Young addresses years of progress

By Cameron Ackroyd
Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville community, for the continued support of the university.

"The University of Florida and Gainesville are and will continue to be a winning combination," he said.

The continued success of UF was demonstrated with the fall 2002 class, Young said.

This year's incoming freshmen boasted an average grade point average near 4.0 and scored an average of 1265 on their SATs.

"The University of Florida has been bringing the best and brightest to Gainesville for a long time, but never so much as today," Young said. "This poses a challenge to us of providing the best possible education to students who deserve the best."

Young expressed his confidence in the university's new president, Charles Young, address.

"From rather humble beginnings, the University of Florida has today the best."

More than half of date rapes go unreported

Women, like Debi, often bury the secret until years later the traumatic effects of rape resurface in their lives. Ninety percent of acquaintances or "date rapes" aren't reported to the police, according to statistics provided by the Counselors of East Alabama and UF Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery.

Donna Potter, a UF victim advocate, knows all too well the decision women who are raped by dates or acquaintances grapple with. Because rape is such a traumatic experience, most women don't even report it until days later - if they report it at all, Potter said.

"I really lost kind of my sense of being able to conquer any challenge," she said. "I had to lie to myself, and I had to lie to my friends, and you really aren't who you are anymore because you're faking it."

Debi, who attended college in the 1980s, said she feared people wouldn't believe her because it was such a rarity then.

"We didn't even have the phrase 'date rape drug' then," she said. "I basically woke up in the guy's bed, and it was one of those things I didn't usually assault," Potter said.

As for Debi, she wiped the experience from her mind. She continued to tell people she was a virgin. In public, it was like the charming, medical student never existed.

She knew something wrong had happened, but she never called it rape.

However, the effects of that night would remain with her throughout her life, even if she didn't realize it.

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IN BRIEF

IN GAINESVILLE

Sheriff's Deputy earns promotion from Bush

Alachua County Sheriff's deputy Owen Carson McCalf will return home to Lafayette County -- but as the acting sheriff.

Gov. Jeb Bush named McCalf after he suspended the Lafayette sheriff, Dwayne Walker. ASO spokesman Keith Faulk said McCalf was the police chief in Mayo before coming to the county and working in the detective and uniform patrol divisions.

McCalf, who still operates a small farm in Mayo, will be sworn in at a ceremony later this week.

ACROSS THE STATE

Man ends standoff; demanded wife be kept

MIAMI BEACH (AP) - An unarmed man briefly barricaded himself inside Miami Heart Institute on Tuesday, saying he would not let the hospital transport his wife to a nursing home, police said.

Osvaldo P. Monzon, 62, of Miami Beach called the media Tuesday morning, distraught about his 80-year-old wife's condition, and he locked himself in her hospital room, said Miami Beach Detective Bobby Hernandez.

The man stayed on the line to talk with police, who eventually convinced him to end the standoff, Hernandez said.

Police said they did not plan to arrest Monzon but were instead taking him to a crisis intervention program.

His wife is terminally ill, said hospital spokesman Kathleen Espinoza.

Police said the man wasn't armed.

No patients or hospital employees were in danger, Dorkowski said. About five or six other patients on the floor were evacuated.

300 pounds of cocaine seized in drug bust

JACKSONVILLE (AP) - Investigators broke up an international drug ring and seized 1,2 million, nearly 300 pounds of cocaine and more than a ton of marijuana, authorities said Tuesday.

Nine of 15 suspects were arrested in the bust Monday that culminated after one man was arrested with $450,000 in suspected drug payoffs and agents intercepted a tractor-trailer full of drugs.

"This is the most significant drug arrest and seizure that I have seen in my 35 years," Sheriff Nat Glover.

Investigators said the ring, centered in Jacksonville, funneled drugs from Mexico and distributed them mainly to the Carolinas and Tampa.

About 9 p.m. investigators seized more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana as it was being unloaded in Jacksonville, said Ken Tucker, regional director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Jacksonville.

Tucker said the ring had been in operation for about three years.

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Activists to get Senate funding

By Julia Crouse
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After a heated Student Senate debate and a close vote, an animal activist group will be able to put on a weekend event to educate students and the community about animal exploitation.

Animal Activists of Alachua received more than $3,000 from the Student Senate to present “Vivisection Awareness Week,” from Sep. 23-27 to make students aware of current animal testing and available alternatives.

Vivisection—meaning “cutting apart of live animals”—has been broadened to mean any kind of “animal experimentation – cutting, burning, shocking, drugging, starving, irradiating, blinding and killing animals,” according to the New England Anti-Vivisection Society.

Melinda Fox, vice president and co-founder of AAA, said the purpose of the event was “not to promote the group’s beliefs, but open a dialogue” in order to make students aware of the issue.

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“There is nothing wrong with educating people even if it makes them uncomfortable with it,” said Senate President Pro Tempore John Hooker, who co-sponsored the bill.

AAA is a grassroots organization promoting animal rights, welfare and vegetarianism. Fox said during the meeting that the group was a political organization for a social movement.

“I think they have the right to speak, and I applaud their effort,” said Sen. Rachael Zichella, law student senator.

“But I don’t feel they should be funded by SG because they represent a political organization.”

The weekend event would include three prominent speakers and a debate between Dr. Ray Greek, president of Americans for Medical Advancement, and a UF faculty member about whether animal testing is effective with all of the current technology and previous research.

“The goal is to educate students as to alternatives to vivisection, and what it is,” said Frank Gómez, the president and co-founder of AAA. “We don’t want to push a political agenda, just open the doors of discussion.”

Although she supports the debate, Veterinary College Senator Amanda Jehek feels the issue was rushed and is worried the program may not represent both sides of the issue and sensationalize certain aspects of the issue that could be detrimental to the veterinary school.

Senator bids farewell

By Katherine McFarland
Alligator Writer

Sen. Chris Carmody needed fewer than 10 minutes to bring every student Senator to their feet clapping.

After announcing he would resign from Student Senate, Carmody gave his last speech Tuesday night, recalling memories and giving advice for the future of Senate.

“I’ll miss the people who have come before you, and I’ll miss the people who will come after you,” Carmody said. “This is really a great organization of the future leaders of not only our state but our country.”

The UF graduate, who plans to attend UF’s law school in the Spring, ran for student body president with the Swamp Party last Spring, but lost to Nikki Fried of the Ignite Party by 548 votes.

“Nikki, Joel and Kyle, you guys have done a really great job. I couldn’t have done any better myself, and yeah that is a hard pill to swallow — to say something like that,” Carmody said. “To admit that someone is doing such a great job and that you’re just a memory.”

Nearly every Senator who spoke took a moment to wish Carmody farewell, and a standing ovation after his speech was testament to his presence in the Senate.

“Chris always stood up for what he believed in, whether it was popular or not,” Sen. Jess Johnson said. “He came in as an independent representing Tolbert, and he’s been an inspiration to many Senators since then.”

Carmody began his three-year involvement with Student Government as the only non-Progress Party candidate to gain a Student Senate seat in the Fall of 1999.

“Do things for the right reasons,” Carmody said. “We’re here for the students of the University of Florida. Don’t forget that.”

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Curbside car washing may bring fines

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Beginning in January, Alachua County residents might face up to a $200 fine if they continue to wash their cars on curbsides.

County commissioners unanimously approved a water-quality ordinance Tuesday night, which bans curbside car washing and other types of outdoor cleaning that could potentially pollute the county’s lakes and urban creeks.

Commissioners say the approved ordinance might seem harsh, but officials are out to educate offenders before they slap residents with fines. “When you’re washing your car in your driveway, remember you’re not just washing your car in your driveway,” said Chris Bird, director of the county’s environmental protection department.

The water that cumulates in the driveway—laden with chemicals and other debris—seeps into storm-water drains, eventually polluting places like Bivens Arm, a shallow lake in southwest Gainesville, Bird said.

First- and second-time offenders will receive a warning or educational talks about water pollution. Only repeat offenders, depending on the situation, would be fined, Bird said.

Although residents cannot wash their cars on curbsides, Bird said it’s OK for them to do it on or around grassy areas. Grass and soil will absorb the gooey water, he said.

The new law also would help prevent dirt and debris at construction sites from washing into nearby creeks, which might endanger fish and wildlife that live there.

