Chief makes progress in department

By Sarah Myrick

It has been one year since the Gainesville Police Department hired a new chief.
And in that year, police said they have come a long way in making strides with the community and working with minorities.

Last year, GPD was scarred by allegations made by two ranking officers that Chief Don Shinnamon was lax about hiring and promoting minorities. Shinnamon resigned in early April amid pressure from the community. He was later cleared of racial discrimination by an outside investigation.

Enter, Norman Botsford—a police chief from Columbia, Mo.

Today marks Botsford's one-year anniversary, and most say the department is on the right track.

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Botsford said was unaware that officers would like to see him more often but said he is doing his best.

"I try to do that as much as possible," Botsford said. "I think we're doing about as much of that as we can.

In addition to Botsford's tenure in Missouri, he has also served in top positions at the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Robert said that so far the community and district policing efforts have gone well.

"Obviously creating the districts and instituting community policing has got to be so far the biggest undertaking he's gone through," he said.

Detective Will Halvosa said he thinks more officers are seeing more accountability in the department.

"I think there's a lot of people in the department that are adjusting to being more responsible and accountable to what's happening in their geographical areas," he said.

But Halvosa said it is too early to tell what kind of impact the new programs will have on the community.

"District policing is still new in Gainesville, and its success is only as good as the police officers that apply the philosophy," he said. "In other words, only time will tell."

Robert said officers would like to have more contact with Botsford.

"With our department, the rank and file are used to having more contact with previous chiefs," Robert said.

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Students, lawmakers march to get the vote

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Students from three colleges rallied with two state lawmakers Tuesday to call for early voting among women and young people to the polls early.

More than 2,800 students, mainly from Florida A&M University, joined others from Florida's State University and Tallahassee Community College in separate marches from their campuses to the Capitol.

The students then proceeded across the street to the Leon County Court house to cast their votes early for Tuesday's election.

"We're what most call the lost generation," said Paris Clark, a FAMU freshman from Miami. "We're here to prove a point - we do care about our future."

The occasion marked the first vote for many of the students, many of whom skipped class to listen to state Sen. Kendrick Meek and Rep. Tony Hill.

Meek, D-Miami, and Hill were in Tallahassee as part of a "20 Days of Voting" tour around the state designed to increase turn out, especially among minorities, women and young people.

The lawmakers won notoriety among minority college students for a sit-in they staged in Gov. Jeb Bush's office suite last year in protest of Bush's One Florida initiative ending minority set-asides in state contracts and university admissions.

Last spring thousands rallied in Tallahassee to protest the affirmative action overhaul.

"We told them in March that we will remember in November," Hill, D-Jacksonville, told the crowd Tuesday. "Bush's affirmative action change is not just a back seat to the issue of getting young people enthusiastic about voting for more of those attending the rally.

"Today we aren't pushing any issue," said FAMU Student Body President, Derrick Heck, 21. "We are just trying to encourage students to vote."

Singapore Airlines plane catches fire; 65 dead

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Singapore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, scattering debris across the tarmac.

At least 65 people were killed and dozens more were injured, a Taiwanese official said.

It wasn't immediately clear what hit Flight SQ 008 just before takeoff for Los Angeles and released a yellow smoke despite heavy rain.

"It looked like the front end just fell off. From there, it just started to fall apart. I ran to the escape hatch with the stewardesses and we couldn't get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames. Everyone was just panicking," he said.

"I tried to open the escape hatch on the top just a slit and saw a lot of smoke. The flames were just incredible. But eventually we got it open... We were just as scared it was going to blow up," he said.

It was Singapore Airlines' first major accident in 28 years of operations, and it came in heavy weather. A typhoon packing 90 mph winds was whirling off Taiwan's southern coast Tuesday evening, warning officials to set up disaster relief centers.

Taiwanese aviation official Billy K.C. Chang said that in addition to the 65 killed, 84 people were injured and 30 were unaccounted for.

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District 5 candidates rely on experiences to win race

By Gavin Burgess
Alligator Writer

State House Rep. Bob Casey and State Attorney Rod Smith, who are battling for a seat on the state Senate to represent District 5, have been trying to spread their messages to voters. Each candidate has experience, but both admit that can be exhausting.

But life on the campaign trail is not new to Republican Casey and Democrat Smith.

Both candidates have held office for the majority of the 1990s — Casey has worked in the state House since 1992, and Smith has been a state attorney since 1993. Both said their experiences make them best-suited to represent the district.

Casey, who is being forced from his seat in the House because of term limits, said on-the-job training is important.

“My eight years in the Legislature has prepared me for the Senate because experience does count,” he said.

While having experience of being in both the minority and majority party in the Legislature, Casey said he was able to pass laws on programs ranging from welfare-to-work to mandatory bicycle helmets for children.

He said public education system issues need to be addressed, such as reductions in class sizes and having the state pay for teachers to receive national certification in their respective subjects accompanied by an incentive bonus.

Casey also wants to work on providing local childcare opportunities for the “significant number of families” and single parents who work.

“We need to do everything we can so their children have the education they deserve,” he said.

While a member of the House, Casey voted to end the Board of Regents, which oversaw the State University System. He said many states in the country are looking to change their systems. “We need one body to govern all public institutions, from grade school through college.”

But Smith disagrees.

He said he strongly endorsed the Regents because of its ability to apply a statewide perspective on educational issues and was able to prioritize programs.

Smith said north Florida would be hurt by a system in which each institution was forced to fend for itself because it does not “have enough pull,” and the system would become based on politico-needs.

Smith wants to put a major focus on education, citing underpaid teachers and large class sizes as problems. “We have fallen behind in our K-through-12 system,” Smith said. “We spend money on other programs.”

He said requiring better standards and increasing teacher pay will help Florida compete with other states while increasing the level of education.

He also pointed to problems in the community college system, saying curricula are too broad.

“Technology is not advancing and teachers remain underpaid,” he said. “The day of going to work for a company for 40 years is quickly passing,” he said. “We need smart and flexible workers.”

As state attorney, Smith said his experiences of attaining goals, working with juveniles in programs like Project Payback and Child Welfare Legal Services and lobbying in Tallahassee make him prepared for the job to lead in the Senate.

“I have been recognized as a person who gets things done,” Smith said. “I am passionate.”

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District 5 candidates bump head on education system

By Sarah Myrick
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It is a race filled with birds, maps and light bulbs — not your typical props or symbols for a district state House of Representatives race.

But not much is typical about the three candidates, Phil Denton, Perry McGriff Jr. and Chuck Clemons, who are vying to represent Alachua County and part of Marion County in Tallahassee.

Denton, a Reform Party candidate, carries around three props to illustrate the flaws of the current political system. He has a picture of a flock of birds because he said birds of a feather flock together. Denton said politicians and their financial supporters would stick together.

“And I carry a light bulb with me because I’m going to Tallahassee to turn on the lights,” he said.

Denton also carries a map of the district. He said, he would be able to represent District 22 best because he is not a Democrat or a Republican.

McGriff, a longtime Gainesville resident who secured the Democratic nomination in the primary, has pledged his time and support to UF.

He played football and baseball at UF and serves on several boards, including the Advisory Council for the College of Health and Human Performance. He also supports reining-stating the Board of Regents.

Republican Clemons is also seeking the state House seat being vacated by Bob Casey because of term limits.

Clemons, currently an Alachua County commissioner, said he would work to improve education standards.

“I think our education system needs a revamp and overhaul, and I warmly embrace the opportunity to attempt a total overhaul a failed system,” he said.

Clemons is a staunch supporter of educational vouchers.

“I think opportunity scholarships is a way for poor students to escape falling schools,” he said. “School choice has been around for awhile, but it has been reserved only for the rich.”

However, McGriff said he does not support vouchers.

“There’s a difference in Mr. Clemons and myself,” McGriff said. “We need to make sure minorities have access to higher education.”

Clemons said the dissolution of the Regents is “water under the bridge” but will work with UF.

“If the economic engine that runs our community,” he said. “I will do everything in my power to protect the interests of UF.”

Denton is concerned with the education system as well, but he said he would concentrate on school size.

He said the Board of Regents and the State University System needs balance and opposes the dissolution of the Regents.

“It’s too easy to come out to people who guess who that is — the Republicans. The last thing we need to do is reward them,” Denton said.

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Two Democrats vie for District 23

By Andrew Marra
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With two registered Democrats going head to head in the District 23 state House race, the campaign looks more like a primary race than a general election.

No Republican chose to throw his hat in the ring this year to represent the heavily Democratic district, which includes much of east Alachua County and Marion County.

So the victory will fall to either Ed Jennings Jr., who won the Democratic primary in September, or Dick Williams, an unregistered Democrat who is running without a party affiliation.

The seat they seek is being vacated by state Rep. Cynthia Chestnut — another Democrat — who must yield the seat because of term limits. She was defeated in the Democratic primary for the District 5 state Senate seat.

Williams is a Gainesville tile contractor who ran unsuccessfully two years ago for the Alachua County Commission. Jennings is a Gainesville real estate developer. His father, Ed Jennings Sr., is a former Gainesville city commissioner.

While Jennings has made business development his main issue, Williams has said the most critical issue for the state is managing its growth.

