



Obama realizes hope for MLK generation

■ INAUGURATION TO BEGIN AT NOON TODAY.

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Rev. Milford Griner, 51, remembers where he was April 4, 1968.

Griner, then a 10-year-old boy, was watching television with his family when a news blurb announced the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

As the details of King's death drifted from the TV set, tears rolled down his parents' faces. A somber mood overtook them.

"It was a quiet, eerie time," he recalled.

Griner, now the pastor of Hall Chapel United Methodist Church in Gainesville, is one of many black Americans remembering King's life as the country begins a new era with President Barack Obama's inauguration.

Obama's election shows how far black Americans and the country have come since the civil rights movement, he said.

This is history in the making for America, Griner said.

"I'm filled with pride not just as a black American but also as an American," he said.

This enthusiasm for a new America is contagious, as Obama continues to spread his message of change throughout Alachua County, the country and the world.

Christy Durr, 56, said it's been a long time coming.



AP Photo

People gather Sunday on the National Mall for the "We Are One: Opening Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial" in Washington.

For Durr, Obama's Inauguration is the fruit of hard work. She volunteered with the Obama campaign during the election.

"I couldn't just sit back here and

do nothing and expect change," she said.

Durr never doubted Obama's ability to win because his message transcended racial boundaries. He

talked about a common ground to bring all Americans together.

"He reminded us that this country isn't a red America, or a blue America, or a white America

or black America, but the United States of America," Durr said.

Still, Obama's inauguration does not signal an end to the coun-

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LOCAL UF professor arrested, charged with selling cocaine

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A UF anthropology professor was arrested Saturday night after he admitted to trying to trade cocaine for sexual favors from another man.

Michael Heckenberger, UF's 2005 Teacher of the Year for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, threw down a small plastic bag near the 900 block of Northwest Fourth Place after

he saw a Gainesville Police Department car.

The bag, picked up by GPD officer Steve Jones, field tested positive for cocaine, according to the GPD arrest report.

After he was arrested, Heckenberger, 46, said the cocaine he carried was not his. According to the report, Heckenberger told Jones he planned on trading the cocaine for sexual favors from a man.

Because he was discovered about 450 feet away from the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Heckenberger, was charged

with the sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church.

Heckenberger was placed on administrative leave and a substitute will temporarily take over his classes, said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

The university has not received the arrest report and still needs more information, Orlando said.



Heckenberger

Heckenberger won the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Teacher of the Year Award in 2005 and has taught at UF since 1999.

According to the resume on his Web site, Heckenberger's work was recognized in publications such as the New Yorker, Scientific American, MSNBC and CNN.

He also worked with the History Channel and the Discovery Channel, according to his Web site.

Heckenberger was released from jail Monday on a \$25,000 bond.



■ Nick Calathes (left) and the UF men's basketball team pulled away from Arkansas in the second half Saturday. See Story, Page 20.

One dead after retirement center fight

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) -- Authorities say a 72-year-old Fort Myers man is dead after an apparent fight at a retirement center.

According to a police report, police responded to a possible assault after a fight broke out at the Hidden Oaks Retirement Center on Sunday night, witnesses said.

Chrisanto Beltran had already died by the time police arrived at the center. Another man, Kenneth Knauf, 87, of Fort Myers was taken to a hospital. Authorities are still investigating the cause of death.

■ The UF Century Tower carillon kicked off the celebration for its 30th anniversary Sunday with a faculty recital. The performances will continue throughout 2009. See story, Page 10.

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Today, 7 p.m., Pugh Hall
Hosted by Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and the American Medical Student Association. Professionals from the medical and legal fields will be discussing career experiences and answering questions. Free food will be provided.

"The Discursive Economy of Sex Trafficking in Europe"

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11:45 a.m.,
Turlington 3312
Join us for a discussion with Jonathan Wadley, Dept. of Political Science. The Center for European Studies Brown Bag Series. Snacks and sodas will be provided.

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Application Workshop

Jan. 21, 5:10 p.m.–6 p.m.
The Hub International Center
For anyone planning to submit a Peace Corps application between now and August.

Florida Alternative Breaks (FAB) International Water Conservation benefit show

Friday, Jan. 23, 8:30 p.m.
Civic Media Center
Join us for an all-acoustic act from performers Brian Flatley and Kelly Tran, Kiiiks, Angela Austin and Jasper Peng, For He Who Hung the Moon and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Doors open at 8:30pm, with a donation of \$5 to \$8, and bands begin at 9:00 pm. All proceeds will go toward a project in Belize to help with water conservation issues.

Jewish Student Union Spring Welcome Week — Jan. 19-23

Events include hookah at Farah's, a movie, arts and crafts, karaoke and Skate Station Funworks. For more information, visit the Facebook event page, JSU Spring Welcome Week 2009.

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STATE

Bagel-brandishing bully booked on battery charges

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a St. Petersburg woman was charged with battery after hitting a man in the head with a bagel.

Police say 28-year-old Cassidy C. Catolico was violating a tem-

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porary injunction filed last week by even going to see the victim early Sunday morning. She was also on probation from a 2006 criminal mischief case. Catolico was arrested and is being held on \$10,650 bail.

NATIONAL

Kellogg says FDA confirms salmonella in crackers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kellogg Co. said Monday federal authorities have confirmed that salmonella was found in a single package of its peanut butter crackers, as a Midwestern grocer and General Mills Corp. recalled some of its products because of the scare.

Kellogg had recalled 16 products last week because of the possibility of salmonella contamination.

On Monday, the company based in Battle Creek, Mich., said that contamination was confirmed by the Food and Drug Administration in a single package of Austin Quality Foods Toasty Crackers with Peanut Butter.

Food companies and retailers have been recalling products with peanut butter in them because of suspicion of contamination amid a salmonella outbreak that has killed at least six people and sickened more than 470 others in 43 states. At least 90 people have been hospitalized.

Also Monday, Midwestern grocer and retailer Meijer Inc. said it was recalling two types of crackers and two varieties of ice cream because of the possibility of salmonella contamination: Meijer brand Cheese and Peanut Butter and Toasty Peanut Butter sandwich crackers, and Peanut Butter and Jelly and Peanut Butter Cup ice cream.

Golden Valley, Minn.-based General Mills said in a news release Monday afternoon that it was recalling two flavors of snack bars: Larabar Peanut Butter Cookie snack bars and JamFrakas Peanut Butter Blisscrisp snack bars. The company said the recall affected 15,000 cases and no illnesses have been reported. General Mills said the recall did not affect any other products it makes.

It was not immediately clear how many packages of Kellogg crackers had been tested, if more tests were being made on other products or if some had already been found not to have salmonella, Kellogg spokeswoman Kris Charles said. A spokesman for the FDA said the agency was not providing any new information Monday.

The government on Saturday had advised consumers to

avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods containing peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination.

Officials said that most peanut butter sold in jars at supermarkets appears to be safe.

Officials have been focusing on peanut paste and peanut butter made at Peanut Corp. of America's plant in Blakely, Ga.

On Sunday, Peanut Corp. expanded its own recall to all peanut butter and peanut paste produced at the Blakely plant since July 1.

The company's peanut butter is not sold directly to consumers but it is distributed to institutions and food companies. The peanut paste, made from roasted peanuts, is an ingredient in cookies, cakes and other products sold to consumers.

Meijer, based in Grand Rapids, said in a news release Monday it was issuing its recall because makers of its products had announced possible contamination. The products are sold in Meijer stores and gas stations in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

The recall last week by Kellogg, the world's largest cereal maker, affected products including Keebler Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies, Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies and Keebler Cheese & Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers. Charles said the recall affected more than 7 million cases of its products.

Kellogg Chief Executive David Mackay said the company would evaluate its processes "to ensure we take necessary actions to reassure consumers and rebuild confidence in these products."

Salmonella, a bacteria, is the most common cause of food poisoning in the U.S., causing diarrhea, cramping and fever.

Over the weekend, Little Debbie maker McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn., issued a voluntary recall of its peanut butter crackers because of possible contamination.

Other companies issuing recalls recently include Midwest supermarket chain Hy-Vee Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa, Perry's Ice Cream Co. of Akron, N.Y., and the South Bend Chocolate Co. in Indiana. Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products, a division of St. Louis-based Ralcorp, recalled several brands of peanut butter cookies it sells through Wal-Mart stores.

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Stearns selects SFC to host inaugural celebration

■ THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 11 A.M. IN THE SFC GYM

BY KATIE EMMETS
Alligator Writer

Congressman Cliff Stearns selected Santa Fe College to host the Inaugural Celebration for President Barack Obama to-

day at the college's Northwest Campus. SFC Student Body President Cesar Fernandez is coordinating the celebration with the administration and Stearns' office. Students and community members are invited to the gym to watch network coverage of the inauguration. The event begins at 11 a.m.

"The inauguration is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity watershed moment in

"The inauguration is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity watershed moment in American history."

Jackson Sasser
SFC President

American history," said SFC President Jackson Sasser.

