Deputies shoot man for carrying knives into ASO

By Stoney Ackroyd
Alligator Writer

Two deputies shot a man outside the Alachua County Sheriff's Office on Monday night after he attempted to carry two knives into the office lobby. The man, identified as Bob Dukes, originally went to the Sheriff's office at 2621 Hawthorne Road to visit a female friend who works for ASO, Sheriff Stephen Oelrich said.

In the lobby, Dukes got into an argument with several members of the staff who identified him and called for deputies to respond, Oelrich said.

"We had earlier put him on 'be on the look out for,' because of suicide," Oelrich said, adding that Dukes had recently attempted to take his own life.

Following the argument with ASO personnel, Dukes went to retrieve one large knife and one small knife from his 1983 Honda motorcycle, Oelrich said.

Deputies confronted Dukes in the ASO parking lot as he attempted to return to the lobby carrying the knives, Oelrich said.

In an attempt to bring the situation to a peaceful close, deputies asked Dukes to put his weapons down.

"The escalation started only after he became uncooperative," Oelrich said.

When Dukes refused to release his knives, deputies attempted but failed to stun him using Tasers, Oelrich said.

Although the female employee of ASO who Dukes had initially gone to visit was once romantically involved with Dukes, the romantic relationship had been over for a long time and is not likely connected to the incident, Oelrich said.

The Sheriffs hinted that Dukes might have been seeking "suicide by cop," which is when a person attempts to goad a police officer into killing them.

The state attorney's office has been notified of the incident, Oelrich said.

An unidentified witness talks to investigators Monday night after a man wielding two knives was shot by Sheriffs deputies in front of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Accent to host Ari Fleischer

By Warren Kagarise
Alligator Writer

Ari Fleischer, President George W. Bush's former press secretary, will address UF students Sept. 11, Student Body President Kyle Faulk said Monday night.

Jones, speaking at a freshman meet-and-greet hosted by Student Body Treasurer Jamari Sowell, said Fleischer will address students at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. Accent, Student Government's secretary, is bringing the former presidential spokesman to UF.

Accent chairman Seth Denison would not comment on the matter Monday night, citing the ongoing negotiations with Fleischer's camp.

Fleischer, whom the president affectionately calls "Ari Bob," was designated as Bush's spokesman on July 14 after two-and-half years in the White House briefing room. Jones said the Sept. 11 event will be one of his first post-White House speaking engagements.

"I'm excited," Senator President Pro Tempore Joe Goldberg said. "I think he'll shed a lot of insight on being on the inside of a tragedy." Goldberg said that although Fleischer's name is not as instantly recognizable as former president Bill Clinton, who Accent brought to UF in April, his access to the current president in a time of national tragedy should get students interested.

"I don't think people from Tennessee are going to come to see him, like last time," Student Body Vice President Kate Honey said, referring to a subject of the week when he was informed of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center.

The president was at a Sarasota elementary school when he was informed of the first plane striking the World Trade Center.

Before joining then-Gov. Bush's run for the presidency in 1999, Fleischer served as communications director for Republican presidential candidate, and current North Carolina senator, Elizabeth Dole.

"I'll love to hear what he has to say about the subject," Faulk said. Because of his experience in [Washington], D.C., Sowell said, will conduct an investigation, Oelrich said.

Deputy Brigette and Deputy Jodi Branaman are both on administrative leave until the investigation is conducted.

Adored comedian Hope dies after 100th birthday

By Claudia Adrien
Alligator Writer

Bob Hope, one of the nation's most beloved comedians, died Wednesday from complications with pneumonia. He was 100.

Florida Blue Key officials asked Hope to perform to "smooth over" the effects of the previous year's act: Robin Williams.

"Williams was extremely controversial ... jokes caused a knee-jerk reaction among alumni in the audience," Kennedy said.

As a result, Hope was brought to Gator Growl. But controversy further ensued when he told the audience that the performance would be taped for a special on NBC, and that he would need to re-tape his stage entrance. He was booted. The same occurred four years earlier when his 1996 Gator Growl performance was taped.

Despite the mishaps and unfavorable sentiments of students, Hope's comedic talent was revered worldwide.

Born Leslie Towns Hope to a British stonemason and a Welsh singer, he emigrated to the United States with his family when he was four.
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**IN BRIEF**

**AROUND THE NATION**

**Six businesses charged in bootleg-recording**

JACKSONVILLE (AP) - Six business owners were charged with making or selling counterfeit compact discs after a crackdown on bootleg recordings.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office seized more than 10,000 illegal CDs and DVDs after searching several stores and a home Saturday, according to arrest reports.

Deputies found about 20 CD players and thousands of bootleg discs at the home, the reports state. The searches were in response to complaints from the recording industry that low-priced pirated music is undermining the entertainment industry and law-abiding shopkeepers.

The searches also were conducted in cooperation with the recording industry, said Sgt. Frank Lapchak of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

An executive from the Recording Industry Association of America told detectives in May that thousands of unauthorized recordings were being sold each month in northwest Florida, typically priced between $5 and $10 each.

Most legally produced CDs retail between $16 and $20.

Arrested and charged were: Antonio D. Blair, 31; Donald F. Kendall, 27; Isaiah W. Brown, 35; Anthony T. Jacobs, 44; Sedrick Miller, 24; and Caleb B. Riggins, 39.

They face varying charges, all involving a state law against making or selling bootleg recordings. All are third-degree felonies, punishable by one to five years in prison.

**Clinton, dog to appear in latest trading card**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Bill Clinton was ready to take a bow with Buddy the dog.

The former president agreed to let the Hot Springs Advertising and Promotion Commission print a trading card of him and his late chocolate lab two years after denying the request.

