9 students get Fulbright award

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A record nine UF students received Fulbright grants this year to continue their post-baccalaureate studies in more than 140 countries.

Although one student declined the grant, all others will spend up to a year in a country of their choice, with living and travel expenses paid through the grant.

This year’s strong interest in the Fulbright program — 59 UF students applied — is because students placed importance in foreign language study and participated in undergraduate research involving international affairs, said UF Provost David C. C. Tate in a release.

“We’ve had a higher profile with Fulbrights,” said Jeanna Mastrodicasa, associate director of the UF honors program, which coordinates the grant.

The honors department advertised at study abroad fairs and through mass e-mails, she said.

UF only has four recipients per year on average; this year’s nine is the most the university has ever had, Mastrodicasa said.

The students join more than 1,000 grant recipients across the nation.

Named after Sen. J. William Fulbright, the program was established after World War II to build stronger U.S. ties internationally through the exchange of people and ideas.

This year, UF students will investigate various topics, including coastal engineering and international business administration.

The business grant recipient will study at Madrid’s Instituto de Empresa, considered to be one of the world’s best business schools, Mastrodicasa said.

“We were really excited about that,” she said.

Recent UF graduate Timothy Sexton was more than thrilled about receiving a Fulbright.

“He was speechless,” said Kathleen Sexton, Timothy’s mother.

Timothy Sexton’s acceptance letter was sent to his parent’s home in Loveland, Ohio, where his mother read it to him over the phone.

Timothy will study in Berlin, investigating the European view of American slavery during the 19th century, she said.

Although the applicant’s qualifications are always impressive, Mastrodicasa said students shouldn’t feel applying and earning a Fulbright is impossible.

“You don’t have to be a 4.0 student to do it,” she said.

Candidates should have about a 3.5 GPA, an interest in foreign languages and be able to propose a “doable” research project, she said.

Students at UF’s 10 satellite campuses soon could have control over a portion of their tuition that they rarely have utilized because of their distance from Gainesville.

Student Body President Kyle Jones told the Student Senate on Tuesday that a task force has been created to ensure satellite campus students get a return on Activity & Service fees, a portion of tuition paid to Student Government.

More than 400 graduate and professional students at the satellite campuses will shell out $8.16 per credit hour in A&S fees but do not receive the same benefits as a UF student attending classes on the main campus, simply because of their location.

The majority of the more than $10 million A&S fee budget pays for campus facilities such as the Reitz Union and Southwest Recreation Center.

“It’s a small number of students, but they need to have their representation heard,” Satellite Campus Cabinet director Robert Mack said. Mack serves as the task force’s chairman. The satellite campus task force will deliver a final report to the Senate by Nov. 1.

Before three College of Pharmacy satellites opened in 2002, the university’s reach outside of Gainesville consisted of seven Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences extensions situated across the state.

Jones said one solution could be exempting students at the IFAS and pharmacy satellite campuses from paying A&S fees.

The task force also could suggest the creation of a new academic organization to oversee the satellite campuses.

The goal of the task force is to find a vehicle that delivers A&S fees to students on the satellite campuses, Mack said.

“We’re fielding their opinions on how to use their money,” Mack said.
INTERNATIONAL

Iraqi minister takes his seat at Arab League meeting
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Iraq’s foreign minister took his country’s Arab League seat Tuesday, a first step toward gaining broad acceptance for the interim government set up by the United States.

By simply sitting down at a circular table, Hoshyar Zebari settled a two-month dispute among Arab leaders over whether to recognize the Iraqi Governing Council.

“The new Iraq will be different from that of Saddam Hussein,” Zebari said in his first remarks to the league. “The new Iraq will be based on diversity, democracy, constitution, law and respect for human rights.”

NATIONAL

Simon & Garfunkel reunite for first tour in 20 years
NEW YORK (AP) — Dusting the cobwebs off their friendship, the folk-rock duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel announced Tuesday they were reuniting for a concert tour next year.

“Old Friends,” but the men have had a contentious relationship until the ice broke earlier this year when they performed “The Sound of Silence” at the Grammy Awards.

“We had what was a strained friendship, and the Grammys was an opportunity to put that behind us. That’s exactly what we did,” Simon said.

LOCAL

City manager is finalist in South Carolina job search
GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Gainesville City Manager Wayne Bowers has made it past the final four in his bid to become the next city manager for Columbia, S.C.

The Columbia City Council narrowed the finalists for the position to three Monday, and the remaining candidates now must confront Columbia residents, according to a city press release.

Bowers and the other finalists will participate in a three-hour forum Sept. 21 to meet residents and answer questions on city issues.

Citizens will make recommendations to the council and the council will interview the applicants again on Sept. 22 before making a final decision.

That decision would follow soon after, Commissioner E.W. Cromartie II said in an earlier interview.

The Windsor, Conn. city manager, R. Leon Churchill Jr., was eliminated from the running. The council interviewed the four finalists Thursday.

Bowers has been the administrative head for Gainesville for eight years, but is a South Carolina native.

He was the city manager for Spartanburg, S.C. before coming to Gainesville.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Community Coalition Against War and Terrorism will host an Iraqi woman and her son from that of Saddam Hussein, “It was the Iraqi woman’s history for dinner at University United Methodist Church at 530 P.M. They will then join church members to Gainesville.

The family is scheduled to arrive at the Gainesville Regional Airport today at 530 p.m. They will then join church members for dinner at University United Methodist Church at 530 P.M.

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THE $24,000 GRANT WILL PAY FOR THE TRACK IN HIGH SPRINGS. SPECTATORS WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE ARENA AT NO CHARGE.

