerly's spokesman, said the decision to delay the amendment was based in part on the Florida Supreme Court's actions while reviewing the proposed legislation.

In early March, the amendment was split into four separate initiatives and was brought before the court to determine if it was properly worded, but the court has yet to make a ruling. Opponents argued the amendment violated the constitutional requirements that it pertain only to a single subject and be written in "clear and unambiguous language." The court's previous rulings have struck down similar proposals.

Nguyen said the court's failure to expedite the case as the election loomed made gathering the needed signatures in time impossible.

"They knew we were hoping to make it on the November ballot, but everywhere we turned we encountered speed bumps," said Nguyen, adding that in the past the court has ruled within a month on similar time-sensitive matters.

The "Florida Civil Rights Initiative" would have banned preferences based on sex, race, color, ethnicity or national origin at all levels of government. Current judicial orders or programs that need preferences to receive federal funding would not have been affected.

Voters in California and Washington passed similar amendments with Connerly, a former regent for the University of California, an active participant in both campaigns.

Connerly vowed to continue his efforts and said he hopes to gain the necessary signatures to place the measure on the ballot in 2002, the same year as Gov. Jeb Bush's re-election.

During the past two years, Connerly's supporters have gathered 45,000 signatures statewide of those favoring an end to race-based preferences, signatures that Nguyen said will remain valid for the 2002 drive.

Connerly's proposal is similar to the governor's One Florida plan that has ended some affirmative action policies in the state.

Bush proposed his One Florida plan as an alternative to Connerly's amendment, which Bush said was divisive. When One Florida was announced in November, political observers speculated Bush was trying to drive Connerly's campaign out of Florida, but the California businessman said the plan is not far-reaching enough.

Issued as an executive order, Bush's plan ends racial, ethnic and gender preferences in university admissions and in rewarding of state contracts.

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Volunteers needed for a study of Emotion

Scientists at UF are currently running a study of emotion and health. If you qualify for this study, you will be compensated $50. Study participants will undergo a brief psychological screening interview, complete several basic questionnaires, and be asked to imagine pleasant and unpleasant scenes while physiological measurements are being taken.

We are looking for individuals who are between the ages of 25-30 and who are NOT employed by the University of Florida or the State of Florida.

For more information call Dr. Strauss at 392-1037.
Jury selection in Cuban spy case to begin today

The Associated Press

MIAMI — In the midst of growing tensions over the Elian Gonzalez case three months ago, the government arrested a senior immigration official and charged him with handing over U.S. secrets to a Cuban-American and lying about contacts with the Cuban government.

Today, jury selection begins in the trial of Mariano Faget, who was said to be a Cuban spy before federal investigators said he may not have actually passed secrets to the communist island’s government.

Still, prosecutors say he violated the Espionage Act by failing to report meetings with Cuban intelligence agents and diplomats and passing on classified information about a Cuban defector that was given to him during an FBI sting.

Faget, who faces a 10-year prison term if convicted, concedes the facts of the case and acknowledges errors in judgment, but denies spying for Cuba.

Faget was shown secret documents Feb. 11 and told that a Cuban official was about to defect. He called New York businessman Pedro Font 12 minutes later and passed on the information. Font, a Cuban-American, is a childhood friend of Faget’s.

Six days later, James Goldman, an Immigration and Naturalization Service investigator, drove Faget to a meeting with FBI special agent James Patrick Laflin. Faget was arrested during the meeting.

Defense attorney Diane Ward tried to get statements made by Faget during the meeting suppressed, saying her client was the victim of trickery by Goldman. U.S. District Judge Alan Gold dismissed the request Monday.

Faget also repeatedly lied to agents about how many times he met with a top Cuban diplomat, Jose Imperatori, insisting it was only once; the FBI has said. He is charged with making false statements about his contact with Cuban officials and his involvement in a company with foreign business connections. Prosecutors dropped a third charge of making false statements Monday, saying it was not essential to the case.

Faget has acknowledged meeting with Imperatori but said it was to talk about potential business opportunities in a post-embargo Cuba, not to relay U.S. secrets. The case led to Imperatori’s expulsion from the United States.
Lead exposure may harm millions more children

The Associated Press

BOSTON — New research suggests that millions more children than previously thought might have lead-linked mental impairment, while another study supports a strong link between lead exposure and juvenile delinquency.

The findings suggest that the current standard for "acceptable" levels of lead in the blood is too high, and that also underscores the need to focus on prevention, said Dr. Bruce Lanphear of Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Lanphear led one of the studies presented Monday in Boston at a joint conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Pediatric Academic Societies.

Lead is a toxic metal that can interfere with development of the central nervous system and can be detected in blood and bones. Severe lead poisoning, which can cause seizures and even death, can sometimes be treated with medication, but Lanphear said the more subtle declines in mental functioning linked to lead are persistent and may be permanent.

