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A Date a Minute

UF student Sebastian Vasquez talks with Natalia Rothschild during a speed dating event held by the Premed American Medical Student Association in the Orange and Brew at the Reitz Union Monday night. Participants had five minutes to talk before moving on to the next table.

Bill threatens Bright Futures

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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Students with Bright Futures would have to take more credits to remain eligible and would have to pay for classes they dropped after the Drop/Add period if legislation introduced by Florida lawmakers passes this spring.

The legislation could also cost UF more than \$100,000 a year to implement, said Karen Fooks, director of UF's Student Financial Affairs.

Two identical bills have been filed in the Florida Senate and House of Representatives that would tweak Florida's Bright Futures scholarship program, which pays tuition for about 73 percent of UF's undergraduates and is funded by the Florida Lottery.

The bill would require stu-

dents to take 24 credit hours a year, up from 12, in order to remain eligible for the scholarship.

The bill would also force students to reimburse Bright Futures for classes they drop after the Drop/Add period.

The bill, if passed, would go into effect July 1.

Rep. Kelli Stargel, who filed the bill in the House, said she wants to help protect Bright Futures, which has taken heat for giving scarce state funds to less-than-needy students.

Critics have dubbed it the "reverse Robin Hood program" and the "BMW fund."

She said the Bright Futures won't be saved by the bill alone, but she said it's a start.

"It's just anything we can do to help make it more effi-

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LOCAL Vaccine reduces number of abnormal pap smears

BY **EMILY FUGGETTA**
 Alligator Writer

Fewer abnormal pap smears have been noted at the UF Student Health Care Center since Gardasil, a vaccine that prevents four forms of human papillomavirus known to

cause cervical cancer, became widely used three years ago.

Phylis Craig, a spokeswoman for the women's clinic at UF's Student Health Care Center, said that she gives several shots every week of the vaccine, which is marketed toward women between 9 and 26 years old.

Although the SHCC has administered the vaccine to men — because anal sex increases risk of genital warts and precancerous lesions, which Gardasil helps prevent — it is given predominantly to women, Craig said.

According to Craig, before Gardasil was approved by the Food and Drug

Administration, abnormal pap smears, which are often indicative of high-risk viruses, were more common.

Craig said the SHCC has noticed fewer cases of genital warts in recent years, but the trend started before Gardasil's release.

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SG parties focus efforts on fundraising, campaigning

■ **THE UNITE PARTY HAS ALREADY SPENT \$1,270.**

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
 Alligator Writer

As Student Government elections draw near, political parties are raking in the dough.

With candidates for Student Senate and the executive ticket chosen, parties are focusing election season efforts on spending hundreds of dollars to spread their party messages to the Student Body.

The Unite Party has raked in about \$2,300 so far, according to

Treasurer James Greenwood.

Greenwood said the Unite Party plans to raise between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for the

campaign.

"It may seem like a lot," he said. "But we see it as a big in-

vestment. We're hoping to really reach out to the students."

The Unite Party has already spent \$1,270 on campaign materials, such as its 1-800 number, which cost \$30. More than \$800 was spent on fliers and five banners.

Records state the largest do-

nations have come from Jordan Johnson, the party's candidate for Student Body president.

Johnson donated \$600, while his father, Randy, donated \$750.

Unite Party spokeswoman Ashton Charles said party members are encouraged to make a

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■ Alex Tyus (right) and the UF men's basketball team head to Kentucky tonight to renew a once-fierce rivalry that may have lost its luster in recent years. See Story, Page 14.



Octuplet mom was treated at Beverly Hills clinic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Southern California mother of octuplets was implanted with embryos at a Beverly Hills fertility clinic run by a well-known — and controversial — specialist who pioneered a method for helping women conceive.

Dr. Michael Kamrava's name emerged Monday as a result of an interview aired Monday on NBC with Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to eight babies Jan. 26.

"He's tried some novel techniques and some of those methods have been controversial," said Dr. John Jain, founder of Santa Monica Fertility Specialists.

