

Report: \$131 million in untapped UF reserves

Faculty say funds could prevent layoffs

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A recent report reveals that UF had almost \$131 million in unrestricted funds at the end of the 2007 fiscal year — none of which will be used to offset a \$47 million budget crunch this July.

The United Faculty of Florida, the state's higher-education faculty union, commissioned the report, which was first publicized in a Wednesday article in *The Gainesville Sun*. It has incited leaders of UF's faculty and graduate student unions to question whether digging into the "rainy-day fund" could prevent roughly 130 UF faculty and staff layoffs.

John Biro, president of UF's chapter of the union, said UF officials have an obligation to explain why the reserves, which are up to

UF Administration

the discretion of the Board of Trustees, are not being spent to prevent layoffs. "You lay people off only in a genuine emergency when there is no alternative," Biro said.

Steve Orlando, UF spokesman, said the

\$130.9 million in 2007 reserves were not tapped because the money is committed to other projects.

He said \$85 million is being used to fund initiatives such as purchasing computers every seven years and supporting UF's sustainable building program. UF is required to keep the remaining \$45 million for one-time, unexpected expenses, such as a hurricane, he said.

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Piecing it Together
Mary McIntyre, owner of McIntyre Stained Glass Studio & Art Gallery, places a cut piece of stained glass onto a flower pattern Tuesday afternoon. See the video at alligator.org/multimedia.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Official heads to NYC

By **ELIZABETH LEVA**
Alligator Writer

Student Body Treasurer Paul Drayton will accept an internship with a New York City business firm this June and share his summer duties with a newly appointed student body chief financial officer.

Drayton announced his intentions to intern at JPMorgan Chase at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting. Rene Medina, a political science senior and former senator, will assume most of Drayton's responsibilities during his absence.

"Rene and I will communicate daily," Drayton said. "SG Finance

"SG Finance will operate as if I was still physically present."

Paul Drayton
Student Body treasurer

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He said he decided to take the offer about a month ago but couldn't announce it until his assistant treasurers were installed at the meeting. Drayton sent an e-mail to Senate members Tuesday explaining his decision.

"After doing much research

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Noah makes deal

After two run-ins with Gainesville law enforcement over Memorial Day weekend, former UF basketball player Joakim Noah entered a contract Tuesday evening that will allow his criminal charges to eventually be dropped.

Police charged Noah early Sunday morning for an open container violation and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. The misdemeanors carry punishments of up to one year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Noah was originally issued a notice to appear in court, but it was suspended after he entered into a contract with the State Attorney's Office, said Spencer Mann, spokesman for the office.

The contract requires Noah to

pay fines totalling \$200. He will be on probation for six months. If he does not violate any laws during that time, his charges will be dropped.



Noah

In a separate incident Sunday evening, Noah was pulled over on campus in a 2008 Hummer for speeding, said Maj. Brad Barber of the University Police Department.

Noah was issued two traffic citations, one for driving without wearing a seat belt and another for driving with a suspended license.

— APRIL DUDASH

■ UF and Gainesville are teaming up to install taxi stands near midtown and downtown bars. See story, Page Three.

Bear spotted in Hard Rock pool in Orlando

ORLANDO (AP) — A security guard at the Hard Rock Hotel in Universal Studios called police early Wednesday morning when he spotted a bear taking a dip in the hotel's pool.

The guard saw the bear on a security screen. The bear got out of the pool and began roaming the property.

Wildlife officials were called to the scene. Mike Orlando, a wildlife biologist, said black bears are typically shy animals and that this one should not be a threat to residents in the area.

■ Stephen Locke will take the mound as UF heads to Tallahassee to face Tulane in NCAA Regional action on Friday. The Gators haven't been to the postseason in three years. See Story, Page 19.



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Commission approves tax to fund Newberry policing

County Commissioners unanimously approved a tax Tuesday for Newberry residents that will help fund law enforcement within the city's boundaries.

The tax will provide money to pay for services provided by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Newberry does not have its own police department, and it has been receiving services from the Sheriff's Office for free.

The law enforcement assistance that Newberry has received has been funded by tax dollars from other Alachua County residents who reside in cities such as Gainesville, High Springs and Waldo, County Commissioner Rodney Long said after the meeting.

— JAVI CALDERON

Local exhibition features award-winning artists

A free public reception will be held today for an exhibit at the Thomas Center Galleries featuring the works of local artists.

On display are 2-D and 3-D creations from four local artists

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who won Juror's Choice regional awards.

The reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

City of Gainesville Visual Arts Coordinator Erin Friedberg said she believes in the value of exhibiting local artists because they each have something unique to contribute to the community at large.

Featured artist Angela Hoppe said she is also interested in the promotion of Gainesville arts.

"I want to stress that the Gainesville art community is very good and needs to be recognized more," Hoppe said.

The exhibit will run until July 6 and will be on display in the Main Gallery of the Thomas Center at 302 NE Sixth Ave.

— SUZANNE HERSHMAN

Murder convict waits for prison evaluation

A former Shands at UF nurse convicted of killing a

UF student in November 2005 is waiting to be assigned to a Florida prison.

Oliver Travis O'Quinn was found guilty Friday of first degree murder in a Gainesville courthouse and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

He was accused of killing Michelle Ann Herndon by injecting her with propofol, a powerful anesthetic.

O'Quinn is being held at the Alachua County Jail, and he will soon be sent to a Florida Department of Corrections regional classification center, said Spencer Mann, State Attorney's Office spokesman.

At the center, O'Quinn will be evaluated and assigned to an "appropriate" prison, Mann said.

— APRIL DUDASH

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LOCAL UF, city team up to install taxi stations near local bars

By **ELIZABETH LEVA**
Alligator Writer

Late-night pub crawlers will have more transportation options to get home this fall besides drunken driving, bicycle-powered rickshaws and the Later Gator.

Taxi stations will be installed in two of Gainesville's nighttime hot spots to provide bar patrons with late-night safety and convenience just in time for the first UF home football game Aug. 30.

Jeanna Mastrodicasa, UF assistant vice president of student affairs and a Gainesville city commissioner, said she hopes the stations will solve the lack of available taxis in Gainesville bar districts, thereby helping to reduce drunken driving.

"We never want people to think driving home from the bars is more convenient than finding a cab," Mastrodicasa said. "So we are putting the cabs right in front of them."

Student Body President Kevin Reilly said one station would be located in midtown

outside of Balls and the Salty Dog Saloon. Another hub will be installed downtown near the Market Street Pub.

Reilly said the stations would be active Wednesday through Saturday between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

"Students will be able to go to one specific area and know they will find a cab or one will be there shortly," he said.



Reilly

Mastrodicasa said some taxi companies reported that they find it hard to attract potential clients at late-night stomping grounds because they don't have a designated place to sit and wait. In fact, the only designated local taxi station that currently exists in Gainesville is at the airport, located in northeast Gainesville, she added.

"I have only gotten positive feedback from everyone involved in this plan," Mastrodicasa said. "It's a win-win situation for bar patrons, bar owners and taxi companies."

Despite stimulus checks, Fla. consumer confidence falls

■ **THE INDEX IS AT ITS LOWEST SINCE 1991.**

By **JESSICA BRANDI**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Even though economic stimulus checks are putting money back in taxpayers' pockets, the extra cash has not stopped consumer confi-

dence in Florida from falling to a near all-time low.

UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research released data Tuesday that showed the consumer confidence index dropped to 65 this month — one point lower than April's index and the lowest it has been since reaching 64 during the 1991 recession.

The index was 82 in May 2007.

The UF survey is meant to predict buying patterns and measures

how state residents feel about spending money. The index

measures consumers' feelings about the economy on a scale of zero to 100. In May, the Internal Revenue Service began sending economic stimulus

checks of up to \$600 to taxpayers who filed a 2007 tax return and had at least \$3,000 of income.

Chris McCarty, director of the Survey Research Center, said the arrival of stimulus checks failed to improve consumer confidence because the economy is suffering from rising gas prices, consumer debt and unstable housing prices. McCarty said he initially believed the arrival

of stimulus checks would cause a temporary spike in consumer confidence because the survey is completed every month and is sensitive to changes in the country's social and economic climate.

"When things like this happen that people would respond to emotionally, it usually registers," he said, "but we're just not seeing it this time."



