Survivors deal with McVeigh's execution

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Some came to watch Timothy McVeigh die. Some wept at the spot where he destroyed so many lives. Others stayed in bed, determined not to let him up any more of their time.

Those whose lives were shattered by McVeigh's bomb found no common path when it came to his execution day Monday.

"I must have been clearing away the kitchen dishes," said Rob Roddy, a bombing survivor who chose to be at home at 7:14 a.m. when McVeigh was pronounced dead. "I have to admit they were intended to be distractions. I mean, if I saw a piece of lint on a perfectly clean floor, I would have picked it up."

Others needed no distractions. They wanted to see McVeigh draw his last breath. Their car headlights formed long lines in the darkness at 3:30 a.m. as they gathered to watch a closed-circuit TV broadcast of the execution.

Fathers and mothers who lost children, husbands and wives who lost their spouses, and survivors who were pulled out of the carnage got more than a front-row seat. The 232 witnesses at the broadcast virtually leaned over McVeigh by way of a camera pointed at his head in Terre Haute, Ind.

The stare McVeigh gave them in return chilled them.

"That look I will never forget," said Gloria Buck, whose uncle Rick Tomlin died in the April 19, 1995, bombing. "It was like he looked right through me. It was almost like the devil was inside of him looking through us."

"I think I did see the face of evil today," said Kathy Wilburn, whose grandsons Chase Smith, 3, and Colton, 2, were among the 19 children killed.

As the broadcast began, McVeigh's face jumped giant-sized onto the television screen set up at a federal installation.

Afterward, many of those in the audience had no regrets about deciding to watch. Many, though, felt lethal injection was too kind a fate for McVeigh. To them, it seemed as if he simply had gone to sleep.

"I was very angry. He died very peacefully," said Catherine Alanz-Simonds. "It took nine days to find my dad. McVeigh's going to go home today to his family intact. There's a lot of families who didn't get to view their loved ones and there's a lot of families who didn't get a complete loved one returned to them. It's just hard to find justice in that."

Constance Favorite stood on the ground where her daughter was killed and swayed to a radio that played "America the Beautiful." Renee Findley also listened to a radio, awaiting word that the man who killed her best friend would never speak again. Brenda Lay stared at the chair honoring her brother, tears streaming down her cheeks.

"It wasn't about Tim McVeigh today," Favorite said. "It was about the victims here. Tim McVeigh isn't that important to me, my child is. My chapter is closed on McVeigh. It's time to move on."

Judge upholds state ban on access to autopsy photos

By Matthew Beedy

DAYTONA BEACH — A Volusia County judge handed down the first judicial approval of the state's autopsy photo law on Monday.

Circuit Judge Joseph Will denied Campus Communications Inc., the publisher of the Alligator, and a Web site owner's attempt to have the law, which bans unfettered public access to autopsy photos, declared unconstitutional.

The law demands anyone seeking access to such photos show good cause to a judge and for the judge to weigh the potential harm to the deceased's family.

Will said the law's provision kept it from being too wide sweeping in its application, as the Alligator had argued.

Will also said the law can be applied retroactively to the autopsy photos of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., whom the law was named after.

Teresa Earnhardt, the driver's widow, sat stoically throughout the seven-hour hearing and after congratulating her attorneys following the ruling, quickly left the courtroom without talking to reporters.

The Alligator and Michael Uribe, president of Webstecity.com, while both disappointed by the defeat, are expected to appeal the ruling and seek access to the photos today in front of Will under the regulations of the now-tested statute.

Teresa Earnhardt is expected to be the star witness at today's hearing, in which Alligator attorney Thomas Julin will question her about the motives that led her to get a temporary ban on public access of her husband's autopsy photos after his death.

A spokeswoman for Earnhardt said she was happy to see some resolution in the case, which started with a request by the Orlando Sentinel to see the photos. The Sentinel agreed to have an independent expert view the photos and then have them sealed. The Sentinel is pursuing its own challenge to the law in Broward County.

Earnhardt died on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February and questions have surrounded not only his death, but also the role played by NASCAR in the case. See EARNHARDT, page 5.
Warrants necessary for use of search devices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police must get warrants before using devices that search through walls for criminal activity, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a decision that bolstered protections against high-tech monitoring of Americans' homes.

The 5-4 decision, in a lineup of justices that shattered the normal ideological split, struck down the use of a device that produced evidence of a heat-sensing device that led to marijuana charges against an Oregon man. 

Conservative Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the majority that police cannot conduct an illegal search from outside the man's home. Liberal Justice John Paul Stevens backed the officers in a dissent.

The two jabs at each other throughout their respective opinions, with Stevens adopting the conservatives' typical stance — accusing Scalia of failing "to heed the tried and true counsel of judicial restraint" — Scalia called Stevens' conclusion that police acted constitutionally an "extraordinary assertion."

"It's authentically a case of role reversals!" said University of Virginia law professor A.E. Dick Howard. "One doesn't think of Scalia as anything but a law and order judge. And you don't call Stevens the wild card on the court for nothing!"

Scalia wrote that the court could not cast aside the Florence, Ore., man's Fourth Amendment protections against illegal searches to allow police to use "sense-enhancing technology."

W.Va. files suit against drug manufacturers

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia became the first state Monday to file a lawsuit against the makers of OxyContin, a prescription painkiller blamed for the deaths of at least 120 people nationwide.

The lawsuit filed by state Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw names the associated companies of Purdue Frederick Co., Purdue Pharma L.P. and Purdue Pharma Inc., all based in Stamford, Conn., and Abbott Laboratories Inc. and Abbott Laboratories, both based in Chicago.

It accuses the manufacturers and chief promoters of the drug of violating the Consumer Credit Protection Act by using "highly coercive and inappropriate tactics to attempt to get physicians and pharmacists to prescribe OxyContin and to fill prescriptions for OxyContin, often when it was not called for."

It also accuses the companies of courting physicians by paying their transportation and hotel costs to attend one of thousands of "pain management" seminars sponsored across the country.

"At those seminars, defendants marketed OxyContin as a safe and effective way in which to treat all manner of pain, including minor pain, yet failed to provide adequate information or any mention of the fact that OxyContin was intended to treat only moderate to severe pain and failed to warn of OxyContin's potential for abuse," the lawsuit said.

State Department of Health and Human Resources Deputy Secretary Phil Lynch said the state found that 2 percent, or $4.6 million, of the state Medicaid program's pharmacy benefits for 2000 were spent on OxyContin, which comes in tablets ranging from 10 mg to 160 mg, sells for $400 in the pharmacy and goes for $4,000 on the street.

Meanwhile, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration has chosen Mississippi, West Virginia, Virginia, Florida and Ohio to participate in a prescription monitoring pilot program aimed at stopping OxyContin abuse.
Poor driving leads to arrest in bank robbery case

By Timothy Ward
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A man who police say drove his own car while committing a violent bank robbery in April has been arrested because his bad driving angered a Gainesville woman, prompting her to give police his license plate number.

Antonio D. Colonel, 28, ran a woman off the road April 18 while he was driving around the area of First National Bank of Alachua, situated at 4000 N. Main St. in Gainesville, Gainesville Police Detective Reggie Johnson said.

"The woman wrote down the tag number and when she saw the description of the vehicle involved in the bank robbery, she called police," Johnson said. "The tag led to a man in Jacksonville, and with help from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, we were able to get a warrant to search his home and make an arrest."

The man, Connie Dodges, told police that a car fitting the description of the vehicle involved in the robbery had run her off Main Street just prior to the time the bank was robbed. That information was the tip police had been searching for, Johnson said.

Gainesville Police spokesman Keith Kameg said that a mask, semi-automatic handgun and a motorcycle helmet used in the robbery of the bank were recovered from Colonel's home.

In April, two men entered the bank and ordered the tellers to lie on the floor while the men grabbed money from the vault. Witnesses said the suspects were wielding a silver handgun.

The men were then seen leaving the bank in a 1980s model four-door car. The car was described as a two-tone maroon with a vinyl top. Colonel drives a maroon, four-door Chevrolet, according to police.

The man made off with approximately $26,000 in cash, police said.

Police believe that Colonel's brother-in-law, Frederick Steven Marshall, 34, of Gainesville, was the second man involved in the robbery.

On June 6, Gainesville Police Sgt. Will Halvosa and Johnson contacted Marshall and learned he was in Jamaica on vacation. Detectives asked Marshall if he could return for questioning in Jacksonville.

After his return from Jamaica, Marshall was arrested and charged for the April robbery.

Police believe Marshall and Colonel are the same men wanted in a December robbery of the same bank.

In that robbery, two men fitting the same description, driving a car fitting the same description, asked the manager to give them an undisclosed amount of money. The weapon used in the robbery was described as a silver, semi-automatic handgun. The weapon found in Colonel's home was a silver, semi-automatic handgun, police said.

