



Gainesville tame for Super Bowl Sunday



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UF junior Jillian Dolan, left, and seniors Anna Garrido, middle, and Nichole Walker react to a big play in the third quarter of Super Bowl XLIII at a watch party held at a house on Northwest 15th Street on Sunday night.

■ FEW PEOPLE FELT STRONG TIES TO EITHER TEAM.

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**
 Alligator Writer

As championship games go, Super Bowl XLIII was a relaxed affair in Gainesville.

Many residents watched the game at home with friends and few stuck to die-hard allegiances as the Pittsburgh Steelers took on the Arizona Cardinals.

"This is more of a house party kind of day," said Hoss Rice, a manager at Gator's Dockside.

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Hoss Rice
 Gator's Dockside manager

With only 32 teams in the NFL, there are not many fans in Gainesville who have a strong attachment to any given team, he said.

Gator's Dockside provided food for parties, selling take-out bags of 500 chicken wings for \$220, which is \$159 less than menu price. They also had a smaller, 100-wing bag. Dockside sold about 10 of the large orders and 30 of the smaller orders, Rice said.

Faren Hely, one of the few cheering the Cardinals at Dockside, sported a San Francisco 49ers jersey and was there to support her di-

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STUDENT LIFE

Crisis alters aid status

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
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Rising unemployment and falling income may cause more UF students to change their financial aid status during the 2009-2010 academic year, according to UF officials.

Family income could decrease between the time students apply for aid and the time it is disbursed, moving many to have their financial aid status reevaluated.

"We are anticipating that as more and more people become unemployed, the chances of having

students petitioning is going to be greater," said Rick Wilder, the associate director of financial aid advising for UF's Office for Student Financial Affairs.

Students who have their financial aid status reevaluated could receive aid that they were previously ineligible for, Wilder said.

Students should apply for financial aid as early as possible so they have a better chance of getting the financial aid package they want, he said.

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Man makes bomb threats

A Gainesville man was arrested Friday in connection with a false bomb threat posted to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Web site.

At 7:34 p.m. on Thursday, Joshua Cheek, 18, typed that there were explosives in the Alachua County Civil, Criminal and Federal Courthouses, an ACSO news release stated.

The three courthouses were searched but nothing was found, according to the release.

On Friday morning, a man noticed Cheek typing another bomb threat on an Alachua County Library computer. The library staff called 911 and locked the computer terminal

so they could gather information about the threat, the report stated.

Detective Thom Kinsey identified Cheek when he walked out of the library, based on library employees' descriptions. Cheek immediately told Kinsey that

he did not mean to make the threats and also admitted to posting a threat Thursday night.

Cheek was charged with making a false report of planting an explosive device.

This is not the first time Cheek made a bomb threat, according to the report.

— KATIE EMMETS

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■ UF guard Erving Walker (right) and the Gators could not compete in front of almost 21,000 raucous Tennessee fans in Knoxville on Saturday night. See Story, Page 16.

Man pleads guilty to falsely claiming four Purple Hearts

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida veteran has pleaded guilty to falsely claiming four Purple Hearts, when he had none.

Charles T. White of St. Augustine pleaded guilty Friday in Jacksonville federal court. Defense attorney Charles Truncale says White "recognizes he was wrong."

White served in the Navy and the

Marine Corps. But prosecutors said he improperly wore a Purple Heart medal on several occasions in the past year and falsely told a military newspaper that he had been awarded the medal four times.

White now faces up to two years in prison and a \$200,000 fine. Truncale says White is likely to receive probation.

The Purple Heart is awarded to troops who are wounded or killed in action.

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Forum: "Cafe Cultural: The DREAM Act"

Today, 7:30 p.m.
At the Institute of Hispanic/Latino Cultures. Presented by the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures and CHISPAS. The Dream Act addresses issues with current immigration laws. The night will follow real-life stories from undocumented students, a legal review from a law student and a question and answer session. For more information, please contact chispasuf@yahoo.com or katherinea@dso.ufl.edu

Gator Sport Management Club presents: UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley

Today, 4 p.m.
Florida Gym Room 210
GSMC proudly presents UF Athletics Director Jeremy Foley. Foley will be discussing leadership, his rise to the top, what keeps him there and his advice on how all UF students can achieve success in the field of collegiate athletics.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG parties begin interviews to fill 50 Senate seats

BY CHELSEA KEENAN
Alligator Writer

Students began interviewing for spots on Student Government party tickets Friday.

About 97 students came by to register with a party in hopes of becoming a candidate for one of the 50 available Student Senate seats that represent UF's colleges.

Four out of the seven registered parties conducted interviews: Orange and Blue, LAN, Progress and Unite, said Supervisor of Elections Dan Siegel.

"There were a lot of younger students, which is good to see. They'll play a role in shaping Student Government in the future."

Jordan Johnson
Student Body
Presidential candidate

The Gator, Keg and Swamp parties opted to not participate, he said.

About 30 students registered with the Orange and Blue Party, about 25 registered with the Progress Party and about 40 registered with the Unite Party, according to party leaders.

"We've had a pretty high turnout," said Siegel, who described the first day as normally the slowest.

During the eight hours of interviewing in the Reitz Union, students walked around and spoke with party representatives before choosing

which parties to interview with.

UF sophomore Russell Ward said he settled on the Unite Party because of its bipartisan vision.

Other students who showed up for interviews had already decided which parties to interview with. UF freshman Nick Alsaka interviewed with the Progress Party because he felt it bridged party lines, he said.

This was because Progress consisted of former members of the Gator Party and the Orange and Blue Party – the two parties that currently hold power in Senate.