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A bicycle motor-cross arena is closer to opening its doors for business after gaining approval for a $24,000 grant from the County Commission on Tuesday night.

"The source of the money to fund it was consistent with the likely purpose of the track — to fund tourism," Commissioner Mike Byerly said. "I think it's going to be a good thing for the region."

High Springs BMX, about 30 minutes north of Gainesville, will use half the money to build seats and half for projects, such as track enhancements, said organizer Jim Gabriel.

Gabriel, who is also a High Springs city commissioner, said the 3-acre BMX arena would feature a 1,200-foot serpentine-like track, an 18-foot starting hill and three 100-degree, high-bank corners.

"There isn't another one of these facilities in north central Florida or in Alachua County," Gabriel said. "It's a rapidly growing sport. It has tremendous support in the state of Florida."

The track will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for practice and Saturdays for racing, but members of the National Bicycle League, which sanctions the track, can use the track, he said.

Spectators will be admitted at no charge.

Gabriel said he wants UF students to be active participants in the economy.

"Whether they've been involved in sports or not, I think it's something that could be of potential interest for them to come and participate or watch," he said.

Gabriel attempted to open the track two years ago with the American Bicycle Association, but lack of community support caused the plan to fizzle, he said.

Gabriel said that the current High Springs City Commission, which provided land for the arena and the community are more receptive.

Much of the money for the project was obtained through donations and sponsorships, he said.

The arena, which is adjacent to the High Springs Sports Complex, is expected to open by the end of the month. The organizers hope it will attract regional, state and national-level races.

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**Centers vie for money**

**By JENNIFER FRAZIER**
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Three of UF's cultural centers have undergone severe funding cuts in the last few years.

To remedy the problem, Party on the Plaza will raise money for the Phillips Center for Performing Arts, the Ham Museum and the Florida Museum of Natural History.

This event, directed by Susan Pharr, begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and features drinks, a gourmet dinner and a concert by the Beach Boys.

The Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs supports the arts and culture in Florida through a grant program. In the 2001 fiscal year, it gave $738,000 to municipalities. In the 2003 fiscal year, the number was dropped to $176,000, a decrease of $572,000.

The Ham Museum has received less funding this year in both budget and grants, said Mary Yawn, director of finance and operations for the museum.

The Ham Museum is one of the largest collection-based natural history museums in the southeastern United States.

"Gators as far away as Key West and even New York have bought tickets," Pharr said.

They are loyal Florida alumni and friends of the Florida Museum of Natural History, the Ham Museum of Art and the Center for Performing Arts.

Most of the money raised so far has been from sponsor sales. Wachovia Bank and Butler Plaza Miracle Mile have given $100,000 each. PFI Construction Management Co. and StarnesCare are co-sponsors of the Beach Boys.

The centers will use the funds generated from each $100 ticket to bring traveling exhibits to Florida, develop their own exhibits and draw top actors to the stage.

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Inequalities still need addressing

Lack of support for affirmative action leads me to question the extent to which the differentials of power and privilege are understood and condemned on campuses. The playing field is unequal — race matters. White people have an easier time living and trying to succeed in America than black people do. It is true, though people won’t believe me.

Some people truly feel that discrimination is not that big of a deal in America, citing the Civil Rights Movement as proof that the playing fields have somehow been leveled in recent years. This is not the case.

In 1991, Diane Sawyer did a Prime Time special called “True Colors,” where her crew followed and secretly filmed two men going around St. Louis for a day. The two were equal in every respect, except that one was white and the other was black. They went around to the same places looking for apartments, jobs, cars, shoes, etc. The same people consistently gave differential treatment to the two men based on their skin color.

I’d place my bets on getting a similar result today. What this documentary shows is that race matters, even if you control for class, gender, attractiveness and all that other good stuff. America is not a meritocracy, and we’re not all treated equally. Period.

Affirmative action is not about giving jobs to unqualified black people or putting a majority of people into slots in colleges that they’re not entitled to holding. Yes, I said majority. Yes, I meant “of color.” This is not a mistake. If you are white, you are the global minority. Let’s see how you like the label.

It’s a question of access to equal opportunity. Standardized tests don’t give standardized results, because students who take them don’t come from standardized school systems, neighborhoods or homes.

If we’re not addressing inequality at the level of a child’s experience growing up in America, then at what point do we begin to do so? Access to higher education is as good a place as any to start. We’re talking about college because we see an investment in the human capital of disadvantaged groups.

Affirmative action is not about being anti-white. What could be more counterproductive on many levels? Besides, people are quick to forget that so many of those who benefit from affirmative action are white women. They’re a huge chunk of the U.S. population, and they don’t get fair treatment, either.

It’s almost as if people are saying “OK, we’ll admit that there were gross racial injustices in the past, but it’s a little far-fetched to think that those would have had lingering effects even today, and even more preposterous to suggest that we should be working to address these.”

Affirmative action takes a small step toward lessening the impact of the obvious disadvantages.

Eleanor Williams is a student at Stanford University. This column originally appeared in the Stanford Daily.

Florida successful at educating minorities

Last week, Gov. Jeb Bush and I announced that the number of minorities attending Florida’s universities this year continues to rise. Black and Hispanic students made up 48.2 percent of the growth in freshman enrollment this year. For the first time since Florida began tracking these figures, the percent of minority freshman enrollment in Florida surpassed 37 percent.

Minority enrollment in Florida is moving in the right direction.

By stating in an Alligator article last week that Florida’s 2003 minority enrollment percentages are not historic, your paper missed the point. When Bush announced the One Florida Initiative in 1999, many throughout the state — the Alligator included — decried its implementation, claiming it would destroy diversity in Florida’s education system.

