CITY COMMISSION
City rejects Wal-Mart Supercenter plans

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Though Wal-Mart representatives promised to provide buffers, retention ponds and even a park around a proposed Supercenter at Hogtown Creek, the Gainesville City Commission denied the company for a second time last week.

The commission voted 5-2 in favor of a motion denying Wal-Mart's petition to build a Supercenter at the intersection of Northwest 53rd Avenue and U.S. Highway 441.

Glenn Wilkins, community affairs manager for the Southeast, said Wal-Mart spent more than 18 months planning for the site and is re-evaluating all its options.

"We were disappointed," he said. "We worked hard to meet their (the commissioners') original recommendations. We would like to serve our customers in the area with a Supercenter, but at this point we really don't know how we'll do that." Commissioners expressed concern about the environmental impact of putting a Supercenter at the source of Hogtown Creek at an earlier meeting, but Wilkins said the new proposal "exceeded" the commission's requirements.

The proposal included retention ponds to filter water and control runoff, a two-acre park, and a 150-foot buffer between the Supercenter and the creek.

David Finch, the store manager of the 13th Street Wal-Mart, said he believed all 32 of the commission's concerns with the Supercenter had been addressed. The commissioners are more worried about how the land is used than with environmental issues, Finch said, and did not want to surrender their control by voting in favor of Wal-Mart's proposal.

Wal-Mart proposed to fix traffic lanes and add lights to U.S. Highway 441. It offered to treat an unregulated Hogtown feeder creek like a regulated creek with a buffer.

"It sounded like they had solved all the issues, but for some reason they just don't want us on that property," Finch said.

Commissioners, in a meeting for most of the day Monday, were not available to comment on Wal-Mart's claims.

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David Finch
Wal-Mart store manager

Wilkins would not confirm whether Wal-Mart has eliminated the site from its options or whether it is considering not building a Supercenter in Gainesville at all.

Finch defended the 13th Street Wal-Mart's record on gender, which Commissioner Chuck Chestnut brought up at last week's commission meeting.

A judge granted class-action status Tuesday to a suit against Wal-Mart for gender discrimination. It is now the largest private civil rights suit in U.S. history.

Finch said the statistics at his Wal-Mart do not support sex discrimination claims.

"We were disappointed," he said. "and just looking at the numbers I could probably tell you that our store is more diversified that the community it represents."

Cher to play UF during Fall tour

■ SGP PUT UP THE MONEY FOR DISCOUNTED STUDENT TICKETS FOR THE O'CONNELL CENTER SHOW.

By EMILY YEHLE
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Cher will perform at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center this Fall on her Farewell Tour, and students will be able to see her at a heavily discounted price.

Student Body President Jamal Sowell allocated $10,000 of Student Government Productions' budget to give a $20 student discount. Regular tickets are $79.50 and $59.50.

Sowell said the large-scale concert will attract a wide audience, including students.

"It's so we can bring good entertainment to the students," he said.

Each student can buy up to four discounted tickets. Thus far, about 100 student tickets have been sold, said Renee Musson, business manager of the O'Connell Center.

Since beginning the tour two years ago, Cher has sidestepped Gainesville, performing instead at Sunrise, Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

Her visit will cost UF between $250,000 and $350,000, which will be financed through ticket sales, Musson said.

Out of an estimated 7,600 available tickets, just fewer than 5,500 were sold Saturday and Monday, Musson said.

Tickets are available at the Reitz Union University Box Office and at TicketMaster outlets.

Bones could be from missing Fla. woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Authorities may know soon whether bone fragments found in Weber Canyon over the weekend belong to humans or animals, a possible break in the search for a Florida woman and her daughter, who disappeared last year while hiking.

Summit County officials say the bones were found not far from where an SUV rented by Carole Wenthuron of Panama, Fla., and her daughter, Kimberly Beverly, of Tucker, Ga., was found last September.

Several members of the UF baseball team received postseason awards. UF's Justin Hoyman, Ben Harrison and C.J. Smith were among those honored. See story, pg. 20.

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NATION
Not giving police name can lead to arrest, Supreme Court says
WASHINGTON - A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled last week that people who refuse to give their names to police can be arrested, even if they've done nothing wrong.

The court previously had said police may briefly detain people they suspect of wrongdoing, without any proof. But until now, the justices had never held that during those encounters a person must reveal their identity.

The court's 5-4 decision upholds laws in at least 21 states giving police the right to ask people their name and jail those who don't cooperate. Law enforcement officials say identification requests are a routine part of detective work.

Privacy advocates say the decision gives police too much power. Once officers have a name, they can use computer databases to learn all kinds of personal information about the person.