■ A local gallery is displaying finger paintings made by rescued monkeys to raise money for the primates. See Story, Page 4.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Peace Corps and the Liberal Arts Major

Today, 6:30 p.m.
The Hub International Center

The panel includes returned volunteers who graduated with liberal arts degrees and will discuss how to make yourself competitive for the Peace Corps. A recruiter will be available to discuss the application process. The event is open to students and the public.

Year of the Gentleman Tour featuring Ne-Yo and Musiq Soulchild

Today, 8 p.m.
Stephen C. O'Connell Center
Tickets for UF students are still available at the University Box Office for \$10. Tickets for the general public can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com for \$20. Prices do not include applicable fees and taxes. Limit eight per person. Visit ufblackhistorymonth.com or oconnellcenter.ufl.edu for more details.

RUB Entertainment Presents: The Dating Game

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Join RUB Entertainment for its first dating game. Come find the right guy or gal or just enjoy the show as participants get up on stage to find their perfect matches.

Study Abroad Information Session

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m.
Academic Advising Rm. 200
Want to study in Europe this summer? Meet students and faculty of the Brussels, Krakow, Salzburg and Prague programs. Hosted by the Center for European Studies. Free pizza.

SG Election Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

Friday, Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
To request an absentee ballot, please visit the SG Web page and click on Election Page Updates — Spring 2009. Click on Absentee Ballot Application. You can e-mail your request to the Supervisor of Elections at elections@sg.ufl.edu.

Guest Speaker Dr. Debra Walker King

Friday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m.
Smathers Library East Room 1A. Dr. Debra Walker King will speak about her book "African Americans and the Culture of Pain." Free and open to the public.

JAMSA Presents Cupid's Moonlight

Friday, Feb. 13, 7:20 p.m.

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The Jamaican-American Student Association presents a night of arts and crafts, speed dating, refreshments, music and poetry. Come with your love song requests.

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STATE

Cold case unit investigates missing female jogger

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Cold case detectives are pouring over 3,000 leads in the case of a University of Florida student who disappeared while jogging in 1989.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office updated the case Monday, 20 years after Tiffany Sessions disappeared. Since 2007, cold case detectives have been flying across the country following up leads and interviewing possible witnesses.

Two leads involve suspicious persons in the area the night Sessions disappeared.

Lt. Stephen Maynard didn't want to give false hope about the leads, saying authorities are still waiting for a break in the case.

Sessions' family is offering a \$25,000 reward and has launched a Web site dedicated to finding her.

Patrick Sessions pleaded for tips from the public.

"I really need your help," he said.

Report: Deputy crashes patrol car, fails test

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A West Palm Beach police report says a Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputy crashed his patrol car into a palm tree and then failed a sobriety test.

Records show that 38-year-old Christopher M. Grube was booked early Saturday into the Palm Beach County Jail and was released later on his own recognizance.

Prosecutors say the DUI charge is a misdemeanor.

A sheriff's spokeswoman says Grube is on administrative leave with pay. She says Grube was in a field training program and had called in sick for the day.

His attorney's name wasn't immediately known. A phone listing under a similar name to Grube was disconnected.

State gas prices up 17 cents in past month

MIAMI (AP) — Gas prices have edged up about 17 cents in Florida over the past month.

AAA says the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is about \$1.99 in Florida, up from \$1.82 in January. That's still way down from about \$3.05 a year ago.

West Palm Beach recorded the highest per-gallon average in the state, at about \$2.08.

Florida's prices are above the national average, which AAA says is about \$1.92 a gallon.

Fla. returns to in-house food service for prisons

MADISON, Fla. (AP) — Florida is returning to in-house food service for its prisons while the Legislature cuts spending in the nation's third-largest state prison system.

Philadelphia-based Aramark withdrew its food services from Florida's prisons last month. The company said it couldn't make money due to the rising cost of bread, milk and other staples amid pressure from the state to cut costs.

A smaller, Florida-based food service company, Trinity Services Group of Oldsmar, also has pulled out of the state's prisons.