Four years later, none of the dire predictions have come true, and while this year’s figures may not be proportionately larger than those of past years, they represent a giant step into the future for Florida’s minority population.

Unlike race-based preferences, which will soon be relegated to the history books, One Florida is producing well-prepared and genuinely qualified minority students whose achievements have gained them entry into higher education. The goal is a thorough university education, and Florida is working aggressively to prepare minority students for college education. Our efforts are paying off.

Scholastic improvement in Florida among blacks and Hispanics is among the highest in the nation.

Rather than ignore a looming crisis in public education, Florida has decided to meet the challenge head-on. By increasing resources and
Editorial

Percent parody
State officials quick to applaud minority numbers

State officials almost were giddy last week as they announced the state universities' new minority enrollment numbers.

Gov. Jeb Bush called the statistics a success and said it was an "exciting day." Education Commissioner Jim Home agreed and told critics: "The numbers really speak for themselves."

Why, yes, they really do.

Since last year, freshman minority student numbers in the state have shot up to 37.3 percent of the total student body, up one-half percent. More than half of that can be attributed to a rise in enrollment at two of the state's most minority-friendly institutions: Florida A&M University and Florida International University.

At UF, classes have hardly been more diverse than in previous years, and most of the increase can be attributed to the rising number of Hispanic students in the state's population.

There were only 21 more black students this year than last, only 28 more Asian students, three more Native Americans and 281 more Hispanic students.

Minority populations are not reflective of the state's demographic make up. Florida's population.

With affirmative action, diversity counselors use aggressive recruiting to encourage minorities. While they aren't supposed to use racial information when deciding to invite students to join the university, they often have the information, as it is voluntarily given on many applications.

Bush said he has proven that race doesn't have to be used as an admission factor, but then why would excelling minority students be so heavily courted, as university officials have acknowledged?

Diversity in universities is commendable and what efforts are being made should be applauded, but the university can do a better job. By accepting more top minority students, students are exposed more cultures, educational equality is brought to groups that have been historically underrepresented and society as a whole is better reflected.

Between the "Oreo" comments and fliers saying black students are inferior, minorities often have had a poor perception of this university.

With affirmative action, UF was able to bridge many historic racial gaps, creating a better reflection of the state's population.

While many have advocated a type of affirmative action based on economic rather than racial status, they fail to notice the sad fact that the two are still connected.

A 1999 report found that the average black household had less than one-quarter the net wealth of the typical white household in the United States. The income gap was $27,900 versus $40,800.

Clearly, programs still are needed to bring educational equality.

And until the numbers truly show an improvement, let's put away the party hats.

Opinions

Guest column

War on Iraq will win votes for President

In a debate among the Democratic presidential primary candidates last week, Dick Gephardt called President Bush a miserable failure.

Despite what the republican former House Democratic leader would have you think, more than half of this nation approves of President Bush's performance in office.

According to the newest USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup poll, only 13 percent of Democrats are Gephardt supporters.

Sixty-five percent of Democrats aren't even following the campaign.

Who can blame them when the candidates are so embarrassingly out of touch with American sentiment?

In his speech on Sunday night, the president reminded citizens why we undertook the war in Iraq that has become the focus of so much criticism from the left.

"Two years ago, I told the Congress and the country that the war on terror would be a lengthy war, a different kind of war, fought on many fronts in many places," he said. "Iraq is now the central front."

Presidential critics continue to spew nonsense about the war even as the mountain of evidence linking Iraq to terrorism grows exponentially.

In just a few hours of research, I found enough information about shady Iraqi dealings to write a hundred columns supporting the war that liberals incorrectly claim has no basis.

For years, Iraqi defectors, including a former captain in the Iraqi Army, were telling us that Hussein's regime trained terrorists in a camp south of Baghdad, equipped with a Boeing 707 to practice hijacking airplanes.

Recently captured Farouk Hijazi, former Iraqi ambassador to Turkey, admitted to meeting with senior al-Qaida officials at Hussein's request.

After the recent war, journalists uncovered a memo written by Iraqi intelligence officials detailing plans for communication with Osama bin Laden to discuss "the future of our relationship with him, bin Laden, and to achieve a direct meeting with him."

Hussein bragged about sending monetary rewards to the families of suicide bombers in Israel. He used chemical weapons in Iraq and in an attempt to suppress the Kurds. Another U.N. resolution would not have ended his reign of terror.

With the second year passing since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans don't want to hear the spin of talking heads assuring us that evil dictators can be reasoned with.

We want to kiss our families goodbye in the morning, knowing that we will see them again after work.

More than 3,000 Americans had that opportunity robbed from them.

President Bush was eloquent in his explanation of why brave men and women are abroad, putting their lives on the line. "And for America, there will be no going back to the era before September the 11th, 2001, to false comfort in a dangerous world. We have learned that terrorist attacks are not caused by the use of strength; they are invited by the perception of weakness. And the surest way to avoid attacks on our own people is to engage the enemy where he lives and plans. We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities."

I sleep soundly knowing that our president and our military are protecting this nation.

Hussein's deceased son, Uday, articulated the morbid reality of this story: "I think the Americans are serious this time. George Bush isn't like Clinton."

So let Democrats prattle on about Bush's failures while Americans ignore them all the way to the voting booth.

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Citizens don't have to accept majority

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Two years ago tomorrow, the United States' role in the world changed. Gone were the days when dead civilians were an unfortunate headline from a place where few of us would never give a thought to the feeling of security from foreign enemies. On Sept. 11, 2001, Americans felt more vulnerable than they had felt since Pearl Harbor. We all were scared and the questions were: When will the next attack occur, with what weapon and how many civilians will die?

