

# Florida Lady Gator Head Coach Carol Ross

The star recruit's family wanted so badly to impress coach Carol Ross that they fixed her a dinner of Southern delicacies - chitlins. Carol Ross wanted so badly to impress the family of the star recruit - she ate them.

That just goes to show, nothing can come between Ross and what she wants.

Witty, warm, feisty and focused; colorful, caring, driven and distinctly southern - even chitlins are okay if there's ketchup on the table - Ross has turned the Florida women's basketball program from one without spark into one with spunk by instilling in it personality -- her own.

And, yes, she landed that recruit.

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Ross inherited a Lady Gator program in 1990 that, in the five years prior to her arrival, managed an overall record of 61-79, including a 5-35 ledger in Southeastern Conference action, and finished no higher than ninth in the final league standings. In her seven years at Florida, Ross has already become the school's all-time winningest coach at 142-68. In 1994, she was selected by her peers as the SEC Coach of the Year, the same season she guided the Lady Gators to third place in the conference standings.

The Lady Gators had never been to the NCAA Tournament before Ross took charge. This year, Florida was one of only 13 teams to appear in each of the last five. The Lady Gators are now poised to make a run for the national championship. It seems a natural progression of success for a coach who's computer screen saver continuously scrolls, "Bite off more than you can chew." Even if it's chitlins.

These days, Florida makes itself at home among the nation's Top-25. In 1997, the SEC sent seven schools to the NCAA Tournament -- tops in the nation.

And Ross wants more.

Ross is the SEC in sneakers.

Since the day she signed scholarship papers to play basketball at Ole Miss, her home-state university, Ross has spent 17 years both creating and soaking up the traditions of arguably the finest women's basketball conference in the country.

As a player at Ole Miss in the early 1980s, she was a member of the inaugural SEC All-Tournament Team, a pesky, tenacious guard who still ranks sixth on the league's all-time steals list.

As a seven-year assistant coach at Auburn, Ross reached the NCAA championship game in each of her last three seasons, 1988, '89 and '90. Gainesville resident and 1996 Olympian Ruthie Bolton along with SEC and USA standout Mae Ola Bolton were among the players Ross recruited to Auburn.

Ross has coached members of the 1992 and 1996 U.S. Olympic teams.

She has also sent an assemblage of players to represent the U.S. in the World University Games, U.S. Olympic Festival and select international all-star teams. Included in this list are former and current Lady Gators Merlakia Jones, DeLisha Milton, Murriel Page, McGhee and Witherspoon. Ross has also tutored 24 student-athletes to SEC Academic Honor Roll status and 15 to All-SEC honors.

Ross earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from Ole Miss in 1982. After which she served as a volunteer assistant at Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss., for one year before returning to the SEC as an assistant at Auburn. During that time she advanced from graduate assistant to top assistant and chief recruiter. She played a key role in the school's development and maturation into a perennial NCAA Tournament team.

The Oakland, Miss., native enjoys the Florida sunshine and all Gator sporting events. When the University hosted the 1996 SEC Women's Tennis Championship, Ross volunteered her services to operate the scoreboard, field press box questions on the phone and soak in another Gator league title. She is a great tennis fan, having attended Grand Slam events. In fact, one of the towels Ross clutched on the sidelines during the 1996 season was used by Steffi Graf during one of her Wimbledon championship matches.

Ross has embraced the Lady Gator program and it has responded. She's very determined and works hard in every avenue of her life. She has taught the Lady Gators how to win in the ferocious SEC and have fun in the process. Nothing has been able to come between Ross and what she wants and now she and the Lady Gators are ready for more. Just make sure there's ketchup within reach.

## Ross vs. All Opponents

Alabama	6-4
Alabama State	2-0
Appalachian State	1-0
Arizona	1-0
Arizona State	1-0
Arkansas	5-1
Arkansas State	1-0
Auburn	3-7
Barry	1-0
Bethune Cookman	4-0
Boise State	1-0
Bowling Green	1-0
Central Florida	4-0
Clemson	0-1
Colorado State	0-1
Connecticut	0-1
East Carolina	1-0
E. Michigan	1-0
Fairfield	1-0
Florida Atlantic	3-1
Florida A&M	1-0
Fla. International	1-0
Florida State	8-2
Furman	2-0
Georgetown	0-1
George Washington	1-0
Georgia	2-8
Georgia Southern	2-0
Huntsville	1-0
Illinois	1-1
Indiana State	1-0
Iowa	1-0
Kansas	1-0
Kansas State	1-0
Kentucky	5-2
Louisiana State	7-1
Louisiana Tech	1-0
Loyola Maymount	1-0
Lynn	1-0
Manhattan	1-0
Marquette	1-0
Massachusetts	1-0
Memphis	0-1
Mercer	1-0
Miami	4-1
Mississippi	5-2
Mississippi State	5-2
Montana State	1-0
New Hampshire	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0
New Orleans	1-1
North Carolina	0-1
N.C.-Charlotte	2-0
North Carolina State	1-0
North Texas	1-0
Ohio	1-0
Old Dominion	0-1
Pennsylvania	1-0
Radford	1-0
Richmond	0-1
Rutgers	1-0
St. Bonaventure	1-0
San Francisco	1-1
South Alabama	1-1
South Carolina	6-1
South Florida	5-0
Southern Cal	1-0
Southern Mississippi	1-2
Southwest Texas	1-0
Southwestern Louisiana	1-0
Stephen F. Austin	0-2
Stanford	0-1
Stetson	4-0
Tennessee	1-7
Tennessee State	2-0
Tennessee Tech	1-1
Texas	2-1
Texas A&M	0-1
Utah	1-0
Vanderbilt	4-6
Virginia	0-2
Virginia Tech	1-0
West Virginia	2-1
William and Mary	1-0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142-68</b>

## Ross' Record

Year	Overall	SEC	Finish	Home	Postseason
1990-91	17-11	3-7	t8th	10-4	—
1991-92	15-13	4-7	t7th	8-5	—
1992-93	19-10	6-5	t4th	9-3	NCAA
1993-94	22-7	8-3	3rd	14-0	NCAA
1994-95	24-9	7-4	t4th	10-2	NCAA
1995-96	21-9	6-5	t5th	9-1	NCAA
1996-97	24-9	9-3	t3rd	9-3	NCAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>142-68</b>	<b>43-34</b>		<b>70-18</b>	<b>5 NCAA</b>

## Charting the 14 Upsets

### Ross' teams have defeated ..... When her team was...

No. 18 Vanderbilt, 74-68 (home)	Not Ranked (1-9-91)
No. 19 Bowling Green, 69-67 (away)	Not Ranked (3-17-93)
No. 10 Alabama, 80-75 (away)	Not Ranked (1-16-94)
No. 10 Georgia, 59-46 (away)	UF No. 18 (2-8-95)
No. 11 Alabama, 97-88 (home)	UF No. 18 (1-15-95)
No. 17 Ole Miss, 69-48 (home)	UF No. 20 (2-11-96)
No. 10 Vanderbilt, 83-73 (neutral)	UF No. 18 (3-2-96)
No. 12 Iowa, 68-58 (neutral)	Not Ranked (12-13-96)
No. 12 Auburn, 71-58 (home)	Not Ranked (1-4-97)
No. 17 LSU, 74-57 (home)	UF No. 24 (1-18-97)
No. 8 Tennessee, 71-62 (home)	UF No. t-19 (1-21-97)
No. 11 Vanderbilt, 70-56 (home)	UF No. t-19 (1-25-97)
No. 6 Alabama, 83-72 (neutral)	UF No. 10 (3-2-97)
No. 5 La. Tech, 71-57 (neutral)	UF No. 7 (3-22-97)

## Carol Ross has invested 18 years in the SEC (including 1997)

Four years as a player (Ole Miss)  
Seven years as an assistant coach (Auburn)  
Seven years as a head coach (Florida)

## SEC Coaches and Their Years of Service in the Women's League (including 1997)

Pat Summitt, Tennessee	23
Van Chancellor, Ole Miss	19
<b>Carol Ross, Florida</b>	<b>18</b>
Joe Ciampi, Auburn	18
Andy Landers, Georgia	18
Sue Gunter, LSU	15
Nancy Wilson, So. Carolina	13
Rick Moody, Alabama	12
Sharon Fanning, Miss. St.	10
Jim Foster, Vanderbilt	6
Gary Blair, Arkansas	4
Bernadette Locke-Mattox, Kentucky	4

## Carol Ross at a Glance

### Seventh year at Florida

**Hometown:** Oakland, Miss.

**Education:** Ole Miss (B.S. in Education, 1982)

### Highlights:

- \*Named 1997 WBCA District 9 Coach of the Year
- \*Named 1994 SEC Coach of the Year
- \*Five consecutive NCAA Tournament berths
- \*Four consecutive 20 win seasons, the first in school history
- \*All-time winningest coach at Florida
- \*Coached players on both 1992 & 1996 U.S. Olympic teams
- \*Coaches the 1997 Wade Trophy winner
- \*Coached 1997 SEC Player of the Year
- \*Coached Florida's first-ever first team All-American (Kodak & Associated Press)
- \*Helped 15 students-athletes to All-SEC accolades
- \*Tutored 25 student-athletes to SEC Academic Honor Roll status



# Florida Coaching Staff

## Associate Head Coach Ron Aldy

### Coach Aldy at a Glance

Fifth year at Florida

**Birthdate:** Nov. 9, 1946

**Hometown:** Jackson, Miss.

**Education:** Univ. of Mississippi (B.S. in Physical Education, 1969)

**Marital Status:** Married to Wanda

**Children:** Ronald Jay, Jr., and Brittany Ann

**Of Interest:** \*High School coach of Carol Ross

\*Lettered in basketball and baseball at Ole Miss

\*Coached 10 HS state titles

\*In summer of 1994 finished tied for second in the

Gainesville Sun Alachua County Amateur Golf Championship.