"It's something new," he said. "It's not the same old ways."

Orange and Blue Party and Unite Party leaders said they expected a full ticket by the end of interviews.

Progress Party presidential candidate Ben Dictor said although having a full ticket is one goal of the newly-formed party, it is not as important as having a diverse one.

"We're looking to have a ticket as diverse as the university," he said.

Not all snagged candidates for their party's ticket, however.

LAN Party President Kevin Seymour, who has not been involved with SG before, said no one interviewed with his party on Friday but hopes the next two days will bring better results.

Seymour said he created LAN after he saw the disconnect during Senate meetings over the past semester between the Gator and Orange and Blue parties.

Although Seymour is not officially involved in SG, he attended meetings and talked to senators to

become educated with the proceedings.

"It's a play on words," he said, referring to a Local Area Network, which is used to connect separate gaming systems so all players can participate. "The LAN party is all about connections."

Orange and Blue, Progress and Unite party leaders spoke about the

new candidates' fresh perspective.

Orange and Blue Party Leader Sen. Ben Cavaturo said applicants brought new issues and ideas to the table.

"There were some ideas for change I had never heard before," he said.

Student Body Presidential candidate Jordan Johnson of the Unite

Party noted the turnout of underclassmen.

"There were a lot of younger students, which is good to see," Johnson said. "They'll play a role in shaping Student Government in the future."

Qualifying continues today and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 284 of the Reitz Union.



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Party representatives wait in the hallway to talk to prospective candidates while Progress Party vice-presidential candidate Heshan Illangkoon and presidential candidate Ben Dictor interview a potential Senate candidate in the Reitz Union on Friday afternoon.

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Bicyclists take to the streets in ride

By **MALLORY ZUCKERMAN**
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Students, teachers, children, environmental activists and professional cyclists took to the streets Friday for Gainesville's Second Annual Community Rock 'n' Ride.

About 200 cyclists participated in the 6-mile commu-

nity ride, confusing motorists on West University Avenue, Southwest 13th Street and Main Street.

The bicycling event, in conjunction with Gainesville Critical Mass, commemorated the first anniversary of the Gainesville Community Bicycle Project, Inc., known as The Kickstand.

Critical Mass is an international collective bike ride to raise awareness of cyclists' rights to the road,

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said Andrew Carr, a UF architecture junior.

Carr said Friday's crowd was the largest he has ever seen in Gainesville.

"A lot of cyclists feel marginalized in a sea of cars," he said. "We try to reverse the situation."

During the ride, cyclists cheered, laughed, waved to cars, rang their bells and occasionally broke out into song. When a lone cyclist would ride by, they called "come, join us" to invite him or her.

UF sophomore Matthew McCagg was one of the bicyclists who blocked traffic from side roads to allow the group to stay together when crossing intersections, a tactic known as corking.

"This is way more dangerous than I thought it would be," McCagg said.

Dirk Drake, a social sciences teacher for Westwood Middle School, rode alongside his son, Captain, 10, and his son's friend, Ella, 9.

Drake said he has been riding in Critical Mass since the 80s. He has ridden in cities across the country such as Savannah, Ga., and Washington, D.C.

"It's a hands-on way for them to make a connection with healthier modes of transportation," Drake said. "It's healthy for our bodies and the planet."



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About 200 hundred cyclists prepare to leave the UF campus Friday evening for a Critical Mass bike ride headed toward The Kickstand to celebrate its one-year anniversary.

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ON CAMPUS

Black History Month kicks off with opening ceremony

By **CAROLYN TILLO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF administrators, alumni and students gathered to celebrate the start of Black History Month on Sunday night.

The opening ceremony, which featured dancers, poets and speakers, promoted equality and a break from a black-and-white view of America.

About 240 people attended the event, which was held at UF's Reitz Union Grand Ballroom and kicked off the month's festivities.

After a skit addressing the struggles of slavery, UF President Bernie Machen spoke.

Machen's presentation was followed by a speech from Pamela Bingham, the first and only black female Student Body president at UF.

In his speech, Machen referenced the first black students at UF and their role in the university's integration more than 50 years ago.

"Courage and leadership have an uncanny way of opening doors and opening minds,"

"Courage and leadership have an uncanny way of opening doors and opening minds."

Bernie Machen
UF President

he said, adding that UF is still not diverse enough.

The struggle with equality in our nation's living history continues, he said.

SG alumna Pamela Bingham knows of this struggle.

In a speech sandwiched between standing ovations, Bingham said she received death threats on her answering machine while running for Student Body president in 1986.

"How you respond to adversity at the end of the day defines who you are, and sometimes, you know, you just have to encourage yourself," Bingham said.

In the wake of President Obama's inauguration, she spoke about America's dream of equality and said it's a work in progress.

In an interview after her speech, Bingham offered advice to UF students about continuing diversity efforts.

She said students should force themselves to get to know people they would not ordinarily meet. She said they should work toward making student organizations more diverse.

Nicole Douglas, the executive director of Black History Month, had some advice of her own.

"Wake up to your own abilities," she said "Wake up to your own promise."

Man with marijuana found hiding from GPD under bed

■ HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF 11 FELONIES.

By **KATIE EMMETS**

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A Gainesville man was arrested Friday night after he was found hiding from police under a bed.

When a Gainesville police officer saw a man leaving a known drug corner on a

bicycle, the officer attempted to stop the man for having improper bicycle lights at night, according to GPD.

When the man saw the officer, he quickly pedaled away. According to the GPD arrest report, Lt. Scott Meffen ran after him while shouting, "stop, police."