Contractors, Bird said, are encouraged to install silt curtains to keep dirt from running down storm-water drains.

Though the commission planned to enforce the ordinance by mid-September, commissioners agreed Tuesday to delay enforcement approximately 90 days.

Commissioners said the January enactment date would allow residents and businesses to become equipped to comply with the ordinance. County staff set aside time to work with residents and businesses during the transition.

“We want the discharge, but we also want to keep these guys in business,” Commissioner Dave Newport said.

Ricky Davis, owner of a local mobile car washing service, told commissioners he is afraid the ordinance would run him and all four of his employees out of business. “I move all around,” Davis said. “Can’t guarantee there’s going to be grass everywhere I go.”

Davis said he could start using a pump to keep dirty water out of the drains, but that could cost his business too much.

Agustin Olmos, the county’s hazardous materials engineer, said in an interview before the meeting that the state’s anti-pollution laws have been effective in cutting down debris and spills from big industries.

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The University of Miami’s Hurricane Blitz is joining the competition this year.

Last year, Reptile Ripple outsold the competition, selling more than 45,000 gallons—2,500 more than FSU’s flavor, said Lou Ricardo, Edy’s Regional Marketing Manager.

Edy’s gave UF $22,000 from the proceeds, which was distributed to various campus programs, Ricardo said.

This competition is a great way for fans to support their campus, he said. “This is a fun competition and everyone wins,” Ricardo said.

Edy’s has sponsored the competition in other states, but Ricardo said the company has had the most success in Florida. “Other fans just didn’t have the passion that Florida football fans do,” he said.

All three flavors are made up of chocolate and caramel ice cream with caramel swirls and will be sold for $4.99 a carton until December, when the flavors will be discontinued.

--- Suzi Adams
Democratic hopefuls similar in thought and debate

By Jennifer Valdes
Alligator Writer

During Tuesday night's televised Democratic debate, three gubernatorial hopefuls seemed united by the issues — especially against Gov. Jeb Bush.

Two weeks before the Sept. 10 primary, Democratic candidates Daryl Jones, Bill McBride and Janet Reno chose instead to attack the state's standardized testing, Bush's education plan and his appointment for Department of Children and Families' agency head, Jerry Reiger.

A panel of Florida journalists led the series of questions, which mostly seemed to bring the candidates' answers back to education reforms in the state's public schools and universities.

Reno, the former U.S. attorney general, said she returned to her home state after more than seven years in Washington to find an education system in shambles and a governor who supports taking money from public schools to fund vouchers.

"The public school system of this state is the bedrock of our democracy," Reno said.

Tampa lawyer Bill McBride was equally critical of Bush's education program, vowing to improve the system that he said was failing his children.

"Our state desperately needs leadership." State Sen. Jones of Miami criticized "Hurricane Jeb" and re-minded voters of his decade of experience in the Legislature, comparing himself to a contractor who knows how to construct a dwelling that meets the needs of its occupants — or constituents.

"Have spent the last 12 years building the types of homes you seek," said Jones, who concluded his two-minute statement by putting on a white hard hat with a Jones bumper sticker attached.

Despite polls showing Bush ahead of all three Democrats, Reno, McBride and Jones said they could be building momentum that could carry them to victory in November.

About 15 of UF's College Democrat members gathered at the Reitz Union to watch the hour-long debate.

"The debate was a tribute to the Democratic Party and the fact that we can all work together," said James Argento, chairman of Gators for Reno. "But when [voters] look at Reno's experience in state and local government, voters will be able to differentiate that she's the most confident in her plans."

Reno has led McBride in polls all year, but McBride, the former managing partner of Holland & Knight LLP, the state's largest law firm, has sought to raise his profile in recent weeks through an aggressive advertising campaign.

"To see McBride how he is in person, at your home and on your television, helps him show that he cares about Florida and what he wants to do," Charles Twitchell, chairman of UF's Bill McBride for Governor. "People will understand now why he's gained such momentum recently."

McBride, 57, also has feuded with the state Republican Party, which has blitzed the airwaves with ads depicting the ex-Marine as tap-dancing around questions over his law firm and campaign finance practices. McBride retaliated with his own ads, urging Bush to debate him.

WPTV anchor Jim Sackett was the moderator. Panelists were Linda Kleindienst, Tallahassee bureau chief of the South Florida Sun-Sentinel; Brian Crowley, political editor of The Palm Beach Post; Roxanne Stein, a reporter for WPTV; and former U.S. Rep. Harry Johnston, the president of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, conducted the question and answer session.

Bush is trying to become the first Republican governor to be re-elected in Florida since Reconstruction. Bush has led Reno and McBride by double-digits in the most recent polls.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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Democrats need to show differences to energize vote

Finally, last night gave Democrats a chance to see whom they could nominate to take on the juggernaut that is Gov. Jeb Bush. But, rather than giving the group with distinct visions that separate and give voters a choice, the three decided to be the same packages—just in different wrappings.

Each of which were labeled “We hate you Jeb!”

Even when asked to separate themselves, front-runners Janet Reno and Bill McBride each mentioned the same principles for helping schools and senior citizens.

At least Daryl Jones gave some kind of response, saying he has legislative experience.

For the past few years in this state, Democrats have been the perpetual minority concerning state policies. They haven’t held the Legislature or the governor’s office.

Their agendas have gone unfulfilled, and they were quieted over and over.

Floridians need a candidate who distinctively stands out and isn’t afraid to talk about it. One who stands away from the pack (and that doesn’t include being either to espouse the most anti-Bush rhetoric.

Where it stands now, each are giving ideas and decisions that are nearly synonymous—there’d probably be a bigger difference in asking just how to pronounce potato.

If they stay in the pack, then Democrats will be that same perpetually whispering child of state politics they have been since the Jeb regime took over after smacking down former Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay simply because there’s nothing to energize the party.

With less than a month until the Sept. 10 primary, Democrats need distinct candidates with views just as different.

These three are intelligent candidates with obviously different views. Someone just needs to step up to the plate and say it to them—loudly. This could energize the Democratic Party and the all-important voters with no political affiliation. The move could prove to be what produces the best general election candidates.

Reno could focus on her Department of Children and Families changes a little harder and show how vitally important her experience as the U.S. attorney general could be to the state.

Instead, she continues harping the same speech about how she grew up in this state and how she calls it home.

McBride was the first to come out with ideas on fixing the numerous glitches in the state’s newly “reformed” education system. He drives home the fact he has one of the greatest stakes of all in public education—his own children.

But, simply put, he just seemed to set his eye during the debate on starting an anti-Jeb! coalition, as opposed to showing what the agenda he came out with can do.

Jones deserves some of the largest accolades for his debate performance for the manner he spoke, the issues he was able to lay out and performance for the manner he spoke, the issues he was able to lay out and take a few swings at other problem spots in the area. This particular problem area comes in the person of Saddam Hussein and his country—Iraq.

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Well, first, take into account two of the people who were involved in the last debate is

Guest Column

Iraq back in political cross hairs

Everyone—at least, everyone paying attention—saw the writing on the wall a long time ago.

The Bush Administration’s declaration of “war” against terrorism was more than just a catchy slogan dreamed up by White House public relations officials. It was a harbinger.

Surely you didn’t think our military would simply do its best to sniff out al-Qaida in the mountains of the Middle East and not take a few swipes at other problem spots in the area. This particular problem area comes in the person of Saddam Hussein and his country—Iraq.

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That means that the current president would likely explode at a small family-serving while increasing his chances of staying in office longer than his father. Going after and disposing of the me-thor in the side of the United States for the past decade or so would be a huge step in achieving both of those goals.

Like it or not, Iraq is back in the bulls eye.

Jason Brown

The Bottom Line

Iraq—Dick Cheney was secretary of defense and Colin Powell was chairman of the joint chiefs of staff—now they are back on board for the second go-around and would like to not mess it up this time.

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Jason Brown is a former editorial page editor of the Alligator. His columns appear on Wednesdays.
Astronomy class deserves respect

Editor: After reading the Aug. 27 guest column "Starting the first day trials" by Marisol Novack I just have a few things to say:

Your "editorial" does not say how bad the astronomy department classes are—if that was your intention. What it says is how little effort you usually put into anything you do.