"The college wants our students and

employees to experience that moment in a setting that is appropriate to the occasion," he said.

Although Sasser said the beginning of the semester is a very busy time, he said he encourages teachers to bring their students to the event.

More than 800 students and faculty have signed up to attend, said SFC spokeswoman Julie Garrett.

UF FACULTY

English professor retires following plagiarism scandal

BY CHELSEA KEENAN
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Following the plagiarism controversy that surrounded him last spring, English professor James Twitchell retired last month, ending a 35-year career at UF.

Twitchell admitted to plagiarizing in April, which resulted in a five-year suspension without pay.

Twitchell refused to comment for the story.

Freelance writer and former Los Angeles Times employee Roy Rivenburg was one of the authors from whom Twitchell stole.

"I was unhappy when I discovered Twitchell was getting credit and book royalties for material written by me and several other writers," Rivenburg wrote in an e-mail.

Rivenburg said he e-mailed both Twitchell and Simon & Schuster, Twitchell's book publisher, when he realized what

happened.

Although Twitchell called to apologize, Rivenburg was skeptical of his explanation.

"As an English professor, Twitchell knew the rules and had no excuse for plagiarizing," he wrote.



Twitchell

Rivenburg wrote that he

thought the severity of Twitchell's actions warranted a public apology or exposure.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said that he does not expect the controversy surrounding Twitchell to tarnish UF's reputation.

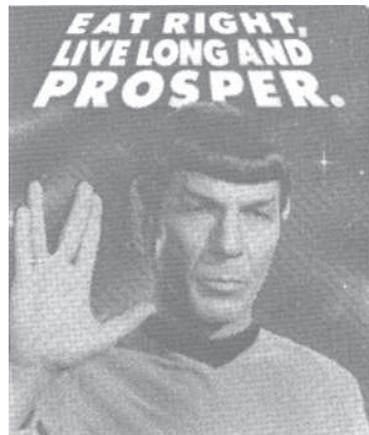
"The fact that there was a consequence is important," he said. "We expect integrity from our students therefore we expect the same from our faculty members."

Paul D'Anieri, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, agreed with Orlando.

He said UF handled the situation well by taking definite actions rather than trying to hide the situation.

D'Anieri said he was sad to see what came of Twitchell's career.

"He's a good guy that made some big mistakes," he said. "He had a good career while he was here, and it's a shame it had to come to this."



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Two 8-year-olds stop man from beating ex-girlfriend

■ THE MAN WAS ARMED WITH A GUN.

By **KATIE EMMETS**

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A man was arrested Sunday after an armed confrontation with his ex-girlfriend and two boys wield-

ing baseball bats, according to a Gainesville Police Department arrest report.

Charles Bradley, 30, attempted several times to reunite with his ex-girlfriend, and he threatened violence each time she refused, the report stated.

Just before 7 p.m. Bradley arrived at his ex-girlfriend's house, where their 8-year-old son was with his

8-year-old friend.

According to the report, Bradley hit his ex-girlfriend on the back of the head with a gun in front of the two boys. He then forced the gun into her face.

"He tried to get her to open her mouth so he could put the gun inside and told her he was going to kill her," said GPD spokes-

woman Summer Hallett.

The two 8-year-olds got aluminum baseball bats and attacked Bradley, which made him stop, Hallett said.

After the attack, the woman and the two boys went to the GPD to tell police what happened.

"After all of their stories matched up, the 8-year-olds took the officers where they thought Bradley might

be," Hallett said.

When they got to 1900 S.E. Third Terrace, police saw Bradley walking in the parking lot, she said.

Bradley was arrested and charged with four felonies including aggravated assault and possession of a firearm/concealed weapon by a convicted felon. According to the Gainesville police report, Bradley has eight felony convictions.

UF ADMINISTRATION

Faculty Senate to launch budget cut blog on Web site

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Now that UF has decided on a budget cut target for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the question becomes: What can be cut?

This year, with more time and a little experience working in the university's favor, the answers may come from some new places.

UF's Faculty Senate, for instance, has decided to establish a budget cut blog on its Web site.

Frank Bova, Senate chair, said the blog will be a place for faculty to come together and honestly discuss the cuts.

Bova said he hopes the blog will be up and running by the end of the month.

Also in the works is a Web site to display information and updates about UF's budget situation, said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

Once colleges and administrative units have prepared their budget proposals, they will be posted on the site for the public to see,

Sikes said.



Sikes

colleges to gather student input on the cuts.

An ad hoc budget cut committee will also

UF plans to launch the site today, Sikes said. A link will be posted at www.ufl.edu.

Meanwhile, Student Senate President Jordan Johnson said the Senate will be hosting town hall-like forums at each of UF's

colleges to oversee all of the efforts relating to cuts, he said.

Frank Bracco, a UF political science senior and former student senator, said while senators help colleges decide which cuts to make, he hopes Student Government will take a look at its own budget. Spending almost \$17,000 for 16 recycling bins at the Reitz Union is a good example of wasteful spending, he said.

"You or I could've built (them) for \$200," he said.



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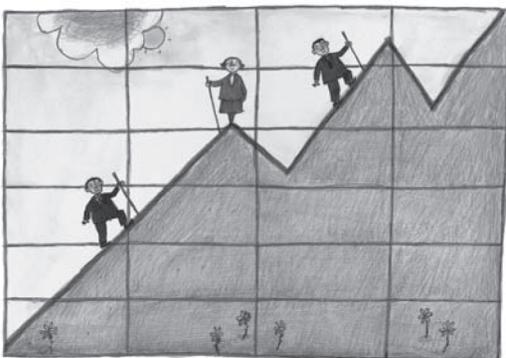
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Editorial

Human after all

America should keep expectations in check

With President Barack Obama set to make history this afternoon, the Editorial Board can't help but offer a word of caution as excitement over his presidency reaches epic proportions.

Gasp — has the Alligator Editorial Board taken a sharp turn to the right?

There is no denying the fact that we are extremely proud of America for putting race aside in electing Obama to the highest office in the land. Nor do we have anything but the kindest of words to bestow upon the man who ran a nearly flawless presidential campaign.

But when we get past the glitz and glamour of the inauguration, the Editorial Board wants clear-cut results from Obama before we start drawing comparisons to the likes of Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt, JFK and other presidents of such ilk.

Quite simply, America and Obama himself are being set up for failure if the country is ready to deem his four years in office as a can't-miss success.

Do the words "Michael Jordan" and "baseball" ring any bells?

Yes, there is something undeniably special about Obama being the first black man to assume the presidency. Not to mention the long odds he faced and the stalwart opponents he defeated over the course of a truly tenuous process leading up to today's inauguration. But, let's give the man credit only when credit is due.

Sure, Obama represents change — but only in the sense that under his watch the country has rid itself of a failed agenda and now has the opportunity to rise from the ashes.

We cannot simply assume when Obama takes office the litany of problems currently plaguing our nation will suddenly dissipate overnight. Sadly, there are many who are caught up in the hype, throwing policy and careful planning out the window and expecting nothing short of a thriving economy by the weekend.

Dare we ask, has the bar been set so high that anything less than excellence may be deemed a failure on the part of Obama?

The Editorial Board is not a bunch of closeted McCain sympathizers nor do we aspire to be hockey moms one day.

Our concern over "Obamarama" lies in hoping the nation gives the man a chance to earn his reputation and remains optimistic when he does not convert water into wine during his first day in the Oval Office.

We strongly believe in Obama, and we hope for nothing but the best from the president challenged with one of the most arduous tasks in American history. But, Americans across the country need to realize Obama is a man — flawed and human just like the rest of us.

While we encourage you to throw your heartfelt support behind Obama, we hope you will keep in mind that placing unrealistic expectations on him will ultimately spell disappointment — and unfairly so.

That being said, the Editorial Board could not think of a sounder individual to lead the nation through the perils of economic failure and restore our standing in the world.

Barack Obama is on top of the world right now. Millions have descended upon Washington, D.C., to celebrate the utterly historic moment brought to fruition through the tireless work of black luminaries from Parks to King.

Come noon, we expect greatness — an inauguration speech that will inspire a nation and one day be studied by our children as the model for excellence in political rhetoric.

Starting Wednesday, Obama will have the chance to deliver on his word.

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Man behind image needs to lead U.S.

Starting Wednesday, President Barack Obama must live up to his celebrated image.

On top of saving the world and renewing hope in humanity, Obama must regain control over his sublimely powerful and visible position on the cusp of a worldwide wave of optimism.

Inauguration celebrations that cost \$170 million do not applaud those who lack power, and our bailed-out circumstances have charged the new president with spending a sum of money that even mathematicians find difficult to fathom. Teetering on a super majority in Congress, Obama spearheads a Democratic machine set to rule absolutely.

America may be crippled with debt and paralyzed by wars against nations and nouns, but we remain the shining light on the hill. America, translated into any language, still means that a more perfect union is possible. America is an ideal — but it is a reality as well. Heck, this is "where wings take dream," as outgoing President George W. Bush so eloquently put it.