"We wanted to use the photo of him with Buddy when we put out the first six trading cards two years ago, but Buddy's death was still too painful for him," said Paul Johnson, spokesperson for the commission.

The commission distributed 400,000 total copies of six previous Clinton trading card sets in 2001. Hundreds of people swarmed the Hot Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau to obtain free copies of cards showing Clinton throwing out a first pitch at a Baltimore Orioles' baseball game, playing golf, posing in a suit and putting a basketball on the White House lawn.

Thousands of others sent self-addressed stamped envelopes to Hot Springs asking for the cards, which promote Hot Springs as Clinton's boyhood home on the back panel.

Johnson said it was time to release a new set of cards because the commission had run out of the first six sets.

Johnson said the newest cards will be distributed free Aug. 19 at the Hot Springs visitors bureau.

He said each person in line will get three cards, but this time the commission will not accept mail requests until all of the cards are handed out in person.

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Ryan Ball and members of the band Leauge hand out CDs and stickers on Main Street before their show Monday night at Alligator Rocks. The Buffalo-based band has been touring the east coast for the past three weeks.

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City Commission to adopt annexation ordinance

By Amy Perlman
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Southwest 20th Avenue is one step closer to becoming part of the city of Gainesville.

The City Commission voted unanimously Monday night to adopt a proposed ordinance that would annex the largely student-populated area.

Residents in the affected area will vote to annex a 650-acre wedge between 34th Street, Southwest 24th Avenue and Interstate 75 on November 4, and if passed, the ordinance will go into effect Sept. 1, 2004.

If the ordinance passes, one of the immediate results for residents living in the now-unincorporated area will be a less expensive Gainesville Regional Utilities bill.

They currently pay GRU a monthly tax and a surcharge and are taxed on both, versus Gainesville residents who do not have to pay any of the fees.

Officials involved in the process all agree the annexation is positive, including more extensive emergency service.

"We absolutely and completely support the annexation," Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg said. "We can provide a much better service to people who live in the area."

He noted the area is urban and has a high-density population, and GPD is better suited than county law enforcement to patrol the area.

"A grant will help pay for the 10 additional police officers that will be needed, which will end up coming out to equaling one police officer for every two miles."

"GPD polices differently than the county," City Commissioner Tony Domenech said. "They will hopefully get to know their residents and the residents will get to know them."

In the long run, the annexation will be a moneymaker from revenues brought in, although the city will have to make investments for the first year said Becky Rountree, Office of Management and Budget Director.

Daniel announces candidacy for Gainesville mayor

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Daniel announced a campaign for mayor on the steps of Gainesville City Hall in the mid-July sun Monday to announce his candidacy for the position.

Daniel's announcement to about 100 spectators came months ahead of when candidates usually announce their intentions for the post, but the UF alumnus said he wants to get an organizational structure in place early, but predicted his momentum will still "peak at the right time" before elections next spring.

"This is not intended to be the beginning of a political career," he said. "It's just another community service."

Indeed, the already-distinguished UF graduate was a member of Florida's Board of Regents, the former board that oversaw higher education, as well as the regional chairman of a major national bank.

Daniel said he's often encouraged to run for Congress, but prefers serving his community, so he's running for local office.

"I'd be running on a new hip and with a borrowed heart."

Seven years ago, Daniel underwent a heart replacement, and more recently he had hip surgery.

Nonetheless Daniel - enthusiastically campaigning in the sweltering summer heat - dismissed any concern as to his health and promised to run a "vigorous but fun" campaign.

"We need a mayor with a bias for action who can get things done," he exclaimed in his announcement speech. "Our city needs a mayor who has a healthy positive outlook, is a tireless worker, and someone who has a strong heart for the challenges of leadership."

He said improving the relationship between the university and town will be a priority if he's elected, saying his experience in education circles and the connections he has already made will help foster better relations.

He also expressed the need to improve east Gainesville and protect the environment.

Although Daniel, a member of the Alligator's "Hall of Fame," has no previous campaign experience, his wife Carolyn said because he's worked so many years for the community, running for mayor is a natural move.

"He's always worked for the betterment of Gainesville," she said. "He's very excited about running."

Senators come out to 'meet-and-greet' incoming freshmen

By Warren Kogarise
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Jamal threw a party.

Kate noshed on pizza. Joe mingled with freshmen.

Four of UF's five Student Government senators took a chance to "chill with freshmen," as Student Body Treasurer Jamal Sowell put it.

For half an hour Monday night, about 50 freshmen, and potential executives, senators and Cabinet directors, joined Sowell and other SG officers in the Murphree Area Commons for a freshmen meet-and-greet, an informal SG information session and, oh yeah, free pizza.

Sowell, dressed in his trademark suit pants, dress shirt and tie, joined Student Body President Kyle Jones, Student Body Vice President Kate Honey and Student Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Goldberg in encouraging new students to become active in campus organizations.

"My main goal for Summer was to include freshmen," said Sowell, a resident assistant on the third floor of Fletcher Hall. He said the "very diverse audience" was filled with freshmen who want to "learn" about the role of student executives at the nation's fourth-largest university.

Jones, who said he "wanted to share a couple words and insight," told the audience about his experience as a freshman, living in Weaver Hall and rushing the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Goldberg, who described himself as "destined to be a Florida Gator," said the turnout at the meet-and-greet was indicative of the "high caliber of students coming to UF." He said SG is a great organization for freshmen to become involved with since it will help them hone leadership skills and "make friendships to last a lifetime."

"Please stop by and make a change," Sowell said, inviting freshmen to SG's third floor Reitz Union offices. Sowell said he organized Monday night's event after talking to Preview groups spending the night in Broward Hall throughout the Summer.