In a study of 417 youngsters in Allegheny County, Pa., significantly higher bone-lead levels were found in those convicted of delinquency than in a comparison group of young people with no juvenile convictions, reported Dr. Herbert Needleman of the University of Pittsburgh.

Among boys, convicted juveniles were nearly twice as likely to have high bone-lead levels as the youngsters in the comparison group. The risk for girls was even higher, partly because only a small number of female delinquents — 21 — was studied, Needleman said.

The findings suggest a possible link between early lead exposure and 11 percent to 37 percent of arrested delinquents, said Needleman, whose previous research linked aggressive and anti-social behavior to lead.

The government's acceptable blood lead level is 10 micrograms per deciliter. An average of 4.4 percent of children ages 1 to 5 — about 890,000 youngsters — have levels at least that high, though in some poor communities with old housing the average levels are significantly higher, said Don Ryan, executive director of the Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, an advocacy group.

But Lanphear found cognitive impairment, especially affecting reading ability, in children with levels as low as 2.5 micrograms per deciliter.

Murders of on-duty law officers decline 31 percent

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Forty-two law enforcement officers were murdered on duty in the United States during 1999, a decline of more than 31 percent from the year before and the lowest total on record, the FBI said Monday.

Releasing preliminary figures, the FBI said 19 fewer officers were slain at work last year than the 61 who were feloniously killed in 1998. The drop is consistent with an eight-year-long, nationwide decline in major crimes beginning in 1992.

The FBI says its national figures on lawmen murdered go back 36 years to 1963. The second lowest figure was 53 in 1965.

At a somber ceremony here Monday to honor officers killed in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty, President Clinton pushed for more money in the line of duty.

In 1999, firearms continued to be the most frequent weapon for killing officers. Handguns accounted for 25 of the murders in 1999, rifles for 11 and a shotgun for five.

Twenty-seven officers were wearing body armor at the time of their deaths, and five were slain with their own weapons.

Feeling Depressed or Anxious?

Are you feeling sad, blue, or depressed? Do you feel extremely anxious in social situations, experience panic attacks, or spend a lot of time worrying about things in your life? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may qualify for a free clinical evaluation at UF.

For more information call Dr. Sloan at 392-1037.
Living Well Celebrates National Employee Health and Fitness Day Friday

Friday is National Employee Health and Fitness Day, an occasion of great significance for the Living Well program at the University of Florida. Living Well is the on-campus health and fitness program, serving faculty and staff since 1989. Since that time, research has shown that worksite health and fitness programs can provide tangible benefits to the overall quality of our lives.

According to the Wellness Councils of America, employees who participate in programs that promote healthy lifestyles enjoy improved morale, are more productive and realize improved health. Indeed, Dr. Kenneth Pelletier, director of the Stanford University Corporate Health Program, states that analyses of comprehensive health and fitness/prevention programs show that each program realized positive health outcomes in its participants.

The impact of an employee health and fitness program is most evident when the benefits of regular exercise are considered. In 1998, Dr. Steven Blair of the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research observed that "...we find that low cardiorespiratory fitness is as strong a predictor of early death as cigarette smoking and a far more important predictor than high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol or obesity."

In its 1996 landmark report on physical activity and health, the U.S. Surgeon General's office concluded that moderate activity of at least 30 minutes most days of the week significantly reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease and other serious health risks. However, approximately 60 percent of American adults are not active enough to realize any significant health benefits and 25 percent of our population is considered sedentary.

In general, these reflections are not "late breaking" news to most of us. It can be argued that we know that we lead lifestyles that feature unhealthy dietary habits and inadequate stress management tools, as well as insufficient or nonexistent exercise patterns. A good number of these people have even made numerous, well-intentioned attempts at changing the harmful behavior, but ultimately, have not been successful.

Living Well’s mission is to provide effective health education/promotion and fitness programming exclusively to UF's employees at a nominal cost. The College of Health and Human Performance sponsors the Living Well program and many of the faculty members of HHP utilize the facility to conduct research studies. Living Well also provides graduate and undergraduate students with worksite experience in health and fitness education/promotion and clinical practice.

Living Well services are designed to promote and deliver individualized health and fitness programs that consider personal goals and offer a variety of programming choices. Activities and services for members include Focus, an individualized exercise prescription and health promotion strategies; cardiovascular, resistance and relaxation exercise, technical instruction and daily workout opportunities; physical fitness assessments; health screenings; aerobics classes at the student recreation and fitness center, space permitting; water aerobics; locker room/shower accommodations; towel service for a nominal fee; and payroll deduction payment option for USPS employees.

The facility, located conveniently on the east side of Florida Field at 12 Yon Hall, contains a wide range of modern exercise equipment. Living Well operates by guidelines recommended by the American College of Sports Medicine including facility and equipment maintenance, emergency medical management and exercise test and prescription. A concerted effort is made to ensure that the environment of the exercise facility is friendly and non-competitive. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

UF employees and spouses are invited to explore the benefits of membership by visiting the facility during operating hours, calling the program at 392-8189, or visiting our Web site at www.hhp.ufl.edu/livingwell. Living Well also will be hosting a celebration to thank its current members on National Employee Health and Fitness Day on Friday, and all persons considering membership are invited to join in the festivities.