Your phrase "I'm incapable of dealing with equations formed from just numbers, let alone adding Greek symbols and four-syllable scientific words into the mix" is not warning other students from taking astronomy classes. What it is doing is telling any potential employer how four years of college did not change you at all from your high school years. Mathematic are a must for any professional worker in any field, not to mention your daily life. How are you supposed to know how to balance a checkbook or pay for your children's medical bills?

Marisol, you are an English senior. You are supposed to be able to properly read any kind of text in your language, no matter if it is related to electrodynamics or poetry, and also be able to discern its quality.

That is why I am so disappointed with your editorial. I know so many people think astronomy is like the poetry of physical sciences.

Carlos Roman 9LS

UF: Boost faculty for journalism

Editor: A piece of advice to anyone thinking about majoring in journalism—DON'T.

Unless, of course, you are fond of never being able to get classes. Is it really so hard to provide paying students with classes they can actually take?

I've never had a problem getting classes in any college except the College of Journalism and Communications, and the trend continues this semester.

For example, I've been trying to take JOU 3110 for four-straight semesters, but the sections always are closed.

More sections are needed and not just for this class. Across the board, class options are lacking, which means either that faculty grossly is undersized or they just spend most of their time playing shuffleboard with UF President Charles Young. My intuition tells me that the latter is improbable, being that Young hardly is ever in town to play.

I say this to Young, the man, the myth, the travel budget: The College of Journalism and Communications cannot afford any more staff positions to be cut, as is the objective in your new 10-year plan.

Andrew Hensley 3JM
BSU talk-show themed assembly welcomes students

By Laura Merritt
Alligator Writer

While rain delayed the Black Student Welcome Week assembly, it certainly didn't stop it.

About 600 students, many drying off in the lobby, attended the welcoming assembly Tuesday night in the University Auditorium.

The assembly, based on the BET show "Oh! Drama," featured interviews with UF administrators and student leaders on a show called "Oh! Gators!"

"The thing you have to do is make friends and find the kind of people who can help support you," UF President Charles Young said.

UF Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski advised students to join one organization that is academic, one that gives to the community, and one that is fun.

"Don't be afraid to ask for help." First-year student Angel Sanks was glad to hear advice on getting involved.

"I just thought I needed to get out of my dorm room, or I might become a senior and not be involved in anything," Sanks said.

Student Government Vice President Joel Howell asked students to and beyond have to do is and find the who can help you."

Charles Young UF president

"If we want to make this university our own, we need to go out there," Howell said.

Other speakers included UF Provost David Colburn, IBC Director Stephen Roberts, BSU President Suezette Robotham, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Mike Rollo and admissions officer Ron Rawls.

When the freshmen in the audience were asked to raise their hands, only about a fifth of the audience did, as many older students attended the assembly for the entertainment groups.

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Rare "moon tree" makes home at UF

By Kim Hart
Alligator Writer

UF's campus is home to hundreds of thousands of trees, but one special tree flew to the moon and back aboard Apollo 14.

Although it looks like any other tree, it was grown from one of almost 500 seeds taken aboard the third flight to the moon on January 31, 1971. Former U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service employee Stuart Roosa made the journey on the Apollo 14 to the moon with a small canister of seeds from five different types of trees: Loblolly pine, sycamore, sweetgum, redwood and Douglas fir.

After circling the moon 34 times aboard the "Kitty Hawk," the seeds were sent to USDA Forest Service stations across the country to germinate into "moon trees," said NASA planetary scientist David Williams. "Surprisingly, we ended up with more than 450 seedlings from the original seeds sent to the moon," Williams said.

"The tree on the UF campus is one of the few original moon trees we have been able to locate." Most of the moon trees were planted in various parts of the nation as part of its bicentennial celebration in 1976. A Loblolly pine was sent to the White House while another was given to the emperor of Japan. Three trees - one sycamore and two Loblolly pines - were planted near Newins-Ziegler Hall after its completion without ceremony or public notice.

"The whole process was kept very quiet," said Joel Smith, retired professor of the School of Forest Resources and Conservation. "I think there was concern that people may try to steal or vandalize the trees."

Thirty-one years later, the sycamore still stands tall on the northeast corner of the intersection of Inner Drive and Museum Road.

Marked by a green plaque labeling the tree by its scientific name, it towers almost 60 feet and is nearly 24 inches in diameter, which is an impressive size for a sycamore, Smith said.

Unfortunately, the sycamore is the only surviving moon tree on campus.

Not realizing the significance of the trees, groundskeepers girdled the Loblolly pines, said Noel Lake, former UF superintendent of grounds.

"They girdled the pines with string trimmers because they weren't marked," he said.

"I don't know why they didn't girdle the sycamore, but it survived."

A few years later, Lake helped preserve the tree by telling workers who were widening Museum Road about its uniqueness.

Mail sent to Gore's state office included suspicious powder

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A suspicious powder spilled from an envelope opened Tuesday at Al Gore's Nashville office in what one FBI agent referred to as an "anthrax hoax case."

Gore spokesman Jano Cabrera said the envelope was received in the mail Monday. An office manager opened it Tuesday, and the white powder spilled from it, Cabrera said.

The contents of the envelope were being tested.

"No one has been transported because of medical reasons, and no suspects have been identified," said Jon Stephens, spokesman for the FBI in Nashville. "Right now, we are referring to it as an anthrax hoax case."

The former vice president was on vacation and not in the office Tuesday, but he was informed of the incident, the spokesman said.

The room where the letter was opened was quarantined, and a hazardous materials team was investigating, said Cabrera.

Assistant Chief Kim Lawson of the Nashville Fire Department said the office would be closed until results from tests on materials taken from the office were known.

Cabrera said the envelope was postmarked from Tennessee and was stamped on the back with, "This letter has not been inspected by the corrections department."

Steve Hayes, Tennessee Department of Correction spokesman, said the statement is different from what the department uses.

The office was not evacuated.
Zook talks at Young's address, discusses his plans for the football season

While Zook talked about his players and UF, he knew he had to talk about being the coach at a consistently top-ranked football school.

"Obviously I have something to prove," Zook said.

He said the team has been very accepting of his style and the transition between coaches has gone well, but not because little has changed since former coach Steve Spurrier ran the show.

Believe me, there has been a lot of change," Zook said.

He said both he and the team will be under scrutiny, but the primary goal this year is to have fun playing football.

"If we're having fun, we're talented enough for all of us to be happy with the results," Zook said.

He said his players not only get a chance to play for a top-ranked national team, but they also will come away with a great learning experience and a degree that will help them in the world.

"We're gonna recruit the student-athletes that make the University of Florida proud – that make Gainesville proud," Zook said.
Containers of human body parts found inside man's home may be connected to UF

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said officers were dispatched to the scene by GPD to help examine the remains.

"Upon our response, numerous containers containing body parts ... were found throughout the house," he said. "Some of these were labeled clearly being property of the University of Florida." To help identify the body parts, detectives are working closely with Anthony Falsetti, director of UF's CA Found Human Identification Lab.

"We have more detectives on scene, and the reason for this is ... it is important to positively identify all the remains inside the house," Kameg said. "We want to identify all the human body parts and make certain they are treated respectfully." Upon further investigation, officers found and removed more than 30 fire-arms from the home as well, Kameg said. Additionally, a 12-year-old child inside the home was placed in state custody.

Because of the large amount of chemicals stored in Warner's house at 3211 NW 38th St., Gainesville Fire Rescue's Hazardous Materials team was dispatched to the scene, said GFR spokesman Stuart Schwartz.

"They noticed the containers with various chemicals in them in the house," he said. "The team went through the house and found many containers of various sizes with a variety of chemicals in those containers." Schwartz said the exact chemicals and the amount of each used has not been determined, but they were consistent with the preservation and staining of various body parts for research.

Residents in Warner's neighborhood were shocked to see several police vehicles and yellow crime scene tape wrapped around the trees in the relatively quiet community.

"We just moved in a week ago, and we were watching this last night," said Michael Justo, a UF food science senior. "The cops pulled up at 11, and within a half hour there were 30 cops here."

Justo and his roommate Gavin Kesten were intrigued by the situation and watched into the early morning as the GFR Hazardous Materials truck parked right outside of their house.

Warner currently is being held on $5,000 bail for both counts. UF is expected to release a statement today about Warner, who also operates a Lake City neurological center.

