



# Students protest policies on homelessness

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On Wednesday afternoon, a band of protesters filtered in through the back door of UF's administration building and swiftly moved to their objective: 226 Tigert Hall, the Office of the President.

The protesters were mostly UF undergraduates led by the instructor of their Sociology of Religion class, graduate student David Reznik.

They were armed with colorful signs and about 400 student signatures on a petition.

They were on a mission to persuade the university's administrators to do more for the homeless in Gainesville.

Reznik gave the students in his class a choice this semester: try to change the UF administration's position on helping Gainesville's homeless population or continue with the course's regular assignments. About half chose the hands-on project.

When nine of the protesters entered the poinsettia-garnished lobby of UF President Bernie Machen's office unannounced on Wednesday, they were not asked to leave, but rather to wait.

After about three minutes, a neatly dressed woman came out to meet them.

"I'm Beth Boone, President Machen's executive assistant," she said.

The protest leader stepped forward.

**"There's no direct tie-in to the community at UF."**

**David Reznik**  
graduate student

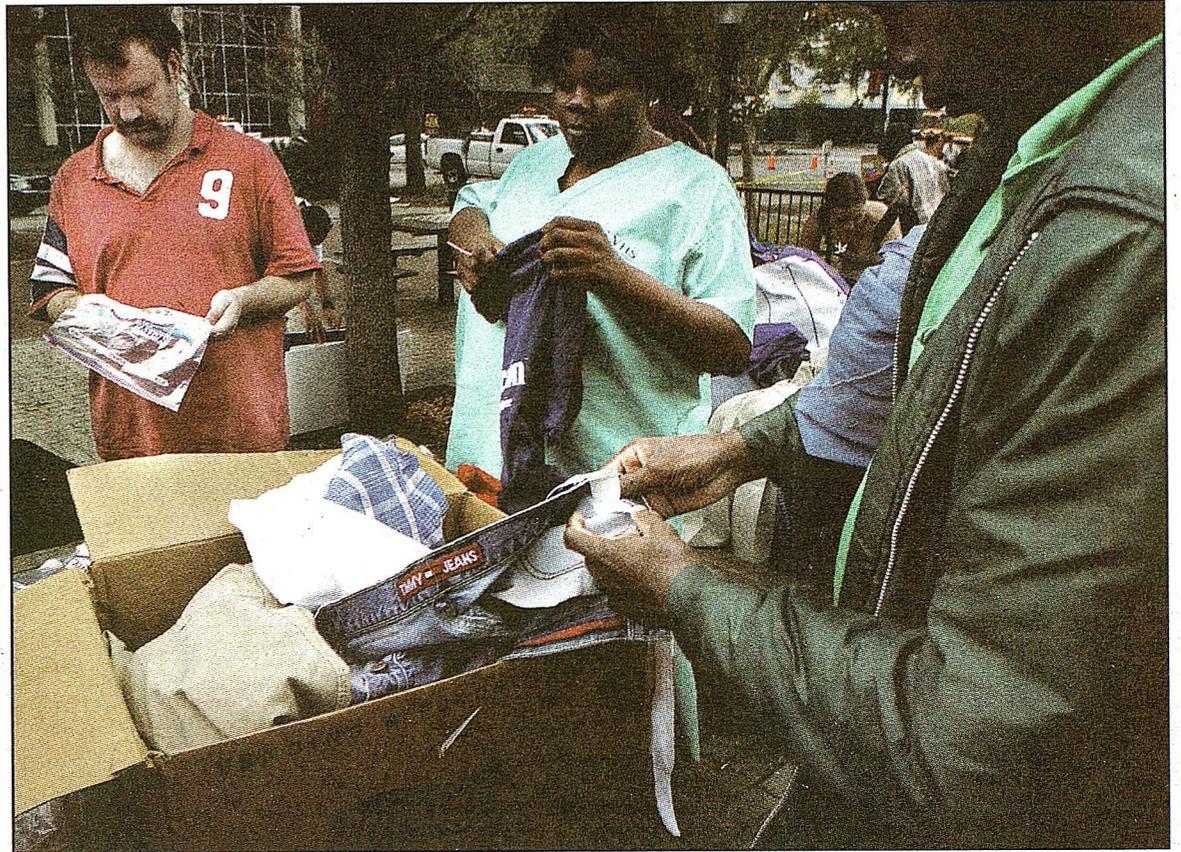
"I'm David Reznik, a Ph.D. student in sociology. ... These are my students and colleagues," he said.

Boone remained silent. Reznik began explaining why he and his students had come.

"There's no direct tie-in to the community at UF," Reznik said. "There's no sense of community responsibility. ... Instead of a symbiotic relationship with Gainesville, UF has a parasitic relationship."

In a two-minute monologue, Reznik told Boone that UF's administration should have new students tour local homeless shelters, increase the university's participation in the city's plan to end homelessness and

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Jeremiah Wilson / Alligator

Local homeless people sift through boxes of clothes Wednesday afternoon on the Downtown Plaza. The clothes and hygiene products were brought by a class of UF students, led by their instructor.

## SG opposes 'minus' grades

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Student leaders are giving poor marks to a proposed grading scale that would bring "minus" grades to UF.

The system, which is due to be voted on Dec. 14 by the Faculty Senate, would be instated by next Fall. But student senators recently passed a resolution to oppose a system with minus grades, which one official said is "clearly not in the students' best interest."

Senate President Josh Weiss wrote the resolution to oppose the grading system. He cited several key problems that he sees developing if minus grades are instated.

Weiss said the change would affect students'

admission into prestigious graduate schools.

It might also affect their chances of earning and maintaining scholarships, he said. Faculty Senate President Danaya Wright, who discussed the system's potential benefits with student senators last week, could not be reached for comment.



Weiss

"It's going to hurt (students') academic competitiveness," Weiss said. "It's going to hurt their ability to get into graduate school and find competitive jobs, and that's something I won't let happen."

But Sen. Pedro Morales, who is also a teaching assistant in UF's computer science department,

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## Student debates on Fox

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"Do you love the Lord?" locals asked strangers who visited the Dixie County Courthouse on Wednesday.

Daniel Morgan drove about an hour west of Gainesville to Cross City, the seat of Dixie County, to argue against the courthouse's six-ton monument bearing the Ten Commandments on a segment of the Fox News program "Hannity & Colmes."

Morgan, a UF chemistry graduate student who is president of UF's Atheist, Agnostic and Freethinking Student Association at UF, said Fox News called him at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and asked him to come to the debate.

When introducing the segment, Hannity accused him of coming to Cross City to find someone who would sue the city over the monument. Morgan said that he hadn't and that he had never been

to Dixie County before he was invited by Fox News.

He said he was thrilled to be invited.

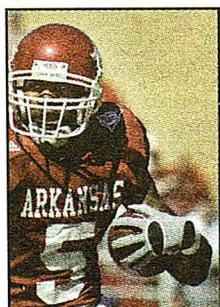
"They offered me a ride, and I said I didn't need one because I was afraid he would get someone else to go (who didn't need a ride)," he said.

Morgan, who speaks with a Southern drawl, comes from Richlands, Va., a town of about 4,000 people.

His opponent was former coun-

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Arkansas tailback Darren McFadden has run rampant over opposing defenses all season. Now, the SEC's leading rusher clashes with UF, the conference's No. 1 run defense. See story, pg. 24.



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Northbound lanes on Interstate 75 closed for an hour Wednesday after a multicar accident involving an SFCC student resulted in an oil spill — but no injuries. See story, pg. 4.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Craft Goody Bag Fundraiser

Reitz Union Colonnade, 10 a.m.  
Premed American Medical Student Association sells goody bags to raise money for pediatric patients at Mater Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Peace Corps Info Session

Apartment Hunters, 1402 W. University Ave., 6 p.m.  
The campus recruiter will be giving a session about Peace Corps and how to apply. Students applying during Winter Break could be helping communities in another country by the summer.

### HPV Forum

Florida Gym, 7 p.m.  
Student Government holds a forum discussing human papillomavirus and the new vaccine.

### Dance Marathon Meeting

CSE Building, 7 p.m.  
Dance Marathon Overall Team holds meeting to discuss fundraising and rules.

### Conflict Diamonds Speaker

Rinker 110, 8 p.m.  
Greg Campbell, the author of the novel "Blood Diamonds," in which he wrote about his travels to Sierra Leone, speaks.

### Vox Party

Reitz Union First Floor Lobby, 8 p.m.  
Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood holds celebration of the semester's accomplishments and plans for next semester.

### Orchestra Concert

University Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
UF School of Music presents the concert.

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## FUNDRAISING

### Event aids mission trips

Fundraising was set to music Wednesday night at the first-ever GatorAid.

The event, hosted by UF organization Heal the World, attracted bands statewide.

Fifty percent of the profits will be sent to the American Cancer Society, and the other half will go directly to helping fund the organization's international medical and service mission trips.

These mission trips are the primary focus of Heal the World, an organization started on campus last semester.

"We are just now getting it up and running," said Issa Issa, public relations chair. "Our goal is to fund students on every type of mission trip."

Featured bands included Daniel Aguel with members of The Chris McCarty Band,

Gainesville's Katie Caulfield and Orlando band Mark and James.

Donations were collected on top of the \$7 admission fee, and raffles were drawn throughout the night. Donors included Target Copy and Starbucks. Other prizes included movie tickets and restaurant coupons.

Funding for upcoming trips to Jamaica and Honduras has been the organization's main problem, which is why events like GatorAid are so important.

"Ultimately what's important is increasing awareness of global health issues," Heal the World President Natasha Irani said.

— LAUREN SACHS

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# GPD arrests UF professor

■ UF WON'T TAKE ACTION UNLESS BATTERY CHARGE AFFECTS WORK.

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A UF public relations assistant professor was charged with domestic battery after a UF student with whom he was in a relationship reported he hit her, according to police.

Belio Antonio Martinez, who lives in Madison Pointe Apartments, was arrested Sunday at about 6:30 p.m. after an argument with the student at her house, the report states.

The pair had been in a relationship for three years, the report stated. The 24-year-old female student, who wished to remain unnamed, is not enrolled in any classes taught by Martinez.

According to the report, "The victim had

informed the defendant that she did not want to be in a relationship with him anymore."

The student said Martinez grabbed her arm and pulled her into the room to sit on the bed.

"Once in the bedroom, the defendant slapped the victim with an open hand across the right side of her face," the report stated.

She had a swollen right eye and a bloody nose for a short time, the report states.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said UF has no written policy against professors dating students.

"In a situation where there may be charges against an employee, the university wouldn't take action unless the charges affected their job duties," he said.

Orlando and Spiro Kiouis, the public relations department chairman, said they were unaware that Martinez was arrested Sunday.

## Public Safety

## ON CAMPUS

# Homeless man remembered

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His name was Gregory Ehlke, but those who knew him called him Greg.

Ehlke, 55, was found dead on the southwest edge of campus Tuesday morning.

