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ELECTIONS 2008

Candidates raise thousands

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The signs jutting out of lawns, the smiling portraits on Web sites, the campaign flyers in your mailbox – they don't come cheap.

But to politicians, such as the commission hopefuls of today's Gainesville city elections, they can be crucial.

According to public records filed by the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office Web site, the eight candidates have raised about \$88,000.

"I'd like to think it makes a difference, because I worked hard for it."

Thomas Hawkins Jr.
City Commission At-Large 2 candidate

Of that total, about \$12,500 was given by the candidates themselves, their families or personal campaign loans.

In the At-Large District 2 race, attorney Thomas Hawkins Jr. has raised nearly twice as much money as opposing candidate Robert Agrusa.

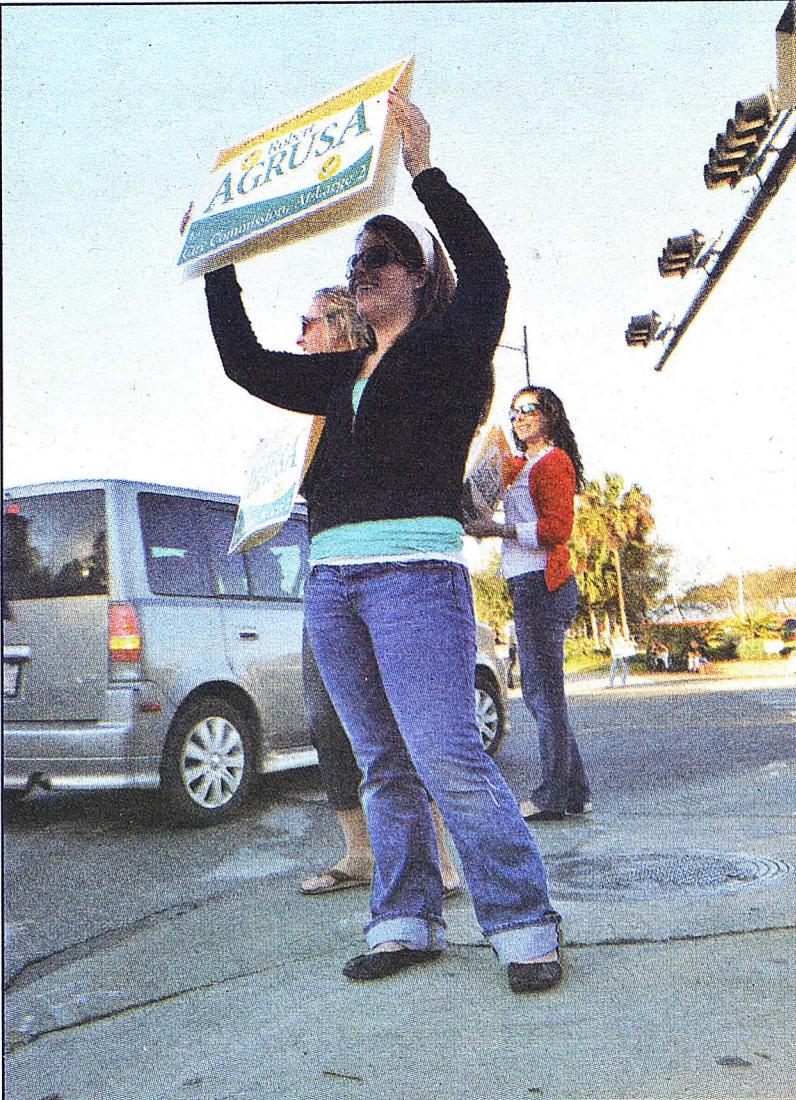
Though Hawkins said he was unsure of what impact the money would have, he said he was glad to put it to use to remind voters of his beliefs.

"I'd like to think it makes a difference," he said, "because I worked hard for it."

However, Agrusa, who served as the UF Senate President before running for the seat, has found his own supportive following in the university's Greek community. He has raised \$975 from seven different fraternities and sororities, according to the Web site.

The District 2 race has been the source of most of the money. Out of the three races, the candidates for this seat have raised more than half of the election's total contributions – about

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UF freshman Taylor Tribou, foreground, sophomore Holly Hixson and sophomore Amanda Arick, right, hold signs promoting Robert Agrusa for City Commission at University Avenue and 13th Street on Monday.

UF students wary of Bright Futures bill

■ STATE SEN. PROPOSES TO BASE FUNDING ON MAJORS.

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UF officials said they are studying the proposed changes to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and have not yet decided whether they would sup-

port them.

But some UF students said the plan is unfair.

Intending to benefit the economy, Florida Sen. Jeremy Ring suggested changing the basis for Bright Futures financial awards to favor some fields of study.

If Ring's bill passes, students studying

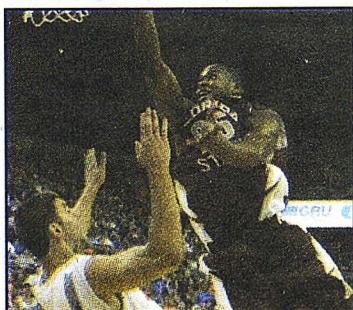
science, technology, mathematics, education, engineering, nursing or pre-health would be given about 10 percent more tuition coverage from Bright Futures.

Award amounts for students majoring in other areas would be decreased by about 20 percent.

If approved by the state Legislature and Gov. Charlie Crist, Ring's bill would go into effect July 1. The Legislature's next

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■ The UF men's basketball team rose to No. 20 in the AP Poll on Monday. The last time the Gators were ranked, they fell to Florida St. 65-51 in November. See story, pg. 22.



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■ Confused about how to vote, where to vote or if your vote in the primary will even count? We can help. See chart, pg. 5.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Aeronautics Fundraiser

Italian Quarter Bistro, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., tonight
The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will hold a fundraiser to raise money for conferences, design competitions and industry tours.

'Get out the Vote'

Reitz Union Room 285, 6 p.m., tonight

The Asian American Student Union will be hosting "Get out the Vote," where students will have the opportunity to discuss the upcoming presidential election and engage in a political debate on each of the major candidates.

Pre-Law Meeting

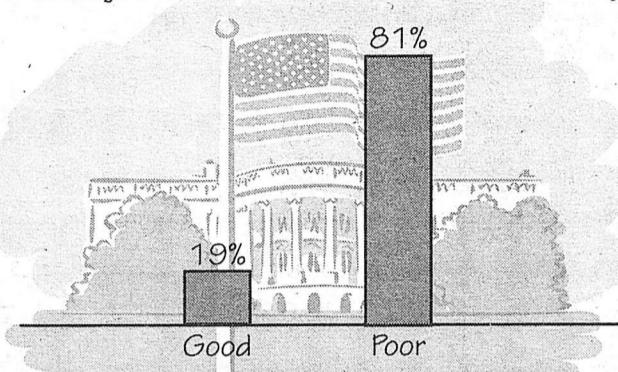
Fine Arts Building B Room 103, 7 p.m., tonight

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity will hold an information meeting for prospective members to learn about the group's speakers, socials and other opportunities.

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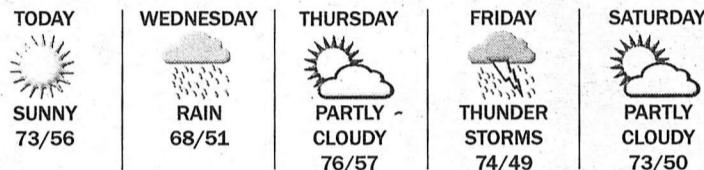
How would you rate the current state of the country?



Results based on an online poll within the United States January 15 and 22 among 2,302 adults (aged 18 and over) conducted by Harris Interactive.

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UF: No plans for laying off faculty

■ UF AIMS TO HIRE FACULTY WITH TUITION HIKES.

By KATIE SANDERS

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Though state higher education leaders have discussed laying off faculty members as a possible consequence of budget woes, UF hopes to avoid letting any go.

On Wednesday, Bill Edmonds, spokesman for the Board of Governors, said statewide budget cuts could result in some faculty members from Florida universities losing their jobs.

But UF President Bernie Machen is aiming to avoid losing any faculty, said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

On the contrary, UF will use much of the revenue from upcoming tuition increases to hire more faculty and advisers.

Because of the Tuition Differential Program approved in 2007, UF, Florida State University and the University of South Florida can incrementally raise tuition up to 40 percent over four years starting in the fall.

Each year's tuition increase cannot exceed 15 percent.

The Board of Governors, the State University System's highest governing body, approved a separate statewide 8 percent increase on Thursday and earmarked 70 percent of that revenue for new hires of faculty and advisers. That increase is also set to start in fall, though UF's increase is still capped at 15 percent.