Williams has worked as a field inspector and wetlands specialist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He has also served as president of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

“I think the number one problem is growth. There’s no question about that,” he said. Jennings said the fact that he won the Democratic primary will give him an advantage over Williams because he has had more exposure.

Jennings has flooded local media with advertising and has been campaigning since March.

Calling poverty the “No. 1 issue for our district,” Jennings has proposed increased indus-
By Kristen Moczynski
Alligator Writer

Five-year-old Victoria Hemphill sat in her white, frilly dress deciding what she wanted painted on her face. First, Zeta Tau Alpha freshman Alexis Appoloni applied a red nose. Next, Hemphill had three black whiskers on her left cheek, then three on her right cheek. And a black mouth for the final touch. Hemphill looked at her feline face in the mirror and nodded in acceptance.

"Because I have a cat named Blue," the Barbie doll bride said as she ran off to receive more candy.

For 26-month-old Bryanna Braddock the decision was a bit easier. The toddler, dressed as Pebbles Flintstone, sat patiently on her mother’s lap while she received a red heart on her left cheek.

Celebrating the spooky night in full force, sororities and fraternities teamed up on Tuesday night to bring area children a fun-filled, safe Halloween. Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks, which was organized by the Junior Panhellenic Council, offered little Halloween haunters the chance to play games, win prizes and participate in group activities.

Ariellt Mundy, 10, dressed as a cow angel, came with one thing in mind for the night: candy.

"It's very yummy," she said of the generous handfuls of candy she received at each house.

But there was more than just candy for the trick-or-treating tykes.

Nine-year-old Michelle Campbell jumped up and down screaming when she won blue Play-Doh at the Alpha Delta Pi house after beating other youngsters in the Halloween version of musical chairs.

"I won! I won!" she screamed.

But it was not the first thing the orange-and-black-clad witch won.

Earlier in the evening, Campbell won a bracelet and candy playing games.

Sisters at the Phi Mu house set with jack-o-lanterns, tombstones, spider webs and spooky tunes — brought children inside to decorate chocolate chip cookies with icing and sprinkles.

The Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority had a candy-hunting safari in its front yard, with all its members dressed as tour guides or clad in animal print.

But more than just fun, the night gave parents peace of mind, knowing their children were safe.

Jenai Collins brought her 6-year-old son, Alex, to the event rather than trekking through her nearby neighborhood.

"It seemed a lot safer," she said. "It sounded like a good idea."

Kay Lewis took her 2-year-old cowgirl, Britany — costumed in jeans, boots, a cowboy hat and a hobbyhorse.

"You can trust these people," she said about the treats the sororities handed out. "You don’t know who to trust and not trust."

And the children were not the only ones who had fun during the ghoulish evening.

Phi Mu senior Mariett Repidad said she and her sorority sisters enjoyed spending the night interacting with the youngsters.

"We all want children to take home with us," she said of all the cute critters that came through the house. "It’s good that they’re having fun and are somewhere safe."

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Senate bill defines advanced notice for legislation

By Joe Black
Alligator Writer

The Student Senate passed a bill on Tuesday night defining how many days notice an organization should be given before legislation affecting them will be debated.

Former Senators Ken Kerns and Kennitta Johnson authored the bill with Senator Rob Szollosy as a response to the referendum that was approved overwhelmingly by the student body during the Fall elections.

The bill, which passed on first reading, orders the senate proposing the bill to notify the organization the bill will be affecting by e-mail at least three business days prior to the meeting.

"This bill is just a response to the resolution we passed last week," Johnson said. "Senators said they wanted something more definite and that's what this is."

Budget Committee Chair- man Cary High voiced his opposition of the bill because he said he feels it is directly related to the bill he and Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia wrote that moved three organizations out of the Activity and Service Fee budget, commonly known as the Big 8.

"This is just so they can rally their troops," High said. "And there's always the second reading, that is the reason behind it."

The bill will be voted on again at the next Senate meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reitz Union before it is added to the statutes.

Also passed on first reading was the addition of Pride Awareness Month to the Special Events budget.

Pride, which will use the month as an expansion of its Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week in April, will not be able to receive funding from the Special Events budget this year because of this change but plans to request funds from the Allocations Committee for 2001.

The Special Events budget for next year will begin hearings at the start of next week.

Money budgeted at these hearings will be allocated at the start of the next fiscal year, which starts in July. But since a second reading adding Pride to next year's budget will not have been heard by the Senate, it will need to ask for an amendment later this year for 2002.

The groups currently in the Special Events budget will not feel a pinch because of the addition of Pride, High said.

Pride President Derek Gilbert said the new month's events would tentatively include four large highlighted programs and then smaller socials and functions for the rest of the days.

"Our organization has more than doubled our active membership so it's time to expand what we offer," he said.

Also at the Senate meeting, Garcia received approval of 20 assistant treasurers she had appointed.

Garcia intends to use the assistants to help bridge the gap between the more than 100 organizations and the finance office—something Garcia promised when she campaigned during the elections last Spring.

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Digital Worlds Institute continues search for director

By Teresa Wood
Alligator Writer

Students and faculty have the opportunity today to meet the second candidate applying for the position of director of the UF Digital Worlds Institute—a center for research and learning in digital arts.

The candidate, James Oliverio, is the director of the Graphics, Visualization and Usability Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

More than 20 applicants applied for the position so far, said Marcia Isaacs, College of Fine Arts associate dean. A selection committee made up of faculty from the College of Fine Arts and the College of Engineering chose Oliverio and another candidate, Marty Altman, from Disney Feature Animation, who already visited UF.

The center's mission is education, research and technology development.

The future director will be involved in hiring faculty for the digital arts program, soliciting donations to develop the center and making a name for the center.

"We're looking for someone with leadership and creativity," said Win Phillips, vice president for research. "It's a new endeavor—a combination of computer science and visual arts that's moving over into the entertainment industry."

Phillips said a real-world application of the program is the movie "Titanic." The movie creators used digital arts to place the boat in the water and make it look realistic.

There are already about 50 students in the program who are taking classes toward the major. Isaacs said they went ahead and started students in the program before a director was hired because the early classes already existed. The major is officially offered through the colleges of engineering and fine arts.

Isaacs said the selection committee received several more applications and has to decide if it will invite any of those candidates to visit UF. It is uncertain when the position will be filled because both Isaacs and Phillips said they want to find the best person for the job.

Students and faculty can meet with Oliverio at 11 a.m. in Room E305 of the Computer Science Engineering building. At 3 p.m., Oliverio will give a presentation on issues concerning the Digital Worlds Institute in Room E404 of the CSE building.

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Vital access

On Thursday, a decision made by the little-known Radio Management Board curtailed the public's access to all police and fire rescue radio traffic sent from a new emergency radio system.

Under the system, the conversations of these public servants will be encrypted before they are sent over the public's airwaves. The codes to decrypt the transmissions will not be released to the public or media. While the Gainesville Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office argued against the encryption system, both city and county fire rescue agencies and the University Police Department said encryption was necessary to protect the confidentiality of patients and criminals.

Though County Manager Randy Reid asked the board to take another look at the issue, the current situation threatens to undermine the public's trust in the police and fire departments as well as reduce the timeliness and accuracy with which it receives information from the media.

For years, live transmissions from these radios have been available to everyone with the purchase of an inexpensive police scanner from Radio Shack. Now, even with the codes, those wishing to listen would have to purchase or lease a "high-tech" scanner, which costs more than $800, creating a significant financial barrier for members of the general public and smaller news outlets.

Instead of moving down a proprietary path of secrecy, the trend should be towards openness. Police and fire departments should be working to make information available as quickly and conveniently as possible. The Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Office have the right idea, both sending live feeds from their frequencies to a streaming audio file on the Internet.

By denying media access to this type of information in real time, many incidents would never be reported, and those that would eventually trickle down would do so in an untimely fashion. Just look at an incident earlier this month in which a student was almost kidnapped near Kanapaha Middle School. While the incident occurred at about 8 a.m., a news release was not until mid-afternoon. What happens if the attempted kidnapper was still on the loose that morning?

Would the police department or the board take responsibility if another student was kidnapped later in the day because his mother hadn't heard about the first incident on the television or radio?

Protecting confidential patient information is important, but law enforcement information picked up over open frequencies are uncommon. Information relayed from emergency medical technicians usually involves immediate concerns and often does not even include the patient's name. If the decryption codes are released, Reid said it may be necessary to keep one or two channels encrypted to protect medical information.

Unfortunately, that's a very slippery slope. By encrypting even one channel, the police and fire departments would be the sole decision maker in what information should be kept confidential. There is no way to determine what incidents the police and fire rescue agencies will deem important enough to issue news releases. There is also no guarantee that the occurrence of police and firefighter mistakes will ever be released — harming the level of care Alachua County citizens have come to expect.

Information about these frequencies and the decryption codes must be released immediately in the spirit of Florida's Sunshine laws and the best interests of the public. If they are not, consequences may be disastrous.

High-speed rail makes sense

Florida voters have a chance to decide if they want a travel choice that would save lives, reduce traffic congestion, provide a new freedom to travel for 3,000,000 citizens and speed up storm evacuation.

That's why Floridians for 21st Century Travel Connections and Choices formed. It gathered 624,000 petitions to let voters decide on Nov. 7 whether the state should have a high-speed ground transportation system in Amendment 1.