Police believe Colonel and Marshall have committed numerous bank robberies in the North Central Florida area, but only are believed to be suspects in two Gainesville robberies.

Colonel also confessed to several restaurant robberies in the Jacksonville area. Both men have been charged in the April robbery and police say the men may be charged in the December robbery in the near future.

Colonel is being held in the St. Johns County Jail on $100,000 bond and Marshall is being held in the Alachua County Jail on a $2 million bond.

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Breakdancing club promotes hip-hop culture at UF

By Melissa Bartol
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On Thursday nights, the Reitz Union is transformed into a make-shift breakdancing studio. Rhythmic music supplies the beat as about 20 people practice their barrels, hoowbacks and sometimes the group moves to some of the breakdancers, beat as about 20 people practice Often on the*second floor, body extended horizontally.

"I want to promote the kind of hip hop that encourages people to be more productive and do something with their lives."

The new club is an open forum for people who share those same thoughts - and for people who want to practice throwing a good jackhammer or windmill. The group also encourages beginners to come out and enjoy it when people come to "just hang out and be spacers."

Tate admits the club is not as organized as it should be, but he says he is working on it. With a faculty sponsor supporting the group and a constitution under way, Tate said the club should be officially up and running in a few weeks.

The group is hoping to move into the martial arts room in the O'Connell Center when it becomes an official UF club.

"We chose the Union because it's a convenient place and familiar to students," he said. "I know there are a lot of people interested in hip-hop culture that just don't know we're out there."

Tate says breakdancing could be popular in Gainesville because it has caught on in so many other areas.

Last month, Miami was a site for a breakdancing competition.

"It is really "huge" on the West Coast of the United States and "unbelievable big" in Europe. There are national and international events and festivals that celebrate breakdancing and hip-hop culture, like the International Breaking Battle, the B-Boy Expo, the B-Boy Summit and The Conference."

A lot of people relate hip hop and breakdancing to gangs, but it's really a positive outlet," Tate said. "It started in the ghettos so people could have some healthy competition."

Tate, 24 and originally from Orlando, has been breakdancing on and off for four years. He said he always wanted to be a breakdancer after being exposed to it at clubs when he was younger.

"It looks insane at first," he said, "but you finally get up the guts to learn it and it's so much fun."

But breakdancing takes discipline, and people who plan to become artists have to practice regularly for a couple of years, usually for at least two hours a day, Tate said.

Riyaana Hartley, a UF student, started breakdancing about four months ago. She started out learning the six basic floor steps and watching videos, and now she practices with more experienced breakdancers.

Hartley is one of two girls who recently came to the Thursday night practice sessions. It took some courage - only about 5 percent of breakdancers are female, she estimated - but she wanted to try it.

"I was itching to do it and I told myself, 'Either go for it or stop complaining,' " she said. "Now I practice all the time. If you're human and you try hard enough, you can do it. It's a lot of fun when you really start to learn."
Departing is bittersweet for UF dean of students

By Diana Moskovitz
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When Julie Sina visited UF three years ago to interview for the Dean of Students position, she wanted to find out what students at UF thought of the office in which she was applying to work.

So one night outside of the Reitz Union, Sina talked to some students while they waited outside for concert tickets. She asked them what they thought of the Dean of Students Office, and the students responded that they did not even know what the office did. In her informal poll, the students were only aware of its judicial branch.

Now, three years later, Sina leaves the dean of students position, the office is recognizable and active in student life than when she arrived.

"Now, the Dean of Students Office is important for student life on this campus," Sina said. "Now, when students hear 'Dean of Students Office,' they know what that office is."

Reaching out

Another thing that impressed Sina during her meetings with students at the front of the Reitz Union was their spirit.

"People here take real pride in being a Gator," Sina said. "Although it means different things to different people, it really brings the community together in a way unique to Gainesville."

After her announcement in March that she was leaving to become vice president for student life at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., the only sign that Friday was Sina's last day was the message "Miss Julie" on a secretary's magnetic doodle board.

But Sina did not stop working merely because it was her last day. Instead, she booked one day with staff meetings, and spoke at the Preview session for transfer students.

"In some ways I didn't realize how attached I was to UF until now," Sina said.

High profile cases

One way UF students have gotten to know Sina's name is through the Greek "charge cases," cases in which a fraternity is charged with violating the Student Conduct Code. The dean of students makes all official decisions on those cases.

During Sina's first year, three fraternities were temporarily suspended and two were removed from campus. This past spring, one fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, faced charges and was put under educational programming for the Greek community.

Sina said she was happy to end her career with the Sigma Phi Epsilon case because of a conversation she had with fraternity President Sean McDonald while she was deciding their case. McDonald told her how he and his fraternity did wrong and wanted to help his house and the Greek community learn from the mistake, Sina said.

"To get the president of a fraternity to take full responsibility is a major move forward in UF's Greek community," Sina said. "Unfortunately, not everyone could be a part of conversation."

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Other organizations, SG

But Sina is remembered for her involvement with other organizations outside of the Greek community. One place Sina could often be found was the third floor of the Reitz Union, the home of UF's Student Conduct Code. The dean of students makes all official decisions on those cases.

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Looking forward, looking back

Sina is not sure how she will make the transition to Pacific, but is excited about the new challenges the change will bring.

"The vice president affects the university in a lot of areas," Sina said. "I've already talked with the president about our vision and it will be exciting to figure out how we get there."

When Sina first arrived at UF, she could not compare it to the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains that filled the skydome of Virginia Polytechnic University, where she had worked in the financial office. Now, she looks out at the trees and Century Tower and cannot imagine loving anything as much as she loves the scenery at UF.

"It is important to leave things better than they were before," Sina said. "You cannot define who you are by the walls of your office."

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Dean candidate expresses goals and ideals for students

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Dean of Students candidate Margaret Jablonski sees herself as a coach, role model and mentor for students.

She sees herself as the link between the views of the administration and student concerns, and if chosen to fill the position, Jablonski wants to work on an informal and formal basis with staff and students to ensure the needs of both sides are met.

During a student forum on Thursday, Jablonski outlined those goals and ideals for the position that was vacated by three-year Dean of Students Julie Sina on Friday.

"This position is a balancing act, and to make it work you have to be honest and open with both sides," said Jablonski, currently the interim vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at the University of Connecticut.

"I'll tell students up front exactly what all sides are saying and we'll try to work something out that appeals to everyone," Jablonski said.

The forum was part of the candidate's three-day interview process before UF officials, including representatives from each of the offices that fall under the dean's position.

Following her meeting with the 11 candidates who attended the open forum, Jablonski met with Student Government officers and dean of students staff before returning to the University of Connecticut on Friday.

At the University of Connecticut, she revised the student code of conduct and served as the primary liaison to regional campuses and primary responder in crisis situations.

Jablonski also has experience at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she taught and served in the student affairs divisions.

"This university has an excellent student affairs department, and I should be privileged to work here," Jablonski said. "The University of Connecticut is not the right place for me on the long term. This looks like a wonderful experience and I would love the challenge."

In the first round of interviews on May 14, Jablonski earned votes from 10 of the 11 members of the search committee recommending her for the position.

Her competition, Edward Berry, serves as assistant dean of students at the University of Houston, a school he says has similar programs and a similar structure to UF.

While serving at Houston, Berry said some of the offices he has redesigned and implemented include a mentoring program for new students and a parent orientation program.

Previously he has served as director of minority affairs at the University of Pennsylvania in Penn., and as assistant dean of admissions at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Penn.

Vice President for Student Affairs James Scott said two or three candidates still remain and could be brought to UF if needed.

Associate Dean of Students Cory King announced his decision to leave for the Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia effective at the end of Summer A.

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Currently the interim vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students at the University of Connecticut, dean of students candidate Margaret Jablonski describes the position as a balancing act between students and the administration at an open forum Thursday.

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Earnhardt fans unite to seal autopsy photos

By Matthew Boedy
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They say the media has awakened a sleeping giant.

The they in question are the hundreds, possibly thousands, of people across the nation that have taken up—in the form of mass e-mails, Web sites and word of mouth—the fight to keep autopsy photos from public view.

From Ontario, Canada to Edgewood, N.M., to Gainesville, mostly by way of American Online, NASCAR fans have sought to spread the fervor over Dale Earnhardt to other states.

"I am just the average wife, mother and citizen who accidentally discovered what I feel to be a disgusting...practice of the media and Internet weirdos who get their kicks at the expense of others," wrote Christine Gertz, a member of the newly formed NASCAR Community Against Autopsy Photos.

Gertz is among hundreds of members in the NCAAP. The group has created a Web site with links to four online petitions asking, among other things, that Earnhardt be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Nearly 1,900 have signed.

The most widely signed petition is one to the Orange County, N.C., and its parent company, Tribune Media, to stop its fight for access. More than 33,000 have signed the petition.

The NCAAP also is moving to get Florida's new autopsy photo law—named in Earnhardt's honor—passed in every state. Currently only Indiana has such a law.