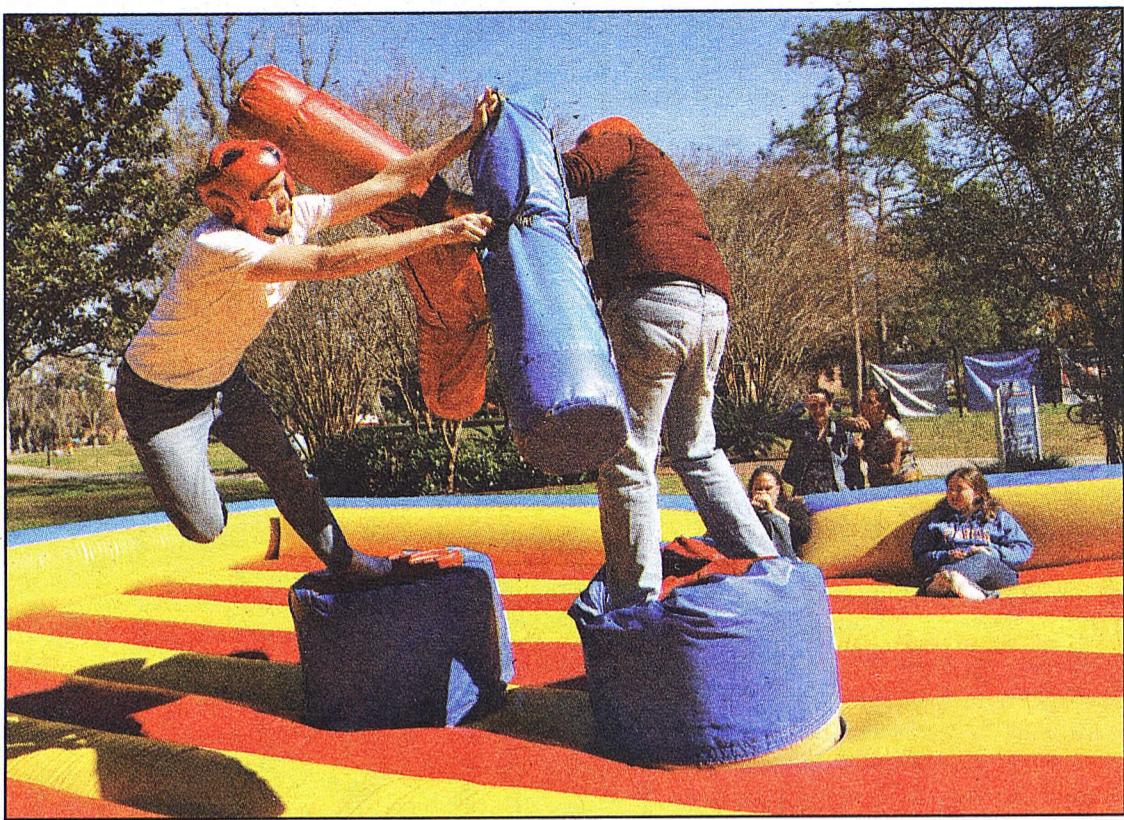
Orlando said it is too early to determine how many faculty members and

advisers UF would hire with money from the upcoming hike, which colleges would receive them and whether they would be full-time or part-time employees.

However, it's probable that the new hires would go to colleges with a critical need for more help, he added.

"It could be as late as March before we hear what measures they will be taking," Orlando said.

Still, hiring new professors does not spell the end of UF's hiring freeze, which was announced in July.



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Battle of Faith

UF nuclear engineering senior Gary Sanford, left, is knocked off his stand by Patrick Barthle, a history and criminology junior, on a moonwalk set up on the Reitz Union lawn by the St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center of Gainesville. The festivities marked the start of Catholic Awareness Week.

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GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Commission may restrict lawn parking in two areas

By SARAH JONES

Alligator Contributing Writer

The lawns of homes in the Forest Ridge and Henderson Heights neighborhoods will no longer be marked by parked cars and oil stains.

At the Gainesville City Commission meeting Monday night, commissioners voted unanimously to make it illegal to park on lawns in the neighborhoods, which are located between Northwest 16th Avenue and Northwest 23rd Avenue near 13th Street.

The final vote will be held at the next commission meeting on Feb. 11.

"Frankly, yard parking makes the neighborhood look trashy and undesirable," Melody Marshall, member of the Forest Ridge/Henderson Heights Neighborhood Association Inc., said during the meeting.

The association was not just concerned about the appearance of the neighborhood, Marshall said, but also the effects on the environment.

Residents were concerned that seepage from vehicles parked in yards was leaking into the aquifer, she said.

Carol Daly, a homeowner who

rents out property in the neighborhood, spoke against the ordinance during the meeting.

As a landlord, Daly said she did not want to be held responsible for renters of her property who might

violate the code.

Rental and owner-occupied homes will be equally affected by



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Cars are parked on a lawn north of University Avenue near the UF campus on Monday.

Latest Taser model targets style-conscious crowd

New design available in several colors

By KATIE FOGARTY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Self-defense devices are not generally considered chic, but with a leopard-print surface and an MP3-playing holster, the new civilian-marketed Taser C2 aims to change that notion.

The recently released C2 is being marketed to women as both a self-defense mechanism and a fashion accessory.

The model is made with the same technology as other Tasers but is designed to be less bulky and more stylish, according to Taser

International's Web site.

M&C Army Surplus Store, a store that sells firearms and outdoor gear, is the only Gainesville location that sells Tasers, and the store carries the new model, said employee Jason Corby.

Like an iPod, the C2 comes in colors ranging from metallic pink to black pearl.

The leopard-print design is being advertised as the Taser for those who want "fashion with a bite," according to its Web site.

In addition, a holster with a one-gigabyte MP3 player is available for the device.

Despite its trendy exterior, Corby said tra-

ditional devices, like pepper spray, are more popular with customers because they're much cheaper.

"I'm all for self defense, but a personal Taser is pretty extreme."

Lt. Stacy Ettel
University Police

Tasers range from \$300 to \$400 while pepper spray is about \$20, he said.

Tasers are not considered firearms by the U.S. government and can be legally carried without a permit in 42 states. UF Police Department Lt. Stacy Ettel said Florida does not require a permit. Still, Ettel said he is wary

of the general public owning Tasers.

"Any defense tool a person has is dangerous if they're not trained correctly on how to use it," he said.

"It could also backfire if the attacker is able to gain control of the device."

Ettel said he thinks people need to be properly trained to use a Taser.

Unlike pepper spray and other traditional self-defense devices, Tasers can be fired from 15 feet away and can disable an attacker for a minimum of 30 seconds.

Ettel said law enforcement officers still worry about the dangers associated with its use.

"I'm all for self defense, but a personal Taser is pretty extreme," he said.

Fla. gets taste of Vegas

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Election Day FAQ

Doubting whether you can vote or how? Maybe we have the answer

Q: When can I vote?

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Q: If I am registered to vote in another Florida county or at another address in Alachua County where I no longer live, can I still vote?

A: Yes. If you are not registered to vote at your current Gainesville address but have been registered to vote at a different Florida address for at least 29 days, you can change your legal permanent address to your current Gainesville address today and still vote. You need to look up the polling place for your address, go there with a photo and signature ID and speak with the clerk about changing your address. He or she will call the Supervisor of Elections

Office to confirm the change, have you fill out paperwork and then allow you to vote. However, this should not be taken lightly. Before changing your permanent address, you should seriously consider the implications.

If soon after the election you change your permanent address back to what it was before, someone might question you for voter fraud.

Q: Can I see a sample ballot before I vote?

A: Yes. You can get a copy of a sample ballot online at www.elections.alachua.fl.us.

Q: What do I need to bring with me?

A: All voters need to bring a photo and signature ID. Examples of acceptable IDs include pass-

ports, driver's licenses, student ID cards, employee badges, credit cards and debit cards with photographs and signatures.

Q: What will I be voting for?

A: You can vote either for or against a property tax amendment and for at least one city commissioner, depending on which district you are from. If you are a registered Democrat or Republican, you can vote in your respective party's presidential primary.

Q: Do I have to be registered with a party affiliation in order to vote for a presidential candidate?

A: Yes. Florida has closed primaries, so you must be a registered Democrat or Republican in order to vote for a presidential

nominee. You do not need to be registered with a party in order to vote for commissioners or on the amendment.

Q: How can I find out where I'm supposed to vote?

A: Go to www.elections.alachua.fl.us, click on "Precinct Finder" and search for your polling place by typing in your address.

Q: Which commissioners can I vote for?

A: All Gainesville residents can vote in the At-Large 2 election, a race between Robert Agrusa and Thomas Hawkins Jr. If you live in northwest Gainesville, you are probably in District 2, and Bryan Harman, Lauren Poe and Bonnie Mott are vying for that seat. If you live in southwest Gainesville, you are probably in District 3, a

race between Armando Grundy, Jack Donovan and Christopher Salazar.

Q: I heard Florida's presidential primaries aren't counting. Why should I bother to vote?

A: It is true that currently, only half of Florida's Republican delegates will be counted, while none of Florida's Democratic delegates will be counted at the national conventions. However, both races are tight. So, even if your vote doesn't end up counting for very much at this year's national conventions, Florida's results will be significant in other ways. Several candidates have insinuated that they might drop out of the race if they lose here. Plus, 22 states will hold primary elections on Feb. 5, and Florida's winners will have momentum going into that pivotal day.



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Editorial

Forced Futures

Bill to give scholarships based on majors unfair

State Senator Jeremy Ring may be a Democrat, but his proposed "economic development tool" is anything but democratic.

The bill is supposed to alter current standards for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to encourage students to study the sciences, education or health-related professions. Ring's idea includes awarding 110 percent of tuition costs to students who choose those fields, but less Bright Futures money to the philosophy and English majors among us.

The senator claims that state scholarships would still cover 80 percent tuition for some students and would remain a "good deal," but we don't see anything overtly wrong with the deal we have now.

The whole purpose of the merit-based Bright Futures program is to allow students the chance to attend a state university and discover what interests them — while keeping them in Florida.

While we have no problems with incentives for certain areas of study, and the courses of study Ring cited in the bill are vital to the future of the state's economy. However, we do have a problem with taking away scholarship funds from students who worked hard to earn them.

If the Bright Futures program is used as a device for socialism to promote a certain type of workforce, it will have done students in Florida planning on a merit-based scholarship a great disservice.

Many top students in Florida stay in the state because of the generous program, and changing it by these unfair measures may cause some students to look beyond state borders — certainly the opposite of what Ring wanted in the first place.

If passed, and we hope that it won't ever find a sponsor in the House, the bill would only create a university full of disengaged students on a one-way track to career dissatisfaction.

Fate of the Union

If Washington is the Hollywood for ugly people, Monday's State of the Union address would have been the final chance for an aging George Bush to get his place on the Walk of Fame.

Unfortunately, like much of his presidency, he failed miserably.

We had excitedly anticipated at least a little of the infamous "axis of evil" cowboy bravado Bush gave us in 2002, but we were sadly — and yet not surprisingly — disappointed.

