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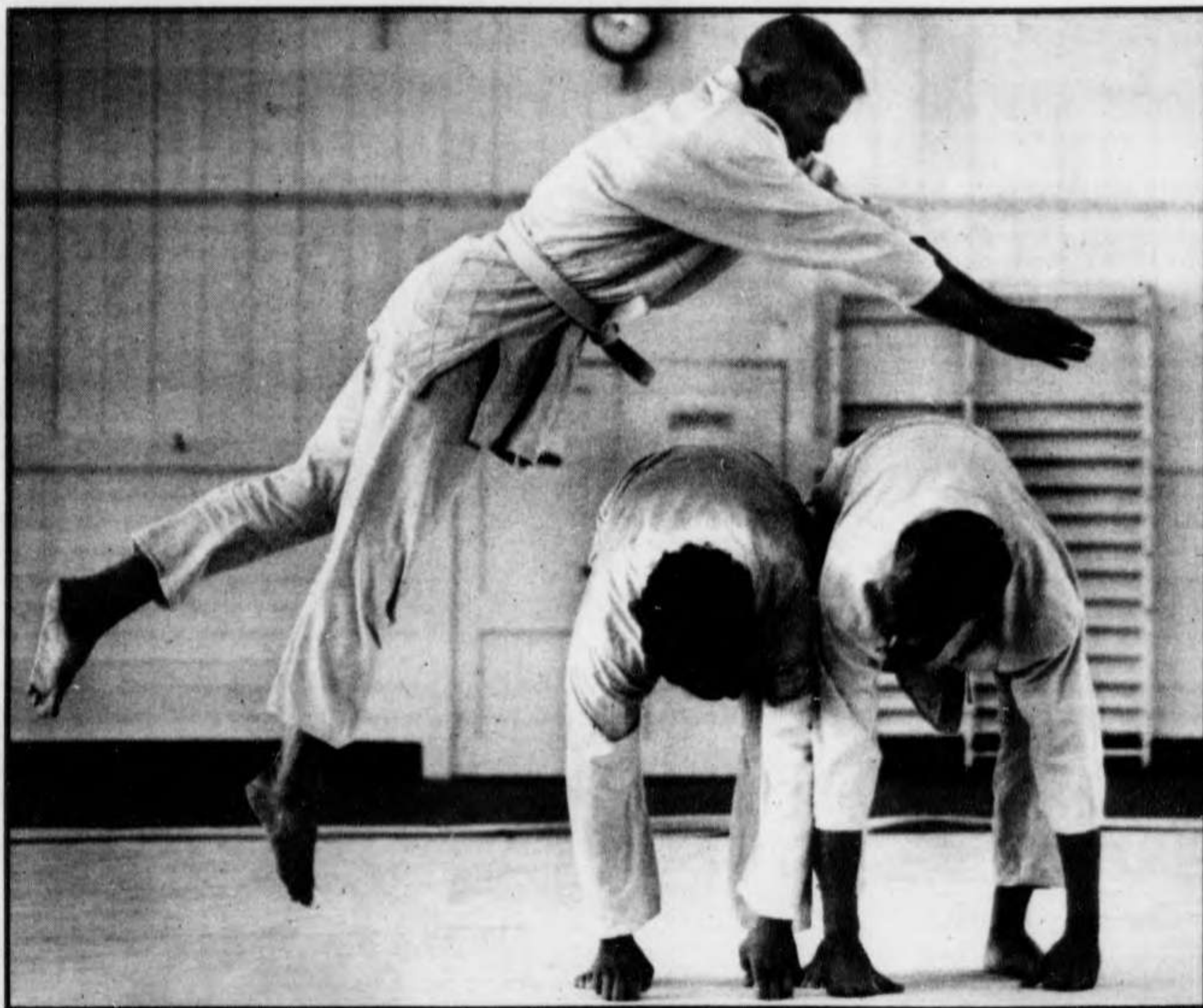
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John Davis, a senior in engineering, jumps over chemistry junior Max Ragsdale, left, and accounting freshman Tom Christensen. These three Judo students practiced the "roll over" after class.

E. ANN STODDARD—ALLIGATOR

Official says Hume safe for residents

By GEOFF BOUCHER
Alligator Staff Writer

Asbestos-lined pipes in Hume Hall probably pose no threat to residents, but UF Housing workers will take air samples and remove frayed portions of the cancer-causing insulation anyway, UF's environmental health officer said Thursday.

Environmental Health and Safety Director William Properzio said inspectors examined the ceiling pipes Thursday morning and decided there isn't much chance any asbestos is "air-borne," the state where microscopic fibers can be inhaled.

The testing was prompted Wednesday when electrical workers in Hume said they were unaware their work took them within arm's reach of the insulation. One



Properzio

worker, an employee of Gainesville electrician Carlos Hope, said no one told him to take special precautions or show any extra care around the pipes.

At least three rips in the overhead insulation also were visible where ceiling panels were removed to make way for the electrical work, which continued Thursday.

Certified asbestos surveyor George Diaz said the nearly chemically-inert substance has been linked to lung cancer, asbestosis and gastro-intestinal cancers. Diaz also said some medical experts theorize that mesothelioma, a cancer affecting the lining of organs, may be triggered by the presence of only a few asbestos fibers. Symptoms of some of these diseases don't show up for 20 years.

Properzio said inspectors graded four ripped sections as about a "four" on a hazard scale of six, with "six" being "clean" and "one" being very likely to have air-borne asbestos.

"We've been using this inspection scheme for four years and we've never come up with any airborne activity in areas that got a score of four," Properzio said. "We have quite a bit of confidence in it."

Properzio said as many as 400 campus buildings have asbestos, but none have shown any indication of the air-borne form. He also said his department runs surveys twice a year to detect asbestos stirred up by factors like leaking pipes or construction.

While the tears may not endanger Hume's nearly 600 residents, Properzio said UF workers, equipped with respirators, may start fixing them today. When the removal starts, workers may evacuate some nearby residents.

The removal team will probably surround the pipes with "glove bags" — air-tight, plastic sacks made with hand-shaped attachments so repairs can be made without contact, Properzio said.

Hope did not return phone calls Thursday. Hope received his Alachua County operating licenses in 1974, and Department of Professional Regulations records show no complaints or wrongdoing since then, complaint analyst Kevin Browne said Thursday. Browne said his department investigates all complaints filed against electrical contractors, architects, landscape architects and interior designers.

FSU students fight ticket limit

By CHRISTY HARRIS
Alligator Staff Writer

A Tallahassee circuit judge today will hear a claim by seven Florida State University students that a policy, which limits graduation tickets and is similar to UF's graduation policy, is illegal.

The students' lawyer, David Holder, said the policy breaks Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law that requires meetings to be open to the public when discussing or deciding on official business. Awarding degrees, he said, is an official action.

"The main argument is that it's a public meeting being conducted by a public institution for public reasons," Holder said.

Susan Sheppard, FSU's special events director, said there was no other choice except limiting tickets because the Leon County Civic Center can't hold safely as many people as are expected to attend. Each graduating FSU student receives four tickets and cannot get extras.

"There's no other place to move it to outside that is covered," Sheppard said. "We have outgrown the Civic Center. Last April, it was so crowded there were peo-

ple in the aisles. They wouldn't have been able to get out in an emergency."

At UF, similar space problems at the O'Connell Center limits tickets to five for each student graduating in the spring, usually its biggest class. Students can get additional tickets for the ceremony if they request them by a certain deadline.

O'Connell Center Director Lionel Dubay said the center has a capacity of 12,000. As many as 1,900 graduating students have attended the ceremony in the past, he said.

"Our reason is one of concern for safety," Dubay said. "The only other choice is to hold it outside."

But Dubay said Florida Field isn't available because it's under renovation and weather conditions could make it uncomfortable.

"The heat can be exhausting for those who have to sit and endure," he said.

Other options, such as having two or more ceremonies, were ruled out to keep everyone in the same group and because they would require too many employees, Dubay said.

