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Animal rights groups protest mousetraps

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**
 Alligator Writer

While most of Gainesville was trying to stay warm and dry Monday afternoon, Carmen Cusack was lying on a giant mousetrap wearing only a bikini, heels and a pair of mouse ears.

Cusack, a volunteer with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, was one of about a dozen activists who stood outside the Lowe's on Northwest 13th Street from noon to 1 p.m. protesting the company's sale of glue mousetraps.

"All I could think about while I was lying there freezing was that there are mice all over Gainesville in the same position," she said. "But PETA's going to buy me lunch, and those animals are going to starve."

The demonstration was one of five stops this week on PETA's tour of Lowe's stores across Florida and Georgia.

Animals stuck in these traps often suffer for days, eventually dying of dehydration and starvation, said Ashley Byrne, PETA campaign coordinator. Many animals chew off their own limbs in a desperate attempt to break free.

"Even kittens and hamsters have gotten stuck in them," Byrne said of the traps.

According to Byrne, Lowe's is one of a shrinking number of stores who still sell glue traps instead of more humane options like box traps, which capture the animals alive and allow for release.

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Carmen Cusack
 Activist

"Before we started this campaign, we spoke to Lowe's and asked them to take these products off the shelves," she said, "but they refused."

Lowe's manager Tom Bragdon declined to comment on the demonstration or Lowe's position on glue traps.

Tommasina Miller, president of Animal Activists of Alachua, held signs along with other club members in support of PETA's campaign, but said she didn't agree with its methods.

"Our philosophy is to educate and reach out to the public, which

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Matt Tripp / Alligator

PETA members Kate Brindle, 29, left, Carmen Cusack, 29, center, and Nicole Barrera, 19, protest glue mousetraps, which they said were cruel to animals. outside Lowe's on Northwest 13th Street on Monday.

Sorority house catches fire

■ THERE WAS ABOUT \$11,500 IN TOTAL DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE.

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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The Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority house was evacuated Sunday night after a window air conditioner caught fire.

The fire, which started in a bedroom on the second floor, was quickly controlled by the sprinkler system in the house.

"The sprinklers put out 90 percent of the fire, and the fire completely extinguished

within minutes of Gainesville Fire Rescue arriving on scene," said GFR spokeswoman Carol Davis.

Davis said that although there was about \$1,500 in fire damage, the real damage was caused by the sprinklers, which totaled about \$10,000.

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After evacuation, the residents of the house were able to go back inside in small groups to get their belongings.

According to the GFR release, the residents were sent to the Reitz Union, neighboring sorority houses and friends' houses and can move back into the house within the next couple of days.

Commission hopefuls announce candidacy

By **MORGAN COLLINS**
 Alligator Writer

Two hopeful candidates announced their bids Monday for Gainesville City Commission seats that will open in March.

Robert Krames, 26, a Web designer, has his eyes on the at-large District 1 seat held by Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa.

Marcia Wimberly, 50, a former social worker, faces Commissioner Scherwin Henry, who also wraps up his term for District 1.

Potential candidates must qualify this week.

"We desperately need change

in leadership in Gainesville," said Krames, who moved to Gainesville at age 7. "There is a huge disconnect between the City Commission and the people of Gainesville and their needs."



Mastrodicasa

He said the commission often ignores the opinions of city residents and cited the passing of the gender identity ordinance as an example.

The ordinance, which prohibits

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■ Chandler Parsons (right) and the UF men's basketball team will try to avenge their loss to South Carolina last month when the teams meet in the O'Connell Center tonight at 9. See Story, Page 16.



Punxsutawney Phil sees shadow; winter six weeks longer

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — The world's most famous groundhog saw his shadow Monday morning, predicting that this already long winter will last for six more weeks.

Punxsutawney Phil emerged just after dawn in front of an estimated 13,000 witnesses, many dressed in black and gold to celebrate the Pittsburgh Steelers' Super Bowl victory the night before.

"There's significant buzz from the Steelers win and quite a few Terrible Towels floating from the crowd," said Mickey Rowley, deputy secretary for tourism in Pennsylvania.

The annual ritual takes place on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in Punxsutawney, a borough of about 6,100 residents some 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Teach For America State of Emergency Panel
Today, 8 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 363
A panel of Teach For America applicants will discuss their recent visit to New Orleans.

Black History Month's Black Fact Flashback Game Show
Today, 6:30 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Come test your black history and popular culture knowledge for fun and prizes.

Business Study Abroad Info Session
Feb. 5, 3 p.m.
Stuzin Hall, Room 200
There will be an information session highlighting the Warrington College of Business Administration Study Abroad programs. All UF students are welcome. Come learn about the three programs offered every semester in London, Madrid and Rome. Contact Lucy DiLeo or Joe Rojo at 352-273-0165 to schedule an appointment if you cannot attend the session. On the web at: <http://www.cba.ufl.edu/sb/intlprograms/uf/>.

Gainesville Holistic Health Fair
Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
At the United Church of Gainesville, 1624 N.W. 5th Ave. Local practitioners and vendors specializing in holistic medicine, health care and nutrition will be available to demonstrate self-care techniques and healthy food preparation. There will be art, music, dance and children's activities. A \$5 donation at the door is requested, but no one will be turned away for lack

FORECAST

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
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of funds. Funds raised will benefit local service organizations. For details, go to www.NatureFinder.net.

RUB Entertainment Presents: Zack and Miri Make A Porno
Reitz Union Cinema
Feb. 4 at 8 & 10:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 at 8 & 10:30 p.m.
Lifelong platonic friends Zack and Miri look to solve their respective cash-flow problems by making an adult film together.

SG Image Applications Due
Feb. 6, 4:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 305
Student Government Image Agency is accepting applications for directors and vice chairmen. Image is in charge of videotaping Senate meetings and special events for SG. To apply for a position visit www.sg.ufl.edu and click on "Apply Here" or come to the SG Office in Room 305 of the Reitz Union.

Bob Marley Celebration
Feb. 6, 7 to 9 p.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
Join UF's Jamaican-American Student Association (JAMSA) in celebrating Bob Marley's birthday. Come to the Colonnade during Gator Nights for free birthday cake, trivia, Bob Marley-themed

karaoke and reggae music.

Got something going on?
And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to kbjornsen@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line.

STATE Judge rejects Miami rock mining permits

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge has for a second time rejected permits for large limestone mines near Miami.
U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler ruled the Army Corps of Engineers didn't consider alternatives that would better protect the environment.
The mines would be near Everglades National Park and could potentially affect Miami's main drinking water supply.
Hoeveler in 2006 also found the mining permits invalid, but was forced to look at the case again by a federal appeals court. The mining companies could also appeal this latest ruling issued Friday.