A member of the American Academy of Neurology and the International Brain Research Organization, he recently wrote a comprehensive neurology book titled "Atlas of Neuroanatomy." The book is described as having images from Warner's own collection of more than 30,000 pictures of brain and spinal cord anatomy.

"We want to identify all the human remains while Gainesville Police Officer K.D. Clinton of the K-9 Unit guards the house of UF courtesy professor Joseph J. Warner on Tuesday.

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Two men beat local man with revolver

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Alachua County Sheriff’s Office deputies are searching for two men they believe to be responsible for pistol whipping a Gainesville-area resident Tuesday.

Stanley Hall Sr., 37, was leaving his home in Rochelle when the two suspects approached him with handguns and demanded money, according to a police press release.

The two black males—one described as about 5-foot-8, 160-170 pounds, and the other as about 5-foot-11 with a slim build—ransacked Hall’s home after one of the suspects hit Hall in the head with a small revolver.

“[Detectives] strongly believe that the suspects knew the individual,” said ASO spokesman Keith Faulk. “They appeared to be waiting on Mr. Hall as he left his residence and went to get in his truck.”

The men taped Hall’s hands together and his mouth shut, then proceeded to drag him back into his mouth shut, then proceeded to drag him back into the home, according to the release. The suspects then reportedly stole a small amount of currency and two cellular telephones from inside.

“It was very specific about what they were asking for,” Faulk said. “We hope that Mr. Hall might be able to recognize something that one or the other of the suspects might have said or done or what they were wearing that will help us identify them.”

The release stated that one suspect was last seen wearing camouflage pants and a green army type jacket.

While both men had something wrapped around their heads covering their faces, the second suspect was wearing a black sweatshirt and dark pants, according to the release.

“Home invasions aren’t done the majority of time just randomly,” Faulk said.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Detective Todd Card at 367-4179, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 372-STOP.

Working for a cause

Archer resident Btron Foxx replaces the battery on a Chevrolet Cavalier on Tuesday at the Dignity Project, a non-profit organization that accepts donated cars, fixes them up and donates them to needy families.

Foxx completed 1,700 hours in the last year entitling him to a $4,725 Americorps scholarship, which he plans to use to attend truck driving school in Orange Park.

Study says Florida heat contributes to eating disorders

By Jon Custer
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For many students, UF’s warm climate and proximity to the beach are advantages, but a recent study from a researcher at a Pennsylvania university says these factors may promote eating disorders as well.

When Temple University eating disorder specialist Denise Sloan compared a group of about 100 Pennsylvania students and only about 1 percent of the UF students were much more susceptible to disorders such as bulimia and anorexia.

With an extensive swimsuit season and summer heat that encourages scant clothing, Florida’s weather puts a greater emphasis on body image than states with colder climates, Sloan wrote.

“For women residing in a warm weather climate, focus and concern about body image would be a year-round phenomenon,” Sloan wrote.

Also, the study says women dissatisfied with their bodies often try to cover up with bulky clothing. When warm weather makes that impossible, eating disorders may result.

Using a standard questionnaire for measuring susceptibility to bulimia, an eating disorder characterized by binging and purging, Sloan found that more than 10 percent of the UF women were at a serious risk. In comparison, 5 percent of the Pennsylvania students and only about 3 percent of the general population were at a similar risk.

Between 1 percent and 4 percent of all women have bulimia in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Mental Health’s Web site.

The study also evaluated the students’ average Body Mass Index, a measure of weight adjusted for height. In the UF group, 19 percent had a below average BMI, while only 1 percent of the Pennsylvania students had similar scores.

Sloan said she was still unsure of how much of the difference was because of different campus cultures, but noted that previous studies have shown seasonal variations in eating disorder behavior.

“It’s the first study of this sort, so it’s very preliminary,” Sloan said.

Cassie Hessler-Smith, a counselor at UF’s Student Mental Health Center, emphasized the difficulty of isolating a single cause for eating disorders. She said the most important factors were still socialization and views of body image and self-worth presented in the media, but that family factors and biology could also play strong roles.

But she did not discount the effects of Florida’s climate.

“The culture around here is to reveal much more of their bodies,” said Hessler-Smith, who has also worked in Michigan.

She added that students who think they may have a problem with eating disorders may receive free help from the health and counseling centers.

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Deported may not return to U.S. under new ruling

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Immigrants automatically deported under a law ruled illegal by the Supreme Court could not return to the United States under new rules proposed by the Justice Department.

The rules, triggered by a June 2001 Supreme Court decision, would allow immigrants convicted of certain crimes before 1996 to have hearings on whether they can stay in the United States, but those already deported are out of luck.

Under the law, legal permanent residents who committed crimes before 1996 were deported without a hearing. Many who already served jail time and had started to build new lives were forced to leave their families and return to their native countries.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that immigrants are entitled to challenge deportation orders in a federal court.

The majority also said the statute could not be applied retroactively. This was a break for those who pleaded guilty while a less restrictive law was in effect that allowed the review of their immigration status.

Immigration advocates are outraged by the Justice Department's proposed rules, released earlier this month.

"I think it's another example of the attorney general trying to disregard Supreme Court decisions with which he disagrees, and he promised in his confirmation hearing to follow the law of the Supreme Court," said Lucas Guttentag, American Civil Liberties Union's immigration rights project director.

The rules are open for public comment through mid-October, after which the Justice Department can adjust them and decide whether to make them permanent.

The Justice Department says allowing deported immigrants to return would be logistically difficult for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"Aliens who were ... deported years ago, may have been convicted of crimes abroad that would disqualify them from relief under regulations, but which would be difficult, if not impossible, for the INS to discover and verify," the department stated in its proposal.

Jorge Martinez, a Justice Department spokesman, said only immigrants who are not eligible for deportation reviews under the law are deported.

That statement angered Tracy Hong, staff attorney at the American Immigration Lawyers Association, who said the Justice Department prior to the Supreme Court decision used tactical maneuvers, such as transferring cases to less friendly courts, to push through deportations.

"They fought us tooth and nail for years, trying to get venues changed, fighting against immigrants who had no lawyers. I find this completely heart-breaking and disingenuous. It could not be further from the truth," Hong said.

INS officials and advocates did not know how many people have been deported.

Rose Max-George of Houston had hoped the Supreme Court decision would mean her son could return home.

Prince Max-George, who pleaded guilty to a theft charge in 1989, was deported in 1998 when he tried to apply for a permanent residency.

"They sent him to Sierra Leone in the middle of the civil war, in the middle of a brutal civil war," said Max-George.

She appealed her son's case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The case was reconsidered by a state district court, which ruled on Aug. 1 in favor of the Justice Department.

Bus driver gives porn to 10-year-old

The Associated Press

NAKES - A former Collier County school bus driver pleaded no contest to giving a pornographic movie to a 10-year-old girl on his bus and trying to persuade her and a friend to engage in sexual activity.

Samuel Russo, 64, entered the plea Monday without an agreement with the prosecutor about what the sentence will be.

He faces a maximum of five years in prison on each of the two felonies and a minimum of about a year in county jail.

Russo and his attorney rejected the prosecutor's plea offer of a year in jail. They want Collier Circuit Judge Lauren Miller to impose a sentence of house arrest and probation for the charges of giving obscene material to a minor and soliciting sexual activity from a child.

Sentencing is set for Sept. 20.

Russo was arrested Nov. 19 by Collier County sheriff's deputies, two days after one of the 10-year-old girls was caught talking to Russo on her home phone.

After questioning from her father, the girl, said her bus driver had given her a pornographic movie on DVD called "Natural Nymphs," according to Russo's arrest report.

The bus driver told her to watch it and gave her the girl his home phone number if she had any questions.

The girl's 10-year-old friend also was on the bus when the driver gave the girl the movie.

The girls also told deputies that Russo engaged in sexually explicit conversations with them during their rides to school. They said Russo called one of the girls at home the day after giving her the tape, and the two girls talked with him for about a half-hour.

Russo resigned from his job Dec. 18.

Bourbon plant fighting bathroom citation

The Associated Press

CLERMONT, Ky. - Employees at the Jim Beam bourbon distillery are getting sour over restrictions on bathroom breaks.