The man ran to Gardenia Gardens Apartments at 1727 N.E. Eighth Ave., threw down his bicycle and went into Apartment 8C, the report stated.

"When officers spoke to the resident of the apartment, she swore up and down

that the man had run in and out and was no longer there," said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg. "She even allowed them to search her apartment to prove he wasn't inside."

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While searching the apartment, police found Otis McFadden, 28, hiding under the bed in one of the rooms, Kameg said.

During the search, officers found a brown paper bag with 38 grams of marijuana that was individually packaged for

street level sale, the report stated.

There were 12 one-gram bags, one two-gram bag and three eight-gram sandwich bags.

McFadden said it was for his personal use.

McFadden was charged with one felony and three misdemeanors including possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing on posted property and resisting an officer without violence.

McFadden has been convicted of 11 felonies, Kameg added.

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Editorial

Ad Overload

Super Bowl spots offer viewers a distraction

Beyond the highlight reel sacks and gut-busting grub, the true allure of the Super Bowl lies in catching the latest in advertising excellence.

From "Mean" Joe Greene showing his softer side in a Coke commercial to Apple's Orwellian effort in 1984, the big game has often taken a backseat to fans more consumed with Budweiser's latest offering than the final score.

To honor the country's time-tested fascination with Super Bowl ads, the Editorial Board offers you a run-down of some of the best (and, well, not so great) ads from Sunday's game.

Bud Light At Staff Meetings: What happens when you suggest eliminating Bud Light from staff meetings? You get thrown out the window — seat and all. At least the guy in question didn't seem too hurt after surviving a pretty treacherous fall.

Pepsi's "Forever Young": From Bob Dylan to will.i.am, Pepsi's commercial presented a refreshing take on America by juxtaposing the '60s and present-day. Quite the apropos offering to remind us why our country is so great.

Doritos' "Crystal Ball": Doritos started the night off quite strongly as we learned throwing a crystal ball is good for getting free chips, but a terrible idea for getting a job promotion.

Bud Light's Conan O'Brien Commercial: O'Brien's agent convinces him to make a commercial that he promises will never be seen in the states. Predictable, though still quite funny, O'Brien becomes the laughingstock of Manhattan as the ad gets played in Times Square.

Doritos' "Crunch": Solidifying its place as this year's big winner, Doritos' second commercial was even better than the first. Who wouldn't want to eat a snack food that caused ATMs to spit out cash?

Budweiser's "Daisy": After a lackluster spot featuring a Clydesdale fetching a tree branch, Budweiser totally redeemed itself by telling the love story between two horses smitten with each other. Aw, how cute is that?

Cash4Gold's "Fallen Stars": The Editorial Board couldn't help but laugh at MC Hammer and Ed McMahon as they poked fun at their fallen stars in this satirical masterpiece. What really caught our eye was McMahon's gold-plated toilet — we wonder what the starting bid will be once it hits eBay.

Cars.com's "David Abernathy": Easily one of the most engaging offerings of the evening as we meet David Abernathy — a young man born into the world already exuding confidence. Abernathy could perform open heart surgery with a pen at the opera, but he wasn't confident enough to make a car purchase?

Bridgestone's "On the Moon": Apparently the moon can be a pretty rough place as two astronauts found out the hard way. After collecting moon rocks and goofing around, they return to their spaceship to see it up on blocks. We can safely assume they filmed this commercial in Detroit.

Teleflora's "Boxed Flowers": Ladies, if you receive boxed flowers on Valentine's Day, it means whoever sent them to you "doesn't want to see you naked." Though, that sketchy co-worker in the ad probably wouldn't mind.

Hardee's "Mafia Hit": The newest addition to the menu at Hardee's is so messy it can save your life. Some poor schlub dripped tomato sauce all over himself, convincing two mafia hit men their work was already done. Somewhere Tony Soprano was shaking his head.

Careerbuilder.com's "It May Be Time": We found ourselves laughing out loud after seeing this commercial, which offers an entire laundry list of reasons why it is time to leave your job. Any ad that depicts fat men crying, women riding dolphins and an Asian man berating his co-worker is downright awesome in our book.

To view any of this year's Super Bowl commercials, go to www.hulu.com or www.nbc.com.

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Column

Palin wines, dines with top Democrats

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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the doll of the conservative religious right who got a taste of the rest of America (even the un-American parts) while campaigning as John McCain's running mate, doesn't seem to have such a fondness for her home state anymore.

Palin certainly wasn't in Alaska this past weekend. Instead, she was in Washington devouring some lobster with the nation's political and business elite at the prestigious Alfalfa Club's annual dinner soiree. No word has escaped from the press-free event whether Palin was only invited to hand deliver some of Alaska's finest crustaceans.

Certainly Palin must have felt awkward at the yearly Alfalfa gathering. She told members of the press that she was only going to the dinner because "President Obama is scheduled to be there." That statement comes only four months after she exploited Obama's association with "unrepentant domestic terrorist Bill Ayers." Now Palin is willing to give a speech on the same stage as President Obama, who unapologetically "palled around with terrorists."

In Gov. Palin's twisted game of guilt by association, doesn't that make her an accomplice to domestic terrorism, too?

Yet the really awkward part isn't Palin joining in on an elite dinner with the nation's best and brightest, people from the fake America, from places like New York, Washington, Chicago, Miami and L.A. No, the really awkward and uncomfortable part for Palin is her recently formed political action committee, cutely named SarahPAC, a move that all but signals a run for Congress or worst, a place on the GOP ticket in 2012.

Little did she know that the ever-shrinking GOP still



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had a trick up its Brooks Brothers sleeve.