The state paid the two vendors \$85 million for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The current year's food budget is \$76 million.

Prison menus will change to save money. Inmates will get corn bread instead of sliced bread at some meals, fewer sweetener packets and orange juice that comes from concentrate.

CORRECTION

The Alligator incorrectly reported that the band Ra Ra Riot canceled its performance at the Harvest of Hope music festival next month. They will be performing.

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UF considers making health insurance mandatory

■ **COVERAGE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENROLL.**

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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Details on the proposal are scarce, but UF is considering making health insurance mandatory for all students.

If the policy is enacted, uninsured students would be forced to purchase a plan that meets UF's standards for appropriate health

coverage before they could register for classes.

Phillip Barkley, director of UF's Student Health Care Center, said a plan offered through UF would probably cost less than \$1,300 a year, although that plan would not be mandatory.

Most students are already covered by their parents' insurance, he said, but 9.4 percent of students reported they had no health insurance and 1.7 percent reported in a survey of more than 2,500 UF students that they were unsure of their statuses.

Barkley said he thinks the real

number is near 15 to 20 percent because many students may report incorrect information. The percentage may rise as unemployment rises, he said.

"You want to make sure that everyone has (insurance) so if something comes up they'll be covered," said Patricia Telles-Irvin, UF's vice president of Student Affairs, adding no decision has been made.

"It's really just at the discussion level," she said.

She said students who truly could not afford the increased cost would likely be eligible for insurance

through a financial aid package.

She said it wasn't yet clear how much the plan would cost to enforce or how much UF might make in increased revenues and noted that health insurance is already mandatory for international students.

Barkley said UF has been considering the idea for years and would be following the trend among universities nationwide. In fall 2007, FSU became the first public university in the state to mandate health insurance, said Mary Coburn, FSU's vice president for Student Affairs.

More healthy people signed up,

which made it more profitable for insurers, she said. Plans were then cheaper and sbenefits were added.

Xabier Osteikoetxea, a UF junior, said he thinks asking uninsured students to pay \$1,300 to be able to enroll isn't fair.

"That's almost the cost of tuition," he said.

He said he would be more open to the idea if it was a referendum question that students could vote on.

"I wouldn't want it to be an executive order from President Machen," he said.

LOCAL

Economic downturn causes more to seek mental help

By **VALERIE GARMAN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Economic troubles are putting pressure on Americans' mental health as well as their wallets, according to a recent survey.

Mental health providers across the country are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking help, with a 40 percent increase in demand for therapists from June to December alone, USA Today reported last week.

Mental health and counseling centers in Gainesville have seen a slight increase in the number of people seeking help and

reporting financial stress.

The Alachua County Crisis Center has seen an increase in the number of people accessing its services, which includes a 24-hour crisis hot line and face-to-face counseling.

"We're getting a lot more calls about financial problems and employment and housing problems," said Rob Lotzkar, volunteer coordinator for the center. "Along with that comes a depression increase."

Lotzkar said money problems cause anxiety and depression when people struggle to pay bills or provide for their families.

He also said the increase in suicidal ten-

dencies is not dramatic, but notable.

"It's not significant, but we are receiving more calls about people contemplating suicide," Lotzkar said.

"It's not significant, but we are receiving more calls about people contemplating suicide."

Rob Lotzkar

Volunteer coordinator

Both increases seem to reflect the national trend, he said.

"It's just a difficult time," Lotzkar said. The UF Counseling Center has also

been busier than usual since fall, according to Carlos Hernandez, interim clinical director at the center.

"We're seeing an increase in students accessing our services earlier in the semester," Hernandez said. "Usually we peak at midterms."

Hernandez said UF students are greatly affected by the financial layoffs they or their parents experience. Some students are forced to take out loans or delay graduation as a result.

"It's an added stress or two," Hernandez said. "In uncontrollable situations we just have to ask ourselves, 'What can we get control of?'"