When Oak Park Baptist Church volunteer Donald Cayce found the homeless man in a makeshift tent, his shoes were off, and he appeared to be sleeping.

University Police Department investigator Lt. Darren Baxley said he is waiting on the toxicology report to know the cause of death.

Cayce said Ehlke had been living in the Surge Wetland Area near the 2700 block of Southwest Archer Road for about three years. Cayce used to pick him up on Sundays to take him to church.

Ehlke was a quiet person. In the six years that pastor Danny Austin knew him, he never talked about his family. No one knew when he became homeless or why.

But Austin said Ehlke would offer his

second tent to people who needed a place to stay.

"He was a kindhearted person," he said.

Ehlke had different jobs, but never kept one. He was about 5 feet 10 inches tall, had blue eyes, and although he was 55, he looked like he was 70, Cayce said.

His health deteriorated after he had an accident while riding his red, 21-speed bicycle about six months ago. After the accident, he had to use a cane to walk.

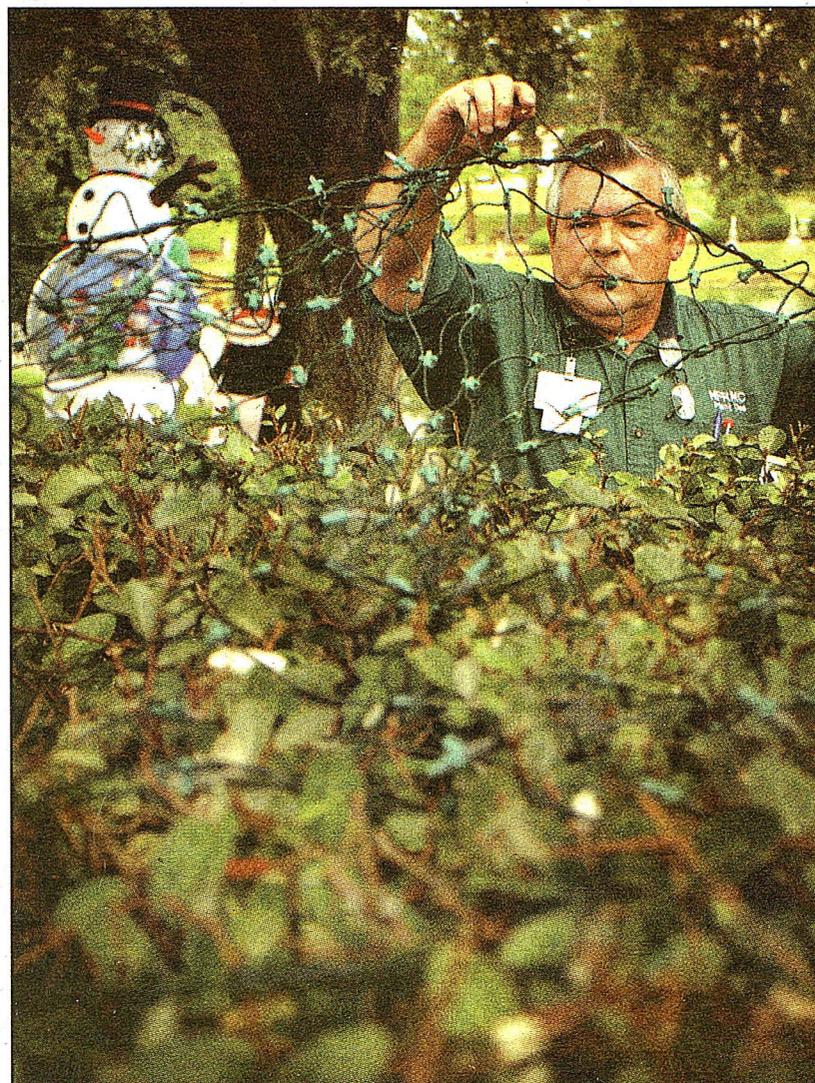
"He was a kindhearted person."

Danny Austin  
Ehlke's pastor

He went to the emergency room on Saturday for undisclosed reasons, and he called Cayce to pick him up because he couldn't walk.

Though Ehlke was sick, he preferred to stay in his campsite. Cayce offered help, but he refused it.

"I didn't know his time was so short," Cayce said.



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## Spreading holiday cheer

Bill Cox drapes Christmas lights on bushes Thursday outside North Florida Regional Medical Center, a hospital on Newberry Road, despite unfavorable weather conditions. The Plant Operations worker was preparing for the hospital's annual Christmas lighting ceremony scheduled for Friday. The event will showcase landscaping covered in 50,000 lights for the holiday season.

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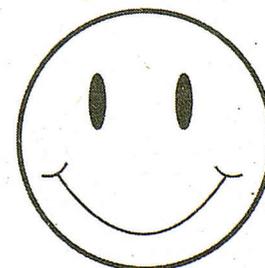


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# Multicar accident leads to oil spill, backups on I-75

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Audrey Couprie said one of the worst parts of losing "Baby" was the smell.

"I've been smelling it all day," she said. "There was a lot of smoke, and there was this stinky, ugly, burnt smell."

The odor came from the air bag of her car, which she calls Baby, after it crashed into another car Wednesday morning on Interstate 75.

The accident caused an oil spill that closed all northbound lanes of the highway for about an hour.

Couprie, an SFCC sophomore, was heading to her public speaking class to hand in a take-home exam when she merged onto the highway from the Archer Road ramp.

According to the accident report, her green Ford Escort lost traction on the rain-soaked road and spun around completely. Other cars roared by at 70 mph as she sat in her car facing the wrong way.

"I was like 'uh-oh.' I thought that

"There was a lot of smoke, and there was this stinky, ugly, burnt smell."

**Audrey Couprie**  
SFCC sophomore

was the end," she said.

She covered her face as another car, driven by 60-year-old Thomas Fielder of Michigan, crashed into her front end, totaling the car. According to the report, the accident racked up about \$18,000 in damage.

Other drivers who witnessed the accident stopped to tend to the dazed drivers.

"She got out, and she kind of stumbled," said Gayle Mohler, who called 911 and tended to Couprie after seeing the accident. "We were concerned she was going to wander into oncoming traffic."

Besides a few cuts and bruises, neither driver was injured.

Oil glogged and burped from the crashed cars onto the highway, causing every northbound lane on I-75 to shut down from about 9 to 10 a.m.

Florida Department of Transportation spokeswoman Gina Busscher said maintenance crews poured about 200 gallons of sand to keep cars from losing traction on the spill. A maintenance crew member told Busscher the oil stretched about the length of a football field.

Couprie said she felt incredibly lucky to be alive and said the accident was just another mishap in a week filled with stress leading up to her final exams.

"This is the cherry on top of a bad cake," she said.

## Student senator: Minus grades won't harm students' GPAs overall

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said he believes the minus system would help students more than hurt them.

"In the business of giving out grades, the minus system allows me to reward (students) with an A-minus rather than punishing them with a B-plus," he said.

But Aimee Collins-Mandeville, a UF student who started a petition against the grading scale, said she's concerned that students haven't been involved in decision-making processes that began in February.

Collins-Mandeville said she decided to start the petition after her Facebook.com group, "Say No to Minus Grades!" reached 2,000 members four days after she created it.

"I wanted a way for the Faculty Senate to see how many people oppose the change," Collins-Mandeville said.

### UF Academics

Sen. Pree Silva, who voted against the Senate resolution, said she thinks faculty will implement the grades regardless of what students think.

"Plus grades were implemented just a few

years back, so it was bound to happen that they would implement minus grades," Silva said.

She added that she doesn't think most students' GPAs would be affected very much, because they reflect overall performance, not how well students do in one or two classes.

"Everyone sees the student who's getting hurt, not the one who'll benefit," she said.

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## Students march down University Ave.

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donate more university property and resources to charitable causes.

Reznik handed the petition to Boone and exited the building with his fellow protesters.

They gathered in the parking lot behind Tigert Hall. They were about to execute the next step in their class project: a march down University Avenue to the Downtown Plaza, where they would distribute clothes and other items to some of Gainesville's homeless.

Reznik said he didn't plan to lead a protest against UF's administration at the start of the semester but saw in his students' writing assignments that they wanted "more practical exercises."

Although the group had dwindled down to five for the mile-long walk downtown, their signs with slogans like, "We're leeches right now," turned heads along the way.

One of Reznik's students delivered the donated items to the plaza by car. Within minutes, hundreds of articles of clothing, shoes and prepared Ziploc bags containing soap, shampoo,

deodorant, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a disposable razor and tissues were snapped up by a crowd of homeless and impoverished residents.

Some items were especially sought after.

"Oh, shit! That's the good shit!" one woman shouted as she discovered a bag of lotion, perfume and cologne.

Ron Mabry, 48, has been living homeless in Gainesville for six months. He said personal hygiene supplies were sometimes just as valuable as warm clothing, even during the winter months, because looks matter.

Mabry said student groups are doing their share, but he said UF's administration is not doing as much as it could to help.

"If the university puts as much into helping as they put into things like sports, they'd get a lot more back," he said.

Steve Orlando, UF's spokesman, said the UF administration takes its role in the city and county's joint 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness seriously. In an e-mail, Orlando wrote that the UF president's office has given at least \$10,000 each year for the past three years to local food banks.

### On Campus

## Atheist student irks supporters

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ty attorney Joey Lander. Lander is one of two lawyers in Cross City, a town of about 1,775 people and at least 20 churches.

Lander said the community supports the monument and the media is making an issue out of nothing.

The \$20,000 monument, which also bears the phrase "Love God and keep his commandments," was given to the city by a private donor.

"It's already there, and it's not meant to coerce or endorse any particular religion," Lander said.

Lander is half-owner of the daily newspaper, which he said had only received calls in support of the monument. The one complaint the newspaper received was an editorial from a Gainesville resident.

Each man had about two minutes to present his interpretation of the First Amendment and the legal

and philosophical implications of the monument before the satellite link was disrupted and the interview came to an early end.

Morgan argued that legal precedent demonstrated that a religious monument on government property is unconstitutional.

"It's already there, and it's not meant to coerce or endorse any particular religion."

**Joey Lander**  
former county attorney

A crowd of 20 people gathered before the event, and many argued in favor of the importance of Jesus and the monument to their community.

The group was irked by the presence of Morgan and the Fox News cameramen.

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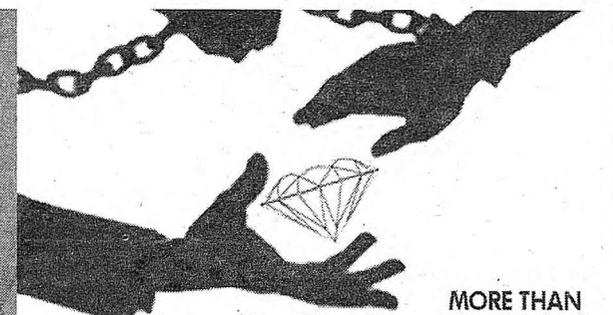
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## Editorial

# What survey?

## SG resolution violates students' trust

Did you take Student Body President John Boyles' tuition survey? If you did, you were wasting your time. After months of hemming and hawing, it seems Student Government has finally made up its mind about tuition hikes — without so much as releasing the survey's results.