Nine days later, when President Bush spoke, he said we were a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done. The war on terror had begun to protect our nation from future attacks. Since that day we have seen shoe inspections, orange alerts and full-body searches of 80-year-old women, and Muslim men in their 30s go through airport screening virtually unchecked for fear of racial profiling. But, we have also seen two evil regimes removed.

Both the Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq fell with relative ease in wars that Democrats said would never get off the ground. Two countries in ruins, dead American soldiers coming home while the names of the countless dead Iraqis are unknown. Inspectors have been unable to turn up a single dirty test tube. Further, our reconstruction has had little success, and it seems our troops will have a long occupation. In the past few weeks, Rummy has been rapidly backpedaling in regards to his ideas of unilateralism. Apparently we were just kidding about the United Nations being useless and irrelevant, and now need, and want, their help.

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Pill may reduce number of menstrual cycles

Students acknowledge benefits but worry about possible drawbacks of new pill.

By Nicole Janok
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The first birth control pill specifically designed to reduce a woman's menstrual cycles from 13 to only four a year could hit pharmacy shelves by the end of October.

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration last week, Seasonale requires a 91-day regimen of low-dose hormones similar to those found in the standard 28-day pill cycle.

Although local reproductive health care officials welcome a new oral contraceptive to the market, some students are wary of the pill, which has indicated a slightly higher frequency of breakthrough bleeding in clinical trials.

Some students attributed the additional bleeding to the number of pills women must take to complete the cycle.

"The benefit is good," freshman Tania Saby said. "But taking that many pills, I think people will forget."

Health science education senior Lorna Malpica and business junior Corina Fernandez said they were more concerned with effects of Seasonale's hormones throughout its lengthy cycle.

"That is too long to take a pill," Fernandez said.

But clinical trials indicated that Seasonale's side effects were similar to other oral contraceptives.

Christine Gajda, director of external affairs for Planned Parenthood, said Seasonale is a different way to approach birth control and it may take a while for users to adjust to just four periods a year.

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MULTICULTURAL
Event showcases
Hispanic heritage

By MEGAN SEERY
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Emil Nufiez examines his uniform of jeans, sneakers and a T-shirt. His demeanor seems casual, but that's the look he's going for.

Nufiez usually wears typical Dominican attire when he performs with the Dominican Student Association, but he toned it down for Tuesday's Hispanic Student Assembly at the Reitz Union.

"My clothes are informal, but so is the occasion," Nufiez said.

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He was just one buoy in a sea of students at the Hispanic Student Association event where planners expected at least 700 attendees, said programming director Andrea Zuniga. She thinks of HSA as a central hub for student groups.

"We have more than 40 groups participating and not all are Hispanic-themed," Zuniga said. "But everything has a Latin twist."

The event kicked off with an organizational fair before a show that featured live skits, video recordings and commercials for various clubs.

Cesar Morel stepped with his fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta. The brothers opened with a hip-hop step that morphed into a Latin-theme dance.

To show unity, they wore black shirts with their Spanish nicknames printed on the back. Morel's shirt read "con gusto," which translates to "with pleasure."

While his shirt is playful, Morel took the event seriously. He stressed that his fraternity, like the other organizations, is multicultural yet Latin-based.

That grooves with what Leticia Martinez, director of the Institute of Hispanic/Latino Cultures, said about the event.

"I work at the Institute of Hispanic and Latino Culture, not the Institute for Latinos," she said. "The institute is not only for those students, it is for everyone."

Asian Student Union, PRIDE, Student Legal Services and Dance Marathon were among non-Hispanic organizations that participated. Martinez explained that La Casita and Institute of Black Culture belong to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, which means that the institutes house a variety of organizations.

Tuesday's event precedes Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins Sept. 14.

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FOOTBALL

Offensive line produces despite position change

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The names on the backs of the UF offensive linemen might as well be left off entirely.

The unit, which has changed in configuration several times since training camp, has proven to be a deep and talented group through the season’s first two games no matter who lines up where.

The changes started when Outland Trophy candidate Max Starks moved from left tackle to right guard in the off-season, where he started the first game of the season. However, with junior college transfer Tavares Washington hampered by injury; Starks was moved back to tackle.

The changes continued during the Miami game when Lance Butler made his first career start at guard.

He’s even shared his spot at times with Mike Degory, who is usually the staple at center.

To complete the new look, Randy Hand was plugged in as the starting right tackle.

“I think the shuffling is a good idea, it keeps us all fresh,” Degory said.

“We have, when [Jonathan] Colan and [Anthony] Guerrero get back, probably eight or nine guys that can all play. All it’s going to do is make us fresher in the fourth quarter with the shuffling and the rotating,” Colan and Guerrero, who both are scheduled to come back from knee injuries within the next two weeks, will provide even more flexibility and depth to an already solid unit.

While the look of the line has changed several times, the effectiveness has not been a question. UF has averaged more than 172 yards per game on the ground even though both starting lines were composed differently.

“I don’t think it has anything to do with the players and where they’re at,” Degory said.

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“When I first got here I looked up to play-ers like Abby [Wambach] and the really showed me what it takes to win,” Floyd said.

Wambach left UF in 2001 and is now a member of the U.S. national team.

Fourteen freshmen were introduced to the Gators this season. Floyd sees the similarities and realizes the seniors are being counted on to teach the rookies.

“I definitely think they look up to us and we see and notice that,” Floyd said. “We have to set a standard for all of them to follow.”