Maureen Holder, one of the FSU students filing the claim Monday, said she believes everyone should be allowed to

attend the public ceremony. Four tickets aren't enough for people with large families, she said.

"There are a lot of important people in my life who have had a significant impact on my graduation," Holder said. "(FSU) is doing everything to expand except figuring out how to have graduation."

FSU's April 28 ceremony in the Civic Center would be stopped if Judge Charles McClure grants the temporary injunction the students are seeking.

Holder said the policy also causes another problem — scalping the free tickets.

Keith Legg, UF's interim academic affairs associate vice president, said UF doesn't have a problem with scalping graduation tickets that he knows about.

"We have 'x' number of seats and we give out 'x plus' number of tickets," Legg said. "The requests (for extra tickets) are manageable."

He said the public meeting issue the FSU students are claiming is a "frivolous argument."

POLICE BLOTTER

Man shot three times

A 26-year-old Gainesville man who was shot three times Monday night escaped his unidentified attacker by jumping through a window — from the outside.

Booker Hayes, 1021 SE Fifth Ave., was shot three times in the arm and leg during a chase that began at public housing apartment 114 on Southeast Fourth Street and ended at 1900 SE Fourth St., Gainesville police spokeswoman Lt. Sadie Darnell said.

While trying to escape the assailant, Hayes crashed through a window on the right side of the house, Darnell said. No one inside the house was injured, and the suspect did not follow Hayes through the window, she said.

The chase, which began shortly before 10:30 p.m., started after an unidentified male acquaintance of Hayes pulled out a handgun during a fight between Hayes and the suspect, Darnell said.

Gainesville police don't know why the fight started and are investigating the crime. Hayes was treated and released from Alachua General Hospital later that night, Darnell said.

Tampa man arrested for exposure

A Tampa man was arrested for exposing himself to an undercover police officer in Gainesville's Northeast Park Tuesday, Gainesville police said.

At about 1:30 p.m., John C. Moss, 41, exposed his genitals to a male undercover officer inside the racquetball court at Northeast Recreation Park, 413 NE 16th Ave., Gainesville police spokeswoman Lt. Sadie Darnell said.

The officer and Moss walked around the court area for an unknown amount of time, having a conversation that ended with Moss exposing his genitals, Darnell said. Moss was arrested and given a notice to appear in court, she said.

Moss told police he knew about sexual activity at the park because of an article he read in *The Tampa Tribune* about former University of Florida Foundation assistant vice president for development Stephen F. Brannon's arrest March 27. Brannon exposed himself to an undercover police officer at the racquetball court, according to Gainesville police.

— MIKE BRUSCELL

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spring Fling '90: Today's celebration is from 10 to 2:30 on the Reitz Union North Lawn and will include robotic boxing, tug-of-war, a limbo contest and more. Call 392-1655.

PSO: The Preprofessional Service Organization is having a blood drive today from 9-3 in Reitz Union Room B-60. Call 395-9772.

Arabs: Club Arabi's guest speaker will discuss Arab history and Arab women tonight at 6 in Reitz Union Room 334. Call 395-7624.

Grads: The Black Graduate Student Organization will meet tonight at 6 in Reitz Union rooms 362-363. Call 373-8993.

Shabbat: Due to preparations for Passover, B'nai B'rith will hold Shabbat Services tonight at 8:15 at Leonardo's. Call 372-2900.

Residence Hall Week: IRHA will

show *Look Who's Talking* and *War of the Roses* tonight at 8:30 on the Reitz Union North Lawn. Call 392-1670.

IVCF: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will have a guest speaker on "Jesus and the Passover" tonight at 7 in Reitz Union Room 346. Call 376-3167.

TRAC: The Transfer Student Activities Council will have a party tonight at 9 in the LaMancha Courtyard. Call Matt, 376-1757.

Bicycle race: The Orange and Blue Bicycle Race begins Saturday morning at 8 on Museum Road. The road will be closed. Call 378-2404.

Moonlight: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Spring Moonlight Walk is Saturday night at 7 in the Gardens. The stroll features live music and luminaries. Call 372-4981.

Earth Day: The Let Every Day Be

Earth Day Benefit Concert with Stan Pollack and Friends is Saturday night at 8:13 at the United Church of Gainesville. Call 375-2118.

Jet ski: The IJSBA East Coast Jet Ski Championship Race is Sunday at the YMCA Camp. Call 462-7248.

Drawing: The Artitorium will have Figure Drawing Sunday night at 8 at the Artitorium. Call 335-9796.

Karate: The Isshinryu Karate Club meets Monday at 4:30 in the O'Connell Center in Martial Arts Room 130B. Call 395-9550 or 336-0209.

Public service: The Gainesville City Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Student Adjunct Advisory Board through Tuesday, April 10. Pick up applications at the office of the clerk of the commission. Call 374-2002.

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REGGIE GRANT—ALLIGATOR

Students to meet legislative leaders

By ANTHONY LEDERMAN
Alligator Writer

UF students will have an exclusive chance to meet with Florida political leaders on Legislative Day — if they sign up early.

The first 50 UF students who sign up will go to Tallahassee April 12 for Legislative Day, an opportunity to meet with senators and state leaders.

"It's an outstanding opportunity for UF students to see first hand not only how their state government works, but how powerful the student lobby is and can be," Student Body President Mike Browne said.

The cost is \$35 and all students are eligible. Applications can be picked up and filled out at the Florida Blue Key office, Reitz Union Room 312.

"Because only 50 students go, it provides a more personal atmosphere in which students get to actually talk with leaders," said Liz Bowyer, director of Legislative Action, a division of Florida Blue Key.

Deadline for applications is April

11.

The bus will leave UF at 6 a.m. in order to arrive in time for a breakfast with the Florida Supreme Court justices.

Throughout the day, students will meet and listen to several guest speakers, including U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, state Sen. George Kirkpatrick, state Rep. David Flagg, state Rep. Sid Martin, state Sen. and gubernatorial candidate George Stuart, state Senate President Bob Crawford, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Doyle Conner, Assistant Secretary of State Barbara Burned, Democratic Party Political Director Kolby Peterson, Republican Party Political Director Roger Austin, lobbyist Ralph Haben, Chancellor of the State University System Charlie Reed and University Relations Vice President Al Alsobrook.

The day will culminate with a barbecue at former UF President Stephen C. O'Connell's ranch.

The bus returns to UF at 10 p.m.

SG committee says funding political groups legal

By DEBBIE CENZIPER
Alligator Writer

After investigating for almost two months, a Student Government committee couldn't find any laws that prohibit giving money to political groups.

That means the campus network of Amnesty International, which had asked Student Senate for \$6,451 in February, may be eligible to get part of the money. The Budget and Finance committee requested in February that the Information and Investigation committee look into whether the group is political and if it is legal to fund political groups.

I&I chairwoman Barbara Howard told senators Tuesday night that her committee could find no legal statutes — either in Florida law or SG — that prevents SG from funding a political group.

"It appeared that it had simply been tradition that we don't fund groups for those purposes," Howard said. "I&I's job is not to say if we should fund them or not, it's to determine if funding is legal."

Howard said it is now up to the B&F committee and Senate to determine if SG should fund the organization's request.

Amnesty's funding request, which B&F lowered, is mainly for postage for international mailings, said B&F chairman Chris

Tompkins.

Tompkins said the big question his committee will consider is how the group is going to use the requested money. International mailings may be considered too political to be funded by SG, he said.

Also, if SG funds the group, it may open the door for funding requests from other political groups such as the College Democrats or College Republicans, Tompkins said.

"What concerns me is that this will set a precedent," he said.

But campus Amnesty International President David Cheney said the mailings are not political in any way. Instead, they are a

human rights protest, he said.

"AI is non-political," Cheney said. "We don't belong to a party or endorse a candidate for presidency. We just maintain impartiality. AI is so careful about that and about who they'll work with."

Cheney said his group never asked SG for money before and always made money through fund-raisers. The money from SG would enable the group to mail their letters in bulk, Cheney said.

The time and consideration senators took in sending the group's request through the proper committees proved that they're considering everything carefully, Cheney said.