Boyles and SG lobby coordinator Jason Lutin, not to mention the Student Senate, support the administration's Academic Enhancement Program, a \$1,000 charge for incoming freshmen. That's fine — we disagree, but it's a free country. SG can do what it wants.

We're puzzled, though. Why did Boyles commission a survey on tuition if he planned to support the new charges anyway? What's the point of asking students what they think if you make a decision before they finish telling you? It boggles the mind.

Sure, the plan isn't technically a tuition hike. Why? Because UF President Bernie Machen says so. He calls it a "charge," a "program" — anything but the dreaded T-word.

But if the Legislature approves it next Spring, freshmen will have to pay up or drop their classes. Sorry, but that's tuition any way you slice it — which is why SG should be ashamed of itself.

Instead of coming clean about their support for tuition hikes, Boyles, Lutin and the rest would rather pretend Machen's Academic Enhancement Program is something else altogether. Of course, we're not surprised. From the beginning, SG's handling of the tuition debate has been inept, irresponsible and dishonest.

First, the Swamp Party tried to duck the issue completely — instead of talking tuition, they focused on free printing and covered bus stops. Then came "fair tuition," a position so vague and meaningless that no one knew what it meant, even within SG.

And then, of course, we had Boyles' survey. At the time, we criticized SG for not taking a stand on its own — but Tuesday's Student Senate resolution in support of Machen's \$1,000 charge isn't quite what we had in mind when we called for more leadership.

Reasonable people can disagree over the merits of the Academic Enhancement Program. But even the administration admits that it's tuition by another name, a strategy to convince the Legislature to sign off on new student charges without dipping into the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program or the Florida Prepaid College Plan.

Everybody knows that. Everybody but the Student Senate, apparently.

Justin Bell, chair of SG's Tuition Task Force Committee, said, "I thought it was designed to find a way to increase tuition without actually increasing tuition" — he's right, it was — "but this program is really designed in better interest of the student body."

Hang on a second, Justin. If a \$1,000-a-year tuition hike is good for students — and maybe it is — SG should support it. Period. But don't pretend Machen's charge isn't tuition. Don't insult our intelligence. And definitely don't commission a survey if you don't care what the results say.

Like most relationships, the one between SG and the student body depends on trust. Unfortunately, the Student Senate's recent decision gives us little reason to trust anyone in SG. Think about it — the next time Boyles, Lutin or anyone from the Swamp Party says he wants to know what you think, will you believe him?

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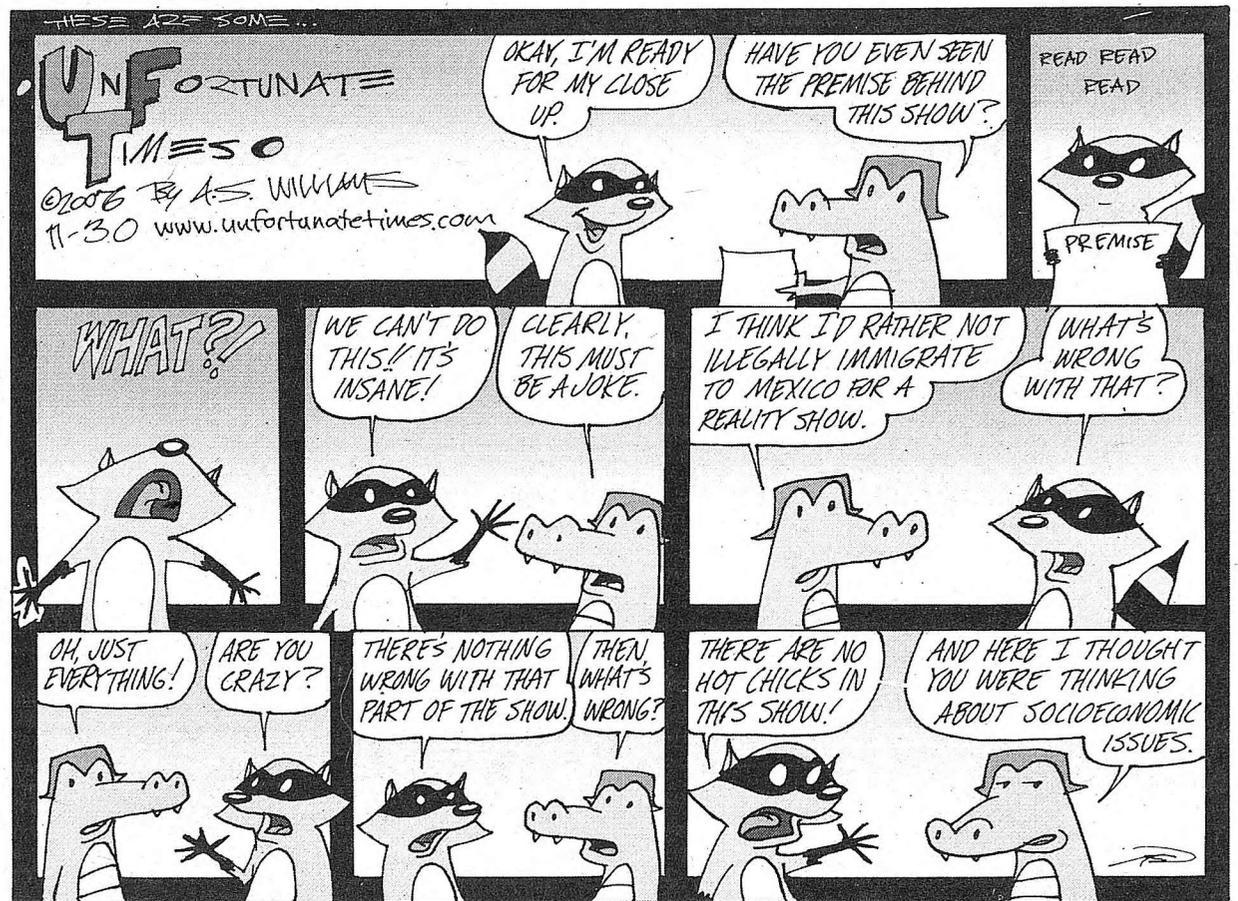
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## Column

## Traffic laws exist for a reason, people

My friend Alex from the Georgia Institute of Technology was in town recently, and we got together with a few kids from high school to have lunch.

As we left the neighborhood, Alex asked whether he should turn left or right. You could go either way, so I hesitated for a second, first saying right, then left. He made the turn and we headed toward an intersection where we would get onto 34th Street.

When we got to the light, it had been green for awhile. Alex slowed to make the right turn just as a dark red Honda Civic shot down 34th Street doing at least 60 mph.

It took a couple of seconds to process. Our light had been green for so long we didn't even know if we'd make it in time. So the driver of the Civic had consciously decided to go through a light that had been red for a minute or more.

He didn't honk — there was no emergency. As Alex slammed on the brakes and the red car passed within a few feet of ours, I thought about the seconds it took for me to hesitate while giving directions.

Where I was sitting in the car, I would have been struck first, fiberglass and steel crunching into my body. I don't imagine I would have survived.

We all speed a little, or push it to make a yellow light. But what I've seen in Gainesville recently has been insane and getting worse.

I've seen 14 cars go through two left turn lanes on Archer Road — not after their arrows turned red, but after my light had turned green.

Once, I finally saw someone get pulled over for running a red light. Not 15 seconds later, someone sitting



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at a red arrow made a U-turn. He had come to a full stop at a red light but decided he wouldn't wait for a green one.

Another time, I was in the front of the line at another turn arrow when the driver behind me made a U-turn over the median.

A friend of mine was in an accident recently because someone ran a red light. My friends and I came very close to a horrific accident of our own. I'm sure many UF students and Gainesville residents have similar stories. It's getting out of control.

This isn't downtown on a Friday night or a deserted neighborhood at 2 a.m. Those situations aren't excusable either, but the examples I just listed were all in the middle of a weekday with plenty of normal traffic around.

People are losing respect for traffic laws, and the solution is simple. First, cops need to crack down. I've never seen a policeman allow someone to run a light in front of them, but the problem is such that active measures need to be taken.

Second, drivers need to put things in perspective. Stopping at a red light might add a minute to your arrival time — or it might not.

Nothing is so important that getting there a minute earlier is worth risking injury or death to yourself or someone else.

Patrick Barrett is a Russian junior. His column appears on Thursdays.

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

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Has the violence in Iraq become a civil war?

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Letter to the Editor

Test fees hurt middle class

A month ago, I paid \$130 to spend my Saturday morning taking the GRE general test. Two weeks ago, I dropped the same amount to take a GRE subject test.

Now the Educational Testing Service, the private corporation that administers the GRE, tells me I have to spend \$15 each time I want to receive credit for the tests I already spent almost \$300 to take. In fact, it costs \$6 simply to call the company, and another \$10 to be told my score.

The administration of admissions tests by private companies, and the exorbitant fees they charge represent yet another morally reprehensible barrier to educational equality in the United States.

Combined with ever-escalating tuition, hidden fees such as these ensure that the highest levels of American education will remain difficult to access for our less wealthy citizens.

Michael Stadler  
4LS

Column

Alligator must do more to cover Greek events

If the Alligator newsroom is biased against the Greek community, then at least it hasn't hamstrung its hiring practices. It gave me, a Sig Ep, a job.

But whether the Alligator is really biased is a moot point. Perception is reality. Overwhelming numbers of students perceive the paper's coverage of fraternity and sorority affairs as spotty, selective and skewed. During a past semester, Greeks banded together to boycott the Alligator.

Despite such sentiments, Alligator staff has done little to set the record straight or reach out to the Greek community.

With finals and end-of-year turnover around the corner, it may be too late this semester. But the incoming editors and Spring staff need to take substantive steps toward repairing this relationship.

For starters, they need to hire a Greek reporter. The problem in the past has been finding a Greek-savvy non-Greek — someone without a conflict of interest — to cover Greek affairs.

The editors need to try harder. In the meantime, I recommend staffing a Greek advocate to write weekly "What's happening" columns and to advise the paper on stories where an independent, objective reporter is a must.

Earlier this month, at the Alligator readership forum, someone asked why the paper ignored so many philanthropies. An editor responded that because the Alligator couldn't possibly guarantee equal coverage across chapters, reporting on one while overlooking another would be unfair. That's bad policy.

The same editor knew beforehand about Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority's philanthropy in support of breast cancer research, but declined to run an article about it. Zeta line dance director Danielle Gaudet said the event raised more than \$23,000. That kind of money isn't Greek news. It's news, period.

In its defense, the paper often doesn't get press releases from fraternities or sororities. As one editor



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suggested, the sour relationship has done little to keep lines of communication open.

The editorial board bears some blame for the bad blood. It's always associated Greeks with "dirty politics," namely their efforts at voter mobilization and large representation in Student Government.