The late comedian George Burns once lamented that if he had known he was going to live this long, he would have taken better care of himself. National Employee Health and Wellness Day gives the staff of Living Well the opportunity to thank our members who have been "taking better care of themselves" and encourage those employees who are not members to investigate the comprehensive array of services we provide to the University's employees, retired employees and spouses.

Pictures of a Vanishing Culture


Alarmed by the rapidly increasing vandalism and theft of antiquities, the VanKirk's launched a 20-year effort to photograph the ruins of pre-Columbian sites in Guatemala. They traveled with a portable studio that included a generator and lights, enabling them to capture the details of weathered monuments in the darkness of dense forest canopies and mural paintings in remote caves. Many of the artifacts they recorded were later stolen or destroyed, leaving photographs as their only remaining records.

In the picture at right, "Woman from San Laquepaz", an elderly woman of the Guatemalan highlands pulls her rebozo, or shawl, across her face.

Presidential Search

Board of Regents, Search Committee Meet at UF This Week

The Board of Regents will hold two meetings at UF campus on Wednesday. The first meeting, starting at 8:30 a.m., will be with the Search Advisory Committee at the O'Connell Center to discuss the UF presidential search. The second meeting will convene at 10 a.m. at the stadium in the Touchdown Terrace. Both meetings are open to the public.

Items for consideration at the Board of Regents regular meeting are consideration of the State University System 2001-2002 legislative budget request and consideration of the 2000-2001 allocations for the educational and general and Board of Regents general office budget entities. For information, visit the Board of Regents Web site at www.regents.ufl.edu.

UF's presidential search advisory committee will hold a meeting today at 12:30 at the Brain Institute, Room LG-116, to discuss the continuation of the search process in preparation for their Wednesday meeting with the Board of Regents. For Information, call the Office of Public Relations at 346-3903.
Golden Gator Award Winners Announced

The Office of Public Relations announced the recipients of the inaugural Golden Gator awards for excellence in communications and public relations. Marcia Issacs and Kelly Smith, both in the College of Fine Arts, earned top honors for their startup Web page. Three individual awards were presented to Cindy McMillen, UF News and Public Affairs, and Christian Conrad, the university’s Web administrator.

The Golden Gator 2000 Awards were contested by more than 80 entries, according to Kerry Crooks, assistant vice president for public relations and the director of the awards program. “We were pleasantly surprised by the number of award nominations and pleased by the high quality of the submissions,” Crooks said.

The awards recognize the efforts of the 250-member University of Florida Communicators Network. The awards were presented at a banquet at the new UF Hotel and Conference Center on May 5. Other awards presented included the Office of Public Relations award, given to the UF mascot; the book award, given to Kristin Herzog and Tracey Johnson for the Warrington College of Business Faculty Directory; the brochure award, given to Debra Amirin for the Levin College of Law Student Recruitment Brochure; and the creative tactics award, given to Rhona Williams for the Health Science Center “Project Medical”.

The evaluation award was presented to Nancy Dohn Miller for her Health Science Center Evaluation; the feature stories award went to Cathy Keen at News and Public Affairs for “Soul of the Wild;” and the magazine award went to Don Poucher, Milt Putnam, Cindy Spencer, Katrina Vitas, Ashley Wood, Chuck Woods, Thomas Wright and Eric Zamora for their work on the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences’ Impact publication.

Debra Amirin was awarded the newsletter award for the Florida Law newsletter; Aaron Hoover at News and Public Affairs received the news releases award for his article, “Diamonds.” The press kit award went to Chad Darwin for “PRSA Regional Activity.” The research award went to K. Sirmamesh for his study of international public relations.

The short video award was presented to Erin Easterling and Linda Kubitz for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences’ “Mosquito Taste.” The video award went to Deborah Ross, Jeff Blumenek and Bob Wunderlich for the College of Fine Arts’ “1999-2000 Season.”

Awards of Distinction went to Christopher P. Casper, Jane Galvez, David Blankenship, Martha Dobson, Elsa Dake, Ron Franklin, Marcia Isaacs, Regina Cheong, Jack DeWitt, Arielle Phillips-Han, Rosanna Pansani, and James Belcher. Individual Distinctions went to Debra Amirin, Jane Gibson, Jane Dominquez, John Edderkin, Corinne Simon, and Aaron Hoover.

For information on the Golden Gator awards, visit the Office of Public Relations online at www.pr.ufl.edu.

Deadlines

The deadline to drop or add a class for the Summer A semester is today.

Today is the late registration deadline and also the deadline to withdraw from classes with no fee liability.