SG outreach director Elda Auxilliare said the event was a success since most freshmen do not realize that large difference between high school student governments and UF's SG.

Honey admitted she wanted to go to an out-of-state school, but said she loves "being a Florida Gator."

"This is my first year of getting really, really involved with Student Government," Honey said.

She discussed 42 Cabinet offices, encouraging freshmen to participate in SG organizations that reflect their interests.

"I love to volunteer and with Student Government," said freshman Toneika Buchanan. "I'll be able to do that a lot."

She said she found the information session "quit interesting" and that she plans to run for the Buckman Hall seat in the Student Senate this Fall.

"You really get out of this university what you put in," Jones said. "The doors are really open for anyone with ambition."
Police arrested ATM robbers

By Stoney Ackroyd
Alligator Writer

Police arrested two men after following footprints from a burglarized ATM to a nearby home.

Christopher D. Jarvis, 24, of 200 East State Road 24, Archer, and Todd M. Johnson, 23, of 5650 NE 150 Ave., Williston, were arrested Thursday and charged with burglary and grand theft, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office press release. They are accused of stealing $17,000 from an ATM at Perkins State Bank.

The money, which is federally insured, has not been recovered.

At least one of the men has confessed to the charges and additional charges are possible, said ASO spokesman Keith Faulk, who added that the case might be charged federally.

On July 14, Jarvis and Johnson were caught on video breaking into the ATM.

One of the men was wearing a mask from the movie "Scream" before breaking the light illuminating the ATM and taking the mask off, Faulk said.

But despite a lack of proper lighting police were able to freeze some of the moving images from the ATM video camera to form a composite picture of both men, Faulk said. Working together the two men piloted the ATM and took the money.

They then went to the nearby house to divide the money, leaving a trail of footprints that provided authorities with their first clue, said the composite pictures released by police, Faulk said.

After following the footprints, police pulled up the record of the home-owner and discovered Jarvis had a substantial criminal record, Faulk said.

The composite pictures were released in the area and soon neighbors contacted authorities with suspicions after seeing the pictures released by police, Faulk said.

"A lot of things started adding up for us," he said.

Burglary and grand theft are third degree felonies and carry maximum prison sentences of five years each, charge, Faulk said.

Both men were still in custody at the Alachua County Jail on Monday on a $50,000 bond.

UF student wins Collegiate Miss of Florida

By Kelly-Anne Suarez
Alligator Writer

Kelly Clarkson's voice swelled as Jennifer V. Lowry stood on the catwalk, dumbfounded. They announced her name.

"Some people wait a lifetime, for a moment like this," the lyrics floated through the background, the soundtrack of her dream come true.

Lowry, a UF speech pathology graduate student, was crowned the first-ever Collegiate Miss of Florida in the Paramount Ballroom of the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel on Saturday night.

The pageant's purpose is to select a young woman who will serve as a role model for Florida's college-bound high school students, said Pageant Chairman Peter Fernandez Jr.

Like many beauty queens, Lowry's love affair with pageantry was born in her living room in front of the television.

She watched, mesmerized, as newly crowned Miss Americas glided across the stage hugging roses and blowing kisses.

With each wave of their manicured hands, Lowry's interest intensified until, finally in 1998 she competed in the Miss National Teenager pageant.

A succession of pageants followed, each prepared a little more for what would finally be her crowning moment five years later.

Saturday night's festivities began in a somewhat unorthodox manner.

Rather than discard the formal wear portion of the pageant, which would seem sacrilegious, pageant coordinators opted to augment the traditional format with a casual wear competition.

This gave the nine contestants an opportunity to give the judges a glimpse of their everyday lives, Fernandez said.

Lowry told judges she selected her ensemble, black pants and a turquoise top, because it oozed sophistication and class, a clear reflection of her personality.

In reality, however, her reason was simpler.

"The color looked great with my red hair," she said, laughing. "But, I couldn't tell them that."

The turquoise top was followed by a pro, took them all in stride.

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After it all, the new Collegiate Miss rewarded herself with a big slice of cheesecake.

Nothing could bring her more joy. Except, of course, world peace.
Fraternity race raises money, awareness for cancer

By Jasmine Rangel
Alligator Writer

Eighty-one runners participated in a race to raise money in memory of a UF administrator who passed away in February.

The James E. Scott Cancer Awareness 5K Run was held Saturday, and the event raised more than $500 for the American Cancer Society.

The race was presented by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, of which Scott was a brother. Race organizer Todd White, also a brother of Omega Psi Phi who knew Scott, said the fraternity plans on making the run an annual event.

White said now that the first race went smoothly, he expects the event will expand in the future.

“We want to get started earlier,” White said. “Hopefully we can attract a larger turnout.”

Omega Psi Phi worked together with Run Florida, 1702 W. University Ave., to organize the race.

Vaughn, manager of Run Florida, said the race was a success, especially given that it was the first one.

“It was very good for the first year of a race,” Vaughn said, “especially in the summer.”

White said that because there are not many races in the summer, holding the race in July is an “opportunity time” to attract runners.

The runners the race attracted came principally from around north central Florida, mostly UF students; Gainesville area high school students and seasoned runners.

Reginald McNeil, a 29-year-old sixth-year lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, decided to run for familial reasons.

McNeil’s wife, Kenyetta Hope, remembered for charity work

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He changed his name to Bob when he was mocked for “his English schoolboy name.”

His career began in vaudeville during the 1930s, then moved to radio and later Hollywood.

Hope’s career was also varied. Besides his famous military performances, he wrote 10 books, including an autobiography, and performed for many television specials.

NBC said Hope’s association with them stretched more than 60 years, setting a network record.

But Hope’s family said he should be remembered for his humanitarian endeavors as well. Hope’s nephew Milton Hope said his uncle should be remembered for “donating his money and time to charities.”