But if your friend was running for something, wouldn't you head out to the polls? Why then not for your sorority sister or fraternity brother?

In crime stories, a suspect's affiliation with a Greek organization may or may not be relevant. When misconduct happens at a fraternity house or sorority event, that's one thing. But implicating a whole chapter for one individual's

actions is another.

In the opening sentence of a March 27, 2005, article on a sexual battery case, a suspect was identified as "a UF fraternity member." The suspect was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, but the alleged incident took place in an apartment complex and didn't involve fellow members or follow any fraternal event.

Often what's regarded as specifically Greek news, such as service drives and new-member recruitment, is of value to the campus at large. Each semester, wide-eyed freshmen attend Rush Week, filled with questions their newspaper could help answer.

Greeks are Gators, and their life is campus life. Greeks should make a greater effort to publicize their news, and the Alligator should make a greater effort to publish it. A good newspaper represents, reports and responds to its readers — all of them.

Mike Jayne is a journalism and political science senior. His column appears as needed.

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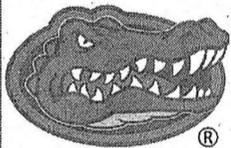
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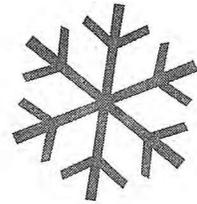
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■ Ever wonder what winter on the farm was like around the turn of the 20th century? Check out Dudley Farm's 16th annual Cane Day, a free celebration of sugary proportions. See story, pg. 14.

## theater

# Two Christmas plays premiere at Hipp

By **CARLY BLUSTEIN**  
Avenue Writer

Christmas would simply not be Christmas without candy canes, mistletoe, egg-nog and the annual holiday plays at the Hippodrome Theatre, "A Christmas Carol" and "A Tuna Christmas."

"A Christmas Carol," adapted by Mary Hausch from Charles Dickens' timeless story, celebrates its 29th year as a holiday tradition at the Hipp.

Directed by Sara Morsey, the local version astounds its audience each time as the spellbinding cast tells the classic story of love and redemption.

Unforgettable performances include Rusty Salling as Ebenezer Scrooge, Gregory Jones as the ghost of Jacob Marley and Cameron Francis as Bob Cratchit.

Although the play is short — it runs slightly over one hour — it is just long enough to captivate the audience as Dickens' masterpiece comes to life with dazzling special effects while retaining its original form.

Even if you have seen the show a million times and know the story inside out, you will feel as if you are experiencing the magic for the first time when you see it performed Hipp-style.

"A Tuna Christmas," by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, is quickly becoming a local holiday tradition.

It is celebrating its seventh year on the Hippodrome stage.

The play, produced and directed by Mary Hausch, in-

vites you to step your boots into Tuna, the third-smallest town in Texas.

Lauren Caldwell and Mark Chambers, the show's only actors, deserve endless applause for their performances as various Tuna residents.

Only actors as truly talented and diverse as these two could have nailed their characters right on each time.

Among her many roles throughout the play, Caldwell manages to juggle drastically different characters. These include such characters as Arles Struvie, the smooth-talking male disc jockey at the KKK Radio Station, as compared to Didi Snavelly, the boisterous owner of Didi's Used Weapons, whose motto is, "If we can't kill it, it's immortal."

Meanwhile, Chambers plays just as many female parts as he does male parts.

He is equally impressive playing a loyal housewife desperately wishing for her husband to get out of jail for Christmas, and a ditzy, cowboy-loving waitress at Tastee-Crème who fixes her hair and pushes up her bra before she answers the phone at work with a tantalizing, flirtatious voice: "Tastee-Crème, what can I do ya for?"

"A Tuna Christmas" is not as visually delightful as "A Christmas Carol," as the actors reach for invisible props beneath a weathered orange "Welcome to Tuna" billboard.

But the magic of the theater and the immense talent of the acting duo serve to bring this contemporary holi-



Courtesy of the Hippodrome Theatre

"A Tuna Christmas" is running at the Hippodrome Theatre through Dec. 22.

day story to life.

Despite the fact that "A Tuna Christmas" is a bit on the wacky side, it shares the same themes of love and redemption as "A Christmas Carol."

It even has a Scrooge of its own, nicknamed the Christmas Phantom, who sabotages many of the contestants in a local yard display contest.

Based on the resounding success these plays repeat-

edly produce, it seems the Hippodrome will continue to deliver this Christmas package each year.

It will not be long before these plays are as synonymous with Christmas in Gainesville as 70-degree weather and the Plaza Ice Palace.

Both shows run until Dec. 22. For show times and ticket information, visit the Hippodrome Theatre online at [www.thehipp.org](http://www.thehipp.org).

# Plaza Ice Palace offers outdoor skating

By **KELLY SEREIKAS**  
Avenue Writer

When the temperature dropped and the pond froze, neighborhood kids spent their days ice skating. The boys set up nets and played hockey while the girls imitated Michelle Kwan.

UF psychology senior Andrea Malins remembers spending hours practicing wobbly twirls on her icy backyard pond in Newton, Mass. After skating, she would thaw by the fireplace with hot cocoa. Since she moved to Florida to attend UF, the season hasn't been the same, she said.

Ronald Behringer, adjunct professor of political science at UF, was first exposed to the ice when his mother attached blades to his boots at age 2. Behringer grew up in Brossard, Quebec, where he said people often learn to skate shortly after learning to walk. His favorite memory was spending time on the ice with his father gliding around the rink and dreaming of skating as well as his hero, Wayne Gretzky.

Behringer and Malins will be able to relive their childhood memories when the Plaza Ice Palace opens downtown on Thursday, offering the public the rare chance to ice skate outdoors in Florida. The rink, which is estimated to cost \$150,000, will feature themed events including disco night, family night and punk rock night. There will be a concession stand staffed by

local nonprofit groups, and LifeSouth will also set up a bloodmobile on some days to bolster the blood supply. Entry fee is \$8, and skate rental is \$2. Students can rent skates for free with their student IDs on Mondays.

Behringer thinks it's wonderful that Gainesville will have an ice skating venue, and Malins agreed.

"I love ice skating, and half the appeal is that it reminds me of home," Malins said.

This is the fourth year that the city of Gainesville has provided the Ice Palace, but this year it was a much larger undertaking, said Bill Bryson, the event's coordinator.

## Around Gainesville

In the past, the company that provides the ice rink worked on all of its aspects, from digging its base to laying the ice. This year, Magic Ice USA is providing only the ice rink. Bryson said it was refreshing to see the different elements of city government unify to create the structure to house the rink.

"I'm really impressed with everyone's ability to come together, and grateful," Bryson said.

The Plaza Ice Palace will give transplant Northerners a way to remember their roots and offer a new experience for Floridians who have never skated. It runs through Jan. 1. For more information, visit [www.gvlculturalaffairs.org](http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org).

# Tour exhibits old mansions for holidays

By **JENNIFER PFAFF**  
Avenue Writer

Holidays of Gainesville's past will return to the present Saturday evening with the Matheson Museum's Historic Holiday Homes Tour.

Now in its fourth year, the tour permits visitors to stroll through some of Gainesville's oldest holiday-decorated houses in the Southeast Historic District that were built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This year's eight-house tour of yesterday includes the Matheson House, the Laurel Oak Inn, the Anderson House, the Magnolia Plantation Bed & Breakfast Inn, the Law Offices of Barbarette & Quirk, Sweetwater Branch Inn's Cushman-Colson House, a Cracker-style farmhouse at 304 SE Seventh St. and the Swearingen House, which is under renovation.

"There's not mansions like this anywhere in town, so it's a nice way for everybody to get out and look at these houses," said Cindy Montalto, co-owner of the Magnolia Plantation Bed & Breakfast Inn, which has participated in the tour every year.

Known as Gainesville's first inn, the Magnolia Plantation Bed & Breakfast Inn is the area's only Second Empire-style house. The building features a square roofline with a frontal tower and long windows.

"It's a very unusual house for the South, because right after the (Civil) war, Gen. Grant went up North and built a few of these houses. So the nickname was also the 'Grant-style house,'" Montalto said.

New to the tour is the Swearingen House, a three-bedroom Victorian house built in 1903. The building is currently being renovated into a six-bedroom inn to be called the Camellia Rose Bed and Breakfast, which is slated for completion in February 2007.

"It's not at a stage where it should be for a tour, but I understand there was a lot of interest in coming in to see what it looks like," said Patricia McCants, who owns the Swearingen House with her husband, Thomas.

Although visitors can only tour certain areas of the Swearingen House because of construction, they will be able to admire the house's prominent feature — tin ceilings.

"It's just beautiful," McCants said. "It's very different. It'll be a conversation piece, obviously for the tin."

The three-hour tour begins at 5 p.m. at the Matheson Museum, where attendees can enjoy hot cider and holiday cookies. The Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus will also perform holiday carols from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Magnolia Plantation Bed & Breakfast Inn.

And because the Gators will be playing in Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference Championship at the time of the tour, Montalto said that the Magnolia Plantation Bed & Breakfast Inn would have "at least four TV sets turned on."

"We will be giving tours, but we will be looking at the TV set, too," she said.

The tour costs \$10 for general admission and \$8 for Matheson Museum members. Children younger than 12 can participate for free. All proceeds go toward the museum, which is nonprofit.

# Bakery aims to set itself apart with quality and efficiency

By **LANE NIESET**  
Avenue Writer

With its variety of upscale products, its blend of European flavor and American tradition, and its environmentally friendly practices, Gainesville's Flour Pot Bakery stands apart from other bakeries.

The bakery is headed by Xavier Mazoyer, a chef from France, and Avner Laskin, an international consultant and chef from Israel.

Laskin has helped to open bakeries and new product lines all over Europe. He began 20 years ago as a chef and then gradually turned to baking.

"I liked baking more, and it is less competitive," he said.

Laskin has studied in France's finest baking schools, including Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, and he has written several books on the subject.

His method for recipe creation involves research on classic items, he said. While some of his recipes are standards, with others he adds his own twist.

Laskin's last project, located in the center of London, was huge. But he is proudest of this one because of the people he is working with and the results he has achieved.

The goal of owners Jia Xie and



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Jia Xie and Nathalie Fossé are owners of The Flour Pot Bakery on West Newberry Road.

Nathalie Fossé was to bring something new to Gainesville.

"I always hear about the lack of a bakery business in Gainesville and feel like we can really do a nice

job and add to the community," Xie said.

Xie spent months researching and looking for the right equipment and people for the project. He

imported display cases from Italy, ovens from France and Sweden and refrigerators from Japan.

"What really is going to set us apart is our dessert and cakes line

because there are not a lot of shops that have real desserts such as mousses and fruit tarts," Xie said.

The pastry line will include croissants, cookies and muffins, and the regular menu will include 10 to 12 types of artisan bread. Since the opening of the bakery is so close to the holidays, it will have traditional holiday food such as apple pie and challah. The Flour Pot Bakery will also have a retail section with holiday gifts, gourmet food and gift cards.