Obama is a one-man economic revival kit who now stands as the most successful campaign fundraiser in the history of politics. The man oozes charisma and has a decent jump shot, but bootlegged T-shirts and commemorative plates only go so far. Obama may find it imperative to beat back the desperate and hungry minions of the media in order to separate the man from the myth and actually govern this country.

Everybody wants a slice of Obama's shine, but none more so than the corporate media industry. Television and print media have completely hitched their fading fortunes to an iconic image of Obama that no man can reasonably sustain. Television executives are calling



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this inauguration a "second Super Bowl" because of the exorbitant rates charged for advertising.

Such an over-dependence on advertising, however, is the addition that has placed our media in its current sorry state. Nobody in corporate media has figured out a way to make any money off the

Internet as of yet, and newspapers are less economically solvent than your average crack dealer. Fawning over Obama means advertising revenue right now, and perhaps favorable terms in the inevitable newspaper bailout conundrum looming in our immediate future.

Even without the cloying media orgy, Obama's image is of critical commercial interest across the world. Shepard Fairey created the now-famous red, white and blue "Hope" image associated with Obama's campaign after becoming legendary for making pseudo-propaganda under the equally powerful slogan "Obey." Pepsi spent millions of dollars re-engineering their logo to be more similar to the iconic Obama campaign "O," and synced it with the launch of a huge ad campaign touting "Optimism" alongside their corn-syrup concoctions. Ideally, one need not obey in order to have hope and optimism.

Perhaps these views are more cynical than such a celebratory moment deserves, and for that, I apologize. Today's inauguration may very well be the greatest day in the history of our American union, but as we move forward, a man — not a symbol — shall lead the nation.

Tommy Maple is an international communications graduate student. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Did you watch the inauguration?

Friday's question: Could Obama have become president without the work of Dr. King?

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Letters to the Editor

Ordinance will not save city money

I may only be one of the simple folk, but I fail to see how the underage prohibition ordinance being considered by the Gainesville City Commission presents substantial savings, if any at all.

Costs associated with bar patrol have risen over the past couple of years because police officers are being paid more for overtime. Members of the commission and the Alligator have argued this ordinance somehow decreases costs of bar patrol, but how?

Bar patrol officers are out to help protect our community by making sure all patrons — both of age and underage — are not engaging in dangerous behavior, including underage drinking.

By stopping some restaurants, clubs and bars from admitting patrons under 21, are we magically stopping all patrons from engaging in unsafe behavior?

What about underage patrons impacted by this ordinance? Underage individuals will simply go to other clubs, bars and house parties and will still engage in, well, what young people engage in.

There are hundreds of establishments that serve alcohol in Gainesville where unsafe behavior can occur any night, but bar patrol barely scratches the surface of patrolling these areas.

If we are looking to solve the problems of underage drinking and driving under the influence, we should increase the number of officers on the street, not decrease the number of officers.

Shame on you Alligator. We all know what young people do, and we all know this ordinance is not the solution to our problems.

Frank Bracco
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Guest column

D.C. partisanship could hinder change

Less than a week after Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Barack Obama will take an oath for the highest office in the land. He will do so surrounded by family and friends, members of our government and anywhere from 3 million to 5 million onlookers — all bystanders to one of history's momentous junctures.

With a financial crisis rivaling the Great Depression and constant bloodshed looming overhead, President-elect Obama will face enormous challenges in the next four years, all with global ramifications.

Obama, who will take his oath of office on the same bible Abraham Lincoln used to affirm our nation's 16th presidency, should remember one of Lincoln's better-known axioms: "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me."

Certainly, President George W. Bush knows this all too well, having spent the last week in a media circus seeking to shore up his image as the Commander in Chief who comforted the nation atop smoldering rubble in downtown Manhattan on Sept. 14, 2001. It's by far a better image than that of the arrogant and aloof "decider" who cavalierly admitted that maybe invading Iraq wasn't such a "great decision."

Undoubtedly, the decisions and non-decisions of the Bush administration will severely restrain the new president and his circle of advisors and, unfortunately, will also restrain our nation for years to come. In a sensationalized 24-hour news cycle, there's little chance that Obama will be given a longer honeymoon to sort through the Bush administration's mess, as is typical for most new presidents.

Already, CNN demands to know the breed of the next First Puppy.



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While it may seem that Washington cannot afford to give Obama and team a free pass from political squabbling, I can only hope that we give Obama — the ultimate zeitgeist — a welcoming respite from the demagoguery of partisanship in the form of spirited cooperation.

No matter if his first decisions are of the supposed liberal fashion, such as issuing an executive order to close Guantanamo Bay, or the perceived conservative notion of supporting the death penalty in cases of child rape.

Obama is now faced with the task of seeking peace in a time of international contention, perpetuating hope and a promise of positive change in this unusually frigid winter of alarm and anxiety. Yet for the first time in seven years, Americans should realize that our destiny is not predetermined or at the will of fanatical terrorists and unapologetic Wall Street magicians.

Americans have been yearning for change, a craving the savvy new president realized early on in his campaign for this extraordinary but solemn office.

Yet Obama's promise to change the ways of Washington and usher in a new era of governing is not a new promise from a political standpoint. It is merely a deposit for any political campaign. The true test is whether Washington, D.C., will fall back into the rut of partisanship and cynicism during this crucial time in American history instead of trusting the man whom so many have entrusted their future to.

So help us God.

Matthew Christ is a political science freshman.



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Gainesville remembers MLK as inauguration nears

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**
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For many, Monday marked a celebration of a past and a future built on the words "I have a dream."

"Forty-five years later the King's dream lives on," said Jaham Smith, 24, who spent her Martin Luther King Jr. Day at a celebration in East Gainesville.

About 2,300 people gathered at the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center on Monday afternoon to dance to live gospel and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event was part of a weeklong celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

"This is the beginning of a dream. There is still racism. There are still poor people that need jobs and access to health care."

Janice Nix-Crews

Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Florida treasurer

Before the show, about 1,800 people walked to the Center from downtown in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative march, said Dyonne McGraw, an event organizer.

Barack Obama's Inauguration reminds the Rev. Karl Anderson of King's "I Have a Dream" speech 45 years ago.

"We're making great headway," said Anderson, master of ceremonies for the gospel show. "I think this will be a springboard to more."

But the inauguration does not embody the fulfillment of King's dream, said Janice Nix-Crews, treasurer for Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Florida, which organized the event.

"This is the beginning of a dream," she said. "There is still racism. There are still poor people that need jobs and access



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Apostle J.L. Cash and another band member of Apostle J.L. Cash and Praise perform at the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Purpose Center in Gainesville on Monday. The group performed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday along with several other performers.

to health care."

A Coretta Scott King observance will be held in honor of King's wife on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Passage Family

Church.

"She sacrificed so much for the cause that we like to honor her separately," Nix-Crews said.

Fire engulfs car on UF campus

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A white 1994 Ford Explorer was consumed by fire in front of Turlington Hall just after 7 a.m. on Friday.

While driving to work, Richard Vlasak, 45, the owner of the car, said he noticed smoke escaping from under the hood of the vehicle and smelled burning leaves, said UPD spokesman Lt. Robert Wagner.

Vlasak, a physician at Shands at UF, pulled over on Newell Drive in front of Turlington, and the car soon caught fire, Wagner said.

A 911 call was placed around 7:15 a.m. UPD and Gainesville Fire Rescue responded.

About 5 minutes and 500 to 600 gallons of water later, the fire was extinguished, said driver and operator Jeff Schuhmacher of GFR.

Schuhmacher estimated the flames were about 15 feet high.

No one was injured, but the car was destroyed, he said.

Vlasak was the only one in the vehicle when it caught fire, he said.

He said Vlasak told authorities he rarely used his car because he typically rode his bike to work.

In the past, with the car out of use for months at a time, animals have been known to build nests in the engine compartment, Vlasak told authorities.

Schuhmacher said a nest could have caused the fire, but the car was too badly burned to know for sure.

The charred remains of the car were towed and UF's Physical Plant Division was called to clean the area at 7:50 a.m., Wagner said.

There was no apparent damage to UF property, he said.

NATIONAL

Local residents give Obama advice

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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Whether discussing the environment or economics, Gainesville residents have no shortage of advice for incoming President Barack Obama.

UF English and education senior Danni Bay said she thinks Obama should work to balance finances among public schools.

"In the course of my studies I have visited many schools," Bay said. "The lower socio-economic status schools have some of the worst resources, books and teachers."

People fault the children when their FCAT scores are poor, but the reason for the low scores is probably lack of funding for good teachers, she said.

"I think Obama is the right person to make the initial decisions for bettering education," she said as she looked at her laptop with an Obama campaign sticker on the front. "But we have to step up our expectations of those who can make the difference like teachers, PTA and students."

Bryan Griffin said he thinks Obama should abide by the West African proverb famously quoted by Theodore Roosevelt and "speak softly and carry a big stick" when dealing with American foreign policy.