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Primate painting show raises money for monkeys

■ **THE SHOW FEATURES FINGER PAINTINGS MADE BY RESCUED MONKEYS.**

By **BRITTNEY SHEFFIELD**
Alligator Contributing Writer

An art show opening at the Artisans Guild Gallery of Gainesville doesn't typically feature finger paintings, but when monkeys are the artists, nothing is typical.

Canvases smeared with pink, green, purple and, of course, orange and blue were displayed Friday night at the gallery that teamed up with Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, a nonprofit organization that currently provides care for 117 monkeys.

The opening kicked off the first collaboration between Jungle Friends and the Artisans Guild.

"That's a first we were excited about," said Sheila Andrews, a 13-year member of the Artisans Guild.

Jungle Friends, which provides monkeys with a 12-acre safe haven in Gainesville that resembles their natural environment, works with monkeys whose owners can no longer provide proper care for them and who were previously used in labs and the entertainment industry. The group's goal

is to help them reach the "play state" where they can successfully play with other monkeys.

The monkeys' participation in finger painting depends on the day and their moods, according to Shauna Canty, executive assis-

tant for Jungle Friends.

Some just slap their hands in the paint on the canvas once and walk away, but others put more effort into their painting.

"Stinky's my favorite," Canty said. "She'd scream at me if I

took it from her too soon."

Stinky is a 9-year-old white-faced capuchin monkey who has been with Jungle Friends since May 2004 after being stolen from her mother and sold by exotic pet traders.

Erin Buckner, an intern with Jungle Friends, said she also enjoyed how Stinky seemed to concentrate on her painting, frowning her brow as she rubbed her hand across the canvas.

Her favorite painting, however, was one by an artist with a different approach.

"I like Chucky's because he just kind of slapped it," she said. His canvas was decorated with orange and blue handprints.

Chucky is a brown capuchin who was intended to star in a TV show. He was rescued during a marijuana bust. This month marks his one-year anniversary with Jungle Friends.

While the monkeys may be rambunctious, employees can't help but become attached to their personalities.

"They can hurl crap and throw food at you, but you still love them," Buckner said.

They even understand the barter system. One monkey grabbed a key chain out of an employee's pocket and traded the keys back one at a time in exchange for grapes, according to Buckner.

Paintings by the monkeys can be purchased at the Artisans Guild Gallery, and the proceeds go to Jungle Friends. The artwork will be on display until the end of February.



Sarah Hsu / Alligator Staff

Stuffed monkeys hang Monday afternoon next to finger paintings created by real monkeys from the Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary for a special exhibit at the Artisans Guild Gallery.

AROUND GAINESVILLE

Grammy Awards receive mixed reviews from students

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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Few UF students watched the 51st Annual Grammy Awards show Sunday, but those who tuned in did so to see their favorite artists, from Coldplay to Jay-Z.

The show also featured Stevie Wonder, The Jonas Brothers and Radiohead.

UF senior Jenn Kacerosky said her favorite performance was The Four Tops with

Jamie Foxx and Ne-Yo.

"It's great to see soul and R&B coming back," she said. "That mix of old-school flavor with today's pop voices, I think there should be more performances like that."

Marlee Croissy, a UF junior, said she was shocked that Rihanna and her alleged boyfriend Chris Brown canceled their performances.

Brown is under investigation for battery and Croissy said she thinks Rihanna was the target of his attack.

Freshman Angelina La Lima said she watched the Grammys specifically to see Lil Wayne, who won four awards out of his eight nominations.



Brown

Not all students watched Sunday night.

UF sophomore Alex Mourant said he didn't care about the Grammys. "I'm not into that kind of music," Mourant said, adding that he listens to music with more of an acoustic feel.

Tammy Dingley, a UF alumna, said she didn't even know the Grammys aired last night until she read about it in an advertisement on her e-mail homepage.

"I don't watch TV," Dingley said. "I only know about things like this because people tell me."

Red-light runners may receive more tickets

■ **THE CITY WILL MAKE ITS FINAL DECISION FEB. 19.**

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**
Alligator Writer

Red lights may have the Gainesville Police Department seeing green.