Workers on the bottling line are getting canned for having more than three bathroom breaks per 8 1/2 hour shift, only one of which can be unscheduled. Extra trips to the bathroom can result in reprimands. Workers with six violations can be fired.

The United Food and Commercial Workers local said some of the 100 affected employees have urinated on themselves because they were afraid to leave the line. Some wear protective underwear and others have feigned illnesses to get home and avoid getting violations, said Jo Anne Kelley, president of the union local.

"It's a shame when you feel you have the need to go to the bathroom, but you ask yourself, "Do I soil myself or do I protect my job?" Kelley said.

The state has slapped the distiller with a citation. Jim Beam appealed; a hearing officer on Wednesday is expected to recommend to a review commission whether to sustain or overrule the citation. The commission's decision can be appealed in court.

Jim Beam Brands, headquartered in Deerfield, Ill., said its policy strikes a balance between employees' physical needs and the company's productivity needs. The company, which consulted an urologist before imposing the limits, said the time between breaks will generally be about two hours and never more than three.

"Our policy is fair and reasonable, and it does respect the real needs that our employees have," said Jack Allen, human resources director at the Clermont plant, nestled between lush Kentucky hills about 25 miles south of Louisville.

The policy, which took effect in October, was instituted only at the Clermont plant because some workers abused the privilege of unlimited bathroom breaks, the company said.

Workers can be exempted with a doctor's note. So far, 29 have gotten waivers for medical necessity and can go as often as needed, Allen said.

Margaret Boone, who has worked at the distillery for 34 years, has no violation on her record.

"I've held it and it's miserable," said Boone, who has since obtained a medical waiver.

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Student group considers plan to help victims with 24-7 line

So she did.

And after all the publicity years later on date and acquaintance rape, she still understands why people do not report it.

"People still get the brush off today," she said.

But now Debi wishes she would have told police.

"I definitely regret not reporting it to the legal authorities, but I don't know that they would've done much," she said.

"I wish I would've reported it just for my own self to say this person did something to me that I didn't want to do."

At UF, some student leaders are exploring the option of installing a 24-hour phone number that victims could call to get help.

Former Student Body President Brent Gordon, who has worked extensively on rape awareness programs within Student Government, said the university has too much "decentralization" of its resources, and the phone line would help victims when they need it most — right after an attack.

"It's not going to solve anything," Gordon said. "But it's going to make dealing with the crisis easier."

Gordon said educating men also would help to create more awareness and support for rape victims.

"You don't solve this problem by just educating and providing resources to women," Gordon said. "If only women are dealing with the issue, you're missing a very important resource," he said.

But experts say the biggest challenge is talking about the issue.

For victims and their families, the shock and fear of someone they know hurting them can be paralyzing enough that they don't report it.

"Acquaintance rape is hard because it's someone you know," said Potter, a victim advocate for a year and a half.

"Rape has a face now."
Doctor to be evaluated after plotting explosions

The Associated Press

TAMPA — A federal judge on Tuesday ordered a psychiatric evaluation and continued detention for a podiatrist accused of plotting to blow up Islamic mosques across Florida.

Robert J. Goldstein, 37, arrived in shackles in the courtroom and appeared disoriented during his bond hearing before U.S. District Judge Thomas B. McCoun III.

He was silent throughout the hearing.

Goldstein is charged with possessing a non-registered destructive device and attempting to use an explosive to damage Islamic centers.

The explosives were found in his Seminole townhouse.

He could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Goldstein's attorney, Myles Malman, said his client had a history of being emotionally disturbed and was on five medications, including Valium.

"At this present point in time, he is unable to properly assist me in defending him," Malman told the judge.

Malman also said his client was sleep deprived because his cell was lit day and night, but the judge showed little sympathy.

"The fact that he has been closely observed is a product of his own making," McCoun said.

"He represents a danger to the community at this point if he were to be released."

During a search of Goldstein's home, deputies reported finding more than 30 explosive devices, including hand grenades, a 5-gallon gasoline bomb with a timer and a wire attached.

There was also a cache of up to 40 licensed weapons, including .50-caliber machine guns and sniper rifles.

They also found a typed list of about 50 Islamic worship centers in the state and a detailed plan for bombing an undisclosed Islamic education center.

Gov. Jeb Bush has promised Muslim leaders that officials will visit about 200 mosques and schools to assess security risks.

On Monday, Goldstein's wife Kristi obtained a domestic violence injunction against him.

In court documents, she said he has been threatening to kill her weekly since their November 1998 wedding.

She also says he once held a loaded gun to her head when she threatened to leave.
Police identify second set of remains at Oregon home

The Associated Press

OREGON CITY, Ore. - Police don't believe there are any more bodies at the property where the remains of two missing teenagers were found, but they will check to see if the man who rented the house is linked to other disappearances, the police chief said Tuesday.

Monday, authorities said a body recovered from a barrel buried under a concrete slab in Ward Weaver's yard was that of 12-year-old Ashley Pond. The body of her friend, 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis, was found during the weekend in a backyard shed.

Weaver, 39, who has been in jail since Aug. 13 on an unrelated rape charge, has not been charged in either death and has denied any involvement in the teens' disappearances. But Greg Horner, the chief deputy district attorney in Clackamas County, said he would ask a grand jury to indict Weaver.

"We expected this," said Tim Lyons, Weaver's attorney. "We are going to await the return of the indictment and see what the charges are and proceed from there."

Investigators returned to the property on Monday with high-tech equipment and a backhoe to see if any additional evidence might have been hidden there.

However, Police Chief Gordon Huiras said Tuesday on NBC's "Good Morning America" that investigators had concluded their search and "are satisfied there are no further remains on the property."

Huiras also said police are looking into whether Weaver might be connected to other disappearances.

"That'll certainly be something the investigators on the task force will continue to investigate," he said.

Ashley's family last saw her on Jan. 9. Miranda disappeared March 8 from the same apartment complex, just a few hundred yards down the road from Weaver's home in this Portland suburb.

Some relatives said they were bothered that the bodies were found so close to the girls' apartment complex.

"I get angry because she was right there the whole time," said Terri Duffey, Miranda's aunt.

Authorities have said that they moved as fast as they could to investigate Weaver, given constitutional limits on searches.

FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said search dogs were allowed in Weaver's back yard a few months ago.

And FBI Special Agent in Charge Charles Mathews told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday there was evidence "the remains located in the shed had not been there at the time the dogs searched."

Weaver was arrested on Aug. 13 on charges of raping his 19-year-old son's girlfriend. His distraught son, Francis Weaver, told emergency dispatchers after the alleged rape that his father had admitted killing Ashley and Miranda.

"I'm sorry that any of this happened," Francis Weaver said Tuesday on "Good Morning America." "I hope that now that (the girls' families) have closure and everything, they can go on with their lives and live their lives as good as they can."

The younger Weaver said he would have called 911 even without the alleged rape.

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Playwright Ntozake Shange to Write and Teach at UF

Playwright and poet Ntozake Shange, best known for her choreopoem "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," has joined the University of Florida faculty as a visiting professor.

The 1975 choreopoem, a series of 20 poems produced both off and on Broadway and subsequently nationwide, deals with the power of black women to survive in the face of despair and pain. It earned Shange the 1977 Obie award, the Outer Critics Circle Award, the Audelco Award and the Mademoiselle Award, as well as nominations for the Tony, Grammy and Emmy awards.

A UF coalition from the colleges of Fine Arts and Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Provost's Office worked to attract Shange, who has written three novels, seven books of poetry and three children's books. She has a joint appointment as visiting professor of African-American studies and theater. She also will be an affiliate of UF's Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

During her long stay at UF, Shange will be writing a new piece, "Lavender Lizards & Lilic Landmines," that will have its world debut in April, featuring performers from the UF College of Fine Arts. The piece, which will coincide with the university's 150th anniversary celebration, then will move on to be produced in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In addition to her play writing, she also will teach a class in the spring focusing on poetry by women of color from around the world.

"Ms. Shange brings an international reputation, a revolutionary artistic style, and a heart for making a difference in the lives of students and others around her," said Barbara Korner, associate dean of the UF College of Fine Arts. "Her presence and her art will engage the University of Florida community in significant discussions to increase our understanding of 21st-century issues that face us, especially in the realms of internationalization and the increasing diversity of our state and national population. Her poetry builds bridges between different cultures and individuals."