"I think it's all being handled fairly well."

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Mandela meets with de Klerk

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (UPI) — President Frederik de Klerk met African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and top aides Thursday but vowed to oppose any attempts by the ANC to ride roughshod over power-sharing negotiations and exclude the opinions of other black leaders.

The first face-to-face encounter between an ANC delegation and a South African president in 42 years of National Party rule began shortly after 6 p.m., as de Klerk's government grappled with a military coup in the black homeland of Venda — the second homeland to fall to rebellious black soldiers in a month.

The coup d'etat was led by Venda Defense Force Deputy Chief Col. Gabriel Ramushwana, who vowed to establish a ruling council of unity and called for talks with the African National Congress and other anti-apartheid organizations opposed to the homeland policy.

Thousands of residents of Thohoyandou, capital of the tiny homeland near the northern border with Zimbabwe, spilled into the streets and motorists honked their horns in celebration of the overthrow of homeland leader Frank Ravele.

Mandela — along with ANC intelligence chief Jacob Zuma, the most senior ANC leader to return from exile, and other officials — intended to discuss with de Klerk the ANC's decision to suspend a formal meeting scheduled for April 11. ANC leaders suspended the meeting in protest after 11 blacks were killed when police opened fire during an anti-govern-

ment rally last week.

Thursday's meeting was the first face-to-face encounter between de Klerk and Mandela since his Feb. 11 release from prison, where he served 27 years on sabotage charges, and represented the highest-level ANC-government talks since the National Party swept to power in 1948.

The meeting with the homeland leaders, and the April 11 talks with the ANC, were intended to discuss obstacles standing in the way of formal power-sharing negotiations to end the country's racial crisis.

Buthelezi, one of the two self-governing territory leaders who attended, declared he was present as president of the Zulu movement Inkatha and not as chief minister of the KwaZulu self-governing territory in Natal province.

Buthelezi, whose followers are at war with ANC-linked supporters in strife-torn Natal, said in a statement that de Klerk has "gone past all points of no return in his moves away from apartheid" and said he is prepared to negotiate.

Venda, with a population of 500,000, is one of four black homelands that accepted "independence" in a policy that has stripped millions of blacks in the country of South African citizenship.

Other than South Africa, no nation recognizes their sovereignty.

The homelands policy has enriched and empowered a small percentage of the country's 28 million blacks and has failed to satisfy the aspirations for a voice in national affairs.

East Germans protest monetary plan

EAST BERLIN (UPI) — East Germany's first freely elected Parliament convened Thursday and deputies faced an immediate challenge as about 200,000 people protested against plans for a monetary union that could mean financial losses for East Germans.

Huge rallies were held in several East German cities to protest a proposal by the West German Bundesbank, the central bank, under which two East German marks will be needed to buy one Deutsche Mark when monetary unification between the two states is completed, probably this summer.

A few hours after the inaugural session of the new, 400-seat Parliament, tens of thousands of people attended a rally at East Berlin's Alexander Plaza — the scene of massive demonstrations that precipitated the ouster of the hard-line communist leadership last fall.

In Halle 20,000 people took to the streets, chanting, "We are no half Germans" while the number of demonstrators in Dresden was estimated at 70,000. In the southern city of Leipzig, about 50,000 people gathered at the downtown Karl Marx Plaza, calling for a 1-to-1 exchange rate.

The East German mark is virtually worthless outside East Germany.

Speakers condemned the Bundesbank proposal, under which individual East Germans would only be able to change up to 2,000 marks at a 1-to-1 rate.

The plan, unveiled last week, drew sharp criticism from virtually all East German political parties and from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's liberal coalition partners.

The Volkskammer, the East German Parliament, is expected to start discussion of the planned economic union — a crucial step toward political reunification.

Volkskammer deputies Thursday entrusted Christian-Democratic Union Chairman Lothar de Maiziere, 50, with the task of forming a new government, which he is likely to head. He led the CDU to electoral victory, winning 163 seats for the party.

Sabine Bergmann-Pohl, another CDU delegate, was elected parliamentary president. He gained the backing of 214 deputies in a second ballot that was held after the first ballot failed to give any of the candidates an absolute majority.

Use of force in Lithuania ruled out

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told Senate leaders the Soviet Union does not intend to use force in trying to resolve Lithuania's bid for independence, the leaders said Thursday.

Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell and Senate Republican leader Robert Dole also said Shevardnadze reported that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is under heavy criticism at home for his handling of several problems and could be ousted if he is not successful.

At a news conference where they told of their Wednesday evening meeting with Shevardnadze, Mitchell said Lithuania's attempts to break away from the Soviet Union was the major topic of discussion.

Shevardnadze "expressed to us . . . the intention of the Soviet government to resolve the matter by dialogue, through negotiation without resort to force. He expressed confidence in their ability to achieve that objective," said Mitchell.

The two leaders warned the Soviet that if force is used against Lithuania it "would undoubtedly provoke a strong reaction in the Congress," Mitchell said.

Dole said there might be efforts to curtail trade with the Soviet Union or take other steps "that might interrupt progress in U.S.-Soviet relations."

Shevardnadze indicated, however, the Soviet policy is not guided by what the United States does.

"Their approach is based on what they think is the right approach in their interest and they have concluded as a matter of policy that a process which did not involve use of force is in their best interest and that's why they're doing it, not as a result of what they anticipate our reaction might be," Mitchell said.

Shevardnadze was in Washington for talks preparatory to the summit meeting May 30 to June 3 between Gorbachev and U.S. President George Bush. Mitchell also announced Thursday that he will lead a delegation to the Soviet Union next week and expects to meet with Gorbachev.

Accompanying Mitchell on the trip will be Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., Sen. Wyche Fowler, D-Ga., Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, Sen. James Sasser, D-Tenn., and Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md.

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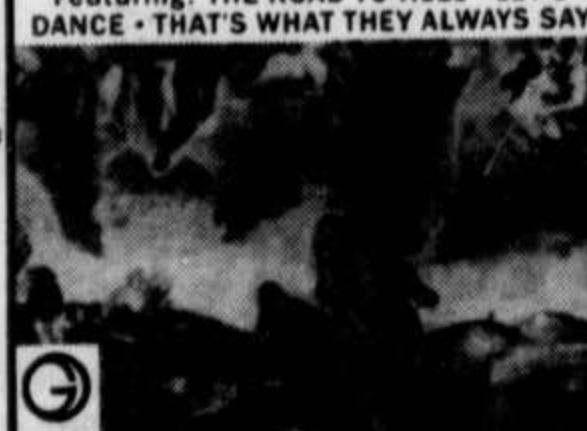
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OPINIONS

Darts & laurels

DART to Athletic Director Bill Arnsparger for not taking more interest in "allegations" that former basketball star Vernon Maxwell had an agent two years ago. As athletic director, it should be his job to make sure athletes and athletic programs are clean. That means investigating rumors and "allegations," not ignoring them.

When former coach Norm Sloan told him about a possible relationship between Maxwell and the agent, Arnsparger instinctively should have looked into the matter. But he didn't. Nice leadership. Just one more reason President John Lombardi should ask him to resign. Turns out Arnsparger's as guilty as Vernon was.

LAUREL to the law students who chose to express their support, instead of anger, to law school officials Thursday. The law school does not have the most integrated faculty on campus — of 55 professors with tenure or those who qualify for it, seven are women, four are black and one is Hispanic.

The students are showing their support for recent changes. Just two years ago, there were five women and no Hispanics. The law school, as well as many other schools on campus, have a long way to go in becoming more representative of the population of the student body and that of the state as well.

Another **DART** to Arnsparger for not contacting top black coaches for the job of head basketball coach. The issue is not hiring a black coach instead of a white coach, but rather that the selection process be open. Lon Kruger is a talented, successful coach and probably will do UF proud. But not seriously considering all the top coaches just doesn't seem fair.

LAUREL to Lombardi for at least thinking about doing something with the Faculty Senate. The 605 members represent about 1,600 faculty. That's not representation, that's membership. The Congress of the United States — both houses — only has 535 members. Really, it's about time.