"This new law in your state of Florida and now here in my state of Indiana finally gives families a voice where they have felt they have had none before," said NCAAP member Rinda Lynn Ferguson.

Ferguson is also a member of a second group that is working to fight release of autopsy photos. The American Citizens for Family Privacy, started by a woman in Myrtle Beach, S.C., just two weeks ago, is gaining popularity.

I sent out 216 e-mails at one time last night," said founder Debbie Holden.

Holden said she spends anywhere from five to 12 hours a day on the work she does for her group. Her Web site is up and running with about 45 members on board.

She has members mostly from the Southeast, but has one from Wisconsin and one from Pennsylvania, home to the most Dale Earnhardt fans, according to the official Earnhardt site. Florida ranks second in the list.

Many of the members of the NCAAP and Holden's group say they are die-hard Earnhardt fans, but also admit the issue goes beyond the racing legend.

"Honestly, every single racer out there is my favorite. I root and cheer for the ones I feel are the most deserving," Ferguson wrote. "Like Michael Waltrip finally getting his first NASCAR Winston Cup win. Or like what all that Kevin Harvick has been able to do since he had to step into those very big shoes. Dale Jr., my lord, just for everything that soul has had to go through this entire year so far. I cheer them all...because they are family."

The members of these groups say the NASCAR family suffered a great loss when Earnhardt crashed and died on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February. Those who had cheered for him say the loss has started a chain reaction into the fight over autopsy photos.

Many say they had no idea autopsy photos were public record and now that they know, they will fight to seal them.

"This may have all started with Dale Earnhardt, but it opened the eyes of many people who had no idea that looking at anyone's autopsy photos was considered legal," Gertz wrote.

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Editorial

Death penalty split

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS - Monday marked the execution of Timothy J. McVeigh, the man responsible for 168 deaths in one of the worst terrorist bombings on American soil. It has been trying for the American public to understand what could possibly motivate McVeigh to commit such a heinous act.

Even many who generally oppose the death penalty found it in themselves to support the government's request for a death sentence.

This entire episode of events - from the bombing and mishandling of files to the execution itself - has given Americans a chance to reflect on a multitude of issues. McVeigh's death will bring solace and, with any luck, close the chapter on a dark part of American history.

McVeigh's execution originally was set for May 16; however, six days before that date, the FBI turned over files to the defense which were not presented during the trial. The defense lawyer, Robert Nigh, petitioned for a stay of execution, citing the FBI files contained information that could have helped McVeigh in trial. However, with all of his appeals denied, McVeigh prepared for death.

Even though the FBI acted irresponsibly by not originally turning over all the files, it appears that the intentional and the information was inconsequential to the case.

Fortunately, the FBI took public responsibility for the mishandling of the files and turned them over, which also would over-turn one of McVeigh's beliefs that the government is an entity interested only in suppressing the truth. However, this is by no means an attempt to excuse the FBI from a serious blunder.

Nothing in the files casts any doubt of McVeigh's guilt. In the book "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh & The Oklahoma City Bombing" he admitted to the writers he was responsible for the bombing. This, in addition to other evidence brought forth in the trial, essentially has erased any doubt about his guilt. Granting a stay of execution, as his lawyers requested, would serve no purpose.

In denying the request for a stay, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch stated the information contained in the files did not change the guilt of McVeigh. This is a correct assessment. Asking for the stay seems a bit uncharacteristic, especially since McVeigh was reported to have been prepared to die on his original execution date, and previously had stopped all appeals.

In an ideal situation, the death penalty would not be used as a deterrent for crime, but as a form of justice the government can use to punish those who have committed outrageous acts directed against society. As currently used, though, the death penalty, as an institution, is fraught with errors.

Currently, it is more an attempt to strike fear into criminals and create a sense of closure for victims. As it is, it is not fair to the victims and their family members for there to be a delay in McVeigh's death and that sense of closure they may receive.

Perhaps for the public, the state will be studying the life of McVeigh, attempting to dissect what occurred to turn him from a boy with a relatively normal childhood into a man who hates the government he once served.

The answer may be simpler than many realize.

What grew in McVeigh was the same thing that grew in students who have been shooting their classmates - hatred. It became something all-consuming and eventually took over his life.

The only thing that differentiates McVeigh from others is he was willing to do more than just hate.

He took his anger and mistrust of the government and turned it into concrete action, an action with horrible consequences.

Guest Column

Democracy and Faith in Iran

Chants of "Democracy" and "Freedom of speech and press" ran through the nation of Iran as it re-elected on Friday, a charismatic and moderate Islamic cleric, President Mohammad Khatami.

Khatami, 57, looked set to score a crushing win over nine second-ranking conservative rivals, but he needed an overwhelming popular mandate to try to overcome resistance to his political and social reforms within the clerical establishment.

The core of the conflict within Iranian society is the system of government. Although there is a popularly elected president and parliament, called the Majlis, real power rests in the hands of the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and religious bodies such as the Guardian Council and the Expediency Council.

Khatami, the Islamic cleric, still electorates voters after four years as president. He won with an overwhelming landslide, of 80 percent. The people, nonetheless, are still in fear that the Guardian Council, controlled by the hardliners, will nullify votes to stop chances for reform campaigns.

Two years ago, thousands of students at Tehran University clashed with religious vigilantes, sparking riots at the university in Tabriz, a conservative city near the border with Turkey. Many people were injured and one student was killed in the worst unrest since the 1979 revolution.

The country is on the verge of another revolution; a revolution led by nearly 20 million frustrated students who are fed up with the government. The conservatives have closed hundreds of pro-reform newspapers, arrested dozens of dissidents, liberal clerics and journalists, and constantly use uneducated bodies to block reform legislation.

President Khatami is trying to respond to an increasingly impatient public. He gradually has moved the country away from an authoritarian-style theocracy toward a more tolerant, pluralistic religious democracy. He believes Islam is an organized religion of individual rights that is not incompatible. Despite his attempts and the public's will, over the last four years, the conservative clergy has resisted change. Through threats, violence, and arrest, more than 100,000 university students, called the jasat, stationed themselves around polling areas with semi-automatic rifles, to violently draw intimidation and draw less to polling places. The Khatami people in Iran are less fearful than four years ago before Khatami. He has reduced the climate of fear and has created confidence and trust.

President Khatami has changed tradition in a country where women have been second ranked to men, with no voice in the political system. He has appointed more than a hundred women to positions within Parliament, making them the majority of the lawmakers. President Khatami has criticized the system of the conservatives and provinces that not only is their system un-Islamic, as they discriminate against women, but should be on the forefront of the presidential agenda.

In a first example of a deep and growing split among Iran's conservatives, moderate conservatives claim that their hard-line colleagues, particularly in the clergy, have pushed Iran's youth away from religion, and have given Islam a violent and backward image around the world.

YASMIN TAEB
Speaking Out

"The wrong presentation of religion and the wrong interpretations of [Iran's] constitution have caused the youth to hate this state, and because the wrong face of Islam is being presented, secularism is on the rise," said Taha Hashemi, the owner of the conservative Entekhab Newspaper. "It has alienated our people because of the violent face being given to Islam."

Liberals and conservatives long have had conflicting interpretations of Islam and its holy book, the Quran, but the emergence of such a deep split in Iran's conservative camp over modern and traditional readings of Islam is a new development that could eventually change the shape of Iranian politics and society. As the hard-liners try intimidation, President Khatami tries persuasion. He preaches to a stadium of high school students: "High goals require hard work," he said. He stressed that Iran's youth should demand "freedom, dignity, peace and faith," adding "all Iranians must enjoy freedom."

People see that the clerics have confronted the cultural issues of a society in a very negative way and have misused the power they have. But the overwhelming majority of people, particularly youths, see Khatami as the link between freedom and democracy and modernism and religion.

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Letters to the Editor

Police death still remembered
Editor: Walking down the road the other day, on my way to the convenience store, I noticed some blue stencil-made graffiti on the sidewalk, which read "Remember Corey Rice."

Immediately, I realized how quickly the death of a UF student at the hands of a Gainesville police officer, under rather questionable and dubious circumstances, is to say the least, has been nearly erased from the public mind. Even the officer's name has slipped into relative oblivion.

The police, for their part, successfully protected their own by having dismissed all claims of wrongdoing on the part of the officer and relegated most of the evidence to the broom closet, thwarting any and all release of pertinent and useful information from being released to the public.

As a result of all of this, apparently a combined result of police department foot-dragging and public/media disinterest, an event that has caused one family so much grief and should have caused a community to react in anger, or at least demand an explanation, has been completely obliterated. Now, who knows where all the evidence of this case is?