That is not all they are known for, however.

"Another one of our trademarks for being distinguished is that we try and be very environmentally friendly and use environmental practices," Xia said.

Most of the equipment used in the bakery is Energy Star efficient. Currently, they are looking into getting solar panels. The bakery buys its products from local vendors and weekly farmers markets.

"We also try and get all the natural ingredients that we are able to find," Xia said.

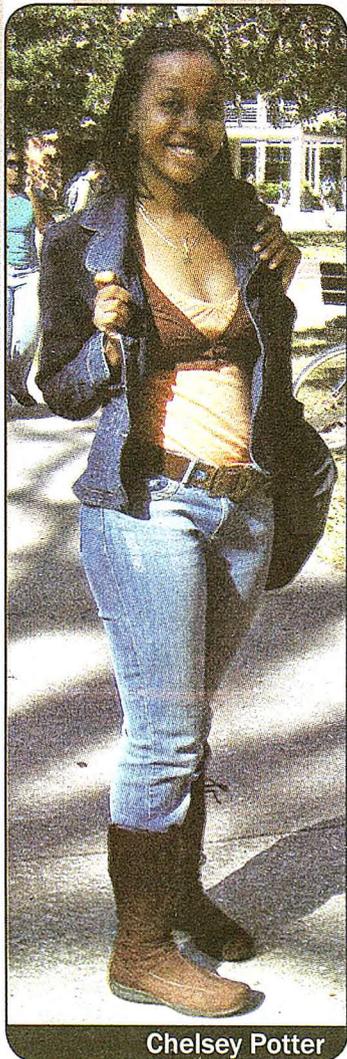
The Flour Pot is located in the new Tioga Town Center on Newberry Road. The plaza will hold a grand opening today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be free samples, gifts and a treasure hunt hosted by all the plaza's stores.

## FASHION on the avenue

### Fall fashion roundup

"Winter fashion" in Florida, although not quite an oxymoron, requires a tad more creativity. Students like Rachel Davis, who paired lavender with a zebra-print cardigan, show that accessories are often the best option when the weather is more about sunshine and less about snowflakes. Jeans tucked into boots are a popular way to evoke the holiday spirit, as are long scarves draped haphazardly around the neck. Others, like Martha O'Hara, replaced winter tweeds and wools with cotton plaids or trouser-inspired shorts, but left the gloves (and frostbite) at home.

— MAGHAN McDOWELL



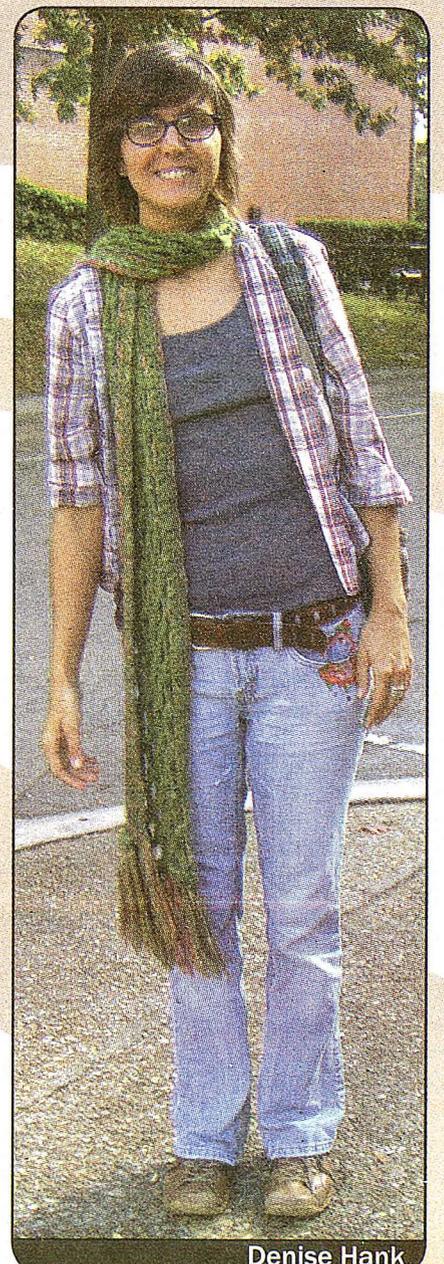
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## sonic pulse

By TOM HARRIS

With the end of the year comes the inevitable glut of best-of lists — and these lists come with the inevitable clichés about how the end of the year does that.

My nod to tradition out of the way, I humbly offer up what I think are the five best records to come out this year.

But first, the apologies.

I apologize in advance for my list, which I'm sure slants unfairly toward my pet genres. In my book, a good folk or hip-hop album will win over an indie-rock release any day.

I also apologize to albums that could have made this list but didn't because I haven't had time to digest them or because they haven't come out yet. Had I only two more weeks, Joanna Newsom's "Ys" or Nas' "Hip Hop is Dead" might have found a place on this list. Who's to say? Unfortunately, this is the year's last issue of the Avenue. I was rushed.

But enough of this. Here are my picks for the top five albums of 2006.

**5** You might have wanted the screaming dancepunk of "They Threw Us All in a Trench and Stuck a Monument on Top." But instead you got this — a satanic drum circle pulsing with possessed chanting and drugged polyrhythms. And you know what? You're better off for it.



**Liars**  
Drum's Not Dead

Liars' third album is by far the band's best. "Drum's Not Dead" is a dark but cleansing poultice for ears tired of saccharine songs. This is menace, pure menace.

**4** If anyone is going to take this list to task, it will be for this. But never mind that. Ben Chasny, the man behind Six Organs of Admittance, is one of the most relentlessly brilliant musicians working today.



**Six Organs of Admittance**  
The Sun Awakens

The album boasts Chasny's fullest sound yet, brimming with thundering drums and textured atmospherics. Chasny complements this newfound sheen with his most dynamic batch of songs yet, making "The Sun Awakens" a high-water mark in an already staggering discography.

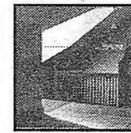
**3** Sometime after the grimy, inbred funk of "Heron King Blues" Califone front man Tim Rutili thought he learned how to write pop songs and went about making a record of them.



**Califone**  
Roots & Crowns

The result, "Roots & Crowns," is an enthralling take on traditional pop structure, which reins in the meandering warmth and abstracted experimentation that characterized the band's previous efforts. Rather than compromising the group's sound, the (relatively) compacted form renders it more immediate and digestible.

**2** Although I was a devoted fan of Grizzly Bear's debut, "Horn of Plenty," there was nothing on that musty decompression chamber of a record to foreshadow the frigid, airy massiveness of "Yellow House."



**Grizzly Bear**  
Yellow House

Its songs soar skyward and penetrate deep permafrost in the same instant — all while touching on new folk, jangly indie rock, and something completely new, undefined and strange. This is the sound of a band touching Kubrick's monolith and coming away with alien brilliance.

**1** At a time when many of hip-hop's flagships (Jay-Z, Mobb Deep, OutKast) are foundering, the Wu (impossibly) manages to chart a safe way past the sirens of suckiness. How this works, I don't know. With four studio albums and what has to be dozens of solo releases,



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Fishscale

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# Holiday shopping doesn't have to drain your wallet

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You are going to be jolted by that holiday excitement and subsequently be overcome with an irresistible temptation to spend, spend, spend on any holiday items: decorations, food, music, even outfits for your pet.

And, of course, you are going to procrastinate on holiday shopping, meaning

by the time you get around to it, you will be willing to pay exorbitant amounts of money for pretty much anything that can be wrapped then and there.

While I probably should have mentioned this six months ago, the truth is that truly cheap holiday spending doesn't happen during the holiday season at all.

It happens way before the December rush.

The champion savers think about the holidays year-round. They will

buy gifts in October, September or even August — when December seems farther away than the North Pole.

But, in reality, who really follows that advice? Martha Stewart?

Unless you hit the stores on Black Friday, I hate to break it to you, but you've probably missed your last chance for real bargain shopping.

According to the National Retail Federation, the average holiday shopper will spend somewhere in the neighborhood of \$791.10

on gifts this year.

Yet somehow, I think there's a way to avoid blowing nearly \$800 in a month if you decide not to buy everyone a laptop, iPod or PS3.

For example, if you have music lovers on your list, burn a CD you own that they don't.

Even better, create your own mix for them, incorporating songs that spark memories of inside jokes and experiences you've shared.

If you want to get your friends into the

Jenn Pfaff



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holiday spirit, put together a collection of holiday music.

Framed pictures or picture collages also make cheap and easy gifts people love to display.

Since the world is going digital, you might consider creating a photo CD or a slide show with music, showcasing memories you've captured.

If you don't have any great pictures, giving an empty picture frame with a disposable camera is always a quick and creative trick.

Don't forget about one of the best parts about the holidays: the food.

Cooking a meal for someone is a great way to enjoy the company of your friends and indulge in some of your favorite delicacies.

Baking holiday cookies or other treats like brownies and cupcakes as gifts definitely gets everyone on your good side.

Even those who can't cook have the easy way out with store-bought candy canes or holiday candies. Really, who can turn down holiday candy?

Digging into your talented side can also unearth presents.

If you're a musician, compose a personalized song.

If you're an artist, draw or paint a picture as a customized present.

If you have a way with words, write

a poem, short story or special note that would make a unique gift.

And for a present you can't go wrong with, always remember the gift certificate. Almost every business offers one now, so you can contribute toward your loved one's next dinner, Blockbuster rental or even gas refill.

You can spend as much or as little as you'd like with these, but I suggest dishing out at least \$10.

Most importantly, don't forget about the intangibles.

You've heard all the corny sayings before: Spending time with someone is more important than spending a lot of money; it's the thought that counts; the best gifts come from the heart.

But even in a material world, people still just want camaraderie, companionship, family, connection — especially during the holidays.

When you think back throughout the years, do you mostly remember the presents you received or the experiences you had?

Don't believe that what you can give is limited by what you earn.

You can make people happy by spending time together, teaching them something new or taking them somewhere they've never been.

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Have a safe, happy and cheap holiday season.

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For more information on the guide to dining out, please contact Natalie Kent alligator advertising, 376.4482

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# 2nd Street Bakery serves high-quality organic dishes

With the holidays coming up, the usual hustle and bustle to find the perfect gift begins.

Forget the crowds of people fighting for their PlayStation 3s.

Instead, have some family and friends over, bust out the eggnog and wow your guests with some delicious freshly-baked bread and pastries.

Unfortunately, if you're like me and your cakes always come out of the oven as cookies, then it can prove to be difficult. But fret not, my oven-challenged friends — I'm here to sift the day.

The 2nd Street Bakery, on the corner of

Northwest 16th Avenue and Second Street, is a true gem compared with its competition.

It is a place where one can expect to find sweet treats such as pistachio cream eclairs, cranberry brioche and Boston crême cupcakes.

And best of all, everything is completely organic and vegan-friendly.