Welcome Coach Kruger

Lon Kruger has entered the 'believe-it-or-not' zone. So little has been done lately that too much has gone on. Think about it. Too little leadership, too little discipline and too little learning have resulted in too much drugs, too much money exchanging hands and too much mousing off.

Kruger also enters a somewhat clean house. The players are talented and eager. The facilities are beautiful. All UF needs is a coach who will be a leader and bring all the elements together — sports, school and life.

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Garbage barges must be stopped

Barges, piled high with garbage on long-term odysseys through exotic ports, have drawn ridicule from people across the country. What is truly amazing is that the same people who laugh are often drinking and eating off disposable plastic products and using many of the other amenities "necessary" for modern life.

The saga of these ships' journeys might be funny were it not for the incredible seriousness surrounding our inability to manage our own wastes.

The peril of the solid waste problem can be appreciated in the example of the plastic foam beverage cup — built to keep coffee warm for a few minutes, it lasts virtually forever.

Its immortality is one of the primary qualities which has made it useful to us. Resistance to salt-acid, rust, bacteria and breakage made it into the miracle substance which literally transformed our culture. It was so cheap, efficient and convenient that its use proliferated wildly, even for the most trivial purposes.

Plastics, however, are found only to be less expensive by disregarding their true environmental costs. By weight, plastics make up about 10 percent of the 450,000 tons of refuse produced in the United States every 24 hours. However, they account for as much as 30 percent of landfill volume. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that one-third of U.S. cities will run out of landfill space within three years, and one-half will run out within 10 years.

Municipal waste incinerators are looming large on the horizon, offering a quick fix solution to those with little foresight. More than 100 such facilities are in operation in the United States today. In the process of burning waste, toxic pollutants such as lead, mercury, arsenic, hydrochloric acid and dioxins are released.

Another "solution" to the waste problem has been

◆ Holly Jensen SPEAKING OUT

garbage imperialism, or the export of toxic waste from industrialized countries to capital-starved, developing countries. The EPA estimates that 2.2 million tons of toxic waste are transported across international borders yearly.

Ocean dumping of millions of pounds of packaging materials and huge quantities of indestructible plastic nets by commercial fishing fleets causes a slow and painful death for millions of sea birds, 100,000 marine mammals and many sea turtles each year.

Industry is responding to public pressure and legal action slowly. A coalition of oil and chemical companies has made a commitment to build several massive recycling plants. While it's better to end up with useful plastic products, rather than ever-enlarging landfills, the problem is that we are still generating more plastic.

Currently less than 0.5 percent of all plastic products in the United States are degradable.

Though most people seem to think of landfills as giant community compost heaps, they rarely contain the appropriate moisture, nutrients or micro-organisms necessary for encouraging rapid natural decay.

There was a time when the world worked well without today's conveniences. People ate and drank off real dishes and simply washed them. According to Donnell Meadows of Dartmouth College, "It's easier to deal with a flood by turning it off at its source than by inventing better mopping technologies."

Holly Jensen lives in Gainesville and carries her own cup and shopping bag to reduce her contribution to the garbage binge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article was unfair to Coach Kruger

Editor: I read the front-page article about UF's new basketball coach, Lon Kruger, and I was shocked by the lack of concern and insight the writer and editor used.

In my opinion, *The Alligator* usually does a decent job covering stories such as this one.

What happened to you?

I agreed with the slogan "DeVoe

must go!" but now that he is gone and someone else has stepped forward to take his place, let's back off and give the new guy a chance.

By comparing Coach Kruger to Coach Spurrier the way it was done, you implied that Kruger was a traitor and Spurrier a hero. Yes, every Gator is proud to have Coach Spurrier back in Gainesville. What I want to know is what's wrong with Coach Kruger?

It seemed to me *The Alligator* should have been welcoming our new coach, not implying that he is

a traitor to his Alma Mater.

The Alligator claimed in paragraph five that Kruger, "still can't pinpoint what made him leave his home state." His salary and annuities were then emphasized, implying to me that money was a major factor in his decision.

If you can't find a writer who can do a little research on his topic, don't embarrass yourselves by publishing garbage like this article.

Adam Brum
4JM

Film crew stages scenes of UF student lifestyles

By M.J. MORGEN
Alligator Writer

An independent production company blew into town last week, fabricating scenes it couldn't capture in reality and finishing a video about UF life in five days.

Jack Degnan, 23, owner and executive producer of Palm Tree Productions, said he hopes the television pilot, "College Road Trip," will air in the fall on the USA Network.

Degnan, a freelance producer, said he hopes the series will portray the lifestyles of campuses around the country.

In an attempt to document "a propensity for UF women to wear aerobic wear to class," Degnan contacted Laura Battle, aerobics-exercise instructor at Gainesville Health and Fitness, and asked her to bring a group of women to Turlington Hall Saturday for a video-taped workout.

At the start of one scene, telecommunications senior Susan Romanski, one of the show's three hosts, asks two women carrying books and wearing aerobic wear whether they have time to perform a workout.

One woman looks at her watch and says, "Well, we have about 15 minutes before class." The scene then flips to the women, joined by additional dancers, performing a routine in front of Turlington Hall.

"We were supposed to create a scenario — what we'd do on a typical day if we were students," Battle said. Many of the women wore T-back leotards and midriff tights.

Degnan said he wasn't disturbed that he

was filming on a Saturday, when no classes are scheduled at UF.

"It could have happened on a Friday or a Thursday — we just didn't have the production possibilities to do it," Degnan said.

The 30-minute video incorporates many styles of music while showing facets of UF life. The video uses footage provided by UF Information and Publications Services and interviews taken by Palm Tree Productions March 29-31.

Frank Ahern, associate director of information services, said he agreed to provide footage because Degnan told him he was trying to portray UF in contrast to its reputation as a party school.

"My impression was that he was working for a reputable organization that was interested in doing something for UF," he said.

But the finished video concentrates on dormitory overcrowding, music, fashion, sports and other extra-curricular activities instead.

Romanski said the show "looks like one big music video."

"I think it makes Florida look very appealing," she said. "It's fun and it looks like fun. It makes Florida look like the place you want to be."

Gearing the show to 14- to 24-year-olds, Degnan said he hopes to reach the "video generation" with "short bursts of energy," in order to entertain them and "expose the alternative world of college."

To show Gainesville's bar scene, Degnan altered film to make a patron at Gainesville's



KEVIN WISNIEWSKI—ALLIGATOR

Jack Degnan directs the filming of his one-half hour show on UF lifestyles that he is hoping to air on USA Network this fall.