An ordinance that permits the installation of traffic light cameras at intersections will have its final vote on Feb. 19.

The first vote was taken at a City Commission meeting last Thursday.

The cameras would snap photos of red-light runners' license plates, according to the ordinance. Photos taken by the cameras would not be used as evidence of other crimes,

according to Sgt. Joe Raulerson of the GPD Traffic Safety Team.

A ticket for running a red light in Gainesville is \$125 for the first two violations and \$175 for every violation thereafter.

Plans about where the cameras would be placed, how much they would cost and whether they would be government- or privately operated have not been made yet.

"The cameras would be in the interest of public safety," Raulerson said.

The intersection of Archer Road and Southwest 34th Street has as many as 47 violations during peak hours, according to a 2004 transportation report cited by GPD in their presentation to the City Commission.

SG elections complaints heard

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

The mud-slinging was thick Monday night as 19 elections complaints filed by student political parties against other parties were addressed by the six members of Student Government's Elections Commission. Representatives from each party running in the SG elections on Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 attended, including the Progress Party, the Orange and Blue Party, the Unite Party and the Keg Party.

The creation of a Facebook group titled "KICK OUT the Gator/Unite Party" was also in question.

Unite Party President Will Harrell demanded an apology from the group's creator, Matt Martz, an independent Student Senate candidate. The Commission voted in favor of Harrell

and ruled that Martz, who called the commission biased, must remove the group and write an apology to the Unite and Gator parties for misrepresentation.



Harrell

The rest of the nearly three-hour meeting focused on 13 complaints filed against the Progress Party by Orange and Blue Sen. Sam Miorelli, who represents District D. Miorelli's complaints addressed illegal campaigning done by the Progress Party.

Of the three complaints voted on, two were considered violations, resulting in a fine of \$20 against the Progress Party.

The Commission decided to continue the meeting on Thursday.

Eastside High teacher found with guns at school

■ BOTH OF THE HANDGUNS WERE LOADED.

A math teacher at a local high school was arrested Monday after he was found with two loaded guns on school grounds.

Alachua County Sheriff's depu-

ties went to Eastside High School to ask Mark Stockdale, 43, if they could take him to the Gainesville Police Department for questioning about a dispute he had Sunday night.

Stockdale agreed, and was taken to an ASO patrol car where deputies handcuffed him and asked if there was anything in his pockets that

could be used as a weapon, according to the ASO arrest report.

Local News

Stockdale said there was a pocketknife in his front pocket. When deputies went to remove it, they found a .22-caliber handgun, which gave them probable cause to search his

car, the report stated.

According to the report, deputies found a loaded .44-caliber handgun in the front seat console of his car.

While deputies questioned him about the loaded guns, Stockdale said he would not speak without his lawyer present, said ASO spokesman Steve Maynard.

Maynard said even if Stockdale has a concealed weapons license, he committed a felony by taking the loaded gun inside a classroom while he was teaching.

Stockdale was charged with two counts of having a firearm on school property.

— KATIE EMMETS

NATIONAL

Obama urges approval of \$838 billion recovery bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pressured lawmakers to urgently approve a massive economic recovery bill and criticized Republicans who have balked at the legislation Monday night, saying, "I can't afford to see Congress play the usual political games."

Obama used the first prime-time news conference of his presidency to warn that a failure to act swiftly and boldly "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

With the nation falling deeper into a long and painful recession, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork-barrel spending and will not create jobs.

"The plan is not perfect," the president said. "No plan is. I can't tell you for sure that everything in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you with complete con-

fidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

Obama addressed the nation from the East Room of the White House in a news conference that lasted almost exactly one hour. He hit repeatedly at the themes he has emphasized in recent weeks, including at a town hall meeting to promote his plan earlier in the day in Elkhart, Ind.

When the stimulus bill passed the House last month, not a single Republican voted for it. On Monday an \$838 billion version of the legislation cleared a crucial test vote in the Senate by a 61-36 margin, with all but three Republican senators opposing it.

