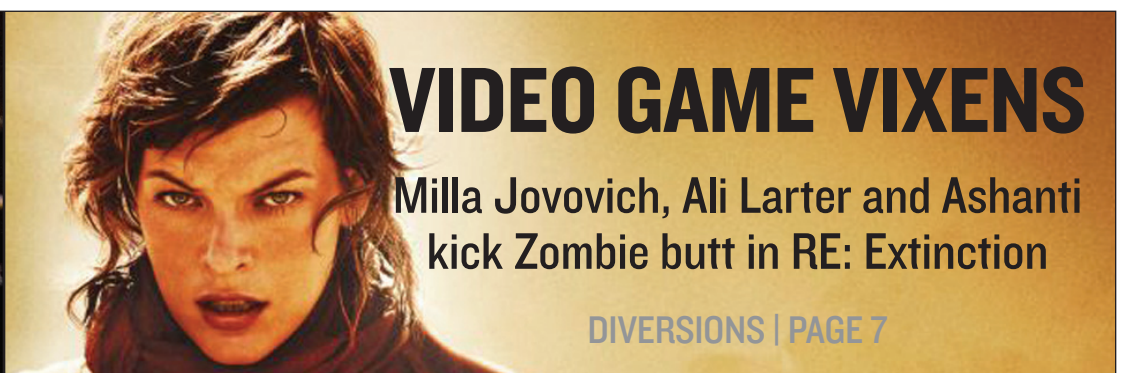




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## U. Police face officer shortage

### Vacancies reach 23 percent; low pay, overtime cited

By Steven Overly  
*Staff writer*

University Police officers are leaving the department for higher salaries and less mandatory overtime at neighboring departments, leaving fewer officers to patrol the streets, police say.

As the Fraternal Order of Police, a union representing lower-ranking officers, negotiates a new contract with the university, University Police Lt. Efrén Diaz said the FOP is seeking more leeway with scheduling and competitive wages to keep officers on the force.

Diaz said the university spends tens of thousands of dollars and anywhere from 12 to 18 months on each officer-in-training, but that investment yields little or no return if they leave the department for another agency.

"We just need our department to get competitive with those agencies because we are losing many qualified officers," said Diaz, the FOP

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## TAs say workload too heavy

### Work week often balloons past 20 hours

By LINDSAY KALTER  
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Whenever his students take an exam, teaching assistant Jeremy Best dedicates 20 to 30 additional hours to his normal working week, grading and grading.

With each collegiate exam come additional stress and temporary social restrictions to the lives of nearly all undergraduate students. But when graduate students such as Best devote extra time to exams that are not even their own, they often spend up to 40 hours on teaching responsibilities alone while still conducting research, taking their own exams and working jobs on the side.

"I don't resent the time I'm asked to give. It's just difficult," Best said. "I worry that sometimes the teaching suffers because I don't have time to give it everything I'd like to."

Meanwhile, many graduate students arrive at the university with the expectation that they will only be working 20 hours each week for teaching assistant duties and getting paid enough to afford adequate housing, particularly at Graduate Gardens and Graduate Hills, the

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## University scraps *Strongest Man*

By NATHAN COHEN  
*Staff writer*

The pilot for a new weightlifting television show, set to star students on this campus, has been scrapped.

After months of discussions, university administrators refused to sign the proposed contract with IMG Media because they said the show, called *Strongest Man on Campus*, was inconsistent with university values.

### Producers had planned to produce ESPN show on Mall

The upcoming show is modeled after *World's Strongest Man*, broadcast on ESPN and also produced by TWI, an IMG Media company, where strong-armed competitors try to pull off tasks such as using a rope to harness a jetliner and carrying around stacked refrigerators.

University Spokesman Millree Williams said by the time that con-

tract was handed to them earlier this week, the show "really had no program on campus willing to sponsor [the pilot]."

"The show does not meet with the strength-building principles taught by the recreation program," said Williams.

"It is our understanding that they had approached other ACC schools,

and the same concerns about strength-building principles were expressed," he later said.

Williams said there weren't any strong advocates — with the exception of students — who wanted to see the pilot on the campus.

The pilot, which according to the

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Engineering professor Uzi Vishkin has built a personal computer that uses "parallel processing" — a multi-tasking technique that increases speeds exponentially.

## Chipping away at a revolution

### Engineering prof's single-chip computer is 100 times faster than most models

By ALEX RUSH  
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Tucked away in a lab in the A.V. Williams building on campus is a four-square-centimeter computer chip. Despite its chaotic appearance — with several exposed wires and countless other microscopic parts — it is a single-chip computer developed by university professors who say it represents the future of computing.

Uzi Vishkin, 54, a professor at the A. James Clark School of Engineering, and his team of 12 completed this prototype known as the Explicit Multi-Threading (XMT) computer in December after nine years of work. It is intended for personal use and able to work 100 times faster than typical desktops.

Vishkin said he has imagined programs that with XMT will

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Vishkin holds the chip that he said could bring a new era of supercomputing.

## Students say Jena, La., protests hit close to home

By SAMIA BADIH  
*For the Diamondback*

College students from schools throughout the country took to the streets of Jena, La., yesterday to decry the racially charged case of six black teens accused of beating a white high school student.

On this campus, students showed similar unity in calling for an end to racism, wearing shades of green and black in a show of support for the teens, five of whom were charged as adults with attempted murder. The teens' charges were

brought after months of racial tension at the tiny Louisiana town's high school, where students hung three nooses from a schoolyard tree after black students questioned why only white students gathered there.

The incident was brought particularly close to home after a noose was hung from a tree outside the Nyumburu Cultural Center, sparking debate about the depth of racial divisions on this campus. Yesterday, students at the Nyumburu-sponsored Juke Joint hip-hop show, many of whom wore "Free the Jena 6" pins, expressed disgust similar to that of protesters nationwide.

"Jena 6 should not be happening," said Earl Schaffer, a junior English major who helped organize the event. "But that just shows we live in a racist society, and things are not going to change unless we change it."

In Louisiana, the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton were surrounded by college students who rode buses to the town. Many expressed outrage that after the nooses appeared in the tree, three white students faced only suspensions from school and not criminal charges for the incident.

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