After Six Years Away, Paula Varnes Fussell Returns to UF

Two of Paula's sisters also work for the university. Patricia Varnes has an undergraduate degree from UF and has worked for almost 10 years as a student affairs coordinator in the Levin College of Law. Julia Rae Varnes, a recent UF graduate in Health Science Education, is a graduate assistant in the departments' master's program this semester.

Paula started taking dual enrollment classes at Santa Fe Community College her senior year at what was then P.K. Yonge Laboratory School (now P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School) and then completed her associate degree at Santa Fe. After transferring to UF, she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1979.

"When I was growing up, there was never any question of where I was going to school," Paula said.

She worked for UF from 1984 to 1996, holding various positions with Administrative Affairs and the Provost's Office. After marrying in 1996, she and her husband, Gregory Fussell, moved to Plant City to accommodate his job in Lakeland. Paula took a position at the University of South Florida as director of university budgets.

While living in the Tampa Bay area, the Fussells made frequent trips to Gainesville. The couple has season Gator football and basketball tickets, and they attended as many games as possible.

After spending six years at USF, the couple moved back to Gainesville when Paula was hired to fill her current position. Her husband also recently started working for UF with the enterprise resource project.

Paula reports to Ed Poppell, vice president for finance and administration.

The two also worked together when Paula previously worked at UF.

"She brings a wealth of talent as an accountant, as a leader, but most of all we welcome Paula back because she is a caring and giving person who people just really like working with," Poppell said. "This is reinforced since the University of South Florida continues to complain that we like pirates, stole her away."
UF Brings in Record Level of External Research Funding
Double-digit increases from almost every major funding source pushed the University of Florida to a record $437.2 million in research funding during fiscal year 2001-02, up more than 15 percent from the previous year.

UF's Health Science Center accounted for just over half of the university's total, with its six colleges receiving a record $225.3 million, up 14 percent. Funding from the National Institutes of Health -- UF's largest source of research funding -- rose 11.2 percent to $103.9 million. The university experienced a dramatic increase in funding from the National Science Foundation, or NSF, climbing from $28.2 million in 2000-01 to $39.2 million last year, a 39 percent jump. NSF funding supports research in basic sciences, such as physics and chemistry, engineering and social sciences, including sociology and psychology.

"Our faculty members have been very active in submitting proposals to new NSF programs. They have been quite successful in cross-disciplinary fields such as nanoscience and environmental science, as well as the core fundamental research areas," said UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Neil Sullivan. "I have been very pleased with the collaborative efforts across colleges and the ability of our researchers to team up with units in many different parts of the university, including agriculture, medicine and engineering."

The College of Engineering saw a 34 percent increase to $67.7 million, thanks in part to a $15 million grant from NASA to lead a consortium of universities designing the next generation of reusable launch vehicles and replace the space shuttle.

"We're very pleased NASA has identified the University of Florida as one of its centers of excellence," said Win Phillips, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School. "This is a great accolade to our faculty who have been performing excellent research for NASA and for the country for years." Faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences brought in $38.1 million in 2001-02, up 13 percent over the previous year, and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences brought in $69.5 million, up slightly from the prior year.

Federal money accounts for 60 percent of UF's total research funding and this year reached $268.1 million, up more than 18 percent over last year. The university also continues to build its relationships with private funding agencies. Florida received nearly $54 million from industry sponsors in 2001-02 and another $48.3 million from foundations.

UF's Office for Student Financial Affairs is Ready to Help
UF's Office for Student Financial Affairs, or SFA, in Criser Hall, Room S 107, is ready to help students get their financial aid picture in order for the fall term. Through Sept. 6, SFA will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Switchboard hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. On Monday, the office will be closed for Labor Day. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Sept. 9. Student traffic will be heavy during this period. Students who need financial aid information can call 392-1272 (VFDOD) to talk to one or two Really Good People. This online application, with complete instructions, is available at:www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applying online is usually faster and the application has built in edits that help prevent application errors.

UF/TREEO Selected as U.S. EPA Local Resource Center
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated the University of Florida as the site of one of eight centers nationwide to assist local and state governments identify and reduce a broad range of environmental impacts from their operations. The EPA Office of Water selected the UF Center for Training, Research, Education and Education for Environmental Occupations, or TREEO Center, to become an Environmental Management System Local Resource Center. With EPA's support, the centers will assist local government agencies adopt environmental management systems with the goal of improving their overall environmental performance and compliance.

Sexual Harassment Conference is Thursday
A sexual harassment mini-conference will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Reitz Union. UF employees who have not already participated in the mini-conference are strongly encouraged to take part. Students, especially graduate assistants, are welcome.

Sessions are coordinated in an instructive and informative format, containing three segments with a panel presentation on each. Program topics include the law and its implementing regulations, the psychological and emotional effects of sexual harassment, and pragmatic approaches to resolving complaints. Employee who attend and complete an educational session, including the written components, will be awarded a certificate. Sexual harassment mini-conferences also are scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on Sept. 17, Oct. 16 and Nov. 14.

The conferences are sponsored by Affirmative Action and University Personnel Services. Because of limited space, advance registration is necessary. To make reservations, call Employee Development at 392-4626.

Season-Opening Performance Brings Two Popular Jazzmen
On Sept. 13, University of Florida Performing Arts kicks off its 2002-03 season with a dazzling performance by David Benoit and the Ramsey Lewis Trio at 8:30 p.m. at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. UF Director of Jazz Studies, Gary Langford, will lead a pre-performance discussion, which is open to the public, at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Both Benoit and Lewis are world-renowned piano players and are credited as the creators of two popular movements in jazz: Lewis' Chicago jazz of the 1960s, and Benoit's smooth jazz, still growing in popularity after 15 years.

Activities
The University Digest provides a full listing of campus events on its Web site. For information on other campus or community events, check for an ...
Sept. 11 commercialization frustrates Americans

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Dare she say it? Donna Nobles is fed up with being made to relive Sept. 11.

The elementary school teacher's aide shared the fear Americans felt that day. She understands the need of families to memorialize loved ones who died.

But she thinks the continuing hand-wringing is radiating an air of weakness to our enemies. And she said it's time to stop.

"Enough is enough," Nobles, 43, said as she prowls the stands at Raleigh's Farmers Market. "We need to realize that life is for the living."

Nobles is far from alone in voicing frustration - even vehemence - in some corners - at what many feel is an unhealthy fixation on 9/11.

Perhaps some are jaded at seeing entrepreneurs make money on T-shirts, hats, anything with the FDNY logo. Maybe they're sick of digging deep to make donations, only to hear victim families say the money didn't reach them or that they didn't get enough.

Or it could be post-traumatic stress, the crush of pain and sorrow simply too much to bear.

"You could almost choke on the emotion beneath the twin towers. That's where life is," said Bridget Molloy, 39, who still takes time to read victim profiles when The New York Times publishes them.

"As Americans, we have very short memories," Molloy said. "My concern is that people will slip back into a comfort zone. That's when we'll get caught again."

Others are afraid to vent their frustrations. They worry how it will sound if they remind people that not all firefighters and cops are heroes, or say out loud that they're weary of widows' tearful interviews.

Sam Sears, an associate professor at the University of Florida Health Science Center and a licensed clinical psychologist, said some people might feel what is known as "compassion fatigue."

It is hard to hold a lot of compassion and empathy for long periods, and events such as the terrorist attacks - which fill people with sorrow and fears for their own safety - stretch the capacity to sympathize with others.

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Allen wishes the anniversary could be observed respectfully, and, most of all, in silence.

The television networks have been struggling mightily to strike the right balance in their coverage. Neuroscientist Craig Kinsley said each of us was suffering still must, at some point, tear their eyes away from the past and look ahead.

"That's where life is."
State plans to settle NAACP suit over 2000 election

The Associated Press

MIAMI - The state agreed Tuesday to settle a lawsuit filed by civil rights groups over widespread voting problems that helped put Florida in the international spotlight after the 2000 presidential election.

Hillsborough and Orange counties, the only other remaining defendants in the case, also committed to a settlement, and all sides promised to get final papers to federal court by Friday.