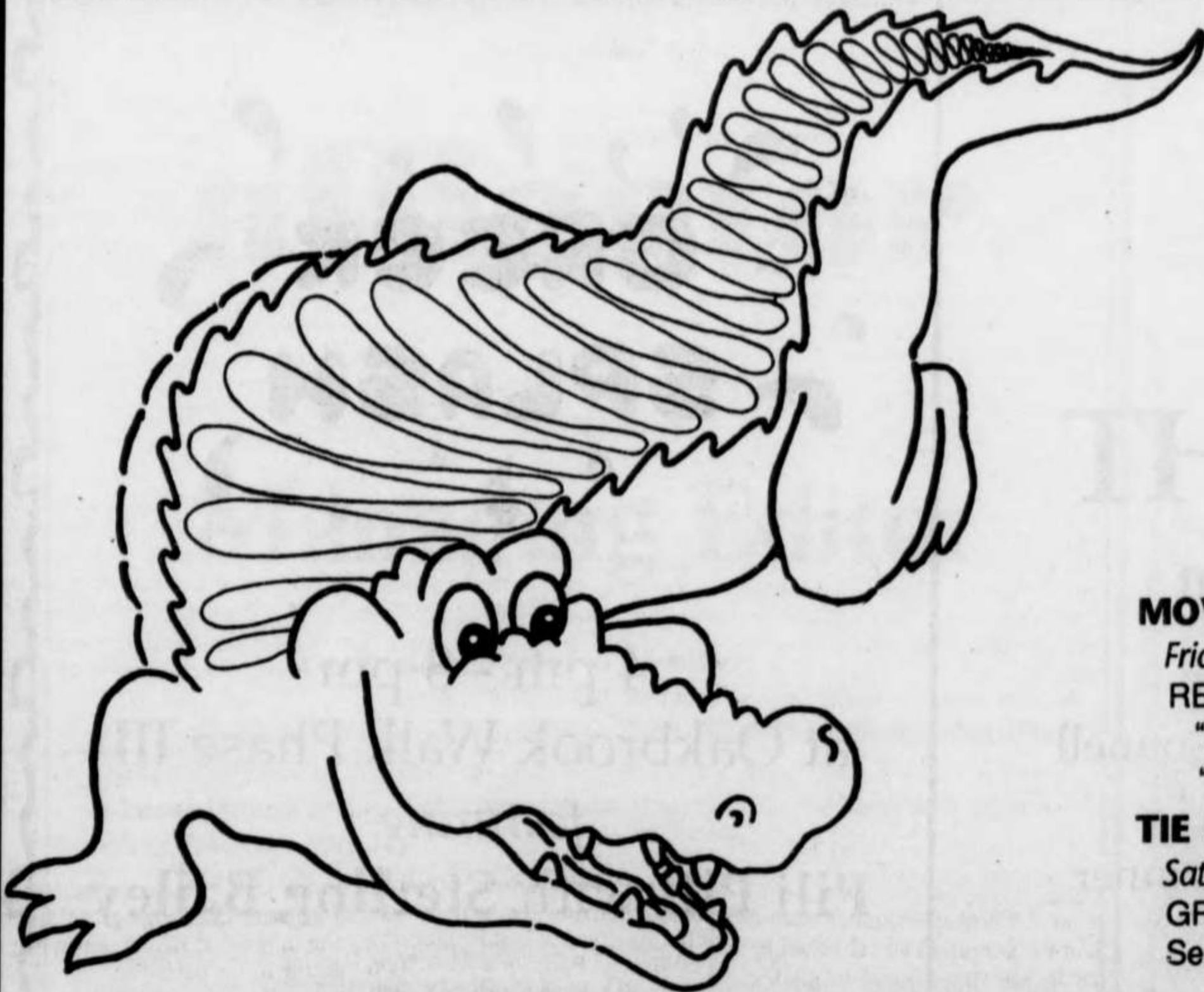
Hardback Cafe appear more obviously drunk. Editors removed frames from film, making his movements more pronounced.

"We used the multi-grab technique with him to make him look a little weirder," Degnan said while showing the finished

video to friends earlier this week.

"All television is — is camera shots," he explained later. "What we do is take every other one out . . . He was inebriated. We wanted to visually make that more recognizable to the public."

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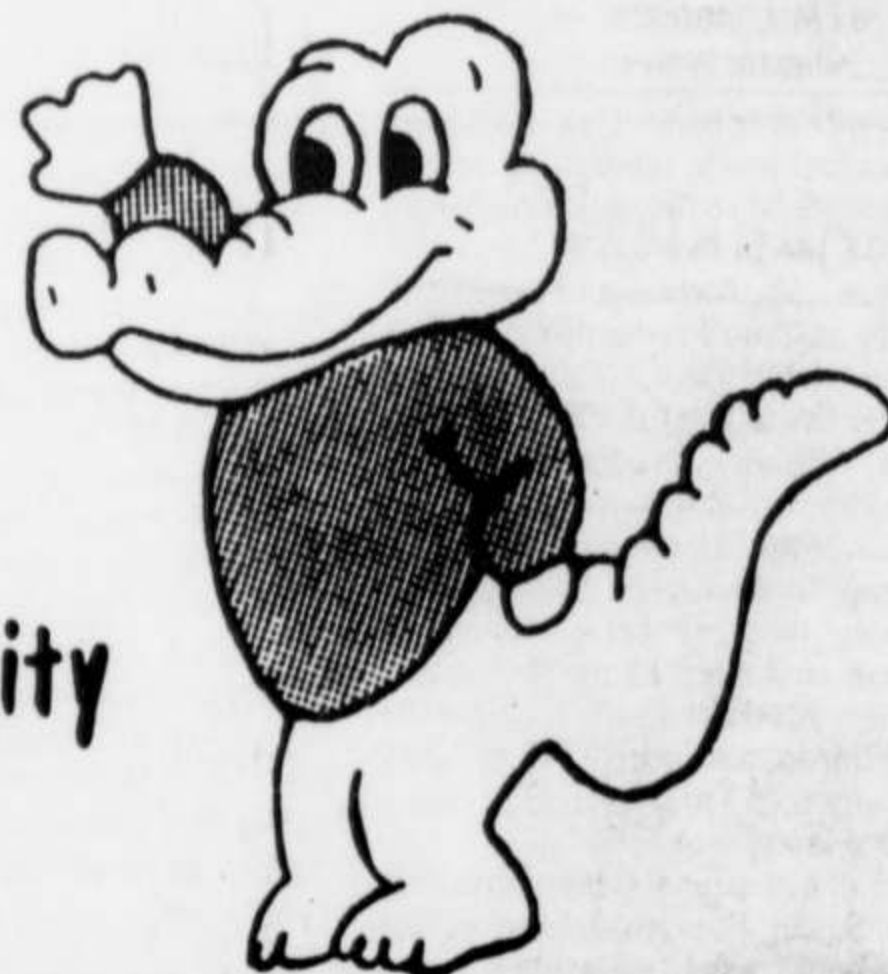
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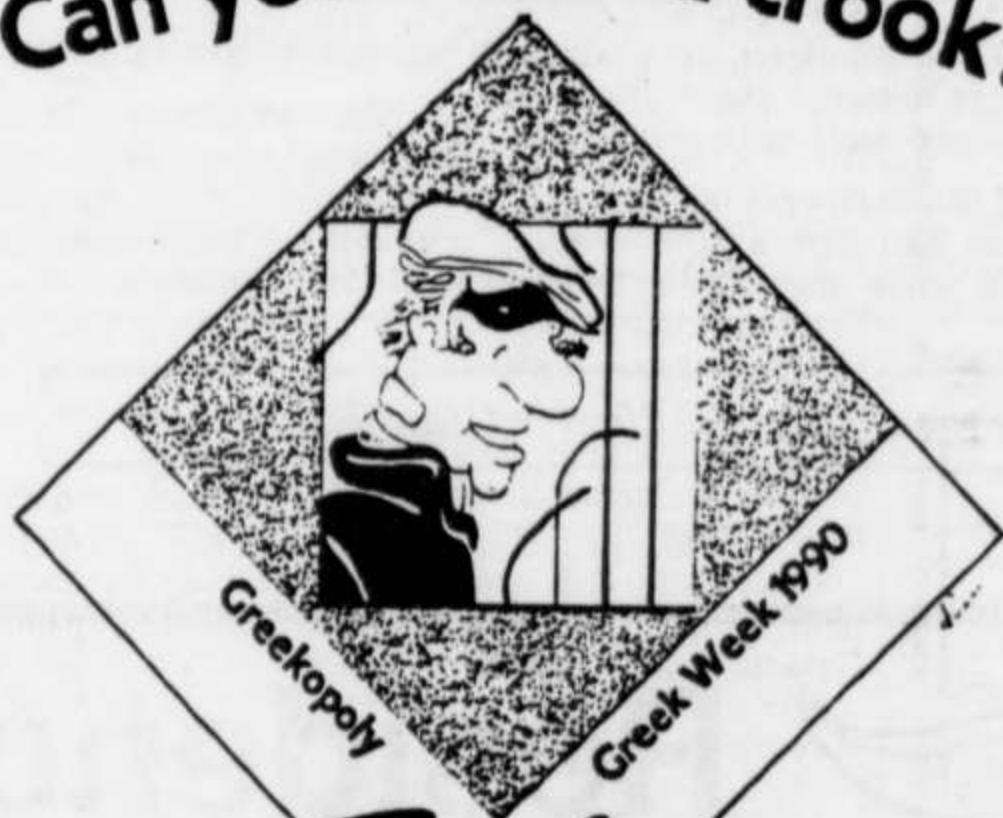
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Spring Arts Festival to attract thousands

By PAIGE EWALDSEN
Alligator Writer

Gainesville's Spring Arts Festival, which has become a rite of spring, will overtake downtown Gainesville this weekend with art exhibits, children's activities and entertainment.