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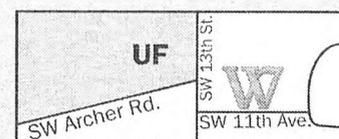
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UF RESEARCH

UF team aids Mars craft

By **ELIZABETH LEVA**
Alligator Writer

A research partnership between scientists and students from UF and the University of Central Florida has resulted in innovative technology that is literally out of this world.

A NASA spacecraft, dubbed the Phoenix, reached Mars on Sunday equipped with a device created with the help of a UF team. The device will allow the lander's camera to capture accurate photos of the Martian terrain.

Randy Duran, UF chemistry professor, said the Phoenix mission was sent to dig into the Martian surface in search of water, which would support evidence that there is potential for life on the planet.

The cameras on board spacecrafts are usually damaged by the harsh conditions of Mars and cannot accurately capture necessary images, Duran said.

UF helped improve color-calibration targets on the Phoenix to ensure the camera's accuracy so scientists would know where to make the Phoenix dig, he said.

"Without the color-calibration targets, the Phoenix mission is essentially blind," Duran said.

These targets are made of a silicon wafer with a protective metal casing that repels dust from the camera's lens and provides accurate color analysis, Duran said.

NASA began successfully receiving images from the spacecraft within one hour of its landing, he said.

Duran and his team from UF and UCF completed the color-calibration targets for the mission two years ago.



Duran

"It was amazing to provide UF students with an opportunity to create something that could make history in space," Duran said.

It took a year and a half to build the Phoenix, which departed Earth in August.

Abhi Lokesh, a UF integrative biology senior, worked on the project during his freshman and sophomore years.

Lokesh said he couldn't believe there were never more than five students involved with the project.

"This project was a hidden gem," he said. "I don't think kids realized how cool the stuff was that we were doing."

Senator questions Drayton's move

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and speaking with many influential people in my life, I have decided to take on this once in a lifetime experience and still be capable of fulfilling all the needs of treasurer position," he wrote.

Medina served on the Senate's Budget and Appropriations Committee last year. Drayton said Medina's experience on the committee and two "intense training sessions" with Drayton earned his trust.

But Sen. Cain Norris said Drayton's absence will be a problem, and he should have resigned.

"He won't be able to put his full effort into the duties of the office," Norris said. "He is trying to have his cake and eat it, too."

While Norris said he does not doubt Medina's qualifications, he believes if Drayton is going to leave his duties in Gainesville, he should leave his title here as well. But Drayton's announcement only consumed about 15 minutes of a nearly four-hour Senate meeting.

After three weeks of setbacks and delays, senators approved all SG agency positions and Cabinet directors and secretaries presented by Student Body President Kevin Reilly.

Some senators pleaded for reconsideration of many nominees, but no appointments were actually overturned.

Among the disagreements was the approval of Sen. Zenia Birdie as Cabinet Family Affairs Secretary, which constituted a nearly one-hour debate.

Sen. Sam Miorelli said Birdie is ineligible to handle the position because she does not have her own family.

"It would be similar to appointing someone who had never been in the military to be head of veterans affairs," Miorelli said.

Birdie defended her qualifications and said not having a family of her own will serve as a balance by enabling her to offer an unbiased student perspective on issues.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Haile residents discuss rape with law enforcement

By **CHRISTOPHER MYERS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Haile Plantation residents met with law enforcement officials Wednesday evening to discuss safety questions that arose in the aftermath of the Haile sexual assault case.

On May 21, a 36-year-old woman was attacked and raped by an armed man in Haile during her early morning jog.

The attacker is still at large, and police have released a composite sketch in hopes of locating him.

Officials from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office spoke during the meeting, which took place in the Kanapaha Middle School cafeteria. They shared rape prevention techniques and provided case updates.

"There's a lot of fear," Sheriff Sadie Darnell said. "There's a lot of very valid concerns for safety, and so we want to be as accessible as possible to answer any of the questions and allay the concerns."

During the meeting, officials also denounced rumors that the case is receiving so much attention because it occurred in a

wealthy area.

Lt. Stephen Maynard, spokesman for the Sheriff's Office, said the reason the rape case was unique was that it occurred in a well-lit area within view of passing motorists.

The suspect walked away from the scene and got into a car without any attempt to hide his identity, Maynard said.

"This has everything to do with the vio-

lent nature of the attack," he said.

Deputies also spoke of the importance of neighborhood watches and Rape Aggression Defense classes.

The classes are available, and one could be scheduled to meet the needs of Haile residents, Maynard said.

The class teaches self-defense techniques and that just yelling "rape" may not be enough to get someone to come help, said Deputy Shawn Pagel of the R.A.D. program.

"It's not what you yell, it's how you yell it," Pagel said.



Suspect

UF spokesman says reserves are committed to other projects

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"That's a very minimal amount for what good business practices would dictate," Orlando said. "We have to keep a certain amount, and really it should be more."

He said it would be irresponsi-

ble to use the money for recurring expenses, such as payroll. But Biro disagrees.

"I think people should come before equipment," he said.

Leroy Dubeck, a Temple University physics professor, created the report.

He said he was surprised to

learn UF did not channel any of its unrestricted reserves to avoid layoffs because of the fund's growth since 2003 and because economic downturns

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only last a few years.

He used UF's annual financial

audits to the Florida Auditor General from 2003 to 2007 to determine that UF was in excellent financial condition by the end of June 30, 2007.

Bret Seferian, vice president of the bargaining council for Graduate Assistants United, said Dubeck's conclusion is inconsis-

tent with how UF is representing itself in light of recent budget cuts. The report has only made GAU members more suspicious of UF administration, Seferian said.

"Now is the time to use your rainy-day fund," he said. "If you never use them, then they never serve a purpose."

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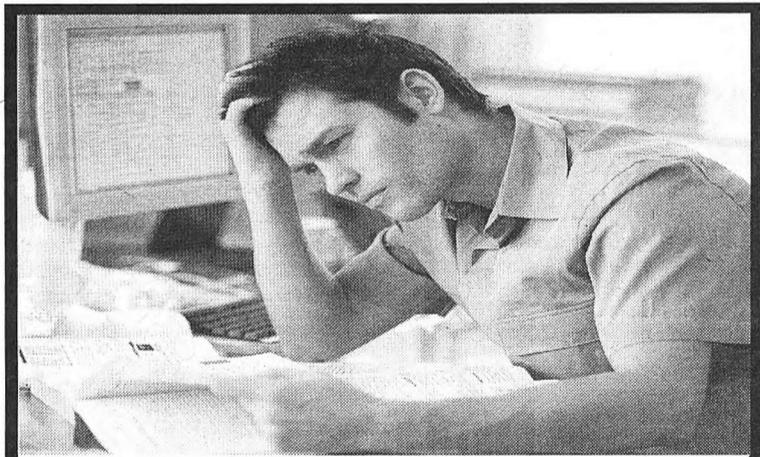
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Editorial

The boys and girls of summer are hitting their (home run) strides, and we at the Department of Darts and Laurels couldn't be more pumped. The Gators softball team has earned its first-ever Women's College World Series berth, the upstart Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Rays are the surprising leaders of their respective divisions in the big leagues, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for the Gators baseball team as it looks to put a hurting on FSU in the Tallahassee Regional this weekend for the chance to steal their way into the College World Series.

So grab an ice-cold brew, a ballpark bratwurst and some Cracker Jacks as we bring you a very special salute-to-America's-pastime (and softball, too) edition of ...

Darts & Laurels

Leading off, we hurl a high and hard thanks-for-once-again-disabusing-us-of-the-idea-that-Student-Government-is-about-anything-less-than-personal-advancement DART to UF Student Body Treasurer Paul Drayton for shirking the responsibilities of his office for the personal enrichment of a summer internship at JPMorgan Chase in New York City.

While congratulations to Mr. Drayton are certainly in order for his procurement of such a prestigious internship, his act of leaving his post without resigning is tantamount to a slap in the face to the student body. As an elected Student Government official, Drayton has a duty to his fellow students to serve with distinction, or failing that, to the best of his abilities. Unfortunately, Drayton's display of hubris is the rule, not the exception, for what we've come to expect from the people elected to serve us in SG. It would be nice if the members of SG would at least pretend their office meant more to them than a line on their resumes.