So far, not too bad.

The Gators are off to a 4-0 start this season and seemed to have solved the problems from last year.

After scoring just 29 goals in 2002, the Gators have already tallied 11 and have not scored less than two goals a match. Two of the goals have come thanks to Floyd’s thunderous right foot.

Floyd scored two penalty-kick goals in the Gators’ 4-3 win against Southern California one week ago. It was the senior’s ability that gave her one of the most memorable goals since playing soccer.

A forty-yard blast from the midfielder against Nebraska last year was good enough to give the Gators the win.

“I look for those kinds of shots a lot,” Floyd said of scoring her third of seven career goals. “Luckily, that one went in.”

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With some pushing from her brothers, the midfielder is now known as “The Enforcer” on the Gators.

Damon and Devin were both state championship wrestlers in high school, so you could say Dena was at a disadvantage.

“She’s the baby of the family, but they still treated her just like one of the guys,” Alvin said.

As the tag-team siblings find it hard to make the trip to Gainesville to see their sister play, they do come as much as possible, Dena said.
The pair always found in the stands of Percy Beard Stadium on muggy Friday nights and sweating Sunday afternoons in the fall is Alvin and Paulette Floyd, Dena’s mother.

“I can’t remember a time when they didn’t show up for one of my games,” the senior said.

Although Paulette said she does recount some occasions when the couple couldn’t come down from Virginia, it’s only been a few times.

As big soccer fans, the Floyds enjoy nothing more than watching their daughter compete at UF, but there’s one thing they have to do before flying or driving back north.

After every Friday game we go out to eat, and my parents can’t leave Gainesville without going to Stonewood [Tavern & Grill],” Dena said. “They just love that place.”

Besides their appetite for a good meal, Alvin and Paulette love the fact Dena chose to attend UF, Paulette said.

“We had high expectations, both athletically and academically, for our daughter when she came down here,” Alvin said. “Those expectations have been met for us, but more importantly, Dena is so happy she chose here.”

The criminology major said she doesn’t regret the decisions she has made throughout her career at UF.

With only a few more months left in their daughter’s collegiate career, the Floyds will find themselves with free time they haven’t experienced in years.

“We’ve been watching our kids play sports for so long it’s going to be really sad when we watch Dena play her last game at the end of the year,” Paulette said.

As her final year is just beginning, Dena remembers the path the Gators have gone since stepping on the field for the first time in 2000.

When Dena first arrived to UF, the Gators were two years removed from a national title. By her sophomore year, Dena and the Gators would reach the national semifinals.

A lot of immediate success, but last year was different.

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Men's golf lands No. 3 spot in preseason polls

STAFF REPORT

The UF men's golf team was ranked No. 3 in Golfweek's 2003-04 preseason rankings, while senior Camilo Villegas was selected as a preseason first-team All-American.

The women's golf team also is in the top 10, ranked No. 9 by Golfweek.

Sophomore Aimee Cho was selected as a preseason first-team All-American.

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The men's team, which earned the program's 16th top-five finish at the NCAA Championships last season with a tie for fourth, was ranked behind defending national champion No. 1 Clemson and No. 2 UCLA.

UF returns eight players from last season's Southeastern Conference Championship, including sophomore All-Americans Matt Every and James Vargas and sophomore Southeastern Conference Individual champion Brett Stegmaier.

"It's flattering that we're ranked in the top three," said Gators coach Buddy Alexander, who begins his 17th season at UF.

"We do have a lot of players returning and I think that's probably about where where we should be. We feel like we have a good chance to be a very competitive team this year." A three-time All-American, Villegas is ranked No. 4 in the country by Golfweek and will look to join Gary Koch, Dudley Hart and David Jackson as the only four-time All-Americans at UF.

Villegas also enters his senior campaign with the best career-stroke average of any Gator. The Gators were ranked the highest of the six SEC schools in Golfweek's top 30.

They were joined by No. 5 Georgia, No. 15 Arkansas, No. 21 Auburn, No. 23 South Carolina and No. 25 Tennessee.

For the women's team, Duke was ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll, followed by UCLA, Ohio State, Oklahoma State and Texas. UF is one of four SEC schools ranked in the top 10 by Golfweek, the most of any conference.

No. 6 Vanderbilt, No. 7 Tennessee and No. 10 Georgia are the other SEC schools on the list.

Wynn viewed as offensive 'weapon'

WYNN, from page 19

fumbled ever since I was in the seventh grade," said Wynn, a Parade All-American at Reading High School.

"I was kind of disappointed in myself, so I worked all week in practice on holding on to the ball and keeping it close to my body." His diligence worked against Miami early, but during the second half, his chance was deprived.

The redshirt freshman could have been utilized more in the late minutes to balance the offense.

While the Hurricanes made their second-half surge, the UF offense gave Wynn just two carries and didn't get the running backs involved.

Quarterback Chris Leak took many snaps from the shotgun formation, which resulted in the freshman sometimes making errant throws.

"I would have liked to see us run the ball more," he said.

"But it's not my decision. That's up to [offensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher]. All I can do is run the calls made and do my best." Pretty soon, the Gators will have another giant to face — No. 13 Tennessee on Sept. 20.

UF may take a note from Saturday and give the ball to the Ohio boy.

"He can do it all," Carthon said.

"When teams watch that and see the different things that he can do, they don't know what to expect when he comes out there.

To have a guy like DeShawn on the team is great. It's another weapon."
UF football turns dirty, violent after play stops

As you may have figured out — and as I may have pointed out — I am a sports writer. In other words, I am a scrawny, stringy-weight-deprived specimen known for my ability to criticize those more athletic than myself.