More than 300 artists from around the country will line North-east First Street Saturday and Sunday to display oil and watercolor paintings, sculptures, stained glass, jewelry and other forms of art. Festival coordinator Nancee Clark said more artists than ever before have applied to compete for \$20,000 in awards.

Celebrating its 21st year, the Spring Arts Festival has evolved from a strictly local arts and crafts show to a nationally renowned fine arts and crafts exhibition that attracts national, regional and local artists.

The festival is sponsored by Santa Fe Community College, SFCC Endowment Corporation, the City of Gainesville and Crossland Savings.

Clark said the event draws more people to Gainesville than Gatornationals. Organizers expect the festival, the largest of its kind in North Florida and second only to Homecoming in attracting crowds, to draw more than 130,000 spectators.

Coni Gesualdi, Gainesville's cultural operation manager, said there are more artists in Gainesville than in most other cities.

"The most important aspect of

the festival is that it's a visual manifestation of Gainesville's cultural richness," Gesualdi said. "It shows who we are."

Musicians and dancers will entertain crowds on three stages this weekend. Clark said music will range from Florida folk songs to

bluegrass rock, while dances will vary from ballet to clogging.

Those who get hungry may purchase Greek gyros and pastries, Italian sausages, corn on the cob, frozen yogurt and fruit kabobs at concession stands, Clark said. Proceeds will benefit local non-profit groups.

Children's entertainers will perform on the Thomas Center grounds in the

Children's Rainbow Garden, which will triple in size, Clark said.

"We are expanding the Children's Rainbow Garden into a full-blown children's festival," Clark said. "We will have 15 hands-on workshops for children, a face-painting booth and a ceramics workshop."

Clark said the garden encourages children to appreciate art by allowing them to participate in activities like painting, mask-making, gardening and clay building.

Those who visit the garden also may help build a giant, "balloon-like" sculpture using hundreds of multi-colored wind tubes, Clark said. The inflated, 3-D form will surround the Thomas Center grounds.

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New BSU president sets goals for group

By **SUSAN SPENCER**
Alligator Writer

Newly elected Black Student Union President Angela Eubanks said she hopes to tackle several projects during her term.

Eubanks, who ran unopposed in a BSU election Thursday, said she hopes to promote understanding of issues facing black students, improve recruitment and retention rates of black students and faculty, and encourage black student involvement in the university community.

Blacks must become involved in all facets of UF life, including Student Government, faculty and administration, Eubanks said.

Also, she said she hopes to help all students — maybe even White Student Union members — to better understand blacks' concerns and feelings.

WSU members haven't been organized long enough "to really know what they are all about" or if they "will hinder black student life," Eubanks said. But the BSU recognizes the WSU's right to exist and the possibility of some sort of

open dialogue with them is not out of the question.

"Once you know their goals and objectives, then you can decide how you are going to deal with them," Eubanks said.

Eubanks, a junior speech-communication major, will serve as president of the 200-member BSU for one year. She served as vice-president during the last BSU administration.


Other officers elected Thursday were:

■Vice President Kendra Rice, a sophomore microbiology major who served as BSU secretary during the last administration and is currently chairman of the University Police Department Minority Advisory Council. Rice said her main goal is to maintain the good rapport with UF administrators that the BSU developed last semester;

■Secretary Tanoy Williams, a sophomore management major; and,

■Treasurer Clarassa Potter, a junior food resource economics major.


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Caribbean culture explained

UF professor's speech part of Caribs Week celebration

By JACK REJTMAN
Alligator Writer

Club Med, Creole and voodoo are just part of the Caribbean's rich heritage, UF anthropology professor Gerald Murray told about 50 people in Little Hall Wednesday.

The speech was part of Caribs Week, organized by the Caribbean Student Association.

"The Caribbean population is construed homogeneously as a population that puts on white coats and brings red punch to tourists," said Murray, who has worked on a number of Caribbean islands.

But the Caribbean is more of a union than a true melting pot, he said. "One of the first things that strikes a visitor is that each island maintains its own unique character."

Though in many ways they share a common history and culture, Caribbean countries developed differently due to varying degrees of influence from the South American Indians, Europeans, Africans and

Asians.

Creole languages based on French, English or Portuguese developed with West African influences, Murray said.

But many Americans are misinformed about Caribbean language, culture and religion, he said. Television and movies often depict Haitian voodoo as a deadly religion full of black magic, but in reality voodoo is primarily a healing religion.

"Animal sacrifice, from Africa, is a part of the religion," he said. "But to practice voodoo correctly, you have to be Roman Catholic."

Graduate student Laetitia Nisbeth, who was born in Curacao, said some Americans think

the Caribbean is so primitive that they ask whether she grew up with running water, or whether people drive cars in Curacao.

"I wish more people had come tonight — Caribbeans, Americans, everybody — so that they would know a little more about what the Caribbean is really like," Nisbeth said.

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Hart sent a co-worker to the break room area Thursday to ask employees how they felt.

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Bodybuilders flex to help fight cancer

By **LAURA VOGEL**
Alligator Writer

Bodybuilders from around the state will use their muscles to fight cancer this weekend during the 1990 Central Florida Bodybuilding Championships.

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The contest usually has a different benefactor each year, but from now on it will always benefit Stop! Children's Cancer, Inc., said Pete Fancher, director of the championships.

"The organization was chosen because of its assistance in making Shands' treatment program one of the best around," Fancher said.

Fancher's five-year-old daughter, Sara, underwent treatment at Shands Teaching Hospital before she died of cancer in December.

Money from Stop! Children's Cancer, Inc. has put UF's research months ahead of any other treatment center, Fancher said.

Eighteen sponsors already have contributed to the contest, raising \$2,000, Fancher said.

Tickets for the weekend's events range from \$5 to \$15. Thirty-nine men and women will

compete in contests Saturday at the Florida Theater. Finals will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the winner will be qualified to enter competitions at the national level.

Local residents Howard and Laurel Freeman started Stop! Children's Cancer, Inc. in 1981.

Robby Robinson, a professional bodybuilder who has held Mr. America, Mr. Universe and Mr. World titles, will discuss training, nutrition and bodybuilding techniques Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn University Center.

Local residents Howard and Laurel Freeman started Stop! Children's Cancer, Inc. in 1981 to help raise money for their daughter and other children with cancer.

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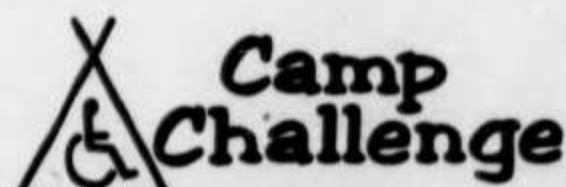
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Weekend Forecast

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Well, yeah, you're right.

We here in *Alligator* Sports are simply quivering with excitement because the annual Orange & Blue spring football game is upon us Saturday at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville.

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PICKS COLUMN

See?

But on top of this alleged football we are about to see, there's a truckload of other sports going on this weekend.

Enough for any sports junkie to get his or her fix.

We've got baseball Saturday and Sunday, as Louisiana State comes into town for a three-game Southeastern Conference series. The Gators are 18-15 overall, 3-3 in SEC games. LSU is always tough.

And hey, if you so desire, you can slip into the O'Connell Center Saturday to catch the NCAA Regional gymnastics meet. The Gators are fighting for a chance to qualify for nationals, and it's going to take a strong performance to do so.