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Thursday, February 5
Black Student Union 11th General Body Meeting
Passport to Fitness: African Dance

Friday, February 6
Showtime at the Swamp
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SAFETY BELTS. SMART FROM THE START

SG's search for Senators ends today in Reitz Union

■ EACH PARTY'S TICKET HAS 50 AVAILABLE SEATS.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Student political parties continued the search for possible candidates to fill their spring tickets on Monday.

About 87 students stopped by on the second day of qualifying, hoping to be chosen to fill one of the 50 available Senate seats on each party's ticket.

"(Monday) was slower than last year," said SG Supervisor of Elections Dan Siegel, adding that the rain put a damper on student turnout. "But I'm expecting it to pick up."

Five of the seven registered parties conducted interviews: Orange and Blue, Progress, Unite, Keg and LAN.

Both the Gator and Swamp parties remained absent. Ten students registered with the Progress Party, 46 students registered with the Unite Party and 14

students registered with the Orange and Blue Party, according to Siegel.

Other parties also snagged a few candidates. Three students registered with the LAN Party, while two students registered with the Keg Party.

About 12 students remained undecided, Siegel said.

Meanwhile, the Orange and Blue Party will announce its completed

executive ticket today at 12:40 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

"I think the Student Body will be pleasantly surprised with our executive ticket," Orange and Blue presidential candidate Mark McShera said. "We have three candidates with strong resumes."

The last chance to interview is today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 284 of the Reitz Union.

ON CAMPUS

Accent to bring famous, less political speakers to UF

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Continuing a semester driven by star power, February will be a busy month for Accent Speakers Bureau, the Student Government organization that brings renowned speakers to campus.

The organization will host two nationally known speakers this month, according to Accent Chairman Andrew Guglielmo.

Accent, along with UF's Black Student Union, will present National Public Radio and

Public Broadcasting Station personality Tavis Smiley on Feb. 12.

Smiley, who is coming to UF in conjunction with Black History Month, will speak at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Accent will also co-sponsor self-esteem expert Jessica Weiner on Feb. 24 along with Gator Well, the Dean of Students Office and the Panhellenic Council. Weiner, author of several self-esteem books, will be addressing body image topics.

Accent usually brings in one speaker a month, Guglielmo said.

"These are people you get to see on TV everyday."

Andrew Guglielmo
Accent chairman

A few more speakers are in the works, but Guglielmo would not share details on upcoming shows.

Meanwhile, some students have voiced complaints concerning Accent's lack of advertising for last month's speakers Mike

Rowe and Jon Douglas Rainey, both hosts of Discovery Channel series.

But Guglielmo said Rowe's popularity made it difficult to book a date far in advance, which slowed down spreading the word to students.

Guglielmo said he is looking forward to the rest of the semester and upcoming speakers.

"This semester is a lot more fun and entertainment-based than last semester, which was politically based," said Guglielmo. "These are people you get to see on TV everyday."



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Cabana

'Idol' runner-up sings to fans at The Swamp

■ ABOUT 300 PACKED THE RESTAURANT'S BACK PORCH.

By **KATIE EMMETS**
Alligator Writer
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Screams of "I love you" came from an audience of about 300 people as David Archuleta took the stage at The Swamp Restaurant Monday afternoon.

Archuleta, the 18-year-old American Idol Season 7 runner-up, performed "Crush" and "A Little Too Not Over You" as part of KISS 105.3's concert series.

KISS 105.3 chose The Swamp because it is a traditional Gainesville restaurant and a staple in the city, said KISS employee Christian Chase.

Archuleta was scheduled to sing on the front porch of the University Avenue restaurant, but because of the rain it was moved to the second floor's back porch.

"I love the rain," Archuleta said. "But if you are in it too long you can get sick and that gets risky, especially if you have to sing."

In the front row, Kelly Peterson, 13, sang every word to his single "Crush."

"I love him," she said.

Kelly said she skipped school and her orthodontist appointment to attend the concert.

Archuleta also posed for pictures, signed autographs and answered questions from the audience. Because many of the songs on his CD are about love, one of the audience members asked Archuleta if he has ever been in love himself.

"I don't think I've ever been in love before, but I have loved a lot of people," he said. "I still need to mature. A lot of my friends think they are in love, and I don't want to make the same mistakes as them. I am still waiting for that special person."

Local News

Two women trekked from Orlando to see Archuleta perform.

Mirta Vila, 48, and Sheryl Radford, 45, said they met on fansof david.com last year and have been best friends since.

They traveled together to Tampa to see Archuleta when he performed in the American Idol tour during the summer, and will be at a meet-and-greet tomorrow with Archuleta in Daytona.

"I'm not a teenager and I'm not a groupie, but if I had no children or responsibilities, I would be following him around everywhere," Vila said, wearing her David Archuleta sweater.

Radford said that Archuleta is the Tim Tebow of Music.

"Not only is he good at his craft, he is also a great role model and a good kid," Radford said.

Judges crown new Miss UF

By **TYLER RUTSTEIN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Fifteen contestants danced in sparkling black dresses to kick off the Miss UF Pageant at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Monday to a cheering crowd of about 500.

Paige Smith, the newly crowned Miss UF, and Diana Kelly, the Miss Florida Gator winner, each received a \$750 scholarship and will go onto compete for the title of Miss Florida, according to the Miss UF Pageant Director Amanda Hall.

The Florida Blue Key hosted the event, which consisted of private interviews, on-stage performances and competitions in swimwear and evening wear.

Shelley Meyer, wife of UF football coach Urban Meyer, was one of the masters of ceremonies facilitating the pageant and pumped up the audience with "Go Gators" during every intermission.

The contestants shared their passion for organizations such as Gainesville Pet Rescue and Healthy Women, Healthy World.

The participants displayed a variety of talents including a Broadway vocal, a Tahitian dance to "Bora Bora," baton twirling to "Hot Hot Hot," a piano performance and a comedic monologue, all in hopes of being crowned Miss UF.

Lauren Beard, contestant eight, said be-

fore her piano performance of "Chopsticks," she kept telling herself, "I'm not nervous anymore. I practiced this a thousand times. There's no point in being nervous anymore."

They were judged by Miss America-certified judges as well as Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Gainesville city commissioner and UF's assistant vice president of student affairs.

"This is not just a beauty contest. These are normal girls."

Amanda Hall
Miss UF Pageant Director

According to Amanda Hall, director of the event, 35 percent of the contestants' score was from the talent portion.

"This is not just a beauty contest. These are normal girls," Hall said. "These girls are leaders on campus representing a philanthropic organization that they support in the Gainesville community."