Enter Michael Steele, stage right.

Steele, a former lieutenant governor from Maryland, was elected the first black chairman of the beleaguered GOP. He's already stolen Palin's spotlight. He's a moderate, modern

Anwar Sadat look-a-like, and MSNBC's Chris Matthews even voted for him in his failed bid for the U.S. Senate.

Democrats have a lot to be jolly about right now. Our candidate won, and for the first time in my life, multiple polls show that a historically low number of Americans affiliate with the Republican Party. But there's a new dynamic duo in town.

Palin may be viewed as either naive or vacuous, but she's not stupid — she just hasn't learned enough. Give her four more years and she may be able to recapture the suburban middle-class voters who Amtrak-Joe won over to the blue team. And with Steele, having moderate political roots and a connection to a modern city, such as Baltimore, urban voters may soon be reachable again.

Yet the duo should be reminded that the GOP didn't lose because of demographics. They lost because they were on the wrong side of the issues.

For her party's sake, hopefully Palin listened in on some of the conversations at the Alfalfa dinner. The elitists and so-called "unrepentant terrorists" did pretty well last year.

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Reader response

Today's question: Are you happy with the results of the Super Bowl?

Friday's question: Are Super Bowl commercials better than the actual game?

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Column

Obama walks razor's edge in keeping campaign promises

President Barack Obama has been in office for only about two weeks and, already, things have begun to change.

Admittedly, no cherubim came down from the heavens—Hillary Clinton was right on that count—but we have already witnessed the undoing of several aspects of Dubya's neoconservative agenda.

Obama has already announced that he will close Guantanamo Bay within a year and has issued an executive order repealing the so-called global gag rule put in place by Bush II (who was undoing the work of Bush I...). Another type of change has also become evident—the Republicans are now a united opposition party. The president's stimulus plan failed to garner a single Republican vote in the House.

Obama has set a fairly liberal-looking course during his first two weeks in office, but he will need to be cautious because, as both new president and liberal messiah, he

has much less freedom than one might imagine.

Obama is beginning his term with an unprecedented amount of expectations on his broad, handsome shoulders. (Sorry, I seem to have channeled Silvio Berlusconi). A Gallup Poll found his approval rating shortly after entering office to be at a near-unprecedented 69 percent. But people are notoriously fickle, especially when optimism soars, and any missteps on Obama's part could give him a bloody nose from which recovery will be difficult.

PolitiFact.com, apparently willing to rain on the parade, compiled a list of Obama's campaign promises. It is not entirely accurate, but since public perception is all that matters, that fact is irrelevant.

It lists 510 promises with accompanying quotations. Its tally so far: Promises Kept: 6, Stalled: 1, In the Works: 17, Compromised: 1, No Action: a daunting 484. It goes without saying—but what job would I have if I didn't say it?—that Obama will be under intense



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scrutiny for each and every one of those promises.

Such are the pitfalls of being "The Great One."

And so, we come to the razor's edge on which Obama must walk. We have already seen that

some Republicans are attempting to invigorate their party and their constituencies by mounting symbolic resistance to the new administration.

If Obama veers too far left, Republicans will make life very difficult for him. This would go against Rule No. 1 of political heroism: never let them see you sweat.

An easy fix, you may think: Obama can simply do what most presidents do and charge like the Light Brigade toward the center. Unfortunately, things are no longer that simple. The powers on the extreme left

feel as though Obama is indebted to them. They helped him defeat the Inevitable Miss Clinton, and if he moves too far toward the center, you can be sure he will face their wrath. Markos Moulitsas and his charmingly-named "Kossacks" have already attacked Obama over a few of his more centrist moves.

One can still feel that the attitude permeates among these activists — stated most bluntly (and with a pinch of Orwell) by Eli Pariser, executive director of MoveOn.org in 2004 — that "now it's our party: we bought it, we own it and we're going to take it back."

Obama is viewed by these elements as their property, and they will not hesitate to ill-use him if they don't think he's pursuing their interests with all his strength.

Obama must row carefully between the Scylla and Charybdis of too much partisanship and not enough. But hey — it's a heavy lies the crown sort of thing.

Eric Chianese is an English junior. His column appears weekly.

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Super Bowl halftime shows prove to be historically terrible

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Police search for suspect in string of auto burglaries

■ IPODS AND GPS DEVICES WERE AMONG ITEMS TAKEN FROM MOSTLY UNLOCKED VEHICLES.

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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The Gainesville Police Department is searching for a man suspected of committing a string of auto burglaries in

Gainesville. In January, Gainesville car burglaries increased, said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

Kameg said some of the victims reported their credit cards stolen.

"Because they were honest with their banking information, GPD was able to contact the businesses where their credit cards were used," Kameg said.

The businesses provided GPD with

video of their stores at the times that the credit cards were used.

Joseph Murray, 46, was in some of those videos using the stolen cards. "We think he is linked to as many as eight auto burglaries," Kameg said.

Local News

Murray has warrants out for his arrest for grand theft and auto burglary, Kameg said.

Murray's bonds total more than \$47,000,

he said. Officials believe Murray ran away and is hiding in Palatka, Kameg said.

"The way that Murray gained access to most of the vehicles was through unlocked doors," Kameg said.

Other than credit cards, Kameg said iPods, GPS tracking devices and other small electronics were stolen.

GPD asks anyone with information on Murray to call 352-955-1818.

AROUND GAINESVILLE

Crossword tournament puzzles North Florida residents

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**
Alligator Writer

Eric Reinhardt may not know much about doo-wop, but he does know just about everything else.