Instead of using his prime-time appearance to speed up the erosion of American diplomacy like we expected from years past, our lame-duck president chose to focus on the state of the slowing — oh, wait, make that "uncertain" — economy and how to stimulate an already hemorrhaging business climate.

His push for a \$150 billion

economic stimulus package will surely face tough opposition in the Senate, but, hey, at least he tried.

The stay-the-course leader naturally suggested that the troop surge in Iraq is working and that the enemy — whoever that may be at this point — will be defeated. Victory is in sight, just as it has been for the past five years.

And it was more of the same from there. Reform for laws governing federal surveillance, permanent extensions of his tax cuts, and free-trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama were key points of his address.

As the speech continued, the only way we could stop feelings of depression was to remind ourselves that the primaries were only hours away and that next year a very different speaker would be on our screen.

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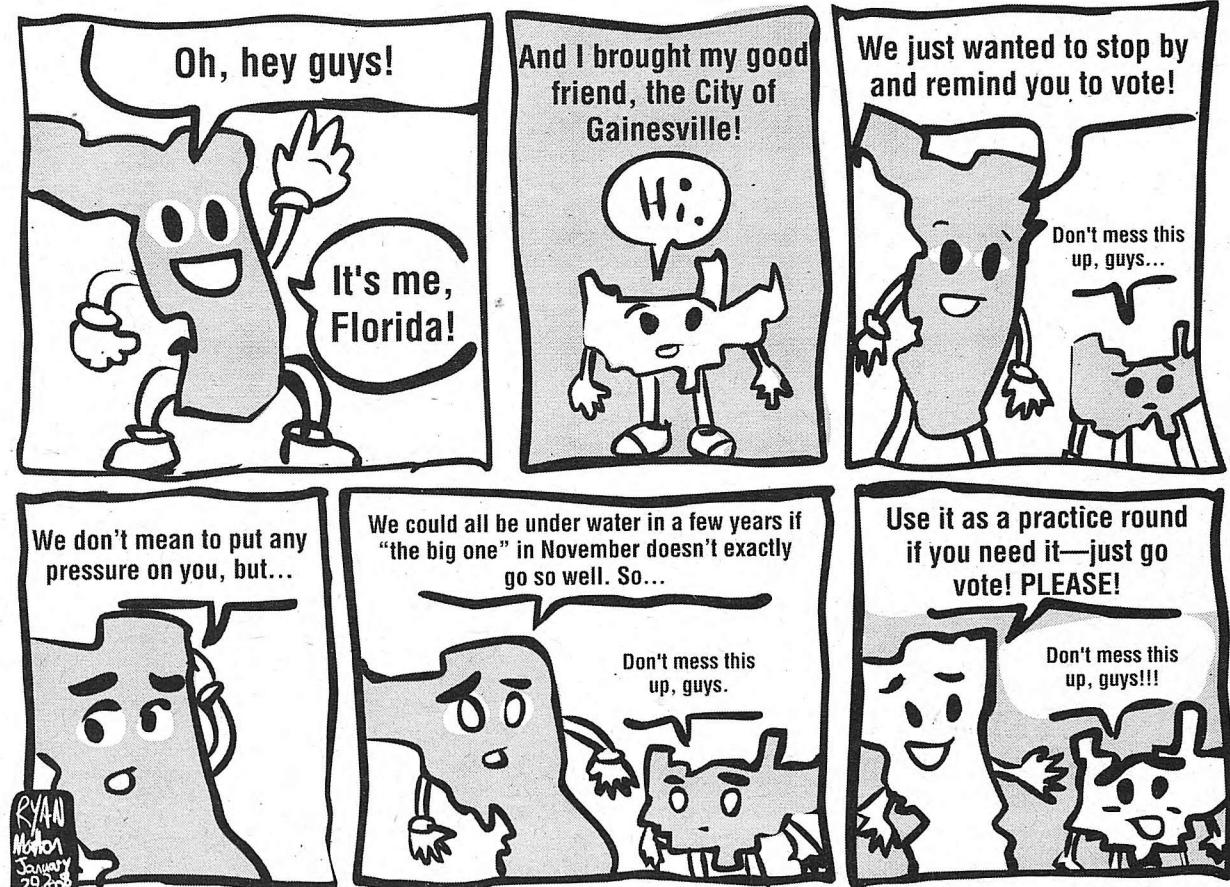
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Editorial Notebook

Little agreement with endorsements

God bless the Alligator's Editorial Board.

We have a long history of starting fights, calling names and poking fun. We pick on Bush, Student Government and UF administration. We've even been accused of not supporting the Gators once or twice.

We know our reputation, but you may not know which staff members it applies to. There's some confusion about the way positions are decided and how endorsements are doled out.

Just as President Machen doesn't speak for all UF employees, we keep editorial decisions separate from reporting staff. We don't poll the newsroom. The Editorial Board is composed of only the editor, managing editor, opinions editor and a student representative or two.

In the case of endorsements, we meet with as many candidates as possible. Without any reporters present, we ask tough questions about issues that matter to our readers and to us. Trust me, this is not as glamorous as it sounds.

When we've reached a majority, the opinions editor pounds out an editorial. If one of us holds a strong minority stance, he or she is free to write a column explaining how our opinion differs from the one on Page 6 and why.

I'm about to exercise that freedom.

This election cycle, I held the minority vote for four of five choices. In the Republican primary, I supported former Gov. Mitt Romney for his executive success in Massachusetts with the state's budget and health care. As for the Democrats, I support Sen. Hillary Clinton's politically feasible approach, and wonder why Sen. Barack Obama hasn't been able to "change the tone of the debate" as he keeps claiming he is poised to do.

In the local races, I picked Bryan Harman for District 2. His energy and passion for serving Gainesville appeal to students and other residents alike. He wants to hold city commissioners to a higher standard, asking them to study more policy research in lieu of siphoning taxpayer dollars to consultants. He's open to sensible but politically sensitive



Leigh Shapiro

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reforms, like extending bar closing times and revising maximum occupancy laws. His opponents, Bonnie Mott and Lauren Poe, seem beholden to Gainesville's existing political establishment.

The At-Large 2 candidate Robert Agrusa is the most viable student contender in recent memory. His organization and knowledge of city

issues impress me, and he would represent campus and city interests well.

But I think Thomas Hawkins Jr. is a better choice.

All the candidates trumpet responsible growth, but his experience with land-growth law uniquely positions him to shape the city's long-term development plan. He understands how to encourage urban growth with thoughtful zoning regulations and use of redevelopment funds.

He wants local government to enrich community life through recreation and outreach programs. He believes we can attack the roots of homelessness via city mediation with landlords, and alleviate congestion naturally by shifting traffic to east and central Gainesville.

Agrusa doesn't seem to have Hawkins' vision. His traffic plans seem short-sighted, centering on the west side of the city. He has written off the downtown area as unsafe instead of suggesting improvements.

I think many students would share Hawkins' goals. While it's unfortunate that he hasn't directly addressed students, many students love Gainesville for the reasons that Hawkins does — its local character and potential to serve its residents.

Now at least I've said my piece, and you can do the same in the voting booth today.

Leigh Shapiro is a member of the Alligator's Editorial Board and an economics senior.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Did you vote in the city elections?

Monday's question: Should Bright Futures scholarships be based on students' majors?

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

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Letters to the Editor

Hawkins best choice for city's future

While I respect both Robert Agrusa and Thomas Hawkins Jr. in their impassioned effort to give younger people a representative with whom they can identify and general residents a stronger bridge across generations, I do not extend that respect to the Alligator Editorial Board.

To depict Hawkins negatively solely because he "seems more concerned with land development issues" is the sort of shortsighted ignorance that makes even me, a former student candidate for the Gainesville City Commission, wary of student input into local politics.

I will never forget what a local business owner told me about students when I campaigned in 2005: "What interest do they

have to develop this city? None. They do their job and go bye — it's like a bathroom for them."

Since I had put great thought into how students can work with all local interests to mold Gainesville into a great place to live for everyone, I took this observation lightly.

I am extremely disappointed that Monday's endorsement is giving a bad name to thoughtful students with a working brain and a vision for their world and community that reaches beyond a handful of years.

While I encourage students to consider both candidates carefully, both of whom would represent the interests of young people in this town, I also encourage them to disregard yesterday's endorsement in the At-Large

District 2 City Commission race as worthless and insulting.

Michael Belle
5LS

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Pulitzer Prize finalist describes life as a reporter

By DEBORAH SWERDLOW

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Four-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Anne V. Hull, a Washington Post reporter, took time out of her three-month vacation to speak with UF

journalism students on Monday about her career as a journalist.

Hull, whose most recent work includes breaking the 2007 scandal of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's mistreatment of wounded veterans, spoke to an introductory journalism class Monday and will

visit other journalism classes today and Wednesday.

She shared her experiences covering Hurricane Katrina, following the lives of gay teens in America and sneaking into Ground Zero for 10 hours on Sept. 12, 2001.

Despite her professional accom-

plishments, Hull said she's probably the last person a college would want to speak to students because she only completed one year at Florida State University and two semesters at a St. Petersburg junior college.

She said she learned everything in the St. Petersburg Times newsroom, where she worked for almost 20 years.

"Reporting is reporting is reporting," she said. "It's just seeing things, being curious and when something doesn't hit you in the gut right, to ask a question about it."

Early in her career, when Hull was assigned to cover a live concert, she said she was backstage and heard a radio DJ announce that Bruce Springsteen was performing onstage.

She said she wrote about Springsteen's surprise appearance at the beginning of her story and sent it to her editors. The next day, she found out the DJ was wrong and that Springsteen had never gotten on the stage.

To this day, people still think Bruce Springsteen showed up because it appeared in the first edition of the paper, she said.