"What's left to be done is not great," Joe Klock, an attorney for the state, told U.S. District Judge Alan Gold. "It's been our desire to bring a complete conclusion and resolution" to the lawsuit.

Key provisions of the settlements require counties to improve election-day communications between precincts and election headquarters in response to a phone jam in 2000 that left poll workers unable to help voters.

John Little, another attorney for the state, told the judge that the fact that attorneys on both sides were conferring in Tallahassee "should be viewed as a very positive sign."

Voters claimed in the class-action lawsuit that they were disenfranchised during the election, ultimately decided by the courts. President Bush's 537-vote margin over Al Gore in Florida swung the outcome for the presidency.

With new laws and new voting equipment in place, the Sept. 10 primary will be the first big test of Florida's updated election machinery.

A settlement by the state would eliminate the likelihood of unflattering headlines from a trial that had been projected to last four weeks during Gov. Jeb Bush's re-election campaign.

The state has been arguing that the Legislature adequately addressed problems by standardizing recount rules, eliminating punch card voting systems and allowing provisional balloting.

But the NAACP and other civil rights groups claimed Florida has not done enough to avoid turning away voters, solve registration mix-ups and fix a purge that went beyond the intended removal of convicted felons from the voting lists.

The groups also claimed state motor vehicle and welfare agencies hindered voter registration efforts in spite of laws intended to simplify the process.

Miami-Dade, Broward, Leon, Volusia and Duval counties settled earlier rather than face trial.

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"It pays to use analogies when you teach. Especially when they relate to what's going on around my students. There's no reason why waterbeds can't teach equilibrium, for instance.

"At NSU, I get involved in as many things as I can. I also consult for a tile setting materials company, which ties in great when we get onto polymers.

"To me, it's vital I really get to know the students, as well as teach them how to think. When a university feels impersonal, students feel lost. Here, everyone knows everyone and individuals are always coming through my door with new ideas. When professors invest more of themselves, students get more out of it."

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IN-HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER
Talent, inexperience highlight UF defensive backs

By Joel Koiman
Alligator Staff Writer

If anyone knows how good the Gators secondary is, it's UF wide receiver Taylor Jacobs. He has been trying to get the best of the group for the past few months during two-a-days and spring camp.

So far, he's been impressed. "They're looking real good," Jacobs said. "I feel like I'm going up against some of the best, and I'm only practicing."

That could be considered a surprise because this season's unit features only one regular starter from last year's, which allowed a NCAA-low, five touchdown passes.

The talent and experience of the three new starters that will play along with returning free safety Todd Johnson nearly rivals that of their predecessors.

Cornerback Keiwan Ratliff has started three games for the Gators, yet he can't seem to escape the comparisons to first-round draft pick Lito Sheppard.

Since the spring, Ratliff has been tabbed as the next Sheppard primarily because of his play-making ability and versatility. Ratliff not only plays corner like Sheppard, but he returns kickoffs and has been experimenting at wide receiver like Sheppard.

When asked about the comparison Ratliff shakes his head and smiles. "He was a first-round draft pick at corner so any comparison is a good comparison," Ratliff said. "If I can do the things that he did, hopefully I can get to that stature."

He should have plenty of help behind him. Junior Guss Scott will start strong safety alongside Johnson.

The freshman class of forwards includes Jamie Garside, Lindsey Affolter and Stephanie Vukovich. The adjustment period for each will be important for Coach Becky Burleigh.

Those forwards are really right now just working hard to pick things up," Burleigh said. "It's something they have never done before, so it's difficult for a freshman to come in and make an impact immediately on offense."

Another freshman is Nigerian Nkese Udoh. Udoh, who adds speed to the Gators' front line, returned from the FIFA Under-19 Women's World Cup and has begun training with the team.

Among the midfielders who will be offensively minded is Kelly Visentin, who can both dribble and distribute the ball from midfield.

"She is a possession type player," Burleigh said. "She really gives us some creativity and stability in the midfield."

Of these players, 22 goals were scored in 2001, out of a total of 78 goals. Four-year starter and Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Abby Wambach scored 31 of those goals. To make up the goal-scoring deficit, UF will not rely on one or two players as they have in the past.

"This is going to be the year to see what we are going to be like without [Wambach and Andi Sellers]," Frimpong said. "It's just not going to be all individual, it's going to be all 11 people are going to make us score goals."

UP AND COMING...

With the departure of leading goal scorers Abby Wambach and Andi Sellers, the UF soccer team will look for younger players to grow up quickly and score goals. Freshmen Lindsey Affolter, Jamie Garside, Stephanie Vukovich and Nkese Udoh may all see playing time and contribute to a speedy offense.

"They are going to have to watch, learn a lot and then hopefully get a role coming off the bench," Coach Becky Burleigh said.

Among the freshmen, Affolter and Gardner were members of the state Olympic Development Program for club soccer. Vukovich was the Colorado State Cup Most Valuable Player in 2001.

Burleigh said the competition for the starting 11 will not only force the veterans to work hard, but will bring the freshmen along in what is a difficult system.

"I think the team will be less of an individual team and more of a group effort in terms of getting results," Burleigh said. "We know there's not one or two players who we're going to rely on like we have in the past."

By Gregg Girvan

Speed helps soccer adjust to new offensive approach

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series examining aspects of the 2002 UF soccer team.

By Gregg Girvan
Alligator Writer

One word describes the UF soccer team's offense — speed.

"So far, we have the speed more than last year," junior Crystal Frimpong said. "We've been working on the 4-3-3, and we've got more of an attack now."

Forward Robin Fulton, the Gators' leading scorer during the spring season, will be expected to carry significant scoring duties.

"The first expectation is to score some goals," Fulton said. "We can do what we have been practicing — making the runs."

Frimpong and Megan McMillan can switch from midfield to forward if necessary.

"Crystal brings a lot of speed to the front line," Fulton said.

Monica Hayles and the Gators' returning top scorer Christine Johnson may be asked to play forward as well.

The four have known they were likely starters since the spring, which can sometimes lead to problems during practice, secondary coach Mike Woodford said.

"Some guys might not be pushed," Woodford said. "We don't really have that problem here because they don't really need to be pushed. They do their work."

For Ratliff it's been nothing but a positive.

"The more reps you get with them the more comfortable you'll be with them," Ratliff said. "As long as me and Guss can communicate, and Todd and Robert can communicate then I feel that our defensive backfield will be like a big family back there."

If that happens maybe they can give receivers other than Jacobs problems.

If free safety Toddy Johnson (26) starts in the Gators' opener Saturday, he would be the only returning starter in the defensive backfield. The senior is a two-time first team All-Southeastern Conference selection.
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When it comes to the No. 5 UF volleyball team's offensive strategies for this season, middle blocker Benavia Jenkins gets excited.

She smiles when thinking about the possibilities Coach Mary Wise is giving her hitters.

"Wise is trying new things with everyone on the court, and I like that," Jenkins said. "I can fake like I'm going in on one play, and instead I'll hit something else like nobody knew about it."

Jenkins, an All-American, has had two years to master the Gators' offense. But middle blocker Nicole McCray said although there are four underclassman outside hitters, the position that receives the most sets, the older players are not the only ones that can provide instant offense.

"What makes us such a deadly team is that we have six players on the court at all times that can put the ball down," said McCray, the Gators' captain. "That will be very hard to defend."

Now with outside hitter Alyssa Cruz out for the first and maybe the second match of the season, the younger Gators will have to fill the void.

Cruz will be in Germany playing with the Puerto Rican National Team in the National Volleyball Championships.

Wise, however, said while she can't do anything about Cruz's absence, she would rather let the new talent overshadow the inexperience for Friday's home meet against No. 18 Illinois, Alabama-Birmingham and Rhode Island.

"We're approaching the situation as if it were an injury," Wise said. "We don't know when she is coming back, but we move on. We think we're putting some real talent on the floor on Friday."

Freshman Jane Collymore, redshirt freshman Taylor Williams and sophomores Michelle Chatman and Ellen Rehme will be taking the duties at outside hitter.

McCray said she likes that Chatman is vocal and is a hard worker.

Wise said that with more games under their name, all the new outside hitters will ease into the position perfectly.

"We have to fill that void and that all comes with experience," Wise said. "We'll only get better as the season goes on."

Wise does not need anyone to battle for the starting right-side hitting job.