He took first place at the Third Annual North Florida Crossword Tournament, held at the Savannah Grande in downtown Gainesville, by making only one mistake.

When asked to identify a doo-wop syllable, a reference to a genre of 50s music, he wrote a "c" where the "s" should have been in "sha".

He finished his puzzle in a local record-breaking 22 minutes.

About 70 people from around the U.S. participated in the tournament Saturday morning.

"We're surrounded by the smartest people in Gainesville," said Jeannette Peters, 49, who competed in the tournament.

Reinhardt, a 72-year-old Jacksonville resident, won a trip to New York for the National Crossword Championship.

"I just see little boxes that need letters put in them," said Reinhardt, a retired computer programmer.

During the final round, the top three contestants filled out large-scale puzzles in front of an audience.

"I'm not going to lie. It's a lot more exciting than I thought it would be."

Kristen Wilkie
Volunteer

About 75 people watched the puzzlers, some of them scratching out their own answers on extra copies.

Merl Reagel, a crossword ce-

lebrity featured in the documentary "Wordplay," provided play-by-play analysis as the puzzles were being completed.

The contestants could only vaguely hear him through earplugs and muffling headphones.

"I wouldn't wish that puzzle on my worst crossword enemy," Reagel said. "Actually, make that my second worst crossword enemy."

Reagel also created a puzzle for the competition, which featured his distinct style of themed, corny clues.

Reagel writes about one puz-

zle per week for the New York Times.

"It was typical Merl," Reinhardt said.

The puzzles theme was "types of rooms," with clues leading to answers such as 'back room' and 'mushroom.'

Many first-time crossword contest observers were surprised at how fun it was to watch and play along with the puzzlers.

"I'm not going to lie," said Kristen Wilkie, 21, who volunteered at the competition. "It's a lot more exciting than I thought it would be."

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Super Bowl victory celebrations pale in comparison to BCS aftermath

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vision, if not the Cardinals directly.

"I'm just more of a 'let's go out to a bar' type person," she said. "It's much better than sitting on the couch at home."

But Emily Bohler had a different ap-

proach.

She held a house party with about 15 friends. Nobody who attended the party was a die-hard fan of either team.

"I'm for the Cardinals because they're the underdogs," said Anna Garrido, a senior at UF.

Jill Dolan, 22, is a fan of the Miami

Dolphins, but supported the Pittsburgh Steelers as her second choice. She was the only one at the party wearing a Steelers jersey.

Around Gainesville

Another partier, Josh Lancaster, 24, said that the Super Bowl is just another excuse to get together.

"We're really just here having a party," said Lancaster.

All the partygoers agreed that the slightly anticlimactic celebration after the Super Bowl was nowhere near as exciting as when Gainesville rushed the streets following UF's win in the BCS National Championship.

Recession ups financial need

AID, from page 1

And while UF advises students on the available options, a recent study found some students may not be taking advantage of aid available to them.

At last week's Board of Governors meeting, a report estimated that about 22,000 undergraduates at Florida public universities failed to apply for Pell Grants in 2005, despite having a qualified financial status.

About \$24 million of this federal, need-based aid went unclaimed, according to the report. Wilder said UF's Office for Student Financial Affairs does all it can to inform students of their options for financial aid.

UF starts educating students about these opportunities as early as middle or high school, he said. Even with help from UF's financial advisers, however, students are still making sacrifices because of the recession's effect on family income.

Amber Wangle, a UF building

construction graduate student, has no extra money to buy books and school supplies due to recent family financial difficulties.

"Every situation is different, and it's best to talk with a trained financial aid professional before you do anything."

Rick Wilder

Associate Director of Financial Aid Advising for UF's Office for Student Financial Affairs.

Wangle said she walks to school and eats at home daily to save money.

If a student's financial situation changes dramatically, he or she should seek help from their financial aid advisers and discuss which options are available to them, Wilder said.

"Every situation is different, and it's best to talk with a trained financial aid professional before you do anything," he said.



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Breaking Bricks

UF freshman Harold Rocha gets ready to hurl a brick from the Writing on the Wall Project during its closing ceremony at the Plaza of the Americas on Friday afternoon. The wall, full of negative phrases and prejudices, was demolished.

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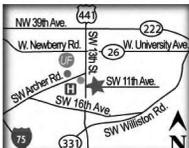
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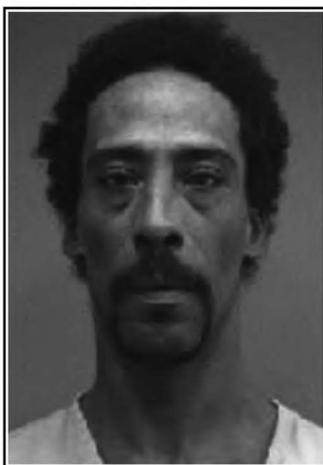
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By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

Alligator Staff Writer
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — All UF could do was watch in stunned silence as the deafening Tennessee crowd drowned out any hope of a second-half comeback.

More than 20,000 fans took to their feet as the Gators (18-4, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) walked off the floor at Thompson-Boling Arena to the tune of a 79-63 loss.

“That’s definitely the wildest crowd we’ve seen this year,” forward Chandler Parsons said.

“It’s a crazy environment, and they don’t like us.”

The Gators chipped away at a 23-point second-half Volunteers lead and cut the deficit to 10 with 4:42 to play.

But the Volunteers closed out the game with a 15-9 flurry that proved to be too much to overcome.

It was the Gators’ fourth straight loss in Knoxville and their sixth out of the last seven to the Volunteers.

Tennessee (13-7, 4-2 SEC) opened the game with an 11-3 run and never took its foot off the gas.