Up next, we fire a it's-good-to-see-you-back-in-town-but-your-illicit-actions-make-us-frown DART to former Gators Basketball great Joakim Noah. While anyone who has led the Gators to consecutive basketball National Championships is more than welcome to return to the heart of The Gator Nation any time, we're left scratching our heads over the disappointing events of this past weekend. Noah's return to Gainesville over the Memorial Day weekend was spoiled by an arrest on charges of possession of marijuana and violation of the city's open-container law. Then, less than 24 hours after his arrest, Noah was issued two traffic citations for driving with a suspended license and for failing to wear a seat belt.

Whether he likes it or not, Noah is a role model for young, aspiring hoops stars, as well as an ambassador for his alma mater. His behavior is a poor reflection on UF and a stain on his stellar athletic contributions to the Orange and Blue. Here's to hoping Noah will get his act together and cease to be the proverbial (Chicago) Bull in a China shop.

Next, a we-always-knew-there-was-of-an-action-hero-in-you LAUREL goes to Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles Bronson (not to be confused with the silver screen tough guy of the same name, best known for his role in the "Death Wish" film series) for delivering a clarification call to the airheads in Washington on the need to look into the outrageous fuel prices facing Floridians — as well as the rest of the country — at the pump. Bronson implored Congress and President Bush to open an investigation into the possibility of price gouging. "We're being taken for a ride, and the evidence is everywhere, from the escalating prices we pay to fill up our vehicles with gasoline to the purchase of virtually all consumer goods," said Bronson.

Thanks for going to bat for Floridians while our national leaders have failed us so breathtakingly on this important economic issue.

Batting cleanup, we present a here's-looking-at-you-kid(s) LAUREL to the UF softball team for reaching its first Women's College World Series. We extend a hearty congratulations to Coach Tim Walton and his squad for this momentous achievement. We couldn't be prouder of our Lady Gators' display of excellence this season, and we wish them luck as they battle for the National Championship. It sure is great to be a Florida Gator!

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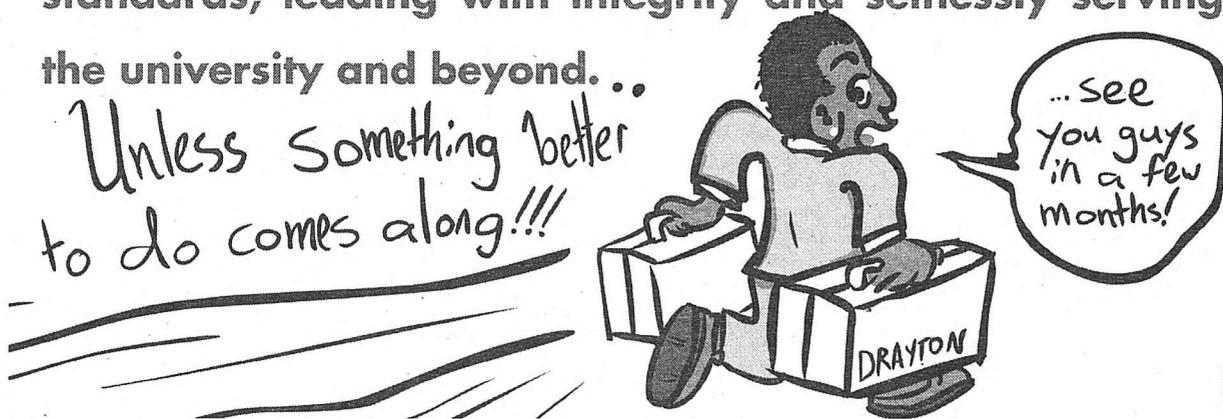
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Guest column

Health care deserves intelligent debate

Despite the fact there are about 47 million Americans without health insurance, half of all bankruptcies in the U.S. are the result of medical bills, we currently spend 16 percent of our gross domestic product on health care and health care is consistently a top concern among voters, I have yet to see an intelligent debate on health care in the mainstream media or among our esteemed presidential candidates. A key reason for this is the perpetuation of several myths that make it taboo to wander outside the same hackneyed health care reforms that have been failing for the past 40 years.

The first myth would be the U.S. has the best health care in the world. Don't get me wrong, we certainly have some of the finest doctors and facilities, but they don't do us any good if the vast majority of people can't use them. It's like having a Maserati with no keys.

Perhaps the most telling gauge of our medical prowess comes from a study published earlier this year that ranked the U.S. at No. 19 out of 19 industrialized countries for the treatment of amenable diseases like cancer, heart disease and complications from surgery. Who came in at No. 1? France, with their "socialist nightmare" of a health care system.

Another barrier to intelligent conversation on this important issue is the contention that a national health care program would cost too much.

A 2005 study from the National Coalition on Health Care dispelled this myth. The study looked at four different scenarios of health reform, including plans similar to those of the current presidential candidates as well as a publicly financed national health insurance program. After 10 years, the other plans would save about \$350 billion each. That's after a 5-year period of increased costs. By comparison, the public plan would save over \$1 trillion in 10 years, with no period of increased costs.

But anytime someone mentions national health insurance, images of long waiting lines and grandmas dying in the streets due to lack of access are instantly conjured up.



Brandon Sack
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The reality is, however, that even in Canada — the most underfunded country with universal health care — less than 1 percent are on a waiting list, and only 10 percent of those on a waiting list wait for more than four months.

Then why do so many Canadians come over here to get health care? Well, they don't. A 2002 study

showed that 0.11 percent of Canadians came to the U.S. for health care. In 2003 though, Americans spent \$695 million on prescription drugs from the land of maple and hockey.

Last but not least, there's the notion that for-profit free-market models of health insurance encourage efficiency and provide the best possible coverage.

The best argument against this is history. From 1929 to 1965, the health care market was totally unregulated and it remains hollowly regulated today. In 1965, Medicare was created because — surprise — instead of pushing for more efficiency and greater standards of care, insurance companies simply chased profits by excluding the sick, poor and elderly.

Today, Medicare and Medicaid operate with administrative costs of around 3 percent, while private industry spends 16 to 26 percent of its money on non-medical costs like marketing, CEO salaries and shareholder dividends — so much for efficiency.

Are there problems with publicly funded government-run health care? Yes. But we can overcome them by learning from the mistakes and successes of our neighbors in the world community.

We ought to have a health care system that addresses the needs of every American, especially our grandmas.

Brandon Sack is a second year biomedical sciences graduate student and an Orange and Blue Party student senator. His column appears Thursdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think the United States should nationalize health care?

Monday's question: Do you think Hilary Clinton should end her bid for the Democratic nomination?

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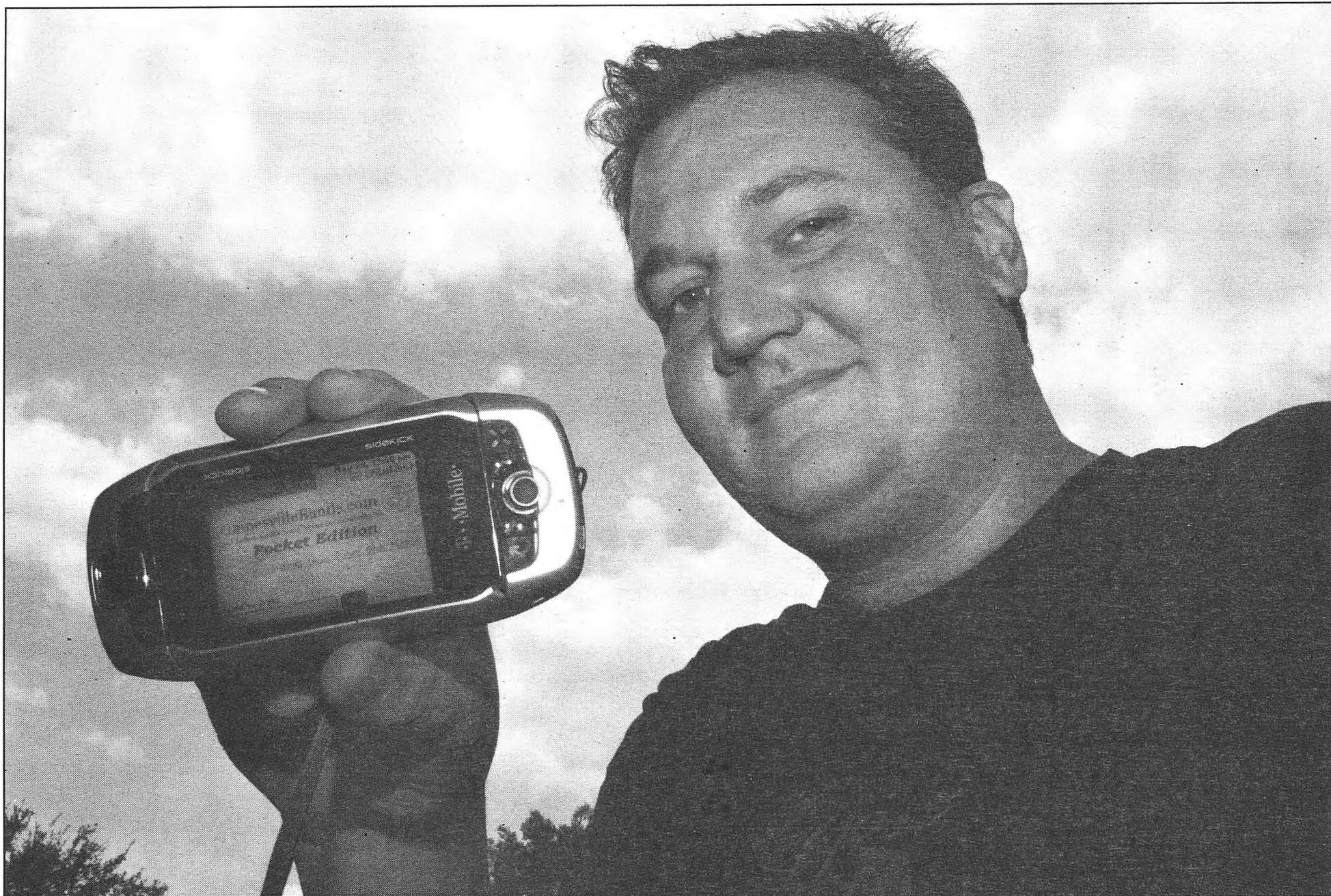