Also qualified as one of 240 for the 1994 U.S. Mid-Amateur Golf

Championships.

## Assistant Coach Joi Williams

### Coach Williams at a Glance

Seventh year at Florida

**Birthdate:** Nov. 5, 1966

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Florida

**Education:** Univ. of South Florida (B.S. in Marketing, 1988)

**Of Interest:** \*Four year basketball starter at USF

\*Listed as one of the "Top Young Recruiters" in the nation in the 1994-95 preseason guide of Lindy's Basketball Annuals

\*Responsible for the recruitment of UF All-American Merlakia "Lake" Jones

\*1994-95 recruiting class was listed among the top-five in the nation according to the Women's Basketball News Service, further evidence of Williams recruiting success.

\*Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## Assistant Coach Amanda Butler

### Coach Butler at a Glance

Second year at Florida

**Birthdate:** Mar. 6, 1972

**Hometown:** Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

**Education:** Univ. of Florida (B.S. in Exercise and Sport Sciences, 1995)

**Of Interest:** \*Played both the point and shooting guard positions for UF under Carol Ross from 1990-94

\*1994 Lady Gator team captain

\*At end of senior campaign received "The Stopper Award" as the top defensive player, as well as Highest G.P.A. and Dedicated Gator Awards (for work in weight room).

\*Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**The 25th Anniversary  
of Women's Athletics  
at the Univ. of Florida  
The Silver Anniversary of a  
Golden Tradition**



### Background

In the spring of 1972, a proposal written by Dr. Ruth Alexander (Chair of the Dept. of P.E. for Women), Donna Deutsch (tennis coach), Linda Hall Thornton (tennis coach) and Mimi Ryan (golf coach) requesting a women's program of intercollegiate athletics was approved by the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. The effective date for the proposal was set for the 1972-73 school year -- the first official year for University of Florida women's athletics.

### Kick-off Banquet

ESPN's Robin Roberts served as the keynote speaker for UF's Sept. 27 banquet that officially kicked-off the year-long celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Women's Athletics.

### Did You Know...

T The Florida women's athletics program has produced 12 national team titles, 118 individual national titles, 238 All-Americans with a total of 1,154 honors, and 39 Olympians who have won 24 medals (including 14 gold and Tammy Jackson's basketball bronze in 1992) since the program's premiere in 1972-73.

T The University of Florida women's program has earned a league-high 54 Southeastern Conference titles -- double the number earned by any other league school.

T Florida leads the league with seven Southeastern Conference All-Sports Trophies for Women.

T Florida women's teams have finished in the Final Top 10 National Rankings 95 times since the 1972-73 season.

T Florida's 99 individual NCAA titles is the second-best total (behind Stanford) in women's collegiate history.

T Nine UF student-athletes have shared 12 Broderick Awards.

### Florida Women's Finishes in the National All-Sports Rankings:

1983-84 4th  
1984-85 4th  
1985-86 6th  
1986-87 4th  
1987-88 5th  
1988-89 7th  
1989-90 4th  
1990-91 6th  
1991-92 5th  
1992-93 6th  
1993-94 8th\*  
1994-95 3rd\*  
1995-96 3rd\*

### 1996-97 Florida Women's SEC Titles

Cross Country  
Soccer  
Volleyball  
Indoor Track & Field

(UF swept the Fall titles)

\*Sears Directors' Cup standings -- previous seasons were computed by USA Today or Knoxville News-Journal

# #3 Chanda Stebbins

## Basketball \* 5-11 \* Guard \* University of Florida (1993-97)

### Muncie, Ind. \* Delta High School

Chanda (CHANN-da) Stebbins was a fifth-year senior who has split time between the Lady Gator basketball and volleyball teams... Completed her four-year volleyball career in December of 1995 and spent her first pre-season with the hoops squad (she did not play basketball her freshman year)... The most superstitious member of the Lady Gator squad, Stebbins sported jersey No. 13 during her first three hoops seasons but opted for a 'different' look her senior year... Pure shooter who's not afraid to launch the long ball... One of the hardest workers on the team... Dives for every loose ball... Spent most of the 1996 summer in Gainesville rehabilitating her right knee that was operated on because of a nagging volleyball injury... Finished seventh overall in the American Cancer Society five mile run held in Gainesville on August 24th.

#### As a Senior (1996-97)

Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... appeared in 26 of 33 games... her 3-point accuracy of 30.6% (15-49) was the second highest on the team... hit five consecutive free throws to end her career... hit an off-balanced 3-pointer with 17 seconds remaining to bring UF within two points of Alabama (Feb.16) ... had a career-night at Kentucky (Feb. 13), exploding for a career-high 20 points on 6-of-7 shooting from 3-point distance and 7-of-8 total field goals for the game... started the second game of career at Ole Miss in place of Talatha Bingham... started the first game of her career at Memphis, getting the nod in place of Mahogany Hudson... netted 21 points in the exhibition win over Slovakia.

#### As a Junior (1995-96)

Appeared in 12 games following the conclusion of the Florida volleyball team's post-season run... Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... Connected on 5-of-12 shooting behind the three-point arc (41.6%) in the last two regular-season games, where she averaged 12.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, and one steal per game playing 13 minutes in each contest... Posted career highs in points (15), field goals (6), field goal attempts (12), and three point field goals (3) against Mississippi State (Feb. 24) in the home finale.

**As a Sophomore (1994-95):** Joined the team following the completion of the volleyball season... Provided three-point threat off the bench... Saw action in 11 games for 65 minutes, averaging 4.5 ppg. and 1.3 rpg... Reset career-high for points in each of first four games after joining the team... Seventh-best scorer on the team based on per game average despite limited time... Fourth on the team in three-point field goals with nine... Top free throw percentage on the squad at 85.7 (6-for-7)... Reset career-high for fourth time during season with a 12-point effort versus West Virginia... Received the Fightin' Gator Award at the 1995 Lady Gator Awards Banquet.

#### As a Freshman (1993-94)

Joined the team following the completion of the volleyball season... Valuable contributor in practice with excellent work ethic... Saw action in seven contests for a total of 43 minutes... Scored in four contests... Recorded season-highs of four points (1-5 3PT, 1-3 FT), five rebounds, five steals and two assists in a season-high 13 minutes of play vs. Bethune-Cookman... Scored first two points

(1-3 FG) of collegiate career and had two rebounds in four minutes of play vs. Stetson... Grabbed three rebounds in three minutes of play vs. Central Florida... Started practice after holiday break and saw first action in the Lady Gator Classic against Pennsylvania, grabbing three rebounds in seven minutes of play.

#### As a Gator Volleyball Player (1992-95)

A four-year member of the volleyball program, during which span the Gators reached the NCAA Final Four twice, final eight once and Sweet 16 once... Primarily a defensive and serving specialist... As a senior, recorded a career-high 20 digs and a season-high four aces in the NCAA East Region championship loss to No. 6 Texas... Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll her senior year.

#### Prior to Florida: 1990 United States Volleyball Association

(USVBA) All-America second-team selection... 1988 AAU All-American... Named Most Valuable Player in volleyball at Delta High School in 1990 and 1991... Helped USVBA Junior Club, Munciana, to a fifth-place finish at the 1990 USVBA Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M... .In addition, Munciana took second out of 198 teams at the 1990 California Festival in Davis, Calif... .Three-time all-conference team member in basketball, tennis and volleyball... Named all-county in both volleyball and basketball each year of high school career... Also MVP of the Delaware All-Stars basketball squad... Received Indiana All-State Honorable Mention in 1991 in tennis.... 1992 graduate of Delta High School.

#### PERSONAL

Full name Chanda Lea Stebbins... She is the daughter of Monte and Ann Stebbins... Born September 25, 1973, in Muncie, Ind... HS Student body president... Member of National Honor Society... Recipient of Warren Collier Memorial Award, presented annually by the *Muncie Evening Press* sports department to the most outstanding high school senior athlete... Member of 1992 Indiana Academic All-State Honorable Mention squad for basketball... Father Monte was a member of the University of Evansville's 1970-71 NCAA College Division II national championship basketball team... Cousin is Vladimir Koloff, a professional wrestler... Says her autobiography would be entitled "Desire, Determination and Dedication"... Major is Special Education.