STATE
Gov. Bush to form commission to help in Haitian reconstruction
MIAMI (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush announced plans Monday to form a commission to work with Haitian leaders in the reconstruction of the impoverished nation, which has struggled with a political crisis and deadly flooding.

Bush met with members of the Haitian-American community to discuss the commission, which is expected to serve as a clearinghouse to help rebuild the country's infrastructure through economic development, education, technology and the environment.

"As Haiti continues to work to rebuild its nation, Florida is committed to supporting the Haitian people and their goals to ensure a positive future for them and their children," Bush said in a statement.

The commission, which has not yet been named, would try to create a dialogue between the state's Haitian community and Haitian leaders, Bush said.

Bush traveled to Haiti earlier this month to meet with aid workers and the U.S.-backed interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue.

MILITARY
Poll shows doubt about Iraq

Do you approve returning sovereignty to Iraq?

75% approve

60% yes

62% yes

Can democracy be established in Iraq within the next five years?

70% yes

30% said yes, 50 percent said no.

Of respondents who said U.S. troops should return home in less than two years, 4 out of every 25 said the troops should leave Iraq immediately.

Poll of 1,006 respondents was taken between June 21 and June 25.

Respondents were nearly evenly divided when asked if the new Iraqi government would be friendly to the United States in five years. (Forty-eight percent said yes, 50 percent said no.)

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Moore’s new documentary sets box-office record

‘Fahrenheit 9/11’ criticizes Bush for war on terrorism

By JUSTIN ROMANO
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Michael Moore’s newest film, “Fahrenheit 9/11,” opened this weekend to continuing controversy and record-setting box office sales.

“Republicans should especially see this movie, at least for perspective.”

Donna Schmidt
UF student

In three days, the film, which takes a critical look at the Bush administration as well as the war in Iraq, has grossed more than “Bowling for Columbine,” Moore’s last documentary, which made approximately $21.5 million throughout its nine-month run.

“My family members made a $2 million donation to the Warrington College of Business to support the Ethics Center, which were not previously able in the Spring.”

Donna Schmidt
UF student

Former Warrington College of Business Dean John Kraft said

“If you’re fair with people, they’ll work better for you and with you,” he said.

SG battle cools with new nominee

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At a surprise party for their parents’ 50th wedding anniversary, William and Elizabeth Poe’s children gave a gift to UF.

The five family members made a $2 million donation last week to the Warrington College of Business to support the center for business ethics, Dean John Kraft said.

The endowment will allow the college to offer under-graduate ethics classes, which were not previously offered, and to expand the courses available to graduate students, Kraft said. The new courses should be available in the Spring.

Additionally, the existing center, which is led by Virginia Maurer, will be named in honor of the couple.

Elizabeth Poe said Monday that she was surprised and pleased by the gift from her three daughters and two sons.

“They’re good kids,” she said.


He said that in the wake of the corporate scandals of the past few years, universities need to work harder and than ever to instill strong ethics in business students.

“In today’s world, an awful lot of problems occur in public companies because of the excess and lack of judgment of CEOs and financial officers,” Poe said.

“Courts
Ex-Foundation chief pleads no contest

By ADRIAN G. URIBARRI
Alligator Writer

The UF Foundation’s former chief financial officer pleaded no contest last Tuesday to grand theft charges.

Kenneth Hillier waived his right to a trial for the theft of $80,000 from Foundation accounts since May 2002.

Hillier was charged in December with ten counts of grand theft greater than $100,000 and one count of grand theft greater than $20,000. The money came from the Foundation’s budget, not from the donations to the university the non-profit organization manages, Foundation spokesman Chris Boudia said when Hillier was arrested in September.

The maximum sentence for a Class 3 felony, a charge for theft of more than $20,000, is 15 years in prison and a fine of $50,000, Knight said. Prosecutors are pressing for at least eight years and a full reimbursement, Knight said. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 27.

When Hillier was charged, Boudia said the investigation had not curbed contributions to the Foundation. The day before Hillier pleaded, a group of alumni donated $2 million to the Warrington College of Business’ center for business ethics.
Man uses GPD car to evade arrest

By ADRIAN G. URIBARRI
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A Newberry man faces several felony charges after Gainesville Police say he beat a man, stole his wallet and two cars and sped through northwest Gainesville.

Police say Tyler Clayton Gaultney beat a hotel employee with a brick at the Holiday Inn on West University Avenue at about 7:15 a.m. Monday, stole his wallet and fled the scene.

Before anyone reported the incident, police say Gaultney, 22, approached a woman on Northwest 13th Street and tried to get into her car. After she drove away, the woman reportedly told a UPD officer a blood-soaked man on 13th Street might need help.

“At this point, the officer looks down 13th Street, sees a man covered in blood, running across the street,” said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

Gaultney reportedly told the officer he’d been victimized, and as the officer stepped away from his car, Kameg said Gaultney got in the police car, locked the door and drove off.