Hull, who asked for permission to "drop the F-bomb," said her editor's response to the incident suggested a potential new meaning for her middle initial: "Kid, you f--- up one more time and that 'V' is going to stand for 'visitor.'"

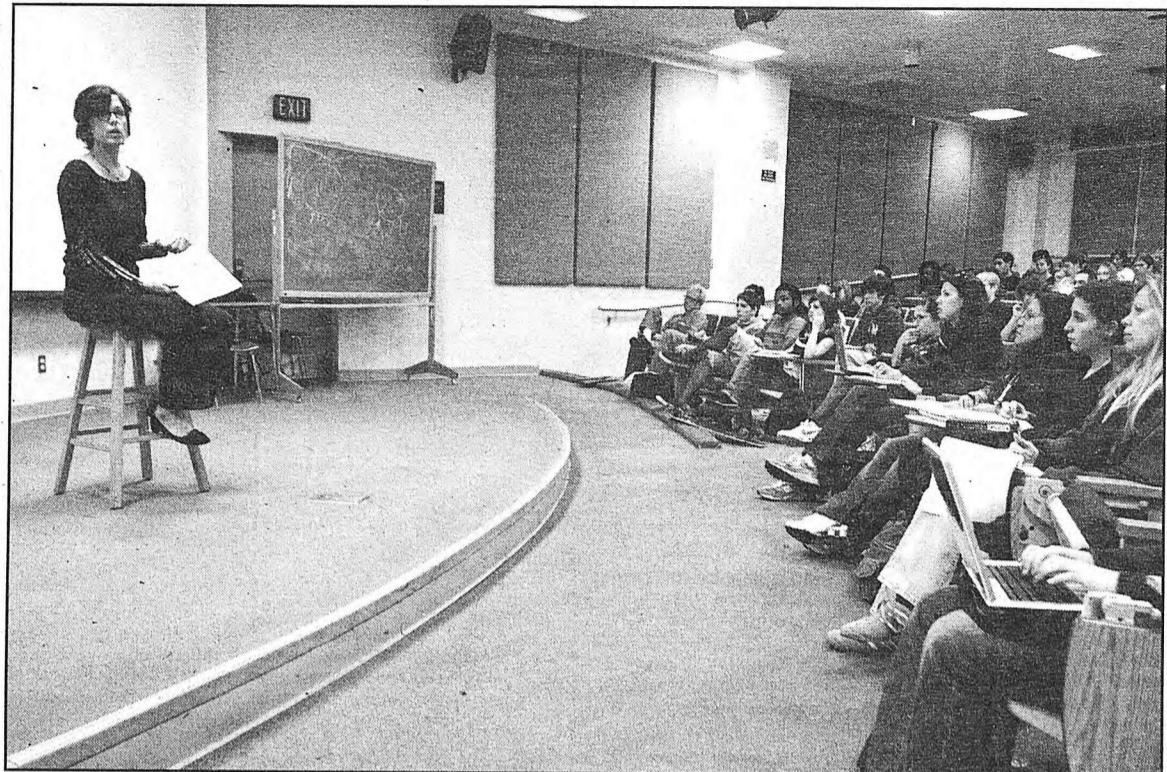
A Washington Post reporter since 2000, Hull said she mostly writes about race, immigration and socio-economic issues.

She said she insists on including authentic, everyday language in her stories, whether people are speaking in broken English or using profanity.

"We're not Red Cross workers. We're not there to sort of make their life easier. We're just there to show how things are."

Anne Hull

Washington Post reporter



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Washington Post reporter Anne Hull speaks Monday afternoon to a journalism class in Weimer Hall about her experiences in the field, including covering the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

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Gala highlights global volunteering

By RACHEL ARROYO
Alligator Contributing Writer

Recurso, a non-profit UF student organization, called on students to make their mark on society by providing humanitarian assistance to the less fortunate at its 5th Annual Founder's Day Gala held Monday night.

Nikie Bhakta, Recurso club president, said this year's gala was about calling students to action by joining organizations such as the Peace Corps and Recurso, instead of simply increasing awareness of humanitarian efforts.

Young, bright-eyed students from J.J. Finley Elementary School's "Finley Flyers" set the tone for the evening with performances of traditional songs from Ghana and Kenya.

Bhakta had an easy time engaging her audience after the Flyers' energetic performance.

"Tonight is meant to depict Recurso's beauty," Bhakta said. "Recurso is an organization compiled of passionate individuals

who ensure the spirit of service is felt internationally."

Allene Zanger, regional director for the Peace Corps, told listeners about the organization's success.

There are currently about 800,000 Peace Corps volunteers worldwide.

"The Peace Corps volunteers are the face of America, and they represent a rich diversity," Zanger said.

Multicultural Affairs Zanger lauded volunteers as the best ambassadors the U.S. has to offer to the world.

Keynote speaker Edward Scott Jr., co-founder of the Center for Global Development, drew on this point with a discussion of how volunteers have advanced humanitarian aid and what areas still need improvement.

Half of the world's population lives on \$2 a day, Scott said.

He stressed the need for people from each end of the political spectrum to be aware of what goes on within the international environ-



Nicole Saffer / Alligator Staff

Cynthia Tickel, right, leads a group of J.J. Finley Elementary School second-graders playing West African music Monday at the Recurso Founder's Day Gala in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

ment.

"It's not the province of the liberal left or the evangelical right," Scott said. "There's room for everybody in this boat."

Bhakta rounded out the evening by presenting both speakers

with plaques that thanked them for their service to the international community. The audience of about 70 was given the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting clean water, literacy and orphanage relief programs.

"I hope by getting a glimpse of the world issues through our displays and listening to our wonderful speakers, you are inspired to make your mark on the world," Bhakta said.

UF RESEARCH

Study: Rudeness linked to poor job performance

By JENNIFER MACOUREK
Alligator Contributing Writer

Less-than-friendly bosses are in for a rude awakening, thanks to a UF study showing that encountering rudeness can cause job performance to suffer.

The study, conducted over the span of a year, was broken into three scenarios. Participants were subjected to different degrees of rudeness before being asked to solve anagram puzzles and write down uses

for a brick, said UF management professor Amir Erez.

In all of the scenarios, participants exposed to rudeness performed substantially worse on each task compared to participants not exposed to rudeness.

"It's not anger or revenge," said Erez. "It's just very destructive. Thinking too much on the subject, wondering, 'what did I do to deserve to be treated like that?' causes less cognitive processes for the task," he said.

The study, conducted by Erez and

"The issue was swept under the desk, but people are a lot more ready to admit it's a problem."

Christine Porath
University of Southern California
management professor

University of Southern California management professor Christine Porath, tested 275 students whose ages ranged 18 to 36.

Erez also noted that participants exposed to rudeness supplied more dysfunctional answers when responding to the brick assignment.

"It wasn't in the study, but those that were subjected to rudeness came up with more violent answers like breaking windows or hitting someone," he said.

Porath said rudeness in the workplace is becoming a hot topic.

"The issue was swept under the desk, but people are a lot more ready to admit it's a problem," she said.

Bush talks economy in final State of the Union

UF hosts career showcase

By STEPHANIE ROSENBERG
Alligator Contributing Writer

Job seekers on campus can meet with potential employers at the O'Connell Center today and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the UF Career Resource Center's Career Showcase.

The showcase will feature more than 350 organizations, said Ja'Net Glover, assistant director for career events at the CRC.

It is free and open to all UF students with Gator 1 cards, alumni with their student ID numbers, faculty and staff, Glover said.

On the first day of the event, attendees will be able to talk to employers from non-technical jobs, such as accounting, communications and health care.

She said the second day would feature employers from technical fields, such as computer science, construction and engineering.

Some of the organizations attending are American Express, Kraft Foods Inc. and Target Corp.

"The most important thing to know is that all of these employers are looking for you," Glover said.

"They have positions, and they're interested in you," he said. "They know the quality and the caliber of students at UF."

Job seekers should research the employers attending the showcase, prepare portfolios of work and bring a résumé, she said. Attendees should dress professionally.

She said she would encourage UF students of all ages to attend the showcase.

"When you hear students say the job market is not good, well, there's over 350 employers looking for you. The job market is still going strong," Glover said.

For more information about the showcase, visit www.crc.ufl.edu/showcase.

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GAINESVILLE CITY COMMISSION

City leaders discuss gender ordinance

By KATIE GALLAGHER

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The City Commission listened to more than 100 citizens comment on a policy to make discriminating based on gender identity illegal, as 98 cities and counties nationwide have already done.

The commission had not voted by press time.

The ordinance would define gender identity as "an inner sense of being a specific gender ... with or without regard to the individual's sex at birth."

The ordinance would not include religious institutions.

Commissioner Ed Braddy said he disagreed with the ordinance because he felt it burdens businesses and grants special privileges to a small group of people.

"When you boil it down, it says that because some people have emotional confusion about their sexual identity, everyone

else has to make changes," Braddy said.

Commissioner Craig Lowe disagreed.

"There is nothing special about being able to get a job, have a home, to be able to go to a restroom, or to get the same credit privileges that anyone else does," Lowe said.

Citizens wanting to voice opinions both for and against the ordinance crowded into the auditorium at City Hall and filled the hallway outside.

Some quoted the Bible. Others worried about sharing public restrooms with people who feel they are the opposite gender.

"Surely we have advanced beyond trying to scare people about bathrooms," said Terry Fleming.

But Pastor Matt Gordon, of Cypress Creek Church, said he was worried about his daughters. "My hope is that you as the council will understand my concern not only for their comfort but for their safety," he said regarding



Nicole Safker / Alligator Staff

Gainesville city commissioners hear public comments during the City Commission meeting at City Hall Monday night.

bathroom rules.

Nora Spencer, UF's director of LGBT affairs, spoke in favor of the policy.

"We have the right not to be

hassled, harassed, beat up or even killed," she said. "And it happens every day, just because of the way we look."