It's an idea that politicians have shifted back and forth, for nearly 16 years in Florida — never with the public having a direct say.

With a constitutional amendment on the ballot, the public can decide on an issue that affects them every time they get into the car or wait in long lines for a short-airplane trip.

We can also finally make a public policy decision that withstands the coming and going of governors and legislators to prevent the roller coaster ride this idea has been on since initiated by former Gov. Bob Graham many years ago.

The enormity of a public works project that would link Florida's five largest urban areas in a high-speed ground transportation system requires political continuity that requires the system to be operated on 400 miles per hour.

Look no further than the shift between former Gov. Lawton Chiles, whose administration championed a high-speed rail system and invested millions in taxpayers dollars for planning and feasibility studies.

The current governor quickly rejected the high-speed rail proposal soon after taking office.

By putting the question in voters' hands, the people who endure maddening traffic jams, terrible highway accidents and a de facto dependency on the automobile will have a choice that will survive the shifting political winds long enough to make high-speed ground transport a reality.

Here are just a few things high-speed ground travel would do:

- Provide new travel options for the elderly and physically impaired. More than 3 million Floridians do not own cars or have driver licenses.

- The proposed amendment requires construction to begin by Nov. 1, 2003, and calls for a high-speed ground transportation system that will link Florida's five largest urban areas, which the Florida Legislature would identify. It defines "high speed" as in excess of 120 miles per hour.

- For safety and efficiency, the measure also requires the system to be operated on dedicated rails or guide ways, separate from motor vehicle traffic.

- Ideally, an independent, professional authority, similar to the Florida Turnpike Authority and airport and seaport authorities that are funded by their users, would manage the system.

- There is no need for additional taxes or to further bloat the government bureaucracy.

- Similar high-speed ground travel systems already operate successfully throughout Europe, Japan and much of the world.

Florida's unique mix of size, distance between urban areas and inundation of millions of visitors makes out state ideal for such a system.

To some, it would be a fast and efficient alternative to a frustrating automobile trip.

To others, it would be an inexpensive and hassle-free alternative to short-hop air service.

To everyone, it's an important step to ensuring that Florida grows, we won't have to pave our communities and environment for people to move around.

As the 21st century unfolds, it's time to think outside the box. The choice belongs to the people. On Nov. 7, vote yes on Amendment 1.

Malcolm Kirschbaum is the former chairman of the Florida High Speed Rail Transportation Commission and former chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Replace GATORS with lottery**

Editor: My Monday evening began as most fellow students' nights began — on the telephone trying to get through to G.A.T.O.R.S. to buy a ticket for the Florida State University game. I then spent the following five hours using two phones, and I still did not get through. I understand the demand was high and the supply extremely low, but the process for ordering tickets has become ridiculous.

The University Athletic Association's method for selling tickets to high-demand games is ridiculous. True, selling tickets over the phone is fast, but I wasted just as much time on the phone, not doing schoolwork, than I would have lining up for tickets.

The UAA's current method must be corrected for next season and maybe even for the SEC Championship and the bowl game. Why can't the ticket office allow students wanting to buy a ticket to swipe their Gator One Cards and enter a lottery? Though that would allow more students to buy with no intent on going to the game but selling them for profit, it would at least prevent students like myself from wasting so much time on the phone, only to not get a ticket.

The UAA should do something to correct this increasing problem.

Drew Shenkman
UFS

**Diversity comes in thought**

Editor: Monday's feature on the diversity problems among our faculty, "Racial diversity plagues most UF's colleges," truly got me thinking. UF would be much better served by focusing more on diversity of thought and experience than solely on diversity of the pigmentation of a human being's skin.

For those who might disagree, I simply pose this question: How many of us who consider ourselves champions of diversity would be pleased if the next three professors hired at UF were Alan Keys, Ward Connerly and Laura Schlessinger? I suspect the percentage would be somewhat similar to that of America's minority leaders who are overjoyed to see Clarence Thomas sitting on the bench of the Supreme Court.

Sure, numbers of minorities and women would be boosted, but what would truly have been accomplished?

It might not be as easy to measure in a tidy pie chart, and it might take a bit more effort on everyone's part than is currently being exerted. But it is time in Gainesville — and in America — that diversity have less to do with color of skin and more to do with content of thought and character.

Steven Gieseler

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Fair allows students to research various study abroad programs

By Lizzie Johnson
Alligator Writer

Students looking for a study abroad program will find a one-stop shopping opportunity today at the Reitz Union Colonnade.

The Overseas Studies Fair will host representatives from UF as well as from other institutions and independent study abroad programs from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"This is a convenient way for students to shop through the smorgasbord of programs that are offered," said Lynn Frazier, associate director of the International Center.

Programs to cities from Dar, Tanzania, to Mannheim, Germany, to Rio, Brazil, will be represented, along with about 30 other booths. Fliers, catalogs and movies that show the trips from past years.

"Planning to work with your academic goals is one of the intents of the fair," said fair coordinator Leigh Ann Osborne said. "It makes the trip much more enriching."

Most courses are offered in English, unless chosen otherwise, so language is not necessarily a barrier. There are some requirements, however, such as good academic standing, having spent at least one semester at UF and being at least 18 years old.

A financial aid adviser will be available for any monetary questions. Many scholarships are approved for study abroad programs, and the center has a budget for every student that participates to help support them.

While at the fair, students can register to win one of two rail passes, which is a major mode of transportation in Europe.

The MBA Association is hosting the 1st Annual Run with the Big Dogs 5k
Saturday, November 4th
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911 Report
Woman apprehended in robbery
Sheriff's deputies charged a woman on Tuesday with armed robbery and attempted murder after receiving tips from citizens that she robbed a convenience store and fired several shots during a fight with a clerk.

Debra Denise White, 31, walked into the Phoenix Super Stop Convenience Store, 2516 SW 31st Place, on Saturday. She ran around the checkout counter and took money out of the register, Alachua County Sheriff's Office records state.

A second clerk came out of a back room while White was in the store and the two began to fight. White hit the clerk in the mouth with a gun. A fight ensued over the gun, and White fired it several times in the store, according to records.

After receiving calls from witnesses, deputies determined that White fit the description of the suspect, ASO spokesman James Troiano said.

Troiano said White confessed to the robbery and firing the gun. Detectives also identified the other person in the car as White's 9-year-old daughter, Troiano said. White borrowed the car from a friend. No charges are pending against the owner, he said.

White is being held in the Alachua County jail without bond.

Sarah Myrick

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Alabama evades conflict with subtle flag display

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Confederate flag is still prominent at Alabama's Capitol even though it no longer flies from the dome.

There is in the state's coat of arms, sticking up over Gov. Don Siegelman's left shoulder during news conferences in his office.

There is in Gov. George Wallace's official state portrait exhibited in the Capitol Rotunda.

But Siegelman isn't alone in using it as a backdrop for news conferences. State Treasurer Lucy Baxley also has it hanging behind her desk, and it's seen everywhere on Alabama highways because state troopers use it on the side of their cars.

Holmes said he's had some out-of-state visitors take notice of it — particularly if stopped by state troopers — but no legislators have made an issue of it.

Still, Holmes said that if the Legislature really wants to observe the state's history, they should change the coat of arms to include the Confederate "stars and bars" flag that flew in Montgomery in 1861.

"That's the Confederate flag that represents sovereignty, not the one the Ku Klux Klan used," said Holmes, a college history teacher.

Sheila Douglas, national spokeswoman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Alabama's use of the battle flag "is on our radar screen," although the group's campaign has focused on South Carolina.

"We consider the Confederate flag a hate symbol no matter where it is posted," said Sheila Douglas, NAACP national spokeswoman.

The site's coat of arms contains four flags that have flown over Alabama — the Spanish, French, British and Confederate flag. It was designed in 1923 by a Yankee — New York heraldry expert B.J. Tieman — who used a flag commonly associated with the Confederacy but that never flew at Montgomery when it was the capital of the Confederacy.

The Legislature made the coat of arms official in a 1939 law and specified that the governor display it in his office.

But Siegelman isn't alone in using it as a backdrop for news conferences. State Treasurer Lucy Bailey also has it hanging behind her desk, and it's seen every
Book club provides students with outlet for expression

By Marjory Francis
Aligator Writer

After taking three tests in one week and working a part-time job, Melissa Whyte, a business management senior, needed a place to relieve her stress.

"Not only did I study for my tests, but as vice-president of Minority Business Society, I had to fulfill my leadership duties," she said. "I needed a break."

Whyte decided to attend Expressions, a book club meeting at the Baja Tortilla Grill in the Reitz Union.

The book club gives students an outlet to reveal their thoughts and ideas about poetry, music, novels and short stories.

The book club praises the works of black authors.

"Expressions gives students a chance to look at society from a literary and intellectual aspect and not just a sociological aspect," said Najah Gibson, moderator of Expressions and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which sponsors the book club.

The sorority does not want students to fear participating if they have not read a novel in a while or do not have time to read a novel.

Materials such as excerpts from books and poems will be provided at the meetings to discuss different issues that minorities deal with on a daily basis.

Although Expressions targets minority students, the sorority wants everyone to participate.