### #3 Chanda Stebbins - Sr.

	1996-97 Season High's	Career High's
<b>Pts</b>	20-at Kentucky, 2/13	same
<b>Rbs</b>	4-vs. Florida St, 12/14	5-3x last vs. Miss. St., 2/24/96
<b>Ast</b>	4-vs. Florida St, 12/14	same
<b>Stl</b>	2-3x last at Kentucky, 2/13	5-Bethune Cookman, 2/2/94
<b>Blk</b>	2-vs. St. Bonaventure, 12/29	same
<b>Min</b>	22-at Kentucky, 2/13	same
<b>FG</b>	7-at Kentucky, 2/13	same
<b>FGA</b>	8-at Kentucky, 2/13	12-vs. Miss. State, 2/24/96
<b>3FG</b>	6-at Kentucky, 2/13	same
<b>3FGA</b>	7-at Kentucky, 2/13	7-3x last at Kentucky, 2/13/97
<b>FT</b>	3-at Memphis, 11/30	3-2x last at Memphis, 11/30/96
<b>FTA</b>	3-at Memphis, 11/30	3-3x last at Memphis, 11/30
<b>Dbl Fig Scoring Games-</b>	1 in 1997; 6 in career	

#### Chanda Stebbins' Career Stats

	G-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3P-3PA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	OR-DR	Tot-Avg	PF-FD	AT	TO	BS	ST	Pts- Avg
1994	7-0	43-6.1	2-15	.133	1-8	.125	3-9	.333	5-10	15-2.1	4-0	3	3	0	6	8- 1.1
1995	11-0	65-5.9	17-37	.459	9-25	.360	6-7	.857	4-10	14-1.3	7-0	3	4	1	2	49- 4.5
1996	12-0	78-6.5	16-53	.302	9-39	.231	0-0	.000	3-19	22-1.8	8-0	4	9	0	4	41- 3.4
1997	26-2	210-8.1	21-69	.304	15-49	.306	7-9	.778	11-17	28-1.1	22-0	20	31	4	12	64- 2.5
Total	56-2	396-7.1	56-174	.322	34-121	.281	16-25	.640	23-56	79-1.4	41-0	30	47	5	24	162-2.9

# #4 Jackie Wright

**Basketball \* 6-0 \* Forward \* University of Florida (1995-97)  
Ray City, Ga. \* Western Texas JC \* Berkeley & Berrien HS's**

Jackie Wright was a pivotal player during her two seasons as a Lady Gator... The first post-player off the bench both years ... A strong inside player with a nice touch from the outside...

## As a Senior (1996-97)

Saw action in 31 of 33 games, missing the first two of the year due to injury... received the team's award for the Most Improved Grade Point Average at the post season banquet... the first post player off the bench for the second straight year... averaged the most minutes coming off the bench (13.7)... scored 11 points in 15 minutes of action in the win at Ole Miss, including the three-point play she converted 3:07 remaining and gave UF an 11 point lead... in the upset win over LSU, canned a 15-foot jumper and nailed her first 3-pointer of the season on consecutive trips down the floor to spark a 13-2 run as UF took a decisive 55-40 lead with just over six minutes remaining... scored a season-high 13 points versus Georgetown... missed the first two games of the season while rehabbing her left knee, which required orthoscopic surgery to remove cartilage on Nov. 6.

## As a Junior (1995-96)

Played in all 30 games, earning seven starting assignments... Third-highest rebounding percentage on the team, collecting 5.2 per game... Filled in the starting lineup for DeLisha Milton while she recovered from a stress fracture in her leg... Florida won all seven games Wright started... First forward off the bench... Hit the game-winning three-point shot with 1.4 seconds remaining in the two-point victory over Appalachian State in the season opener... Posted her first Florida double-double, with a 12 point-10 rebound game versus Appalachian State... Scored in double-figures four times... Posted career

highs of 15 points and five steals against Texas (Nov. 28).... Played in all three Southeastern Conference Tournament games and turned in a very steady performance in the upset win over No. 10 Vanderbilt in the quarterfinals, contributing seven points and nine rebounds.

## Western Texas Junior College (1993-95)

Averaged 16.5 points per game, the third-best total in the conference, and led the Western JC Athletic Conference with 10.1 rpg... Averaged 16.5 points, 10.1 rebounds, 2.5 steals, and 2.0 blocks per game in her final season... A first-team All-Conference selection... Ranked among the top-10 in the conference in several additional statistical categories, including assists (3.6, 7th), steals (2.5, 7th), FG% (53%, 3rd) and 3-Pt FG% (40%, 4th)... Also led the conference in blocked shots at 2.0 per game.

## High School

Scored over 1,000 points during her prep career at Berkeley (Calif.) and Berrien (Ga.) High Schools... Earned All-Georgia, All-Area and All-South Georgia honors... Part of California State Championship squad at Berkeley High during sophomore season.

## Personal

Full name is JacQue Lynn Lakeysa Dorothy De Jeanette Wright... Daughter of Charles and Marcella Wright... Born April 27, 1975... A 1993 Graduate of Berrien (Ga.) High School... One of seven siblings... Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes... Enjoys dancing, music and spending time with best friend Toya Mitchell... Aspires to coach high school basketball... Majoring in Recreation.

## #4 Jackie Wright - Sr.

### 1996-97 Season Highs

**Pts** 13-vs. Georgetown, 12/4  
**Rbs** 13-at South Carolina, 1/12  
**Ast** 4-2x last vs. Fla. Int'l, 3/15  
**Stl** 2-2x last at Ole Miss, 2/8  
**Blk** 4-at South Carolina, 1/12  
**Min** 22-at South Carolina, 1/12  
**FG** 6-vs. Georgetown, 12/4  
**FGA** 15-vs. Georgetown, 12/4  
**3FG** 1-2x last vs. Fla. Int'l, 3/15  
**3FGA** 2-4x last vs. Georgia, 2/19  
**FT** 3-at Ole Miss, 2/8  
**FTA** 4-at Boise State, 12/21  
**Dbl Fig Scoring Games-** 2 in 1997; 6 in career  
**Dbl Fig Reb Games-** 1 in 1997; 3 in career

### Career Highs

15-Texas, 11/28/95  
same  
5-at Montana St., 11/25/95  
5-Texas, 11/28/95  
same  
37-Appalachian St., 11/24/95  
6-2x last vs. Georgetown, 12/4/96  
same  
3-vs. Mississippi, 2/11/96  
4-4x last at Alabama, 2/17/96  
5-at Vanderbilt, 1/28/96  
6-at Rutgers, 12/10/95

### Jackie Wright's Career Stats

	G-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3P-3PA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	OR-DR	Tot-Avg	PF-FD	AT	TO	BS	ST	Pts- Avg
1996	30-0	610-20.3	67-172	.390	15-48	.313	28-49	.571	60-95	155-5.2	73-1	41	37	2	17	177- 5.9
1997	31-0	425-13.7	50-149	.336	4-23	.174	18-29	.621	46-66	112-3.6	60-0	52	46	11	13	122- 3.9
Total	61-0	1035-17.0	117-321	.364	19-71	.268	46-78	.590	106-161	267-4.4	133-1	93	83	13	30	299- 4.9

# #10 Murriel Page

6-2 \* Senior \* Forward/Center

Louin, Miss. (University of Florida, 1994-present)

Murriel (MUR-ee-el) Page was an honorable mention All-American in 1997, in addition to collecting first team All-Southeastern Conference accolades... Frequently called "LA" by teammates (her full name is La Murriel)... Unselfish player with the ability to find the open teammate... First down the floor on fast breaks... One of the quicker post players in the country... Relishes playing the role of the rebounder, passer, high-post shooter or whatever is needed... aside from scoring and rebounding, Page contributes the intangibles, firing the team up emotionally after a made basket or solid defense play... among vote-getters for the 1996 Associated Press National Player of the Year

## Summer 1997

Selected to tryout for the USA Basketball teams that will compete for the Jones Cup & the World University Games in August... remained in Gainesville during the summer.

## As a Junior (1996-97)

Earned honorable mention all-America honors by the Associated Press & by *Basketball Times*... named first-team All-SEC by coaches & second-team All-SEC by media... only SEC player to AVERAGE a double-double... led the SEC in rebounding (10.3 pg), while ranking fourth in field goal percentage (54.3%) and 11th in scoring (15.8 pg)... led the team with 17 double-doubles... tied her career-high of 35 points on 14-of-18 shooting in the NCAA second round game versus Southern Cal, while grabbing 16 rebounds... the last five games entering the NCAA Tournament, averaged 14.8 points & 9.0 rebounds... named to Cathy Andruzzi's All-Blue Collar team... scored a then-career-high 35 points with 13 rebounds against Alabama (Feb. 16)... carried the load inside in the victory at Ole Miss, with 13 points and 11 rebounds... one-half of Florida's touted "Twin Towers" with DeLisha Milton... scored eight of UF's 15 overtime points in the win at Arkansas... also in the overtime, she topped the 303 point mark for the season --- her scoring then surpassed the total population of her hometown of Louin, Miss. (how many players have done that in a season?) ... one of three Gators to score in every game... became the 11th Lady Gator to reach the 1,000-career point mark with her sixth of 14 points vs. Auburn... named to the all-tournament team in four of the five events UF has played this season, including MVP honors of the SWT Classic.

## As a Sophomore (1995-96)

Earned second team All-SEC honors... Among vote-getters for the *Associated Press* National Player of the Year... Averaged 16.9 points and 11.3 rebounds over the final 10 games... Led Lady Gators in rebounding and field goal percentage... SEC all-games rankings included rebounding (tied-third) and field goal percentage (11th)... One of three players to start every game... Had a phenomenal SEC Tournament, averaging a team-leading 16.7 points and 11.3 rebounds during the three games which included a pair of double-doubles: 23 points & 13 rebounds vs. South Carolina and 17 points & 17 rebounds vs. No. 4 Tennessee... Played all 40 minutes against Rutgers and Alabama... Earned SEC Player of the Week honors (Feb. 12) after scoring 19 points with a career-high 18 rebounds in the upset win over #17 Ole Miss...