UF guard Nick Calathes (21 points) was sent to the bench after picking up two fouls in the first three minutes of play.

The first foul came at the 18:22 mark and the second a little more than a minute

later when he was called for an offensive foul while driving down the lane.

“I didn’t think it was a charge, but the refs are going to make those calls sometimes,” Calathes said.

Freshman Erving Walker was forced to shoulder the load at point guard for the Gators.

The burden was too much for him to handle.

Walker was clearly rattled by the raucous Tennessee crowd and struggled to control the ball.

Usually quick to pull the trigger, Walker (3 points) passed up open looks he usually knocks down.

With Calathes on the sideline, it was up to the 5-foot-8 Walker to slow down 6-foot-7 Tennessee guard Scotty Hopson.

The freshman capitalized on the mismatch, scoring 20 points and going 4 of 6 from 3-point range.

Calathes re-entered the game with a little more than six minutes to play in the first half, but by then the Volunteers already had the game well in hand.

“Obviously, when we lose Nick, that’s a big part of our offense,” Parsons said. “We have to learn how to play without him.”

Frustration soon began to set in for the Gators.

Down 36-19 with 1:02 left in the first half, UF was charged with a five-second violation after the team failed to inbound the ball.

The Gators struggled to protect the

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UT climate trumps UF's

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Keep your fingers crossed that Billy Donovan doesn't leave Gainesville anytime soon.

Because when he does, I can't see why any talented recruit would rather play for the UF basketball team than Tennessee.

This weekend was my first trip to Rocky Top for a basketball game, and I couldn't have been more impressed by the atmosphere in Thompson-Boling Arena.

A crowd of just less than 21,000 watched the Volunteers whoop up on the Gators 79-63, and though UF has the advantage in terms of trophies lately, Tennessee's program is built on a much



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stronger foundation.

For starters, Thompson-Boling makes the O'Connell Center look like garbage. Thompson-Boling holds nearly 10,000

more fans, and it just feels like a big-time gym. There are three levels of luxury suites on one side, and a giant scoreboard hangs down over center court

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Smith puts on show for fans

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Rocky Top was rocking Saturday night, and Volunteers fans have Tyler Smith to thank.

The Tennessee junior forward was all over the court in the first half against UF, knocking down three 3-pointers and slamming home a mammoth alley-oop dunk with 5:25 left in the half.

As soon as Smith's feet touched the ground after the dunk, he posed for the home crowd, hands on his hips, triumphant. The fans ate it up.

“The crowd has been there for us through the losses,” Smith said. “We just wanted to pay them back for coming out and giving us some support.”

The sharpshooter finished the half with 11 points, four rebounds and three assists.

Two of Smith's first-half 3-pointers came immediately on the heels of long-range baskets from the Gators, effectively silencing what could have become UF rallies.



Smith

After the game, UF players were keenly aware of Smith's impact on the game.

“Tyler Smith, he's a warrior,” said UF forward Chandler Parsons, who matched up against Smith for much of the game. “He's one of the toughest players that I've played against.”

Smith began the Volunteers' scoring with a 3-pointer from the left side immediately after UF guard Nick Calathes missed a layup following the opening tip. That

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HOT SHOTS

This week's top UF men's basketball players, as voted on by the alligatorSports staff.

1. Nick Calathes

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ONLINE

■ The UF track and field teams, swimming and diving teams and tennis teams were in action this weekend. The UF men's golf team begins its season tonight. For more, check out alligatorSports.org.

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“Wouldn't you feel better if you had beat every team that was out there through a playoff system? I love (the Gators), but I think they could have taken on anybody through the playoff system.”

-Barack Obama
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UF exceeds win total from '08

Gators break school record with 13 threes

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With seven regular-season games, postseason tournaments and more than a month of basketball remaining, UF decided to go ahead and exceed its win total from last season on Sunday at Arkansas.

Like last year, the No. 12 Gators (20-2, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) didn't have much trouble in Fayetteville, Ark., downing the Razorbacks (12-10, 1-6 SEC) 94-78 to remain tied atop the SEC standings at the halfway point in the conference season.

However, unlike last year's win, which gave UF its 13th victory of the season, the Gators reached the 20-win mark for the first time since 2006, becoming just the 10th UF team to do so.

"We'll take it," UF coach Amanda Butler said.

"I hope that we're going to continue to find ways to get better and continue to play consistently at a high level."

For a little perspective, the '06 UF squad advanced to the NCAA Tournament but didn't pick up its 20th win until the last game of the regular season on Feb. 26.

Reaching the mark may not be a big surprise for this team, but how quickly it came is a good indication of how far the Gators have come from a year ago.

Dominating Arkansas shed a little light on UF's speedy success as well.

Sha Brooks scored 9 points in the first five minutes of the game to spark the Gators, who led by as many as 15 before the break.

The senior finished with 25 points and 10 assists.

"What can you say about Sha Brooks?"

Butler said.

"She just raises her level when we need the level to be raised."

UF relied on the 3-point shot early and often, and it worked.

The Gators set a new school record with 13 threes from five different players, breaking the previous mark of 11.

"When you're on the road, you never expect that that's going to happen," Butler said. "That's not what you want to count on, but when it does, you've got a chance to beat someone on their home

floor."

UF finished 13 of 21 for 62 percent from beyond the arc.

"It seemed like the threes were so timely, too," Butler said. "When we would have a little scoring drought or they would cut into our lead, one of our shooters would step up and hit."

UF continued to get quality production from its bench.

Junior guard Lonnika Thompson matched starter Marshae Dotson's 16 points.