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The Music Man

Local's music Web site a staple in Gainesville

SHAW PATTON ♦
AVENUE WRITER

His birth name is Shawn Dalton, but even his mother affectionately calls him "Glyph."

Dalton, 33, is the Internet personality known as "Glyph" who created GainesvilleBands.com.

Glypher graduated from UF in 1998 and since then has managed to "land a couple of jobs doing computer-geek type stuff." He has been doing Web development and

database design for about five years at the U.S. Geological Survey.

But Glypher is akin to a second-tier celebrity in Gainesville due to his pet project.

"I don't know how much weight my name carries," Glypher said. "I don't really think of myself as a famous or well-known person. I run a stupid little Web site."

GainesvilleBands.com went online Sept. 9, 2002. It was created years before MySpace or Facebook standardized the concept of social

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Shawn Dalton

networking.

"Now its passe. Everybody's doing it," he said. "When I started, nobody was doing that."

The Web site is labeled as the

"source for the local music in Gainesville, FL." Many use it for its "Upcoming Shows" page, which includes all major Gainesville venues and lists ticket prices, show times, bands playing and even the fliers associated with each show.

There are approximately 5,000 registered accounts on the Web site. In its first month online, GainesvilleBands.com received 2,500 hits but now receives a lot more, Glypher said.

Part of the reason a Web site like Glypher's can be so successful is because of the deeply ingrained music culture in Gainesville. The town is

rich in musical history and in its pure volume of shows every week.

"No matter what genres you want to find, there's somebody in Gainesville doing it," Glypher said. "There's also somebody doing it poorly."

GainesvilleBands.com also facilitates community discussion with its categorized forums.

The "Classifieds" page on the Web site is like a Craigslist for Gainesville musicians, although

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ONLINE

■ We're a little squeezed for space this week, but you can check out extended versions of these articles and additional content at www.alligator.org/the_avenue.

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■ See if HBO's "Sex and the City" makes a smooth transition to the big screen in our review on page 8.

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■ Can an aging Harrison Ford match the magic of the first three "Indiana Jones" films in "Kingdom of the Crystal Skull?" Find out in our review at www.alligator.org/the_avenue.

QUOTABLE



"I don't really want to think of his penis anymore. I want to move on."
— Denise Richards, denying her ex Charlie Sheen's claim that she asked for his sperm.

'Sex and the City' scores in big screen debut

ANA MONTANO ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Any fan of the show will tell you that one of the most anticipated films of the year is the "Sex and the City" movie. Set three years after the series' end, this flick had a lot to live up to.

Like any movie based on a TV show, the film already has a lot to overcome. It's hard not to feel like you're watching a very long — two and a half hours, to be exact — episode of the show with an entire season's worth of plotlines crammed

into it. That's not an exaggeration: They celebrate three holidays in the movie, four if you count Fashion Week. But they pull it off, and the movie didn't feel as long as it was.

We reunite with our girls to find that Charlotte and her husband have adopted a Chinese girl, Miranda is with Steve and their son in Brooklyn, Samantha moved to Hollywood with her movie-star lover, and Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Big have been living happily ever

after since we found out his name was John. Of course, the happiness is short-lived, and soon we see that the girls face big hurdles in their relationships. Samantha is worried she might not be able to stay faithful when she realizes



Parker

her whole life now revolves around a single man, and when Carrie and

Big decide to get married, he suffers from a severe case of cold feet after their small wedding starts to spiral out of control.

The film is surprisingly well-written and also well-acted. Though, like any movie, there are a few things that make you raise an eyebrow. Doesn't Charlotte's daughter have a baby sitter? And why does Samantha even live in L.A. when she spends all her time in New York? But there's so much going on that you let all the little

things slide.

Along the way, the drama is mediated by big laughs and lots of tears, all culminating with Big and Carrie's wedding. Do they or don't they? You'll have to find out for yourself.

In the end, it can only be described as the most epic chick flick of all time. With enough twists and turns to make anyone's head spin, the movie takes us into the lives of our four favorite New Yorkers for one last Cosmo.

fashion

Classic over trendy a safe bet for summer swimwear

EMILIE WILLIAMS ◆ AVENUE WRITER

This summer, beaches all over the world will feature all kinds of swimsuits: itsy-bitsy ones, tankini versions and yes, even the cut-away. The cut-away suit, also known as the "monokini," is a trend that I will undoubtedly avoid this summer.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy being fashionable by the pool, but having one strip of fabric

connecting the top of my suit to the bottom just seems like a bad tan line waiting to happen.

My mom is all about this season's monokini, and I laughed at her when she told me this proudly.

She reprimanded me for being "so out of the fashion loop" this summer and told me to check out Target's Web site.

"The cut-away suit, also known as the 'monokini,' is a trend that I will undoubtedly avoid this summer."

Sure enough, there they were — in their very own category and everything. And much to my dismay, some of them were actually cute.

But in the end, if you want to look fashionable this summer without trying too hard, a trend that will never go out of style is your classic all-black and all-white bikinis.

I think every girl should own one of each because they are the epitome of beach chic. Throw on a pair of this season's colored Ray-Bans in white or red and you're ready for any tropical destination.

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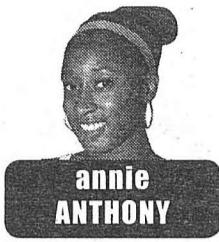
In order to progress, understand and enjoy sex, you will first need to understand relationships. Sex without a relationship is like sex without a condom. It feels great, but it can lead to trouble. Here's how to protect yourself.

The first type of relationship is friendship, which occurs when there is understanding, trust and respect without sex. If you choose to take your relationship to the next level, it can be risky. Whether the sex is good or bad, it can end with a possible-yet-unrealistic happily ever after or a terribly awkward situation. Your friends should be the people who you're sharing your stories with, not your bed.

The second type is known by many names: friends with benefits, bed buddies, eight to eights, etc. Don't take these pseudo-relationships too seriously because problems occur when emotions run outside of the sack. If you get too attached you can wind up with hurt feelings. So take it for what it's worth and have fun.

The final type of relationship is based on love. Love is like a second job: It requires lots of time, energy and effort. Love is when you can imagine your current crush in 50 years with gray hair and sagging body parts, and they're still attractive in your eyes.

If you're willing to put in the work, you'll have something wonderful. You'll have what most people are looking for.



annie ANTHONY

on the avenue

Site offers several services

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many things other than instruments are sold there. The "Create-A-Band" forum is like personal ads for those wishing to join or start up a band.