"It's open for all," Gibson said. "Expressions focuses on African-American and black literature, but it's open for students of all races."

Students can contribute their personal works, which will be read and critiqued anonymously by other members of the book club.

Many students who have come to Expressions said that being able to appreciate literature may help them appreciate different personal experiences.

"I like books about relationships and things I can relate to in my own life," sophomore Calvina Bostick said.

Similarly, MaShani Allen, a UF senior and member of the sorority, said she likes autobiographies and enjoys reading books that educate herself about her surroundings.

On the other hand, other attendees discussed how they did not have books about black experiences while growing up.

"A lot of us grew up in predominantly white schools and were not taught about black authors," said Traci Bell, a senior and sorority member.

"I never heard of Paul L. Dunbar because we were not taught black literature in school."

People need to realize that everyone does not have the same backgrounds, sophomore Don Goff said.

He said people in the society should address these issues and be proud of their differences.

"I see Expressions as an opportunity for people to come together and look at things from other perspectives," Goff said.

Expressions will meet on Nov. 16 in the Reitz Union Room 121 at 7 p.m.
KRISHNA

The section on the right, a colorful cornucopia of leftover Krishna chow, was marked with a smiley face and the word "prasadam," meaning the food had been offered to the Lord and was ready for immediate consumption.

Phaltz inaugurated Wednesday’s spaghetti sauce by lowering carrot after carrot into the vegetable chopper, resulting in a cacophonous metallic clatter and a torrential downpour of stringy orange cubes. After the carrot cyclone, the square chunks were dumped in an industrial-sized bucket.

The next task was cutting the potatoes for the “kafta,” the vegetarian meatballs for potatoes for the “kafta,” the and a torrential downpour of vegetable chopper, resulting in industrial-sized bucket.

The ingredients are simple, always delicious and, contrary to popular myths, not deceptive. “People think we put salt peter in the food because we don’t engage in illicit sex,” Phaltz said. “When people ask us, ‘You put salt peter in it, right,’ we usually tell them, ‘Yeah, we put in hair remover, too!’”

To the strains of mantras emanating from the radio, the braiser, filled with four buckets of water, canola oil and salt, heated up and turned the small kitchen into a sauna.

The clock fogged up completely, and anyone within 6 feet of this sizzling mechanical box felt pure heat. After waiting for the scorching. tank to steam over, Mancuso, in traditional white Krishna garb, pored in about 40 pounds of dry pasta.

When the food was completed, the devotees put some in a small offering plate,” a silver cup the size of a lid on a can of spray paint, and brought it into their temple. They placed the food on a small wooden stool in front of an elaborate altar. The altar contained pink and blue columns surrounding pristine gray and black marble walls, intricate woodcarvings and framed pictures of revered individuals.

At the top were wooden sculptures of three colorful Indian deities — Jaganath, Lady Subhadra and Baladev — adored in jewelry and awaiting the offering.

After a brief monotonic chant in Sanskrit, the food was considered “blessed” and ready to be loaded into their dark blue van, driven to campus and consumed by hungry patrons.

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U.S. Navy avoids Suez Canal in light of threats

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are on the highest state of alert following new indications of terrorist threats in those Persian Gulf countries, U.S. officials said on Tuesday.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon cited "credible threat information" but declined to be more specific.

U.S. officials also revealed that since the bombing of the USS Cole on Oct. 12 in Yemen, no American warships have used the Suez Canal - the fastest, and normal, route from the eastern United States to the Gulf.

The crippled Cole, with most of its crew still aboard in the Gulf of Aden, will take the long way home to the United States - around the Cape of Good Hope on Africa's southern tip - to avoid the Suez Canal, said defense officials who discussed the matter on Tuesday on conditions of anonymity.

The defense officials said the Navy has been avoiding the Suez because of security concerns in light of escalating terrorist threats in the region. Bacon, however, denied there had been a decision to stop using the Suez.

Meantime, sources close to the Yemeni government's investigation into the Cole bombing, said the probe is focusing on four men believed to be the main plotters and is exploring possible links to Muslim militants in Yemen.

The State Department's top anti-terrorism official, Michael A. Sheehan, declined on Tuesday to divulge what investigators into the Cole attack may have found so far, saying, "It's not clear what happened." But, he added, "My guess is that it [the attack] was not state-sponsored."

Bacon said it likely will be several days before the Cole begins its journey home. The 505-foot destroyer was in the process of being secured atop the main deck of the Blue Marlin, a Norwegian-owned heavy-lift ship. To accomplish that, the Blue Marlin submerged its huge deck and positioned the Cole on top before starting to fasten it in place.

"They just want to be very careful," Bacon said.

At a Pentagon briefing, Bacon displayed U.S. Navy photographs of the operation, but none showed the Cole raised out of the water, where the full dimensions of the bomb crater in its hull could be seen. Bacon said such photos might not be made public.

Senate authorizes $7.8 billion to restore Everglades

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate approved a $7.8 billion project to rescue the Florida Everglades, one of the largest environmental restoration efforts undertaken by the federal government on Tuesday.

"With this project we are doing nothing less than turning back time, returning this dying place to the wild splendor of its past and, in doing so, ensuring its future," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.

The Senate passed by voice vote a measure that authorizes $1.4 billion for 10 construction and four pilot projects. Together they represent the first step in an enterprise expected to take three decades and $7.8 billion to complete. Florida would pay half that cost.

The Everglades provision is part of a broader water resources bill worked out by House-Senate negotiators that will go to the House for a final vote.

"For the first time in history, we have a comprehensive plan for making the heart of the Everglades pulse once again with clean, abundant water," Environmental Protection Agency Chief Carol Browner said after the House passed its version earlier this month.

The federal government in 1949 established the Everglades National Park to protect the southern portion of the 300-mile "River of Grass" and Florida Bay from development.

But that same year Congress directed the Corps of Engineers to build a system of canals, levees and pumping stations to control the Everglades and prevent flooding and open land for farming and development.

The result has been the loss of half of the Everglades, pollution from agricultural runoffs and threats to the 14 federally listed endangered species in the Everglades.

The bill, said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, protects "one of the most endangered ecosystems in the nation, if not the world."

In a rare break from the partisan wrangling of this election year, the legislation has the backing of the Florida congressional delegation, Indian tribes and environmental, agricultural and industry groups.

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University of Florida Homecoming Week 2000 Begins On Saturday

Saturday ushers in the beginning of Homecoming Week 2000. A tradition that began as “Dad’s Day” at UF in 1907, Homecoming Week has featured events for students and the university community alike for nearly 100 years. Under the theme “A Gator’s Tale,” this year’s homecoming provides many free activities for UF students, faculty, staff and the local community.

On Saturday night, Soulfest begins at Turlington Plaza at 8 p.m. A new addition to the homecoming program, Soulfest is a multicultural extravaganza featuring singing, dance acts, live DJs, a skit and a step performance. The Gator Dazzlers, Albert and Alberta will make special appearances. In addition, the event will provide pizza, chicken and cold drinks to attendees, as well as giveaways and prizes.

A semiformal will take place at 9 p.m. Monday in the Reitz Union ballroom. The semiformal is a dance co-sponsored with the Inter-Residence Hall Association. The dress is semiformal for ladies; shirt and tie for gentlemen. The evening event will have music, dancing and food and is free to all UF students and their dates.

Drive-In Movies will be shown at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the commuter parking lot behind Hume garage. This year’s movies are Mission Impossible II and Road-Trip. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Attendees are invited to view the movies from their car or bring blankets to sit picnic style on the lawn.

Gator Expo begins at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 on the north lawn of the Reitz Union. Gator Expo is an annual event that allows student groups and organizations from all over the campus to showcase their service or activities. This free event provides students with an opportunity to increase campus involvement while allowing each organization to promote itself and the services that it offers.

This year, in addition to hosting campus organizations, Gator Expo also invites local businesses to participate.

The Gatorettes, Dazzlers and Floridance will be at the event; Albert and Alberta also will be on-hand for pictures. Gator Expo entertainment includes a celebrity dunk tank, radio station broadcasts and live bands as well as a variety of free foods and drinks.

The Gator Gallop, a two mile “fun-run” preceding the annual Homecoming Parade, begins at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 10 at Pearcy Beard Track Stadium. Runners can pre-register on campus at Turlington Plaza and the Reitz Union colonnade from 9:35 a.m.-3 p.m. today through Friday and Nov. 6-9 for $10. Runners also may register on the day of the event for $15. The price includes a T-shirt and refreshments.

The University of Florida Homecoming Parade, the largest student-run parade in the nation, kicks off at noon on Nov. 10. The parade begins with a military flyover commemorating Veteran’s Day. This year’s Homecoming Parade showcases spectacular bands, floats and special units from University of Florida student organizations and community groups. Along with being broad-cast to the North Central Florida area, the parade is attended by over 100,000 spectators.

The 71st University of Florida Blue Key Homecoming Banquet honors the sixth president of the University of Florida and first president of the university to be an alumnus, Stephen C. O’Connell. O’Connell enrolled at UF in 1934, served as sophomore class president in 1935-36 and as president of the student body in 1936-39. He is a member of Florida Blue Key (president, 1939), Alpha Tau Omega (president, 1938) and the Newman Club (president, 1937). As a middleweight on the boxing team (captain, 1938), he went undefeated. O’Connell received his bachelor’s in business administration and a law degree in 1940.