Hope was awarded the Medal of Freedom from President Lyndon Johnson, the George Peabody Award, special Oscars for humanitarianism and service to the film industry and an honorary knighthood from Britain.

In old age, Hope refused to slow down. He said that he would never quit entertaining.

And his humor didn’t die in death. Days before his passing, Hope’s wife asked where he wanted to be buried.

Hope said, “Surprise me.”

He is survived by his wife Dolores; sons Anthony and Kelly; daughters Linda and Nora Somers; and four grandchildren.

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Billboards and annoying television commercials abound, bombarding consumers with messages designed to incite them to spend a little cash.

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Movies sneak in product placements and when you leave the theater your windshield will be plastered with fliers.

Pretty soon the advertising landscape will resemble the scene from "Minority Report" where advertisements are personalized to each consumer.

But even in today's society it's impossible to escape the voices of marketers whispering that you need to have cooler gadgets and look more attractive.

Nationally there has been a movement to eliminate some of these obnoxious advertisements that have become unavoidable in the daily course of life.

Since it opened on June 27, the National Do Not Call Registry has grown to include 28 million residential and cell phone numbers and it is still growing. Telemarketing companies are outraged.

Lawsuits are pending against the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission in an attempt by telemarketers to prevent the new regulations they set forth from taking effect.

The free registry will block 80 percent of telemarketing calls beginning in October. Consumers can file complaints against violators electronically or by phone, and the offending companies can be sued up to $11,000 for each time they call a number on the list.

Opponents of the registry claim that its implementation will cost the telemarketing industry $50 billion in sales each year and will eliminate two million jobs. They say it violates the First Amendment rights of legitimate firms. Consumers fear that door-to-door sales will increase.

In this struggling economy it is indeed unfortunate to see people lose their jobs. But you have to consider that the jobs being eliminated are, quite possibly, the lamest jobs ever.

And it is doubtful that people who are annoyed enough by sales calls to put their number on the registry are the same ones who regularly take advantage of the deals proposed by the callers.

The hurried lifestyle that has come to characterize our nation doesn't afford most of us the time to spend all day deleting unwanted e-mail, chatting with telemarketers and TVO-ing "Friends."

That's why so many people are jumping at the opportunity to eliminate some of the distractions.

Across the nation, the people that actually make it home for dinner are sick of being interrupted by calls designed to push yet another product or service on them. There comes a point at which a human reaches his level of complete saturation and simply cannot tolerate one more sales pitch. Many of us feel that point is being reached.

Courts should decide against the telemarketing firms and protect citizens' polite requests to discontinue the calls of solicitors.

Charities, calls on behalf of politicians and poll takers may still call registered numbers, making it difficult to successfully argue that this decision will negatively impact free speech. Commercial speech may be hindered by the enforcement of these rules, but it has never been afforded all of the same protections extended to more meaningful expressions.

If all goes well, this list will deliver some much needed relief from the incessant pressure to purchase.

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Guest Column

Family support critical to health

As a young girl, I remember seeing a public service announcement about Mental Health Awareness. At the time I paid little attention to it. Then everything changed. An immediate family member was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

We had seen signs of the problem, but, like most families, attributed the changes in behavior to "normal" adolescent rebelliousness. At first, we tried to cope with the mounting chaos on our own.

We cycled through all of the typical emotions—why us, why our loved one, why now? Our emotions ricocheted from compassion and understanding to anger and despair and then, inevitably, guilt.

If the diagnosis was epilepsy or Parkinson's, would we be angry at the person with the illness? Probably not. That's because the physical symptoms of those illnesses are obvious and clearly cannot be "controlled" without proper medication and treatment.

Even though bipolar disorder also is a brain disorder, its signs and symptoms manifest in sometimes baffling behaviors that easily can be misinterpreted as emotional rather than physical in nature.

Unfortunately, these aren't the kind of behaviors that can be altered with more discipline or "tough love." That's perhaps the most difficult learning curve for families—accepting that the problems are physical in origin and won't get better without treatment.

The societal stigma about mental illness remains strong, in spite of breakthroughs in brain research and new medications that allow people with serious mental illnesses to lead fulfilling and productive lives. That makes it difficult for people with mental illnesses or their families to make the decision to seek treatment.

It's important for families to know that they are not alone. I urge anyone who has a friend or family member with a mental illness to contact the local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. I got involved and became a certified family-to-family education specialist. I now volunteer my time to help other families.

Valerie Lynch is a political science senior at the University of Florida.

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Your Opinion

Thursday's Question

Should American flags hang in U.S. classrooms?

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The light of democracy shone through in Congress last week when the pleas of large media corporations to deregulate the percentage of market share they could serve was turned down 400 to 21.

The proposal would have allowed big media to own up to 45 percent of market share rather than the current 35 percent limit. The effects of such an unrestrained market could have been devastating indeed.

We must keep in mind that in practical application, the percentage of market share relates directly to percentage of audience exposure. Thus, large media corporations were pushing to have exposure to almost half of the U.S. population through newspapers, television and radio broadcasts.

Such a state of potential media domination can only be called public intelligence monopoly.

However, Colin Powell's son, Michael Powell, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, refutes this assertion. He proclaims that the issue of media monopoly is nothing to be feared, that kind of power over public thought can be dangerous to democracy on two levels.

First, one must consider how media corporation owners currently impact the thoughts of citizens. Do they have interests, biases or desires to persuade politically?

This state of affairs has nearly come to fruition on a number of occasions. Take Clear Channel Communications for example. In 1995, this company had only 40 stations, but with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the regulation doors opened. The company has grown to the point that it has 1,233 stations today. Not surprisingly, they were looking to expand even further with the hopeful, yet failed, attempt to gain FCC deregulation.