"People have said to me, 'Oh, we found our drummer' or 'We found our guitar player on your site,' and that is fine," Glypher said.

He tries to keep the Web site a respectful online community.

"The thing is, this isn't like the real interweb with total anonymity," he said. "As big as people think Gainesville is ... someone is going to take of-

fense in real life."

Fights have broken out in the past over what was written on forums, he said.

And while other similar Web sites were around before GainesvilleBands.com, none stood the test of time. Even in Florida, the site is unique in its community involvement and practical use. Searches for Web sites in Tampa, Orlando and Tallahassee show only skeletons of a cohesive online, local music community.

There is a lot resting on Glypher's shoulders, but in an optimistic outlook, it is the community that really makes such a Web site possible.



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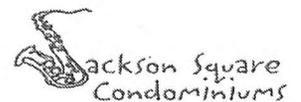
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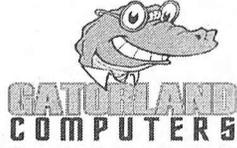
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Veterans not surprised by Gators' postseason bid

■ UF OPENS PLAY FRIDAY AGAINST TULANE.

By **SHANNON MCCARTHY**
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The last time the Gators were here, things were different, but the same.

The 2005 team that stormed all the way to the championship series in the College World Series wasn't expected to make it that far. That squad was picked to finish third in the Southeastern Conference's East division.

Instead, all they did was win the regular-season SEC title and sweep their way to Omaha, Neb., college baseball's Promised Land.

This year, with a new coaching staff in place and only three players remaining from that CWS team, the Gators were picked to finish fifth in the SEC East and 11th overall in the conference.

Instead, the young team finished third overall in arguably the nation's toughest conference.

But ask these Gators if they

think they've exceeded expectations, and the answer is a resounding no.

"Not in our eyes," said senior designated hitter Bryson Barber, one holdout from that '05 team. "When we saw our collection of players at the beginning of the year, we knew we had a good shot of getting to a regional. From the outside looking in, maybe you didn't see it, but everybody here expected us to."



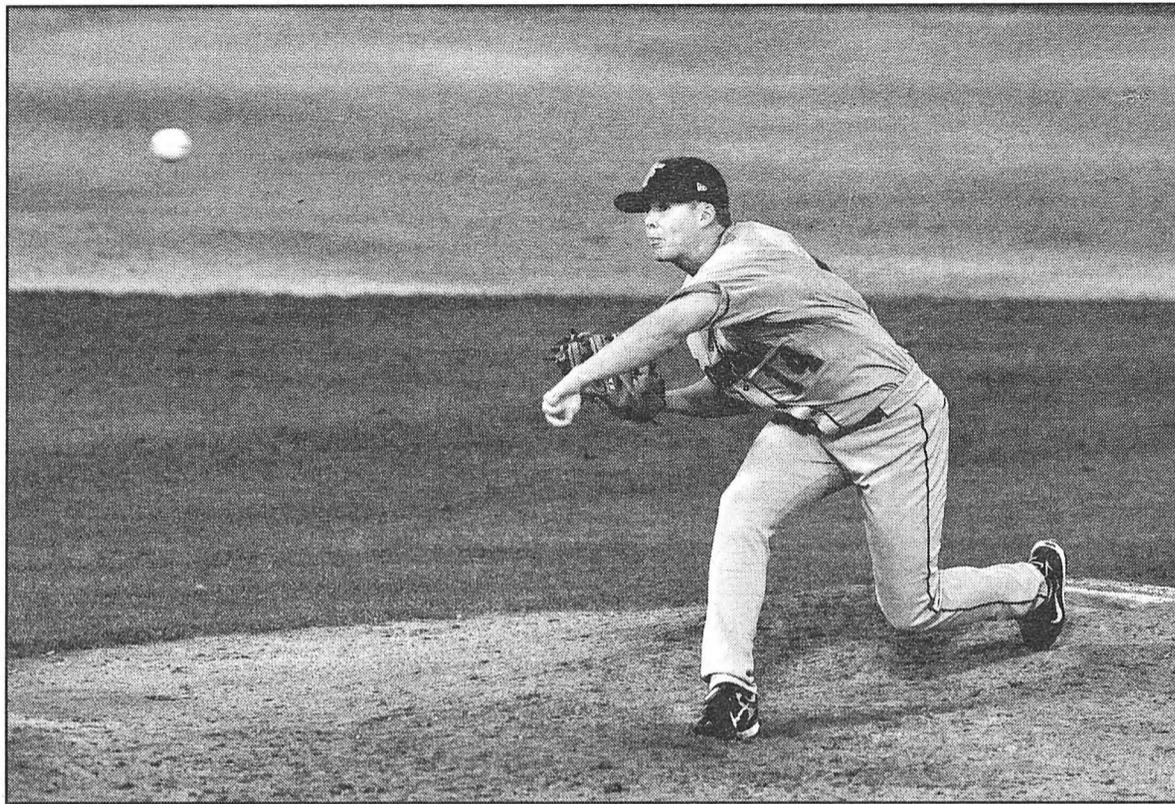
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Stephen Locke, a freshman midweek starter then and the scheduled game one starter now, agreed.

"Even though a lot of people didn't expect us to be there, I think there's a pretty good group of us that expected to be in the mix toward the end of the year," he said. "We knew we were a capable team."

It is a team just as capable as the 2005 Gators, but perhaps in different ways.

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UF pitcher Stephen Locke throws a pitch during the Gators' 8-5 loss at Jacksonville on March 26. Locke and the Gators will start postseason play this weekend in Tallahassee against Tulane.

WCWS a sign of things to come

The funny thing is, you probably won't think the Gators making the Women's College World Series is a big deal a couple of years from now.

Tim Walton isn't going to all of a sudden turn his tucked-in shirt, fairly clean-shaven look into a disheveled mess.

He isn't going to have his players stop dressing up for road games or cleaning up the softball stadium when he finds one — yes, just one — cup on the ground outside the team's locker room.

"This isn't a one-time thing," senior Mary Ratliff said. "This is going to be a yearly event. It's going to be a realistic goal every year from now on."

Just going into last season the softball program was giddy when they'd make a regional game. Heck, maybe even win one while there. Then they got to the decisive game in Super Regional play. Now they've won Super Regionals with a team that has one senior and nine freshmen.



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by no means is he easy on them.

"This place will eat you up and spit you out," he said.

In other words, don't come here unless you want to challenge yourself. That means you don't get the lackadaisical students — like me sometimes — who just do enough in the classroom to get by. You don't get players who come to practice exactly on time and leave as soon as it's over. You don't get people who think it's a good idea to carry an open container of

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Let's put it this way: Tim Walton cares about his players and is sensitive to what they go through — you have to be that way to a certain degree with collegiate female athletes. But

UF BASEBALL

Locke to face Tulane

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Stephen Locke does not know what the future holds for him just yet, but he does know his immediate future now involves starting the first game of regional action.

While UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan originally named junior Patrick Keating (8-1, 3.47 ERA) as his game one starter and tabbed Locke (5-2, 3.07 ERA) as his starter for game two, the rotation has been flip-flopped after additional musing.

"Coach O'Sullivan called me after we'd all gotten home (Monday) and told me that he decided to switch it up," Locke said. "He just looked at the matchups. Tulane is a big base-stealing team a lot like us. He figured with me being left-handed it would slow the running game down a little bit."

With Conference USA Pitcher of the Year Shooter Hunt on the mound opposite Locke, Friday's matchup in Tallahassee figures to be a low-scoring af-

fair, so one stolen base, one bunt, one run could be the difference. But O'Sullivan was more concerned with leaving his lefty on the shelf for too long.

"The biggest thing is it was kind of sitting in our minds that we went up to Birmingham and Stephen never touched the mound, and he's arguably our hottest pitcher as of late."

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Kevin O'Sullivan
UF baseball coach

Just two years removed from Tommy John surgery, the redshirt junior has improved dramatically as the season has progressed. In his last four starts, Locke has thrown 29 innings, including two complete games, and notched three wins

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■ Ali Gardiner and Stacey Nelson were named first-team All-America, while Aja Paçulba and Francesca Enea are on the second team. Kim Waleszonka was named to the third team.

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Today's question: Who's the most important player for the UF baseball team this weekend?