Brooke Helvie, Miss UF 2008, asked questions to the contestants and sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"The pageant gave me opportunities to touch people's lives through my voice," Helvie said. "It is a wonderful event that is great for the contestants and really makes a difference."

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Google adds ocean exploration

■ THE WEB SITE OFFERS
SUNKEN SHIP SEARCHES.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Google users can now search the ocean depths thanks to a new feature of Google Earth. The feature may even become a handy tool in some of UF's classrooms.

"Google Earth has gotten people interested in looking on the surface of the earth," said Ellen Martin, an associate professor in UF's geology department. "So now people might be more interested in the ocean."

Google Ocean allows viewers to explore the ocean floor and its

"Google Earth has gotten people interested in looking on the surface of the earth, so now people might be more interested in the ocean."

Ellen Martin
UF Associate professor

inhabitants, according to the Web site's informational video.

It also offers 3-D explorations of sunken ships, according to the Web site at earth.google.com.

Martin said Google's new views provide access to areas of the ocean that most people will

never see.

She also called attention to its value as a teaching tool.

"It'll give students a better sense of what the sea floor looks like," she said.

Martin said the program will be able to highlight different features of the floor, such as ocean ridges, trenches and under water volcanoes, aiding students learning.

Although Google Ocean will be useful for students and teachers, Martin said, it probably won't be used to further research the sea floor any time soon.

"There is already a program that does that," Martin said. "It seems to me that (Google Ocean) is more for the general public."

Group says glue traps harm mice

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I feel like simply holding signs can do," she said. "I don't think objectifying women or having (Cusack) lying around in the freezing rain is necessary."

Although Animal Activists of Alachua, an on-campus animal rights group, is not affiliated with PETA, the organization wants to encourage Lowe's to stop selling the traps, Miller said.

Gainesville resident Mike Foust, however, said the demonstration was unique and effective.

Foust said that though he does use animal traps, the demonstration would make him less likely to use glue traps.

"Any time you put a cute female like that out in the street," he said, "you're going to get attention."

Krames says Commission out of touch, Wimberly wants renter tax refund

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discrimination on the basis of sexual identity in public facilities, allows people who identify themselves as transgender to use the public restroom of their choice. Those against the ordinance feel it gives sexual predators a free pass.

Mastrodicasa, Krames' opponent, supported the ordinance, which became law in January of 2008.

"The City Commission is out of touch with the people of Gainesville," Krames

said.

He also listed other issues, including traffic congestion and increasing utility costs, which he said is especially problematic for low-income residents.

Although this is his first time running for public office, Krames believes he can get the job done.

"I just want to help make Gainesville a better place," he said.

This is also the first time Wimberly has run for a public office, but she has been involved in politics before. She worked on congressional and local campaigns and in-

terned with the Georgia State Legislature, she said.

A Gainesville resident since 2004, Wimberly said she wants to increase voter turnout by building on the excitement President Barack Obama brought to political involvement during his campaign.

"(Voters) seem to have a lot to say, but they may feel that no one will listen," Wimberly said.

She hopes to sponsor a rebate for renters,

which she said could benefit UF students. For property owners, she said she would support a tax credit to increase residents' cash flow and stimulate the economy.

Renters who paid rent for the 12 months prior to filing taxes would receive refunds on the property tax included in their rent, she said.

The credit, which is already in effect in California and Vermont, would give property owners \$500 in tax credit, she said.

"We're going to have to work together and be one big community, not just UF and the rest of the community," she said.

BILLY!!!

The SEC race is heating up and the Gators challenge UF students to pack the house!

TONIGHT

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ESPN

Game to be nationally televised on ESPN

"ESPN commentator Dick Vitale said, on assignment at the Florida vs. Kentucky game in 2006, that the Rowdy Reptiles make the O-Dome one of the toughest places to play in college basketball."

Wed., Feb. 18 vs. Alabama @ 7 PM

Sat., Feb. 21 vs. Vanderbilt @ 3 PM

Sun., March 1 vs. Tennessee @ 2 PM

Sat., March 7 vs. Kentucky @ 2 PM

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Editorial

Bongwater

Phelps disappoints fans, ruins image

In hiding behind his youth as an excuse for smoking pot, Michael Phelps demonstrated to the world a clear lack of understanding regarding his celebrity.

Simply put, there is no separation of lifestyles. Phelps, the world-class athlete who achieved Olympic immortality in Beijing, cannot coexist with his alter ego — the bong-hitting frat-boy wannabe.

With the fame of countless gold medals and dollar signs from corporate sponsorships, Phelps' aura will quickly dissipate if he elects to play the role of Olympic icon only when it is most convenient for him. Whether he likes it or not, being Michael Phelps is a 24/7 operation that requires great forethought and care in maintaining his public image.

Sure, Phelps survived the public relations nightmare of committing a DUI back in November 2004, but he was 19 years old at the time.

Clearly, to fault his youth in that situation doesn't make up for the recklessness of his behavior, but there is a stark difference between being 19 and being a 23-year-old who should have understood his responsibilities by now.

The Editorial Board isn't here to chastise Phelps for putting his future sponsorships in question. The issue is not about money.

What bothers us is the fact that he sorely let down his fans. In a time in which America's top athletes routinely make headlines for steroid allegations, we thought we could have taken solace in Phelps' resounding success.

The seemingly wholesome image of Phelps championing America on the grandest stage will forever be marred by his immature desire to have the best of both worlds.

Voluptuous Veggies

In the wake of NBC's risqué commercial from the Super Bowl broadcast, animal cruelty awareness hit Gainesville on Monday.

At a local Lowe's hardware store, PETA supporters congregated in full force to protest the sale of glue mousetraps. The major issue with the glue traps stems from the fact mice often suffer significant pain before ultimately meeting their demise.

Perhaps the most impassioned among those in attendance was a bikini-clad young woman sprawled out on the ground. Not only was she scantily clad, she also sported mouse ears as rain fell on her all afternoon.

And who said Disney World was in Orlando?

Curious to find out why the commercial had been cut from Sunday's program-

ming, the Editorial Board did a bit of research and sought out the video online. What we discovered was nothing short of absurd (and awesome). Billed as "Studies show vegetarians have better sex," the advertisement featured luscious lovelies engaging in lewd acts with vegetables.

Porn merchants everywhere had dollar signs in their eyes as suddenly a new fetish sprung up overnight.

As for the lady with the funny ears and swimsuit, we can only hope she takes comfort in the mass of young men who will undoubtedly clip her photo from the Alligator to hang on their walls.

From Pamela Anderson donning an outfit constructed out of lettuce to our feline-fearing friend in Gainesville, adapting the mantra of "sex sells" seems to be a mainstay for PETA's business model.