Lowe emphasized that

Gainesville would not be the first city to pass such an ordinance.

"This is not any groundbreaking thing for Gainesville," he said. "We're catching up."

State senator says receiving 80 percent of tuition 'still a pretty good deal'

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session begins in March.

Ring said in addition to educating students, universities should serve to develop the economy — a role he said they haven't embraced enough. Having students major in the fields he specified is essential to fill spots in high-need industries, he said.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said UF President Berrie Machen is aware of the program but isn't ready to comment on it yet. He is still looking into the proposals before taking

a stance, Orlando said.

Ring said most university administrators he's talked to support the bill, but he hasn't heard any feedback from students.

"Initially they may be taken aback," he said. "But when they understand it's not an attempt to rip the state of Bright Futures but to build a better economy, I think they'll be supportive of it."

Tyler Welt, a UF freshman who's planning to study political science, said he'd figure out a way around the new rules if they were approved.

"What I would probably do in that situa-

"No one is getting rid of Bright Futures."

Jeremy Ring
state senator

tion is switch my major to get the money and then switch back," Welt said. "You've got to play the system."

He said changing the scholarship is a flawed plan.

"I wouldn't say any field is more important than any others," Welt said. "They shouldn't be penalized."

But Welt and other students already in college wouldn't need to beat the system.

Ring said if the bill is approved, only students enrolled after its effective date would be impacted. He said he hasn't figured out how to deal with incoming students with undeclared majors or those who change majors.

Ring said despite the changes, Florida schools would still offer the best deals for education in the country.

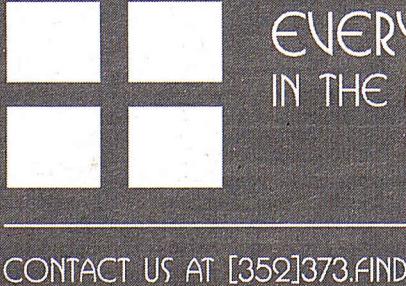
"No one is getting rid of Bright Futures," Ring said. "If you want to be a philosophy major you still get 80 percent of tuition paid. That's still a pretty good deal."

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District 2 race raises most money

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\$45,000.

Candidate Bryan Harman, who worked in marketing before taking a break to campaign, said he's happy with the \$9,000 he has raised.

He also said his opponent Bonnie Mott, a real estate company owner, was "absolutely immoral" for taking so much money from her own finances and from those with similar business interests.

"I'm happy there's such a diversity of people in my contributor list, unlike a certain opponent, whose list is made up of strictly real estate and self-financing," he said. "Let me tell you this: the City Commission can be bought."

Mott, who has raised about \$6,500 from family and personal loans and at least \$7,000 from employees in real estate, rental and construction businesses, said she thought differently.

"I am a Realtor," she said. "I have been

selling real estate for 31 years. I've been in Gainesville for 45 years. I am fortunate to have made friends - and kept them."

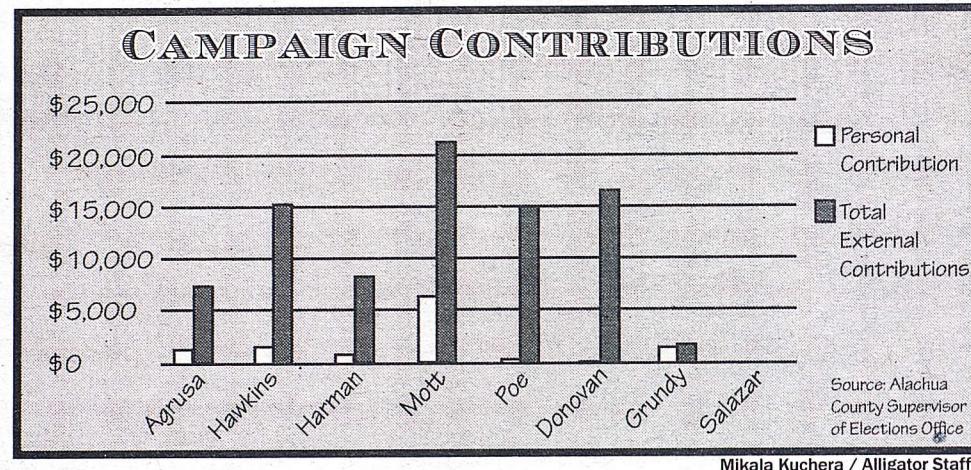
Harman and Mott's opponent, SFCC professor Lauren Poe, raised about \$15,000 in total contributions. Still, he specified no connections between the support he has received and the support he hopes to receive at the polls.

"Money," he said, "doesn't buy votes."

The District 3 race has not been so close. Incumbent Jack Donovan has raised about \$17,000, while opponent Armando Grundy has raised \$140 and added a personal loan of \$1,500. Candidate Christopher Salazar has yet to raise any money.

Grundy, however, said the finance gap has not caused any problems in his campaign.

"I don't think it [raising less money] has been a hindrance at all," he said. "Not at all. It actually makes it more enjoyable because then people think you don't have a chance of winning."



Candidates appeal to youth

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"I think it attracts people because they're saying, 'One of us is up there,'" he said.

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, the second-youngest commissioner at 37, said she didn't think younger commissioners would change much about the city's government.

"I think it attracts people because they're saying, 'One of us is up there.'"

Giacomo Savardi
UE freshman

One difference will be that with terms expiring for Commissioners Ed Braddy and Rick Bryant, no one on the commission will have school-age children, she said.

But the major issues in Gainesville will still be energy, homelessness and a shrinking budget, she said.

Even if younger commissioners have different ideas, she said, they can't do much by themselves.

"Certainly you can study issues," she said, "but if you don't have three other people willing to vote for it, it's a moot point."

Mastrodicasa said she didn't think lack of experience would hurt young commissioners.

"That's how you learn," she said.



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UF Voices**What's Your Focus?**

Eye-opening and life-changing are the best words to describe the day I decided to get involved with the climate change initiative. After attending a conference on climate change issues



Shaw

in Florida, my philosophy emerged: Nothing in climate change is possible without collective action. If you follow popular belief, you know that it took collective action on our behalf to trigger the issues surrounding climate change, and therefore, will require collective action to fix them.

However, nothing can happen without first gathering knowledge. People cannot be expected to take action if they don't know on what or how to act. The events of "Focus The Gator Nation," (FGN) being held on Jan. 31, will help to provide students and the community as a whole with the fundamentals of global warming and climate change, so we can take action together.

"Focus The Gator Nation" is part of the national "Focus the Nation" campaign, a united day of educational activities focused on the issues surrounding climate change and the challenges that lie ahead. Local events kick-off with a Climate Change Awareness Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Reitz Student Union North Lawn.

At 3 p.m., in the Ustler Hall Women's Studies Atrium, there will be a presentation by UF faculty on the science and economics of climate change. Immediately following the presentation, at 4 p.m., will be a political forum on the Leadership of Climate Change, which will feature Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and Tallahassee Mayor John Marks. Finally, at 6 p.m., there will be an energy debate where UF faculty and industry experts discuss the pros and cons of the various energy sources available.

Students, please join us on Thursday, and faculty, bring your students or have discussions in your classes. Then, decide for yourself: What's your focus?

For more information visit: <http://focusthenationuf.googlepages.com>

Rainer Shaw
FGN Coordinator, Wildlife
Ecology and Conservation Senior

Top Stories**Air Force ROTC aces over the competition**

A few cadets show their pride in being No. 1.

Kristen Bartlett Grace

What do a fraternity president, a varsity pole vaulter, and a Black Student Union president all have in common? They are all proud cadets with the University of Florida's Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), recently named one of the best in the United States.

"In a school of 50,000, we're just a small group, but we have a strong presence on this campus," said Maj. James Bodnar, an assistant professor of aerospace studies for the Air Force ROTC. "Right now, we have the best, most-motivated cadets we've ever had."

And that motivation has certainly paid off. With just 100 cadets, the UF detachment was named No. 1 in 2007, competing with the 52 medium-sized detachments in the nation. The evaluations take place every three years, and only 5 percent of detachments ever receive this distinction.

UF's Detachment 150 received outstanding ratings in training, recruiting, personnel actions and education. A rating of excellent was given for financial management and unit support.

"One of the reasons we won the award is because the quality of the students at the University of Florida," Bodnar said. "Our cadets tend to do better academically. They're more mature, more accountable for their actions, and more enthusiastic about learning."

Lori Bowen is a prime example of the type of student who has helped UF's Air Force ROTC become so successful. The 21-year-old exercise physiology junior joined the program as a way to gain leadership experience and help pay her way through medical school. Her father was a military lawyer for 20 years, so she knew the military had a lot to offer college students.

"I'm a regular student athlete," said Bowen, who is on the varsity track team. "This

is the perfect way of entering into the military. The few things that you have to live by are things that you should be living by anyway. It just teaches you to be a better person."

Bowen was attracted to the opportunity to gain real life experience in the military, while at the same time serving her country. Travel is an added perk for her, too. She plans to attend medical school and work as an Air Force physician on base.

"Anything a regular city needs, an Air Force base needs," she explained. "In the civilian world, there is a glass ceiling. But, rank doesn't have gender. It's based on your abilities and what you want to do."

Adam Hausman, a fourth-year engineering student, is another example of the range of career opportunities that

the Air Force ROTC offers. He came to Gainesville wanting to be a pilot, but was soon swayed by aerospace engineering. He also liked the idea that joining the ROTC wouldn't dominate his time as a busy college student.

"A lot of people think it's every day, but it's not," he said, adding that his Air Force commitment includes about one day a week of service. "Every other day you are a normal student."

Hausman said that many jobs that students may not think of as part of the Air Force are now available, including working with satellites, space shuttle launches and global positioning systems (GPS). The Air Force will continue to pay for his education at the University of Florida until he graduates next year.

"Graduation is just a means to commissioning," he said. "This is just the beginning for us."