This means two things:

1. You can expect to pay a little more than you would at any other bakery, but...

2. You can be confident that only the

highest-quality ingredients are used in some of the most delicious bread and pastries you'll ever taste.

These treats are perfect to snack on or bring to family gatherings and social events.

But the selection doesn't stop there.

The 2nd Street Bakery also boasts an impressive selection of freshly brewed coffee.

Traditional desserts such as cheesecake, chocolate cake and brownies are also available.

Feeling hungry? Pick up any of their

fresh sandwiches or fruit parfaits.

And best of all, you can enjoy your meal in a friendly and comfortable environment.

So good luck on your finals, my fellow Gators.

But before you make your way out of Gainesville, remember to stop by 2nd Street Bakery.

Take a second to ponder their offerings and pick something up for yourself and your family (and maybe a few Boston crême cupcakes for your favorite chunky Asian columnist). I promise you they'll love it.

Ken Peng



Ken Eats Gainesville

# Cane Day shows annual glimpse of old-time farm life

By KELLY SEREIKAS  
Avenue Writer

Throughout the holidays, people are surrounded by sugar. It's part of the honey glaze on a Christmas ham, the rum that makes eggnog a lot more fun and, of course, the icing-topped cookies that complete every meal. Nowadays, sugar fuels the holiday events, but in the past, it was the event.

In the 1890s, the Dudley fam-

ily and neighbors gathered to celebrate the tradition of cane grinding during the winter. They attached a mule to a long pull and watched as their harvested sugar cane was crushed by the mule's strength.

The resulting juice was put in a kettle, boiled and transformed into syrup.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit Dudley Farm for free to experience their family traditions on the 16th annual Cane

Day. Besides cane grinding, there will be wagon rides, blacksmith displays and craft demonstrations at each of the 18 historic buildings on this authentic farm just west of Gainesville.

"Any time you come to Dudley Farm it's like taking a step back in time," said park services specialist Sally Morrison. "It especially comes alive during events

like Cane Days."

More than 100 costumed volunteers will bring history to life as they explain the farm's traditions to visitors.

Any time you come to Dudley Farm it's like taking a step back in time.

Sally Morrison  
park services specialist

There will also be homemade soup, bread, barbecue and baked goods available to purchase, and a silent auction will feature homemade craft items and antiques.

Cane Day commemorates the birthday of Myrtle Dudley, who donated the farm to Florida Park Services in 1983.

Morrison said Myrtle Dudley was honoring her mother's dying wish when she included a clause in her will that would maintain it as an "agricultural demonstration farm."

The farm is the same as it was in the 1880s with original furnishings, a general store and a post office.

# Final sex column presents future topics to consider

Like most good things eventually do, my stint as sex columnist has met its end. OK, that's a little cliché — not to mention narcissistic. But the point is, my little picture will no longer be in the paper every Thursday and I'm thrilled!

Why? Well, (aside from my becoming a born-again virgin in January) that means that one (or more) of you, dear readers, will be able to occupy this prime piece of real estate. And I don't mean for some lousy "guest column." I mean the real deal. You'll be able to write the kind of 400 words that get mothers' panties in a jam — like a certain A. Starren I remember so fondly. This mother of some hapless freshman female started the semester with a particularly fetching letter, the likes of which the editors declined to print.

But just for you, I'll offer a tasty sample: "Isn't it bad enough that we have pop artists like Nelly Furtado promoting that she is a 'promiscuous girl' and the likes of the African-American rap ... promoting sexuality at every nod and turn of a head?"

Or you'll be able to submit the zingers that are so daring as to be censored by the Alligator's own editorial staff, like a recent submission written by a particular Shem Fleenor.

(Remember how the other week Sex on the Avenue "went to confession?" Yeah. We really didn't.)

Again, I'll offer a juicy excerpt: "It's time for our generation to recapture that trailblazing American spirit, if only in the

bedroom. We owe it to America to push the envelope with our girlfriends."

And with that part, I wholeheartedly agree.

Finally, lest you think I've thrown in the towel simply due to lack of "sexuality-promoting, trailblazing" ideas, here are a few gems that didn't make it yet...

BBW Luv: Big, beautiful women have quite a following, and we don't just mean online. Gainesville even has plus-size escorts to suit the needs of men who require some extra love.

Maghan McDowell



Sex on the Avenue

The eHarmony Experiment: My boyfriend and I each spent a painstaking, soul-revealing 30 minutes to create profiles on this online dating service that boasts "over 35 years of clinical and empirical research" behind its methods. So why, then, have we not been matched?

Is sex drive inherited?: This is a squirmy topic. How often do your parents have sex? You might not want to know, but it might clue you in to your future. I'll stop now.

Frisky Furrries: I tried my darndest to join a furry meet-up in Orlando, to find out just how much sexuality is involved in this odd (but tactile) pastime that has people dressing like animals. Alas, no furry-friendly groups in Gainesville, unless you want to create one.

Do you think our sex topics are tired? Have you got the desire to tell all to your professors and peers? Dying to see your mug in this spot? Write to me at advice@alligator.org for details. So long!

# calendar

Common Grounds, live music: AALCP and The UF Hip Hop Collective present  
The 2nd Annual 80s Prom Fundraiser, Voice of the People, 9 p.m., \$5  
Gainesville Community Playhouse, play: Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," 8 p.m., \$15  
Hippodrome Theatre, movie: "Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.  
University Auditorium, music recital: Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., free  
**Today 11:30**

2nd Street Bakery, live music: Duke Stewart, Marce' and Steph Taylor, 8-11 p.m.  
Common Grounds, live music: Reel Big Fish, Streetlight Manifesto, Suburban Legends,  
West Bound Train, 8 p.m., \$15  
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, ballet: "The Little Match Girl," 8 p.m.-midnight  
**Friday 12:01**

Constans Theatre, dance performance: "Agbedidi Bassikolo: Africa, Dance and the  
Diaspora," 8 p.m.  
Tampa's Ford Amphitheatre, live music: Alan Jackson, 7 p.m.-midnight  
Gainesville Community Playhouse, play: Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," 8 p.m., \$15  
Matheson Museum, tour: Historic Holiday Homes Tour, 5-8 p.m.  
**Saturday 12:02**

Acrosstown Repertory Theatre, play scenes: "An Evening with Shakespeare," 7:30 p.m.  
Civic Media Center, professional haircuts: Community Hair Day, 2 to 4 p.m., \$3-10  
Constans Theatre, dance performance: "Agbedidi Bassikolo: Africa, Dance, and the  
Diaspora," 8 p.m.  
University Auditorium, live music: "Sounds of the Season," 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Sunday 12:03**

1982 Bar, live music: Rory, Roses Are Red, The Transit War, The Secret Handshake,  
Alligator Shoes, 9 p.m., \$6  
Bar One, live music: Avenue D, Alphabet City, Indigo Vox, 10 p.m., \$10 advance  
Hippodrome Theatre, documentary: "American Blackout," 7-11 p.m., \$3-10  
**Monday 12:04**

# Home brewing equipment facilitates unique hobby

**B**eer's pretty cool. This we know. What is less well-known is how easy it is to make.

If you're stumped about getting a unique gift for someone or you're looking for a new hobby for the new year, consider getting some home brewing equipment to get someone — or yourself — started.

I'll describe the essentials of what you need to get a batch started:

All of this stuff is available locally at Hoggetowne Ale Works, 3454 W. University Ave.

The owner, Barron Humphries, is a really friendly guy and will point you in the right direction if you have a question.

And for more in-depth help, I strongly recommend "The Complete Joy of Homebrewing" by Charles Papazian. The book is a fantastic primer on everything the beginner needs to know about home brewing.

This might look like a lot of equipment, but considering that one 50-bottle batch of home brew costs about \$30 to make while a six-pack of decent store-bought stuff costs about \$7, you can definitely save money in the long run.

Plus, you can get tipsy on something you made with your own hands.

Here is the absolute minimum you will need to get started:

A glass carboy — This is where the magic happens. A food-grade plastic bucket with a hole drilled

in the lid for the air lock (more on that soon) will also work, but it's an inferior option. Basically, plastic is permeable, and glass isn't. If you've ever let pasta sauce stay in a plastic container for too long and found the plastic stained orange, you know this. A permeable surface is bad because it can harbor residue, which fosters unsanitary conditions. Also make sure that you are getting a carboy that is at least 6.25 gallons to fit your entire five-gallon batch with room to spare.

A large funnel — Unfermented beer is called "wort," and you have to get it in the fermentation vessel somehow. Unless you really trust your ability to direct a stream of liquid into a hole less than two inches in diameter, you need a funnel. Be sure to pour slowly so air bubbles displaced from the carboy don't send wort gurgling all over your kitchen floor.

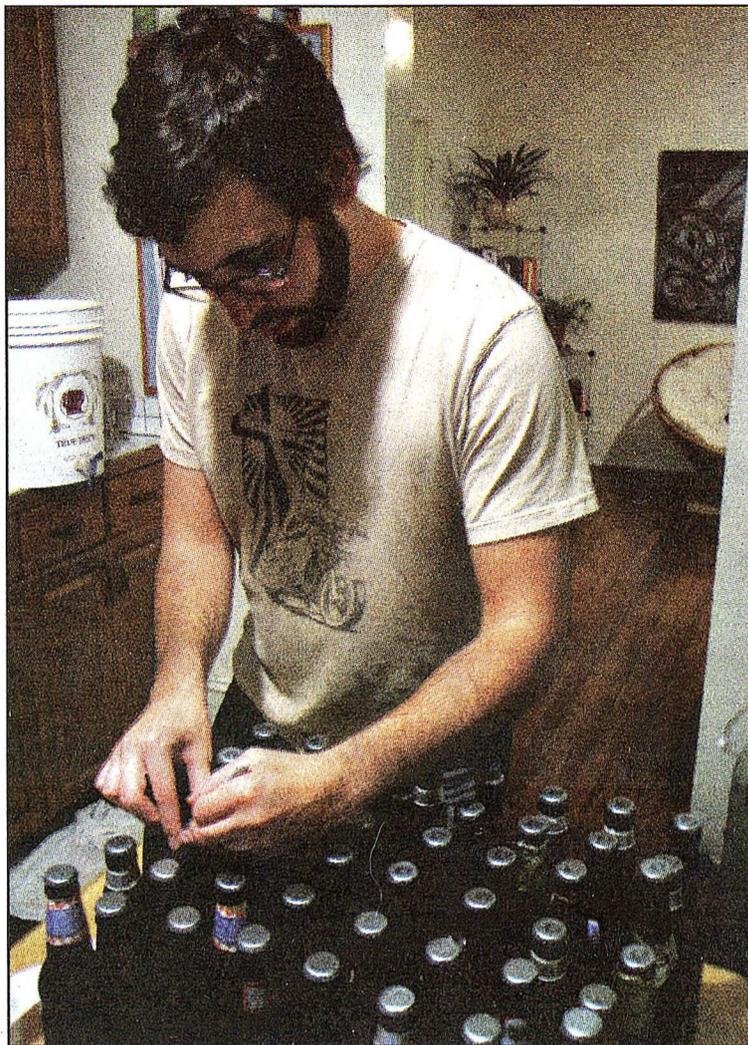
An air lock — This keeps your brew sanitary. It's simple: you stick a rubber stopper in the top of your carboy and fill it with vodka or gin to discourage bacterial growth. It releases the carbon dioxide produced by the yeast without letting anything get in, warding off infection of your brew as it prevents a dangerous buildup of pressure.