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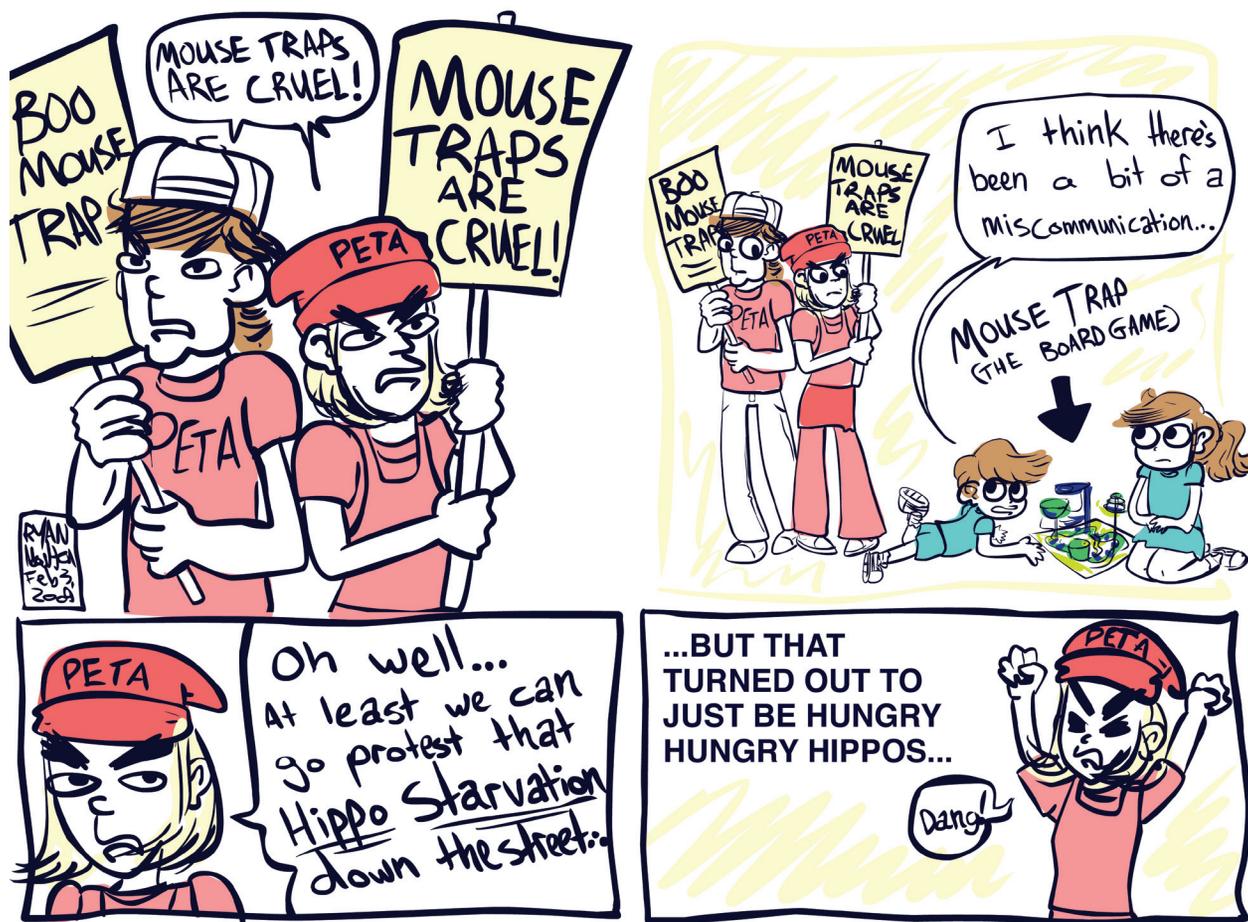
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Column

Bad investing has global implications

For the past 30 years, Western society has funneled its best and brightest minds into the financial sector. Harvard, Oxford and State U all sent their most illustrious stars into the wide-open galaxy of wealth creation, where the collisions of brainpower and avarice resulted in spectacularly profitable inventions like the now-poisonous derivatives market.

Real stars burn bright for far longer than our educated and privileged scions managed — so we must have just been shooting fancy fireworks up there. They exploded and wowed us all, but the empty shells came crashing down onto a rickety global economic structure.

Regular folks got kneecapped by Wall Street, and suddenly the term "working poor" became a much larger umbrella. Finance is shaky and volatile even in the best of times, but this market is the crowning achievement of a whole generation of preeminent talent dedicated to worthless fakery.

What does a society do when its most valuable people produce something of no value?

In Europe, the response has been to protest the government and do a little rioting. Mad at the banking system? Grab your finest bandanna and a hunk of concrete. Europe responds to the rapid degradation of living standards by inflicting damage on property, courting bloody noses with vital and angry dissent.

Here in America, we listen to talk radio and blog like mad. A nation of "first-time caller, long-time listeners" and message board bombers are we, quick to forcefully opine behind the comforting mask of technology.

This strategy works for us because, even now, we are at the top of the economic food chain. We can spend our way out of this regardless of what Europeans are



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screaming.

Last week in Davos, the leaders of the invested world stood up and said, "Not so fast, my friend." Russian, Chinese and major European leaders made sure that President Barack Obama and the most influential senators knew that globalization isn't just a fancy term.

Most at Davos agreed that the creation of a "bad bank" to store our worthless crap investments is a good start, and they already know that we are quite skilled at creating bad banks. The hope is that we can clean up the messes our spoiled brat bankers made by hiding the mistakes in this bad bank, thereby encouraging the skittish bankers to begin loaning money and spurring investments and inventions. This, more or less, would be a start for getting back to the very core of our society's ostensible purpose.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow Monday, which means that our winter of discontent is that much longer this year. If we can yank our privileged financial sons out of their holes and convince them the shadow of their past mistakes are hidden away in these bad banks, we may be able to slog our way through a regular and healthy contraction inherent to market economics.

However, solving the problem of a generation of fallen stars — and decades of lost potential — may be more difficult than riots or talk radio are equipped to handle.

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: Would you get it on with vegetables?

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

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Letters to the Editor

Unite Party is undemocratic

I have wanted to become involved in student politics ever since I arrived at UF last fall. But when I got here, I had no idea that UF had different political parties, like Orange and Blue, Gator or Unite.

I read in the Alligator that the Gator/Unite Party (which I will refer to as the Unite Party because they are one in the same, a name change prompted by the scandals in the fall) was fixing interviews so that only applicants with certain organizational affiliations would be selected for positions.