Developed almost "Rodman-like" rebounding skills during the second-half of the season when she compiled seven consecutive double-figure rebounding games... Contributed a career-high 28 points with 17 rebounds vs. Central Florida (Jan. 9)... Wrapped up the regular season with a 27-point performance at Florida State (Feb. 26) on 12-of-18 shooting... Recognized as the MVP of the Rutgers' Brother International Holiday Tournament (Dec. 10)... Named to the All-Tournament team of the Lady Gator Classic (Dec. 30)... Led team with 14 double-doubles.

## As a Freshman (1994-95)

1995 SEC All-Freshman selection... Saw action in all 33 games with 16 starts... Averaged 10.6 ppg. and 7.2 rpg... Second on the team in rebounding and fourth in scoring... Scored in double-figures 18 times, including three games of 20 or more... Six double-doubles (points-rebounds)... Led the team in rebounding in 11 games and scoring in three games... Improved career-high rebound mark seven times during initial season... Finished 10th in the conference in rebounding while posting two of the top-10 individual game rebounding performances in the SEC... Shot 61.4% from the field, the second-best mark in school history, a percentage that would rank among the top-15 in the nation but failed to qualify for the minimum NCAA standard (5 FGM per game) by 14 total field goals... Mark of 59.8% from the field in SEC play ranked second in the conference... Celebrated SEC All-Freshman selection with a double-double in the first round of the SEC Tournament, recording 14 points and a career-high 17 rebounds, the third-best rebounding performance of the year in SEC play... Career-high 24-point effort in starting role at Arkansas in full 40 minutes of action... Earned the Most Improved Award at the 1995 Lady Gator Awards Banquet.

## High School

Averaged 21.8 ppg and 14.7 rpg during senior year at Bay Springs High School before suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament and cartilage damage in left knee, which ended her season... Led team to a 14-2 record before her injury, while the team dropped 12 of the final 14 games without her presence... *Street & Smith's* Sixth Team All-America selection... *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern Team member... Member of *Clarion Ledger* Dandy Dozen in both 1993 and 1994... Established three career school records: defensive rebounds (825), offensive rebounds (664) and total rebounds (1,489)... Led team to back-to-back state championships in 1991-92... Coached by R.E. Lopez... Won the state high jump championship twice (1992-93) and the state long jump title in 1993.

## Personal

Full name is La Murriel Page... Daughter of Darlene Holder... Born September 18, 1975, in Laurel, Miss... Two younger siblings, LaWanda and Bobby... One of three Lady Gators from the state of Mississippi, in addition to coaches Ross and Aldy, who also hail from the Magnolia State... Voted most popular and most athletic in high school... Future ambitions include professional basketball... Says her autobiography would be entitled "As the Page Turns"... Major is Sports Management.

**1997 All-American \* 1997 First Team All-SEC**

# #12 Tiffany Travis

5-10 Freshman Guard/Forward

Gulfport, Miss.

Tiffany Travis brings a complete offensive package to the Lady Gator lineup, with the ability to create her own shots... One of two left-handed players on the team, the other being Bea Jacobs... Spent the summer in Gainesville taking classes to get a jump on the academic transition... One of three current Lady Gators from the state of Mississippi... Also considered Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana Tech in the recruiting process.

## As a Freshman (1996-97)

impacts a game immediately... instant offense... primarily first guard off the bench... has scored in all but two games this season, including the two points she contributed in the two minutes played at Memphis... contributed 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting in the NCAA first round win over Florida International... sparked UF with 12 points in 13 minutes of action against Vanderbilt in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament... contributed a combined 18 points in just 23 minutes of work in the pair of upset wins over Tennessee & Vanderbilt... displays great body control — has been fouled while connecting on a shot 12 times this season (three vs. Boise State), completing the three-point play in nine of those... loves to create her own shot and penetrate from the corner... the top free throw shooter on the team and takes great pride in her performance at the line... would rank among SEC free throw leaders if she had more attempts... continued UF's tradition of freshmen cracking the starting lineup, getting the call in three games this season... scored a career-high 22 points with eight rebounds in 21 minutes of work at Boise State... named to the all-tournament team of the Boise State Coca-Cola Holiday Classic... began the season wearing jersey #2, however, NCAA basketball players cannot wear Nos. 1 or 2, so she wore #20 for four games until #12 arrived - and has given Florida a definite 1-2 punch this year (okay, bad pun).

## Prior to Florida

Received national recognition by *USA Today*, which named Travis the Mississippi Player of the Year... Guided Harrison

Central High School to a 28-3 record, which included its second straight Class 5A state title and claimed the top ranking in the final state poll... The state's second all-time leading scorer with 3,106 points, a mark just 33 points shy of the all-time mark set by Philis Hayes... Contributed 33 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Rebels in the state title game against Warren Central in the 73-47 victory... Averaged 28.6 points, 12.3 rebounds and 3.9 steals her senior year... Enjoyed all-state honors for three seasons, including first-team notice as a senior and second-team recognition as a junior when she averaged 19.3 points per game... The *Street & Smith* Honorable Mention All-American was the *Sun Herald's* 1995 & '96 Player of the Year, as well as the *Clarion Ledger's* top performer... Honored as Ms. Mississippi Basketball for her senior outstanding senior season and named to the Mississippi Dandy Dozen... Scored 45 in a district playoff game... Played against some the nation's finest young talent in the 1994 Pickerington (Ohio) High School Tournament, which included Tennessee's Chamique Holdscaw and Connecticut's Tammy Arnold... Also played softball and ran track at HCHS... Carried a 3.7 grade point average.

## Personal

Full name is Tiffany Latrice Travis... Daughter of Burnetta and Gordon Travis... Born on March 20, 1978, in Picayune, Miss... Has one older sister, Kasondra, and one younger sister, Syrenthia, as well as a niece, Rashonda... Sister Kasondra played junior college ball... Most exciting moment she remembers was bringing home her niece from the hospital... Admires her mother "because she's a loving person who not only cares for herself, but for others as well"... Dreams of representing the U.S. basketball team at the 2000 Olympic Games and playing professionally... Preparing for a career in pharmaceutical science... Major is Pharmacy.

# #13 Erin O'Neil

## 6-3 Freshman Center Winnipeg, Manitoba

Erin O'Neil provides strength and agility to the Lady Gators inside game... A tremendous athlete with good upper body power developed from years as an accomplished rower... A very determined player with a strong work ethic... Spent the summer playing with the Manitoba Provincial basketball team... First-ever Canadian on the Lady Gator roster.

### As a Freshman (1996-97)

scored the first points of her career against North Texas, connecting on all four trips to the free throw line... hit her first field goal vs. St. Bonaventure, going 2-for-2 from the floor... contributed eight solid minutes in the win at Kentucky, where she scored two points and snared four rebounds with two steals... troubled during the preseason with a stress reaction in her right fibula and has seen limited playing time as a result... very hard worker and insists on perfection from herself... adjusting to the physical post play.

### Prior to Florida

O'Neil excelled in several sports, especially basketball, volleyball and rowing... On the hardcourt, she recorded 1,277 career points during three years at Glenlawn Collegiate Institute, while averaging 9.1 rebounds and 7.8 assists per game... There are 10 provinces that comprise Canada and O'Neil guided the Lions to the 4A Manitoba Provincial Championship as a senior, when she contributed 24 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks in the title game... Named Most Valuable Player of the prestigious five-member All-Manitoba Province team, equivalent to an all-state team in the U.S.... Led the Lions with 12.7 points and 8.4 rebounds per game as a senior, also tallying 57 blocks, 78 assists with 337 deflections... Guided Glenlawn to the 3A Provincial title as a junior

when she was ranked sixth in the *Winnipeg Sun's* Top Ten girls listings... Voted top grade 10 player in Province by Manitoba Coaches Association, when she was also a 3A Provincial All-Star and a Juvenile Team Member... On the volleyball court, the Provincial All-Star captained the Lions to the 4A Provincial Finals... Winner of the 1995-96 Time Out Hustle Award... Starter on the 3A Provincial championship team her junior year... As a rower, O'Neil captured the gold medal in the women's quad at the 1995 Western Canada Summer Games... A member of the Provincial rowing team since 1991, O'Neil was the 1995 Manitoba indoor rowing champion in the Under 16 division... At the 1994 Canada Cup Rowing National Championships, O'Neil captured the silver medal in the junior women's quad and the bronze in the junior women's double... Approached by several schools for her volleyball abilities, but chose to focus on basketball... Also played rugby.

### Personal

Full name is Erin Kathleen O'Neil... Daughter of James and Deborah O'Neil... Born on July 31, 1978, in Winnipeg, Manitoba... Has one younger brother, Michael... Views Canadian Olympic rower Silken Laumann as a role model... On the court she admires the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman, "because he works extremely hard and is his own person"... O'Neil wears a nose ring off the court... Contemplating a career as a marine biologist... Major is Biology.

# #15 Mahogany Hudson

## 5-6 Junior Point Guard

### Gainesville, Ga.

Mahogany Hudson emerged as one of the Southeastern Conference's top point guards by the end of her sophomore season... Nicknamed "Mo"... Defends from baseline to baseline... Remained in Gainesville during the summer along with several of her teammates.