“He drives the car approximately eight blocks, ditches the police car, runs two more blocks and goes into a home through an unlocked door where a number of people were inside sleeping,” Kameg said. “He ransacks through the house, finds a set of keys to a Saturn that’s in the driveway.”

But the other cars blocking the Saturn were no obstacle for Gaultney’s rampage.

“So he now uses the Saturn to push the other cars that are in the driveway out of the way,” Kameg said. “He’s seen by detectives who are responding fleeing at about 80 miles an hour.”

After losing sight of the suspect, police got a call from Wal-Mart. Officials were told a blood-soaked man asked for a change of clothes before leaving the store.

Gaultney was arrested at about 8:30 a.m., as more than half a dozen police cars surrounded him by a K-9 officer near the Wal-Mart.

Police said employees at the Wal-Mart kept Gaultney’s bloody clothes.

When asked, Gaultney told officers the Saturn was hidden by Sam’s Club, another retailer in the area.

Kameg said police will file at least six charges against Gaultney. They include two charges of automobile theft, one charge of armed robbery, one charge of attempted carjacking, one charge of burglary of an occupied building and one charge of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

Gaultney also could be charged with aggravated battery.

Gaultney was taken to a hospital, where he was examined for possible intoxication.

“When he came to the station, he started acting very peculiar,” Kameg said. “He might be on something.”

Modoline Pierre, a sociology student, samples beverages Monday as part of a consumer panel conducted by UF’s department of food science and human nutrition.

TRiP displays photos in Reitz

By ANDREW MEYER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Members of the Travel and Recreation Program have a new scrapbook.

TRiP, which organizes and leads outdoor vacations for students, is putting together a photography exhibit for the Reitz Union art gallery.

The new exhibit, “A Collection of Lives,” is made up of photographs taken on TRiP’s outings, which range from backpacking and rock climbing to kayaking and skiing.

“Overall, there’s about 25 photographs,” said TRiP leader Danny Ghitis, who is the driving force behind the project. “The majority of images are from a recent trip to Peru. There’s Georgia, there’s some Australia. There’s Georgia, there’s some Australia. I think we even have one from Hawaii.”

The exhibit serves as a way for TRiP leaders, who took all of the photos, to express themselves artistically, as well as a means to let students know more about the organization.

“We don’t just stomp around on the outdoors,” said Ghitis, who hopes the pictures will “let incoming freshmen know about the opportunity we provide.”

“TRiP is an excellent outlet,” he added.

“We don’t just stomp around on the outdoors.”

Danny Ghitis
TRiP leader

The exhibit will be divided into four or five sections, with different areas devoted to the outdoors, people, architecture and artistry.

The entrance to the art gallery, which is on the second floor of the Reitz, already has the first piece from the new exhibit, a collage of photographs, mounted on the front wall.

Matt McKenzie, who works in the TRiP office, said the exhibit will be on full display once some final display materials arrive, but he was uncertain when that would be.
**STUDENT LIFE**
**UF student places third for Disney coaster design**

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Theme park goers may have a new roller coaster to ride at Walt Disney World thanks to a mechanical engineering student.

Senior Shawna Snow won third place this month in the Disney Imagineering’s ‘Imagi-Nations’ competition, which searches for the theme park designers of tomorrow.

Snow spent five months designing a stand-up roller coaster based on the film ‘Monsters, Inc.’, scoring her a $1,000 scholarship and an internship with Imagineering, which creates all Disney theme parks, rides, resorts and attractions.

“Honestly, I was watching the movie, and a certain part of it just really struck me as, ‘They made up that part of the movie just so they could make a ride out of it,’” she said.

Snow later remembered the movie as she read about the competition on Disney’s Web site.

“When I heard about the contest, I thought it would be the perfect time to actually see if I could bring my idea to fruition, you know, if I could carry it all the way through into something that could actually work,” she said.

About 80 college students from around the globe entered the contest, Imagineering spokeswoman Marilyn Waters said.

“To get selected as a finalist is a huge honor,” she said. “One of the things that enabled Shawna to become a finalist was the way she integrated the story with her ideas.”

Snow said she was shocked when, in March, she learned she was one of six finalists.

“I’d see messages on my answering machine from the judges, and I didn’t call them back for, like, two days because I was nervous,” she said. “I didn’t think I had a chance in the world, so I was pretty thrilled.”

In June, Snow was flown to California, where she presented her ride to Imagineering executives using storyboards and models.

She’s working on a ride for Epcot and will continue her internship through the fall.

Teams or individuals interested in entering next year’s competition should begin the application process in the fall, Waters said.

“We want people to feel free to come forward with new ideas,” she said. “It gives us a way to keep our perspective fresh, young and balanced.”