But hey, I've broken a few bones in my life. I cracked my nose again just last week. That makes me tough, right?

Turns out, I may be wrong. Over the course of the past few days, I learned a lesson. Football is a violent sport, but it's the most violent after the whistle.

Join me while I take you under the pile for the nastiest, ugliest, most disgusting and despicable moments in all of sports.

Because when the play has been whistled dead, the action has just begun.

"What happens under the pile after a play?" said cornerb tack Keival Ratliff. "You don't even want to know."

But I do. So I kept asking.

"If I have a good punt return," he said, "I'll have somebody twisting my leg, punching me in the stomach, grabbing my..."

Wait a second. If this column is going to continue, we need to get something out in the open. The male genitalia will be discussed. Berries. Marbles. Rocks. Step children. Whatever you want to call them, just get comfortable.

"Oh, yeah," defensive end Bobby McCray said. "That happens a lot. Especially if you get a helmet. If they're real nasty, they'll try to spit on you."

But as McCray boasts, no matter what happens, you can't let go of the ball — football, that is.

Teammates say Wynn's specialty is making tacklers miss.

"The offensive line just opened up a big hole," he said. "I just took what they gave me. It felt great, especially against a team like Miami."

Just a weekend earlier against San Jose State, however, Wynn seemed to be slipping on the depth chart, recording just 19 yards on six carries and two sloppy fumbles.

Wynn knew that was an uncharacteristic move.

"I think that was the first time I've ever been completely undisciplined."
FOOTBALL

Miami-born defense sports nostalgic tattoos

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Miami natives on the UF football team love their hometown so much, it hurts.
Like a piercing needle.

Six Gators from the Miami area — defensive ends Bobby McCray and Steven Harris, strong safety Cory Bailey, linebacker Taurean Charles and cornerbacks Jermaine and Tremaine McCollum — share a deep-rooted bond through tattoos with a similar design and an optional scripture that reads “305 Boyz,” referring to Miami’s area code.
The intricate tattoo design, circumscribed by the scripted work, goes on each player’s right forearm or shoulder.

Although Johnny Dingle, a 2003 signee who will not play this season because of academics, has a scorpion on his forearm, the six others have a larger-than-life gorilla head with mouth open, fangs extra sharp.
The gorilla symbolizes ferocious football, Bailey said, which is fitting because all seven players are on UF’s defensive unit.

To some, however, the writing is what really matters.

“Mine reminds me how much I love my hometown,” Charles said.

When McCray thinks about his tattoo, it makes him want to conquer the world.

“We’re the 305 Boyz,” said McCray, golden teeth showing, smile intact.

“The tattoo is right,” said Bailey, the only player without the “305 Boyz” script around his gorilla.

“When McCray took Dingle, to the parlor for his “305 Boyz” around his scorpion, the freshman became a new member of the Miami-UF connection.

Then came the congratulations from teammates after they saw the finished product: hugs, high-fives, shoulder pats, head shakes and perhaps noogies were involved.

If a player orally commits to UF on his official visit, tattooing becomes a ceremony, almost an initiation into a fraternity.

When McCray took Dingle, to the parlor for his “305 Boyz” around his scorpion, the freshman became a new member of the Miami-UF connection.

UF strong safety Cory Bailey and five other Gators from Miami have a similar tattoo that symbolizes the love for their city. The junior has a gorilla face on his right shoulder.

also has a tattoo on his shoulder that reads “Soul Taker” because he takes the soul out of a quarterback.

“I heard a lot of players up here had the same tattoos. I have a lot of tattoos, but I didn’t have a place to put the gorilla.”

So will offensive lineman Jonathan Colon and defensive ends Tranell Morant and MacKenzie Pierre, also Miami natives, run to the parlor for a tattoo?

“If they don’t have it by now, they’re probably never going to get it,” Bailey said.

“Some people just don’t like tattoos.”

But some people love Miami.
What can Career Showcase do for you?

By Jessica Behmoiras

In a week campus will be filled with thousands of students heading to the O'Connell Center dressed in their business suits, anxious to talk to employers, worried they will say the wrong thing and sweating from the heat.

Career Showcase time has returned and just how prepared are you going to be when September 17 & 18 approaches?

Showcase is more than a career fair. This two-day event marks the start of the on-campus recruiting season through the Career Resource Center.

Every fall and spring semester the CRC connects students to internship, cooperative education and full-time positions.

How are you going to make next week work for you?

Career Showcase is not an event exclusively for graduating seniors. All students should take advantage of having more than 200 employers on campus to explore different industries and companies as well as to familiarize yourself with the job search process.

In this competitive job market, networking and starting early is going to help you land the job of your dreams when graduation arrives.

Prepare yourself by researching employers attending Career Showcase through the CRC website to identify those recruiting your major.

Visit them at the fair with your questions and gather more information for the future.

Your job search should not stop when Career Showcase ends. Attend workshops your to improve your interviewing techniques or salary negotiating.

If you need guidance on choosing a career path, come see our advisors.

Hundreds of recruiters will start to visit the campus next week looking for talented students to fill internship, cooperative education and full time positions.

Attend the pre-Showcase events to prepare for your employment search and the upcoming recruiting season.

If you're still unsure about where you fit into the Showcase experience, stop by the CRC and talk to a career advisor or counselor for suggestions to help you make the most of Career Showcase.

Whether you're considering different career options or actively searching for employment, join your fellow students at Career Showcase next week, September 17 & 18, 9:00am - 3:00pm, in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.
The Career Resource Center would like to thank the following students for their contributions towards the organization of Career Showcase Fall 2003

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Job search, market for international students

By Farouk Day
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Most international students have difficulties securing postgraduate positions in the US because of complex immigration laws and misperceptions and misunderstandings from recruiters and students.