Why is it that an event like this one could have so easily disappeared from the consciousness of the community? Does this action by an officer not demand some form of explanation? Does not the family of Corey Rice deserve to see the video of their son's death to determine for themselves whether or not it was a just or unjust action on the part of the officer? Is our community so desensitized to events like this as a result of the overly racist and wrongful actions by other police departments in other parts of the country that it does not even react when such an even occurs here? How could something as important as this slip completely from the public mind?

We, the members of this community, have failed Corey Rice and his family by not demanding justice, and by not caring enough to remember him.

James Fisher
Gainesville resident

Let Earnhardt rest in peace
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Design school dean slot filled by Stein

By Joe Black
Alligator Staff Writer

Provost David Colburn filled yet another post in his administration on Friday, moving UF one step closer to having the heads of all the university's academic departments serving in a permanent capacity.

Jay Stein was selected by Colburn to serve as permanent dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning following a nation-wide search to fill the vacancy left by Wayne Drummond in May 1999, who left the college to return to teaching.

Stein had served as interim dean since Drummond's departure.

"This was a national search that produced a number of highly talented and qualified candidates," Colburn said in a release. "We are delighted that Mr. Stein was interested in the permanent position and that he has agreed to lead one of our most successful colleges."

Stein, a former chairman of UF's department of urban and regional planning, said his goals for the department include drafting a strategic plan for the coming years that will serve as "a road map" to the future of the college.

"We can set the direction for the next five years with this," he said.

As a permanent dean, Stein expects to be able to better retain and recruit faculty because there no longer is a sense of uncertainty in the college.

"People are drawn to stability, and it can only help us to have people on a permanent basis," Stein said.

There have been vacancies in UF's academic departments since the departure of former President John Lombardi and former Provost Betty Capaldi in 1999.

Last week, Colburn announced his decision to move Neil Sullivan to a permanent basis as dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences last week, and Prem Khargonekar from the University of Michigan will assume the duties of dean of the college of engineering.

All appointments will be effective July 1.

Permanent deans for the college of education and the college of law are still vacant. Search committees have not been established in either instance.

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UFF task forces want to improve upon faculty contract

By Diana Moskovitz
Alligator Writer

Promising to preserve and expand the freedoms and privileges of the UF faculty, task force members set producing suggestions for a new UF faculty contract for the first time Thursday night.

The group of task forces, organized by the UF chapter of the United Faculty of Florida, wants to examine and improve areas of the collective bargaining contract between the Board of Regents and UF.

This will be used as a model for the new contract with the Board of Trustees that will soon oversee UF.

When the Regents dissolve June 30, the current contract will be passed on to the Trustees. The contract expires in 2003.

The task forces hope to use the opportunity created by the transition to craft a new contract that will both protect and add to their current freedoms and privileges, said Tom Auxter, UF statewide president-elect.

These privileges include tenure, due process and academic freedom, Auxter said.

"What the faculty for a long time took for granted now has to be protected," Auxter said.

"We could not get what we want or get a better contract," he said.

The group wants to create suggestions that, if adopted, would raise UF to the level of other public research universities, such as University of California Los Angeles and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Auxter said.

"The organizing we do now will be the payoff in the future," Auxter said.

John Reskind, UF chapter president-elect, said UF has made strides in areas like salary and sabbaticals, but remains behind in key areas.

"The university could never get over the hump to be a premier university because it continues to be not competitive in bellwether areas such as salary and sabbaticals," Reskind said.

More than 80 people have signed up for task forces and an increase is expected when the remaining faculty members return for the Fall, Reskind said.

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Students draw on nature to create appliances

By Leondes Brix
Alligator Writer

UF graduate student Rahul Ghosh stands a few feet away from two small microphones. "Hello, this is Rahul Ghosh. Testing, one, two, three...

And the test was passed as a small computer across the table from him told Ghosh his exact position in the room.

The most natural way for most humans to get things to work is by talking to them, and that is exactly what the devices are designed to do.

Ghosh designed a computer program that is based on the hearing sense of the barn owl to locate prey in a room. Ghosh said, "The system accurately measures the position of a sound within 20 degrees."

"The barn owl has an incredible hearing sense, which allows it to locate prey in a pitch black room," Ghosh said. "Right now the system is more accurate than any conventional system and the human ear itself," Ghosh said. "The system correctly measures the location of the person within 10 degrees or better. Humans can distinguish the position of a sound within 20 degrees."

The way this is accomplished is that nature is a much more reliable tool.

By Amanda Groover
Alligator Writer

After graduating from a Jacksonville high school in 1980, Gregory Doyle spent five years traveling the world while modeling for top designers like Gianni Versace and Mario Valentino. But Doyle said his time "on top of the world" was shattered when someone drugged his drink in a nightclub in a Tokyo nightclub in 1985. He spent nearly a month in a coma. "The doctors said I would be dumb, deaf and blind if I ever came out of the coma," Doyle said. "They thought I would be a vegetable."

Doyle beat the odds and woke up from the coma with all of his senses intact, but he had nerve damage outside his spinal cord and was permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

Doyle said he refused to "sit around and feel sorry for himself." He founded the Gregory C. Doyle Neurological Foundation and has spent the last 16 years promoting spinal cord injury awareness and raising money for research.

During a tour of the McKnight Brain Research Institute at UF on Thursday, Doyle announced plans to push his custom-built wheelchair 100 miles around the New Smyrna Speedway this Fourth of July.

Doyle said he has named his effort the Wheels of Hope Tour because he wants to "deliver a message of hope" that spinal cord injury research eventually will lead to a cure.

Proceeds from the Wheels of Hope Tour will benefit the UF Brain Institute, a state-of-the-art facility for brain research.

Doyle said he chose the UF Brain Institute because it has a reputation of being the best research facility of its kind, and he liked its close location to his hometown of Jacksonville.

The UF Brain Institute has been successful with spinal cord injury research because its researchers take fundamental discoveries and turn them into practical human applications, said Douglas Anderson, professor of UF's department of neuroscience and neurological surgery. He added that numerous improvements in research technology have led to advances in that research.

Doyle said he hopes his undertaking will raise money for the Brain Institute and also raise awareness about spinal cord injuries. About 250,000 to 400,000 individuals currently are living with spinal cord injuries, with an average of 7,800 new injuries in the United States each year, according to the National Spinal Cord Injury Association.

Of these individuals, about 90 percent survive and live near-normal life spans, but trauma and rehabilitation costs average almost $250,000 for each injury.

Much of the funding for spinal cord injury research comes from contributions. Doyle said he hopes his sponsors for the Wheels of Hope Tour will raise significant funding for the Brain Institute.

"My goal is to help others," he said. "I am encouraged that we can make a difference, but I cannot do this alone."

Wheels of Hope to raise funds for UF brain institute
Bug taints SFCC votes

By Cher Philips
Alligator Writer

Problems with the voting system used in the election of Santa Fe Community College’s student officials influenced the vote’s outcome, SFCC Student Government President Mark Vecchio said.

According to Vecchio, about 200 Santa Fe Community College students lost out on the chance to vote in last April’s elections. SG adviser Dan Rodkin could not confirm a specific number but said, “There were some folks who were turned away.”

SFCC had the first online student body elections in the state, Rodkin said. A flaw in the online election system kept students who didn’t know their passwords from voting until SFCC administrators reset them.

SG officials said they could not be sure how many students gave up on voting because of the delay.

“The Students Working and Making Progress Party won 58 percent of the vote over the Impact and Representing Our College Campus parties. Vecchio confirmed that the number of votes among the parties were not close enough to warrant a run-off.”

Vecchio will hold his first executive board meeting June 12 at 2 p.m. in Room 3141. His agenda will cover setting a date for next year’s election – another online election.

“We know what to do differently,” Vecchio said.

Next election day, SG will have an SFCC employee on hand with a computer to help students with password problems to make sure no student is turned away.

Also at today’s meeting:

■ Two clubs’ charters will be considered for approval, the Inline Skate Club and a club geared toward older students, said Vice President Brooke Thompson. If these charters are approved, the clubs would have seats in the Senate.

■ Five Senate applications are going before the board for approval. Vecchio said SG has more senators that it has ever had. Twenty-eight of the 43 “at large” senate seats are filled. Each one of these elected seats represents 300 SFCC students.

■ Although the new board controls the activities budget, Vecchio said he would like to see regularly scheduled campus concerts featuring local bands and a monthly campus newsletter.

■ On the top on Vecchio’s agenda for the year is to strictly limit the material assigned during a possible dead week. He believes the week should be dedicated to review only, with no homework or papers assigned.

New bikes lanes approved

By Juan Ortega
Alligator Writer

Avid bicyclist Doug Folkerth feels unwelcome riding down bike lanes in and around Gainesville.

“Motorists look at us bicyclists as an obstruction,” Folkerth said. “They tell us, ‘You have your Hawthorne Trail to bike on. Stay off the road.’”

Since he is interested in issues affecting the bike community, Folkerth, 50, attended a meeting Thursday, in which the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization unanimously approved a 20-year plan to spend as much as $81 million on new bike lanes and off-road trails.