Griffin, the chairman of UF's College Republicans, said he thinks there have been no major terrorist attacks since Sept. 11 because President Bush kept to his foreign policy commitment.

Luz Martin del Campo, a doctoral student at UF, said she is worried about the lack of women's jobs in areas the government is trying to grow.

"They're all male-dominated sectors of the economy," she said. "In construction, women only make up 8 percent of the industry, and in engineering, women only make up 13 percent."

Her 9-year-old daughter Zoë, who attends J.J. Finley Elementary School in Gainesville, thinks Obama should

raise money to plant trees.

"In the rain forest, more animals die every day because trees are getting cut down," she said.

Zoë, who wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up, said she understands that people need to cut down trees to make paper, but while trees are being cut down, animals die.

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Danni Bay

UF English and education senior

She said she thinks Obama should not only plant trees in the rain forest but also in U.S. neighborhoods.

"In my old neighborhood in Brooklyn, there was only one tree. One big tree and a few little weak ones," she said, her blue eyes widening.

Jennifer Kacerosky, co-president of UF's chapter of Pro-Life Alliance, said if she could give Obama advice it would be about abortion.

"I would ask him to begin recognizing pre-born American children as whole human persons," she said. "African-Americans were once not recognized as whole human persons, and look where that brought us. Imagine if that is how it was still seen."

UF graduate student Matthew Wardell said his advice to the president would be to keep up the good work.

"I'd ask the president to continue doing the thing he's been so good at: making American citizens feel like contributors. Not just observers of their government," Wardell said.

"That, and I'd ask for a little help with my student loans," he added with a smile.

STUDENT LIFE

'History makers' embark on ticketless trek to D.C.

By **BRIDGET HIGGINBOTHAM**
Alligator Contributing Writer

When President Barack Obama is sworn into office at noon today for the 56th Presidential Inauguration, some UF students will be among the millions there.

Members of UF's Black Student Union will face huge crowds and freezing weather to attend — without tickets — the inauguration of the nation's first African-American president.

"I just feel like, as a black man, it is very important that I be present because this is a landmark moment for the nation," said UF sophomore Andre Haughton, adding that the event also carries personal significance. "It's like this is

the last glass ceiling being broken for me, so I think it's important to be there."

The day after Obama was elected, BSU began planning its trip.

UF sophomore Sarah Janvier, who planned the trip as co-director of BSU's social cabinet, reflected on the historic nature of the event.

"When Obama won, I cried," Janvier said. "So I can't imagine what I'm going to do during those moments. I know I am excited beyond belief to know that I'm just getting the opportunity to be there."

While BSU travelers will not be among the 240,000 ticket holders in the reserved area at today's inauguration, they will get as close to the festivities as they can,

"America isn't 100 percent where it needs to be, but this a stepping stone on the path where we need to be."

Courtney Stephenson
BSU president

Janvier said.

"I'm going to see a historic event. I'm going to see the first black president," said Shakelia LeBlanc, a UF business junior. "No matter how far away we're sitting or standing, I want to be there."

The journey to Washington, D.C., started at about 4 a.m. on Monday when the last of the 57

passengers climbed onto the bus, past a sign on the door welcoming the student "History Makers."

After about 12 hours on the bus and two shopping stops, BSU members arrived at their hotel in Fredericksburg, Va.

The students will spend all of today in the Capitol. Before returning to Gainesville on Wednesday, they will tour the African American Cultural Center in Raleigh, N.C.

The travelers each paid \$100 for the trip, and the Student Senate's allocation committee subsidized about \$4,800 to cover the bus ride and two-night hotel stay.

According to Janvier, the trip was open to all students, though the first day of ticket sales was limited to people who had attend-

ed four or more BSU events.

Only a few non-BSU members are on the trip, she said.

Students on the trip said they are hopeful for the impact of Obama's inauguration.

UF sophomore Le'Asia Lundy hopes more jobs will become available and the economy will improve.

But BSU president and finance senior Courtney Stephenson looked at the bigger picture.

"America isn't 100 percent where it needs to be, but this is a stepping stone on the path where we need to be," Stephenson said. "Now I can look at my grandchildren and say that if you want to be the president of the United States, it's definitely possible."

Writing on the Wall Project promotes taboo discussion

■ **BRICKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PAINT AT TWO LOCATIONS.**

By **AUBREY SIEGEL**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Perhaps the Writing on the Wall Project did bring about change this past year.

Last year, Alex Hayes, a UF anthropology

junior, painted a brick that read, "A black man will never be president."

But today, a black man will become the 56th president.

The seventh annual Writing on the Wall Project, which starts today, aims to break down walls of hatred by knocking down a brick wall adorned with offensive words.

Bricks will be available for anyone to

paint on the Plaza of the Americas until Wednesday. The project will then move to the Reitz Union Colonnade until Friday.

On Campus

Despite the significance of the project to some, others criticize it and its supposed lack of impact, said Rikki Seguin, the project's co-director.

"We don't expect immediate widespread

change," Seguin said. "But the project is there to promote dialogue about often-taboo subjects."

The 40-foot-by-9-foot wall will be constructed on the Plaza of the Americas from Jan. 26 to Jan. 30, and it will be knocked down by sledgehammer-wielding students during its closing ceremony on Jan. 30 at 1:15 p.m.



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UF carillon celebrates 30 years with Sunday recital

By **TATIANA GONZALEZ**
Alligator Contributing Writer

It keeps the time, sings during midday luncheons and plays the background music to on-campus life. It's the Century Tower Carillon, a part of the UF community for nearly 30 years.

A recital was held Sunday in honor of the Century Tower Carillon's 30th anniversary performed by UF

music professor and professional carillonneur Laura Ellis, who plays UF's carillon at least three times a week. The recital kicked off the Spring 2009 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series.

"I like the solitary nature of the carillon," Ellis said. "You never quite know what people are thinking downstairs."

The carillon is a mammoth 61-bell instrument with a five-octave range, according to the event's pro-

gram. The largest bell, a low B-flat, stands 5-feet tall and weighs about 7,000 lbs.

The carillon cost \$200,000 and was first installed in 1979 after Student Senate unanimously endorsed the purchase in 1976. The bells, cast by the Royal Dutch Bell Foundry of the Netherlands in 1978, have carefully shaved metal interiors that never has to be re-tuned.

Those who play the carillon climb 11 flights of stairs daily to reach the

instrument at the top of the tower.

"It's my daily workout," Ellis said.

The carillonneurs play the clavier, which resembles a giant keyboard and is connected to the bells above.

But while a piano's keys take a light touch, the clavier's wooden batons require a heavy fist and a strong stomp to play the foot pedals. Each baton and pedal move a clapper that strikes the appropriate bell.

Behind the clavier is a metal ladder that leads to a hatch in the ceiling. The hatch opens to the top floor where each bell hangs from stainless steel bolts within an enormous steel frame.

The foundry that cast the bells does a yearly "oil change" for the carillon to ensure the instrument is working properly.

"It's between you and chicken wire," Ellis said of the danger of visiting the top floor.

According to Ellis, students who are training to play the carillon are many times non-music majors who want to learn something new after a background in piano or organ playing.

Would-be carillonneurs train two to three months on practice claviers at the bottom of Century Tower before playing the real thing.

Newbies need about a year to become proficient and comfortable, said Ellis, who began playing between the late 80s and early 90s at the University of Kansas under Bert Gurken, the best carillon instructor in the U.S. at the time.

Ellis, who was the first of 12 carillonneurs who will play throughout 2009, said she selected musical compositions by UF alumni and songs that reflected the carillon's history.

When Ellis plays the carillon, she

shifts along the wooden bench adjusting her stance at some points in order to reach the right notes. Her body moves up and down with the force she must put into the keys.

With the help of the colossal set of chimes, she defeats the noise of the rushing wind and replaces it with the rich sound of the bells that cascades down to those listening below.

"It's a nice instrument," Ellis said.

Ringling in 30 Years

- The carillon in UF's Century Tower was installed in 1979
- UF's Student Senate allocated \$200,000 in 1976 toward purchasing the instrument, money collected and saved from student fees during previous years.
- The first carillon performance was held on May 14, 1979.
- The bells, cast and imported from The Netherlands, require little to no maintenance.
- In 2002, the bells received a makeover. Twelve bells were added to the original collection of 49.
- The heaviest bell weighs 7,000 pounds and stands five feet tall
- UF's carillon is currently the largest of the four found in the state of Florida

Information from the event program celebrating the 30th Anniversary of UF's Carillon: College of Fine Arts School of Music Presents a Faculty Recital Laura Ellis



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UF professor Laura Ellis plays the 61-bell carillon on the 11th floor of Century Tower during a recital Sunday afternoon. The recital was held in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the carillon's installation.

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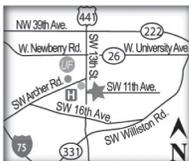
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Bush commutes sentences of former border agents

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In his final acts of clemency, President George W. Bush on Monday granted early prison releases to two former U.S. Border Patrol agents whose convictions

for shooting a Mexican drug dealer fueled the national debate over illegal immigration.