By Panagiota Papakos

Happenings

Listings in this section are a sampling of events at the University of Florida, compiled from entries listed in the full calendar that appears on the Web at calendar.ufl.edu. To submit an event online, visit <http://calendar.ufl.edu/submit/>.

Jan. 29

Harn Museum of Art presents "Tot Time." Harn Museum, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Career Resource Center presents "Career Showcase." (Non-Technical Day) O'Connell Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free and open to UF students only.

Jan. 30

Career Resource Center presents "Career Showcase." (Technical Day) O'Connell Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free and open to UF students only.

Jan. 31

UFPA presents "AEROS." Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating: \$25-35.

Feb. 1

Faculty Development presents "I Just Want to be Whelmed: A Conversation About Productivity." Emerson Alumni Hall, 8:30 a.m. Registration required, call 352-392-4835 for more information.

Medieval and Modern Studies, the Center for European Studies, the City of Gainesville, and the Society for Creative Anachronism present "Medieval Masquerade." Thomas Center, 5-7

In Focus

Garden springs to life as renewed community sanctuary

Various pieces of literature, art and songs have a "forgotten garden" theme, and there's no need to look far to find the University of Florida's own forgotten garden.

It was a different era when the once-thriving gardens at the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive and Mowry Road were a Gainesville tourist attraction, popular wedding site and home to the largest publicly owned collection of camellias in the country.

Named for the 1940s UF horticulturalist Royal James "Roy" Wilmot, Wilmot Gardens would eventually succumb to weeds, hurricane winds, construction debris and the invasion of pests. UF stopped maintaining the five-acre area in the late 1970s or early 1980s, but a few camellias miraculously survived.

In 2006, Dr. C. Craig Tisher, professor of nephrology and dean of the College of Medicine, envisioned restoring Wilmot Gardens. His plan was to recreate a beautiful, tranquil place for patients and Health Science Center faculty, staff and students.

To help make Tisher's vision a reality, UF employee Linda Luecking and her husband, master gardener Bill Luecking, began working in 2006 – and continue working to this day – to help restore the area to its previous glory. As a cancer survivor, Linda's goal is to help provide a place for Shands patients to meditate and heal.

"This is only a little selfish on my part," she said. "I've been there. I want things to get better for people."

With the help of Tampa-based landscape architect David Conner, there is a plan to transform the gardens into five distinct, complimenting areas that will flow together.

The drawings, currently posted on a bulletin board in the garden, show a central community lawn where families and students can spread out blankets and enjoy the calming atmosphere. There also are plans for a waterfall and reflection pond, a camellia and azalea bower, a "secret" wooded sanctuary, and a working garden where Shands patients can plant and tend their own perennial flowers.



Some camellias thrive after years of neglect. The gardens' flowers will peak in March.

"We want to provide a place where people can go and make those critical decisions about their lives," Luecking said.

By Kimberly Cruts and Susan Stewart

Seen & Heard

Tom Dana selected new associate dean

The University of Florida College of Education has announced that Tom Dana, director of UF's School of Teaching and Learning, has been selected as the College of Education's next associate dean for Academic Affairs. His appointment becomes effective July 1, with the start of the new academic year.



Dana

Dana will succeed Jeri Benson, who recently announced her retirement after a long and accomplished career in higher education teaching and administration.

Professor named TPUG Distinguished Member

Sanford Berg, distinguished service professor in economics and director of Water Studies for the Public Utility Research Center (PURC), was named the Distinguished Member for 2007 by the Transportation and Public Utilities Group (TPUG).

p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-846-2032 for more information.

Feb. 2

UFPA presents "Ladysmith Black Mambazo." Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating \$20-\$35.

Feb. 3

Harn Museum of Art presents "Exhibition Spotlight Tour: Highlights from the African Collection." Harn Museum, 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.

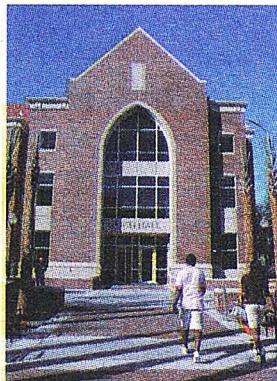
Feb. 5

UFPA presents "Pink Floyd Experience." Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating \$25-\$40.

The award recognizes both Berg's research contributions and the international training programs developed under PURC auspices. For 30 years, Berg served as director of PURC, and remains the Florida Public Utilities Professor. He has published more than 100 journal articles and co-authored/edited four books.

Pugh Hall opens in UF historic district

The Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall recently opened and is home to the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures, the Bob Graham Center for Public Service, and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. The 40,000-square-foot facility has been constructed over the past year in the heart of UF's historic district between Newell and Dauer halls. A



formal dedication ceremony has been set for Feb. 9. Call 352-392-0780 for more information.

Images of Pugh Hall, and time-lapsed construction video, are available at <http://ufl.oxblue.com/grahamcenter/>.

Police Department is nation's first to earn Triple Crown

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) recently acquired "Triple Crown" status by receiving accreditation by three distinct entities. The three agencies to award accreditation to UFPD are The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).

UFPD is the first university law enforcement agency in the country to receive the Triple Crown designation, and was recently recognized by IACLEA for this accomplishment.

Note This

Text messaging a success

The first test of the University of Florida's new text messaging system was an overall success, although officials are working to determine why some students, faculty and staff did not receive the test message.

Statistics provided by Mobile Campus, the vendor that provides UF's text messaging service, show an 86 percent success rate in reaching cell phones in less than 30 minutes.

Slightly more than 4,400 messages did not reach recipients, either because the recipient's mailbox was full, an incorrect phone number was provided or the recipient did not have text service. Another 1,241 messages failed for unknown reasons.

UF administrators are working with Mobile Campus to determine why that happened, as well as to reduce the text message delivery time.

Meanwhile, anyone who did not receive the test message is asked to go to <http://www.it.ufl.edu/sms-test/>.

Symposium to focus on "green" building

Experts from law and related fields will meet Feb. 15 at the University of Florida Hilton Conference Center to discuss "green" building practices. Presented by the UF Levin College of Law and co-sponsored by sections of The Florida Bar, this year's conference is entitled "Green Building: Prospects and Pitfalls for Local Governments."

For more information, visit www.law.ufl.edu/flalawonline.

E-mail scam alert

The University of Florida community should be on alert for a fraudulent e-mail message with the subject, "Verify your UFL email account now," which is currently circulating on the Internet. Do not respond to the message.

Degree applications due

Graduating seniors should be aware that degree applications are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 1 if they plan to graduate at the end of the spring semester. Students may call 352-392-1374 for more information, or visit <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/adsspring0708.html>.

InsideUF

Send submissions for publication consideration at least two weeks in advance to insideuf@ufl.edu.

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Martha Graham Dance Company

Feb. 6

Harn Museum of Art presents Harn Eminent Scholar Lecture: "Invisible Now: Art After Spectatorship." Harn Museum, 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Feb. 8

UFPA presents "Martha Graham Dance Company." Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating \$25-\$35.

Feb. 9

Gator Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving vs. FAU (Senior Day). O'Connell Center, 1 p.m. Call 352-375-4683 for more information.

Feb. 10

UFPA presents "Pacifica Quartet." University Auditorium, 5 p.m. Reserved seating \$15-\$25.

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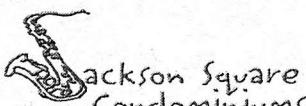
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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Former Gator Humphrey searches for new team

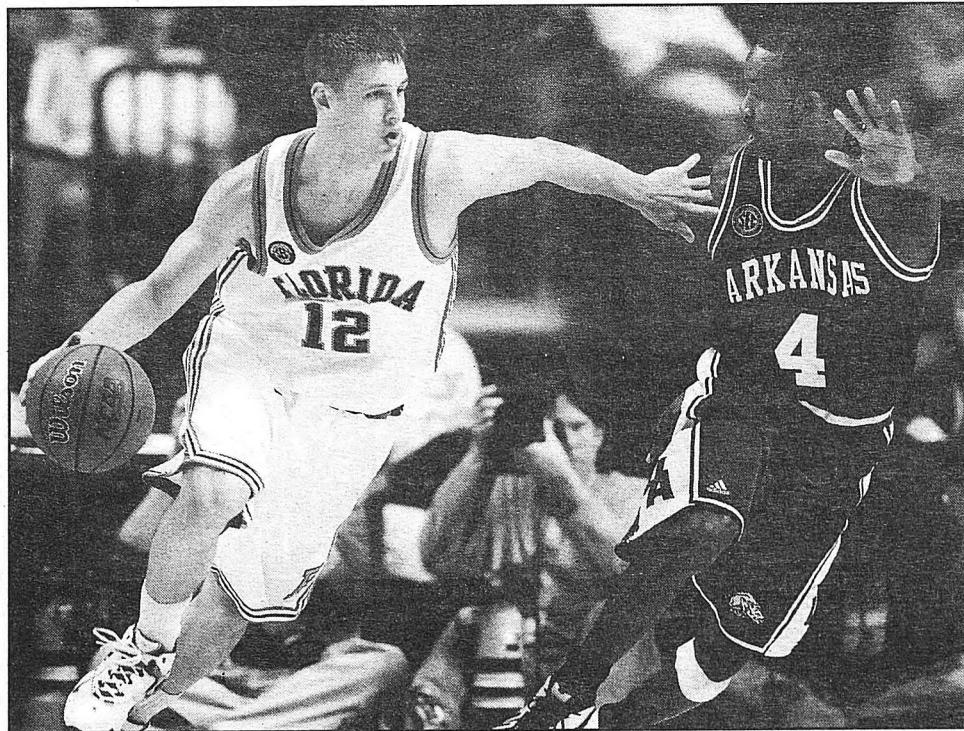
By JENNA MARINA
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When Gators forward Dan Werner strolled into the training room to get taped before Sunday's game against Vanderbilt, he was shocked to see his former road-game roommate, Lee Humphrey, standing

there — without his hair.