#### As a Junior (1996-97)

Leads the SEC in assists and is also among league leaders for steals... has collected 16 assists with just four turnovers in the first two games of the NCAA Championship... had a season-high 18 points with five steals to end the regular season at Mississippi State... had back-to-back-to-back games with eight assists vs. Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Georgia... played big down the stretch in the eight point win at Ole Miss, converting all six free throw attempts and stole one pass in the final minute, en route to eight points with nine rebounds and three assists... her driving layup against Tennessee sparked UF's 9-0 run to open the game and set the tone for the upset victory... had her streak of 15 consecutive free throws come to end with her third attempt against Alabama... third on the team in scoring in league action, averaging 8.8 points, with 4.0 rebounds and 5.5 assists... one of three players to score in every game this season... her 15 points led a balanced scoring attack in the victory over North Texas... had her streak of 34 consecutive starts halted against Memphis (coaches' decision) but returned to the lineup the following game... career-high 11 assists vs. Kansas State... hit the first 3-pointer of her career at Boise State, when she launched an "NBA" try at the halftime buzzer.

#### As a Sophomore (1995-96)

Gained more confidence running the offense with each game and closed the season averaging 12.3 points, 5.3 assists, 4.1 rebounds and three steals over the last seven games... Produced three outstanding performances at the SEC Tournament, where she played 117 of a possible 120 minutes, sitting down only due to foul trouble in the semis versus Tennessee... Her running jumper with one minute remaining in the first half of the SEC quarterfinal game versus 10th-ranked Vanderbilt gave UF a 42-41 lead, a lead it never relinquished... One of three players to start every game (with Dana Smith and Murriel Page)... Led the team playing five complete games ... Fifth in the SEC all-games standings for assists (4.6 apg) and tied for seventh in steals (2.1 spg)... Contributed 10 double-figure scoring efforts, including four straight to end the year... Had a fine 13-point, eight-assist performance at second-ranked Georgia, located 15 minutes from her hometown ... Assumed co-captain duties with DeLisha Milton... Netted a career-high 22 points in the season-opening thriller against Appalachian State and went on to garner MVP honors at the State Farm Classic in

Bozeman, Mont., the next evening... nine double-figure scoring games... Recognized as the team's Most Improved Player.

#### As a Freshman (1994-95)

Saw action in all 33 games with 20 consecutive starts during the season... Averaged 2.4 ppg., 2.2 rpg. and 3.2 apg... Tied for team-high assists with Takilya Davis with 106... Assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.7-1... Averaged 4.2 assists per game in final 22 games after dishing out only 13 assists in first 11 games... First freshman since Amanda Butler (in 1991, 154) to record over 100 assists in a season... Led the team with game-high assist honors in 12 games... Ranked fifth in the SEC in league games with 4.2 assists per game... Recorded a career-high nine assists twice during the season... Clutch performer with 13-of-18 mark from the free throw line in the final three minutes of games... Dished out career-high nine assists and grabbed career-high five steals versus South Florida... Recorded a season-high 10 points while dishing out five assists without a turnover and hit six consecutive free throws in the last 45 seconds to seal the victory versus then-No. 11 Alabama.

#### High School & AAU

Averaged 20.3 points, 5.2 rebounds, 6.2 steals and 6.2 assists per game during her senior campaign at Gainesville High School... Led Red Elephants to the Georgia Class 2A state championship with a 30-0 record, as well as Sub-Region and Region Championship titles... Set both the season and career school records for steals and assists... Played in the Georgia/Tennessee All-Star game... 1994 Miss Georgia selection... *Street & Smith's* Honorable Mention All-America selection... Member of the *Orlando Sentinel's* Dixie Dozen and named *The Times* Player of the Year... Also played on the Georgia Peaches, an AAU team coached by Donnie Hampton, with Florida teammate DeLisha Milton... Coached by Manson Hill... Also considered Auburn, Georgia, Mississippi State, Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee during recruiting process.

#### Personal

Full name is Mahogany Hudson... Daughter of Ellis Hudson and Evelyn Rucker... Born on January 8, 1976, in Gainesville, Ga... A 1994 graduate of Gainesville (Ga.) High School... Participated in Interact and DARE while in high school... Enjoys watching television, listening to music and going to movies during her spare time... Says her autobiography would be entitled "Mo Betta"... Four younger siblings: Nathan, Terry, Allyson and Spencer... Major is Sports Administration.

# #21 DeLisha Milton

University of Florida (1993-97)

6-1 \* Forward/Center \* Riceboro, Ga.

## Post-Florida Career

DeLisha (da-LEESH-ah) Milton was the second overall draft pick of the American Basketball League (ABL) on May 5, 1997, by the Portland Power... her placement in the professional draft tied the all-time highest selection of any Florida athlete with Neal Walk, who was the second pick in the 1969 NBA draft... Milton announced she would continue her basketball career in the ABL on April 24, 1997.

## Extra info

Milton headlined perhaps one of the most dominating frontcourt tandems in the country with Murriel Page... the most decorated Lady Gator in the 23-year history of the program... Nicknamed "D"... Extremely emotional player and was the vocal leader of the team... Very quick and determined rebounder... Good range... hometown of Riceboro, Ga., expressed their appreciation of her accomplishments by hosting "DeLisha Milton Days" on May 6-7, 1997... Stands 73 inches tall while her wing span (measured from fingertip to fingertip) is an incredible 84 inches - usually, both measurements are equal!

## As a Senior (1996-97)

Co-captain with Mahogany Hudson... honored as UF's first-ever recipient of The Wade Trophy, recognizing the top senior women's basketball player in the country (April 2)... first-ever Florida athlete -- male or female -- to earn basketball first-team All-America honors, as she was recognized to the Kodak All-America team on March 27 (10-player team) and by the Associated Press on March 11 (five-player team)... first Lady Gator ever named the SEC Player of the Year, by both the coaches & media... voted Most Outstanding Performer of the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional... named Kodak all-District 9 All-American on March 13... collected All-SEC first-team honors for the second straight year and was a unanimous selection this season... named to the SEC All-Tournament team for the second time in her career... in the NCAA Midwest Regional Final vs. top-seeded and second-ranked Old Dominion, the final game of her collegiate career, she scored 18 points with 19 rebounds... averaged 20.1 points and 10.3 rebounds versus ranked opponents... tallied 11 double-doubles... led UF with 25 points & 15 rebounds in the SEC Tournament quarterfinal win over Vanderbilt and then topped that one night later with a game-high 26 points in the upset win over No. 6 Alabama... Named Philadelphia Online Women's Hoops National Player of the Week (Jan. 27), the same week she garnered SEC weekly honors for the third time this season... became only the sixth player in league history to grab the weekly honor three times in one year -- and four of the other five later went on that season to earn first team Kodak All-America honors!! ... named Cathy Andruzzi's first team All-Stud... scored in double-figures in 31 of 33 games, but had her string of 41 consecutive double-figure scoring games snapped in the SEC Tournament final when she tallied just eight points (**double figures in 100 of 125 career games**)... ranked among the SEC leaders in six categories (only SEC player listed in 6 categories): scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, steals and blocks... one-half of Florida's touted "Twin Towers" with Murriel Page... **topped the 1,800 point mark** vs. Alabama (March 2) and became only the third Lady Gator to **top the 1,000 rebound** plateau when her offensive put-back at the 17:26 mark of the second half capped an 8-0 run at Arkansas ... the bigger the game, the bigger she plays (check out her stats vs. ranked opponents in the UF stat packet)... despite foul trouble, scored Florida's

final five points in the 75-71 win at Mississippi State to end the regular season... had her string of 18 consecutive free throws snapped, when she missed her final attempt against Vanderbilt... one of four players to score in every game this season... with her second of five steals vs. Auburn, became the **Lady Gators all-time leader in steals**, surpassing Camille Ratledge's mark of 234 set from 1986-90... the only person who seems to be able to stop DeLisha Milton is herself, having been plagued by foul trouble early this season, reaching the limit in five games... became only the sixth player in SEC history to earn three Player of the Week honors three times in the same season (four of the other five went on later that season to earn first team Kodak All-America honors)... fifth player in SEC history to earn back-to-back SEC Player of the Week honors, when she garnered the award Dec. 16th & Jan. 6 (no award during holiday break)... named to the all-tournament team in all five events UF has played this season, including MVP honors of the Dial Classic/Florida Four Challenge and the State Farm/Lady Gator Classic... had sensational back-to-back shooting performances with 27 points (on 11-of-12 shooting) vs. Florida State and 32 points (on 15-of-16) vs. Boise State... still only player in UF history to record a triple-double.

## As a Junior (1995-96)

Became fifth player in Florida history to earn first-team All-Conference honors... Assumed co-captain duties with Mahogany Hudson... Led UF in scoring and free throw percentage; second in rebounding... Netted double figures in 26 games, including 13 straight to end the season during which she averaged 17.7 points and 10.7 rebounds... Versus the 10 nationally ranked opponents UF faced, she contributed 18.4 ppg and 10.3 rpg, while shooting 73.8 percent (48-65) from the free throw line... Recorded 12 double-doubles, which included a pair of back-to-back 23-plus points, 21-rebound performances against top-25 teams (24 pts vs. #5 Vanderbilt; 23 vs. #24 Arkansas)... In the SEC all-games standings, Milton tied for fourth in blocks (tied-sixth in SEC games only), tied for sixth in rebounding (second in SEC games), tied for 15th in scoring (tied-13th in SEC games)... Eighth best free throw shooting in league games... Became the 10th Lady Gator to top the 1,000-point plateau when she eclipsed the total at the 9:57 mark of the first half in the 83-68 victory over Central Florida (Jan. 9)... Named MVP of both the Dial Soap/Florida Four Classic in Miami (Dec. 2) and the Lady Gator Classic (Dec. 30)... Also named to the Rutgers' Brother International Holiday All-Tournament team... Played every game but saw limited action in the first six outings while recovering from a stress fracture in her right tibia... Recognized as team's MVP at postseason banquet... Selected to tryout for U.S. Select Team in June, but could not participate because of the rehab.