At Student Senate meetings, I observed time after time the Unite Party would select unqualified

people over those with outstanding credentials for SG positions because the unqualified ones had personal loyalties to Unite's political leadership.

What I discovered was that the Unite Party tried to destroy minority protection laws in the SG rules because their party leadership did not want to be questioned.

It was very clear to me by the second Student Senate meeting that the Unite Party is extremely undemocratic.

At these same Student Senate meetings, I watched as the Orange and Blue Party tried to pass bills and was shot down every time by the Unite Party, even on blocking hand scanners, which 85 percent of

the students disapproved of in the last election.

As a result, I became convinced that the only way change would happen is if the Orange and Blue Party took over Student Government.

It is for these reasons that I have interviewed to run with the Orange and Blue Party for a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences senate seat at the Reitz Union on the second floor. They will be interviewing today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I hope everyone interested in making Student Government as good as the quality of UF's students will come out.

Travis Hornsby
3LS

Home court lacks heart

I have one question — whatever happened to the Rowdy Reptiles?

When I was a student at UF, the O'Dome was electric. It started when the doors opened and we raced down into our seats two hours before the game.

It didn't matter that we had to wait a while for tipoff; we just had to secure our seats in the front row.

A couple of times I think I even knocked over a couple of people racing down the bleachers!

We always had fun. We would razz the opponents during warm-ups and Lee Humphrey used to let

us shoot three-pointers before the game.

Simply put, the experience was the absolute best.

Now that I have graduated, I still make it to every game. I leave my job and race to the arena, only to see empty seats just 45 minutes before the game. I can't believe the "House of Horrors" has sunk to this level.

It is terrible. We have a great team that already has 18 wins and we're currently leading the SEC East.

What else do the students want Billy and the boys to do?

Frustrated fan in the 3rd level
UF alumnus

Column

Fleeting Facebook fad nothing more than selfish endeavor

I refuse to do it.

This "25 things about me" list has taken over Facebook with everyone and their mother writing about themselves and tagging me.

Do these people think I want to know if they are addicted to www.icanhascheezburger.com? Wonder no more. I didn't. Why do people feel the need to share things about themselves? Are they looking for admiration, a pat on the back, what?

I refuse to relent simply because they feel like they need a spotlight. Don't tag me if you're looking for an audience.

The whole idea is egotistical. I've been told that people just want to share themselves with others, but they really just want the attention.

That's what it's all about and I refuse to acknowledge anyone's "me list."

So, to the people who have participated in this facebook phenomenon: If people want to get to know you, they will. If you wrote this list because you felt like no one was interested in your life, take a hint; maybe your life isn't interesting.

Interesting people don't have to advertise that they're interesting. Maybe you should pick up a hobby or join a club. Maybe you should invest in other people. That's a novel idea. Tagging people and obligating them to comment doesn't count.

If you really crave attention, feedback or whatever, become another Mother Teresa. Do something productive and worthwhile with your time instead of devoting it to something about you. Why can't we write lists about each other?

We all spend enough time on ourselves. Why are we creating lists about ourselves?



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I can't wrap my mind around the idea. Who do you think is going to read it? I've read two of them and I stopped less than a quarter of the way through out of boredom.

I asked one friend why she did it, and she said, "Well I had to sound just as good as everyone else." Why? Who are these people that you have to build yourself up for?

What happened to actions speaking louder than words? I determine the character of a person based on what they do rather than what is said or written about them. Every one of us is unique and has a lot more than this "25 things about me" list can offer.

We need to take the focus off ourselves and shift it to the person next to us. Focus on the person who needs a friend or the person who dropped their books and needs help picking them up. Focus on anything but yourself.

Our world accommodates far too much "me" thinking, and it has been to our detriment. We are consumed with ourselves and have forgotten how far helping others can reach. The 45 minutes you spent writing your "you list" could have been spent volunteering at the St. Francis House or writing a letter to your local firefighters thanking them for their tireless efforts.

You could have made a difference with that time. I encourage you to think about that the next time you get tagged in one of those "you lists."

Michelle A. Hipps is a telecommunications senior. Her column appears weekly.

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UF Voices

Celebrating the Firsts

The year 2008 marked the 50th anniversary of integration at the University of Florida, and the culminating gala event is Feb. 7 at Emerson Alumni Hall.



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“Commemorating 50 years of Integration: Celebrating the Firsts,” began last February. As part of the recognition, the history of UF integration has been examined while also focusing on the future of UF’s commitment to diversity. A keystone gala and performance, scheduled for Feb. 7 at Emerson Alumni Hall, will be the event culmination.

The “Celebrating the Firsts” gala honors the first African-American graduates from each college at UF who broke through racial barriers to make the university a more humane institution. Fifteen honorees will be recognized. UF Board of Trustee Courtney Cunningham will serve as host and emcee.

The weekend features Denyce Graves on Feb. 6 at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. On Feb. 7, UF’s Elizabeth Graham will be accompanied by Kevin Sharpe and Antonio Canty, and on Feb. 8, the African Children’s Choir will perform at the Phillips Center.

Reservations for the gala will be accepted through today at <http://www.urel.ufl.edu/50/> or by contacting Tamara Johnson, UF Conference Office, at 392-1701 ext. 239.

For additional information, contact me at 352-392-4567 or bridgef@ufl.edu.

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Top Stories

The Gator Nation mobile studio makes friends in Miami

The Gator Nation is everywhere — and it seems the mobile studio that films Gator stories is everywhere, too.

The mobile billboard vehicle, which also serves as a video recording studio, racked up more than 600 miles driving to, from and around Miami during the week of the recent BCS National Championship Game. The truck was very visible in the areas of the Fan Fest celebration, the stadium and other populated areas.

“When did you become a Gator?” is part of the current university branding campaign.

In addition to driving around town, the truck was an integral part of promoting University of Florida academic and research excellence during events surrounding the game. Although the mobile studio is a new addition this year, University Relations has journeyed to the bowl games for the past three years to promote academics and research.

In partnership with the UF Athletic Association (UAA), Gator Club of Miami and Florida Hispanic Alumni Association (FHAA), this year’s venues included “A Night With The Caimanes” alumni party in Little Havana, a five-hour pep rally event at Jungle Island in the downtown Miami area and a game-watching party at Shula’s Steak House in Miami Lakes.

A visual display highlighted various UF inventions and academic excellence. The display was accompanied by the mobile studio, as well as UF-invented air-cooled shoulder pads, Gatorade, the College of Engineering’s unmanned robotic submersible, SubjuGator, and autonomous vehicle, NaviGator.

The NaviGator was developed by UF engineers including Carl Crane and David Armstrong. The vehicle was featured during events of the 2006 BSC National Championship Game and last year’s Capital One Bowl prior to this year’s appearance.