Then take the intended merger of the Spanish television channels of Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation and Univision. Fortunately, the merger was not permitted by the National Association of Hispanic Publications. If it had been, however, the power would have been daunting because the single source would have been informing 70 percent of the United States' largest minority. Currently, Italy's public is in an uproar as their prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, over a media bill that would enable him to extend his vast influence over the country's media. Already, by way of his family, the state and his own business shares, the prime minister controls 90 percent of the media.

His grip on the communications industry has recently been censured for an incident in which channels under his influence elected to not broadcast reportedly rude statements he made before the European Parliament. As we can see, news under the control of individuals or corporations with interest poses a threat to the privileged forum of public information.

The issue is not that Americans should not want companies to grow, for that is a great merit and privilege of America. However, it is important to keep in mind the deeply impacting nature the media has on citizens' political outlooks.

Secondly, consider the impact of media control on the institution of democracy from a philosophical approach.

Remember Orwell's "1984"? It illustrates the science of words, recognizing that words facilitate thought.

Information that is introduced promotes thought about a given topic. When certain information is withheld, while other information is systematically instilled in the minds of the media audience, it is called propaganda.

Thus, it is imperative to the fabric of democracy to have balance of power, which largely includes informational power. It is simply to say we must do everything we can to separate ourselves from concentrated influence of thought in order to preserve a democratic flow of diverse thought throughout our nation.

Congress has honored our democracy.

Taylor Mitchell is a member of the Alligator editorial board.

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**The Associated Press**

BELLE GLADE - Family members agreed Monday that the hotly debated hanging of a black man was likely a lynching - not a suicide - after an inquest revealed that the bed sheet used as a noose came from his own house.

Circuit Judge Harold Cohen convened the rare inquest amid growing uneasiness in the black community over the May 28 death of Feraris "Ray" Golden, who was found hanging from a tree outside the house he shared with his grandmother.

The death prompted rumors of a lynching because relatives initially claimed the 32-year-old Golden was found with his hands tied behind his back. Also, friends said Golden was dating a white policeman's daughter in this rural farming community of about 15,000.

But the first coroner's inquest in Palm Beach County in 18 years appeared to put some fears to rest Monday with the revelation that a relative who lived in the grandmother's house recognized the bed sheet used in the hanging.

Thomas Montgomery, an attorney representing Golden's family, told Cohen that Golden's relative, Sheree Lumpkin, "realized the sheet was probably taken from the house" by Golden.

Family friend Sheree Lumpkin hugs Willie Lumpkin, the step-grandfather of Feraris "Ray" Golden, as she listens to testimony Monday in Belle Glade in the coroner's inquest into Golden's death.

The man's stepfather, Henry Drummer, told reporters during a break that he now had fewer questions about the death.

"That means he got it out of his room and used it," Drummer said of the bedsheets.

But Adora Obi Nweze, the NAACP state president, said the state only tried to prove its conclusion of suicide rather than consider the possibility of murder.

"It is obvious to us that a total process has taken all of these hours to hear one side. Today the issue was a suicide was committed. Period," Nweze said.

NAACP leaders said they questioned why Golden had little or no soil on his shoes after walking across a lawn on a rainy night, or why he didn't have any trouble climbing the tree with a blood-alcohol level of 0.334, more than three times the legal limit for driving.

Cohen said he expected to issue his findings next week. The judge will rule whether it was a suicide or a suspicious death.

Church looking for support against homosexual unions

**The Associated Press**

VATICAN CITY - The Vatican hopes to rally public opposition to gay marriages in a worldwide campaign spurred by its alarm over growing legal acceptance of same-sex marriages in Europe and North America.

Pope John Paul II has been speaking out for months against legislative proposals to legalize same-sex marriages. But instructions to be released this week go a step further by outlining a course of action for politicians and other people to oppose extending the rights accorded to traditional couples, Vatican officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The document describes a course of action for politicians and lay communities and does not involve the clergy, Vatican officials said. It is expected to detail how the issue should be dealt with in public forums, including legislatures.

Catholicism is not the only Christian denomination embroiled in the debate.

At its national convention, which begins Wednesday in Minneapolis, the Episcopal Church in the United States will decide whether to permit blessing ceremonies for same-sex unions and approve the first election of an openly gay bishop, issues that are sharply dividing that church.

One official familiar with the document called it a "practical reflection" for both Catholic and non-Catholic politicians and public opinion in general.

It asks that the legal recognition accorded the traditional marriages not be extended to same-sex unions, the official said. It tells The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The guidelines says safeguarding marriage between man and woman must be promoted and urged that "in no way can other forms of cohabitation be placed on the same level as marriage, nor can they receive legal recognition as such.

Legal acceptance is growing, however. Over the past two years, the Netherlands and Belgium have extended marriage rights to all couples, no matter the partners' gender.

Two Canadian provinces, Ontario and British Columbia, have "civil union" laws giving same-sex marriage is not up for negotiation.

In reaction, some Republican lawmakers in Washington are calling for a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriages nationwide.

Vermont and some European nations, such as Germany, France, Sweden and Denmark, have "civil union" laws giving same-sex couples the rights and responsibilities of traditional marriages.

After Germany's supreme court upheld the law this month, a top German Cardinal condemned the law as a blow to the family.

"Now the associations of homosexuals have a potent arm to obtain further concessions on the road toward full equality with married couples, including the right to adoption," Cardinal Karl Lehman said in a Vatican Radio interview.

He could direct a law enforcement agency to act on his findings.

The inquest started with Cohen and the packed courtroom listening to a tape-recorded 911 call placed by Drummer and watching a police videotape showing officers running to Golden and removing him from the tree. The video showed that his hands were untied.