Humphrey impulsively decided Saturday to fly to Gainesville to visit his girlfriend and some friends and to check out the team, so he hopped on a plane and made it into town at 2 a.m.

"It was just awesome to see Lee," Werner said. "I see he shaved his head. That's pretty wild. I like it, though."



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Former UF guard Lee Humphrey dribbles past Arkansas guard Dontell Jefferson during the Gators' 74-71 victory against the Razorbacks in 2006.

Humphrey, who holds the UF record (288) and NCAA Tournament record (47) for career 3-pointers, returned home to Maryville, Tenn., two days before Christmas after he was released from the Greek team PAOK.

The Greek league allows only two American players per team, and when PAOK felt it needed a point guard, Humphrey was cut for former Loyola (Md.) player Jason Rowe.

Humphrey said he had a lot to adjust to while overseas, from the style of play to the culture. The play is a lot more physical and losing games was something new.

"We struggled. We weren't doing that well, which was a difficult change for me," Humphrey said.

Then there was his living environment. Humphrey arrived in Greece on Aug. 26 to a non-air-conditioned condominium and temperatures climbed to 40 degrees Celsius, or 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

In order to sleep, Humphrey removed the mattress from his bed frame and laid it on the floor in front of his balcony. Sheets and a comforter were out of the question.

Humphrey's travels to China and Brazil with the Sports Reach program while he was in college helped him adjust to the culture, but he said the language barrier was sometimes too much to overcome.

"Greek is hard," he said. "I was only there for four months. I can say a few phrases, and I picked up some stuff from the guys in the locker room. There was a few times, though, that I just had to resort to waving my hands."

Still, Humphrey enjoyed the four months he spent living in Greece.

He said he could see Mount Olympus from his balcony on a clear day, and he enjoyed immersing himself in the biblical sites, not to mention the cuisine.

"I'm not picky. I'll play for anyone."

Lee Humphrey
Former UF guard

Humphrey said Greek salad was his favorite dish. But it's not like the kind made in America, and he apparently liked it so much that he could rattle off all the ingredients by memory during the phone interview — onions, tomatoes, olive oil....

While he was overseas, Humphrey missed out on receiving his national championship ring at an on-field ceremony when UF's football team hosted Tennessee on Sept. 15.

Although he regretted his absence, his parents accepted the ring on his behalf. His mother had her cell phone on during the presentation so her son could listen to the applause on the other end.

Humphrey finally saw the ring when he came home — "it's really big" — and his parents keep it in a safety deposit box with the rest of his championship jewelry.

Humphrey said he would like to continue playing overseas, and he hopes he will find a team to play for within the next week.

"I'm not picky," Humphrey said. **"I'll play for anyone."**

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Gators climb to No. 20 in AP Poll

■ UF WAS RANKED NO. 25 IN NOVEMBER.

By DANNY KLEIN
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The national champions are back in the national picture.

After spending much of the season unranked, UF (18-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) cracked the polls Monday, coming in at No. 20 in the Associated Press Poll.

UF was ranked 25th in the second poll of the season, but a convincing 65-51 loss to Florida State sent the Gators off the charts for more than a month.

They have now won seven of their last eight games and are coming off a dominating 86-64 victory against then-No. 14 Vanderbilt, who has since fallen to No. 19. The revamped Gators have enjoyed the surprising success so far this season. UF's 5-1 conference mark is something even its own players never saw coming.

"What are we now, 5-1?" center Marreese Speights said. "I bet no one, not even Coach (Billy) Donovan, expected that."

Marreese Speights
UF sophomore center

Then UF failed to impress when the opportunities arose. The Gators suffered two lopsided losses to FSU and Ohio State and a loss to a ranked Mississippi team on the road.

The Gators needed a signature win and got it Sunday against Vanderbilt. Now, the question becomes, how will this inexperienced group react?

Donovan expressed concern over the fragile egos of his players, who will now face success foreign to many of them.

"Sometimes I think the most difficult thing for a young basketball team to handle is success," he said. "We're not that good that we think we can show up in practice, show up in

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FSU guard Jason Rich scores over UF forward Dan Werner in the Gators' 65-51 loss in November, the last time UF was ranked.

UF BASEBALL

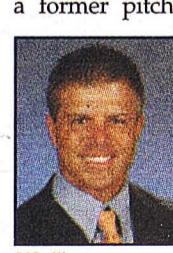
New NCAA start dates compress season

By EVAN DREXLER
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With less than a month until baseball season begins, some signs of the sport's arrival are showing at McKethan Stadium.

Workers were laying down bricks on the concourse and mowing the infield grass Monday morning, but the surest indication of baseball's commencement comes Friday.

That's when full team practices start. First year UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan,



a former pitching coach at Clemson and Virginia, stressed the importance of the Gators' pitching staff in practice and at the season's onset. "The first couple weeks we've got five games a week, so we're going to really put our pitching to the test early on," he said at a press conference Monday. "Our biggest concern right now is making sure we solidify our roles on the

pitching staff."

Instead of the usual three- or four-game weeks that they are used to, schools will play a more compressed schedule this season after the NCAA instituted universal start dates for practice and games. Full team practice begins nationwide Friday, and games cannot start until Feb. 22, when UF hosts Siena College.

For the last seven years, UF baseball has had an average start date of Feb. 7 and even began play on Jan. 20 in 2000. Teams are still playing the same 56-game schedule, but with

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ON TELEVISION

■ Men's basketball:
No. 7 Tennessee vs. Alabama
ESPN, 9 p.m.

Florida St. vs. Virginia Tech
FSN, 8 p.m.

FORMER GATORS

■ NBA: Minnesota center Chris Richard was assigned to the NBA Developmental League on Monday. The rookie averaged 1.3 points and 1.9 rebounds in 24 games for the Timberwolves this season, and he will now suit up for the Sioux Falls Skyforce.

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Today's question: Where should the UF men's basketball team be ranked?

Nos.	11-15	16-20	21-25	Unranked
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Calathes	46% (31)
Werner	35% (24)
Speights	19% (13)
	68 TOTAL VOTES

Monday's question: Who was the men's basketball team's most outstanding player in last week's wins against South Carolina and Vanderbilt?

UF MEN'S TENNIS

Gators prepare for first challenge

By CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC

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The No. 14 UF men's tennis team will face a tough early-season test on Tuesday when it travels to Miami to take on the No. 36 Hurricanes.

The matchup will be the first of two road matches this week for the young squad, which is coming off a 7-0 win against Furman on Sunday.

UF coach Andy Jackson said things will not be as easy as they were in the first match when the team faces its in-state rival on the road, especially when fielding a team with so little experience.

"The thing that I'm very well aware of is that the step up for five freshmen is huge going to Miami," he said.

The Gators shut out

the Hurricanes last year in Gainesville, and they know Miami would like to enact revenge on its archrival.

"Miami is one of our two biggest natural rivalries," said Jackson, who is 27-1 in six seasons against in-state opponents. "They hate us. It's the biggest match of the year for them. It's going to be a huge challenge for us, especially since we've got five guys who are playing in their second dual match."

While the match is good for the rivalry itself, Jackson said the more important result might be that the winner gets the inside track to host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament in May.

Last year, UF lost to Florida State and consequently had to travel to Tallahassee later that year for

the first two rounds. Jackson hopes his team can avoid that same scenario with Miami.

"It's a big match because of how it will impact who will get to host," Jackson said.

"For me and for our team, I think it's a lot more incentive. It's going to be a big challenge for us."

Senior Greg Ouellette, coming off a 7-6 (4), 7-5 victory on Sunday, will lead the Gators on the No. 1 court. He has never lost to Miami, so he knows what it will take to pull out a victory.

"They've got a really good team," Ouellette said. "It will be a good challenge for me and especially the team."

Speights has had the proverbial fire lit beneath him recently as he becomes a threat down low.

All of this is subject to change of course, as UF still has to face No. 7 Tennessee twice and travel to Vanderbilt and Kentucky, but it's at least clear that the Gators have the ability to make a run in the postseason.

They've advanced out of the ques-

Ouellette said that with so many freshmen on the team, it's tough for him to gauge how they will respond to each match.

"You don't know what to expect," he said. "They're really talented. We have one of the most talented teams I've been on, but it's tough to have that confidence because you haven't seen them do it yet. But I feel like once they sink their teeth into it, they'll definitely start picking it up."

As for Ouellette's own expectations on Tuesday's match and the rest of the season:

"It's my last year," he said. "I want to try to make the most of it. I love being able to play (No.) 1 and have the crowd behind me. It's really a treat."

tion-mark phase, so let's drop that "baby Gators" label, because UF has proven it can play more than just a few competitive games.

Next Tuesday, the Gators will take on the Volunteers in Knoxville, and I won't be shocked if they come out with a win.

If they do, even Donovan may have to believe the hype.

Ranking may be mixed blessing

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games and just win.

"But if we want to be a good team, a good program, we're going to be ranked. We want to be ranked. It's recognition that you have a good team, but we need to be able to handle those expectations. I don't know if we deserve to be there or not, but we need to keep things in perspective."

**Men's Basketball**

The Gators have enjoyed flying under the radar this season. UF's most experienced player, junior Walter Hodge, wondered if the team would be better without recognition.

"When we're not ranked we stay focused," Hodge said. "Teams don't think about us. I bet all the teams in the nation just come here thinking they can beat us."

As the Gators move forward, Donovan hopes the national attention will help the team improve. He noted that UF still has a way to go before it reaches where it needs to be.

"It's fantasy land," Donovan said. "You get wrapped up in all this stuff, but the bottom line is, it's not Selection Sunday. You have to go play games."

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an Alabama team that was supposed to physically dominate them said a lot for the team's toughness.