Then there's tennis on the road in Tennessee, and the men's track team will be in Miami, and the men's golf team is in North Carolina, and the women's golf team is in Miami, and the water polo team is in the Bahamas, and the Frisbee club ...

Busy, busy, busy.

It can get confusing, but never fear. *The Alligator*, in association with General Motors and a grant from the Exxon Corporation, brings you this piece of journalism to keep you aware of the fun a-plenty this weekend.

The prestigious panel of pigskin prognosticators is led by sports editor Jason "I was Picker of the Year" Davis, who won the title by using his psychic powers in the fall. But Jason isn't picking in this Special Edition because there's room for only seven people. And he has the strength of 10 men.

So the Picks Panel is the following: Mike "Deposed sports editor" Dame, Gregg "Either brilliant or just good enough" Doyel, Sharon "Awash in a sea of egos" Ginn, Ron "You talkin' about me?" Kaspriske, Alex "Wrestling ... lots of wrestling" Marvez, Dan "Dan" Stiffler and Guerry "Rhymes with *berry*" Smith.

Here's the list of questions: (1). Who'll win, Orange or Blue? (2). How many games will UF win against LSU? (3). Will the gymnasts go to nationals? (4). Will the basketball program get the death penalty, probation or nothing?

So that's it for the Special Edition. See you in the fall.

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| Orange-Blue? | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| UF-LSU? | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| Gymnasts? | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| Basketball? | Pr | Pr | Pr | Pr | Pr | Pr | Pr |

Prospects good for tennis teams

Men's and women's teams on SEC road trips this weekend

By GUERRY SMITH
Alligator Writer

In the last couple of years, the UF women's and men's tennis teams have had contrasting results in Southeastern Conference competition.

The women have been virtually unbeatable, losing their first SEC match ever this year against Georgia. The men have struggled, winning only one SEC match in 1988 and 1989 combined.

But this weekend, it is not only the women who could come back to Gainesville victorious.

The Lady Gators play Kentucky today, Tennessee on Saturday and Vanderbilt on Sunday. The Lady Volunteers, 15-2 overall and 4-0 in the SEC, should provide the toughest match.

UF, ranked third in the nation, has several players ranked individually. Freshman Andrea Farley is fourth, Nicole Arendt is 12th, Holly Danforth is 25th and Jillian Alexander is 57th. The doubles team of Arendt-Alexander is fifth and the Danforth-Cathy Goodrich duo is ninth.

Kentucky is 9-4 overall and 2-0 in the SEC and Vanderbilt, 6-6, is winless in SEC dual matches this year.

The men's team (13-6, 2-3) faces Vanderbilt (6-12) Sunday. Doug Proudian, who missed several matches at the beginning of the fall season because of a back injury, will try to extend his eight-match winning streak against the Commodores. Since returning to the lineup, he is 11-1 in dual-match competition, primarily at No. 5 singles.

"Last year, I had a streak where I won nine in a row, and I was playing the best I had in a while," Proudian said. "This year, I think I'm playing even better than last year. I guess it goes in streaks, so I hope I can keep it going."



E. ANN STODDARD — ALLIGATOR

Up, up and away

UF track team member Dion Bentley leaps in the long jump during last weekend's Florida Relays. The Gators will participate Saturday in the Miami Invitational.

NCAA considers cutting payment to tourney teams

WASHINGTON — Hoping to scuttle an "incentive to cheat," the NCAA said Thursday it plans to alter the way money from the NCAA Tournament is distributed, including the possibility of greatly reducing money paid to the 64 participating schools.

Collectively, about \$36 million will be paid to the schools that participated in this year's NCAA Tournament that ended Monday with a Nevada-Las Vegas victory over Duke in the championship basketball game.

AROUND SPORTS

"The dollars have gotten to the point where they do several things — they place undue pressure on coaches to get their teams in the tournament (and) they place a lot of pressure on the athlete that isn't necessary," said NCAA Executive Director Dick Schultz.

Women golfers on road

The sixth-ranked women's golf team are in Miami today to play in the Ryder/Florida State Intercollegiate Championships.

The field will contain all women's teams from Florida, but only three of the teams are ranked in the nation's Top 50. UF's strongest competition will be No. 14 South Florida.

Compiled from Alligator staff and wire reports.

FOOTBALL

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to Jacksonville, should at least bring the largest crowd ever to a UF spring game even if they don't surpass FSU's attendance number.

"A lot of people in Gainesville will come, plus a lot of people in Jacksonville will come," Klein said. "When it's in Gainesville, people from Jacksonville usually won't drive down there, but this is a big Gator town and we'll have a lot of people here."

UF's ticket office already has sold an estimated 3,000 tickets to the event, which is normally held at Florida Field. The game was moved to the Gator Bowl because Florida Field's turf is being replaced with natural grass.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1 for anyone 18 and under, and free to boosters and UF students with a fee card and a picture I.D.

Quarterback Kyle Morris, wide receiver Ernie Mills, running back Errict Rhett and linebackers Godfrey Miles and Harvey Thomas will lead one squad, while quarterback Lex Smith, running backs Willie McClendon and Dexter McNabb, and linebacker Huey Richardson will lead the other team.

Sophomore transfer quarterback Brian Fox will miss the game because of a stress fracture on the top of his right foot.

SPORTS

Gators seek balance vs. LSU

By ALEX MARVEZ
Alligator Writer

Entering a three-game Southeastern Conference series this weekend against Louisiana State, the UF baseball team's performance this season has been similar to a foreign film dubbed in English.

Everything seems a bit out of sync.

When the Gators (18-15 overall, 3-3 in the SEC) went on a six-game losing streak earlier this season, UF was outscored 34-18. Then when Gators pitchers allowed only six runs in five consecutive victories, the hitters were still eating too much popcorn, scoring 20 runs.

Now, following a two-game series against Division II Valdosta State earlier this week, it appears the Gators pitchers are watching Kung Fu Theater while the batters have turned off the television. UF recorded 25 runs and 27 hits in two victories over the Blazers, but also surrendered 15 runs and 30 hits.

"We're a little more confident," UF coach Joe Arnold said. "We swung the bats real well, got plenty of hits and that's what we needed to do to get

The UF baseball team hopes to get its hitting and pitching on target this weekend against the Tigers.

some confidence.

"Pitching is a question mark. LSU is a really good ball club. If we don't pitch well, it's going to be a slugfest, and I don't know which team has more offense right now."

Statistically, LSU has a .328 team batting average, compared to the Gators' .277. The Tigers (25-9, 5-4) are led by Rich Cordani (.440, 34 RBI), Wes Grisham (.394, 42 RBI) and Tookie Johnson (.380, 32 RBI).

Eric Martinez and Mike Moberg are the Gators' hottest batters. Martinez currently is hitting .323 and went 5-for-9 against Valdosta State with two home runs and a double.

"I've been on and off the whole season, but the last two or three weeks I've been relaxing and having fun," Martinez said. "Instead of wor-

rying about the negative, like making an out or not hitting the ball well, I've just gone out and told myself, 'I'm going to hit this ball.'"

Moberg, the team batting leader at .360, was 4-for-8 with the winning RBI triple in Wednesday's 8-7 victory.

UF's John Pricher (2-2, 2.56 ERA) is scheduled to start the first game of Saturday's doubleheader at 5 p.m. against Chad Ogea (5-1, 4.24). John Burke, who hasn't pitched in a week since injuring his right shoulder, is expected to face Paul Byrd (8-4, 4.36) in the nightcap.

Arnold has not announced a starter for Sunday's 1:30 p.m. game, while the Tigers will send either John O'Donoghue (5-1, 2.18) or Mark La-Rosa (4-0, 3.06).

■ **Georgiadis' jersey retired.** The jersey of UF pitcher Steve Georgiadis will be retired Sunday in a ceremony before the Gators play LSU. Georgiadis died March 17 from complications following shoulder surgery two days earlier. He wore uniform No. 19 in his two years at UF.

Decision on series with 'Bama due today

UF baseball coach Joe Arnold said Thursday the university would make a decision today concerning a three-game Southeastern Conference road series against Alabama that was canceled earlier this season.