According to the Wall Street Journal, more than 30% of most classes at the top business schools are made up of international students.

More than 2,500 International students attend the University of Florida, and many of them want to and are allowed to work in the United States after they graduate.

According to the United States Department of State, F-1 students are eligible to work full time in the field of their academic study for one year after they graduate part of their “practical training.” After that, they are able to stay and work in the US for six additional years if their employer agrees to file a petition for an H-1B visa.

Many employers hire international students because of the perceived hiring complexities involved. Because the rules are different, the process is less familiar to employers and involves additional paperwork and application fees.

Some employers are also hesitant to get involved with this process because of fear of not being able to keep the candidate in the organization for a long period of time after having invested money and time on hiring and training.

Some recruiters also have concerns about whether or not international students are able to communicate effectively with customers and colleagues.

If you are an international student, navigating through the job search process can be tricky for you, but there are strategies that can help make it less stressful:

1. Start early! You can’t afford to wait until your last semester to start this process. Visit the International Center and inquire about the application process for an Optional Practical Training Card. The application process isn’t as complicated as it sounds and you do not need to have a job offer in order to apply. However, it can take months before you get your card, so don’t put it off.

2. Find part-time positions on campus that can help you gain professional experience while completing your education. Employers value relevant experience and internships more than any other work experience.

3. Do your research and assume the responsibility of educating counselors and advisors at the employer about immigration laws and what’s involved with the process. The United States Department of State’s website has a plethora of information on this process.

4. Identify companies and industries that have history hiring international students.

Companies that have gone through this process are more familiar and less afraid of it and know that it isn’t as complicated as it sounds.

5. Contact employers who advertise their position opening as being available for US citizens and residents only. If you truly believe you have the skills, experience, and education that qualify you for those positions, you should contact those employers directly.

6. Make the most out of your Optional Practical Training Card. This card usually allows you to work in the US for a maximum of 12 months. Do not use some of this time to do your job search.

7. Be upfront about your status. In a recent study published in the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Job Outlook 2003, employers rated honesty and integrity as the second most important quality they look for in a candidate.

Recruiters have extensive experience interviewing people and usually they can tell when the candidate is hiding something from them. It is recommended that you disclose your status to the employer during or after the first interview. Don’t wait to the third or onsite interview. Some employers may ask about your status in the application form.

8. Use the right language when you explain this process to the employer. Many employers confuse the H-1B process with a sponsorship for a Green Card. One has nothing to do with the other.

Use the word “petition” when discussing the H-1B process. When employers hear the word “sponsor” they will most likely think of a “Green Card,” usually a much more complex process.

9. Don’t hide the fact that you are an international student. Rather, celebrate it and take pride in the many assets and advantages you have because of your status. Your status sets you apart.

As an international student, you probably know more than one language and have been exposed to other cultures.

Traveling and living in a different country and culture other than your own has probably made you more mature, flexible, and adaptable to new situations. These are all valuable skills that can help you market yourself. Your unique story and background can make you stand out.

Starting the job search process early is important for all students, but it is even more crucial for international students at least learn about the process as soon as they arrive to campus.
What can I do with a major in Liberal Arts and Science?

By Rachel Spier

Experiential Education, Career Resource Center

What do you want to do? If you are considering internships or jobs in business, the federal government, or engineering, Career Showcase would be a good opportunity to connect with employers.

For those looking for non-profit and more local organizations, the Opportunities Fair (Spring) will be a good way for you to meet some employers in those fields.

Whatever you are looking for, there are a few steps you can take when you look into that wide expanse we all call “career.”

The first step in finding a job that is right for you is to consider all your options. You may have more choices than you think. As a liberal arts and science student, you already have the skills employers are looking for.

Recruiters tell us that qualities like ethical behavior, motivation, communication and integrity are not skills they want to teach; they want to hire people who have those qualities already. They would rather spend time training new employees in technical and job-specific tasks.

The NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Job Outlook 2003 reiterates what employers tell us, saying that recruiters are seeking new employees who have an awareness of diverse cultures, creativity, self-confidence, organizational and analytical skills and who are flexible and adaptable.

Fortunately, as a Liberal Arts and Science major, you have developed these skills already.

Knowing that you have the skills employers are seeking is the first step in planning a career.

The next step is investigating what types of jobs are available, and the industries and job functions in which you are interested.

When you picture yourself on the job, where are you? What does it look like? Who is around you? Decide what types of things interest you and explore those sectors.

You can learn more about different areas through shadowing or interning with an individual who is already in those fields.

When seeking a job after graduation, relevant work experience and internships are rated as highly important by employers, according to a recent survey. If you need assistance, the Career Resource Center staff is available to answer your questions.

The next step is to understand how to market the skills you have developed. Recruiters want to hire people who have those qualities already. They would rather spend time training new employees in technical and job-specific tasks.

For example, as an Anthropology major, knowing that class in Hieroglyphics might have taught you skills such as problem solving (through deciphering alphabetic and numeric structures) and insight into different cultures?

Take your time and look at each class individually. Sometimes you may be able to see the skills you’ve learned, and sometimes you may need additional training.

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Cultural diversity reception grows in popularity

By Kisa T. Pendergrass

During the past decade the term "cultural diversity" has evolved from a politically correct term to describe African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Native American populations, to a term that describes the corporate make up of companies that compete successfully in today's market place.