Junior Jacque Robinson, mostly known for her blocking, is beginning to step up as a strong right-side hitter. She had 13 kills in 23 attempts in the team's first scrimmage Sunday.

McCray said Robinson is getting far more attention from her setters because of her hitting progression.

"She has taken her game to the next level," McCray said. "She is forcing the setter to set the ball right side. She'll be one of our go-to hitters."

Every hitter, however, must get accustomed to a relatively new setter.

Sophomore Lauren Moscovic and freshman Rachel Engel are both vying for the starting setting job, but Wise said she may make both of them the starters by forming a two-setter offense, depending on the team they face.

"This year, what kind of offense we want to run is based on the matchup and other teams," Wise said. "That could make us hard to guard, and that's what we're trying to do."

Jenkins said Moscovic, who saw minimal playing time as a setter last year, is more familiar with the offense, but Engel won't have a problem soon enough.

"Rachel can hold her own, so she's able to come and play with us just like that. She's able to come and play with us just like that. The only thing that is hard is adjusting to us hitters, and Lauren knows how we like our sets."

UP AND COMING... Coach praises middle blockers

Overshadowed by the starters last year, UF middle blocker Sherri Williams could see significant playing time this season.

Coach Mary Wise said Williams, a redshirt-sophomore who played in 17 of 30 games last season, will find a way into a middleblocking lineup that's already taken up by Benavia Jenkins and Nicole McCray, both first team All-Southeastern Conference recipients.

Regardless of who starts, Wise raves about her three-player middle blocking crew.

"We've got some of the most talented middle blockers in the country, certainly vertically," Wise said. "The question I ask myself now is, 'How do I get all three of them on the court at once?' This could be one of the best middle blockers we've had here."

Williams was impressive in the team's first official scrimmage on Sunday, registering seven kills and seven digs.

Jane Collymore, one of two UF freshmen, also recorded seven kills in Sunday's scrimmage.

Wise, who referred to Collymore's jumping ability by calling her a "high flyer" before the scrimmage, said she likes her new outside hitter has already some ample experience.

Collymore, along with freshman Rachel Engel, played for the U.S. National Team this summer.

Middle blocker Benavia Jenkins (10) is excited about the different options Coach Mary Wise is giving her hitters.
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Successful track record lands Zaunbrecher with Gators

By Jill Martin
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One year ago, offensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher was preparing his Marshall offense for a Sept. 1 season-opener against UF at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Saturday, Zaunbrecher will return to Florida Field.

This time, however, he will be calling plays from the UF skybox for the Gators, something he has thought about doing since 1984. "I was immediately impressed and thought this would be a great place to coach," Zaunbrecher said. "I feel very fortunate to have that opportunity now."

With 27 years of experience at eight schools, Zaunbrecher has had the opportunity to coach several future NFL players and Heisman candidates like Marshall quarterbacks Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich.

But Zaunbrecher almost didn't have the chance to work with the crux of UF's offense - quarterback Rex Grossman and wide receiver Taylor Jacobs.

Zaunbrecher's resume is a lengthy one, and his last stop before arriving at UF was one of his most impressive stints. In his final season at Marshall, the Thundering Herd offense ranked third in the nation in total offense (505.0 points per game) and passing offense (350.1 yards per game), while the team's passing efficiency of 165.6 ranked second nationally behind the Gators' 170.1.

Reunion tour
Zook and Zaunbrecher first met in 1984 at a Southeastern Conference assistant coaches' golf tournament. "They put us together in the same cart," Zaunbrecher said. "We rode around for four or five hours making a bunch of bad shots, but we had a good time."

Eighteen years later, Zook decided to touch base with his former golf partner. "He gave me a phone call, and I knew what the answer would be," Zaunbrecher said. "This was a place I knew I would always be interested in. I was very excited to have the opportunity."

Starting a new tradition
Zaunbrecher's offensive goes back far into his previous experience under several head coaches. The names include John Mackovic and Bob Pruett.

"All the coaches have contributed to the version we're going to use here," Zaunbrecher said. "There's a lot of different parts taken from a lot of different teams, and you're always looking at ways you can tweak it and improve it."

Although Zaunbrecher has started a new chapter in his coaching career, and while he may be starting the first chapter of the post-Spurrier Fun 'n Gun era, he realizes it's only a new chapter, not a new book.

"As a coach, sometimes you think you've reinvented football," Zaunbrecher said. "That isn't always the case."
Carthon hopes for fair chance in junior year

Maybe now, someone finally will give him a chance. He's all Ran Carthon wants—a simple, deserved chance.

He's not asking to be the starting tailback or even the redshirt freshman. He's just asking that he get into the mix, that he have a chance to show what he can do. He's not asking to carry the Gators on his back. Just, he says, that he doesn't get left on the sidelines.

Carthon comes from a football family. His father, a former Florida player, was the running backs coach at Alabama-Birmingham last season. And Carthon was a fixture around the program, sometimes standing on the sideline for a portion of that game. He's never glanced his way. Never put any faith in him. Word was, the coach thought he needed some help, said Carthon, adding to the minus-36 yard team to-tal.

But before you blame Gillespie, remember this: He played that game with a sprained ankle that should have kept him on the sideline for a portion of that game. "I know that Robert's ankle was hurt and that he needed some help," said Carthon, "but I saw no carries during his only two plays. No one gave me the chance." That's what frustrates Carthon. Spurrier never glanced his way. Never put any faith in him. Word was, the coach thought Carthon fumbled all too often in practice. "I've only had one fumble my whole career here," Carthon said. "And that was my freshman year." Instead, game after game Carthon was forced to explain to family and friends why he wasn't playing when he knew he was talented enough.

"I feel like, if I'm practicing hard and playing hard, I shouldn't have to go into his office and ask for a chance," he said. "He should see it and give me a chance."

"But hey, those guys have been coaching longer than I've been alive. They've got a reason for everything. I just had to roll with the punches."

Carthon does admit, though, that he did almost give in. Spurrier's antics almost pushed him too far.

But on the day of the coach's resignation - the same day so many others, Carthon grieved - Carthon's career at UF began.

"I thought with him resigning, maybe now I can get my chance to show the world that I can play," he said. "That coaching change really rejuvenated me."

And so that's where Carthon stands - as a Gator with a shot. Now, the tailback isn't worried about past relationships.

That's because this year's coaching staff claims Carthon will play a more critical role. Quite simply, Carthon will finally get that he has never had before. He'll finally get his chance.

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Zook picks middle linebacker for opener

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After a preseason without a No. 1 middle linebacker, UF coach Ron Zook settled on junior Matt Farrior to start in Saturday's opener against Alabama-Birmingham.

Farrior and junior Reid Fleming battled throughout spring drills and fall two-a-days to fill the spot left by Andra Davis, who left the team last season.

"Matt is probably going to be the starter right now," Zook said. "I think he's the best receiver in the country by far," Zook said. "He's the fastest receiver in the country. He's a great athlete, and he's in a great offensive corps."

The rest of the receiving corps, however, is lagging behind Jacobs.

When asked if the wideouts were as good as in past years, Grossman replied, "probably not."

"That's not saying anything bad," he said. "We've had some amazing receivers come through here, especially last year. They're going to be good. You never know when it comes into place. We're going to have plenty of weapons at wide receiver."

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Tight end ready for chance to shine

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UF coaches have said it before. I play, this time, though, they mean it.

Maybe. Not since Kirk Kirkpatrick caught a conference-best 55 passes for 770 yards in 1990 has a tight end been crucial to the UF offense.

Yet every spring a player at that position seemed to stand out. The ensuing hype had former coach Steve Spurrier swearing the tight end would play a more prominent role in the offense. Until the fall, when it all but disappeared.

Now, with a new coach, new offense and two proven athletes at the position, the hype is back and may even stay around.

"This is the year," said senior Aaron Walker, the starter heading into the season. "Kirk Kirkpatrick was a great player here, but since then a player here hasn't had the opportunity to shine."

Not that there weren't players who could have.

Walker and junior Ben Troupe are just the latest in a talented group of what-could-have-beens at tight end for UF - Kirk Wells, Erron Kinney, Dwight Edge and Tremayne Allen, among others.

In his fourth season, Walker has 29 career passes for 340 yards in his career, numbers he would like to reach this season alone.

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