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**Death sentence upheld**

**Use of Bible quotes in trial challenged**

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ATLANTA — Georgia’s parole board denied clemency Monday for a death row inmate whose lawyers argued the prosecutor improperly suggested at trial that the Ten Commandments do not recognize insanity as a defense for murder.

Robert Karl Hicks’ lawyers said in their clemency petition that jurors followed the prosecutor’s instructions to apply divine law and spent the early part of their deliberations “in group prayer.”

“Obviously, when people are in desperate straits, they take desperate measures and that’s what he’s apparently doing,” said Fowler.

Hicks had used an insanity defense at his trial for Rivers’ murder.

In their petition, Hicks’ lawyers said Fowler told jurors that the Ten Commandments make no provision for mental states.

“You shall not kill, He said in the Ten Commandments,” the lawyers quoted the prosecutor as saying. “Does it say, thou shalt not kill, and be held accountable only if you know what you’re doing?”

Hicks’ lawyers wrote: “The prosecution thus told the jury that God forbids their consideration of Mr. Hicks’ sole defense at trial.”

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Moore money
Don't let Michael Moore punch your chin

There is a buzz around movie theaters everywhere because a storied moviemaker's most recent project has been wildly successful at the box office. Ordinarily this would be the lead for a column about Spielberg's "The Terminal" or even Stiller's "Dodgeball," but instead what follows is commentary on a commentator's movie.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" is a movie made by a man whose power has surpassed anything his ego could have imagined. Michael Moore earned great acclaim for his debut documentary "Roger and Me," which followed him on his journey to speak directly with General Motors boss Roger Smith about the closing of small-town factories in Michigan.

"Bowling for Columbine" was also a hit, though his attempt to promote gun control in America got off track when he used Alzheimer's-afflicted National Rifle Association President Charlton Heston as a punching bag during one of the film's interviews.

While Moore's stunt with Heston was a low blow, his newest film is an all-out assault on one person with motives that are not pure and not at all secretive.

Moore has released this film, which raises questions about the Bush administration's motives in our most recent conflict with Iraq, in hopes that it would time nicely with the presidential election and get Bush ousted from office.

Who cares how it affects the election?

He's getting rich.

Moore — who is possibly the fattest, richest Democrat on Earth, needed only $6 million to make his film and $10 million to market it — watched it take in $21 million in its first weekend.

The movie broke Moore's own record, set by "Bowling for Columbine," for a documentary's ticket revenue. Exit polls could be moved from voting precincts to Regal Cinemas, though chances are most moviegoers already have made up their minds.

Leftists applaud a man's attempt to get to the bottom of the truth, while Republicans scoff that a filmmaker would time his release to influence the political process.

More than anything else Moore is a capitalist. Moore has capitalized on a nation that chooses to get news from Jon Stewart instead of Tom Brokaw.

People hear that Moore has gotten to the bottom of historical ties between Bush and Osama bin Laden, and they flock to the theaters, only to leave claiming that they knew it all along.

The only person who knew it all along was Moore.

No, he didn't know about secret meetings or Dick Cheney's ties between Bush and Osama in Laden, and they flock to the theaters, only to leave claiming that they knew it all along.

Moore has gotten to the bottom of historical ties between Bush and Osama bin Laden, and they flock to the theaters, only to leave claiming that they knew it all along.

The only person who knew it all along was Moore.

Enter "Fahrenheit 9/11" and there it is.

All of the sudden, voters have to go see the movie to make an informed decision.

Forget watching the State of the Union or writing their congressmen or congresswoman, now the best way to participate in the political process is over some buttered popcorn and Milk Duds.

The winner this year won't be Kerry, the winner will be Moore.

The loser won't be Bush, it will be Americans.

A capitalist will get rich while speaking his mind to an audience of millions of paying customers.

God bless America.

Guest column
Jeans and burgers give us culture

Americans don't have culture.

In no way do I believe this statement, but among my circle of friends, I've heard this view expressed on countless occasions.

Thus, in a display of patriotism that I so rarely express, I dedicate this column to America and the upcoming Fourth of July weekend.

Let's analyze the stupidity of those who feel Americans lack something which all breathing human beings have.

I'll start with a noteworthy example.

A few months ago, I was invited to an evening of food, music and dancing sponsored by UF's Turkish Student Association.

Afterward, I found myself in a heavy debate with international students who attempted to argue the aforementioned statement.

(please note: I am not dising any Turkish students—you guys are really cool. I'm still waiting for my belly dancing CD, though.)

As the debate continued, everyone agreed that Americans do in fact possess culture beyond McDonald's, Levi's and Beyoncé.

But these students felt America's more genuine cultural elements were easy to overlook when U.S. commercialism is the only dominant picture of Americanism understood overseas.