Lectures/Readings

As part of the John Gray Fund for Excellence Distinguished Lecture series, Ross S. Whaley, president of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York at Syracuse, presents “Treasuring the Past and Looking to the Future” at 10 a.m. May 23 at the UF Hotel and Conference Center Century ballroom. For information, call 846-0850.

Art

Less of the Eye/Fabric of the Mind, a collection of contemporary African prints, drawings and textiles, is on display now through July 28 at the University Gallery. For information, call 392-0201, Ext. 228.

Modern Czech Photography is on display now through June 18 at the Ham Museum of Art through April 2001.

UF Names 2000 Teaching and Advising Award Winners

Three faculty members are the recipients of the 1999-2000 universitywide teaching and advising awards. The honorees have been chosen from college-level teaching and advising award winners.

Robert F. Cox, associate professor of building construction in the College of Architecture, and William Zettler, professor of plant pathology in the College of Agriculture, were selected as universitywide teaching award recipients from college-level teaching award winners. The universitywide advising award was given to Andony J. LaGreze, professor of sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who was selected from college-level advising award winners.

The awards recognize excellence, innovation and effectiveness in either teaching or advising. College-level award winners receive $2,000, and universitywide awards are accompanied by an additional $2,000.

Nominations for college-level awards were solicited from students, faculty members, department chairs and high-level administrators. In addition to the three universitywide winners, the other college-level award winners are:

- Agriculture: Douglas Carter, Department of Forestry; Philip Kosher, Department of Entomology and Nematology; Ricky Telg, Department of Agricultural Education and Community Development.

- Business Administration: Robert Eberson, Department of Management and Business Law; Ann Fitzmorris, Undergraduate Program Office.

- College of Fine Arts: Andy Naranjo, Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

- Dentistry: Carl Hansen, Department of Prosthodontics.

- Education: Elizabeth Bondy and Linda Lamne, School of Teaching and Learning.

- Engineering: Ranga Narayanan, Department of Chemical Engineering; Robert Thieka, Department of Civil and Coastal Engineering.

- Fine Arts: Leslie Cannon, School of Art and Art History; Kevin Sharpe, School of Music.

- Health & Human Performance: Thomas Kamienski, Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences; Telsia Martin, Department of Health Science Education.

- Health Professions: Gloria Miller, Department of Physical Therapy.

- Journalism & Communications: Laurence Alexander, Department of Journalism; K. Sirmamesh, Department of Public Relations.

- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Dennis Galvan, Department of Political Science; Robert Hatch, Department of History; Ellen Martin and Anthony Randazzo, Department of Geology; Michael Tuccelli, Department of Communication Science and Disorders; Philip Wagoner, Department of English; Medicine; Lynn Komrel, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology; Dr. Barbara Bennett, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

- Nursing: Sharon Dormire, Department of Women’s Children’s and Family Nursing.

- Veterinary Medicine: R. Avery Best, Small Animal Clinical Services.

Activities on Campus

The deadline to drop or add a class for the Summer A semester is today.

Today is the late registration deadline and also the deadline to withdraw from classes with no fee liability.

The Prophetic Photographs of Roman Vishniac: Jewish Life in Eastern Europe Before the Holocaust is on display now through June 18 at the Ham Museum of Art. For information, call 392-9826.

The UF International Folk Dance Club welcomes beginners from 8:15-11 p.m. Friday. Instruction is available throughout the year and a UF ID is required. For information, call 846-5487.

Grad Gift Restores Women’s Gym

Kathryn Chicone Ustler had been looking for the right opportunity to express her fondness for the years she spent as a student at the University of Florida. She found that opportunity by agreeing to help fund the renovation of an historic UF campus building.

Funding from Ustler, coupled with matching funds from the state, clears the way for the long-sought-after renovation of UF’s historic Women’s Gym. The necessary approval of the Florida Legislature, the renovated building will be named Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall, representing the first UF academic building to be named for a woman.

The Women’s Gym building, as it is now called, was built in Tudor Gothic style in 1919, as the first permanent, all-purpose structure at UF. Used primarily as an auditorium, the building was designated as the Women’s Gymnasium in 1948, when women were first admitted to UF. It continued to bear that name despite subsequent changes in use.

“My family and I have always been interested in historic building preservation,” said Ustler. “The more I thought about saving the gym and restoring it to practical use, the more excited I became about getting involved.”

The renovated 14,700-square-foot, three-level building will house classrooms, faculty and administrative offices for UF’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Women’s Studies program. The total cost of the renovation is estimated at $4 million and includes plans for an exterior landscaped garden on the east side of the building.
Two University of Florida professors are among 60 new members elected to the National Academy of Sciences on May 3. The recognition is considered one of the highest honors that can be awarded a U.S. scientist or engineer.

Robert Cousins, a professor of human nutrition, and Michael Moseley, a professor of anthropology, join an elite group of 1,843 active members.

Cousins, director of the Center for Nutritional Sciences, came to UF from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, where he was the youngest person ever to hold the title of distinguished professor. He has received $4 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health and has conducted research in several areas of nutritional biochemistry, including the role of nutrient trace metals such as copper and zinc in human and animal biological system.