Vinyl tubing — As previously mentioned, it's pretty easy to get the wort into the carboy. Getting it out requires a bit more finesse. Six feet of vinyl tubing will help you siphon the beer out of its incubator.

Tom Harris



Something's Brewing



Cristina Barone / Alligator Staff

Tom Harris labels his caps after bottling a cider. Harris will provide cider recipes in the Spring semester.

Bottles, bottle caps and a capper — Unless you wanted to have a party and do some serious "carboy stands," you're going to have to store your beer. Siphon it into the bottles and cap them using the capper.

Sanitizer — Your beer will taste like old socks unless you

make sure that everything, at every stage, is sanitized. Bleach works fine, but it takes a long time to rinse off your equipment. There are affordable sanitizers, like Star San, available at homebrewing stores.

That's all you technically need to complete a batch of beer. That

said, it's difficult, messy and sometimes a bit unsanitary, especially at bottling time. With just a couple of extra items, you can save yourself a ton of heartache.

The extra stuff:

A bottling bucket — This food-grade bucket can cut bottling time in half. Instead of siphoning the beer into each individual bottle (which, with a five-gallon batch, would be siphoning somewhere between 45 and 50 times), you can just do it once, into this thing. It's equipped with a spigot, which allows for tidier bottle filling than the unwieldy hose.

A racking cane — Though really nothing more than a bent plastic tube with a cap on one end, this thing does wonders for keeping the yeast sediment at the bottom of the carboy out of your bottles. Although the sediment, consisting of dormant and dead yeast cells and grain fragments, isn't bad for you, do you really want a mouthful of it?

A bottle filler — You can attach this thin, plastic tube to the spigot of your bottling bucket with a small piece of vinyl tubing cut from the main hose. This makes bottling a breeze. Simply press the tip of the filler to the bottom of the bottle, causing it to fill. When you're done, release the pressure, and the beer will stop flowing.

A brush — This helps scrape off the gunk in your carboy. Without it, you would need to soak the container for days to get everything to come off.

Next semester, I will discuss specific recipes, including one of the most rewarding varieties to make — cider.

## Sedoctaves gain popularity at UF

### Singing group to compete, seeks new members

By CHRISTIANA LILLY  
Avenue Contributing Writer

While the semester is wrapping up, the sultry singers of the Sedoctaves are already planning ahead for next semester.

In February, the a cappella ensemble will be traveling to Georgia for the first quarterfinals in the Southern region of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella. However, with four members of the Sedoctaves either unable to attend the competition or studying abroad, the ensemble is looking for new singers to fill in the spots.

"We're looking for people who love to sing and do it well," said Stefanie Roberts, musical director and co-founder of the Sedoctaves.

Auditions will be held at the Music Building on Thursday, the first reading day of final exams. Singers should have a short solo prepared that showcases their musical talent. The group is specifically looking for low altos and high sopranos.

Despite the fact that none of the members are music majors, half the singers can read music. They were invited to join the competition after judges heard a tape that the

group recorded in just an hour.

Roberts co-founded the group with two other members last Fall, and it has grown from seven to 13 singers. Last semester, 15 people auditioned for four openings in the Sedoctaves.

Danielle Torrent, a journalism and history senior, has been an alto for the Sedoctaves for almost one year. She said the group boosted her confidence in her singing ability.

"It keeps me in touch with music," she said. "We're all very different people, but when we come together to do this we communicate really well."

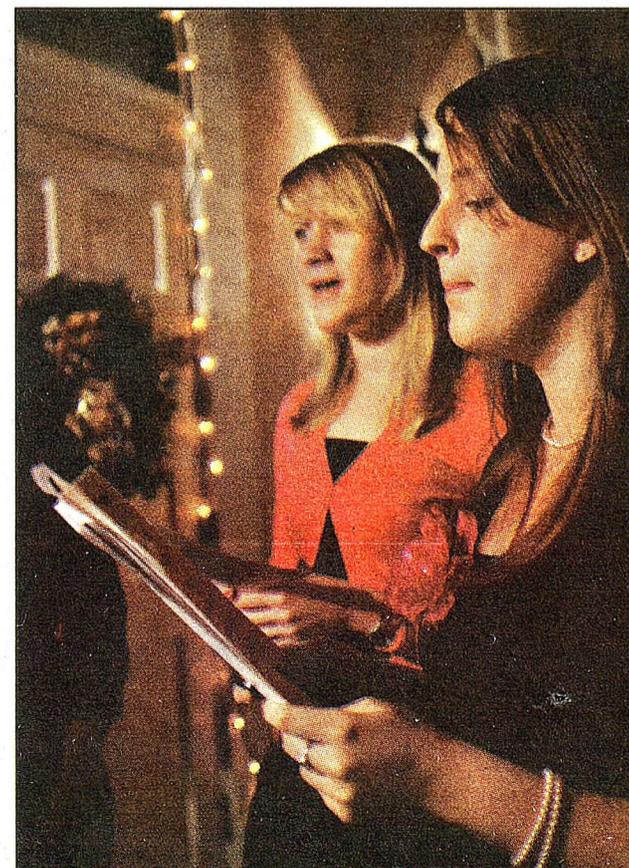
Even though the group is relatively new compared with other a cappella ensembles, its popularity at UF has grown in its year of existence.

The group has been invited to sing at Family Weekend, Campus Diplomats' "Welcome to the Sunshine State" program and the Women's Leadership Conference awards ceremony at UF President Bernie Machen's home.

The International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella will be the Sedoctaves' first competition, and the group hopes to go all the way to New York for the competition's finals.

"I think we have a lot of work to do, but it'll be a great experience because we've never done anything like it," Torrent said.

Check out the group's Web site at [www.thesedoctaves.com](http://www.thesedoctaves.com) for audition sign-ups and information.



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The Sedoctaves perform during a holiday event on Dec. 5, 2005.

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**4 Roommates**

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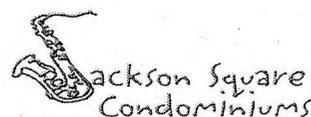
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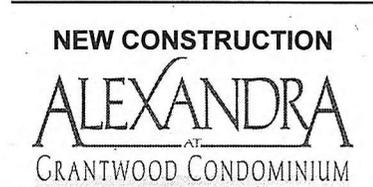
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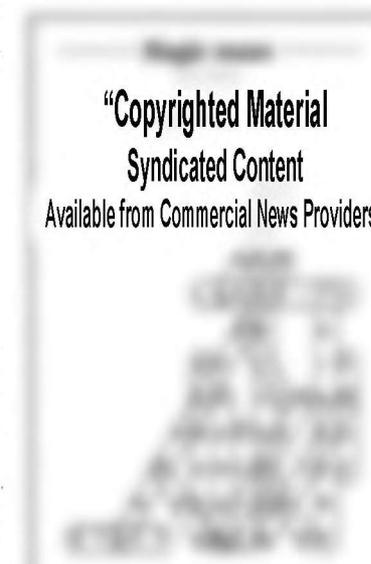
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# Dick hopes for rebound game against Gators

## Arkansas QB completed 3 passes on LSU

By **BRYAN JONES**  
Alligator Staff Writer  
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Arkansas' best quarterback against LSU last Saturday was running back Darren McFadden.

Starting quarterback Casey Dick knows that is just not acceptable if the No. 8 Razorbacks (10-2, 7-1 SEC) are to have any chance of knocking off No. 4 UF (11-1, 7-1 SEC) in the Southeastern Conference title game on Saturday.

"When you don't execute, everyone looks at me, which they should," Dick said. "That's probably the worst game I've played in, to be honest."

Just how bad was Dick's perfor-

mance in Arkansas' 31-26 loss to the Tigers? The sophomore completed just 3 of 17 pass attempts for 29 yards, and didn't complete a single pass in the second half.

Also, 21 of those passing yards came on a poorly thrown pass that receiver Marcus Monk broke for a spectacular score.

McFadden was the Razorbacks' leading passer, completing both of his pass attempts for 33 yards.

The most telling stat about Dick's performance, however, is that McFadden and Arkansas sophomore running back Felix Jones combined for 319 yards rushing, and the Razorbacks still lost.

"Everyone has a bad day," Dick said. "My day came at a bad time.

We have those (mistakes) totally corrected and fixed, and we'll be a totally different football team come Saturday."



Dick

Dick had better hope so, because he has talented freshman Mitch Mustain breathing down his neck for playing time.

Dick, the incumbent starter heading into 2006, already lost his job to Mustain once, due in part to a back injury that caused Dick to miss much of the preseason.

Mustain was considered the No. 1 quarterback recruit in 2006 by

several recruiting services. He won his first eight games as a Razorbacks starter, but was suddenly pulled from the lineup in favor of Dick after throwing one pass — an interception — against South Carolina on Nov. 4.

"The games were speeding up for him and the defenses were constantly changing," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "That's the biggest jump from Friday night to Saturday night. Especially on the road, we just needed a little more experience."

Despite Dick's struggles against LSU, Nutt did not call on the talented freshman during the game.

However, Nutt has said that Mustain, who was coached by Arkansas offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn in high school, will get more reps this week.

Dick said the experience of handling the adversity involved with his injury is helping him weather the pressure of being on the hot seat.

"You have to go in and just worry about yourself," Dick said. "You have to just have fun. (You can't) put a lot of pressure on yourself to make plays."

And if there was ever a game the Razorbacks needed Dick to step up, it might be the one on Saturday.

While nobody has been able to stop Arkansas' run game this year, if anyone can, it might be the Gators. UF is ranked No. 1 in the SEC in rushing defense, allowing about 70 yards per game and an average of 2.7 yards per carry.

"Florida is a good defensive team," Dick said. "We'll have to take that challenge and go with it."

# Harvin, Wynn return to practice; Everett still out

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UF freshman receiver Percy Harvin and senior tailback DeShawn Wynn both practiced Wednesday for the first time all week.

Harvin suffered a neck stinger against Florida State while Wynn re-injured the left shoulder that has bothered him for much of the last two seasons.

Coach Urban Meyer said that Harvin looked fast, but couldn't tell about Wynn

because the two participated in non-contact drills only.

Senior linebacker Earl Everett, who re-aggravated his sprained left ankle against the Seminoles, didn't practice but is still expected to play.

**NO MORE FIELD GOALS?** There is still no leader in UF's never-ending kicking competition.

More importantly, this reality has spilled over into the Gators' play-calling.