Every interstate rest sign has the same four restaurants pictured.

In Gainesville, getting off I-75 leads to a string of eateries found in Anytown, USA.

My mom's boss travels to Gainesville regularly and scoffs that the only place to eat out is Bennigan's.

If she spent some time exploring the city, she would see the fallacy of her statement.

For Americans, there's some comfort in knowing we can have our favorite dish anywhere we go, and thus there is little need to try something new.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Claudia Adrien
Within Reason

Guest columns are written by students at the University of Florida. Their columns appear on Thursdays.
Students should get involved to get the most out of UF

The fireworks flew early this year for Student Government. While most of you were home relaxing, Student Government exploded into action. Your very own newly elected executive branch began their quest to bring Student Government back to the people. SG was able to accomplish a lot despite party politics.

During the months of May and June, SG was involved in the orientation process by tabling with cabinet programs during Preview. The key point being that anyone can be involved in some form or capacity.

Even more exciting for our SG-funded groups and their members is an important, executive-backed, legislation that passed in Summer A included an increase to 8 percent in the amount student groups can spend on food out of their budget. SG also pushed legislation requesting money for equipment that would effectively film Senate meetings with the intent of broadcasting them to the students of UF, making SG Senate meetings accessible to the students who in turn can react to actions and decisions made by their representatives.

In addition, another key bill to pass gave money for wireless printing at the temporary Butler Plaza Law Library and the Levin College of Law.

This will benefit not just the law students but also the students in the area around Butler Plaza.

Now, as Summer B begins, our campus is occupied with eager freshmen who yearn to become a part of the Swamp.

As a former eager freshman, I can attest that student involvement is the way to make an otherwise dull summer pass by even more quickly. It truly will make an impact in your collegiate career.

I encourage you to attend Gatormania on July 10 on the Reitz Union North Lawn and the Ideal organizational fair July 14 on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

I can guarantee that you will find something that piques your interest.

This also goes for the current students who are not yet involved but want to be. Please know that my door is always open, and I am always seeking out new ideas and leaders.

Please stop by my office in Room 303 in the Union and help us continue to make UF the best school in the nation.

Jamal Sowell is UF’s Student Body president.

Guest column

Freshmen should relish the highs and lows of college life

Recently at a stoplight, I witnessed a clean-cut freshman crossing the street with his parents. They were diagonal from the Reitz Union, and while the parents waited for the walk signal, the impatient freshmen crossed Museum Road, then Center Drive, and then scurried off.

His impatience paid off — when he got to the other side, he was 10 paces ahead of his disapproving parents, which he hastily lengthened to twenty.

I was amused. Doesn’t he know he has four years to go?

What’s his hurry?

But only two short years ago, I was that arduous freshman. In those two years, I would have made Charles Dickens proud. I’ve learned so much and yet know so little.

But only two short years ago, I was that anxious freshman. In those two years, I would have made Charles Dickens proud. I’ve learned so much and yet know so little.

I’ve made many mistakes, yet I relish the mistakes.

But you, freshman, should not relish my mistakes. You will have plenty of your own to savor.

So I will let you in on some things so that you can start having the best four, five, or seven years here.

First, when your parents are around, keep them close and make them pay for stuff.

Next, when using UF services (the registrar, financial aid, etc.), go early and often and expect bureaucracy.

If you want to avoid the freshman fifteen, avoid Gator Dining Services like the plague.

If you want to avoid STDs, avoid fraternity parties.

If you want to avoid a building named after you before you graduate.

If you ever want to feel appreciative of your upper-middle class upbringing, go meet some Alachua County residents.

Be civil to the people who towed your car.

Sure they’re assholes, but there’s nothing you can do about it.

Get to know at least one professor really well.

Many freshman classes are huge lectures, so to meet the professor you must go to his or her office hours.

It might seem like a hassle, but a personal relationship with a professor in your field of interest can help tremendously.

A professor will be able to advise you in a way a counselor usually can’t.

It also helps to have a professor who knows you to write that ever-important recommendation for graduate school or a job.

If you have an ailment, or even if you just feel down, UF has a Student Health Care Center.

Being away from home for the first time can be an alienating and depressing experience, and they can help. They have counseling for everything from rape to stress, and they are confidential.

UF is different from your high school.

With the freedom you’re afforded here, you can rise as high or fall as low as your ambition can take you.

Remember: "We are all strong for old Florida, no matter what the weather, we’ll all stand together."

Jay Stannard is an engineering junior.
Letters to the Editor

Detours shouldn't make fun of diseases

Editor: I am appalled at the article "Don't be a fat bitch on the beach" in Detours on June 17.

I understand that Detours tends to have a real, twisted sense of humor, and I usually find it at least somewhat entertaining. But this article isn't funny.