## As a Sophomore (1994-95)

All-SEC second-team selection... Also chosen SEC Player of the Week after back-to-back double-doubles versus both Florida State and Auburn, averaging 20.0 ppg. and 10.5 rpg. over the two games, including a team-high 16 points in the overtime win over Auburn to close out the regular season... Co-captain with Crystal Parker... Named to Nationwide Insurance Lady Gator Classic All-Tournament team, the first regular season all-tournament selection of her career... Saw action in all 33 games with 31 starts, including 24 consecutive to end the season... Second on the team in scoring (13.5) and third in rebounding (6.6)... Among the SEC top-five in field goal percentage (second, 56.8), blocks (fourth, 1.3 pg.) and

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steals (third, 2.5 spg.)... Ranked 30th in the nation in field goal percentage... Twenty-four games of 10 or more points including 10 consecutive to end the season... Led the team in scoring in nine games and rebounds in five games... Seven double-doubles... Grabbed a season-high 14 boards at Texas... Hit for a career-high 32 points in upset win over then-No. 11 Alabama... Third Florida player to record 500 or more rebounds in first two seasons (Tammy Jackson, Quientella Bonner)... Earned a gold medal playing for the South squad at the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival in St. Louis, Mo., averaging 5.3 ppg. and 4.3 rpg... recorded seven double-doubles.

## As a Freshman (1993-94)

Unanimous SEC All-Freshman first-team selection... Mentioned among *USA Today's* Best of the Rest Freshman squad... Received the Lady Gator Award in recognition of overall excellence on and off the court for the 1993-94 season... Made mark in UF record books during first collegiate season, as stats rank among UF's top-five in three individual season categories: rebounds (334, fifth), steals (69, third) and blocks (42, fourth)... First UF player to lead the league in rebounding since Tammy Jackson in 1984 and the second freshman to lead the SEC in rebounding (Tammy Jenkins, 1988, Georgia, 8.6)... Seventh in SEC in blocks at 1.4 bpg and tied for sixth in steals in 2.4 pg... Selected to SEC All-Tournament team, the first UF player to earn the distinction, after averaging 19.5 ppg. and 14.0 rpg over two games... Had season-high 29 points against Vanderbilt's twin towers, 6-10 All-American Heidi Gillingham and 6-7 Angela Gorsica, in the SEC semifinals... Only UF player to start all 29 games, averaging 27.1 minutes per game... Third on the team in scoring at 11.7 ppg... Ranked 15th nationally and led the SEC in rebounding at 11.5 rpg... Top freshman rebounder in the nation... Averaged 11.4 rpg. in SEC action and 13.3 rpg. in postseason action... Three games of 10 or more offensive rebounds... Recorded first triple-double in Lady Gator history with 11 points, 11 rebounds and 10 steals against Bethune-Cookman... 10 steals tied the school record... UF's top rebounder in 18 of 29 games... Tops on team with 69 steals and 42 blocks - 21 blocks more than the rest of the squad combined (21)... Recorded 17 double-doubles on the season... 20 games of double-digit rebounding and 19 games of double-digit scoring... Paced Florida with a then-career-high of 27 points (11-22, 5-9 FT) and 23 rebounds (14 offensive) against Furman... Led league with a 23-rebound performance against Furman that also tied for eighth on the national list.

## High School & AAU

### #21 DeLisha Milton

	1997 Season Highs	Career Highs
<b>Pts</b>	32-2x last vs. Kansas St., 12/30	32-3x last vs. Kansas St., 12/30/96
<b>Rbs</b>	19-vs. Old Dominion, 3/24	23-Furman, 12/8/93
<b>Ast</b>	7-vs. Vanderbilt, 3/1	same
<b>Stl</b>	7-at South Carolina, 1/12	10-Bethune Cookman, 2/2/94
<b>Blk</b>	5-at Arkansas, 2/2	5-2x last at Arkansas, 2/2/97
<b>Min</b>	45-at Arkansas, 2/2	same
<b>FG</b>	15-2x last vs. Kansas St., 12/30	same
<b>FGA</b>	20-vs. Kansas St., 12/30	25-at Vanderbilt, 1/28/96
<b>3FG</b>	0	0
<b>3FGA</b>	0	2-at Alabama, 2/17/96
<b>FT</b>	9-3x last vs. Vanderbilt, 3/1	12-Georgia, 1/25/96
<b>FTA</b>	12-2x last vs. Vanderbilt, 3/1	16-Georgia, 1/25/96

**Dbl Fig Scoring Games-** 31 in 1997; 100 in career  
**Dbl Fig Reb Games-** 13 in 1997; 53 in career  
**Double-Doubles (pts-rebs)** - 11 in 1997; 47 in career

Averaged 21.0 points and 16.0 rebounds as a senior at Bradwell Institute... Jersey was retired... Led team to a 29-1 record and a runner-up finish in the Georgia State High School Championship Tournament... Garnered Coastal Empire (C.E.) Player of the Year Honors, C. E. Most Valuable Player accolades (1993 and 1992) and was selected to the C.E. All-Tournament team three consecutive years... Received the Naismith Award in 1992 and 1993... also selected to the Georgia All-Star team to compete in the annual Georgia vs. Tennessee All-Star Game... Named BIHS Most Valuable Player in 1992 and 1993... Played on the AAU Georgia Peaches, which won the state championship tournament in 1993... Also competed in the AAU Nationals in Chattanooga, Tenn... Played on the International Basketball Opportunities (I.B.O.) United States team during the summer of 1992, recognized as the team's leading scorer while playing in Venezuela... Four-year letterwinner in track and softball... Won the state championship in the high jump as a sophomore, clearing a personal best 5-6 in the finals... Helped the track and field team to a region title in 1993... coached at BIHS by Janet Reddick.

## Personal

Full name is DeLisha LaChell Milton... Daughter of Beverly J. Milton... Born September 11, 1974, in Jesup, Ga... Sister, Charmaine, also played for Florida in 1995 & '96 after transferring from Stetson (Fla.) University... Coached by Don Hampton in AAU league... Says her autobiography would be entitled "The Epitome of Me"... Major is Sports Management and is expected to graduate in December 1997.

## Milton in the UF Record Book upon graduation... Career

1st	Steals (281)
1st	Free Throws made (364)
1st	Free Throws attempted (536)
2nd	Blocks (172)
3rd	Scoring (1,858)
3rd	Rebounding (1,109)
4th	Field Goals made (747)
4th	Field Goals attempted (1,418)
5th	Rebounding average (8.9 rpg)
t5th	Field Goal percentage (.527)
7th	Scoring average (8.9 ppg)
<b>Season</b>	
2nd	Scoring (613 points in 1997)
t6th	Scoring average (18.6 ppg in 1997)
6th	Rebounds (334 in 1994)
8th	Rebounds (294 in 1997)
7th	Rebound average (11.5 in 1994)
6th	Minutes played (1,013 in 1997)
2nd	Field Goals made (243 in 1997)
6th	Field Goals attempted (432 in 1997)
5th	Field Goal percentage (.568 in 1995)
7th	Field Goal percentage (.563 in 1997)
1st	Free Throws made (127 in 1997)
4th	Free Throws made (98 in 1996)
1st	Free Throws attempted (168 in 1997)
7th	Free Throws attempted (142 in 1996)
1st	Steals (87 in 1997)
3rd	Steals (81 in 1995)
5th	Steals (69 in 1994)
t4th	Blocks (48 in 1997)
t7th	Blocks (42 in 1994)
t7th	Blocks (42 in 1995)
9th	Blocks (40 in 1996)

## Game

t1st	Steals (10 vs. Bethune Cookman, 2-2-94)
t6th	Steals (7 vs. South Carolina, 1-12-97)
t3rd	Free Throws (12 vs. Georgia, 1-25-97)
t6th	Field Goals (15 vs. Kansas State, 12-30-96; vs. Boise State, 12-21-96)

# #21 DeLisha Milton (cont'd)

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

1997 President's Recognition Awardee; University of Florida  
1997 Multi-cultural Student Recognition (excellence in classroom, community & athletics)  
1996 Lady Gator Basketball Most Improved Grade Point Average  
1994 Sophia Witherspoon Award (students who overcome academic adversity)

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

*Service to the University -- commitments, activities, organizations, special recognition & accomplishments*

Fraternity & Sorority Wheelchair Basketball Benefit for the University of Florida (weekend)  
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (1st Wed. each month and special events)  
Speaker for Student-Athlete Forum (annual event)  
Student-Athlete Representative at Title IX meetings (twice)  
Family Housing Sports Day Committee (helped organize and participated in)  
Gator Expo (annual)  
Clinics for Gator Kid's Club & Nationwide Insurance Kids Club  
Goodwill Gator (student-athletes organizing charity events)  
Mardi Gras (student-athlete annual social event-customer service)