During the hearing, the courtroom was split almost entirely by race. White police officers, witnesses and residents sat on one side while black family members, residents and representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sat on the other.

Cohen questioned the chief investigator about rumors that Golden had been lynched and was dating a white police officer's daughter.

Belle Glade Police Det. Steve Sawyers said investigators did not begin their investigation because they felt they had no validity. That prompted a flurry of questions from those watching the proceedings. One question that was written down and handed to the judge read: "Did you not investigate the rumors because you did not think it would get this much attention?"
Class performs volunteer work

By Liza Marino
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 90 UF freshmen climbed aboard a chartered bus headed toward east Gainesville to wash windows, paint parking lots and play kickball.

Students of First Year Florida, a one-hour credit course for freshmen, traveled to Kennedy Homes on Saturday morning to complete required community service for the class.

The Office of Community Service organized a renovation project at Kennedy Homes, a low-income non-profit housing complex, for the first-year students.

"Basically, [First Year Florida] is a program to help incoming freshmen get acquainted with the university and community," said Darius Moore, a freshman in the course.

Saturday, OCS and first year volunteers were split into groups of about eight to repaint the donated equipment, plant flowers and paint laundry rooms.

Moore said the most rewarding part of participating in this project was simply satisfaction.

"It's the feeling of knowing you're helping someone else out," he said.

There weren't a lot of donations for this project, OCS coordinator Mary Beth Teodecki said. Donations totaled about $150.

Along with renovating the homes, volunteers organized an arts-and-crafts project for the neighborhood children.

Some children avoided the heat to make a paper dragon puppet, while others enjoyed a game of kickball with the volunteers.

OCS's goal is to strengthen relations between students and their community, Teodecki said.

"I think it's essential that students realize they have the skills and abilities to give back to their community in which they live," she said.

Last October and November, OCS and other student organizations designed and constructed a playground at Kennedy with more than $13,000 of donated playground equipment.

An Ho, assistant dean for New Student Programs, said service like this provides a great opportunity for students to get another perspective of Gainesville and get a sense of citizenship. She said it lets them know they're a part of a bigger community.

About 30 students attended Sunday to continue Project Rise and Shine.

The monkey bars of three jungle gyms were painted, a small garden was planted and three laundry rooms and about three parking lots were painted.

Future plans for the students to return to the neighborhood have not yet been set. However, with 35 class sections of First Year Florida in the Fall, there is a good possibility students will return for further renovations, Ho said.

Teodecki said that OCS plans on returning for Make a Difference Day, Oct. 25.

State endangered list may remove manatee

By J'aime Posch
Alligator Contributing Writer

The fate of the manatee remaining on the endangered species list at the state level will be decided in September.

The decision was postponed from earlier this summer to look more closely at the science involved, said Bob Bonde, a biologist in Gainesville. The state is attempting to determine a trend for positive growth, decline or stabilization in the manatee population.

Bonde said the state criteria for an endangered species are very vague, and they use the same criteria for manatees as they do for fish and trees.

He added that if these marine mammals were taken off of the state endangered species list, it would still take two to five years to change the status at the federal level.

Boaters throughout Florida are waiting to see if the manatee slow wake zones will be affected by the decision.

Bonde said the reason manatees are doing well is because people continue to implement the speed zones.

UF students in the Gator Saltwater Fishing Club have a different perspective.

"I don't think they should be endangered," said Aaron Hunt-Branch, a 22-year-old civil engineering major. "Manatees aren't native to Florida, so why protect them?"

Hunt-Branch goes fishing at least once a week. While he doesn't mind idle zones here and there, he said there are too many of them.

He added that the efforts being done to improve the manatee population are great, but they "don't need to exceed those efforts."

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MONROVIA, Liberia — Rebels captured Liberia's refugee-choked, second-largest city Monday, defeating President Charles Taylor's embattled forces on a new front and de-
priving him of his last significant port outside the besieged capital.

The capture of the strategic city of Buchanan, 60 miles southeast of Monrovia, the capi-
tal, came as deliberations on a peace mission for the West Afri-
can nation showed no sign of progress.

Gen. Benjamin Yeaten, a leading government commander, confirmed that Buchanan fell to rebels from Liberia's second rebel group, the Movement for Democracy in Liberia, by night-
fall.

Yeaten said government troops remained on the out-
skirts of the city and were plan-
ing a counterattack.

Taylor's forces took off running as rebels advanced into Bu-
chanan, said John Mensah, a res-
ident reached by telephone there, who added the rebels were "now in complete control of Buchanan."

During the rebel takeover, the Buchanan office of the interna-
tional humanitarian group Mer-
lin was looted, according to Mer-
lin office workers in the capital.

The attack and quick victory at Buchanan came as Liberia's leading rebel movement, Liberi-
ans United for Reconciliation and Democracy, pressed its bloody nine day-old siege of Monrovia, in fighting that has killed hundreds.

"Taylor must go," said Joe Wylie, spokesman for the lead-
ing rebel movement, saying only international "whining about civilian casualties" was stop-
ing insurgents from a final push to topple the Liberian leader.

"He's getting weaker and weaker," Wylie said. "He should not face us in a final military showdown that will just take lives."

Rebel forces now hold more than 60 percent of Liberia, grinding down Taylor's forces in their three-year battle to oust him.

The Movement for Democ-
ocracy in Liberia, which until re-
cently had largely heeded cease-fire pledges, claimed Tay-
lor's forces had provoked the of-
fensive on Buchanan with at-
tacks on rebel positions outside the city in recent days.

Rebel official Boi Bleuji Boi pledged insurgents would open the southeastern city's port up to peace forces, should they choose to land there.