She gave UF the energy it needed in the second half and was the biggest contributor to the Gators' 30 bench points.

"It is a lot of fun to watch," Butler said of UF's depth.

"That also is one of the things that makes this team very hard to prepare for."

The Gators had a field day sharing the ball as well. UF tallied 19 assists.

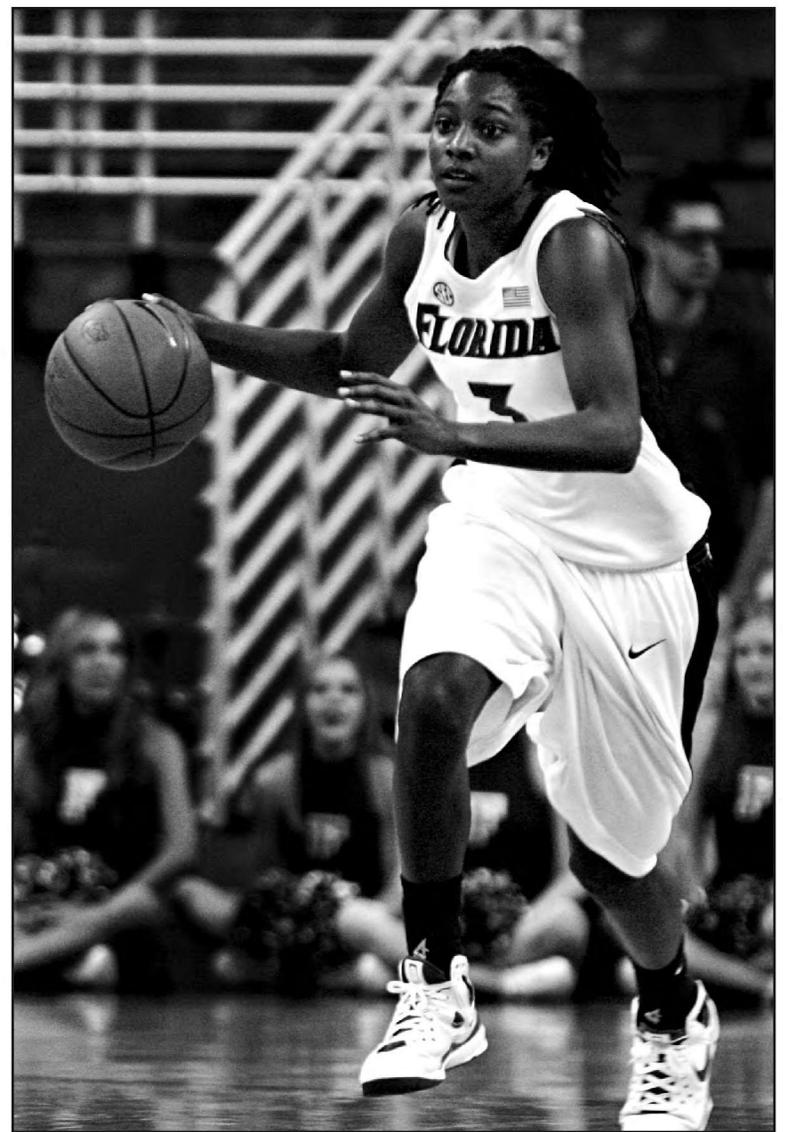
"Our shooters finished those shots today for whoever passed them the ball," Butler said. "It was not one of our best transition ballgames."

"So those assists came from players finishing plays in the half court."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.



Women's Basketball



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UF guard Sha Brooks dribbles down the court during the first half of the Gators' 74-51 win against Jacksonville on Nov. 17.

Sinclair's 10 fuels Gators' victory

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**

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Members of the UF gymnastics team said they trained harder than ever last week in practice.

Amid a sea of pink, the team's effort showed in Friday night's Link to Pink meet against Kentucky (1-3, 0-3 Southeastern Conference).

Fueled by Melanie Sinclair's perfect 10 on uneven bars, the Gators (3-1, 2-1 SEC) rebounded from their Jan. 23 loss at Arkansas with a 195.925 to 193.85 win.

The team led after the first event — vault — and practically put away the Wildcats on bars.

Sinclair's 10, sandwiched between 9.9s from teammates Maranda Smith and Corey Hartung, gave the Gators a comfortable lead.

"Actually, I woke up this morning, and I honestly felt, like, so good that I could do anything," Sinclair said. "When I was warming up bars, everything just came so fluid."

UF coach Rhonda Faehn had a good feeling about Sinclair before the meet even started.

"Her warm-up — I said, 'That's 10.0 material right there,'" Faehn said.

The 10 was Sinclair's third career 10. Her first came against the same foe, Kentucky, on Feb. 16, 2007.

The whole team performed well on bars, with no gymnast scoring lower than a 9.8.

The team's success didn't carry over to balance beam. For the third straight week, beam proved to be UF's weakest event. The team turned in a 48.125.

"We just keep having stupid mistakes on the beam," Hartung said. "One bad beam rotation is fine, but not two — like (Friday). Having a second one (Friday) is unacceptable."

Following the 10, Sinclair led off on beam. Hyped up from her perfect score, she faltered a bit on the dismount.

"I was really antsy going into beam," she said. "I was shaking after my 10 so it was hard — I was first on beam — so it was hard to bring my heart rate back down and get grounded so I can do my beam routine. I was still a little anxious on my dismount."

Faehn attributed the continuing beam troubles to injuries.

"We have, still, injured athletes," she said. "We've had a different lineup every week on beam and we've had a different order, and it's just because we haven't been able to have the athletes consistently healthy to be able to go in."