“We want to show the public the



NaviGator and the UF research display accompanied the mobile studio (right) at Miami’s Jungle Island the day before the BCS National Championship Game.

impact UF research has on the state and on the country,” Crane said.

Crane said he enjoyed talking with UF fans, alumni and the media.

Miami news media attended all of the venues this year and were interested in learning about UF research.

“We’re here to tell the media and fans alike that UF excels in academics and research, as well as athletics. It’s great when even the Sooners fans want a picture of themselves wearing the UF-invented air-cooled shoulder pads,” said Susan Stewart, associate director of public relations.

At all of the events, UF fans were encouraged to share their personal Gator stories.

Stories included those from UF cheerleaders, Albert and Alberta and several UF marching band members. When Alberta was asked about the moment she became a

Gator, she wrote on a poster that it was the moment she met Albert.

The mobile studio recorded more than 60 stories during the Miami events, and it’s not finished collecting stories. Gators back home in Gainesville continue to have numerous opportunities to share their stories.

Alpha PProductions, a student-run public relations firm, has teamed up with The Gator Nation Campaign to record Gator stories at UF events. Upcoming filming events include prior to the women’s basketball game on Feb. 8, prior to the gymnastics meet on Feb. 20 and prior to the baseball game on Feb. 27.

Currently, more than 400 video stories and 200 written stories have been collected. To view or upload videos and stories, visit <http://insidethegatornation.com>.

By Bridget Brennan

In Focus

The Division of Continuing Education reaches around the globe

The University of Florida may be in Gainesville, but the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) touches the world every day — both online and in person.

From on-campus programs to conferences held in Japan, the division’s reach is infinite both geographically and academically.

“The Division of Continuing Education is the University of Florida’s best-kept secret,” said Eileen Oliver, interim dean of DCE.

DCE caters to the interests of certificate-seeking professionals, college students, faculty and researchers from all over the globe.

“Our mission is to provide access to quality education for traditional and non-traditional students,” said Oliver.

The division’s 31 online Flexible Learning courses are taught by UF faculty.

“Our new online courses mirror the quality of those taught on campus,” said Oliver. “We are very proud of them.”

This year 38,500 students from around the world are enrolled in DCE programs, including 3,500 students in Flexible Learning courses.

Students work independently and may complete courses in 32 weeks, or as few as eight weeks with instructor permission.

Several departments, including Continuing Medical Education, Allied Health, Conferences, Leadership Development Institute (LDI), Training, and various affiliates make up the division.

“We have everything from brain surgery



This Clearwater Beach conference last fall is one of the many meetings arranged by DCE.

to waste water,” said Oliver.

The department is involved with all UF colleges and hundreds of universities around the world. In April the department will partner with the American Nuclear Society for a conference featuring international nuclear industry leaders.

Rebecca Johnson, Conferences director, said she enjoys bringing researchers from all over the world to Gainesville because “you can come and hear some of the world’s

experts on leading-edge topics.”

Assistance is available to faculty applying for VisitGainesville’s 2009 Spring Conference Grant Program. The program will award \$75,000 to meeting planners who help generate lodging revenue. Visit <http://visitgainesville.com/grants> for more details.

For more information on DCE courses and conferences, visit <http://dce.ufl.edu>.

By Bridget Brennan

Seen & Heard

Technology provides unique music lesson

Jinghua Pu, graduate student of the School of Music, recently had the opportunity to participate in an unusual performance and master class that used high-speed Internet technology to bridge the gap of some 1,000 miles. Real-time transmission of audio and video allowed Pu’s live piano performance to be streamed to master teacher, concert pianist Stewart Goodyear. Pu and Goodyear were able to converse and interact freely. The master

class event was conducted by the Philadelphia Orchestra. Digital Worlds Institute, UF Performing Arts and the UF School of Music collaborated on the project.

Osfield completes new book

Kenneth J. Osfield, University of Florida ADA coordinator and a 19-year UF employee, recently completed a book titled “Internationalization of Student Affairs and Services: An Emerging Global Perspective,” which is being published by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA). For more information about the

book, visit <http://bookstore.naspa.org/internationalizationofstudentaffairsandservices.aspx>

International Educators announced

The College of Fine Arts recently announced its 2008-’09 International Educators of the Year. This year’s awards went to Associate Professor Paul Richards, School of Music, in the senior category and Assistant Professor Lauren Garber Lake, School of Art and Art History, for the junior category. The award was created by the UF International Center in 2004 to recognize outstanding international endeavors by UF faculty members.



Paul Richards



Lauren Garber Lake

Note This

Web page provides budget information

A new presidential Web page has been created to provide budget-related university information. The address is <http://budget.president.ufl.edu/>. There is a direct link to the site from the UF homepage, www.ufl.edu.

Gator stories abound on Insidethegatornation.com

The following excerpt is one sample of the hundreds of stories on <http://insidethegatornation.com/>.

“I recently celebrated two very important anniversaries: being cancer-free for 11 years and working as a television news reporter in Miami for 30 years. The University of Florida helped me reach both of those milestones.

I graduated from UF in December 1978, with a job in hand. My classes and work experience at WUFT and WRUF in Gainesville prepared me well. I wasn’t prepared to learn I had cancer 20 years later...my doctor here recommended I see a specialist at the University of Florida. I moved back to Gainesville for six weeks while undergoing radiation treatment and surgery at Shands...It felt like I was home again. Now I return once a year for a check-up. During my annual trip in November, I was given a tour of Shands Cancer Hospital...and I spoke to students in two TV news reporting classes...Then we took a tour of the WUFT newsroom and studios. It felt like I was home again. So this week (BCS National Championship), my daughters and I will be cheering for my Florida Gators, our orange and blue hearts bursting with pride and gratitude.”

For more information on DCE courses and conferences, visit <http://dce.ufl.edu>.

By Bridget Brennan

Tell your Gator story

Visit <http://insidethegatornation.com/> to browse hundreds of video and written stories — or to upload your own video or written story. The site also contains university news, campus photos and more.

Upcoming opportunities to tell your Gator story at the mobile recording studio include the following:

- 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 the gymnastics meet at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 at the McKethan Stadium prior to the baseball game at 6:30 p.m.

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Feb. 5
UFPA presents “Oliver!” Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices: \$30-50. Open to the public. Call 352-392ARTS (2787) or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for ticket information.

Feb. 8
Gator Women’s Basketball vs. Tennessee. O’Connell Center, 2 p.m. Call 352-375-4683 or visit <http://www.gatorzone.com> for more information.