Bush, responding to heavy pressure from Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike, commuted the prison sentences of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. The two guards from El Paso, Texas, each were sentenced to more than 10 years for the shoot-

ing, which they tried to cover up. They will be released within two months.

National News Opposition to their convictions, sentencing and firings has simmered ever since the shooting occurred in 2005.

"After four years of fighting this, it's taken a toll on me and

my daughter, and really the whole family," said Joe Loya, Ramos' father-in-law, who has received tens of thousands of supportive e-mails and spent much of the past two years traveling the country to speak about the case. "We wouldn't give up. ... I knew sooner or later God would come through — that finally it would happen."

Bush "has given us a chance to

be a family again, and I want to thank him for that," Ramos' wife, Monica, told Fox News Channel.

Mexico's Deputy Secretary for Foreign Relations Carlos Rico condemned the decision and said Mexican officials had lobbied hard against it.

"This is a message of impunity," Rico said at a news conference. "It's difficult to understand."

After breaking racial barriers, Obama still left with much on plate

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try's problems. The work to unite this country and heal its wounds has just begun, Durr said.

His to-do list includes working with Congress to implement an economic stimulus plan. He must also build trust between the U.S. and other countries and lead those who doubt his ability.

"He can't cash in on our differences," Durr said.

Some believe racism will not end when Obama puts his right hand on Abraham

Lincoln's bible and takes the oath of office.

Martha Danzy, 54, thinks the election of Obama doesn't signify the end of racism.

"Not by a long shot," said Danzy, hugging her 9-year-old granddaughter, Shamariya, to her chest. "It's definitely not over."

Danzy stood with her granddaughter as they listened to the words of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the black national anthem, at downtown Gainesville's Martin Luther King Jr. Day festivities.

She said not everyone is going to accept a black man as president, but Obama's presidency breaks racial barriers.

Racism is still alive for Takiana Carter,

"He reminded us that this country isn't a red America, or a blue America, or a white America or black America, but the United States of America."

Christy Durr

Alachua County resident

On Nov. 4, black and white students avoided each other. The day after Obama won, a white student brought a gun and a Confederate flag to school.

"I was nervous. Scared," Carter said. "I didn't know what was going to happen. I thought someone was going to shoot us."

Race is still an issue, but Obama gives people hope, just as King did, Durr said. Obama exemplifies King's belief that Americans who work together for a more perfect union can transform society.

"Obama brings this promise to reality by uniting people and reminding them that change is within us," she said.



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UF Voices

Budget cuts to deepen

Allow me to bring you up to date on our current budget situation and outline how we plan to proceed in developing the budget for the next year.



J. Bernard Machen

As part of its mid-year budget plan to close a \$2.3 billion shortfall, the Legislature last week made permanent the 4 percent hold-back from last July. We have already set aside these funds, so no more cuts for the current fiscal year will be required.

Next year, however, is problematic. Estimates indicate the state's budget will be at least \$3.4 billion less than this year. That is a huge deficit going forward and all sectors of the state will be affected. We believe we may face a budget cut between \$72 million and \$75 million.

I have asked all academic and administrative units to prepare proposals to reduce their budgets by 10 percent. This process will involve faculty, staff and students, though it will be led by the administrators who are responsible for fiscal matters. Provost Joe Glover and others are also developing a set of possible reductions that cut across units.

We expect to have a list of possible reductions by mid-to-late March and we will encourage open discussion for 30 to 45 days. We will not know the exact amount of our reduction until the legislative session ends on May 1. After that time, final recommendations will be made to UF's Board of Trustees.

We will provide periodic updates as we move through the budget-cutting process. The information will be posted on a new Web site in coming weeks. A link for the Web site soon will be available on UF's home page. Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

J. Bernard Machen
President

Top Stories

UF alumnus works on new NASA spacecraft 'Orion'

Duane Chin wouldn't be a good candidate for space flight — he gets motion sickness. But it doesn't stop him from working with NASA.

Chin, a University of Florida graduate, works as a biomedical engineer for NASA. His current project concerns NASA's Constellation Program.

The Constellation Program is developing spacecraft and booster vehicles to replace the space shuttle and return astronauts to the moon and beyond.

Chin is helping develop the Orion spacecraft's crew compartment for the program. He works as a crew health integrations specialist, developing ways the crew can stay healthy in space while living in a small area.

"The shuttle's volume of livable space is like a bus," Chin said. "Orion is like a VW Beetle."

Chin is working with engineers and flight surgeons to make sure the crew's medical needs are met in the small space provided.

"We have to get down to the basics," Chin explained. "The crew still needs to exercise every day but there is limited space."

The Orion vehicle is planned to debut in 2015.

University Ties

Chin, who graduated from UF in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering science and mechanics, first heard about the opportunities at NASA for engineers from his professors at UF.

"Going through the UF Biomedical engineering program with professors so close to Kennedy Space Center definitely helped me," Chin said. "UF has a great engineering program and enabled me to be a great engineer."

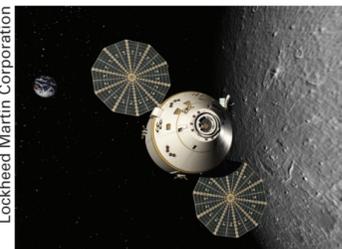
Chin's work at UF has now paid off. His job with NASA is paramount and unrivaled.



Duane Chin

"The opportunity to help in a launch, something that only a few countries in the whole world can do, is exciting," Chin said. "To be a part of (the Constellation Program) is really huge."

By Claibourne Smith



Artist's rendering of the Orion crew exploration vehicle in lunar orbit.

Construction projects cause traffic, parking changes

Beginning last December, portions of four major roads on the University of Florida campus became partially closed for restoration. The repairs include Museum Road, Newell Drive, Stadium Road and Buckman Drive.

The restoration stretches from Gale Lemerand Drive to Pugh Hall on Stadium Road, from Museum Road to Union Road on Newell Drive, from Pugh Hall to University Avenue on Buckman Drive, and from Gale Lemerand Drive to Beaty Towers on Museum Road.

Workers are removing the old asphalt and replacing it with 2 inches of new asphalt, which will eliminate roadway ruts and dips. Although some delays should be expected, at least one lane of traffic will remain open in the affected areas.

Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of February.

For a map of the affected areas, visit www.ppd.ufl.edu/ppdnews.htm.

Also in December, construction began on a new addition to the College of Business, Hugh Hall.

Located in the former parking area of Criser Hall, the construction area has created the loss of a number of parking spaces. As a result, parking changes are now in effect for several areas of campus, including carpool, gated, orange, red one, all red and any decal parking. For more information, visit <http://www.parking.ufl.edu/springparkingchanges/springparkingindex.html>.

By Susan Stewart

Happenings

Listings in this section are a sampling of events at the University of Florida, compiled from entries listed in the full calendar that appears on the Web at calendar.ufl.edu. To submit an event online, visit <http://calendar.ufl.edu/submit/>.

Jan. 20 - 21

Career Resource Center presents "Career Showcase." O'Connell Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Day One will host non-technical employers. Day Two will feature technical employers. Free and closed to the public. Call 352-273-2322 or visit <http://crc.ufl.edu/showcase> for more information.

Jan. 23

Spring S-U Grade Option Deadline. Call 352-392-1374 or visit <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu> for more information.

Jan. 26

UFPA presents Riverdance. Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices: \$45-75. Open to the public. Call 352-392ARTS (2787) or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for ticket information.

Jan. 30

Spring Degree Applications Deadline and Spring Withdrawal Deadline, all courses, with 25% refund (W assigned). Call 352-392-1374 or visit <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu> for deadline information.

In Focus

Age of earth may be millions of years off, say UF scientists

After researching for six weeks in India, geologists believe they have been wrong from the beginning, literally.

A team of geologists studying the Vindhyan basin of India has dated the area to be about 1,073 million years old. Fossil organisms in these basins are also significantly older than previously thought.

Until this discovery last July, the basins of Central India were believed to have formed 500 million to 700 million years ago during the Ediacaran and Cambrian period.

"The possibility that organisms in this basin are much older than originally thought was the most interesting implication of the study," said Joe Meert, a University of Florida geology professor and leader of the team who made the discovery.

The geologists were able to establish a date of origin of the basin through a combination of dating methods using kimberlite, a volcanic rock containing diamonds, and zircon minerals found within the sandstones in the basin.

The 500-million-year discrepancy is controversial in the science world.

The findings could alter aspects of the theory of evolution. Scientists have always believed in a Cambrian explosion resulting in a rapid appearance of most major groups of complex, multi-cellular animals, Meert explained.

Yet multi-cellular life, in the form of soft-bodied Ediacaran organisms, was discovered in the Vindhyan basin, leading Meert and co-authors to suggest that the explosion may have been more of a slow burn.