There is an increasing celebration of the presence of various cultures and ethnicities in the workplace, which has lead to new ways of learning, understanding and perceiving all people who contribute to the success of the work environment.

In order to diversify their applicant pool employers are seeking innovative ways to meet potential candidates who will be committed to the success of their cooperation.

For the past eleven years the Cultural Diversity Reception, a Career Showcase event, continues to bring students from these unique populations together with employers in a social setting to discuss and celebrate diversity in the world of work.

This reception serves as a vehicle for various student organizations to practice their networking skills and highlight their academic and personal successes as students at the University of Florida.

Many students leave the reception with several contacts for potential internships and job opportunities.

Many employers leave this event with a greater appreciation of the caliber of students who make up the University of Florida population.

In the past, registered student organizations have had the option to receive a CD featuring the uploaded resumes of their membership who are registered in GatorTrak, the Career Resource Center's previous internet-based on-campus recruiting and communication service.

Jumpstart your career: Get the right experience early

Are you deciding between two majors or career paths? Would you like some experience to make yourself more marketable in this challenging job market? Do you want to make contacts with professionals in your field?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider Experiential Education!

Depending upon your level of certainty about your major and your intended career, as well as your desired level of time commitment, there is an educational experience that is right for you.

Externships, internships, and cooperative education programs are all great ways to Jumpstart your career. Below is a basic overview of these three programs.

Externships

Externships are career shadowing experiences that typically last from a few hours to one week.

They provide students with the opportunity to observe professionals and learn about possible careers in that field.

Externships are great for students of any academic year who are trying to decide between several majors and/or career paths and want to explore a variety of options.

You could set up an externship in Gainesville on an afternoon when you don't have class or during a holiday break in your hometown. You can arrange an externship by directly contacting a professional in your career interest area.

Check out the CRC website at www.crc.ufl.edu for a very helpful Print & Go packet of step-by-step instructions on how to set up an externship.

Internships

Internships are career-related work experiences that usually last one semester, but sometimes last longer.

Internships are great experiences for students interested in gaining hands-on experience in the career field of their choice. Internships also present an opportunity to test careers.

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feedback. Your professors and those in the CRC can help.

Throughout your experience in school, you can be learning the language of the industry you are exploring. Read books, magazines, and articles related to your interest.

Talk to professionals in the field who can answer questions and help you understand the industry more clearly.

Professional organizations are available in every interest area and industry, from Romance Writers of America (RWA) to the Society of Research Administration (SRA) to The American Historical Association (AHA). You can use this medium to contact people who can answer many of your questions, keep you aware of all the cutting edge research, and potentially help you find an internship or job after graduation.

Understanding the language of the industry allows you to articulate how your skills are relevant to your particular job interest.

In addition, through reading and talking to professionals you also develop a strong network of individuals who may be crucial in your job-search process.

Marketing yourself in the right way will make a big difference, and will open more doors.

Finally, you need to take action. If you have time before you graduate, you can follow these steps and develop ideas early and make your school-to-work transition smooth.

Get information through asking questions. Shadow professionals in different fields. Get an internship.

After Career Showcase in the fall of 2002, over 600 interviews were set up for internships and full-time positions with Liberal Arts and Science students.

This year, companies will again be looking for students with your qualifications.

Career Showcase is a great way to find jobs with companies who are actively seeking students with transferable skills such as yours. The doors are open and the options are many.

Now the question is not "what do you want to do?" but "when can you start?"
Attending companies: Day One

"3Dlabs, Inc."
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"Auto-Owners Insurance Company"
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"AVID Engineering, Inc"
"Bank of America"
"Bank of America"
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"Becker Conviser Professional Review"
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"Brinner, Burek & Keelan LLP"
"Burdines"
"Bureau of the Public Debt"
"C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc."
**Attending companies: Day Two**

Organization - Day 2 (as of 9/5/03)
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- Anheuser Busch Inc.
- Beckman Coulter Inc.
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- DeKalb County School System
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- Entergy Corporation
- Enterprise Rent a Car
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- Ferguson
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- General Electric
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goals and make contacts with potential employers.
Internships may be done during any semester and may be done on a part-time or full-time basis.
Students may opt to receive academic credit for their internships, and many are paid positions.
If you are interested in Internships, don’t miss the Internship Forum on September 16.
This employer panel brings together representatives who will respond to questions related to internships.
Check the Career Showcase workshop schedule at www.crc.ufl.edu for time and location of the internship Forum.

Cooperative Education:
- **Co-op** (Cooperative Education) positions are extended work experiences that blend classroom learning with multiple semesters of practical work experience, following specific guidelines regarding the number and timing of work and school semesters.
- There are two possible work options: parallel and alternating.
  - The parallel work option is for students working 20 hours a week within commutable distance of Gainesville. Students doing the parallel work option continue attending class full-time.
  - The alternating work option is for students who choose to alternate between semesters of full-time work and full-time academic coursework.
  - Co-op positions are paid, and students receive one credit hour for each semester worked.
  - They are great options for students who would like to have a more in-depth and long-term working experience.
  - Don’t miss Career Showcase September 17 & 18 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center, for an opportunity to meet with employers looking to fill internship and co-op positions.
  - For internship-related questions or to report a completed internship, e-mail RachelSpier@crc.ufl.edu or JudyArzie@crc.ufl.edu.

For additional information concerning career opportunities, please visit us in the Career Resource Center, first floor of the J. Wayne Reitz Union, or check out the CRC website at www.crc.ufl.edu.
Visit the "Career Fairs" section of the CRC website at www.crc.ufl.edu or see pages 6 and 7 for a complete listing of organizations attending the fair.

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