UFPA presents “The African Children’s Choir.” Phillips Center, 10:30 a.m. Tickets \$20-30. Call 352-392ARTS (2787) or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for more information.

Feb. 10
UF Asian Studies presents “When a Woman Ascends the Stairs.” Hippodrome Theater, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-392-2464 or visit www.clas.ufl.edu/asian for more information.

Feb. 11
North Florida Foundation for Research and Education presents “The Lioness: A Film Screening.” University Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-376-1611 or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for more information.

Feb. 14
Florida Museum of Natural History presents “Darwin Day.” Florida Museum of Natural History, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-273-1820 or visit <http://www.fimnh.ufl.edu> for more information.

Feb. 15
School of Music presents “Carillon Recital.” Century Tower, 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-273-3181 or visit <http://arts.ufl.edu/carillon> for more information.



Repeating Events
Florida Museum of Natural History presents “Everglades Double Feature Public Opening” on display through May 31. Florida Museum of Natural History. Free and open to the public. Call 352-273-1820 or visit <http://www.fimnh.ufl.edu> for more information.

University Galleries Exhibit: “Sacred places + skies redux: petit selection” on display through March 27. Grinter Gallery. Free and open to the public. Call 352-392-0207 or visit www.arts.ufl.edu/galleries/ for more information.

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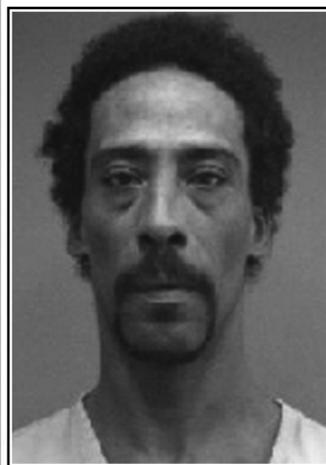
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Steelers victory adds to decade of great Super Bowls

■ A LAST-MINUTE SCORE DECIDED SUNDAY'S GAME.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA — Super Super Bowls are becoming a habit.

Pittsburgh's 27-23 win Sunday night against Arizona was another classic in an era of great games — "a game for the ages," commissioner Roger Goodell called it.

Indeed, with a few exceptions (notably Ravens 34, Giants 7 in 2001) fans have been treated to a decade's worth of rousing NFL championships.

Consider that the typical Super Bowl score from 1980-99 was 35-17.

But starting in 2000, when Tennessee's Kevin Dyson was tackled a yard short of the goal-line with what would have been the tying touchdown in a 23-16 loss to St. Louis, the games have generally been what they were always supposed to be — worthy of their immense hype.

Six of the last 10 Super Bowls have been decided by a touchdown or less. Whatever the reason — luck, greater parity, never-say-die teams — the NFL has reason to smile.

The Rams' winning score against the Titans came on a 73-yard touchdown pass with 1:53 to Isaac Bruce from Kurt Warner, who brought the Cardinals back from a 13-point deficit Sunday before the Steelers' final drive.

Warner also had to watch from the sidelines in 2002, as Tom Brady drove the Patriots to the winning field goal against the Rams.

It wasn't the only similarity Sunday to Super Bowls past. In

some ways, this year's edition mirrored last season's.

The winning touchdown came

on a pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Santonio Holmes with 35 seconds left in the game, the

same time remaining as when the Giants scored to beat New England 17-14 a year ago. The

Steelers' game-winning drive started from their own 22 with 2:42 left in the game; the Giants' drive began from their 17 with 2:39 remaining.

Holmes was voted the game's MVP with nine catches for 131 yards. It was redemption for him in two ways.

The play before his game-winning touchdown on tiptoes, he had missed what seemed to be an easier throw on the opposite side of the end zone. And in midseason, he was suspended for one game by Steelers coach Mike Tomlin after being found with marijuana after a traffic stop by Pittsburgh police.

"I learned a lot from that," Holmes said. "I've grown a lot."

Goodell added: "Santonio grabbed me as we were coming off the podium and said, 'Thank you for believing in me.'"

Holmes' acrobatics made a winner of Tomlin in only his second year as Pittsburgh's coach.

The 36-year-old Tomlin guided the Steelers to an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl title. After a short night, he told reporters Monday he's appreciating the Steelers and their fans more all the time.

"It's generational," he said. "It's passed down from father to son. The more I'm in the organization, the more I understand it. It's part of the fabric of people's lives."

It's a game Pittsburghers certainly will remember for a long time. It might even have been the best in the recent run of title-game dramas, played out before an estimated TV audience of 95.4 million — second only to last year's Super Bowl for U.S. ratings.



AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison returns an interception for a touchdown as Arizona Cardinals wideout Larry Fitzgerald tries to stop him during Super Bowl XLIII on Sunday in Tampa.

Calathes turns down pro offers

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situations he can and cannot put himself into."

The UF offense sputtered without Calathes, and by the time he re-entered the lineup, Tennessee had already solidified a lead that would prove too much for the Gators to overcome.

"Every team has got a guy like that," Donovan said. "I don't know if they were in shock, but there's no question that taking him off the floor definitely changed our team."

If UF hopes to cement a place in this year's NCAA Tournament, the Gators will have to find a way to run their offense, at times without Calathes.

"That's the first time all season that we've had to play without him — without the ball in his hands," forward Chandler Parsons said.

Parsons is the man who might be able to fill the scoring gap.

Since missing the free throw that led to UF's loss in its last meeting with South Carolina, the sophomore has scored in double figures in four straight games and is averaging 17 points per game.

"I'll never forget about that the rest of

my life," Parsons said. "I definitely want to play those guys again."

CALATHES HAS SAID NO TO GREEK PRO CLUBS: Calathes revealed Monday that he received professional offers when he traveled to Greece this summer to try out for the Greek Olympic team.

Calathes said the offers were from small clubs and added that he didn't take them too seriously.

"I told them it was a situation where coach Donovan knew I would be back here. They all knew," Calathes said. "I love Florida, and I want to play here and for coach Donovan."

While Calathes hopes to one day pursue a career in the NBA, he said he welcomes the opportunity to play overseas.

"At the end of my four years, there are always options," Calathes said. "It's great to have options, but right now I'm just thinking about right now."

When asked if he intended to stay at UF for all four years of his eligibility, Calathes backed off his initial statement.

"End of four years, or whenever it ends," Calathes said. "It's not on my mind right now. (I am) just trying to win a championship at Florida, trying to compete for an SEC championship."

PHIL, from page 16

UF's potential. He might be right, but the sophomore had 7 points against Tennessee after going for 18 versus Georgia.

Others have mentioned Erving Walker as the key. Or Chandler Parsons. Or Walter Hodge.