The Alachua Countywide Bicycle Master Plan prioritizes bicycle projects that could add as much as 900 miles of new lanes and trails to the existing 287-mile bike network in Alachua County.

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization is a 10-member board that is made up of the Alachua County Commission and the Gainesville City Commission.

The board has direct authority over transportation decisions in the urbanized area of Gainesville.

Sprinkle Consulting Inc., an engineering firm hired by the planning organization, conducted an 18-month study for the plan that established the prospective bike projects’ construction costs and the public’s preference of their locations, said Bruce Sprinkle, Sprinkle Consulting vice president.

Some projects included in the plan are: a “downtown connector” trail that would run south from Southeast Sixth Street to the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail and others.

The plan includes projects to paint stripes along bike lanes with them, and to add shoulders to bike lanes that are now too narrow to accommodate them.
Asteroid impact a possibility, but don’t expect ‘Armageddon’

By Cortney Blits
Alligator Writer

When 9-year-old Edie Broward-Jensen was brought to see “Deep Impact,” she was taken out of the theater in tears.

“I asked her what was wrong,” her father Chuck Broward said.

“I said that Florida would one day be underwater. I told her that was true, but I would keep her safe by taking her to a mountaintop. Bowling, she replied, ‘but our house would be gone.’ Yes, there would be changes.”

In the aftermath of science-fiction films such as “Deep Impact” and “Armageddon,” the world, along with young Edie, has taken notice of the possibility of an asteroid or comet causing major destruction on Earth.

Scientists have known for decades that impacts can affect the Earth and other planets, said UF alumnus, Dan Durda, a research scientist in the department of space studies of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.

“Only in the last 10 years or so has there been a reality that impacts happen, and could happen at any time, really sunk into the consciousness of policy makers and the public,” Durda said.

Because of two ‘close calls’ in recent years, Durda and fellow scientists are seeking a standardized protocol for dealing with the possibility of an asteroid or comet striking the Earth.

These close calls were widely reported in the press and have attracted a great deal of attention, Durda said. In 1997 and 1999, astronomers discovered new asteroids that could, many years from now, pass by the Earth. Although the odds of an actual collision with Earth is remote — about a 1 in 3,000 chance — the 1997 discovery of an asteroid could pass within 40,000 to 600,000 miles of Earth.

The news broke and caused some unrest, and scientists say it will be more careful the next time.

“Unfortunately, the process for disseminating the calls for further observations was in its infancy and the newness of the first of the real close calls resulted in perhaps more attention than what was warranted,” Durda said.

“Some have advised to crying wolf is not a good thing,” Durda said.

These objects that can cause so much damage do not even have to be that big.

“It has always been fairly obvious that an asteroid of a really small size can cause an incredible amount of damage to the Earth, said UF astronomy professor George Lebo.

These small objects are so dangerous because they are traveling so fast, he said.

“An asteroid will be coming in at something between 40,000 and 60,000 miles an hour, which is a lot faster than a space shuttle goes. So it doesn’t have to be very big to do a lot of damage. An asteroid the size of our football field would take out all of New York City,” Lebo said.

The massive asteroid that hit the Yucatan and erased the dinosaurs is thought to have been a few miles wide, Lebo added.

“Some of these highly dangerous objects are coming from the asteroid belt, which is located between Mars and Jupiter. Gravity simply, over time, tweaks the asteroids’ orbits until they eventually wander into the inner solar system where Earth is,” Durda said.

One of the problems about asteroids is that not enough is known about their physical makeup, said John Oliver, UF associate astronomy chair.

“It turns out some asteroids look like they are solid rocks, others are liquid and some are gravel mixtures. They are everywhere in between,” he said.

In order to measure the potential hazard associated with newly discovered asteroids and comets, scientists use the Torino Scale, Durda said.

This scale uses numbers that range from zero to 10, where zero indicates an asteroid that has no chance of collision with the Earth, and a 10 indicating that it is certain.

The 10 means the impacting object is so large that it is capable of causing a global climatic disaster.

An object is assigned a numbered value based on its collision probability and its kinetic energy.

“It only takes one, about something the size of this building, to have the energy of several hydrogen bombs if it hit the Earth,” Lebo said.

So far there are no set procedures to deal with an Earth-bound asteroid.

Scientists simply plan to continue to survey for new objects and to refine the orbits for the ones that are already known, Durda said.

And, unlike the movies, there is also no plan for a missile to blow up the asteroid.

“My opinion might be if something is big enough for us to see it, why not find it and learn as much as we possibly can to change anything, because all those pieces are still going to hit the Earth, unless you can get to it when it’s really far enough away so you can really change its orbit.”

And that means no heroic movie endings to the real-life chaos.

“They are definitely not going to save the world, they are not going to change anything, because all those pieces are still going to hit the Earth, unless you can get to it when it’s really far enough away so you can really change its orbit.”

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The 56th Annual Newberry Watermelon Festival kicked off Thursday and peaked Saturday with such contests as the watermelon roll, seed spitting and of course, the watermelon-eating contest.

Gainesville resident Mariah Fioré, 6, gets her face cleaned after eating several slices of watermelon.

(left) Newberry resident Harry Nichols cuts watermelon Saturday at the watermelon festival. Nichols has cut melons at the festival for the past 12 years.

(above) Aaron Bowdin, 9, (center) of Newberry, devours a melon slice during the watermelon-eating contest.
The University of Florida has won a $5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop new technology to capitalize on the research promise of some of the world's most powerful magnets.

With a goal of improving understanding, detection and treatment of disease, scientists at the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute of UF and their collaborators around the world plan to develop custom-designed hardware to increase the clarity of images of molecules, cells, tissue and animals produced through magnetic resonance technology.

The hardware — coils that can capture a magnetic signal from a specimen, thereby revealing information about its physical and chemical structure — also can be employed to discover the shapes of complex molecules through an "atomic fingerprint" of biochemical solutions. Such information can help guide the design of medications.

"The equipment comes with stock commercial coils, but they're not always suitable for the kinds of ex-...
Workshop Teaches Conference Planning

The Division of Continuing Education recently announced a workshop for University of Florida faculty and staff who want to learn more about planning conferences and meetings and resources and information available through the division's Department of Conferences & Seminars. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 27 at the UF TREO Center, located at 3101 SW 63rd Blvd. in Gainesville.

UF faculty and staff who routinely plan conferences or workshops or anticipate doing so in the future are invited to take part in the program. The workshop will answer many questions and provide valuable tools to save time and resources. The program is complimentary but limited to the first 30 participants who register. A program agenda and registration form are available online at www.docconferences.ufl.edu/meeting. Interested persons may also call 392-1701, Ext. 244 for information, or send an email to Jamie Richetell at jrichet@docc.ufl.edu.

Deadlines

Friday is the Summer A deadline to drop and add a course by college petition. It is also the deadline to withdraw from the university.

Meetings

A meeting of the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee will be held at 10 a.m. today in Room 321 at the UF Administration Building. The meeting will focus on the implementation of the new parking system.

Art

All That Is Glorious Around Us: Paintings from the Hudson River Schools opens Sunday and is on display through Sept. 16 at the Harn Museum. The exhibit features works by Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, Albert Bierstadt, Martin Johnson Heade and John F. Kensett, artists who strive to chronicle the beauty and purity of the American landscape. For information, call the museum at 392-9826, Ext. 149.

The photographic exhibit Eden is on display through Friday in the Reitz Union gallery. The exhibit features work by artist Eric Zamora. For information, call 392-2378.

Garden of the Gods

The Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research presents Hope Imagined: Revisited, Lost in 3324 Turlington Hall. The exhibit, featuring artwork by Cynthia LePrelle, is on display through Aug. 10. For information, call 392-2265.

The Harn Museum presents Jamini Roy: Bengali Artist of Modern India, a collection of colorful paintings, through Aug. 12. For information, call 392-9826.


The exhibit Fakahatchee-Natural and Cultural Landscapes is on display at the Florida Museum of Natural History through July 2. For information, call 846-2000.

The Ceramic National 2000, a contemporary ceramics exhibition, is on display through Oct. 7 at the Harn Museum. The exhibit showcases the work of emerging and mid-career ceramics artists as well as acknowledged masters in the field. For information, call 392-9826.

Dance

The Dance Theater of Santa Fe presents Elements of Style, 2001 at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are $4 and available at the Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounted tickets for children under 12, senior citizens and students are available only at the box office. For information, send an email to leslie.lambert@santafe.cc.fl.us.

The University Swing Club meets from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday nights in McCarty A, Room 1142. No partner is required. There is a lesson from 7-8 p.m., followed by dancing (practice) until 9 p.m. For information, visit grove.ufl.edu/swinguf.

Theater

The Department of Theatre and Dance presents Shakespeare's Richard III this weekend at the Cactus Theatre. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for students, faculty and staff with UF ID, and $10 for the general public. For information, call 392-1653.