Among many career service recognitions, O’Connell received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the University of Florida in 1967. He was also a “Great Floridian” by the Cabinet of the State of Florida and a “Living Legend” by the Southeastern Conference, both in 1993. O’Connell was also inducted into the University Hall of Fame and the Sports Hall of Fame. As a tribute to O’Connell, the Florida Legislature named the coliseum at the University of Florida “The Stephen C. O’Connell Center” in 1978.

Several prominent guests representing accomplishments and stages in O’Connell’s career will speak at the banquet, including Reubin Askew, former governor of Florida; Frank Brogan, lieutenant governor of Florida; and Charles Young, president of the University of Florida. This year’s banquet will be held in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center. The pre-banquet reception begins at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 10, followed by a formal dinner at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 each and are available through the Florida Blue Key office by calling 337-0022. Tickets are $37-0090.

The Homecoming Alumni Barbeque offers an opportunity to meet up with old friends, make new ones and show your Gator spirit. The event begins at the O’Connell Center on Nov. 11, two and half hours before kick-off. Tickets are $7 and include chicken, pork, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and drinks. The University of Florida Dazzlers, Cheerleaders, Albert and Alberta, the Pride of the Sunshine Gator Marching Band and other UF surprises also will be in attendance. Tickets are available through Florida Blue Key, the University Box Office in the Reitz Union and at the door on the day of the event.

The 20th Annual Orange and Blue Open Golf Tournament, a shotgun-start scramble tournament, tees off at 8 a.m. on Nov. 12. The cost to participate ($220 per foursome or $55 per player) includes a golf package, carts, caddy, breakfast, drinks and a post-round barbecue immediately following the tournament. A grand prize golf weekend will be awarded to the winning foursome. In addition to the grand prize, generous second and third place prizes will be awarded along with numerous raffle prizes.

For more information, contact Matt Roberts at 337-9090. For updates on UF homecoming activities, log on to www.ufhomecoming.org.

Flowering Faces

Halloween arrived early on the UF campus, judging from the statues that popped up Friday near the art department building. The figures actually were the work of graduate student Troy Roslow, a religion major who says his art project abstraction was meant to combine human faces, tree bark texture and flowers. (Photo by Joe Richard)
Deadlines

The Gator Citrus Club holds its annual Holiday Citrus Sale Nov. 29 and 30 in Finift Field. Navel oranges and red grapefruit will be sold by reservation only. Pre-packs of orders will receive a discount, but must be mailed by Nov. 13. For information and an order form, visit www.hos.ufl.edu/citrusclub/fruitsale.htm.

Registration is open for the annual Women's Leadership Conference scheduled for Jan. 27 in the Reitz Union. Applications are available at the Reitz Union information desk or at www.usfca.ufl.edu/wlc.

Lectures

The School of Music presents Lost Lady Found: Grainger's Perception and Usage of English Folklore at 3 p.m. today in the Music Building, Room 146. For information, call 392-0223, Ext. 402.

The Center for African Studies presents Why Don't Zimbabwe's Soldiers Just Fade Away? at 2 p.m. Friday in 471 Griner Hall. For information, call 392-2183.

The Department of Philosophy presents Epistemic Justification at 4 p.m. Friday in 303 Griffin-Floyd Hall. For information, call 392-3894.

The UF Counseling Center presents Finding Our Way: Asian Americans on Campus from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in Peabody Hall, Room 401. The luncheon invites participants to share thoughts and experiences on the "model minority" that still faces discrimination, ignorance and even violence. For information, call 392-1575.

The Ham Museum presents Domestic Altars and Hindu Devotions at 3 p.m. Sunday, Vasudha Narayanan, UF professor of religion, addresses Hindu deities and devotional objects, including the home altar she created for the exhibition "Intimate Rituals." For information, call 392-9826.

The Ham Museum presents Celebrations in Judaism, a video from its "Religions of the World" series, at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 8. Join docent Roslyn Slater for a closer look at related Judaica in the "Intimate Rituals" exhibition. For information, call 392-9826.

The UF Spirituality and Health Group presents The New American Spirituality: Healing Body, Mind, Heart and Soul at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Medical Sciences Building auditorium, Room N2-200. For information, call 392-4225.

As part of its History of Medicine lecture series, the College of Medicine presents the Hippocrates and the Origins of Neuro-Psychiatry by Dr. Bruce Krait from noon-1 p.m. Nov. 9 in CI-15 of the Communications Building, Health Science Center. For information, visit www.medinfo.ufl.edu/other/histmed/index.html.

Workshops

The Committee on Persons with Disabilities presents departmental ADA information sessions from 10 a.m.-noon Friday and 2-4 p.m. Nov. 9. The sessions provide answers to faculty and staff about educating students with disabilities, including appropriate methods of providing accommodations. Reservations are required and must be received one week prior to the session. For information, call 392-7056.

Activities on Campus

Washington Center Internships Available

The Washington Center offers internship opportunities during fall, spring and summer semesters for undergraduate students (second semester sophomores and beyond with a minimum 2.5 GPA). Internships are available in more than 1,000 public, private and non-profit agencies in all fields and are open to all majors. Students are placed in full-time entry-level positions for 15 weeks during spring and fall and 10 weeks during the summer and earn academic credits from the home institution. The Washington Center's Florida Scholarship Fund provides $2,000 for program costs from UF to help pay for the cost of the program.

Sandy Butler-Whyte of the Washington Center will be on campus to hold two information sessions and answer questions about the program at 11 a.m. today and at 10 a.m. Thursday. Both sessions are held in Reitz Union, Room 349 and last about an hour.

Complete information and an application form can be found online at www.twc.edu. Applications need to be submitted to Tigert Hall, Room 140 for campus approval before being sent to the center. For information, call 392-1519.

UF Police Dept. Seeks Reserve Police Officers

The University of Florida Police Department is currently accepting applications for Reserve Police Officers. Reserve officers perform a wide variety of tasks for the university community including providing security for special events, protecting public safety, providing crime prevention education and enforcing Florida laws. Like full-time officers, reserves patrol campus and participate in many aspects of law enforcement. Reserve officers have the opportunity to learn about traffic control, community policing and even investigations.

Qualified individuals must be at least 19 years old, a U.S. citizen, possess a valid driver's license and have received a high school diploma. Applicants also must have a good driving record, pass an extensive background investigation, a computerized voice stress analysis test and a medical examination. Reserve officers attend a structured training program offered by the University Police Department. Applicants should contact Capt. Earl Crenos at 392-0401.
San Francisco Opera Theater Performs "Die Fledermaus" Sunday

The San Francisco Opera Theater takes center stage at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts, performing Johann Strauss Jr.'s "Die Fledermaus" at 8 p.m. Sunday.

"Die Fledermaus," a favorite of opera fans, is a dizzying glimpse into the madcap shenanigans of 1890's Viennese high society. It begins with mistaken identity and deceit, continues through a lavish masquerade ball and ends at the city jail, where the principals converge in a hilarious resolution to the comedy of errors. The opera is performed in English and is accompanied by English supertitles.

Created in 1967 by Kurt Herbert Adler, general director of the San Francisco Opera, the Western Opera Theater was the first opera company to tour performances in English throughout the West.

The San Francisco Western Opera Theater is the only professional opera company to tour nationally each year. Its original mission has remained the same: to present quality live performances to audiences who might not otherwise have the opportunity to fully experience opera as it should be seen and heard.

Conductors Mark Morash and Steven Osgood will lead the fully staged and costumed production, which features 17 singers and a 33-piece orchestra. Mickie Edwardson, professor in the Department of Telecommunications, will moderate a program notes lecture beginning at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre before the show. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Tickets to the performance are $30 to $50. Rush seats may be available for $10 two hours before the show begins. For information, call 392-2787.

Three interim administrators in the College of Design, Construction and Planning were appointed to their positions permanently in October. Charles Kibert and Paul Zwick, were named director of the Rinker School of Building Construction and chairman of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, respectively; M. Jo Hasell was appointed director of the College Ph.D. Program within the college.

Kibert, a professor in the school of building construction, received his doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of South Florida in 1982. He is director of the Center for Construction and Environment and has been a member of UF's faculty since 1990.

Zwick is director of the Geo-Facilities Planning and Information Research Center, or GeoPlan center, established in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in 1984.

The center was developed as a response to the need for a teaching and research environment in Geographic Information Systems.

M. Jo Hasell is the graduate coordinator for the Master of Interior Design program. She was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1992 and received a prestigious Teaching Improvement Award in 1994.

Interim Dean Jay M. Stein stated, "There have been several important changes in the college over the past 18 months as we try to position ourselves to become the foremost center of design education in the nation. The college has changed its name to the College of Design, Construction and Planning to better communicate our broad, mission and diverse array of programs and activities. The appointments of Drs. Kibert, Zwick and Hasell strongly strengthen our leadership team. All three bring considerable vision, energy and enthusiasm to their positions. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding people willing to serve in administrative positions in our college."