It isn't cool. It isn't a joke.

It is disgusting and horrible and insensitive.

Bulimia and anorexia are diseases that take great willpower and medical attention to heal.

It is not something that should be joked about.

The article is an insult to anyone affected by an eating disorder, either through personal experience or knowing someone who has one.

The last thing Detours should be doing is encouraging (be it jokingly or not) some poor girl (or guy) to vomit and go on a candy diet.

Those very jokes are often the last straw that drives a person to a disorder.

Try to be a bit more sensitive.

Karin K. Reybicz
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VP should show more respect for leaders

Editor: I have a filthy mouth. I can admit it.

I pretty much curse on a regular basis.

These words are part of most college students' vernacular.

I don't apologize for my language, and I don't criticize others for whatever curse words fly out of their mouths.

To do so would make me a hypocrite.

Last week during the Senate's annual photo-op, Vice President Dick Cheney approached Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy and reportedly told him, "*** yourself."

I was surprised to hear such crass language on the Senate floor, let alone from the man who is just a heartbeat away from the Oval Office.

Perhaps what irked me even more than the lack of courtesy shown to a sitting U.S. senator is that the Bush administration and the GOP have been the driving force behind new indecency legislation and the promotion of good old family values.

On Fox News, a host of democracy if I have ever seen one, Cheney stated that he had no regrets about his "little floor debate" in the Senate.

The conflict apparently stemmed from Leahy's questioning of Halliburton's war-time profiteering and accounting inaccuracies, which could appear as a minor conflict of interest given the fact that Cheney was the company's CEO and still receives an annual compensation package upward of six figures.

We all remember the uproar over Janet Jackson's Super Bowl coming-out party, most of which was directed by the GOP in an attempt to paint itself as a defender of Christian wholesomeness.

Michael Powell, the head of the FCC and Colin Powell's son, immediately went into action, demanding fines and new regulations protecting our children from indecent and disturbing programming.

If the administration is so concerned with protecting families from "The Real World," I am sure you are interested in knowing what Bush and the Republican leadership said in the aftermath of Cheney's one-liner.

According to the White House, Cheney's comments were "not an issue" with Bush and Bill Frist, the Senate majority leader, and other Republican members of Congress also didn't have a problem with Cheney's comments.

The Republicans might talk the talk, but they barely can walk the walk.

Whether it is restricting our right to privacy with the Patriot Act and claiming to love democracy or comparing John Kerry to Adolf Hitler on Bush's Web site, it appears the only family values this administration respects are the ones that don't pertain to them.

Something to think about the next time you find yourself cursing at a baseball game or one of your friends, let alone the Fox News Channel.

Craig Singleton

Guest column
Dialogue will do little to resolve conflicts in Middle East

Without variation and with omnipresent intensity, the single cure to every natural, economic and political calamity is said to be civil dialogue.

What is the solution to heated debates between campus groups? Dialogue, proudly proclaim student leaders.

How about the solution to labor strikes? Round table discussions, opine the analysts.

And what can we use to resolve this Middle East conflict once and for all? The media, body politic and government all agree: mutually beneficial conflict-resolution dialogue.

But due to disparate cultural, historical and political circumstances, Israel and Palestine can never do this. The total ineffectiveness of billions of dollars, thousands of Web sites, tens of thousands of articles — decades of energy expended by dozens of governments on the Middle East peace process — prove that peace through debate is not possible. So we have arrived at that dreadful conclusion — peace will never be achieved.

It will not be achieved because two sides are fighting tirelessly for what they believe is the truth — their destiny.

The two sides have their eyes on the same prize.

How will this whole thing end?

If history has anything to do with it, it will end when one side scores a convincing victory, and the other side bears a substantial defeat.

Every major conflict in world history, from the Peloponnesian War to the American Civil War, has ended with the victory of one side and the defeat of the other side. The battle in the Middle East is only part of this grand historical pattern.

Of course, college students from both sides should cooperate and lead discussions.

Civil discourse is the best way to tell our side of the story and hear the other side.

Group discussions, though they abound in clichés that are pregnant with nuances but devoid of meaning, can help us in our eternal pursuit of human understanding.

But not for a moment should we believe that this dialogue can — or will — change the turbulent future of the Middle East.

Gavin Hovannisian is a student at the University of California-Berkeley. His column originally appeared in the Daily Californian.

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**Bush, Blair celebrate as U.S. transfers sovereignty**

**Self-rule granted early in Iraq**

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Baghdad, Iraq — The U.S.-led coalition transferred sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government two days early Monday in a surprise move that apparently caught insurgents off guard, averting a feared campaign of attacks to sabotage the historic step toward self-rule.

Legal documents transferring sovereignty were handed over by U.S. Governor L. Paul Bremer to Chief Justice Midhat al-Mahmood in a small ceremony in the heavily guarded Green Zone. Bremer took charge in Iraq about a year ago.