Yes	95% (39)
No	5% (2)

Tuesday's question: Will the UF softball team win the Women's College World Series? (see right for results)

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Upperclassmen stress one-game-at-a-time focus

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"Back in 2005, we were a long ball team, and now we steal bases," Barber said. "Different players, different system...everything's different."

So as UF prepares to face Tulane, the three remaining veterans are stressing the lesson they learned three years ago to their teammates.

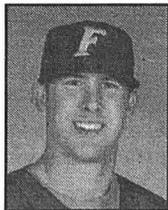
It's a tired baseball cliché, but one that especially holds true this time of year.

"We're telling these guys you just have to take it one game at a time," Barber said. "If we do that and play our game, we have a good shot of looking up and being in Omaha."

Senior first baseman Brandon McArthur, the starting third baseman on that CWS team, pointed to the path those

Gators took to Omaha as an example.

"In 2005 when we had Stetson, they played with us every game that year," McArthur said. "It wasn't like it was a cakewalk to move on. Luckily we were able to pull that one out, and the next night we faced hometown Andrew Miller [of North Carolina]."



McArthur

Miller is with the Florida Marlins now, and was the Tar Heels ace back then. The Gators will face a similar task when they go up against Tulane's Shooter Hunt.

Just as they wouldn't look past Stetson to facing Miller then, they won't look ahead to potentially playing Florida State until after they've faced Hunt and the Green Wave.

"You've got to take it game by game,"

McArthur said. "You can't look ahead and you can't look behind you. You've got to play for that moment because in the long run, you can look back and regret some of the things that you did while thinking about the future."

For Barber and McArthur, and perhaps Locke, the future does not hold more college baseball. The three veterans were excited to be back in the postseason one final time, but they aren't satisfied yet.

"The honor of getting into the postseason is pretty meaningful," McArthur said, "just knowing that all of the hard work you've done and the games you played throughout the year have somewhat paid off."

"But our job isn't over. We've got to keep working and going at things."

He paused, then added with a smile: "Hopefully we can keep playing for another month."

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alcohol around downtown Gainesville while having a marijuana cigarette in your pocket. Stacey Nelson doesn't look like that big of a hippie, after all.

Walton's recruiting student athletes who smash the ball and smash test curves, pitchers who throw a hard rise ball and rise in society. When Kim Waleszonia was debating on whether to come

back this semester after her father was dealing with cancer, Walton didn't promise Lester Waleszonia his daughter would win another All-American honor. He promised him he'd make her graduate.

Urban Meyer and Billy Donovan can't make these promises with the same success.

Most of their big-time recruits think they'll be running past NFL linebackers and have Gatorade begging them to say, "Is it in you?" on national TV. But when your sport lacks

the big bucks of professional leagues, and people haven't praised you since your first layup or hit, it becomes easier to sell parents and students on a good life in front of a good program.

I'm far from certain that UF will win the world series this year.

They were just heavily tested against a Pac-10 team, and the SEC simply doesn't have the guns right now that the Pac-10 and Big 12 do. But I am certain that the Gators will, someday sooner rather

than later, have a program that will make the UCLAs and Californias blush. Walton wouldn't have eight girls from California — the hotbed for softball — on his roster if he wasn't building an impressive program.

The Gators will probably come home empty handed this year. But Jeremy Foley better start making room in his trophy case, because softball may very well end up being the best sports team year in and year out on this campus.

Could be junior's last game at UF

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while only allowing eight earned runs over that span.

The lone lefty in UF's rotation could be playing in his last college postseason. While Locke has one more year of eligibility, he has already graduated with a bachelor's degree in sport management.

"I kind of want to see what's out there for me," Locke said. "If nothing really works out, then I still have the option of coming back."

Senior first baseman Brandon McArthur has been there throughout Locke's career, and he has seen the process and the progress.

"Sully made a point to all of the pitching staff to let them know at the beginning of the year that (Locke) wasn't supposed to be one of the weekend starters," McArthur said. "But he never quit working, and eventually he worked his way back into the rotation."

Locke is the only UF pitcher with postseason experience. As a freshman, he started the first game of the championship series against Texas in 2005.

He is now looking forward to getting another shot at postseason glory.

"With this possibly being my last year, I'm going to take it all in a little more and try to enjoy it," Locke said.

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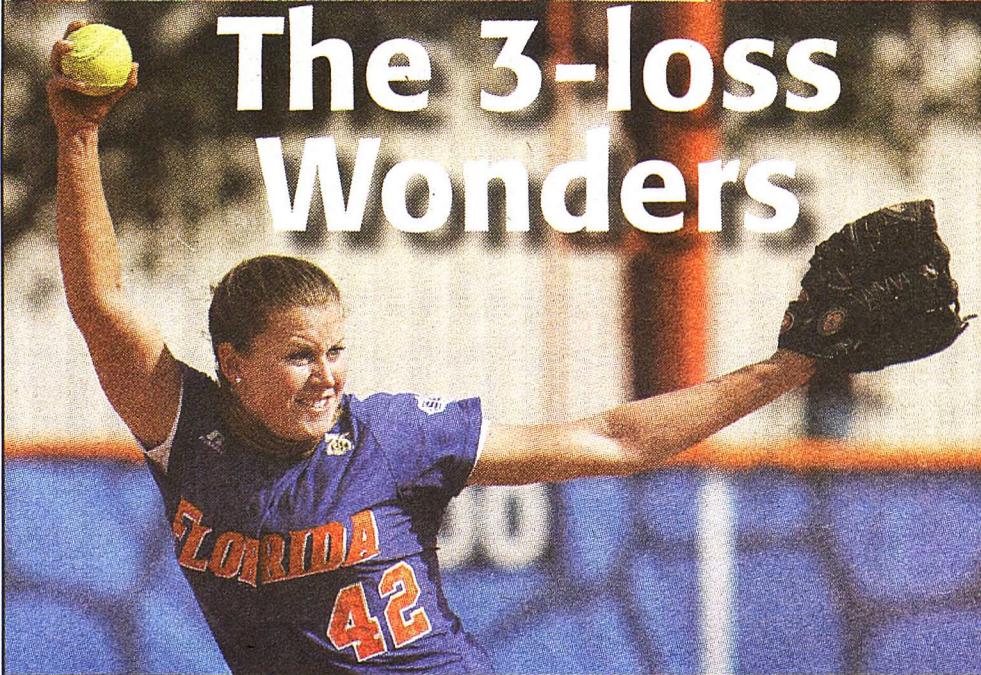
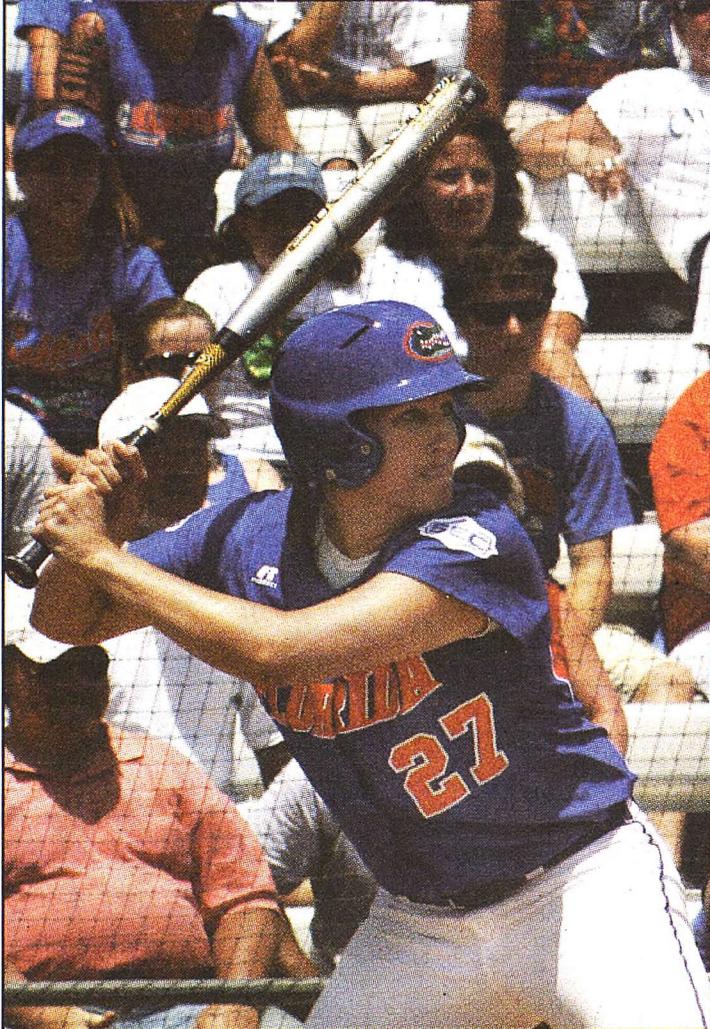
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Watching from Above

Waleszonia deals with loss

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On a Friday in February her career started.