Special Events

The Harn Museum of Art presents a video for lunch tour entitled India: The Empire of the Spirit at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 392-9826.

The UF Community Outreach Partnership Center presents the Second Annual Black Business Explosion: Juneteenth Celebration from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center. For information, call Colette Taylor at 392-1655.
Levine Awarded Earhart Fellowship

University of Florida graduate student Joanna Levine was recently awarded a 2001-02 Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The scholarship is one of 35 international fellowships awarded by the organization this year.

The fellowship will allow Levine, a student in the Department of Astronomy, to pursue her research regarding the impact of close binary stars on planet formation.

For her doctoral research, Levine is studying the properties of binary systems in "young" star clusters, roughly 1 million years old, and the effects these systems have on protoplanetary disks. "The results of Bergeron's research will help millions of people, and it is being carried out right here at UF. This has made me even more proud and honored to be a part of the college's work," said Duckworth, former president of the Food and Drug Law Institute in Washington, D.C. Before accepting the position in 1983, Duckworth served as vice president general counsel of Pfizer Inc.

"It is a genuinely good feeling to have your scientific contributions recognized at your own institution," Bergeron said. "It is this kind of recognition that adds to and freshens the passion an investigator has for his work. Mr. Duckworth's philanthropy will certainly continue to play a significant role in helping to advance drug research and development.

Bergeron received his doctorate in chemistry from Brandeis University in 1972 and was a Harvard University Fellow from 1972-74. Before joining the UF faculty in 1979, Bergeron was an assistant professor in the department of pharmacology at the University of Maryland from 1974-78 and a visiting scientist at the National Institutes of Health in 1978. Bergeron joins Abraham G. Hartzema, the Perry A. Foote eminent scholar chair in health outcomes research and pharmacoeconomics, as the second eminent scholar to be named in the history of the UF College of Pharmacy.

Reclaimed Water Helps Keep UF Green

The University of Florida has been irrigating and keeping the campus green using reclaimed water from six wells scattered on campus until the summer of 2000. A reclaimed water project, completed in April 2000, distributes reclaimed water to irrigate 95 percent of the campus.

Reclaimed water is another term for processed wastewater. UF operates its own water reclamation facility, UFWR, located in the center portion of campus on North-South Drive. The WRF was designed to process 3 million gallons per day, and actually processes an average of 2.1 million gallons per day. Approximately 850,000 gallons of the reclaimed water are being used to irrigate the UF campus every day. Since the plant treats more water than the irrigation system requires, the excess water is distributed into the underground aquifer located near Lake Alice. The effluent meets drinking water standards, as well as requirements set by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

For more information, call 392-5050.
College of Medicine Recognizes Lynch, Winter With Clinical, Basic Science Teaching Awards

Dr. James Lynch, Jr., and Dr. William Winter were recently recognized for their teaching efforts by the UF College of Medicine.

Dr. James Lynch, Jr., an associate professor of hematology and oncology in the Department of Medicine, was selected by UF College of Medicine students as Clinical Science Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001. This marks the third time he has received the honor.

Lynch directs the second-year oncology course, teaches third-year students how to evaluate patients and serves as an adviser to fourth-year medical students. He said he enjoys teaching both for the day-to-day interactions with students and because of its importance in the big picture.

"When I see students who are confused and then I see the resolution on their face after we talk - that they get it now - that is pretty exciting," said Lynch, who also directs the hematology and oncology fellowship program. "But at a deeper level in the grand scheme of things, I believe in my heart of hearts that if I can teach other young physicians how to think clearly about their patients, how to care for their patients - not just treat diseases - that I will help more people than I could ever myself as a single physician."

Lynch said that early in his career, even as a resident, he loved working with students. "Any time I had a task to do, if I had a student with me it was very positive and I enjoyed it," he said. "I liked to explain why I was doing what I was doing."

Lynch has received numerous teaching honors, including the prestigious Hippocratic Award, the Department of Medicine's Outstanding Teacher Award, the Gainesville Medical Group Award for the Best Teacher in the Department of Medicine, as well as the 1997-1998 Clinical Teacher of the Year, which was bestowed by the 1998 graduating medical class. As a resident at UF, he received the Hugh M. "Smiley" Hill Award for Outstanding Housestaff Teacher.

Dr. William E. Winter was selected by UF College of Medicine students as the Basic Science Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001.

Winter is a professor in the departments of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine, pediatrics and molecular genetics and microbiology. He directs the second-year immunology course and lectures extensively on laboratory medicine to first- and second-year medical students. Winter also participates in several immunology courses for graduate students in the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences.

"The best part of teaching is when you bump into a student in the hall and they remember that you taught them something that they found useful in their clinical clerkships or residency," said Winter, who also directs the pathology residency program.

"So when I have been successful or not is not measured by what scores students receive on tests. My measure of success is the students' ability to use the information that they learned in their second-year pathology studies in taking care of patients in the real world."

He said one major goal of his training program is that students must learn to become their own best instructor. "Do they learn how to learn?" Winter said. "Do they know how to begin to approach the problem? Do they know what resources are available? Information will become outdated and evolve over time, but the ability to learn new things is timeless."

Winter said he hopes students find the information that he provides useful as they solve problems throughout their training and career.

Winter recently was recognized by the Class of 2003 as the Most Enthusiastic Pathology Teacher of the Year for the 2000-2001 term. He received the 1999-2000 UF Pathology Teacher of the Year Award, which was given by the Class of 2002, and the campuswide UF Teaching Improvement Award in 1998. He also is a founding member of the UF College of Medicine Society of Teaching Scholars.

Museum Announces New Board Members


Board officers are Ken McGuire, president; Cathryn Lombardi, vice president; Victor Yellen, treasurer, and Libby Fyurl, secretary. New board members, elected at the May 21 annual meeting, are Barbara Emmer, Sam Gosforth, Roland Loog, Evelyn Martin and Anne Naulls. Returning board members are Louise Courtois, Mary Ellen Funderburk, Elise Gresham, Karen Hairson, Kimberly Holloway, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Leslie Klein, Mike Kurz, Bob Levens, Thierry Olinger, Nancy Perry, Brian Robinson, Ilene Silverman-Budd, Beverly Siringer and Tina Vairo.

The board helps the museum achieve its goals by promoting public interest in support of educational activities and sponsoring, publicizing and eliciting support of museum and cultural events. For information, call 866-2000, or visit the museum's Web site at www.flmnh.ufl.edu.

Summer Catch

Ashley O'Byr, 11, of Starke, Fla., examines a crayfish at the Department of Fisheries on June 6. The department's Fishing for Success program is hosting school groups this summer. Emphasis is on aquatic organisms children captured from a dozen local ponds. Ashley's group was a summer environmental workshop conducted by a local 4-H Club. (Photo by Joe Richard)

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Career center to relocate during Reitz expansion

By Abigail Paine
Alligator Writer

Students graduating in December and looking for jobs have less than four weeks to take advantage of an at-full-service Career Resource Center.

In conjunction with the Reitz Union, the career center and its makeshift library will be moving from its $3.2 million facility to seven rooms on the third floor of the Reitz Union beginning Nov. 17.

"We'll be living out of a suitcase," said William V. Carnes, career center associate director for operations support.

Expansion of the union, part of which is a ballroom being built directly on top of the career center, has caused the move.

The existing ballroom holds 88 tables, but the new ballroom will hold 130 tables, Carnes said. The center will use the new ballroom to hold smaller, specialized career fairs.

Carnes and Nadene Francis, the career center's assistant director for public relations, said the relocation was planned so as not be during a high traffic time.

Of the 3,500 print resources in the career center's library, only two carts of the most popular items will be taken to the temporary location. Other books can be retrieved the day after a student requests them, center librarian Linda Adams said.

"We are not taking the fancy desks and everything, just the bare essentials," said Francis, who has taken classes with students each year the center has existed. "One of the most important reasons for students to visit the career center is to see job postings that will be kept up to date, Adams said.

No mock interviews will be conducted, and no walk-in counseling hours will be provided during the transition time.

Career center classes for academic credit, such as job search strategies, will be held in buildings such as Matherly Hall.

Students disagree on the effect of the move.

"Matherly is on the outskirts of campus, a lot less central than the union," said agricultural junior Courtin Patrick, a job search strategies student whose class will be moved from the career center to Matherly.

Business junior Mike Heath, another student taking career center courses, said he thinks it is great that the class will be moved to Matherly because that is where all his other classes are held.

Also, the center will not be holding workshops during its relocation, but some workshops will be presented over the Internet.

The use of the center's online services, including job search database GatorTrak, UF's version of JobTrak, will aid students who would usually go to the center.

Every day 47,381 people visit the center's Web site, http://www.ccr.ufl.edu. Although services are available on the Internet, the center still wants to make its physical services attainable.