"This is a historical day ... a day that all Iraqis have been looking forward to," said Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawer. "This is a day we are going to take our country back into the international forum."

Militants had conducted a campaign of car bombings, kidnappings and other violence that killed hundreds of Iraqis in recent weeks and was designed to disrupt the transfer, announced by the Bush administration late last year.

The response in Baghdad was mixed.

"Iraqis are happy inside, but their happiness is marred by fear and melancholy," said artist Qassim al-Sabti. "Of course I feel I'm still occupied. You can't find anywhere in the world people who would accept occupation. And these days, is like death. Nobody can escape from it."

Two hours after the ceremony, Bremer left Iraq on a U.S. Air Force C-130, said Robert Tappan, an official of the former coalition occupation authority. Bremer was accompanied by coalition spokesman Dan Senor and close members of his staff. Bremer's destination was not given, but an aide said he was "going home."

The new interim government was sworn in six hours after the handover ceremony, which Western governments largely hailed as a necessary next step. The Arab world voiced cautious optimism, but maintained calls for the U.S. military to leave the country quickly.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi delivered a sweeping speech sketching out some of his goals for the country, urging people not to be afraid of "Islam and Muslims," assuring them that "God is with us."

Members of Allawi's Cabinet each stepped forward to place their right hand on the Quran and pledged to accept their new duties with sincerity and impartiality. Behind them, a bank of Iraqi flags lined the podium.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi in a small ceremony. (AP Photo/Staff Sgt. D. Mylles Cutler)

Former administrator L. Paul Bremer and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh bid farewell at Baghdad International Airport before Bremer makes his final departure from Iraq on Monday.

**Leaders praise Iraqi handover at NATO summit**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ISTANBUL, Turkey — President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the two determined architects of the war against Saddam Hussein, celebrated the early transfer of political power to Iraqis Monday.

"The Iraqi people have their country back," Bush said.

In the 15 months since Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq, more than 800 U.S. soldiers and more than 50 British soldiers have been killed, and a surge of violence preceded the handover that was scheduled for Wednesday.

He called the accelerated transfer a landmark event, a day in which "democracy replaces dictatorship, in which freedom replaces repression, and in which all the people of Iraq can look forward to the possibility and the hope of an Iraq that genuinely guarantees a future for people from whatever part of Iraq they come."

The two leaders had defied much of world opinion, including long-time allies, in the march to war.

"I'm not sure we've persuaded all of our critics," Blair said, standing next to Bush on the sidelines of a NATO summit here.

NATO leaders, including France and Germany, set aside a year's worth of differences and agreed to help train Iraqi security forces.
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teams finished in the top 10 of their respective sports in 2003-04, matching the record set in the 1992-93 season and equaled in 2001-02 when 12 teams also posted top-10 finishes.

Four Gators teams led UF in 2003-04, with runner-up finishes — volleyball, women’s indoor track and field, men’s indoor track and field and men's outdoor track and field.

UF’s other top-10 teams in 2003-04 NCAA competition include: women’s swimming and diving (4th), gymnastics (5th), women’s outdoor track and field (5th), soccer (15th), men’s swimming and diving (6th), men’s golf (T9th), baseball (T9th), and men’s tennis (T9th).

“Our coaches and student-athletes are working hard to place the UF program among the nation’s best athletic programs. The sixth-place finish in the Directors’ Cup competition shows that it was a very good year. We are looking forward to more success in the future.”

Jeremy Foley
UF athletics director

While the Gators’ program won a collective six NCAA individual championships and 75 UF student-athletes earned All-America honors in 2003-04, the sixth-place finish can be attributed in part to disappointing seasons by the football and basketball programs.

UF’s football team ended the season ranked No. 24 following an Outback Bowl loss to Iowa.

The Gators basketball team was left out of the final poll following a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament to Manhattan.
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — After struggling at the start of the season, Cal State Fullerton ended it in style.

Jason Windsor pitched a five-hitter, Kurt Suzuki’s RBI single capped off a three-run seventh inning and Cal State Fullerton won the national championship with a 3-2 victory over Texas in the College World Series on Sunday.

The Titans (47-22) won the best-of-three championship series 2-0 — a surprising end to a season that Fullerton started 15-16. The 22 losses are the most by a season that Fullerton started 15-ries 2-0 capped off a three-run seventh inning at the start of the season, best-of-three championship season in the College World Series on.

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The Titans completed their run as Cal State Fullerton’s Felipe Garcia, left, and Bobby Andrews, right, hug assistant coach Rick Vanderhook Sunday after beating Texas 3-2 and winning the 2004 College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

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Dooley Prince doubled, leading off the game, and Taylor Teagarden reached on a fielder’s choice before Hunter Harris drove both in with a single into center field.