The proud parents, Cathy and Lester Waleszonia, traveled to Houston where they would watch their daughter play.

Since she was little, Lester was her coach.

Now, he is her biggest fan.

As a freshman, Kim started all five games in the tournament as UF stumbled out to a 2-3 record.

From the stands, Lester takes note of a white feather that had nestled into the netting behind the backstop.

"Oh, Chris is here, Cathy," he says. "He's watching over us."

Even though he passed away in a car accident four years earlier at the age of 16, Chris Waleszonia was watching his little sister play too.

Two years later, Kim, never one for jewelry, wears a feather around her neck in memory of lost loved ones. She is now the most motivational player on a team that has only lost three games all season and is headed to the Women's College World Series for the first time in school history.

Diagnosis

In the fall of 2007, Kim left her home in Fontana, Calif., and hopped on a plane to Gainesville to attend classes.

She left the same time and same way she had every year, without a hint of just how different this time would be.

Within a week of her leaving, Cathy noticed something different about her husband.

Standing in the kitchen, she thought she noticed a yellow hue in Lester's eyes.

Weary at first, he agreed to get it checked out because of the family's history with cancer.

He had a 7 a.m. appointment for his shoulder, which was sore from all the batting practice he threw to the team of his youngest son, Scotty.

Two hours later, he was being checked out for the jaundice that had developed in his eye.

On Aug. 29, he was diagnosed with inoperable cancer and given less than a year to live.

"We were all crying, everybody was crying," Cathy said of the ensuing phone call to Kim.

Immediately, the middle child got back on a plane and flew back out to California to be with her father.

She had a lot of thinking ahead of her.

Should she stay home and spend what little time she might have left with her father? Or continue her education and be with the girls that had become a second family to her?

"I remember her walking up and down the sidewalk talking to friends, and family, and coaches about what to do," Cathy said. "It was 100 percent her decision. We talked to her about it, and we decided that whatever she decided to do we would say, 'That's a great decision.'"

After two days of wrestling with the situation, Kim walked into the living room and told her parents she would not be attending school for the fall semester.

"We were really proud of her deciding to come home because that's something you can't get back," Cathy said.



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Kim Waleszonia steals home base in the 3rd inning of the Gators' 4-2 win against California in the NCAA Super Regional Championship Saturday afternoon. Below: Kim Waleszonia kneels down on second base in the 3rd inning of the Gators' 4-2 win against California in the NCAA Super Regional Championship. Waleszonia made a last-minute decision to come back to UF during the spring semester after her father was diagnosed with cancer.

Making Memories

The goal was simple for the Waleszonia family — never leave Lester alone.

It wasn't that Cathy was concerned that he wouldn't be OK by himself, rather, she wanted to create memories with her family during her husband's final days.

"You start to hope he can just make it a little bit longer," she said. "I hope he can make it to Thanksgiving, our anniversary is in December, I hope he can make it to that. Maybe he can make it to Christmas."

With each passing day, they made sure he was taken care of.

They made sure they were with him.

Lester had to be in the hospital five to seven days at a time. Cathy would take the day shift, and Kim would take over at night.

"She totally focused on him," Cathy said. "During the daytime, she would go to the gym, do workouts, try her best to keep in shape for softball."

It was a tough balancing act for Kim, who kept in mind that she would be playing softball again someday.

It was a prospect that became much more real after a phone call from a friend.

It was Halloween, and UF ace Stacey Nelson called her to say the team had a meeting on what they were going to have to do without their little 5-foot-4 dynamo.

"That's when I started to think I could come back," she said.

December presented another gut-wrenching decision, one that she couldn't make from California.

She wanted to surprise her teammates with a trip to Gainesville.

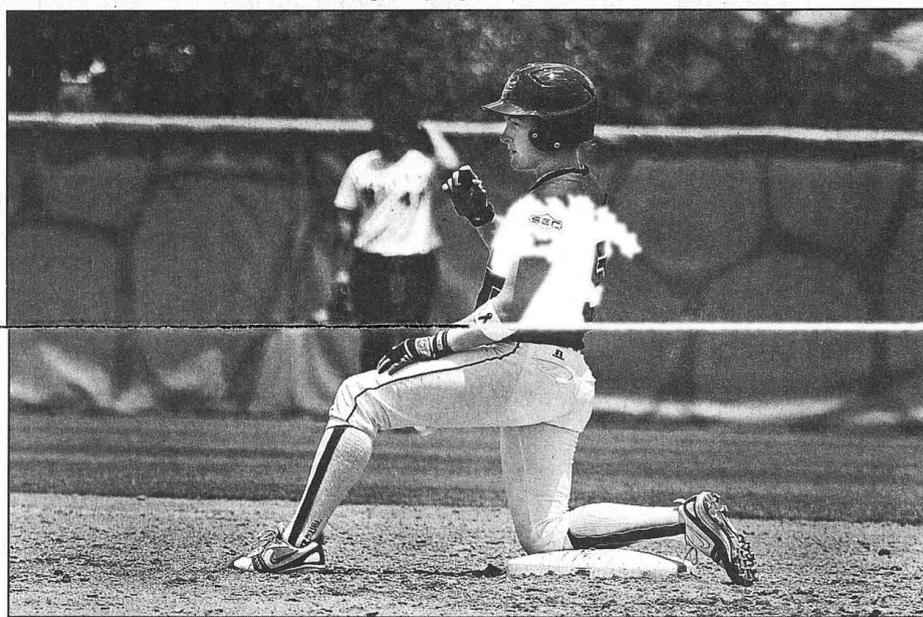
More importantly, she wanted to see if she could handle being away from her father. She attended a Christmas party and took team pictures, with her decision all but made.

"We encouraged her to go," Cathy said. "She had been at her dad's side and we said, 'Kim, you need to go and give it a try.'"

The first Sunday in January, the day before classes started, Kim arrived in Gainesville for the spring semester. That Tuesday she got the call from her mother. This time the phone rang with an echo of what was about to happen.

Lester's condition had worsened, and they didn't think he was going to make it to Friday, when she was supposed to head back to California.

Cathy asked Kim to tell her father it was OK for him to go, and for the last time, she spoke to her dad on the phone. He wasn't well enough to respond, but he understood the message



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just the same. He passed away a few hours later.

Making History

Her second return to campus was tougher to make, but the first game was less than a month away, and the team needed one of its leaders.

"She felt like she had to earn her role back," senior Mary Ratliff said. "But it was hers the whole time."

She recorded the first at-bat by a Gator in 2008, penciled in at the leadoff spot where she would start all 70 games wearing the Orange and Blue.

Kim was coming off a sophomore season in which she earned All-Southeastern Conference first-team honors and became UF's first ever All-American position player.

With the leader of their lineup back in uniform and between the lines, the team soared to unprecedented heights.

The Gators finished the season with a No. 1 ranking and the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Kim is hitting .368, has stolen 22 bases and has scored 61 runs — a school record — coming into the WCWS.

As a result of their tremendous season, the Gators were rewarded with home-field advantage in Regional and Super Regional play.

Cathy sat behind home plate for every last pitch.

"I was never so happy to be any-

place in my life," she said.

She was there for the Regional, when her daughter lifted UF to a 10-0 defeat of Central Florida in the championship game.

"I'm not sure how much of it I saw, I was jumping up and down so much."

The team manager handed her the two home run balls Kim hit in that game as a way to remember her daughter's amazing performance.

Friends and family joined Cathy in Gainesville to watch Kim play in the Super Regional against Cal.

Two of her cousins, Jeff and Jenny, came to watch her play. So did their mom, Mary, and her husband, Lynn. Jeff's girlfriend, Jane, was there. Together they held up signs and wore No. 5 shirts with "Waleszonia" across their backs.

And when the Gators achieved their goal of earning a trip to Oklahoma City to play in the WCWS, they were all there to celebrate.