UF Communications Network Members Offered New "Computer Challenge" Training Series in November

University of Florida Communications Network members will have a chance this November to be the first to take advantage of the university's new "Computer Challenge" training series. The goal of the "Computer Challenge" is to provide a coordinated approach to information technology, or IT, training opportunities available to University of Florida faculty and staff and it will be available to all faculty and staff.

"There are a lot of great training resources on campus," said Vicki Kitts-Turner, UF's IT training coordinator and chair of the IT Training Committee. "The 'Computer Challenge' will give us an opportunity to coordinate those resources and give university employees - and their managers - some recommended structure when pursuing their information technology training goals."

A campuswide initiative, the "Computer Challenge" involves the work of staff members from NERD, Center for Instructional Technology and Planning, University Personnel Services as well as other campus computing resources, including the Internal Information Systems, CIRCA, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and those located in IFAS and the Health Science Center. Patterned after University Personnel Services' "Supervisory Challenge," the "Computer Challenge" series will include core courses and electives. To become certified under the "Computer Challenge," employees will complete four core courses and three electives of choice. Existing resources will be included in the series; new courses will be added to fill gaps.

Online training offered via the University of Florida's Web-based training contract with NETg also will be included.

The first "Computer Challenge" track is designed for members of the University of Florida Communications Network, or UFCN. This is a specially designed track with its own set of requirements based on input from the UF Office of the Vice President for Public Relations.

The UCN "Computer Challenge" track is designed to help UF's professional communicators use computer resources and the World Wide Web more effectively, said K. A. Crooks, assistant vice president for public relations.

"By using the Web is critical for professional communicators given today's changing technological landscape," Crooks said. The development of the new track was a result of recommendations by the UCN Professional Development committee chaired by Don Poucher of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

To meet the varying technical needs across campus, other "Computer Challenge" tracks will be made available next year. An end-user track will be added to target office support professionals as well as other non-technical faculty and staff. Another track will be added for IT providers, which will include different specialist tracks (mainframe, networking, database, etc.) to further tailor the information. Specialist tracks also may be designed to meet the needs of a specific group - like the UCN - when there are unique issues involved.

"We're excited about applying our 'Supervisory Challenge' model to this coordinated approach to information technology training at UF,' said Jodi Gentry, assistant director for Training and Development. "Offering core and elective courses ensures that certain basic information is covered by the training. At the same time, it gives employees flexibility to tailor the training to meet their specific needs."

For more information about the UCN "Computer Challenge," see www.cio.ufl.edu/training.htm or contact Vicki Kitts-Turner at 392-2061, vkt@ufl.edu; or contact Jodi Gentry, Training and Development, at 392-4626, jodi-gentry@ufl.edu. For more information about UCN and its specialist "Computer Challenge" track, contact Crooks at 846-3906, kcrooks@ufl.edu.
Researchers now have scientific proof that variety is the spice of life — at least in the workout room.

Adding some variation to your exercise regimen may be the best way to make you stick with it, according to a University of Florida study.

“It gets monotonous if you’re doing the same thing over and over again,” said Christopher Jaselle, an assistant professor in UF’s department of exercise and sport sciences. “If you vary the routine, there’s a significant increase in enjoyment that leads to greater adherence.”

Exercise science doctoral candidate Gary S. Groras also worked on the study for her thesis.

Presented at August at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association and accepted for publication in the Journal of Sport Behavior, the study divided 114 men and women into three groups: one where the type of exercise varied between workouts, another where members were required to perform the same exercise at each workout, and a third with no set schedule or regulations.

By the end of the study, 52 participants had dropped out and one had been disqualified, leaving 24 people in the first group, 22 in the second group and 15 in the third group. “There were significantly fewer individuals who were satisfied with the group that dropped out,” Jaselle said. “We also learned from their answers that they enjoyed it significantly more.”

The participants in the first two groups were asked to complete three times a week for eight weeks and give specific exercise guidelines. The participants in the third group were given no instructions about varying their exercise routine, they could do whatever exercises they wanted at each workout session. After each workout session, participants were asked to fill out cards recording the types of exercise they did, the duration of their exercise sessions, their heart rates and their enjoyment levels.

Among participants who stuck with the study through all eight weeks, the members of the first group were 15 percent more likely than the second group and 63 percent more likely than the third group to adhere to exercise on a regular basis.

“Variety and structure contributed to the adherence of the first group,” Jaselle said. “The group that had the variable exercise program and the group that had to pick one exercise but stick to a schedule adhered better than the third group, which adhered to a structured nature of the exercise prescription. Variety seemed to increase enjoyment in the first group, which helped them stick with the program.”

The UF study confirms what many already believed, said Christine Spain, director of research, planning and special projects for the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

“One of the main reasons people stop exercising is that they get bored,” Spain said. “Variety is good for other reasons, too. You should stop exercising if your body is crying out for rest one day and then strength training and flexibility the next and then alternate days.”

The findings also point to a relatively easy way for exercise beginners to stick with a workout routine, Jaselle said.
Elder Bush says ‘elect my boy’ on Panhandle stop

Associated Press

ORT WALTON BEACH — Former President George Bush urged Florida voters Tuesday to “elect my boy, George W.,” and he said he didn’t care what one thought of his choice of words.

The elder Bush said that when he referred to the Republican presidential candidate as his “boy” during a primary to New Hampshire, “liberal journalists said that was an acknowledgment he was not ready to be president.

Criticism of the Texas governor as not being ready has been revived by Democratic candidate Al Gore’s campaign.

Joe Lieberman, Democratic vice presidential nominee, repeated it on Monday at a Wisconsin rally with Gore.

The elder Bush’s appearance here was part of a family tour that had various members of the Bush family crisscrossing Florida, a state once considered firmly in his son’s column but now rated a toss-up.

After Fort Walton Beach, the candidate’s father continued his visit to the solidly Republican Panhandle in Panama City.

The region has eight military bases and thousands of retired service personnel.

Bush, a World War II naval aviator, said the only thing he missed about the White House was working with the military.

One man held up a sign with a U.S. flag and the words “Duty,” “Honor,” “Country” at the Fort Walton Beach rally.

Bush was accompanied by Republican U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum, who is in an uphill battle against Democrat Bill Nelson, Florida’s insurance commissioner, for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring GOP incumbent Connie Mack.

McCollum’s plane later had to make an unscheduled stop in Marianna after the pilots spotted oil on the wings.

McCollum was to rejoin the elder Bush, his wife, Barbara, and his other son, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, for an event in Orlando later Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, Jeb Bush and his mother were scheduled to participate in a Halloween parade in Bartow.
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Getting stuffed at an Internet auction. An "all expenses paid" hotel that turns out not to be free. An offer for free adult material on the Web that secretly runs up a hefty phone bill.

The government cited these gimmicks on Tuesday as it posted its first-ever top-10 list of Internet scams that Americans should avoid and vowed to work with overseas law enforcement to crack down on Web con artists.

"The Internet has changed the way consumers gather information, shop and do business," said Jodie Bernstein, Federal Trade Commission director of consumer protection. "It's also changed the way law enforcers and consumer protection agencies do business."

Several of the FTC's "dot con" scams are old tricks reincarnated on the Internet. Miracle products, credit card theft and pyramid schemes are getting a new life online, officials said.

Worries about Internet thieves have slowed electronic commerce since its inception, but consumers are gradually warming up to the idea of Internet purchases. The FTC's consumer protection effort is intended to keep criminals from undermining that trust, officials said.

The agency said the government has brought 251 lawsuits against online scammers in 2000. Officials described a handful of the cases Tuesday to educate consumers about the dangers.

For instance, the FTC has sued three individuals and their company, Computers By Us, in Thomasville, Pa., alleging they participated in online auctions without delivering the goods.

The agency also alleged that a group of affiliated Arizona companies sent $3.50 "rebate" checks to consumers. When the checks were cashed, the consumers unwittingly agreed to allow the defendants to be their Internet service provider.

Monthly charges started appearing on phone bills and were difficult to remove, officials alleged.

RJB Telcom, of Scottsdale, Ariz., was sued along with its principals, for offering a free "viewer" or "dialer" program to access free adult material.

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Penn State quarterback Rashard Casey was cleared Tuesday of a charge he beat an off-duty police officer unconscious outside a New Jersey bar.

Casey and Desmond Miller were charged in May with aggravated assault on Patrick D. Fitzsimmons as the officer left a bar in Hoboken, N.J.

Ed DeFazio, deputy first assistant prosecutor for Hudson County, N.J., said the grand jury did not find probable cause to return an indictment against Casey, but returned an assault charge against Miller.

A message left for Miller's lawyer, Alfonso Robinson III, was not immediately returned Tuesday night.

The grand jury's action ends the case against Casey, although the quarterback could be called as a witness against Miller, DeFazio said.

Last week, several newspapers reported that Casey had been indicted by the grand jury. Prosecutors said at the time they could not comment until the grand jury had completed its business.

"Virtually every newspaper in the state erroneously reported last week that Mr. Casey had been indicted," Penn State president Graham B. Spanier said.

"Shame on the news media for their atrocious handling of this story."

Casey's lawyer, Dennis D. McAlevy, said he had not yet been able to tell his client the news because Casey was at practice.

"He never hit anybody," McAlevy said. "There's no question in my mind that the chief of police of Hoboken knew that, and he's the reason that this happened."