The study also helped reconcile an inconsistency in the Snowball Earth hypothesis that states the Earth was covered in snow and ice from 635 million to 700 million years ago.

A major roadblock for this hypothesis had been that the Vindhyan and other Purana basins did not have signs that glaciers existed during that period. Now that the origins of these basins have been pushed back to before

Snowball Earth, the lack of glacial evidence is no longer problematic.

Information from the study appeared in the online and print editions of the journal Precambrian Research, as well as in National Geographic and The Christian Science Monitor.

"In modern geology, a 500-million-year revision in age is pretty unique," Meert said.

By Claibourne Smith



Joe Meert drills samples at India's Vindhyan basin.

Vimal Pradhan

Seen & Heard

Tax policy series established

Examining modern tax policy and how its implementation affects the economy and people's lives is the purpose of the newly endowed Ellen Beller Gelberg Tax Policy Lecture Series established at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Gelberg, a 1977 graduate of the college's Graduate Tax Program, has pledged \$500,000 from the Stein Gelberg Foundation to the college's LL.M. Tax Programs Endowment Fund.

The series will bring a prestigious lecturer to the college every year.

The \$500,000 pledge will become eligible for 50 percent state matching dollars through the state's Major Gifts Trust Fund Program, which would increase the endowment to \$750,000.

International Educator awards announced

The University of Florida International Center (UFIC) recently announced the recipients of the 2008 International Educator of the Year Award. Charles H. Wood, professor of sociology and Latin American studies, was given the senior faculty award. The junior faculty award

went to Juan Carlos Molleda, associate professor of public relations.

UFIC established the award to recognize outstanding international endeavors by UF faculty members, in order to support UF's strategic goal of internationalizing the campus and curriculum. Consideration was given to three main factors: research, teaching and service.

For a brief profile of each winner, please visit <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iea.htm>.

Pulvermacher awarded commissions, performances

Neta Pulvermacher, assistant professor of dance and a choreographer, recently received commissions from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Manhattanville College and the Dreyfoos School for the Arts. In addition, Pulvermacher's new production "Fold and Air," to premiere in February at the Danspace project in New York City, received support from the Bossak Heilbron Charitable Foundation,



Juan Carlos Molleda

The Helen & William Little Foundation and the Harkness Foundation for Dance. In December, the critically acclaimed work, "Blue," choreographed by Pulvermacher, was performed by the world-renowned Jose Limon Dance Company at the Joyce Theatre Season, New York City.

Judy Fisher awardees recently announced

Sanford Berg and Subhaji Bandyopadhyay, Warrington College of Business Administration professors, recently received the 2008 Judy Fisher Teaching with Technology Award for their innovative use of technologies such as wikis, podcasts, and e-mail newsletters.

Berg is a UF Distinguished Service Professor in Economics and Distinguished Teaching Scholar and director of Water Studies for the Public Utility Research Center (PURC). Subhaji Bandyopadhyay is an assistant professor in the college's Department of Information Sciences and Operations Management.

The annual Judy Fisher Teaching with Technology Award was established in memory of former faculty member Judy Fisher.

Feb. 1

School of Theatre and Dance presents "Electronic City." Nadine McGuire Black Box Theatre, 2 p.m. Admission fee and open to the public. Call 352-392-1653 or visit <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/theatreanddance/> for more information.

Harn Museum of Art presents "Exhibition Spotlight Tours: Highlights from the Photography Collection." Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, 2 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-392-9826 or visit <http://www.harn.ufl.edu> for more information.

Repeating Events

Florida Museum of Natural History presents "Women's Medicine: Traditions of the Florida Creek Indians" on display through April 12. Florida Museum of Natural History. Free and open to the public. Call 352-273-1820 or visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu> for more information.

Harn Museum of Art presents "Momentum: Contemporary Art from the Harn Collection" on display through May 12. Harn Museum of Art. Free and open to the public. Closed Mondays. Call 352-392-9826 or visit <http://www.harn.ufl.edu> for more information.

Note This

Teacher/scholar nominations sought

All colleges are invited to submit nominations for the Teacher/Scholar of the Year Award for 2008-2009. The award offers an honorarium of \$5,000, in addition to other appropriate recognition. Current faculty members of the University of Florida are eligible.

For more information, call Candace Buford of Faculty Development at 352-392-6004.

2009 holiday schedule announced

Human Resources has announced the holiday schedule for 2009. Please note that areas of campus, including medical clinics, may remain open during holidays.

- Memorial Day, May 25
- Independence Day, July 3
- Labor Day, Sept. 7
- Homecoming, Oct. 16
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 27
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- 2009 Holiday, Dec. 28 - Dec. 31

For additional information about the holiday schedule, visit <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/leave/holidays.asp>.

Seeking Gator stories

The Gator Nation wants to know your personal Gator story. Visit the outdoor mobile video booth to record your story at the following upcoming events. Just look for the orange and blue "When did you become a Gator?" signage.

- Jan. 27 to Jan. 29 at Reitz Colonnade, 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Jan. 28 at the O'Connell Center prior to men's basketball at 8 p.m.
- Feb. 8 at the O'Connell Center prior to women's basketball at 2 p.m.
- Feb. 20 at the O'Connell Center prior to gymnastics at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 at the McKethan Stadium prior to baseball at 6:30 p.m.

If unable to attend these events, visit www.insidethegatornation.com to upload a video story or submit a written story. The site features hundreds of Gators' stories, as well as University of Florida news, pictures, iPhone wallpaper and more.

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Calathes, Gators conquer Razorbacks

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**
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Nick Calathes caught the ball at the top of the key, took one step behind the 3-point line and buried the Razorbacks.

Calathes scored 28 points and

grabbed 10 rebounds as he carried No. 24 UF (16-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) to an 80-65 victory against Arkansas (12-4, 0-3 SEC) on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

The sophomore drained his third consecutive three with 9:15 left and put to rest any thoughts

of another second-half slump.

The Gators have struggled to close out games all season, but this time around, Calathes and the Gators finished the deal.

UF opened the second half with a 9-0 run and prevented Arkansas from scoring for almost four minutes.

It was the third double-double of the season for Calathes and the second-highest point total of his career.

"I was open and my teammates found me," Calathes said. "I guess it was just my night shooting."

Calathes knocked down a career-high six 3-pointers and shot 60 percent from long distance.

It was the 10th straight win for UF, which is perfect through three games of conference play.

Coming into the game, there were serious questions about whether or not UF would be able to contain Arkansas center



Men's Basketball

Michael Washington — the only player in the SEC averaging a double-double. Washington finished with 21 points, but the Gators out-rebounded the Razorbacks 39-33, and both center Alex Tyus (11 points) and freshman backup Kenny Kadji (10) scored in double figures for the second straight game.

"With someone like Nick out there passing the ball, when you get open, you're going to get easy baskets," Kadji said.

The freshman center has emerged as an inside presence for the Gators in the last two games.

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF guard Nick Calathes calls a play during the Gators' 80-65 home win against Arkansas on Saturday.

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators show growth in win over 'Dawgs

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**
Alligator Writer
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UF had a lot to prove Sunday against Georgia, and the team sure played like it.

Having lost nine straight games to the Bulldogs, the Gators were not ready for another disappointment.

Problem solved.

No. 15 UF (17-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) handled its rival 61-45 in front of a loud home crowd, making a statement on how far the team has come from a year ago.

Even Georgia coach Andy Landers, who recently captured his 800th career win, noticed a difference in this Gators squad from the one last season.

"They play well together," he said. "They do a much better job of executing and doing the things that they want to do together."

"They have set the tone in this rivalry, and that's just another thing that makes it a great win for us."

Amanda Butler
UF coach

UF coach Amanda Butler knows just how big the win was for her team, especially the seniors, who had yet to defeat Georgia (11-7, 1-2 SEC).

"They have set the tone in this rivalry, and that's just another thing that makes it a

great win for us," Butler said. "More importantly than that is that it's an SEC win."

Gators fans wearing pink for breast cancer awareness stood for the first four minutes of the game and watched Butler's emphasis on starting strong come to life.

While UF set the pace early on and seemed to control the game for much of the first half, it only led by 2 at the break, after not making a field goal in the last 5:23 of the half.

Georgia grabbed the momentum early in the second half, taking a 30-29 lead, but it didn't last long.

Sha Brooks took a charge at midcourt with 16:02 remaining that seemed to fire up her teammates and the crowd.

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UF defense ready to shine in '09

Tim Tebow's reign is over. For the past two seasons, UF's quarterback and his dynamic offense have ruled Gainesville, but with linebacker Brandon Spikes' announcement that he'll return to the Gators for his senior season and receiver Percy Harvin's decision to enter the NFL Draft, the 2009 UF football team will be a defense-first outfit.

The defense will bring back its entire two-deep roster — every starter and backup — and even the backups to the backups will stick around.



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It's a scary thought, but the unit that allowed fewer than 13 points per game and held the highest-scoring team in college football history to just two touchdowns is about to get even better.