*Service to the community -- commitments, activities, organizations, special recognition and accomplishments*

Visits Shands Hospital (once or twice per semester)  
Speaks at area schools and signs autographs (once or twice per semester)  
Magic 101.3 Literacy program (2 or 3 times per semester reads to elementary age children)  
Public Service Announcement for Safe Sex & HIV Testing  
Public Service Announcement for Stop the Violence (domestic abuse)  
Keynote speaker at Gainesville High School Sports Banquet  
Participant in Adopt-a-highway (one Sunday every other month)  
Spoke to Terwilliger Elementary School students about setting goals & teamwork  
Spoke at J.J. Finley School about importance of reading  
Volunteer at Gymnastics YES Clinic  
Volunteer for Alachua County Olympic Torch Ceremony  
Volunteer for Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon  
Regularly donates food & clothing to the St. Francis House (homeless shelter)  
Erected hoop at SPARC House (shelter for abused women and children)

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## 1997 Honors & Awards

- ◆ The Wade Trophy recipient
- ◆ Kodak first team All-American
- ◆ Associated Press first team All-American
- ◆ NCAA Midwest Regional Most Outstanding Performer
- ◆ SEC Player of the Year (coaches' & media teams)
- ◆ Kodak District 9 All-American
- ◆ Unanimous All-SEC first team
- ◆ SEC All-Tournament Team
- ◆ Cathy Andruzzi's All-Stud first team
- ◆ Women's BBall Show Player of the Game (Feb. 2)
- ◆ Philly Online National Player of the Week (Jan. 27)
- ◆ SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 27)
- ◆ SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 6)
- ◆ SEC Player of the Week (Dec. 9)
- ◆ Dial Classic (S. Florida) MVP
- ◆ KUUPBC (Memphis) All-Tournament team
- ◆ SWT Classic All-Tournament team
- ◆ Boise St. Coca-Cola Holiday All-Tournament team
- ◆ State Farm-UF Classic MVP

## 1996 Honors & Awards

- ◆ All-SEC first team
- ◆ Dial Classic/Florida Four Challenge (Miami) MVP
- ◆ Lady Gator Classic (Florida) MVP
- ◆ Rutgers' Brother International Holiday All-Tournament team
- ◆ Lady Gator team MVP

## 1995 Honors & Awards

- ◆ All-SEC second team
- ◆ SEC Player of the Week (Feb. 27)
- ◆ Nationwide Insurance Lady Gator Classic All-Tournament team

## 1994 Honors & Awards

- ◆ SEC All-Freshman first team
- ◆ Mentioned Among *USA Today's* Best of the Rest Freshmen squad
- ◆ Led SEC in rebounding; ranked 15th nationally
- ◆ Recorded first triple-double in UF history (points-rebounds-steals)

# #23 Dana Smith

## 5-8 Junior Guard

### St. Cloud, Fla.

Dana Smith is a very intelligent player who is fundamentally sound (her father, Danny, was her high school coach)... Split time during the 1996 summer between Gainesville and her home in Bartow, Fla., located two and a half hours from campus, where she worked as a sales representative selling knives... A gutsy defender who leads the team in charges taken... Graduated from St. Cloud High School as Florida's all-time prep scorer (male or female), and held the record until current Gator freshman Latonya Washington surpassed the mark.

#### As a Junior (1996-97)

Contributed a remarkable performance in the SEC Tournament semifinal upset over No. 6 Alabama, with 13 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and four steals in 40 minutes of work... led UF in it NCAA first round win, tying a career-high with 21 points, in addition to four assists and four steals... hit a career-best five 3-pointers in the NCAA second round win over Southern Cal... established a new single season record for minutes played, surpassing the 1,020 minutes logged by Merlakia Jones during the 1995 season... recorded the first double-double of her career with a 13 point-12 rebound effort versus Tennessee... hit a then-career-high 21 points in the championship game of the SWT Classic, leading UF to the title... collected a career-high six steals at Mississippi State... started every game this season, as well as every game last year... had her 25-consecutive games scoring streak halted at Kentucky, when she missed both shots attempted, however she did contribute a game-high five assists with four steals... has been very steady... contributes the intangible items... leads the team in minutes played... has played at least 40 minutes in 13 games during her career, including nine this year... is second all-time in 3-point field goals at UF, and is on pace to become the school's all-time leader, trailing teammate Talatha Bingham by one... has struggled a bit from long range but seems to hit the clutch shot when needed... connected on her second trey of the night at Arkansas when UF led by four in overtime which took the air out of UA's sail and essentially put the game out of reach... her father, Danny, coached Dana's senior St. Cloud high school team to the 1994 Class 4A State Basketball Championship, AND this December coached Dana's brother Darek and his Bartow HS football team a 14-13 upset of the No. 1 team in the country in the state title game Dec. 21.

#### As a Sophomore (1995-96)

One of two primary outside threats... Florida's fourth-leading scorer, recording 7.6 points per outing... Logged a team-high 1008 minutes, 12 shy of the Lady Gator all-time mark... Played every minute in five different games, averaging a team-best 33.6 minutes... Managed to record at least one three-point bucket in 24 of the 30 outings... Showed great courage in the game at second-ranked Georgia (Feb. 20), when she played 30 minutes and scored 10 points with five rebounds after suffering from an abscessed tooth early that morning... One of three players to start all 30 games... Scored in all but one game (Jan. 1 at Tennessee)... Netted a career-high 16 points against Rutgers (Dec. 10) in the championship game of Rutgers' Brothers International Holiday Tournament and contributed 12 points in the first tourney game versus Arkansas State... Produced 10 double-figure scoring games... Honored with the team's Mary Myers Elliot Unsung Gator Award.

#### As a Freshman (1994-95)

Saw action in 30 games with 13 starts... Averaged 19.1 minutes as

the sixth-leading scorer on the team at 4.9 ppg... Third on the team in assists with 58 (1.9 pg.)... Starter in first 11 games and both NCAA Tournament games at point guard... Missed three consecutive games, beginning with Kentucky as a result of injury (back strain) suffered in car accident the morning of the Kentucky game... Top three-point threat for Florida with a 44.3% mark from beyond the three-point arc, the second-best season mark in school history... Hit higher percentage from three-point area than overall field goal percentage (38.9)... Named to the Dial Soap Florida Challenge all-tournament team... Only the second UF freshman to earn an all-tournament selection during her freshman season (Merlakia Jones, 1991 Lady Gator Classic)... Reset career-high for assists four times during season... Scored 10 or more points three times... Led the team in assists in two games... Posted a career-high 16 points against Lynn... Dished out a season-high seven assists versus Southern Mississippi.

#### High School and AAU

Graduated from St. Cloud High School as Florida's all-time prep scorer (male or female) with 3,469 points and ranked eighth all-time on the national high school lists... First female to score over 3,000 points in Florida prep history... Averaged 24.8 points, 5.2 rebounds, 7.5 assists and 6.5 steals over four-year varsity career... Led SCHS to the Class 4A State Championship... Earned Most Valuable Player honors in 11 tournaments, including the Class 4A State Tournament and Florida State AAU Tournament four times... Received national recognition in the form of All-America selection from five organizations including *Street & Smith's*, Dick Vitale's Top 20 Recruits in the Nation and *USA Today*... Finished four-year career ranked among the top-10 nationally in nine categories: points (8th), career free throw attempts (1,018, 2nd), career free throws made (751, 2nd), career assists (1,056, 4th), free-throw attempts in a season (330, 4th), free-throw attempts per game in a season (8.91, 9th), free throws made in a season (260, 3rd), free-throws made per game in a season (7.02, 6th) and assists (351, 6th)... Scored 10 or more points in 138 of 140 games, 20 or more in 103 games, 30 or more in 42 games, 40 or more in nine games and 50 or more once... Miss Florida Basketball runner-up to Tracy Reid... Four-time all-state, all-county and all-conference selection... Named to the *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern Team... *Osceola News-Gazette* Player of the Year... Helped SCHS to four Final Four appearances... Squad also won four sectional, regional, district, conference and county championships over career for a 127-13 overall record... Coached by her father, Danny Rea Smith.

#### Personal

Full name is Dana Jacquelin Smith... Daughter of Danny and Bonnie Smith... Born on August 9, 1975, in Peoria, Ill... One younger brother, Darek... A 1994 graduate of St. Cloud High... Earned numerous academic honors including Orlando Downtown Athletic Club Scholar/Athlete of the Year, Orlando Magic/Texaco Scholar Athlete... Served as Vice President of the National Honor Society and President of Mu Alpha Theta (math club)... Named St. Cloud High Outstanding Senior... Lists tropical fish as hobby/interest... Also played volleyball and softball... Earned All-County honors in volleyball three times (did not compete in 1994) and softball four times... Appeared in *Sports Illustrated's* Faces in the Crowd in 1987 for softball pitching accolades... Says her autobiography would be entitled "Smith and Wesson"... Major is Sports Management.

# #24 Kelly Freeman

## 6-1 Freshman Guard/Forward Brentwood, Tenn.

Kelly Freeman's ability to run the floor and rebounding prowess make Florida's inside game even more potent... Played primarily in the paint during high school but has been spotted on the wing at times this season... Played with the Tennessee Stars in the 18-and-Under AAU National Basketball Tournament in Spokane, Wash., during the first half of the summer before heading to Gainesville and taking some classes to get a jump on her academic schedule.