Sinclair said there was improvement on beam, though, and statistically there was.

"Actually, I woke up this morning, and I honestly felt, like, so good that I could do anything."

Melanie Sinclair
UF junior gymnast

"Going aggressive and making mistakes is better, and that's just the next step to hitting your routines perfect," she said.

Hartung, who fell off beam last week against Arkansas, showed why the fall was uncharacteristic. Against Kentucky, she scored a 9.9 on beam, good for the beam title.

"I'll take the 9.9 for tonight, but I know I can score better," Hartung said.

Despite troubles on beam, it wasn't enough for the Gators to relinquish the lead on floor exercise, though it was enough for the team to lose some of the swagger it had before beam.

The team scored a 49.05 on floor, its lowest output in the event this season.

"I think that carried over a little bit into floor," Faehn said. "They lost that energy and that momentum and so we lost some tenths on floor as well."

Doubles duo keeps up outstanding play

By **JOSEPH R. HOLZER**

Alligator Writer

In doubles action, they are dominant. In singles competition, they are stellar.

Juniors Megan Alexander and Marrit Boonstra continued their exceptional play for the No. 7 Gators women in their 7-0 sweep of Western Michigan on Sunday.

The No. 18-ranked duo defeated the Broncos' Emily Dudzik and Yumi Matsuto 8-2.

They have only dropped four of their 36 games played as a pair this season for UF (4-0).

In singles, the 5-foot-11 Boonstra faced a near mirror image of herself, in appearance if not skill. The No. 34 player beat Kerstin Pahl 6-4, 6-1.

"It doesn't happen a lot of times that someone is taller than me," she said of her 6-foot-1 opponent.

"I liked her game. She tried to go to the net often. I like when people do that."

Alexander had equal success against Western Michigan's Jenny Nalepa.

After a 3-3 score in the first set, Alexander rattled off nine straight games, rarely making a mistake.

"I made her play a lot of balls at the beginning," Alexander said.

"She hung with me for the first little bit and after a while got tired of it and started making more errors."



Alexander

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Game gets physical in final ticks

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ball all night, coughing up the rock 18 times — 12 in the first half.

"We were careless," Parsons said.



Men's Basketball

Parsons fouled out with 1:28 to play after tallying 15 points and nine rebounds.

At times Saturday night, the game became heated, with physical altercations popping up across the court.

Walter Hodge was charged with a technical foul with 15:39 to play in the second half.

He threw an elbow to Hopson's face while fighting for a loose ball in front of the Volunteers' bench.

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with four video boards and four statscreens.

Sure, those are just creature comforts, but they make Thompson-Boling a premier place for basketball.

Second, Tennessee fans are just better than the ones I see at the O'Dome. Granted, I caught them on a good night — ESPN's College GameDay was in attendance — but the Volunteers' faithful blow Gators' supporters out of the water.

The most noticeable difference between the two crowds is the connection the players and fans share at Tennessee. The Volunteers play a totally different style from the Gators, and a lot of it comes from the energy in the arena.

Tennessee players took the court on Saturday by jogging through the student section, and the students repaid the love with an

Vols forward puts exclamation point on night with dunk

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shot from downtown brought the fans to their feet, and few would sit down the rest of the evening. The momentum belonged to the players in orange and white from that point forward.

Calathes said Smith's shooting efficiency caught the Gators off guard. Smith had made just 10 of 40 threes all season coming into the game.

"He made his threes tonight, which we didn't think he would make them," Calathes said. "We

weren't expecting those."

That he was underestimated by UF didn't shock Smith at all.

"The percentages aren't showing how hard I've been working," he said.

Smith had been slumping lately, but Saturday night's effort reinforced his coach's belief in him.

"Tyler Smith can shoot the ball," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "He shot with confidence. You have to deserve victory, and you have to believe as a shooter that the shot deserves to go in."

explosion of sound for the opening minutes, when the Volunteers jumped out to a quick lead.

"I promise you the environment had a lot to do with us getting off to a pretty good start," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said.

When J.P. Prince threw down a dunk to make the score 11-3, he stood on the baseline and offered an overdone salute to the crowd, and the Volunteers were celebrating and dancing all over the court after their early buckets.

That kind of swagger has been missing from Gainesville since the '04s left, but that doesn't just come from players. Even when Tennessee doesn't have a great team — this year included — its fans can lift it up.

That doesn't happen at UF, where the closest things fans can come up with to being original are a lame "Fantastic" cheer (one of the dumbest things I've heard at a sporting event) and a guy pretending a piece of string

is an instrument.

Volunteers fans are even superior during opposing free throws. They do it right, not by screaming and shaking pom-poms, but by waving their arms in unison to one side, and then swinging their arms to the other side as the player releases his shot.

That's how it's supposed to be done. It actually makes a difference, and it's another reason why Tennessee hoops games are a main course of their own, not just an appetizer before spring football starts up.

Maybe hearing that the basketball experience is better and more fun at Tennessee will make you mad.

That's fine, but it's true, and it's unlikely to change anytime soon.

The best part is, you don't have to do anything about it. Donovan will find a way to keep the Gators relevant, and when they're lagging, you can always count on Urban Meyer.

played to the crowd by waving his arms in the air.

The game fittingly ended with the ball in Smith's hands. As the clock wound down, he dribbled the last seconds away. As the buzzer sounded, he ceremoniously dunked the ball, putting a cap on the Volunteers' huge victory.

Smith said he wanted to dunk the ball before time expired.

"I wanted the 2 points," Smith said with a laugh. "But Coach said no, we couldn't shoot. So I let the time expire so I wouldn't be in trouble."

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