Meanwhile, the offense will keep Tebow, tight end Aaron Hernandez, a few unproven receivers and running backs Chris Rainey, Jeff Demps and Emmanuel Moody while losing top receivers Harvin and Louis Murphy, and Harvin's absence alone will make the group a bit less dangerous.

Make no mistake about it: Harvin was every bit as important to UF's offense as Tebow. Not only was he a threat to break a big run or make a huge catch at any time, but Harvin made everyone else on the field better. His fellow receivers had an easier time getting open, the backs had more running room and the pressure wasn't always on Tebow to make the big play.

Now, coach Urban Meyer will have to rework the offense without Harvin, and he'll have to do it without his right-hand man, as offensive coordinator Dan Mullen skipped town to take the

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■ **UF tennis freshman Carlos Gonzalez de Cueto made it to the finals in the SEC Coaches' Indoor Championships on Monday before falling to the tournament's No. 6 seed. For more on the men's tennis team, check out alligatorSports.org.**

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Which unit will be most important for the UF football team's success in 2009?

Previous question: Which UF football national championship team is better? (see right for results)

Year	Percent (Votes)
2008	74% (207)
1996	26% (73)

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Arizona and Pittsburgh will play a historic Super Bowl in Tampa in two weeks: a team with a history as bad as any in the NFL against one that will try to win a record sixth title.

Pittsburgh opens as a 6 1/2-point favorite.

That's fine with the Cardinals, who have been laughingstocks forever and won all three playoff games as underdogs, including Sunday's 32-25 thumping of the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFC title.

Arizona hasn't won a title since the NFL championship in 1947 and has had only 10 postseason games since meandering from Chicago to St. Louis and finally to the desert 21 seasons ago.

Still, it is impossible to write them off, mainly because of their 37-year-old quarterback, Kurt Warner, who

owns two MVP awards and was the Super Bowl MVP with the Rams in 2000.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

Then there is Larry Fitzgerald, who used to practice in the same facility as the Steelers when he played at Pitt. In just three games, he has emerged as the best receiver ever in the postseason — with 419 yards, he broke the great Jerry Rice's record with the final game still to come.

"He's been here before," Fitzgerald said, referring to Warner. "He's been where we're all trying to go. He's held that trophy up and we've leaned on him this whole postseason."

Many of Pittsburgh's stars have been through this before, including Hines Ward, the MVP of the 2006 Super Bowl win against Seattle.

The Steelers' defense carried them past Baltimore 23-14 in the

AFC title game. That's what it's been doing all season. The latest version of the storied Steel Curtain was the best statistically in the NFL and the most consistent.

Led by James Harrison, the defensive player of the year, and another all-Pro, safety Troy Polamalu, it puts constant pressure on the quarterback. And that is where Warner is sometimes vulnerable. Injuries and turnovers cost him his job in St. Louis in 2002 and 2003 before he was shuffled off to the New York Giants and then to Arizona.

The Steelers won four titles in six years during the 1970s and their fifth three years ago. No team has ever won six.

In an odd little twist, Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt has his roots with the Steelers, serving as offensive coordinator from 2004-2006,

including the Super Bowl-winning team.

He was expected to get the Pittsburgh job when Bill Cowher stepped down two seasons ago. So was another Steelers coach, Russ Grimm, now Whisenhunt's right-hand man in Arizona.

Instead, the job went to Mike Tomlin, who returns to Tampa, the city where he began his coaching career.

COMPLETE RECOVERY EXPECTED FOR MCGAHEE: OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Willis McGahee joined his teammates Monday at Baltimore's training complex after doctors told him he would make a full recovery from a fierce helmet-to-helmet hit in the AFC Championship Game that had him carted off the field.

"I'm all right. Everything is OK," the running back told reporters as the Ravens cleared out their lockers. "The MRI and the CAT scan checked out good. I was scared, but I didn't know how serious it was. It was pretty intense."

The play occurred in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 23-14 victory. McGahee had just caught a pass and taken two steps before he was met by safety Ryan Clark, who drove his helmet into McGahee's facemask. McGahee's head snapped back, and he lost the ball as he dropped to the ground.

"I didn't even see him coming," McGahee said.

Clark also collapsed, though it was immediately apparent his injury wasn't serious. Players from both teams gathered around McGahee, who lay motionless before being taken away.

"I blacked out. I woke up when they were taking my facemask off," McGahee said. "I opened my eyes and I was talking. The next thing I knew I woke up in some room and they were taking me to the ambulance."

McGahee said he has a concussion and that his neck is extremely sore. But he said he would be ready to go next season.



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UF ranked for first time since Nov. 24

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"Kenny is stepping up. Our inside game is getting a lot better," Calathes said. "I think we're going to start going inside-out a lot more."

Erving Walker, who has been battling flu-like symptoms for more than a week, celebrated his 19th birthday with 13 points and two steals.

"We're a lot more mature," Calathes said. "Our freshmen stepped up huge for us tonight. I don't think they could have played those minutes (earlier this season)."

UF coach Billy Donovan put the lid on his team's shooting during practice leading up to their game against Arkansas, and it appears he has taken the top off of whatever was holding back their rebounding as well.

Donovan placed a plastic seal on the baskets that prevented the ball from going in the net.

"If you wanted to get off of defense, you had to get the rebound," forward Chandler Parsons said. "We know we're not the biggest or strongest team, but that showed us that it's all about playing with passion on the defensive end."

The Gators were embarrassed on the boards by Mississippi a week ago but have outrebounded their opponents in the last two games.

For the first time in his career, Arkansas coach John Pelphrey sat on the visitor's bench in the O'Connell Center.



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Pelphrey worked as an assistant to UF coach Billy Donovan from 1997-2002 before leaving to become the head coach at South Alabama. Pelphrey moved to Arkansas in April 2007.

"This is a special place to be," he said. "Being a part of that coaching staff was a special time. There was just something about that group of guys."

UF moved back into the national rankings Monday for the first time since losing to No. 8 Syracuse on Nov. 24 in Kansas City, Mo.

Despite his team's fast start in the SEC, Donovan played down any thoughts of a return to the national stage.

"I don't think we warrant being ranked," Donovan said.

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Mississippi State head coaching job.

Surely, with all the talent in place and the hotshot recruits who will wind up at UF, the Gators will still be a solid offensive team, but defense will be their new calling card. Here comes the payoff for the defense's imitation of swiss cheese during the 2007 campaign.

The defensive line, probably the team's weakest unit in 2008, will have two top-flight pass rushers in Carlos Dunlap and Jermaine Cunningham, and if defensive tackle Torrey Davis can fulfill the potential he showed on critical goal line stops against Oklahoma, he could become a real beast in the interior.

Most importantly, Dan McCarney, the first-year defensive line coach who restored the group to relevancy, resisted jobs elsewhere and should have them playing even better.

The linebackers will be the defense's en-

gine, especially with Spikes still in the middle, but the secondary will be the sparkplugs.

Just a year removed from being the nation's No. 98 pass defense, UF tied Boston College for the most interceptions with 26 this year, and it will add more playmakers to the group that accomplished that.

Safety Dorian Munroe, a projected starter for 2008, will return from the knee injury that kept him sidelined, freshman cornerback Jeremy Brown will be unleashed after a red-shirt year, and heralded safety Dee Finley will arrive from prep school. But if corners Joe Haden and Janoris Jenkins, safeties Ahmad Black and Major Wright and nickelback Will Hill keep playing the way they did this season, those other players won't leave the bench.

That's the kind of competition that built the offense in recent years. With the high number of underclassmen clogging the depth chart, expect the UF defense to stay on top for a couple more seasons.

HOT SHOTS

Beginning with the start of Southeastern Conference play, the **alligatorSports** staff will vote on the top three UF basketball performances of the week each Monday. The No. 1 player will receive 5 points, the No. 2 player 3 points and the No. 3 player 1 point. At the end of the season, the player with the most combined points will earn the title of **alligatorSports** Player of the Year.



1. Nick Calathes

It's probably safe to assume that as Calathes goes, so will the Gators this season. The sophomore scored 28 points, the second-highest point total of his career, in Saturday's win against Arkansas and 17 in UF's first Southeastern Conference road victory against Auburn. The Gators are off to a 3-0 start in conference play, and No. 33 is the reason.



2. Kenny Kadji

If there is a player who has improved more since the start of the season, we haven't seen him. Kadji scored in double figures (11 points against Auburn and 10 against Arkansas) in back-to-back games for the first time all year and is beginning to show signs that he may be the inside presence the Gators have been looking for.



3. Erving Walker

Despite being hampered by flu-like symptoms, Walker saved UF from near disaster with two threes in the final four minutes on the road against Auburn on Wednesday and found Walter Hodge for the game-winner. The freshman followed up his heroics against the Tigers with 13 points against Arkansas on his birthday. Walker has been one of the few reliable scoring options off the bench this season for Billy Donovan.

STANDINGS

- 5 - Calathes
- 3 - Kadji
- 1 - Walker

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Team not satisfied with 17-2 mark

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"As fun as it is to score points and that sort of thing, this team really gets their energy from defense," Butler said.