Chief Carmen LaBruno was "somewhat surprised" at the grand jury, but said "I must respect that decision."

LaBruno said three eyewitnesses said they saw Casey hit the officer, who is not yet ready to return to duty.

McAlevy praised the grand jury.

"They looked at five days of testimony and rewarded my faith in Rashard, and Joe Paterno's faith in Rashard," McAlevy said, referring to the Penn State coach.

McAlevy said they will fight a lawsuit against Casey by Fitzsimmons, who seeks an unspecified amount of money as compensation for "severe and painful injuries."

The replay of Miami's victory against Louisiana Tech was painful for Dorsey to watch. He threw three interceptions, equaling the number he threw in the first 11 games of his career.

Dorsey knows he will have to play better Saturday when No. 3 Miami plays No. 2 Virginia Tech in a game with Big East and possible national title implications.

"There was some frustration there," Dorsey said of his most recent performance. "But that was one of the best learning experiences I could have ever had. I'm glad it happened."

Dorsey has rebounded once before.

The 6-foot-5 sophomore fumbled twice against Washington in early September. He also tripped and fell twice and muffed a snap in the loss. He overthrew receivers early and often, completing just 15 of 34 passes for 215 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions.

But he bounced back in wins against West Virginia, Rutgers and Florida State, throwing for 834 yards with seven touchdowns and no interceptions.

"He's a perfectionist. He wants to play well every day, every practice and every game," offensive coordinator Larry Coker said.

"He's just kind of going through the ups and downs of being a sophomore starting quarterback."

Dorsey's looking for another up.

He played against the Hokies last season, filling in for an injured Kenny Kelly in the second half. He was 6-of-17 passing for 45 yards. It was his first significant collegiate action.

It was a learning experience.

"I was overwhelmed and my head was spinning," Dorsey said.

Dorsey was sacked once, hurried nearly every down and threw an interception. He expects to see the same pressure this week, just different results. In addition to Dorsey's experience, Virginia Tech lost eight, six on defense - including linemen Corey Moore and John Engelberger and cornerbacks Anthony Midget and Ike Charlton.

"I know they're going to blitz me. They blitz every team a lot. That's what they do. It's expected. They also give up some big plays and they give up some points, but we've just got to keep doing what we've been doing and the points will take care of themselves," Dorsey said.

Dorsey also has to avoid turnovers. If he does that, the better video tape sessions will end, too.

"But once you get knocked down a few times, you get a lot more perceptive and attune to what's going on," Coker said.
Donovan not satisfied

By Izzy Gould
Alligator Staff Writer

After weeks of grueling preseason practices, hours of studying plays and watching reels of game film from last season, the UF men’s basketball team is just six days away from playing its first game of the season.

Actually it’s the Gators’ first of two preseason exhibition games but Coach Billy Donovan said next Monday night’s game against the Basketball Travelers will be a good measure of where the team stands.

“This week is going to be important in my opinion,” Donovan said. “I’m still not happy with our offense right now. We have to get better offensively. We certainly have the individual talent, I’m just not happy with the execution.

“The whole system is in now. Now we have to start fine-tuning the parts and getting better at all the little things.”

Since the start of preseason practice, the Gators have participated in two intrasquad scrimmages.

Donovan said the Gators are working on pressing out the kinks that come with learning a new system of offense.

While the Gators continue to learn the 18-20 new offensive plays and a variety of inbounding plays, assistant coach John Pelphrey introduced two new defense plays Tuesday at practice.

“There’s not any part of our basketball team right now that I’d say I’m satisfied with,” Donovan said. “We’re just at a point where we have to get better playing together as a basketball team in all areas.”

Because the Gators have not faced an opponent since August during their 11-day European tour, Donovan said it’s still too early to tell how much work needs to be done.

“I’m not upset, disappointed or mad, I just probably feel a sense of urgency right now that we need to start getting better at these things,” Donovan said.

“And all of its not their fault, I’m certainly part of the problem because the first week I took this whole entire system and jammed it into their heads, and it’s in right now which is great.”

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Men’s swimming starts slow

By Joel Kaiman
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Last weekend at the Southeastern Conference Eastern Dual Meet Extravaganza the men’s swimming team finished with a 2-2 record that put their season record at 2-3.

While this might seem like a mediocre record for a team hoping to finish in the top five at the NCAA Tournament, it does not concern the coaches at this point in the season.

“We’re certainly not where we need to be, and we’re not where we want to be, but the score was the last thing we were really focused on,” Assistant Coach Rich DeSelm said.

The coaches use the fall meets as a gauge to see where the Gators are in their training.

“We train hard through the dual meets and the athletes understand that and we expect to be very good at the end of the year,” he said.

Freestyler Ricardo Monasterio said that he understands that the early meets are just ways of getting ready for the bigger meets in the fall.

Monasterio earned two of the men’s four first place finishes last weekend.

“Believe that is a good start,” he said. “I hope to keep bringing it down and be ready by SECs.”

Besides personal improvements, the Gators should be much improved in the fall thanks to the addition of two key swimmers.

Alex Lopez, who competed in the Olympics earlier this semester and incoming freshman Carlos Jayme will be joining the team for the fall.

“They will make a huge impact,” DeSelm said.

Coaches to face alma maters

This weekend will stir up memories for both the head men’s and women’s head swimming coach Gregg Troy and men’s and women’s head diving coach Donnie Craine, as they both will face their college alma maters.

Troy will be traveling with the women’s team to Texas Christian where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1972.

“He’s got two or three real good boys, so it should be competitive,” Craine said about his chances against his former coach. “Whoever has the best day should win.”

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Volleyball focusing using of the ‘State of Team Address’

Team meets weekly to check progress

By Jason Triebwasser

The "State of the Union Address" is well known throughout the country. The "State of the Team Address" is slightly less well known.

The members of the UF volleyball team however, would recognize the latter as being a meeting held every Monday prior to practice in which the team evaluates its progress throughout the season.

This is just one aspect of the system Coach Mary Wise has implemented to focus the Gators both on short-term and long-term goals.

"It helps you to look at the big picture, and then come into practice and know that everyday you will have to set short-term goals to reach the bigger goal."

Niki Hartley
UF middle blocker

The goal of 18 digs was emphasized to the team in the absence of Nicole McCray's defense due to injury, and the Gators answered the call with 62 digs.

"This is a team that responds to direction and [the Tennessee match] was a reflection of how they respond," Wise said.

When it comes time for a match, Wise narrows the focus to certain areas of the Gators' game plan.

Before every match, Wise reminds the Gators to strive for at least three blocks and 18 digs.

"The specific numbers are not arbitrary," Wise said.

"What we relate to the players is what we feel we have to have in order to be successful."

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Outside of the UF's goal to improve each day in practice or a match, the Gators keep the big picture in the back of their minds.

Before the season started, Wise created a series of steps to guide the Gators throughout the season.

The steps were to win the regular season Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title, then focus on the SEC Tournament and finally to shift their sights on the NCAA Tournament.

"We know that the major goals are there, but we don't really dwell on them," McCray said.

Wise constantly is reminding the Gators where they are and what they have accomplished.

To close each practice, she runs down a checklist of points she wanted to concentrate on that particular day.

This goal-oriented system has kept the focus for the team simple, which has translated into positive results.

"This team, as good as any team we have ever had here, has improved over the course of the year," Wise said.

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NFL

WR Reidel Anthony Tampa Bay
three catches for 36 yards, one touchdown

WR Trace Armstrong Miami
one sack, one tackle

DE Kevin Carter St. Louis
one half sack, one tackle

WR Jacquez Green Tampa Bay
three catches for 45 yards

WR Ike Hilliard NY Giants
five catches for 39 yards

WR Darrell Jackson Seattle
two catches for 17 yards

WR Willie Jackson New Orleans
two catches for 19 yards

DE Jevon Kearse Tennessee
three tackles

DB Darren Mickell San Diego
one sack, two tackles

CB Mike Peterson Indianapolis
eight tackles

CB Johnny Rutledge Arizona
one tackle

RB Emmitt Smith Dallas
24 carries for 102 yards

RB Fred Taylor Jacksonville
31 carries for 107 yards, two catches for nine yards

WR Travis Taylor Baltimore
two catches for 23 yards

CB Fred Weary New Orleans
five tackles

CB Elijah Williams Atlanta
two tackles
Soccer’s early struggles lead to late season success

By Fred Griffin
Alligator Writer

The UF soccer team grabbed the Southeastern Conference by the collar in 2000, put a difficult non-conference schedule behind it and placed itself in a position Coach Becky Burleigh knew the Gators would be in all along.

At the start of this season, UF, put at No. 10, was favored to win the conference, with league coaches picking the then-No. 10 Gators in mid-August to repeat as SEC Champions. The Gators accomplished that and more, in part to a young defense that realized how important a regular season title would be.

However, after a tumultuous non-conference schedule in which UF lost four of its first five games, the Gators geared up for the SEC regular season by beating then-No. 13 Virginia 3-2 on Sept. 24 to get going.

"It helped us get a little bit on momentum," Burleigh said. "That was a game where we had to play a lot of different people and count on a lot of people who hadn't played prior to that."