Tens of thousands of refugees from the capital in recent days had flooded east into Buchanan, desperate to escape the explosions, grenade blasts and ma-
chine-gun fire of Monrovia.

On Monday, many took flight again, picking their way back along the coast toward Monrovia.

Liberian Defense Minister Daniel Chea had rushed over-
night to the developing eastern front, which brings the smaller, but better-armed and better-disciplined second rebel movement into active battle against Taylor's already stretched-thin forces. Chea, contacted by telephone, told the Associated Press that rebels of the Liberians United for Recon-
ciliation and Democracy had also taken the northern town of Gbarnga, Taylor's base during a ruini-
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Fighting in Liberia often sees back-and-forth battles for towns, with one side capturing a community, then retreating.

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Baylor plans memorial service for athlete

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas - Baylor officials said Monday they were grief-stricken and trying to come to terms with the death of basketball player Patrick Dennehy and the murder charge against a former teammate.

Dennehy, a 6-foot-10 center, had been missing about six weeks. His body was found Friday night in a field three miles south of town and was identified Sunday.

"This is especially difficult because the grief is compounded by the unbelievable secrecy of the occurrence and the unimaginable way it came to die," basketball coach Dave Bliss said Monday.

Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and had been living with Dennehy since spring, was arrested last week in his home state of Maryland on a murder charge from Texas. Dotson, 21, remains in jail and awaits extradition to Texas.

Dennehy's funeral is to be held at Jubilee Christian Center, a Pentecostal church in San Jose, Calif., later this week or early next week, said pastor Dick Bernal. Dennehy's mother, who tended his funeral and burial, was in San Jose because he was at his happiest there and it was his home, Bernal said.

A campus-wide memorial service for Dennehy is being planned for September at Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university with 14,000 students.

In a statement, Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. said the school was in a period of "unspoken grief." He said the university has suffered the "heart-wrenching loss" of student deaths in the past "but never in such a startling and perplexing manner."

The school announced July 21 after calling 911 and saying he needed help because he was hearing voices, authorities said. He told FBI agents in Maryland that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant affidavit. But after his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that "he didn't confess to any accuracy.

Dotson's attorney, Grady Irvin, said Monday that police have not told him details of the investigation. He said he will determine whether there is a valid basis for extradition and whether an arrest warrant for Dotson was obtained properly.

McLennan County Sheriff's Capt. Paul Wash said Sheriff Larry Lynch went out of town and told the department not to release any information about the case Monday.

Bless confirmed Monday that the coaching staff received a letter from the mother of Dotson's estranged wife, who was concerned about his mental health. Bless said the letter arrived in June after Dotson had returned to Maryland and that he gave it to authorities investigating Dennehy's disappearance.

Citing student privacy laws, Bless said he could not comment on whether coaches arranged for Dotson's last spring visit, a claim recently made by the former player's estranged wife, Melissa Kethley. Bless also declined to say if Dotson lost his scholarship last spring after failing a drug test and not showing up to take another one.

"Carlton Dotson and I had a conversation about playing time, and he thought it would be a better opportunity if he went somewhere else," Bless said.

Bless, who just returned from a recruiting trip, defended his program and assistant coaches. Prompted by claims made by一些 of Dennehy's relatives and friends, Baylor opened a new inquiry last week into possible NCAA violations.

Mickelson, Garcia capture match play victory

The Associated Press

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. - Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia saved their best golf for the bright lights.

Mickelson and Garcia, both winless this year in tournaments that count, stole the spotlight from the world's best two players Monday night by beating Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, 3 and 1, in the "Battle of the Bridges."

It was the fifth version of Monday Night Golf, the made-for-TV exhibition designed to bring golf to prime time.

When the sun dropped behind the foothills and the lights shined, both hit their second shots over the water to the 717-yard 16th hole.

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Mickelson lives in the community, something he was quick to share with the others - as if the pro-Lefthanders didn't tip them off.

"You guys need any help with lines and club selection, just let me know," he said as they walked off the first tee.

Mickelson in the fairway, Woods and Els in the rough. It was a rare moment of levity.

This version of Monday Night Golf provided a high level of skill, but they were all business from the opening tee.

Part of that was Woods and Els having to catch up from the start.

Mickelson hit a wedge into 10 feet for birdie on No. 1, and they closed out the Nos. 1 and 2 players in the world failed to come close to a birdie. It was only the second time Woods has lost since the Monday night exhibitions began in 1999, both times to Garcia.

"I had good looks at puts on three holes in a row and I didn't make them," Woods said. "That was key to getting back to even."

Garcia and Mickelson were a combined 8 under through 17 holes. They each earned $600,000 from the $1.7 million purse, while Woods and Els got $250,000 each.

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Woods gave his side a spark with a 3-wood out of a fluffy lie in the rough that stopped on the fringe, pin-high, about 30 feet away. He missed the eagle putt, but Garcia helped out by three-putting from the fringe, the last one from 5 feet.

Woods followed with a 5-iron to 2 feet on the 224-yard eighth, and Els' matched Garcia's birdie on No. 9 to keep the deficit at one hole going to the back nine.

"This looks pretty," he said, just before the ball came up short and into the water.

Still, Woods and Els didn't take advantage.

Play was slower than usual, and as they reached the 16th hole towering light fixtures illuminated the course.

That must have woke up Garcia and Mickelson, who came through with clutch shots under the brightest lights they've seen all year.

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\text{UF golfer earns top-ten finish}
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\[\text{Staff Report}\]

UF sophomore Matt Every carded a final-round score of 69 to finish tied for seventh at eight under par at the 45th Annual Porter Cup at the Niagara Falls Country Club in New York.

Every, a honorable mention All-America freshman in 2002-03, began the tournament with an even-par 70 and followed with rounds of 66, 67 and 69 to finish in a four-way tie for seventh at 272.