Outreach presentations, workshops offered at organizations' meetings, will still be available upon request.

"We didn't want to get too impersonal because of technology," Francis said. "For students, that wouldn't be an improvement of services."

Although on-campus interviews usually last until the beginning of December, the move has forced the last interviews to be conducted Nov. 17.

Moving back into its first-floor facility two weeks before the center's Career Showcase will be cutting it close for the workshops usually provided as preparation for students attending the showcase, Francis said.

Towing owners set to sue commission over $3 increase

By Juan Ortega
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The Gainesville City Commission voted unanimously Monday to increase the city's maximum towing fee to $73, and an attorney representing a local tow company says he will sue.

"Towel companies have good legal grounds for suing," said Robert Roundtree Jr., the attorney representing Elite Towing. "The commission failed to consider all the information presented by us that shows a significant raise in towing costs."

Roundtree accused the commission six times of its decisions being "arbitrary and capricious" - a term used in courts to mean a decision was arrived at without merit and sustainable information. He also said that commissioners failed to account for all increases the tow companies have faced since the 1994 ordinance was passed.

But the commission disagreed with him.

"Instead, Commissioner Chuck Chesnut IV replied to Roundtree, "You had the opportunity to come before the committee each year and ask for an increase. Personally, if you're going to say that we're being capricious, I'm at the point now to even rescind [the $3 increase] and not give you anything."

"Also known as trespass towing, roaming towing is used by many Gainesville landlords to clear illegally parked cars off their property. Property owners give tow companies permission to search their parking lots for the cars and tow them at the car owners' expense."

Commissioner Warren Nielsen emphasized his proposal for a "tresspass towing oversight committee" as a way of regulating towing companies and handling complaints from city residents.

The city would fund the board through a yearly fee charged to property owners who employ roaming tow trucks. He proposed the commission May 29.

Natalie Hanan, Student Government lobby director, said the impending lawsuit by the tow company is typical.

"The way towing conduct busines is, it's not surprising," she said.
SG committee discusses upcoming BOCC issues

By Joe Black
Alligator Staff Writer

The committee charged with revamping the Board of College Councils met for the second time Thursday night to begin making a definitive list of issues it wants to tackle in the coming months.

Future meetings will allow for a more detailed discussion of the issues. The council will continue to meet three times a month, but the meetings will be open to the public until the council is finished and all issues have been addressed.

Controversy and lengthy debate has been apparent concerning the BOCC since the Senate changed the structure of how the Activity and Service Fees are collected. The council will meet again June 20 in the Reitz Union.

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Allison deaths reach 18, damages to top $1 billion

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Flooding caused by as much as 3 feet of rain from Tropic Storm Allison reached on Monday, leaving much of the downtown in the nation's fourth-largest city without power and shut down.

The storm was blamed for 18 deaths in Texas and Louisiana, and thousands of people had been forced to flee their flooded homes.

Rain had stopped falling Monday in Texas and Louisiana, but thunderstorms left over from Allison caused flooding and some roof damage Monday along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

At least six people were injured.

"We know of houses and trailers damaged and destroyed, and power is out in a third of the county," said emergency management official Ann Eubanks in George County, Miss.

New evacuations were underway Monday morning in Louisiana, where sandbags were given away in two areas in Iberville Parish. At least 14 families were affected. Police were recouping residents of low-lying neighborhoods of St. Tammany Parish, a New Orleans bedroom community, said Slidell police Lt. Bob Callahan.

"It's washing away part of the road, making it impossible to pass," said S.H. 'Jackie' Jackson, director of emergency management for Iberville Parish.

Houston Mayor Lee Brown urged businesses to let employees stay home Monday as much of the downtown area, including courts and the Federal Reserve office building, was without power and shuttered.

'I'm asking employers to consider [Monday] a day of recovery, to let downtown get back on track, back on its feet, to take the day off, to take care of their own problems or to help friends or neighbors," Brown said.

All of Houston's freeways were open again Monday after most were blocked during the weekend by deep water and abandoned, submerged vehicles, but many traffic lights were still out of service.

It was too early for definitive damage estimates.

"If I were to give a guess ... It would top $1 billion," Brown said. "That would be a guess, but it would suggest we have had a serious problem."
The Associated Press
ORLANDO - A jury Monday awarded $100,000 to a former BellSouth employee who was fired months after becoming a practicing Orthodox Jew.

The federal jury didn't find BellSouth Corp. guilty of a harassment charge, but did find that the company illegally fired Jeffrey Bander after he filed an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission claim alleging he had been harassed on religious grounds.

"Now it's a proven fact that BellSouth has a problem," Bander said of the verdict.

"That's the good thing. They can't continue to do what they're doing," Bander said his BellSouth Corp. supervisor started harassing him after he grew a beard, wore a yarmulke and started keeping kasher.

Bander had always been Jewish, but didn't become a practicing Orthodox Jew until 1998.

He was fired from his $100,000-a-year job as a sales representative and manager for BellSouth's yellow pages in February 1999 after working seven years for the Atlanta-based telecommunications company in central Florida.

Bander's supervisor and his co-workers learned he was Jewish in January 1998 when his oldest son was killed by a drunk driver.

Many of his co-workers attended the Jewish funeral and Bander grew a beard as part of the mourning ritual for his son.

Three months later, supervisor Tony Johnston told Bander to "lose the beard" and later told him, "You better not wear a yarmulke because the customers won't like that," according to the lawsuit.

BellSouth denies that Johnston made both comments.

At another time, the lawsuit alleged, Johnston told Bander he had been reading about the Jewish faith and said, "I don't think we can work together anymore. You people think you're different from us. You think you're better." BellSouth also denies those allegations.

"Obviously, we're disappointed with the jury's decision and we continue to maintain that the company fired properly in this case," said BellSouth spokesman Larry Stricker.

He said they would wait to get the final report from the court before deciding whether to appeal.

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - Tobacco companies are attracting young smokers even without billboards and cartoon characters like Joe Camel, researchers said Monday in urging new advertising restrictions.

Teenagers surveyed over the past two years vividly recalled ads featuring carsfree smokers. Many of the youth also understated the health risks and addictions of smoking, researchers said.

Banning pictures from ads would help end the image that smoking is fun and give marketing campaigns about tobacco dangers a chance to work, said Dan Romer, a research director at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center.

Romer and leaders of anti-tobacco groups said findings in the new study should be used to lobby states and the federal government to restrict tobacco advertising.

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering a constitutional challenge of state curbs on tobacco ads.

Each year, an estimated 1 million minors take up smoking.

"Tobacco companies lend an image to their product that is exactly what young people are looking for. It's an image of cool, an assertion of independence," said Danny McGoldrick, research director for Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Any government regulation "needs to be balanced with preserving our ability to communicate with adult smokers," said Brenton McCormick, spokesman for cigarette maker Philip Morris Inc.

As part of a 1998 settlement of state lawsuits, the tobacco industry was banned from using billboard ads and cartoon characters, such as R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.'s Joe Camel. R.J. Reynolds said in a statement that it "supports efforts to prevent underage smoking" and complies with the settlement.

Research shows teens lured by cigarette advertisements

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Vols defeat conference rivals in advance of CWS

The Associated Press
OMAHA, Neb. - Tennessee coach Randy Delmonico might want to rethink his game plan after the Volunteers scored 4 runs in the 2nd inning of a College World Series game.

"Well, coming into the Tournament I was stressed about them having pitching and defense and timely hitting, but I don't think I'm going to be doing this," Delmonico said Monday after Tennessee outslugged and outlasted Georgia 19-12 in a CWS elimination game.

Chris Burke hit a game-tying 2-run home run in the eighth inning, Kris Bennett drove in a record-tying seven runs with a 3-run record, and the Volunteers scored 9 runs in the final two innings to complete an 11-7 comeback victory.

In game two of the series, Delmonico said, "I don't know if we can be on offense every night. It's not a situation where you have to be. It's not a situation where you can be. It's not a situation where you want to be."

But at 6-4, the Volunteers, who scored 13 runs in a loss to Miami on Saturday,

Brian Gates (6-4) allowed one unearned run and two hits in four innings of relief to pick up the win for the Volunteers (47-10), who scored 13 runs in a loss to Miami on Saturday.

David Coffey had three hits, including a grand slam, and four RBI for Georgia (47-22), which had beaten its Southeastern Conference rivals in three regular season meetings.

"I'm disappointed we lost, but I'm certainly not disappointed in our ballclub," Georgia coach Ron Polk said. "We battled. We didn't make a couple of plays in the field and they took advantage of it." But at 6-4, the Volunteers, who scored 13 runs in a loss to Miami on Saturday,

Gates, who finished with a record of .923 (12-1).

76ers challenging critics in Game 4 of NBA Finals

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA - For the third time in a month, the Philadelphia 76ers' ability to lose its series was on display in a playoff series. Anybody want to write "em off as dead again?" It's still the same thing. People are still saying this team is capable of doing anything.