Windsor hadn’t given up a run in five appearances since June 4 against Minnesota.

End of the Road

As Cal State Fullerton celebrates its College World Series Championship, here is an overview of how each of the teams from the state of Florida fared in the regular season and how their seasons ended during the NCAA Tournament.

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FSU coach Bobby Bowden holds up the national championship trophy following his team’s win over Virginia Tech in the 2000 Sugar Bowl.

OLYMPICS

**Gators send several swimmers to Olympic Games**

**STAFF REPORT**

With U.S. and Canadian Olympic Trials still remaining, the UF swimming team already has placed 10 current, incoming or former athletes on foreign countries’ teams for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

The Gators could add to that total with more than 20 current, incoming or former swimmers set to compete at either the U.S. Olympic Trials (July 7-14) or the Canadian Trials (July 6-10).

On the men’s side, UF has already surpassed its total of representatives from 2000 with the U.S. and Canadian Trials still left. Seven men’s swimmers with UF ties have already qualified, two more than the total of five in 2000. Thus far, Carlos Jayme (Brazil), Bryan Kim (South Korea), Alex Lopez (Puerto Rico), Gabriel Mangabeira (Brazil), Ricardo Monasterio (Venezuela) and incoming freshmen Darian Townsend (South Africa) and J.B. Walsh (Phillipines) have already made their country’s Olympic team.

For the women, Janelle Atkinson (Jamaica) and Vipa Bernhardt (Germany) have qualified for their countries.

The trip to Athens will mark the third Olympics for Kim, Lopez and Monasterio as they are three of only six Gators who have swam in three different Olympic competitions.
Gators baseball earns multiple All-America honors

STAFF REPORT

The final baseball All-America honors were handed out recently by Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association, and the UF baseball team received multiple accolades from the two organizations. For the entire 2004 season, UF had five players receive 10 All-America honors.

Pitcher Justin Hoyman continued to rake in honors as both organizations named the right hander an All-American. Hoyman was named a first-team All-American by the ABCA and a second-team member by Baseball America as he upped his total to five All-America honors on the season. Hoyman was named the SEC Pitcher of the Year as he went 11-2 this season and had a 2.71 ERA in 139 and 2/3 innings pitched. He pitched five complete games and held opposing hitters to a .223 batting average. He was second in the SEC with 11 victories and also led the conference in innings pitched. Hoyman was one of 10 finalists for the Roger Clemens Award and one of 30 semifinalists for the Dick Howser Trophy for Collegiate Baseball Player of the Year. Hoyman was recently named to the third team by the ABCA after he started all 65 games for the Gators in 2004.

Senior Ben Harrison was named a second-team All-American by the ABCA. It is the first All-American honor in Harrison’s four-year UF career. He ended the 2004 season as the team’s Triple Crown winner as he batted .353 with 17 home runs and 71 RBI. He also scored 67 runs and had 14 doubles and seven stolen bases to go along with his SEC leading, 463 on-base percentage. The outfielder was a second-team All-SEC selection for the second consecutive season and was named Most Outstanding Player at the Oklahoma City Regional.

Harrison was picked in the MLB Amateur Draft last week. Freshman Matt LaPorta earned first-team All-American honors from Baseball America. He is UF’s second freshman to receive All-American honors as Adam Davis received the honor from Collegiate Baseball Magazine.

ATHLETICS

No. 6 finish for UF sports

Successes in track, volleyball led Gators

STAFF REPORT

National runner-up finishes by four teams placed the UF athletics program in sixth place overall in the 2003-04 Sports Academy Directors’ Cup competition. The national all-sports competition award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, United States Sports Academy and USA Today.

The finish marks UF’s 21st consecutive position among the nation’s top-10 programs.

UF and UCLA are the only schools to finish in the top 10 in national all-sports rankings every year since 1983-84.

The Directors’ Cup recognizes the schools with the best overall sports performances in an academic year.

Points awarded for an institution’s finish in up to 20 sports determine the all-sports champion.

Fielding 18 athletic teams that can score in the Directors’ Cup, UF finished sixth with 993.25 points. The Directors’ Cup uses the best finish between the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships to determine a program’s track and field points. Stanford claimed its 10th consecutive title with 1,337.25 points.

A program-record 12 Gators athletic SEE GATORS, PAGE 17

ONLINE

Check out an Alligator online exclusive on UF baseball player Brandon McArthur’s road to recovery from brain surgery by logging on to www.alligator.org/sports.

INSIDE

While the Gators baseball team’s season came to an end short of a trip to the College World Series, Cal State Fullerton fulfilled the dream that eluded UF by capturing the title in Omaha, Neb. against Texas. See story, pg. 18.

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