Freshman Nick Calathes has yet to wilt under the pressure of being the squad's best offensive weapon, and Marreese

O'Sullivan stresses need for pitching depth, expresses interest in UF forward Allen

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the games closer together.

"There's no more of those three games a week ... where you've got the whole week off," O'Sullivan said.

The schedule squeeze puts the most strain on the pitchers' arms, he added.

"It's certainly a whole staff contribution," he said. "Your time is limited as far as getting their arms in shape."

It also increases the importance of pitchers lower on the depth charts.

"You're using more pitchers

"There's nothing we can do about it. Everybody in the country is facing the same thing."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF baseball coach

with the schedule the way it is," O'Sullivan said. "That eighth, ninth, 10th pitcher is important. It certainly gives you a lot more ideas before you enter conference play."

O'Sullivan has not discussed the late start with his athletes but said they must play the hand they have been dealt.

"It's something that's there," O'Sullivan said. "There's nothing we can do about it. Everybody in the country is facing the same thing."

The dense schedule does allow the team to feel itself out faster than usual.

"You've got to find out about your club early," O'Sullivan said. "We'll throw the guys right into the fire."

As for the top pitchers on the team, O'Sullivan discussed who he felt would step into big roles.

Kyle Mullaney, a right-handed

sophomore who can throw three pitches for strikes, could see starts on Friday nights. O'Sullivan described Mullaney as consistent and

a fast worker. He finished last year with a 4-2 record, and his 4.25 ERA is third-lowest among returning pitchers.

Junior lefty Stephen Locke looks to return to form after a disappointing 2007. O'Sullivan hopes he gets back to his 2005 self, when he went 5-2 with a 4.04 ERA.

Sophomore Billy Bullock and freshman Tommy Toledo could also see consistent time on the mound.

The team is relatively healthy and in good shape, O'Sullivan said, and he actually prefers beginning late because it gives the team more time to exercise after winter break.

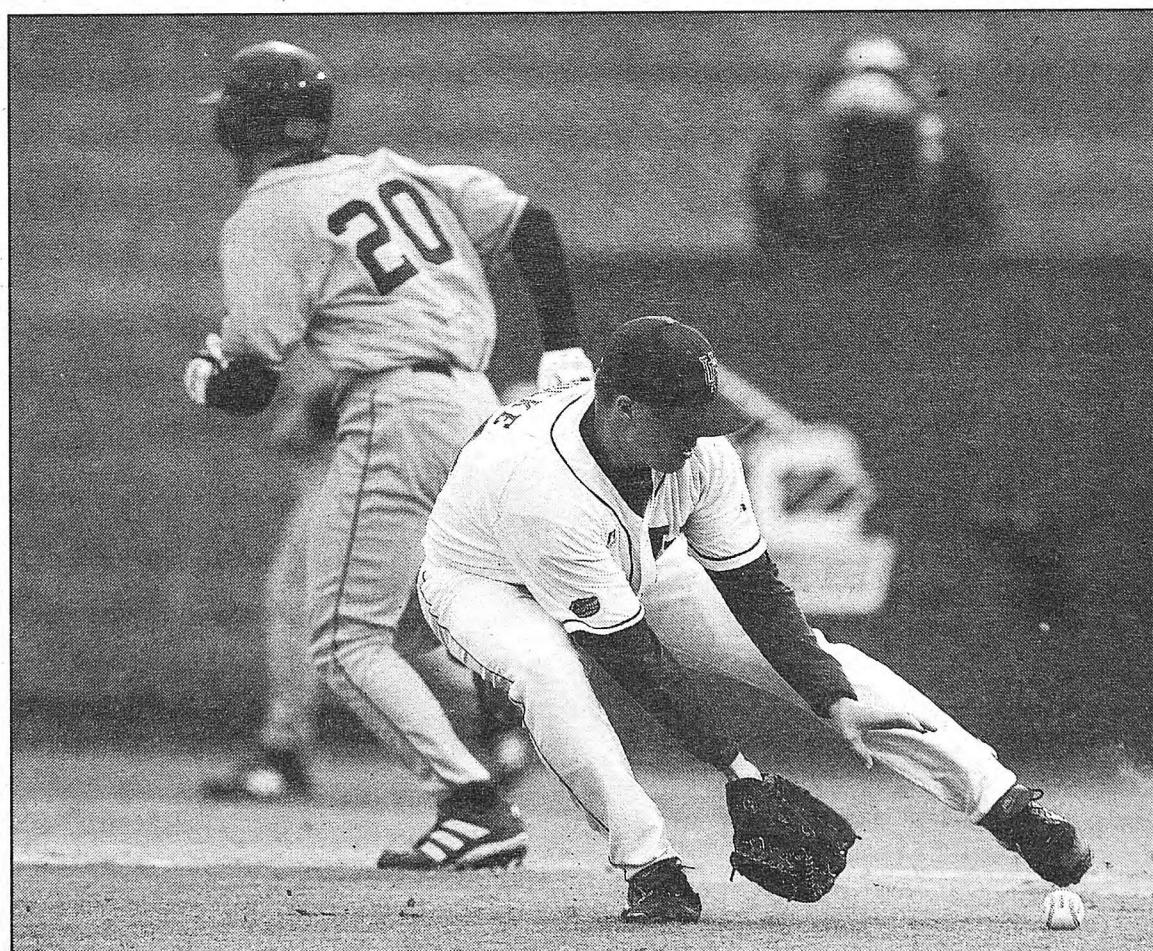
"There's no way to get your pitchers in shape before that date," O'Sullivan said.

NO ALLEN YET: UF basketball forward Adam Allen, who averages 11.9 minutes and 5 points per game, may join the baseball team after the basketball season is over.

O'Sullivan made it clear that Allen would not talk to the baseball team until basketball ends but seemed interested in the idea.

"We really haven't had a whole lot of contact with Adam," O'Sullivan said. "His first responsibility right now is basketball, and when they're done with their season we'll certainly address it at that point."

Allen played first base and pitcher in high school, sometimes reaching 90 mph on the radar gun. His cousin Ryne Jernigan plays second base and shortstop for the University of South Alabama.



UF junior Stephen Locke fields a bunt against Central Florida last season at McKethan Stadium. The Gators will need Locke to recapture his 2005 self to bolster a young pitching staff.

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**Gators starting to look towards NCAA Tournament**

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Sunday's win at South Carolina may turn out to be a pivotal point in the season, and it turns out the team got a hint of that from its coaching staff before the game.

Assistant coach Susie Gardner said Monday that the coaches spoke to the players specifically about the NCAA Tournament and how big a win against the Gamecocks would be on the heels of a blowout loss to Georgia on Thursday.

"Sometimes as a coaching staff you take a chance," said Gardner, who filled in for head coach Amanda Butler at Monday's press conference because Butler is out recruiting.

"Do you want to put that added pressure on a team? Can they handle success? We felt like we had nothing to lose by telling them, 'You all need to be talking about the NCAA Tournament.'"

Despite a lackluster 1-1 week

with a bad loss and a win against a team it was supposed to defeat, someone else thinks the Gators might play in the Big Dance.

ESPN.com analyst Charlie Creme included UF (14-6, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) in his weekly bracket projection for the first time Monday.

He slotted the Gators as the No. 10 seed in the Oklahoma City region.

With an RPI of 39 according to CollegeRPI.com, UF has just one win against a team with a sub-50 RPI — its season-opening 82-71 win at home against Xavier.

"If nothing else, the Gators have been consistent," Creme wrote. "But at some point they will need to beat someone they aren't supposed to."

UF will have that chance this week as Vanderbilt (14-6, 3-2 SEC, 26 RPI) comes to town Thursday and No. 8 LSU (16-3, 5-0 SEC, 11 RPI) visits Sunday.

Gardner couldn't tell how the team took the talk initially because

there wasn't a lot of reaction. They didn't even nod, she said.

"I think behind the scenes when we're not in that locker room, I believe that it has come up in conversation," she said. "I heard that Depree Bowden is talking about it, and that's important. ... We needed

to just plant the seed and where they take it is up to them."

Each win is crucial for a Gators team that still has road dates against Georgia and Tennessee ahead.

"We have to be realistic when you look at our SEC schedule," Gardner said. "We have to be honest with ourselves that there are certain teams out there that have the name Tennessee, LSU on their jerseys. South Carolina was a game that one, we needed to play well, and two, flat out, we needed to win."

LOSING THE BATTLE ON THE GLASS:

UF has been outrebounded by double digits in the last two games after winning the rebounding battle in 14 of its first 18 games. Some of this may have to do with the Gators facing taller frontcourts. Georgia has 6-foot-3 All-American Tasha Humphrey and 6-foot-5 Angel Robinson, and South Carolina has 6-foot-6 Ilona Burgoova and 6-foot-4 Demetress Adams.

Contrast that with UF's tallest player, 6-foot-3 Aneika Henry, who averages 6.2 rebounds per game. Henry has plenty of help from her shorter teammates, though — Marshae Dotson averages 8.9 boards per game, and Sharielle Smith contributes 6.1.

Dotson ranks second in the SEC with 9.2 rebounds per game in conference play. LSU's Sylvia Fowles, the league's leading rebounder in conference games, comes to town Sunday.

UF did grab two key rebounds near the end of Sunday's game, one each by Dotson and Henry.

"It is something we need to address, but at the same time you can still win basketball games while being outrebounded if you get the right ones," Gardner said.

HENRY WORKING ON OFFENSE:

Henry, a junior college transfer, continues to have a rough time scoring against the taller opponents in her first season of SEC play. She has averaged just 4.2 points per game in the five conference games and scored 1 point in last week's two games. Her best conference performance came against Alabama on Jan. 13 when she scored 14 points.

Gardner attributes the struggles to the difference in competition.

"She's still learning the level of play and physicality of play in the conference," Gardner said. "She's going to have to do other things such as play defense or get rebounds or block or alter some shots."

"Scoring may not be what Aneika brings to our team until the end of February."



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