"I don't know if we can be on offense every night. It's not a situation where you have to be. It's not a situation where you want to be."

Just being good hasn't been good enough to get the 76ers past the Los Angeles Lakers in the last two games of the NBA Finals.

The series not resuming until Wednesday night, Philadelphia has two days to sit and wonder if its resilient player can be tapped one more time or whether that well has run dry.

To outsiders, the Sixers looked like a beaten team before the third game of the conference finals against Milwaukee - a game that Allen Iverson sat out because of injury. But the Sixers somehow gained strength from that six-point loss, walking away knowing they had more heart than the Bucks.

A similar thing happened in Toronto during the second round, and by coach Larry Brown, who moved McKey into the starting lineup in place of Eric Snow, he scored 18 in Game 4 as Philadelphia evened the series.

The Sixers can rest comfortably knowing they have a chance to tie things up one more time. They do play hand. They're very competitive. When you play with your effort and play with your heart, they're playing well.

The Lakers are 13-1 in the playoffs, and victories in the next two games will give them the best winning percentage in NBA history. The 1982-83 76ers hold the record of .923 (12-1).

Small forward George Lynch will be available Wednesday night for the first time since Game 4 of the Raptors' series. Lynch has been sidelined with a broken left foot.

Brown underwent some second-guessing Monday for his decision to sit Dikembe Mutombo late in the fourth quarter after Shaquille O'Neal had fouled out.

O'Neal, who fouled out with 2:21 left, accused Mutombo of flopping and refused to back off those comments Monday.

"I said what I said and I meant what I said," O'Neal said.

Knight addresses public in Indiana

NASHVILLE, Ind. - What had originally been scheduled as a private speech and a question-and-answer session to follow turned into a two-hour storytelling marathon as former Indiana University men's basketball coach Bob Knight addressed the crowd at the Little Nashville Opry Sunday.

Knight - who was fired from Indiana in September - made his first appearance in the area since saying goodbye to the students in Dunn Meadow nearly nine months ago. While there were a shortage of students at this gathering, there were plenty of Bob Knight supporters, as a majority of the audience that filled three-fourths of the seats featured Texas Tech and Indiana basketball t-shirts.

The event started off with an introduction from local restaurant owner Larry Hawkins.

Hawkins and Opry owner Estor Hamilton can be credited for bringing the excitement back to the Opry Stage, as both are long-time friends of Knight.

As soon as Hawkins introduced Knight as the "greatest coach ever," the crowd jumped to its feet and gave Knight a standing ovation as he walked onto the Opry stage. The stage is accustomed to hosting country acts like Joe Diffie, Sawyer Brown and Kenny Chesney became a two-hour storytelling session as Knight started right away telling humorous stories about Hawkins.

Knight then introduced several of his friends and loved ones, including Bob Hammel and former secretary Mary Ann Davis.

Knight did bring two of his long-time friends on stage to introduce them by their nicknames. One of the persons brought onto the stage Knight called "Red," and had to stop in mid-sentence to fight back tears when he said Knight was the very first friend he had ever made at Indiana.

When they made friends with Coach Knight, you have a friend forever," Red said.

Another introduction Knight made was of the late Brown County Sheriff he called "Hurt."

Knight said Hurt assisted him while attending Opry shows to control the fireworks that came with the coach's appearance.

"I consider it an honor to be a friend of Coach and Karen Knight," Hurt said.

Once the introductions were out of the way, Knight began with the storytelling that has become his signature for.

He began with praises for CNN talk show host Larry King, but that was the only aspect of the media Knight held in high regard.

Knight said he would continuously make up names of at least two players on the roster when he was asked by local TV media what his starting lineup would be for the game that night, just to prove a point.

"The interviewers don't pay attention to your answers," Knight said.

Knight also referred to ESPN reporter Jeremy Schapp as a "little squirrel" Schapp and Knight once had a brief altercation when Knight told Schapp he has a long way to go before he can be as good as his father, fellow ESPN reporter Dick Schapp.

Knight then moved on to stories about his family and his influence in the field of coaching. One instance Knight said made a big impact on his life is when his father was forced baseball coach threesome out of港口 for muttering words under his breath.

"That was the first time I learned you could throw a kid out of practice," Knight said. "It also showed me that you can be really aggressive with a kid but still show him that you care for him." Knight continued with stories of the crowd he found humorous and said such subjects as discipline, Adolph Rupp and college officials. Some were in praise, but some were not.

One instance where Knight was still critical was the Indiana administration. Knight has been a vocal opponent of Myles Brand and his staff, and he made that clear once again in his return. Another subject Knight touched on was his graduation rate, and how the NCAA was his last couple of years at Indiana because the NCAA only counts scholarship players. He did make it clear that his graduation rate was nearly 20 percent higher than the school's.

"I think Brand was trying to bring me down to his level," Knight said. "It amuses me when he talks about the importance of academics."

Knight wasn't completely critical of every subject he touched upon - in fact, a majority of Knight's talk was light-hearted.

Knight closed out the day bringing his wife Karen to the stage and allowing her to say a few words. It wasn't long before she began to tear up.

"I'm grateful for the lessons we've learned," she said. "It's been a revealing year. I'm grateful of having spent 13 years in the area. You'll always be in the hearts of wherever we go.

Knight then took the podium for the last time and thanked the crowd.

"I blame you people for making me stay five years longer than I should have," Knight said. "We've found people like you in Texas."

Knight and his wife then left the stage to a standing ovation.

- Indiana Daily Student
UF obsession brings about morbid twist

It's a jungle out there when you look at all the Gator paraphernalia running around Gainesville. Hats, Flags, bumper stickers everywhere, but nothing to die for.

Until now.

A Dallas-based firm plans to offer UF themed caskets.

Yep, the things you're placed in when you die. And with Father's Day coming up what could be a better thing to get for the Gator fan that has everything than the opportunity to spend the rest of eternity encased in orange and blue.

For just $2,750 you can.

WhiteLight is finalizing plans to include UF and Florida State in its Collegiate Series Caskets with a limited edition of 1,000 pieces each.

Seth Traub
Game, Seth: Match

UF wouldn't be the first Southeastern Conference school represented in the company's series. Kentucky and Arkansas are already available, as well as Texas A&M.

Just when you thought you couldn't see the Gator logo anywhere else, there is always something else that can be painted with school spirit.

So as I watched the Philadelphia 76ers let Game 3 of the NBA finals slip out their fingertips Sunday I realized what a shame it would be for the Lakers to win in five.

After all the potential to see history in the making was there before Iverson and company stole Game 1 in L.A. What a waste if the 76ers can't win another.

I would have rather seen history with the Lakers being the first team to ever sweep through the playoffs.

Tennessee showed how much an SEC championship means in baseball these days. The Volunteers - who lost two straight games in the tournament last month - eliminated SEC regular-season champion Georgia from the College World Series on Monday.

Tennessee won 19-12 in the elimination game.

Tropical Storm Allison reeked its havoc on the west coast of Florida, appearing almost out of no where off the coast of Louisiana. But the worst damage might have been to the Camp Center in Houston.

The court where the WNBA's Houston Comets planned to play the L.A. Sparks on Monday night was floating in four feet of water.

"What game postponed and a make up date is still in question with the entire building lacking power, and damage done to the entire first level."

Too bad the Devil Rays couldn't have been so lucky.

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Awards continue for champion golf team

By Nick Talbot
Alligator Writer

Before the NCAA Championships senior men's golfer Nick Gilliam said his college golf career was mediocre.

That all changed has changed since he won the medalist honors at the NCAA Championships on June 2, he said.

Awards have been piling up for him since the championship. He was named first-team All-American, received the Division I Palmer Award and was voted an All-American Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

"There are a lot of doors that are going to open for me," Gilliam said. "It would have made my professional career a little harder if this had not happened."

Gilliam added another award Monday as he was named the College Men's Golfer of the Month for May.

The award is based primarily on results from Collegiate Tour events, plus conference championships, NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Championships.

In May, Gilliam won the NCAA Championships by shooting a 12-under-par 276 and led the Gators to the NCAA team title. He also finished 17th at the NCAA East Regional.

For the month, Gilliam had a 69.57 stroke average.

Gilliam said he is now waiting for situations to present themselves. He plans to play professionally when said, but waiting for the right time and opportunity.

"It is only a few days after the fact yet. Check with me in a month," Gilliam said.

"Outside of marial bliss playing good golf is the most exciting thing in my future."

However, Gilliam is not the only UF men's golfer to be receiving awards.

Freshman Camilo Villegas joins Gilliam as a first-team All-American and also was named Freshman of the Year.

"Being first-team All-American, Freshman of the Year and all the honors I received this year just motivates me to keep working hard to defend all the titles."

Sophomore Bubba Dickerson also was named third-team All-American and junior Camilo Benedetti was named Honorable Mention.

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