Casey Wittenberg claimed the title with a 14-under-par total of 266.

The Porter Cup featured some of the premier amateur golfers in the country with 26 of the top-32 players as ranked by Golfweek/TITLEist participating in the 72-hole medal-play event.

Through the years, many current professional golfers have participated in the Porter Cup.

PGA members such as Tiger Woods, Davis Love III, Tom Lehman, Hal Sutton and Justin Leonard have competed while Phil Mickelson, David Duval and Scott Verplank have all won the tournament.

\[\text{Players Reinstated: UF coach Ron Zook allowed offensive linemen Mo Mitchell and Jonathan Colon to rejoin the team.}\]

The pair were dismissed after violating team rules early this summer.

The linemen were reinstated after a team vote.

\[\text{Football on CBS: The Gators' home field matchup with Tennessee on Oct. 17 has been slated by CBS to begin at noon.}\]

This is the eighth consecutive year the game has been televised on the network.

UF has already been scheduled to play Miami, Sept. 6 on ABC at 8 p.m. and Florida State, Nov. 29 on CBS at 3:30 p.m.
Hope exists as long as sports, humor remain

I don't think he cares much of what we think comfort to our culture.
Just two months after his 100th birthday, Bob Hope is probably sitting on his perch above us and loving the next life more than his life here on earth.
Not to say he didn't love life because he did. He loved to make people laugh and he loved sports.
We can still reflect on his life: a boxer, a golfer, a team owner.
His involvement in the sports arena was prominent as an amateur athlete and owner of the Cleveland Indians and part owner of the Los Angeles Rams.
No one would dare refuse to participate in Hope's pro-am golf tournament that bears his name.
How else would you explain his tournament having the largest number of professionals entered and many more celebrities playing as amateurs? I suppose he never took what he was most famous for too seriously - being a comic. That seems ironically appropriate.
He has said his jokes were just a way to pay for his golf habit.
While the recent generations may not equate the word "hilarious" with Bob Hope, it does not matter.
He did more than make people laugh. He loved his country, perhaps his greatest contribution to America.
He may not have been born here, but he was an American to me. From World War II to the Gulf War, and every major conflict between, he attended United Service Organizations shows to provide aid to the service men and women.
He also contributed millions of dollars for charities, raising millions of dollars for charities, and some bad luck to sip champagne in the saddle Sunday as he coasted to the Champs-Elysees in Paris after the final stage.
But it was close. For Armstrong, used to winning the Tour by comfortable margins, his 61-second victory over Jan Ullrich just wasn't good enough.
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There was a series of problems. He had a stomach flu that was so bad before the Tour he nearly didn't make the flight to France. He was bruised in a crash on the second day. He lost 11 pounds through dehydration during a time trial in a heat wave and struggled up the Tour's most daunting climb, the 8,728 1/2-foot Col du Galibier, with a faulty brake rubbing against the wheel.
"It takes a little bit out of you with the brake on," Armstrong said. "Those sort of problems just kept happening."
His rivals took notice, sensing that Armstrong was ready to fall.
"The turning point came last Monday on a mist-shrouded 8 3/4-mile ascent to the Pyrenean ski station of Luz-Ardiden, one of the Tour's hardest climbs. Typically for this drama-packed Tour, Armstrong fell when a spectator's outstretched arm hooked his handlebars. But he got back on and rode past Ullrich, who in a gesture of sportsmanship waited for Armstrong to get back on his bike.
"I got up and my first thought was, 'Oh no, I lost the Tour de France,'" Armstrong said. "I took inventory; everything was there. You know the legs were turning OK and the bike seemed to be OK, and I said 'OK, I have to go now.' If you want to win the Tour, you have to go now."

Gators finish international swimming meet

By Blake Goldfarb
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A week on the world stage has concluded for UF swimmers.
Sophomore Vipa Bernhardt was the lone Gator to advance past the preliminary rounds of the 10th FINA World Championships. She did so in all three of her events.

Finishing with a time of one minute, 11.63 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke prelims, Bernhardt finished ninth in the semifinals with a time of 1:09.50.

Bernhardt's 4x100 relay team finished second in the preliminaries with a time of 4:04.58. She did not compete with Germany in the finals, however. Germany finished in fourth place with a time of 4:02.01.

"Vipa put together some big swims for Team Germany," said Gregg Troy, men's and women's swimming and diving coach. "To go to the world's level and compete how she did really shows how much she has progressed. She is just a sophomore, so we are thrilled about her performance."

Bernhardt, a five-time All-America, will compete in the Pan American Games, which will be held Aug. 11-16 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Despite failing to qualify for the finals, senior Carlos Jayme swam a career-best time of 49.65 as the anchor leg of the Brazilian 400 freestyle relay. The group compiled a time of 3:20.49, less than three seconds behind the eighth-place qualifying team.

"Carlos did his job in the relay," Troy said. "He recorded a faster time than he did at the 2000 [Olympic] Games in which his team captured the bronze medal."

Jayme, a 19-time NCAA All-America, also swam 1:51.90 as the anchor leg of the 4x200 free, finishing ninth out of 16 teams. With a total team time of 7:25.33, Brazil missed qualifying for the finals by 3:59 seconds.

In his first appearance at the World Championships, junior Gabriel Mangabeira swam a 58.08 in the preliminaries of the 100 backstroke. The nine-time All-America finished 45th out of 84 swimmers. Mangabeira also finished 37th in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.19. The UF junior's top international time in the 100 fly is 54.42.

"Gabriel is disappointed with his performance," Troy said. "He injured his shoulder two and half weeks before the final month of training for the meet. I strongly believe the shoulder hindered his performance."