Along with the experience, Burleigh said she was not concerned about the Gators stumbling into the SEC regular season because of the Gators' success against conference teams in the past. UF had gone 38-2-1 against conference opponents prior to the start of 2000.

The Gators used that experience to their advantage and began conference play on Sept. 29 at home by shutting out Tennessee 3-0, a game in which midfielder Karyn Hall scored a goal.

"It was a chance for us to have a fresh start," Hall said. "It helped put our struggles behind us."

The Gators culminated their SEC run for a title by clinching their first SEC regular season title and third consecutive Eastern Division title on Oct. 22 with a 6-0 win against Auburn. In addition, Sunday's 3-0 win against South Carolina marked the Gators third consecutive undefeated season in conference play.

The Gators' success in the SEC this season is, in part, related to an improved defense, which limited conference opponents to four goals in nine matches.

Jennifer Sapp, UF defender

Freshman defender Jennifer Sapp said the defense never lost confidence in its ability, despite the disappointing non-conference record.

"We learned we could depend on each other," Sapp said of defense during the course of the season. "We had just to get that on the field and prove it."

To the more experienced Hall, who has started every game in her UF career, the SEC regular season saw the re-emergence of something familiar.

"To me, it was like the old Gator teams showed up," she said. "The Gator team that walks on the field confident, not cocky, but confident we can play the game we know we can play."

Senior midfielder Angie Olson will miss the next four to six weeks with a broken ankle suffered in the South Carolina game, trainers reported on Tuesday.

The injury means Olson may only have one chance to to play again for UF, if the Gators make it to the NCAA Women's Final Four on Dec. 1-2.
Challenge sheet makes defensive numbers meaningful

By Debi Jones
Alligator Staff Writer

Defensive coordinator Jon Hoke has a list. He calls it his challenge sheet.

There are 11 categories that the UF defense evaluates after each game. They range from penalties to sacks to missed assignments to turnovers. Hoke takes the categories and makes connections between the numbers and the Gators' wins. There are a few that always seem to make the difference in the games.

Among those few are penalties and turnovers. "All you do is keep track of those 11 things," Hoke said. "When you look at that sheet, there is a big correlation between how we play with total plays, big correlation how we play with missed tackles, how we play with turnovers and how we play in the red zone. Those are the things that when you break down defenses, it's going to allow you to be successful. Penalties are another big area."

Last season, the Gators beat Georgia and proceeded to finish the season with three straight losses. A change in turnovers both in giving them up and in creating them along with a more disciplined team may be the difference between this season and last.

"They're playing hard," Spurrier said. "I think we're hustling a little bit better. When the ball is loose, we've done a little bit better getting it instead of missing it. We've missed a bit in the past."

Turnovers have been the key for the UF defense since the beginning of the season, averaging 3.5 turnovers per game.

Last season, the Gators created 26 turnovers in 12 games compared to this season when they have 28 turnovers in eight games.

Even when the defense was struggling at the beginning of the season with giving up yards and points, tackling and putting pressure on the quarterback, its ability to create turnovers remained constant throughout the season.

"We talk about it," Hoke said. "It's kind of contagious. Once it starts happening, everyone else wants to get involved. It's just been one of those things, we as coaches stress and they have done a good job executing."

While its turnover margin has remained at the top of the national statistics, UF's amount of the penalties did not initially change at the beginning of the season.

The Gators have averaged 6.75 penalties per game in eight games this season for 403 yards. After having more penalty yardage than their opponents in all but one of their losses, UF coach Steve Spurrier spent the offseason trying to create a more disciplined team.

During the spring and pre-season practice, officiating crews attended the Gators' practices.

"Coach [Spurrier] made a big emphasis a year ago about playing smarter, he started in the spring," Hoke said.

"After the Florida State game where we had 15 penalties, he made a big emphasis, and we just relayed that he had wanted to send to the team."

While Hoke's sheet also contains other important numbers that may make or break the rest of the Gators' season, their penalties and turnovers may make the difference from last season.

A difference that may bring the possibility of national, SEC, and bowl titles.

"The more turnovers you get, the better chance you have to win," defensive back Guss Scott said. "The sooner the defense gets off the field, the better chance you have to win."

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Grossman hopes to rebound from shaky Saturday

By Debi Jones
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The Georgia game was a game of firsts for UF quarterback Rex Grossman. Not only was it his first start in a big game for the Gators, it turned out to be his first benching and first experience with playing poorly for the Gators.

Coach Steve Spurrier took the redshirt freshman out of the game after he threw his third interception during the first half.

It was the first time Grossman had to come off the field to face his coach after a poor performance.

"[Spurrier] was pretty mad at me," Grossman said. "I can definitely understand that. I have been in a situation like that in a game time situation. He was definitely disappointed in the way I played."

Grossman said he understood why he was given a break during the game. He said he knew he was playing poorly.

Before being taken out, Grossman went nine for 18 for 97 yards and one touchdown with three interceptions.

"I think he handled it very well," Spurrier said. "His comments were good, and they should have been. He's a freshman and we've got a senior [Jesse Palmer] who has played well. It wasn't a shock that I said. You need to rest a while, we'll put Jesse in there and you may be back in before the day is over. Just rest a little bit and bang in there."

Grossman's break did not last long as he replaced an injured Palmer during the third quarter and finished out the rest of the game.

Because of the injury to Palmer, Grossman will most likely start on Saturday.

"I need to have a good game for myself and for my team," Grossman said. "It's a big game if our team is going to have a good year."

Chandler continues to wait

Place kicker Jeff Chandler will have to wait another week to find out if he will be granted another year of eligibility.

He found out Thursday that the NCAA pushed his appeal back another week.

Chandler is appealing his first year when he kicked one extra point during UF's 82-0 win against Central Michigan in 1997.

"Waiting is tough," Chandler said. "The South Carolina game is our Homecoming, and it could be my last game at home. Hope highly know by then if is or not."

Running game

Spurrier said that although junior Robert Gillespie is playing as well as he expected at the beginning of the season, he would like sophomore Earnest Graham to get the ball more often.

"You are always itching to run the ball," Graham said. "You want to be able to go out there and run the ball and get some things done for the team, but we're looking to win and we have to go along with what is best for the team."

Graham carried the ball 70 times during the Gators' first eight games, averaging 5.1 yards per carry.

UF quarterback Rex Grossman (right) struggled in the first half against Georgia last Saturday.
Magic missing middle after summer deals

Duncan into riding off into the Texas sunset.

What about this season?

The Magic's hard push to contain three NBA All-Star caliber talents from across the country fell just one player short, or tall depending on how you look at things. What Magic management failed to do after the Butler-Brown-Ellis-Capela combo to town? Money, sunshine and a hero's welcome couldn't pull Tim Duncan away from San Antonio. Not even the maximum amount of dollars allowed by the NBA could coax Duncan into riding off into the Texas sunset.

"What about this season?"

The competition in the Eastern Conference will be tight, and the Magic may have the team to get to the playoffs but not the NBA Finals. Even after a strong mediocre first showing against Washington, Tuesday night wasn't without drama. Late in the fourth quarter, the Magic led by a slim margin at 98-82 against a team that mopped the bottom of the NBA's Eastern Conference last season. They pulled the game out in the end by 11 points, but what about when a team like Philadelphia comes to town?

With a dominant player like Duncan in the middle, the Magic may have been able to dominate a conference, which lacks big men in the middle. But forget about getting Shaq back in the lineup. He just signed a multi-year extension with the Los Angeles Lakers. Still, in just one year, the Magic will know exactly what type of help they need underneath.

One season should be enough time for Coach Doc Rivers, Hill and McGrady to gel.

Then during the offseason, Magic management will go out and get the player that fits the system because they want to win, something they proved by offering the most amount of money to the best available players last summer. That's something the 76ers have never done, and something Julius Erving realizes needs to be done in order to win championships.

So for those Magic fans who are tired of hearing me gripe about the 76ers, just remember that was the team who sent Penny packing and helped bring two out of three million-dollar players.

Izzy Gould

"The Magic, I mean the 76ers, have never done that. I don't think they can do it ever again.

Next two games a tough test for UF

By Debi Jones
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"It's traditionally called the 'hump' in UF's Southeastern Conference schedule. In recent years, a win against Georgia set the Gators up to play in the SEC Championship game. This season, the rest of the season may not be so easy for UF. After getting their win against the Bulldogs this past weekend, the Gators will play Vanderbilt on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., and return home to play South Carolina, a team that spent most of the season atop the SEC Eastern Division standings. It's a little weird thinking about not overlooking Vanderbilt for South Carolina," offensive tackle Mike Pearson said.

"But we have to go take care of business on Saturday, before we look ahead to next week. We can't overlook them. This is a big game for us.

What has been considered a cake walk in recent years will not be a simple task this season.

The Commodores gave the Gators fits last season before beating them 13-6 in The Swamp, and UF will have to travel to Vanderbilt this season.

"Vanderbilt has played everyone tough, they have just been a little unlucky this year," Spurrier said.

"They are very capable of beating everyone they play, and they almost beat us last year. And while it may have seemed improbable at the beginning of the season, the Gamecocks may turn out to be one of the Gators' toughest tests of the season.

South Carolina, which has only lost two games this season, won't be so easy for UF next week.

By Jason Brown
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