He has served as president and board chairman of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, president of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences and associate editor of the Journal of Nutrition. He currently is an associate editor of the Annual Review of Nutrition and holds the Boston Family Chair of Human Nutrition, an emeritus scholar chair, at UF.

"This means a great deal to me," Cousins said. "The academy elects people in recognition of their achievements in continuing research. Our work in the field of micronutrients has been innovative. To be recognized in your field of scientific inquiry is a great honor."

Moseley, director of the Institute for Archaeology and Paleo-Environmental Studies at UF, is one of the world's best-known Andean archaeologists. He earned his doctorate at Harvard University in 1968 and came to the University of Florida in 1984 from the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. His research has centered on pre-Hispanic cultures in Peru and northern Chile, and he also has done extensive research into the effects of climate on cultural changes. Moseley was one of the first people to do archaeological research on the northern coast of Peru, and he also has done research on environmental constraints on Florida's Gulf coast.

Moseley is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a J.S. Guggenheim fellow, a Dumbarton Oaks senior fellow for pre-Colombian studies and the author of "The Inca and Their Ancestors," the most widely used textbook of Andean archaeology.

"He is one of the true visionaries of the field," said Patrick Ryan Williams, an adjunct assistant professor in the anthropology department. "He's an extremely intelligent and active researcher and a leader in the field. He's produced scores of students who excel in the field themselves."

Members are elected into the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

The National Academy of Sciences is a private organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to the furtherance of science and its use for the general welfare. The academy was established in 1863 by a congressional act of incorporation, signed by Abraham Lincoln, that calls on the academy to act as an official adviser to the federal government, upon request, in any matter of science or technology.

The Florida Museum of Natural History celebrates International Museum Day from 2-4 p.m. Thursday. The event provides a behind-the-scenes look at how exhibitions such as "Wonders of Florida: People and Wildlife," "South Florida: People and Environments" and "Florida Folks: Evolution of Life and Land" are constructed. Visitors will learn about exhibit design and production and discover how artists create models and illustrations.

The Florida Museum of Natural History is located near the corner of S.W. 34th Street and Hull Road on the University of Florida campus. Admission is free. For information, call 846-2000 or visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu.

A Boston University professor known internationally for his work with the world's-longest-running public health cardiovascular study will speak Thursday at the UF Brain Institute. Ralph D'Agostino, Ph.D., a professor of statistics, public health and law at BU, will present a seminar at 4 p.m. in the UFBI's Lauretta and John DeWeese Auditorium, Room LG101A. He will give an overview of the Framingham Study and discuss past and current research.

The study, which has been collecting data for more than 50 years, has revolutionized the way heart disease and a host of other disorders are viewed, treated and prevented worldwide. The study provided some of the earliest evidence that smoking, high cholesterol and untreated high blood pressure increase the risk of the disease and that exercise helps prevent it.

The study has produced more than 1,000 scientific papers concerning heart disease, arthritis, osteoporosis, and hearing and eye disorders.

"The Framingham study is the world's leading longitudinal epidemiological study, which is now studying the offspring of the original 5,000 participants," said Ron Marks, a professor of biostatistics in the UF Health Science Center. "Dr. D'Agostino is a world-renowned statistician who has had major involvement in the Framingham study for 20 years. He will bring a unique perspective on the history of the study and on the current research with which it is involved."

D'Agostino is the study's co-principal investigator and director of data management and statistical analysis. Since 1974, he has also been affiliated with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Device and Radiological Health as an expert consultant for several divisions. He has served on a number of FDA advisory committees and twice been awarded the FDAs Commissioner's Special Citation.
Student Financial Affairs Releases Back to School Info

The Office for Student Financial Affairs has created a Financial Aid Resource Room in S-107 Criser Hall. Its purpose is to enable students to research and apply for financial aid, including scholarships and part-time jobs. Students can access (to name just a few resources): the U.S. Department of Education’s “FAFSA on the Web” site; e-mail; ISIS (UF’s integrated student information system); and Federal Direct Stafford Loan Exit Interviews. Staff are available to help with use of the computers. Hours are approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Financial Aid Info Available by Computer (ISIS) or Phone (SFA TIPS): Financial aid information is available online through ISIS at: www.isis.ufl.edu/. Select “Financial Aid” and then “Student Records.” Student Financial Affairs’ SFA TIPS (Touchtone Interactive Phone System) list also lets you access specific information about your aid file. To access SFA TIPS, dial 846-1183. The system is interactive, so simply listen to and follow instructions. Before using either service be sure to have your UF PIN and Social Security number on hand.