From that point on, UF took control.

Steffi Sorensen proved to be reliable once again. The junior guard hit three 3-pointers in the second half, the last putting the Gators up by 12.

UF scrapped for 15 offensive rebounds and was able to score key baskets resulting in 13 second-chance points.

The Gators locked down defensively, allowing just 20 points in the second half and capitalizing on 30 points off turnovers.

After Brooks hit a three to put UF

up by 17 with about eight minutes remaining, she showed off her dance moves on the way back up the floor.

"I was thinking that I just stepped on their throat," Brooks said. "You can't let up on Georgia, and I think that got the whole team hyped."



Women's Basketball

Butler said she likes the situation her team is currently in with a week to prepare for Mississippi, but the last thing she wants her players to do is let their foot off the gas.

"Three and one is great. 17-2 is great," Butler said. "But we've got a lot of basketball to play, and we're not ready to plateau."

"We're not ready to be satisfied with what we've done to this point. We want more."

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No. 1 Gators come back to beat Auburn by 0.25

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**
Alligator Writer

The UF gymnasts didn't know they were losing after a less-than-stellar performance on balance beam.

They didn't need to.

No. 1 UF (2-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) rode a resilient effort on floor exercise to trump No. 4 Auburn (1-2, 0-2 SEC) 196.5 to 196.25.

"I feel like the No. 1 most im-

portant thing we can take from this competition is, we came back after not doing our best on beam," said junior Maranda Smith. "We can learn from this competition if there's ever another time where we're a little shaky on an event, that we can always come back and perform well."

It was the second straight year UF trailed after the third event against Auburn and emerged victorious.

The Gators staggered to score a

48.325 on beam, their lowest score of the evening on any event by nearly a full point and lowest on beam since 2006.

Courtney Gladys then led off a dominant floor lineup, scoring a 9.775, to make the Gators — and crowd — forget their follies on beam.

The team notched the highest score of the night, Corey Hartung's 9.95 on floor. She matched her college best for the sixth time of her career.

"Floor was on our minds and not how we did on beam," Hartung said. "We just moved on."

The team managed to turn floor into the second-highest scoring event of the night with contributions from the entire lineup, including Smith's second 9.9 of the night.

"It's been three years since I have done an actual competition vault, so there were really no nerves in me."

Maranda Smith
UF junior

Smith's first 9.9 came on vault, marking the first time she had competitively vaulted since her freshman days at UCLA in 2006.

"It's been three years since I have done an actual competition vault, so there were really no nerves in me," Smith said. "It was more excitement and trying to prove myself that I could be a competitive vaulter again."

Hartung won the all-around title with a 39.475, even significantly contributing on beam with a 9.775.

Floor brought the Gators back into the meet, but it was uneven bars that made it possible.

With the core four — Melanie Sinclair, Amanda Castillo, Hartung and Smith — stacked at the end of the lineup and fueled by Alicia Goodwin's college-best 9.925, UF made bars its strongest event.

An event-high 49.5 on bars was able to neutralize the ensuing beam troubles.

Sinclair, winner of the all-around

title in the Jan. 9 meet against Oklahoma, turned in a solid 9.925 along with consistently valuable scores in her other events. She finished second in the all-around category behind Hartung at 39.450.

"Bars was phenomenal," UF coach Rhonda Faehn said. "This is what I said from the beginning, that I felt like bars is our best event, and we have the greatest chance of getting our highest scores there."

Injuries to the team triggered changes to the lineup.

Castillo still turned in a 9.875 on bars, but even the decorated junior wasn't immune to the beam bug, scoring an uncharacteristically low 9.475.

She was rested from vault and floor because she has been nursing bursitis in her ankle.

Rebekah Zaiser was also out after sustaining a season-ending broken foot.

"That was really tough on our team emotionally," Faehn said. "She was in that leadoff position. That's when the team really looks to depend on that athlete."

Changes to the lineup meant freshmen getting more exposure.

Freshman Elizabeth Mahlich competed in three events, including her first competitive bars routine. Mahlich also anchored floor, ending the Gators on a high note of 9.875.

Freshmen Nicole Ellis, Amy Ferguson and Mahlich all appeared in the lineup for the second consecutive meet.

"The athletes that are stepping up and stepping in right now when we're a little bit beat up — they're doing a great job," Faehn said.



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UF gymnast Corey Hartung performs a floor routine during the Gators' 196.5-196.25 win against Auburn on Friday in its Southeastern Conference opener.

Kevkhishvili earns spot in NCAA Indoor Championships

Swimming, diving teams dominate Florida Atlantic

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

As a team, UF didn't blow the competition away, but Mariam Kevkhishvili single-handedly did while securing her place in the NCAA Indoor Championships.

In only the first indoor meet of the season, Kevkhishvili threw the shot put 55 feet, 10.5 inches to clinch first place and her spot in the year-end championships.

Coach Mike Holloway was not surprised.

"We expect that from Mariam," Holloway said. "She's the defending NCAA champion and comes into the season the No. 1-ranked girl in the country, so we expect her to do things like that."

Keely Medieros also performed well in shot put. Medieros threw the shot 51 feet, 2.25 inches to claim third place.

Another outstanding performer on the women's side was freshman Alishea Uesery, who placed fourth in the 400-meter dash, clocking 54.77 seconds.

"Alishea is a very talented young lady, and we expect big things out of her," Holloway said.

Uesery shed almost a full second off her high school time in her first college performance, Holloway said.

In other women's events, Jenna Utecht placed fourth in the high jump, Madara Apine and Michelle Jenije placed fifth and seventh respectively in the triple jump and Madison McNary claimed seventh place in the 200-meter dash.

McNary also placed eighth in the 60-meter dash.

On the men's side, junior Calvin Smith anchored UF's sprint corps and captured first place in both the 400- and the 4x400-meter relay.

"He's one of the top four or five guys in the country, and we expect him to be one of our team leaders this year so we thought he did a great job this weekend," Holloway said.

Smith's senior teammate, Carlos Phillips, claimed eighth place, and R.J. Anderson grabbed the tenth spot in the 400.

Other first-place honors went to long-jumper Christian Taylor, who jumped 25 feet, 4 inches, and shot-putter Kemal Mesic. Mesic threw the shot 62 feet, 0.50 inches.

William Wynne ran 7.88 seconds and claimed fifth in the men's 60-meter hurdles while Dennis Martin (7.89 seconds) took the sixth spot.

In the 800-meter run, Ethan Philpot was fourth with a time of 1:52.90, Terrell Wilks was ninth in the 200-meter dash and Gray

Horn tied for seventh in the men's high jump.

UF didn't turn heads but put out a solid performance.

"It's an early season meet, and we use (Southeastern Conference) games to see where we are in terms of competitive spirit," Holloway said.

"Everybody trained really hard last week, so it wasn't like we went with very fresh legs. A big part of being a champion in track and field is having a lot of heart and a lot of desire, so we challenged our kids to go in this weekend — knowing they were a little tired — and compete hard."

GATORS STILL PERFECT VS. OWLS: The UF swimming and diving teams make a habit out of defeating Florida Atlantic.

Saturday brought more of the same. After the Gators' home meet against the Owls, UF's record against Florida Atlantic was still unblemished.

The Orange and Blue took all but two of the 32 events at the meet in the O'Connell Center to improve their all-time marks against Florida Atlantic to 12-0 for the men and 13-0 for the women.

They swept multiple events, including the men's 200-yard freestyle, the men's and

women's 200-yard butterfly, the women's 3-meter dive, the men's 100-yard free and the men's 200-yard backstroke.

The men (6-1) and women (6-2) swept Florida Atlantic by more than 30 points each.

Junior Roland Rudolf, who won three events Saturday, still thinks there is room for him to grow and hopes he is able to "loosen up his shoulders with more training to get in shape."

At the same time, the more advanced men and women swimmers were at the Dallas Morning News Classic and the College Conference Carnival in Piscataway, N.J., respectively.

The UF women won the College Conference Carnival, and the men took second in Dallas.

"These three meets were perfect for those competing in them," said Anthony Nesty, associate men's head coach. "The meets were important because they knew we were picking the last couple of kids to go to the Southeastern Conference Championship, and it gave them a chance to shine."

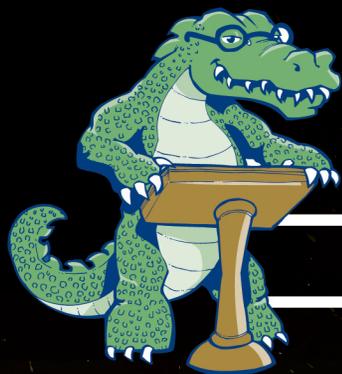
Senior Bradley Ally won an NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the 400-yard individual medley in Dallas, and junior Gemma Spofforth had her own reason to celebrate in Piscataway.

Spofforth set a Sonny Werblin Recreation Center record in the 200 back.

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