### As a Freshman (1996-97)

the second post off the bench, behind Jackie Wright... had a solid nine-minute performance in the SEC Tournament semifinal upset over Alabama, when she guarded Dominique Canty for three straight possessions and held her scoreless, while collecting a pair of steals and completed a transition layup at the 8:46 mark of the second half to give UF a 66-62 lead... her Mom, Dad and brothers attend several road games... seen action in all but three games (Alabama, Auburn, Vanderbilt - was very ill vs. Vandy and did not suit up)... will practice with both the posts and the guards but recently has seen more action with the latter... has decent range... recorded the first 3-pointer of her career (collegiate or high school) against North Texas where she tallied a career-high nine points... extremely fundamentally sound player.

### Prior to Florida

Freeman was a two-sport standout for Brentwood High School, where she was recognized as the three-time All-District 9 - 3A performer in both basketball and volleyball... On the hardwood, she recorded 1,284 career points for a 14.2 average during her four-year career with the Bruins... Also posted a career average of 6.9 rebounds, while shooting 52.4-

percent from the floor... Shot a school record 57% from the floor as a junior (1995), when she also contributed 18.6 points per game... Led the team in scoring each of her four years... Played AAU ball under Rick Insell and former Tennessee Lady Vol Tiffany Woosley... Tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee on June 10, 1995, which forced her to miss her entire senior volleyball season... As a middle blocker, she dominated the net, where she established the state record for blocks in a season (244) and set the high school mark of 90 solo blocks in one season... Earned first team All-State volleyball honors as a junior... Guided the Bruins to the volleyball state finals in 1992, '94 and '95, while reaching the semifinals in 1993... In 1992, the volleyball team logged a state-record 61 wins versus just eight losses.

### Personal

Full name is Kelly Christine Freeman... Daughter of Rod and Dinah Freeman... Born on January 29, 1978, in Nashville, Tenn.... Has two younger brothers, Bobby and Richard... Mom and Dad are Vanderbilt alums... Father played basketball for the Commodores from 1969-73 and then for the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers from 1973-74, while her uncle, Greg Freeman, hooped at Alabama from 1972-75... Hobbies include church, water skiing, rollerblading, drawing, camping, traveling and sleeping... Sees her AAU Coach, Rick Insell, as a role model, crediting him for "helping her become the basketball player she is today..."... Developed her passion for the game from her father... Signed her National Letter of Intent within minutes after Coach Ross extended the scholarship offer... Majoring in Physical Therapy.

# #33 Talatha Bingham

## 5-8 Sophomore Guard/Forward

### Pearl, Miss.

Talatha (ta-LAY-tha) Bingham is one of the Lady Gators primary three-point shooters and top defenders... Returning starter at the '3-guard' position... Like most three-point shooters, Bingham was a bit streaky during her first season, but got hot in a hurry... Remained in Gainesville during the summer along with several of her teammates to work on strength and conditioning... Squats a team-best 215 pounds.

#### As a Sophomore (1996-97)

Recorded a career-high 18 points behind a career-best six 3-pointers in the NCAA first round win over Florida International... Scored in every game this season except the SEC Tournament quarterfinal win vs. Vanderbilt, and in the process had her streak of 43 consecutive scoring games snapped (has scored in all but two games in her career). The following evening in the SEC semifinal upset win over Alabama, she responded with a career-high 16 points and her fourth 3-pointer of the game established a new UF **single season record from behind the arc**... contributed five 3-pointers against Alabama in the regular season, tying a career-high with 15 points... in UF's last five games of the regular season, she averaged 9.6 points, while shooting 13-of-33 (39.4%) from the 3-point arc... has been the team's top 3-point shooter this season... has hit at least one 3-pointer in all but seven games this year, and at least one in all but 13 games during her career... had her streak of 26 consecutive starting assignments end against Georgetown but rejoined the lineup three games later and started the next 13 games until coming off the bench again at Ole Miss, when she contributed a team-high 14 points... usually defends opponent's top offensive player... named to the State Farm/Lady Gator Classic all-tournament team, the first such honor of her career.

#### As a Freshman (1995-96)

Already sixth on UF's all-time three-point list, connecting on 48 her rookie season.... Her three-point goal percentage (28.9%) was 10th-highest among all Southeastern Conference shooters and best among the league's freshmen... Upheld the Lady Gators tradition of freshmen starters, beginning 21 of Florida's 30 games, including the season opener against Appalachian State, until senior Crystal Parker assumed the job the following night... Reemerged in the starting rotation at

the Woodlands Plaza Classic in Arizona versus Virginia Tech (Dec. 20) and did not miss a start after... Played all 40 minutes in the 72-61 loss to No. 2 Georgia (Jan. 25)... Tallied 14 three-point buckets over a four-game span in January... Had perhaps her finest outing against South Carolina (Jan. 14), where she collected the first double-double of her career with 15 points (on five three-point shots) and 12 rebounds, but more importantly was responsible for defending Shannon Johnson, the league's leading scorer, who sizzled in the first eight minutes of the game, tallying USC's first 16 points. Bingham settled, shut down Johnson for the remainder of the half and held her under her average.

#### High School

*USA Today* Honorable Mention All-America and first team All-State honoree by *Clarion Ledger*... Also named the Jackson Metro Player of the Year by *Clarion Ledger*... Scored 1,604 career points at Pearl High School... Averaged 19.5 ppg., 7.9 rpg, 3.4 spg. and 2.4 apg... Selected to both the Mississippi-Alabama and Mississippi North-South all-star games... Claimed 1995 District Championship before losing in the first round of 5A State Tournament, posting a final record of 22-13... Scored 15.6 ppg. during her junior season as team won state 5A Championship... Scored a career-high 39 points versus Greenwood HS during senior season... Rehabilitated from ACL knee surgery between junior and senior seasons... Also played softball, soccer and volleyball.

#### Personal

Full name is Talatha Rochelle Bingham... Daughter of Charles and Barbara Bingham... Born on September 1, 1977, in Pearl, Miss... One of three Lady Gators from the state of Mississippi, in addition to coaches Ross and Aldy, who also hail from the Magnolia State... Father played basketball at Jackson State University... Student Council President and Homecoming Queen... Voted into high school Hall of Fame... Served as volunteer tutor for Pearl Lower Elementary... Earned Certificate in Advance Biology and English II... Enjoys shopping and listening to music... Future ambitions include becoming a physical therapist... Major is Nursing.

# #54 Bea Jacobs

## 6-2 Redshirt Freshman Center

### Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Bea Jacobs compliments the Lady Gators inside game... Strong, physical player with a good presence in the paint... Is a teacher's assistant this semester in a Drug & Alcohol Education class... Discovered by the Florida assistant coaches playing intramural basketball on campus prior to the start of the 1995-96 season and made the Lady Gator team as a walk-on... Broke her foot during the first week of practice and sat out the entire year... Spent the summer at home in Palm Beach Gardens playing in a basketball league and working as a nanny for three young boys... One of two left-handed players on the team, the other being Tiffany Travis

#### **As a Freshman (1996-97)**

The only walk-on on the squad... appeared in both NCAA Championship games... scored the first three points of her collegiate career in the win over North Texas... sees limited action but understands her role, banging with DeLisha Milton and Murriel Page in practice everyday... a sophomore academically.

#### **Prior to Florida**

A 1995 graduate of Palm Beach Gardens High School, Jacobs lettered in three sports: basketball, volleyball and golf... As the four-year starting center, Jacobs guided the Gators to the conference and district championships... Named the team's

Most Valuable Players and Unsung Hero... Earned several all-area academic honors... Earned three letters as a middle blocker on the volleyball team, while collecting all-area honors, as well... Jacobs started both seasons she played on the PBGHS golf team, which was the district runner-up.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Beatrice Sara Jacobs... Daughter of George and Evie Jacobs... Born on January 4, 1977, in Boston, Mass.... Has three older brothers, Greg, Matt and Doug... Traveled to Japan for a week while participating in a student exchange program in high school... Most memorable moment in her athletic career was playing in the district golf tournament during her senior season at PBGHS, "I forgot my shoes so I played barefoot and my feet turned green for days because of the fertilizer. I also played my best 18 holes ever!" ... Contemplating a career as a lawyer... Major is Accounting.

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#### ***On the Roster at one time....***

##### **Akita Heatly**

Freshman point guard Akita (uh-KEY-ta) Heatly appeared in the 1996-97 media guide, however due to personal reasons, decided not to play this season.

##### **Jen Robitaille**

Sophomore walk-on **Jen Robitaille** (ROW-ba-tie) of Sabattus, Maine, has decided not to continue playing with the Lady Gators. An excellent student, Robitaille already has commitments with the Navy ROTC on campus and is "worn out" trying to juggle all three aspects. She played one minute vs. Florida State, scoring one point with one rebound. On Nov. 9, after a two week tryout, head coach Carol Ross and her staff invited Robitaille to join the team. Robitaille averaged 19.8 points, 9.9 rebounds and 3.9 steals her senior season at Oak Hill High School, where she shot 51 percent from the field. She was named third team all-state by the Sun Journal in 1995. Robitaille also earned 1995 Academic All-State honors.

##### **Tonya Washington**

The 5-11 freshman from Paxton, Fla., is spending her inaugural collegiate season concentrating on academics... she is eligible to practice with the team but will not travel or suit-up this season... she is phenomenal in practice!... see page 39 of the UF media guide for more info.