Emergency Short-Term Loans: The Office for Student Financial Affairs has a short-term loan program to provide funds to students with emergency cash flow problems caused either by delays in receipt of their financial aid or for family emergencies that affect parents’ or students’ contributions. Students can borrow up to $400 or the amount needed to cover unexpected educational expenses if they are enrolled, half time UF students with verifiable repayment sources. Interest is one percent per month, and loans must be repaid by the end of the semester in which the money is borrowed. Summer A/C loans must be repaid by 3:30 p.m. on July 1. Approval for the loans takes about two to three days. Applications are available at SFA’s Customer Service counter. Disbursement begins after the first day of classes.

Student Employment: Students who plan to work through summer Work-Study or the Other Personnel Services program during summer must go to SFA’s Student Employment Office in S-107 Criser Hall to obtain a work permit, or call 392-0296 to request one before they may begin working. To find a job, students should check the job lists, make an appointment for an interview, and take their work permits to the interview. Campus departments will only hire students who have UF work permits. Up-to-date job lists are available on SFA’s Web site and posted on bulletin boards in the Criser Hall Courtyard outside the Student Financial Affairs Office. Non-student financial aid programs, such as Shands Medical Center, and at rooms 305 and G-1 of the Reitz Union. Student Employment will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday to assist students.

Financial Aid Info on Web: SFA offers extensive financial aid information on the their Web site. Listings include online financial aid publications, application and aidprogram info, late-breaking news, links to free scholarship searches, the student jobs list, a FAFSA on the Web link, and an online application form, as well as information about the SFA TIPS Touchtone dial-in information line and other services. Financial Affairs Web site is offered through the UF site under the heading “Financial Aid.” The home page location is www.ufl.edu/financialaid/.

Financial Aid Nexus Tapes: SFA maintains a series of tapes for the Nexus telephonenumber system to give students information about financial aid programs and application procedures at UF. To use the system, students can call 392-1683 and ask for the tape they wish to hear. The tapes are updated periodically to provide current information.

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Growing from the Ground Up

Staff members of the Hamm Museum of Art installed "Tree Souls," sculptures by artist Allan Scar, on May 2. Created from oak tree and copper plating, the sculptures reflect the belief that ancestral spirits inhabit all aspects of nature. Employees at Tim Jöjner. (Photo submitted)
Los Alamos fire remains a threat as winds increase
With 28 percent of the 44,000 acre blaze contained, danger is 'diminished'

The Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — The fire that burned down 260 homes in Los Alamos destroyed historic Indian ruins over the weekend and threatened to turn back toward town with an increase in the winds Tuesday.

Less-severely damaged parts of Los Alamos were reopened to residents Monday, but Police Chief Rich Melton said they would still be without power. The Los Alamos nuclear laboratory remained closed.

The gigantic blaze, with an 89-mile perimeter, was burning into a canyon Monday on the edge of an Indian reservation, where tribal fire spokesman Alvin Warren said it destroyed some “culturally sensitive archaeological sites.”

So far firefighters have managed to keep the flames away from the tribal homes at the Santa Clara Pueblo, where about 1,500 people live. However, the fire came within a quarter-mile of cliff dwellings in a popular hunting and fishing area about 15 miles northeast of Los Alamos.

In all, the 44,000-acre blaze was 28 percent contained. More than 1,500 firefighters worked furiously to surround it.

“Any time they see a plume of smoke, it will be attacked vigorously,” fire spokesman Jim Paxon said. “Today, we're mopping up and holding the line.” But Paxon warned: “This does not mean the total threat of fire to Los Alamos is gone. It's diminished.”

The main worry was the National Weather Service's forecast of wind gusting to 50 mph Tuesday.

The wind that was that high when the fire first jumped into Los Alamos last Wednesday, forcing the evacuation first of the entire town and then parts of the surrounding area, for a total of 25,000 people.

The Associated Press

On Sunday, 7,000 residents of suburban White Rock were allowed back home. Firefighters have said it may be more than a week before the others can return and weeks before the blaze is out.

“I'm a little concerned about the weather - the winds may shift,” said Terry Coggeshall, a returning White Rock resident who was afraid her homecoming might be temporary.

At the Los Alamos National Laboratory, spokeswoman Kay Roybal said officials were checking to see whether the facilities might be ready to reopen. They had been closed a full week as of Monday.

Officials planned to take air samples Monday to check for radioactivity from the lab. The Los Alamos fire was started May 4 on Bandelier National Monument by National Park Service officials hoping to clear brush and deadwood. But the blaze raged out of control. Park Superintendent Roy Weaver has been placed on leave pending an investigation.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the state's congressional delegation will meet Tuesday in Washington to begin planning the government compensation effort.

To the north, firefighters tried to keep the fire from spreading farther into the Santa Clara Indian Pueblo or onto the Baca Ranch, a majestic 95,000-acre volcanic area being purchased by the Forest Service.

Warren said the fire had consumed more than 6,000 acres of Pueblo land, which accounts for more than 10 percent of our reservation," he said. Denny Gutierrez said the fire was burning near a creek that the tribe depends on for its water.

“It's our lifeline down from that canyon,” he said. “Our watershed is there, cultural matters in the valley. It's very devastating.”