"There were plenty of emotions," Cathy said. "We were jumping up and down screaming."

Remembering

Inside the Waleszonia's home in Fontana, a poster hangs in the dining room.

"Orange and Blue. Thinking of You. Get well soon."

The team made it for Lester while he

was sick during the fall semester, each one of them signed it.

"It meant a lot to Lester," Cathy said.

"He couldn't believe that they would do that for him."

While Kim has enjoyed tremendous success on the field, it's a promise coach Tim Walton made to her father that he puts above everything else.

"Talking to her dad when he first was diagnosed with cancer, I made a promise to him that her daughter would graduate from the University of Florida," he said. "Getting that degree is No. 1, and what she does on the field is a bonus."

In Oklahoma City, she'll have the chance to deliver the biggest bonus the program and the conference has ever seen. The first national championship ever won by an SEC school.

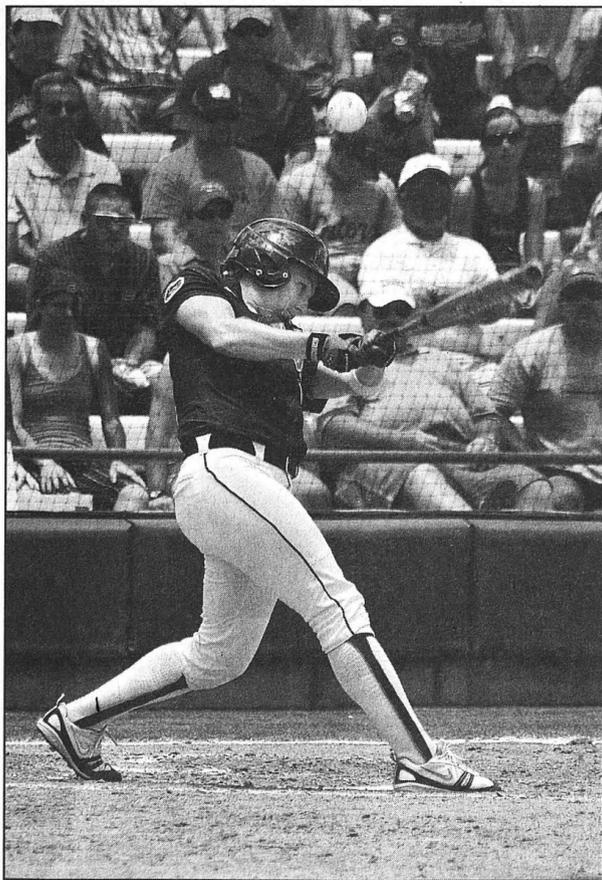
Though she just arrived back home on Tuesday, Cathy will be there for the Gators' first game on Thursday, bringing friends and family along for the ride.

"There are a lot of people in Kim's corner," she said. "I can't tell you how many people will be watching."

All of them will support No. 5 as she takes center field with a tiny, white gold feather glistering around her neck.

The Waleszonias, without a doubt, know two people who are watching.

The tiny, white gold feather says so.



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Kim Waleszonia swings for the fences during the third inning in the Gators' 4-2 win against California in the NCAA Super Regional.

Dream becomes reality as No. 1 Gators get set for first ever WCWS

■ UF HAS IMPROVED EACH YEAR IN TIM WALTON'S THREE SEASONS.

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When Tim Walton came to UF three years ago all he had was a dream. Now that dream has turned into a reality.

As the No. 1 Gators prepare for their first game of the Women's College World Series against Louisiana-Lafayette today, they can't help but look back on the long road that they traveled to get to this point.

"Three years ago, we sold these kids on

a dream, to do things the right way and not cut corners," Walton said. "I thought that we had a program with the resources that was capable of competing with the best teams in the country."

He has done just that.

In three years, he has taken UF from an average Southeastern Conference team to the WCWS and the favorite to win the national title.

In his first year, he took the Gators to regional play.

In his second, all the way to a Super Regional championship game where UF would fall to higher-seeded Texas A&M.

But now in his third year, Walton has the Gators where he always thought they could

be — in Oklahoma City for the WCWS.

"We're at the University of Florida where championships are expected," Walton said. "You come here to win a championship."

UF has never been to the WCWS before, and no school from the SEC has ever won a national title.

But after storming through the Regional and Super Regional portion of the tournament, the Gators look poised to make history.

For each Gator, the trip to the Oklahoma City means something different.

Francesca Enea is happy to be able to fol-

low in her big sisters footsteps and make it to the Big Dance.

Christina Enea played for Oklahoma from 2002-2005 and played in three WCWS.

"We have this little joke. She always says, 'Oh you're doing so good,' and I always say, 'No, stop telling me that. You're jinxing me,'" Francesca said. "But every time she does that it feels really good. I know she's proud of me."

Ace pitcher Stacey Nelson is proud to see how far her team has come in such a short period of time.

"It means a lot," Nelson said about playing in the World Series.

"My freshman year, we weren't even able to get out of regionals, so to watch us grow

and take the next step each year, it's very special."

For Mary Ratliff, the team's lone senior, the journey has been an especially memorable one. With such a young team, she's said that she's "just been along for the ride." So far that's been one amazing trip.

"I've never had chills like I did during the last out of the (regional championship) game with the crowd standing and cheering," Ratliff said. "It was really kind of an unreal feeling."

Ratliff is sure that this won't be the last time you see the Gators on the big stage.

"There isn't a doubt in my mind that this program can reach this point every year," Ratliff said.



Walton

Horschel leads UF on Day 1

STAFF REPORT

It shouldn't come as any surprise that when the No. 6 UF men's golf team opened play on Wednesday, it was Billy Horschel who stole the show.

As the Gators continue their quest for an NCAA Championship, the two-time All-American carried over his clutch regional performance to pace UF on the tournament's opening day.

"Billy is one of the best players in the country and may not have had as good of a year as he would like," UF coach Buddy Alexander said, "but he stepped up at regionals when we needed him.

"He stepped up today because that is what big-time players do and it's what All-Americans do, so I am not surprised. I wouldn't be surprised to see him play solid all week long."

Horschel carded an even-par 72 on the day, which placed him in a tie for fourth. He had three birdies on the front nine, entering the turn at one-under. After birdying the 10th hole and making bogeys on 11 and 12, Horschel made par on the last six holes of the course.

The Gators finished 14 strokes over par with a 302 as a team, which landed them in a tie for sixth place after the opening round.

"The course we are playing is tough," Alexander said. "It has a lot of rough. This is going to be a long race, but this team is confident in their ability."

The first Gator to tee off Wednesday afternoon, sophomore Tyson Alexander, recovered well after a double bogey on the second hole. Alexander finished the round with 11 pars and two birdies, which places him in a tie for 40th place on the leaderboard with a three-over 75.

Senior Manuel Villegas shot a four-over 76 and is tied for 23rd. Villegas rebounded from +3 on the front nine and helped the Gators climb in the standings with three birdies in his last five holes.

Junior Will Strickler contributed with a seven-over 79 performance including two birdies to finish in a tie for 87th place heading into the second day of competition.

Senior Tyler Brown began the round strong, making birdies on his first two holes, but struggled a bit on the back nine. Brown bogeyed 15 and 16 and made double bogeys on the final two holes to finish in a tie for 126th place with an 11-over 83. UF will be paired with Oklahoma State and Clemson once again and will tee off at 7:20 a.m. today.



Golf

Rays win again, fans still missing out

Matt Garza allowed just two runs on four hits

The Tampa Bay Rays won their 11th straight game on Wednesday, defeating the Boston Red Sox 4-1. Matt Garza pitched a gem, allowing only two runs on four hits in six innings. The Rays' offense was led by Evan Longoria, who hit a home run in the first inning. The Red Sox were held to a single hit by Dustin Pedroia in the fourth inning. The game was played at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays' record is now 11-0, while the Red Sox are 1-11.



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The Tampa Bay Rays' victory over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday was a significant win for the team. Matt Garza's performance was particularly noteworthy, as he kept the Red Sox offense in check throughout the game. The Rays' bullpen also did a great job of holding the Red Sox to a single run in the seventh inning. The game was a defensive battle, with both teams playing cautiously. The Rays' fans were disappointed that they were unable to see their favorite player, Matt Garza, in person, but they were still able to enjoy the game on television. The Rays' win was a morale booster for the team and their fans alike.