All of this has led me to only one line of thinking since UF's embarrassing loss in Knoxville.

Maybe this team doesn't have a tipping point.

The Gators don't seem one "moment" away from being great.

Maybe the pieces just can't mix for some reason. There seems to be a good amount of talent, but it's just not working.

There are many times when it seems there is only one thing keeping UF together — Nick Calathes.

The sophomore guard continues to show why he is one of the premier players in the nation, despite the fact that he plays on a not-so-great team right now. He holds two of the three triple-doubles in school history after last week, and we all saw how out-of-sync the Gators were when Calathes

went down with foul trouble early in the Tennessee game.

He still managed to be the game's leading scorer.

Calathes alone might be the difference between this 18-4 team being 14-8. The sophomore ranks eighth in the nation in assists (6.5 per game) and comes in at 71st in scoring (18 points per game).

While that ranking seems low, consider that of the top 15 scorers, only three reside on teams ranked in this week's AP poll (Blake Griffin, No. 2 Oklahoma; Tyler Hansbrough, No. 3 North Carolina; James Harden, No. 24 Arizona State).

But to really give you a good crystal-ball prediction for the UF men's hoops team, I turn to another, more-famous Phil, who just so happened to come out of his hill on Monday.

I'm talking about good ol' Punxsutawney Phil, of course.

And locals say Phil is never wrong (cough, cough ... just like this Phil, right?).

In his 124th year of forecasting the weather, the groundhog saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter.

I guess the Gators won't be getting that spring awakening any time soon.

SEC East lead at stake vs. S.C.

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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When South Carolina's Zam Fredrick beat the buzzer to top UF 70-69 on Jan. 21, he delivered the Gamecocks' biggest win to date.

But even he couldn't have predicted the jump-start his layup gave to the South Carolina program.

Since their win against the Gators, the Gamecocks (16-4, 5-2 Southeastern Conference) have reeled off four straight victories, including a thrilling 78-77 win against Kentucky on Saturday.

South Carolina now joins UF and Kentucky in a three-way tie for first place in the SEC East.

"(Calathes) has to understand what situations he can and cannot put himself into."

Billy Donovan

UF men's basketball coach

The Gators (18-4, 5-2 SEC) will get a chance to try to pull away from the Gamecocks tonight when they take the floor at 9 in the O'Connell Center.

"Going to (Kentucky) and winning, beating us at home in a close game, right now they have every right to be a confident team," UF coach Billy Donovan said.

UF comes into the game off a disappointing 79-63 loss at Tennessee on Saturday that cut the Gators down just as they had started to build momentum in the conference.

"We responded well after the South Carolina game against Vandy," Donovan said. "I thought we responded well playing against Georgia. The big thing now is, can we come back? How we respond tomorrow will be very important."

When point guard Nick Calathes picked up two fouls in the first three minutes against the Volunteers, Donovan chose to sit the sophomore for most of the first half.

"I told him when he got his first (foul) that he needed to be careful," Donovan said. "He has to understand what

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UF forward Chandler Parsons shoots during the Gators' 80-65 win against the Razorbacks in the O'Connell Center on Jan. 17.

Gators' fate hard to guess

The UF men's basketball team's recent loss to Tennessee got me thinking of an old saying:

"Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me."

I'd edit the second half to say "fool me many times, shame on me."

Because that's exactly what keeps



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happening with people (including myself) who try to explain this men's basketball team here in Gainesville.

It's safe to say many people — writers and fans alike — approach

the team as a guessing game.

It seems the Gators have the pieces to be a decent team, but no one knows what will be the catalyst for them to put it together.

Some thought a heart-breaking road loss to South Carolina would do it. I'll stop shy of pounding my chest too much, but as I predicted, comparisons to the football team's loss to Mississippi were misguided.

I took a shot at guessing the X-factor in my column on Kenny Kadji on Jan. 20. I swung and missed there as the freshman big man scored 18 points combined in the following four games.

My fellow columnist Brian Steele pegged Alex Tyus as the key to unlocking

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FSU's Bowden kicks Parker off team after DUI charge

■ THE WIDE RECEIVER WILL REMAIN ON SCHOLARSHIP.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — Preston Parker's troubled football career at FSU is over after his second arrest in less than a year.

Coach Bobby Bowden announced the junior receiver was dismissed from the team Monday in a one-sentence statement released by the school. Parker, who met with Bowden before the announcement, will remain in school on scholarship.

Parker, 21, from Delray Beach, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence

after Tallahassee police found him asleep in his running car early Saturday.

The police report said Parker admitted he had been drinking and smoking marijuana. It was the third time Parker has been arrested since 2006.

Parker was suspended for the first two games of the 2008 season after being arrested last April in Palm Beach County on weapons and drug charges. One of the charges was a felony that was later reduced as part of an agreement on a guilty plea by Parker.

He was sentenced to 50 hours of community service, a year's probation and weekly drug testing.

Parker was also arrested in 2006 after police

said he tried to steal a DVD from Best Buy. The charge was dismissed after he entered a diversionary program and paid \$200 in court costs.

Parker's dismissal comes two days before national signing day, when major college football programs such as FSU unveil their latest recruiting classes.

FSU is also expected to hear from the NCAA on sanctions for an academic cheating scandal that resulted in the suspension of more than five dozen athletes, including some football players.

Parker, who also saw some time at running

back, caught 104 passes for 1,189 yards and five touchdowns in three seasons.

Parker's dismissal, combined with Greg Carr's departure after four productive seasons at FSU, means the Seminoles will rely heavily on underclassman wide receivers next season.

Taiwan Easterling and Bert Reed combined for 53 catches good for 617 yards and four touchdowns as freshmen last season. Reed, however, was suspended three times last season and arrested once for his role in a campus brawl in November that resulted in five receivers, including Easterling, being suspended for one game.

Parker was freed Sunday from the Leon County Jail on \$500 bail.



TODAY IN UF SPORTS HISTORY

■ **2003:** The UF men's basketball team is ranked No. 1 in the nation in both major polls for the first time in school history after matching the school record with 14 consecutive wins. The Gators finished 25-8 (12-4 Southeastern Conference) that season and made the NCAA Tournament before falling to Michigan State 68-46 in the second round.

MEN'S HOOPS AP POLL

1. Connecticut	20-1
2. Oklahoma	21-1
3. North Carolina	19-2
4. Duke	19-2
5. Louisville	17-3
6. Pittsburgh	19-2

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Will the UF men's basketball team get revenge on South Carolina tonight?

Percent (Votes)
Tebow 82% (206)
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Previous question: Who was more important to the Gators offense: Percy Harvin or Tim Tebow? (see right for results)

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