Officials said a total of 405 families lost their homes in the blaze.

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UF men sweep weekend, claim spot in round of 16

By Izzy Gould
Alligator Writer

During its last 10 trips to the NCAA Tournament, the UF men's tennis team has dropped at least one team point in each of the first two rounds. That was until last weekend, leading many to believe this is the Gator's best chance at making a run at the championship. After 4-0 wins against Florida A&M and Alabama-Birmingham, UF (26-3) has earned the right to travel to Athens, Ga. to play in the round of 16 against Southern California.

With three seniors and one junior likely leaving at the end of the season, fans paid tribute to both No. 1 singles player Jeff Morrison and No. 2 singles player Justin O'Neal.

"These have been great three years here for me and to close it out like that is pretty special," Morrison said.

After collecting a victory on Saturday, top-ranked Morrison gave the crowd a last look as he played one last time at court No. 1 on Sunday.

Playing game for game with 14th-ranked Martin Wosketschegler, neither player was able to break serve until Morrison did at 4-3 in the first set. From then on, Morrison controlled the match.

"I kind of broke his spirits there," Morrison said. "After that shot, I started getting to some balls he didn't expect to get and started making some shots that kind of broke his spirit a little bit and after that I felt real confident.

Morrison eased through the second set dropping only one game and winning 6-3, 6-1.

Gator tennis survives first phase
Women advance past second round in NCAA tourney

By Izzy Gould
Alligator Writer

UF coach Andy Brandi successfully helped navigate his team through the first and second rounds of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships last weekend at Scott Linder Stadium, putting UF in a position to make a run at its fourth NCAA title.

The first two-legs of the tournament offered small obstacles in the form of Bethune-Cookman and No. 22 Florida State.

Playing some of its best tennis of the season, UF was victorious in its second-round match against the Gators now have qualified for the round of 16 and will face Notre Dame in Malibu, Calif.

The win came after UF left Brandi shaking his head after a rusty first-round defeat of Bethune-Cookman, 5-0 on Friday. After defeating NAU 7-0 on Saturday, he was more confident in the team's ability to win.

This was the team that played Georgia Tech, 3-2 in the SEC, Brandi said. "You can tell by what they did today, the caliber of tennis that they are capable of playing when they put themselves up to the task of playing that way."

UF senior Traci Green has been the team's anchor all season and has shown the strength and reliability of a veteran playing with dominance and consistency all season at No. 5 singles. Saturday was no different as Green extended her dual-match record to 22-2 with a win against FSU's Marina Raic 6-3, 6-2.

Fellow senior Ball Camino also showed his talent by making his first NCAA tournament appearance.

"I never thought about that (being her final home match) until now," Camino said. "I didn't think about that as my last match, it didn't seem like it but it was so it's kind of weird."

Camino, who was Most Valuable Player of the Southeastern Conference Tournament, entertained Saturday's crowd with a 6-3, 7-5 win against FSU's Jessica Balbuena.

"They're a good team," Camino said. "We're in better shape and playing at home helped us a lot."

"I felt more comfortable in my match today with every thing," Lehnhoff said. "I just played simpler. I spent some time alone last night just trying to clear my head and visualizing what I was doing today, just to have peace in my mind and I guess it worked."

After playing sloppy tennis on Friday, Lehnhoff found her rhythm in a 6-0, 6-1 victory against Nanette Duxin.

UF junior Whitney Laiho also netted wins for the Gators last weekend as UF failed to yield a single team point. Lehnhoff said:

"I think each round becomes more competitive, the Gators will have to keep up the level of play they exhibited on Saturday, to have any hopes of winning the NCAA Championship.

"In tennis you've got to talk one team at a time because you never know, it's very unpredictable," Lehnhoff said.

"You never know on any given day. We can't get ahead of ourselves at all."

Izzy Gould can be reached at igould@alligator.org
Tennis duo wrapping up special careers

Jeff Morrison raised his hands into the air and saluted the crowd as he left Court Seven at Scott Speicher Tennis Center after Saturday's match. Two of the most decorated men's tennis players in UF history walked off the court as winners following the Gators' 4-0 win against Alabama-Birmingham in the second round of the NCAA Tournament this past weekend.

SURE, UF has been special for Morrison and O'Neal, ranked No. 1 and No. 10 in the country respectively. But they have meant even more to UF tennis.

Both will be missed by coach Ian Duvenhage. But both plan on leading the Gators to a title before they are through.

"All of us are very, very hungry," Morrison said. "We have loftier goals for ourselves this year. This team is going back to win it, not just to be there."

And both players have been responsible for helping UF rise to that point.

The Gators were used to shipping into the NCAA Tournament as the ninth seed, tenth seed, eleventh seed. This year, with O'Neal and Morrison leading the way, the Gators are fourth.

The emotional and physical leaders, Morrison and O'Neal have dominated at the University of Florida this season. Morrison enters the Round of 16 with a 111-20 record. O'Neal is 116-41.