Arnold said he was contacted by the SEC Thursday and given two options of how to make up the series against the Crimson Tide — either forfeit two games this season or play a three-game series at Alabama next year. The latter option would leave UF with six of nine SEC series on the road.

The weekend series was canceled March 16 because of the hospitalization and subsequent death of Gators pitcher Steve Georgiadis from complications following shoulder surgery.

"I talked with the team and discussed both ends," Arnold said. "The majority would rather take the two forfeits, but a decision will be made (today)."

The Gators were able to move a non-conference game against Massachusetts on March 20 to March 22 as part of a doubleheader. UF resumed play March 21 against Maryland-Baltimore County.

UF (18-15) and Alabama (19-9) are tied for fifth place in the SEC at 3-3. Mississippi State (19-7) leads the conference at 7-2, followed by Georgia (26-7) at 6-3, and Louisiana State (25-9) and Tennessee (15-13) tied for third at 5-4.

— ALEX MARVEZ

UF ready for regionals

By GREGG DOYEL
Alligator Staff Writer

This time last year, the UF gymnastics team was licking its chops while preparing for the NCAA Regionals and NCAA Championships in the coming weeks.

One year and three All-Americans later, the Gators are wiping the sweat from their brows, faced with the possibility of not qualifying for the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history.

Or are they?

"We haven't really talked about what would happen if we didn't make it, because we just feel like we *will* make it," Pam Titus said, as 13th-ranked UF gears itself for Saturday's Southeast Regional at the O'Connell Center. "We really do feel like we can do it, get to nationals."

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and UF students. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

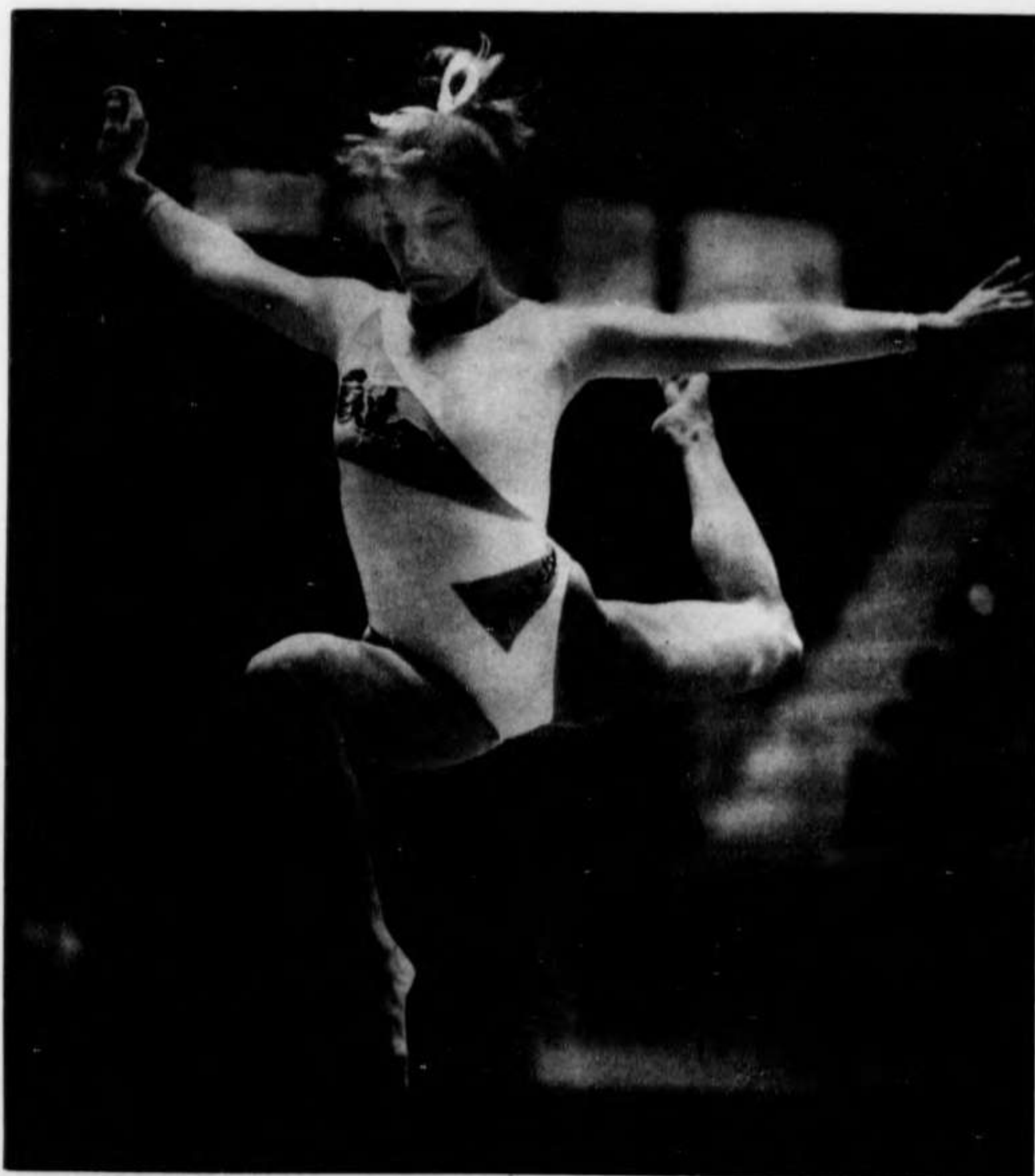
Twelve teams qualify for the NCAA Championships, the five regional champions and the next seven highest scoring teams. But UF coach Ernestine Weaver needs only to look to last year for a precedent that says her Gators still have a shot at the national title.

"Georgia was in the 13th place last year going in and they won the national championship," Weaver said. "So you never can tell."

And the host Gators are armed with more than hope. The most potent weapon in UF's arsenal may be the O'Connell Center itself, where the Gators are 11-1 on the year.

"The crowd factor will be very important. If we're pumped and we start hitting routines, they're going to be psyched," Titus said. "The place is going to rock, no doubt about it."

Fourth-ranked Georgia, UF's main competition Saturday night, ventured into the O'Connell Center on Feb. 16 and left with a narrow loss. And although the Bulldogs later avenged that loss at the Southeastern Conference Championships, UF's two seniors don't think the Gators need charity to beat Georgia.



Gators gymnast Jeanette Hrubes performs on the beam during last week's meet at the O'Connell Center.

"We're not going to depend on them falling for us to win, because we can beat them if they have a good meet and we have a good meet," senior Amy Beispiel said.

"I think we're at the point now that if they have a great meet, we still have a chance at beating them," said senior Karen Brennalt.

The Gators are coming off their best perfor-

mance of the season, Senior Night last Friday, where they posted a season-high score of 190.85. Six Gators had career-bests that night as UF drubbed Michigan State.

"Knowing that we scored a 190 last week makes us that much more confident that we can do it again," Titus said. "If we go 190 again at regionals, I think we will make nationals."

E. ANN STODDARD — ALLIGATOR

Spurrier debuts as coach on Saturday

By RON KASPRISKE
Alligator Staff Writer

Gator Boosters can hardly wait for Saturday to get here.

Not only do they get free admission to UF's annual Orange & Blue spring football game;

And not only do they get to see their favorite son, Steve Spurrier, coach the Gators for the first time;

But when they get to the Jacksonville Gator Bowl around 1 p.m. Saturday, UF's Gator Boosters are also going to get to do some counting.

Carl Klein, former president of the Jacksonville Gator Club, said they'll be counting to see if more people attend UF's spring game than attended Florida State's season-opener against Southern Mississippi in the Gator Bowl on Sept. 3.

"There will definitely be a good turnout," Klein said Thursday. "And it's possible we can get more people for a Florida scrimmage, so to speak, than FSU got for its season opener. At worst, we should be able to get 30,000 people there."

Florida State drew a dismal 48,746 in the Gator Bowl, which seats more than 80,000 people.

Klein said Spurrier's debut, coupled with the game being moved

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