Meyer admitted for the first time

Wednesday that the lack of a steady kicker might change the way he and offensive coordinator Dan Mullen call plays.



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Depending on the distance to go on third down, the Gators may now opt for a play that leaves them with a short attempt on fourth down.

In past third-and-long situations, UF has preferred looking downfield, hoping that an incomplete pass would still leave them with 3 points.

"We're pretty close to (not kicking field

goals)," Meyer said. "We might run it or (quarterback) draw or something like that to get in range for fourth down."

"Fourth-and-5 and fourth-and-8 percentages are against you. It's a percentage game, and you also take your field-goal percentage into consideration, too."

Senior Chris Hetland has held the job throughout the season, but has connected on just 3 of 12 attempts, none longer than 29 yards.

He missed 35- and 38-yard tries against FSU last Saturday.

# UF's No. 1 SEC run defense meets No. 1 back

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a candidate and one of the top three or four," Nutt said.

Some Arkansans might chant, "Woooooowoooo, Pig! Sooie!" out of habit, but chances are McFadden was doing the Hog cry in his mother's womb.

The Little Rock native attended Razorbacks football camps and games before he ever got to high school. By the time he became a sensation, other programs never even bothered recruiting him.

"He had it in his heart since really in the seventh, eighth grade," Nutt said. "Once he got here, he said, 'Hey, I'm coming to play for you, coach.'"

Said McFadden: "It just feels like a dream come true. Growing up watching them all the time, I always hoped this would happen."

But nobody imagined what McFadden, affectionately regarded as Run DMC or D-Mac, would eventually become. The 6-foot-2, 205-pound tailback has the height of a possession receiver and the speed of an Olympic sprinter. He can catch. He can block. He is only a sophomore.

"You get kind of numb to it," offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn said. "You just

expect him to make unbelievable plays. Each week, there's one play where you say, 'That's not right.'"

Though their styles contrast, McFadden reminds Nutt of a certain Barry Sanders. Nutt was Oklahoma State's wide receivers coach when Sanders played there from 1986 to 1988.

"[McFadden's] one of those guys you look at on film and say, 'Hey, he's for real.'"

**Brandon Siler**  
UF linebacker

"They had some of those same characteristics, those same qualities," Nutt said. "They both have some of the same ingredients."

"He's one of those guys you look at on film and say, 'Hey, he's for real,'" UF linebacker Brandon Siler said. "He's not just all hyped-up."

Here comes the scary part: McFadden can pass. Not only that, he doesn't have one incompleteness this season.

"I could probably throw it 60 or 65 yards," said McFadden, who is 5 for 5 passing for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Danny Nutt, running backs coach and brother of the head coach, helped introduce a unique Wildcat package in which McFadden takes direct snaps from the center. The options this gives Arkansas are innumerable. McFadden can choose to run the ball in any direction, pass or pitch it to the underrated Felix Jones.

Jones, also a sophomore, happens to be a feature back trapped behind McFadden. He averages more yards than the starter (7.6) and has rushed for 961 yards and four touchdowns.

The Gators aren't fazed. Or, if they are, they've done a good job masking it.

"I think anybody can be stopped," defensive lineman Ray McDonald said. "I think you just have to focus in on what you're doing."

UF allows about 70 rushing yards per game and hopes McFadden can be contained by its defensive line. If not, Siler, Earl Everett and Brian Crum are all good tacklers.

"If I'm making a lot of tackles on him, something ain't going right with the defense," safety Reggie Nelson said.

McFadden anticipates this very problem developing on Saturday.

"With the offensive line I have up front, I feel like we can pretty much run on any defense," he said.

# Coach's wife cooks for forward

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Even though no one can really substitute for Brewer's mother, Donovan's wife, Christine, is trying to be a close second.

"My wife — she's the best," Donovan said. "My wife had surgery on her foot (Tuesday), and she's up right now trying to make him some food so he can at least have some food in the room. With his family being so far away ... you want the guy to feel like he's around family and he's home and he's comfortable and he's got what he needs."

Brewer is still out indefinitely and could miss UF's home game against No. 3 Ohio State on Dec. 23.

"I know it's killing him right now not getting an opportunity to play," Donovan said. "But he takes things in stride, and I think he knows he needs to get his rest and try to get himself back as soon as possible. But a lot of it has nothing to do with how he feels. Doctors don't want him to have any contact for the next couple of weeks."

# Gators OK with No. 9 seed; Fr. Cusack, Jr. McCray finally fully healthy

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teams from Florida.

If UF defeats FAMU, it will play on Friday the winner of the College of Charleston-Arizona State match that takes place at

5 p.m. today in the O'Connell Center.

**BAD SEED:** Though the Gators have only two losses and came from a conference with seven NCAA Tournament teams, they couldn't crack the top half of the tournament's 16 seeded teams.

In the No. 8 spot is a seven-loss Minnesota team that lost to LSU, which the Gators defeated twice.

But Wise feels the Gophers deserve their seeding because of impressive wins in the Big Ten, a strong volleyball conference.

"(Minnesota) has more signifi-

cant wins," she said. "We thought Utah was a significant win — we thought Utah wasn't even a top-16 seed."

**FINALLY HEALTHY:** In a sport that's all about timing, the Gators have even timed their injuries well. After losing freshman li-

bero Elyse Cusack and junior opposite hitter Amber McCray for several matches this season, both are nearly 100 percent for the NCAAs.

Freshman defensive specialist Alli Cecchini has had strep throat this week but does not expect that to hamper her play tonight.

## UF hopes to record hits on Run DMC

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Can any defense stop Darren McFadden?

"We haven't seen one yet," Arkansas quarterback Casey Dick said.

Folks, he's being brutally honest.

There is so much you can say about Arkansas' superstar tailback that it might be simpler starting with the basics: He's faster than a TV dinner. He's as elusive as David Copperfield. But meals and magicians can't throw, and McFadden can do that too.

"We'd like to think he's unstoppable," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said.

The Gators (11-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) have been working overtime in their film room preparing for arguably the nation's No. 1 running back and one of the most stunning physical specimens in college football.

McFadden's 1,485 rushing yards (6.1 average) and -18 total touchdowns will clash with the SEC's No. 1 run defense in Saturday's conference championship game.

"He's why you go out and spend so many hours and so much money on recruiting," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "He's what you look for."

McFadden is the beginning and end of Arkansas' offense. He also returns kicks, one of which he has returned for a touchdown. But just because you know he's going to run at you doesn't make it any easier stopping him.

LSU found out the hard way. The Tigers, whom some still consider to be the SEC's best overall defense, surrendered 182 rushing yards to McFadden last Friday, including an 80-yard, up-the-gut, "See you later"-type touchdown. Heisman Trophy, anyone?

"After being in one of the toughest leagues and watching a little bit of football, I would have to say he has to be

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## No mono for Noah, Donovan

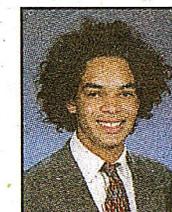
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The Gators have escaped a possible disaster.

Doctors and blood tests concluded Wednesday that Coach Billy Donovan and forward Joakim Noah do not have mononucleosis. Noah found out in the morning that he has an upper respiratory infection and should play against Florida State on Sunday. Donovan had a doctor's appointment in the afternoon where he was told he does not have mono or the flu, UF sports information director Fred Demarest said.

After Tuesday night's win against Southern, Donovan said both he and Noah felt fatigued, congested and had sinus problems. It now seems that last weekend's



Noah

Las Vegas trip just plain wore the two out. But the good news does little to help the Gators deal with forward Corey Brewer, who does have mono.

Donovan knew Brewer's condition was pretty grim when the junior visited him in his office Monday.

As he sat on the couch, Brewer trembled and shivered, so Donovan offered him his sweatshirt to wear.

"I gave him my sweatshirt and immediately in the middle of the meeting, I'm sitting there talking to him, and he's taking my sweatshirt up over his mouth, and he's coughing into my sweatshirt," Donovan said. "So I said, 'You know what? You can have that. I don't need that back. You just keep that, and that will be yours and you do what you want with it.'"

While most kids would just want to go home and have their mothers take care of them, that is out of the question for Brewer, whose family lives more than 600 miles away in Portland, Tenn.

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## UF VOLLEYBALL

### Wise looks to trash NCAAs stereotype

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The UF volleyball team enters the NCAA Tournament tonight as a perennial contender that just can't win the big one. So Coach Mary Wise turned to someone who recently shed the same label: Billy Donovan.

"We certainly have tried to learn from the men's basketball team, so much so that we asked Billy to speak to the team back in August," Wise said. "His message was all about leadership and how leadership should come from every player. ... The team really bought into it."

UF (28-2) seems to have taken Donovan's message to heart, as many different players have produced in its wins.

So when the Gators' NCAA Tournament campaign begins tonight at 7:30 against Florida A&M (21-6), Wise will see if her team

"[Donovan's] message was all about leadership and how leadership should come from every player."

Mary Wise  
UF volleyball coach

can take that next step. A No. 9 seed, UF swept FAMU out of the first round in 2004.

One standout in that match was Rattlers outside hitter Maria Andonova, who is currently second in the nation in kills per game with 6.23.

"It's not just her big jump and velocity," Wise said. "She's just such a smart hitter and she'll get kills out of the front row and the back row."

UF's two losses have been at the hands of dominant hitting. UCLA middle blocker

Nana Meriwether had a .875 hitting percentage as the Bruins swept UF on Sept. 2.

South Carolina outside hitter Shonda Cole racked up 35 kills in a 3-1 win on Sept. 17.

But the Gators defeated the Gamecocks on Oct. 20 by preventing their supporting cast from contributing. UF will try to defeat FAMU by employing the same strategy against Andonova's teammates.

"If she goes off on 30 kills, we'll be in trouble," said Marcie Hampton of the Bulgarian Andonova.

Several of the Gators have called FAMU "scrappy," describing the way the Rattlers consistently keep the ball in play.

"I don't know if it's scrappy (but) I think it's aggressive," Wise said. "The ball is always coming back on an attack."

The Gators have won 16 consecutive first-round matches and 37 consecutive against

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#### QUOTABLE



"I ain't messing with him right now. He's probably a little heavy."

Reggie Nelson

UF safety, about if he ever tackles UF defensive lineman Joe Cohen, who played with Nelson at Palm Bay High

#### TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ 1996: The No. 1-ranked Gators are upset by Florida State in Tallahassee 24-21. However, UF won the SEC title and exacted revenge on the Seminoles in the Sugar Bowl 52-20 for the school's first and only national championship.

#### alligatorSports.org POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** How many yards will Arkansas' Darren McFadden rush for against the Gators? (Vote at alligatorSports.org.)

**Wednesday's question:** If Chris Leak wins a ring, who will you consider the best UF QB not to win a Heisman? (See right for results.)

	Percent (Votes)
<b>Grossman</b>	<b>53% (254)</b>
Leak	33% (151)
Matthews	9% (44)
Bell	5% (22)
Reaves	2% (10)

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