And with the pair leading the way, this will likely be UF's best chance to claim a title. The home schedule ending, O'Neal said, is hopefully just the beginning.

"Justin joked around, saying he started to get emotional at the end of the match," Duvenhage said. "If you saw all the players like them, I wouldn't have to do anything.

"They're both very, very special."

While UF may always be special for Morrison and O'Neal, a quick scan of the tennis record books and a long look into their coach's eye shows the pair have meant even more to Gainesville.

By Douglas Roberts
Alligator Writer

Tears of despair on Saturday, two new hope on Sunday, as the UF softball team got new that they made the NCAA softball tournament.

After a 2-1 loss to Arkansas knocked the sixth-seed Gators out of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Columbus, Ga., chances were slim that UF would make the 48-team field.

It seemed as if the players realized it, as many Gators left the field, with heads bowed teary-eyed.

But, with its admission to the NCAA tournament, the Gators got the second chance coach Larry Ray said they deserved.

"I think it's rightfully theirs," Ray said. "We played a very good schedule and I definitely feel we are one of the top 48 teams in the country."

Senior Lora Pinkerton said she feared the loss to the Razorbacks would be her last game as a Gator.

"We were all kind of sitting around, thinking everything was over and we got the news," Pinkerton said. "We were all pretty pumped because the seniors thought we were going to play more."

The fourth-seeded Gators face third-seeded California (45-22) as Region 6 play gets underway on Thursday at 5:30 in Fresno, Calif. UF faces the Bears during the Troy Cox Classic in Las Cruces, N.M., earlier in the season, losing to the then-No.8 Bears 6-1 in eight innings.

Back in the field, with heads bowed teary-eyed, the Gators were unable to capitalize on two opportunities with the bases loaded.

But both came up empty, ending the Gator rally. In the seventh, the Razorbacks loaded the bases with cleanup hitter Ashley Boone and Jen Lutsi due to hit.

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The Gators had trouble with the bases loaded, Arkansas made the most of its lone opportunity.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, the Razorbacks loaded the bases against senior Beth Dieter (20-14) and Erin Stokely's bloop single over second baseman Jenn Cordero ended UF's SEC title chances.

"I thought our players played extremely hard and unfortunately we didn't get a break when we needed it," Ray said.

Jennifer Mossadeghi became the first UF freshman to be named to the Southeastern Conference All-Tournament team.

I did not know that...

Three UF baseball players were named to All-Southeastern Conference teams Monday. Tim Olson and Jason Dill were named to the first team, and Kurt Keene was named to the second team.

By Robbie Neiswanger
Alligator Staff Writer

UF coach Andy Lopez told his team a few weeks ago that winning four of their last seven games would give them a shot at hosting a regional in the NCAA Tournament.

The Gators responded by winning five of seven. It still was not enough. The Gators went 1-2 in Region 6 play against the Lions.

The NCAA announced the 16 sites for the baseball regional tournament Monday, and UF, which completed a three-game sweep of Georgia on Sunday, was not rewarded with the chance to host. Regional play begins May 26.

"I would have been more disappointed if there were four sites in the Southeastern Conference and were not the fourth," UF coach Andy Lopez said.

"I presented to our club a few weeks ago, 'Hey, we're going to get four of our last seven.' We ended up getting five out of seven. We felt pretty good after the ball game yesterday."

The three SEC schools, Louisiana State, Mississippi State and South Carolina were awarded sites, while Miami and Florida State also will host regional tournaments.

After struggling to a 14-13 start this season, the Gators rebounded to finish 24-7-1 over the last month and a half but it was still not enough for the NCAA tournament committee. UF will find out where it will compete when the rest of the NCAA field is announced on May 27.

"We thought it was down to one site, between us and Auburn and neither of us got it," catcher Tony Socarras said. "If we could have taken two of three from Mississippi State, that would have sealed the deal for us. No problem, we've just got to go on the road to win."

Before the Gators enter regional play, however, UF will compete in the SEC Tournament. UF concluded a three-game sweep of the Bulldogs with a 7-4 win Sunday at McKethan Stadium. During the course of the weekend, the Gators wrapped up second place in the SEC Eastern Division and clinched the fourth seed for the conference tournament.

UF faces fifth-seed Auburn on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Birmingham, Ala., to begin the tournament.

The Gators will take two fewer arms to Birmingham as well. With three pitchers already out for the year, Lopez said both Jeff Cardozo and Joey Simon, who started Saturday and Sunday respectively, will rest sore arms to begin the tournament.

Although, designated hitter Jason Dill said the Gators still will carry a significant amount of momentum in Birmingham.

"We did what we needed to do going into these last seven games," Dill said. "I guess the message we sent to (the NCAA) was 'Hey, we did what we needed to do. It's in your hands now to make a decision.'"

"Who knows, maybe we'll go to where we go and win that regional and have a shot at hosting a super regional."

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