Obama said he had made a deliberate effort to reach out to the GOP, putting three Republicans into his Cabinet, and "as I continue to make these overtures, over time, hopefully that will be reciprocated."

Obama acknowledged the difficulty

of mending political divisions between Republicans and Democrats.

"Old habits are hard to break," he said. "We're coming off an election, and people sort of want to test the limits of what they can get. There's a lot of jockeying in this town and who's up and who's down, testing for the next election."

"I can't afford to see Congress play the usual political games."

Barack Obama
President

Obama said the federal government was the only power that could save the nation at a time of crisis, with huge spending outlays and tax cuts.

"At this particular moment, with the private sector so weakened by this recession, the federal government is the only entity left with

the resources to jolt our economy back to life," he said.

Rejecting criticism that the emphasis on federal action was too great, he said that 90 percent of the jobs created by the plan would be in the private sector, rebuilding crumbling roads, bridges and other aging infrastructure.

"The plan that ultimately emerges from Congress must be big enough and bold enough to meet the size of the economic challenge we face right now," Obama said.

Again and again, he stressed that the economy is in dire straits.

"This is not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill recession," he said. Obama said the U.S. aims to avoid the kind of economic pain that Japan endured in the 1990s — the "lost decade" when that nation showed no economic growth.

"My bottom line is to make sure that we are saving or creating 4 million jobs," he said, and that homeowners facing foreclosure receive some relief.



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Losing Game

A-Rod's legacy in question after admission

"Say it ain't so, Alex" just doesn't have the same ring to it.

In his interview with ESPN's Peter Gammons, all-world baseball player Alex Rodriguez came clean on Monday about his use of performance-enhancing drugs while a member of the Texas Rangers.

According to Rodriguez, his experimentation stacking testosterone with an anabolic steroid called Primobolan began in the 2001 season and subsided during spring training in 2003.

Over the course of his admission, Rodriguez apologized, offering an explanation as to why he felt the need to subject his body to PEDs — citing high expectations and the culture in baseball at the time.

Having just inked a then-record \$252 million contract in '01, Rodriguez turned to the illegal drugs so that he could, as he put it, "perform at a high level every day."

The Editorial Board can't help but feel bad for Alex Rodriguez. The three-time MVP of the American League is no Jason Giambi or Miguel Tejada; rather, he holds the distinction of being the greatest player in the entire game.

Rodriguez had nothing to gain and everything to lose by using PEDs after seeing the drugs become commonplace around the league. Blessed with arguably the greatest natural ability to hit and field a baseball since the likes of Mickey Mantle, Rodriguez embodies the term "once-in-a-generation" talent with or without a syringe.

Statistically a sure-fire Hall of Famer if he retired today at age 33, Rodriguez's place in history may sadly no longer include a coveted spot in Cooperstown.

In Teacher We Trust?

Sitting in a classroom while someone in the room, unbeknownst to you, carries a weapon cuts quite the startling image.

Now imagine that person is the teacher.

For the math students in Mark Stockdale's class, this hypothetical situation came to fruition on Monday morning at Eastside High School.

According to a Gainesville Sun article, a sheriff's deputy drove to the school to locate Stockdale and bring him back to the station for questioning about an incident that occurred over the weekend.

What ensued was the discovery of two loaded guns — one on his person and another in his car — which led to his arrest.

First and foremost, the Editorial Board is relieved to know that Stockdale did not fire the weapons while on school property. Granted,

who knows what may have ensued if he had stayed at Eastside for the rest of the day?

We applaud the officer at the scene for arresting the teacher without students around to witness the situation. While Stockdale clearly had no business bringing a weapon to school, his intentions remain unclear. Regardless, there is no possible way he can construct a logical argument as to why he had a loaded gun in his pocket while teaching class.

What can he say — that he was heading to the shooting range on his lunch break?

For Stockdale's complete disregard for his students' safety, he should be prohibited from ever stepping foot into a classroom again.

Cue the music so we can sing along with Alice Cooper: "School's out forever" for this guy.

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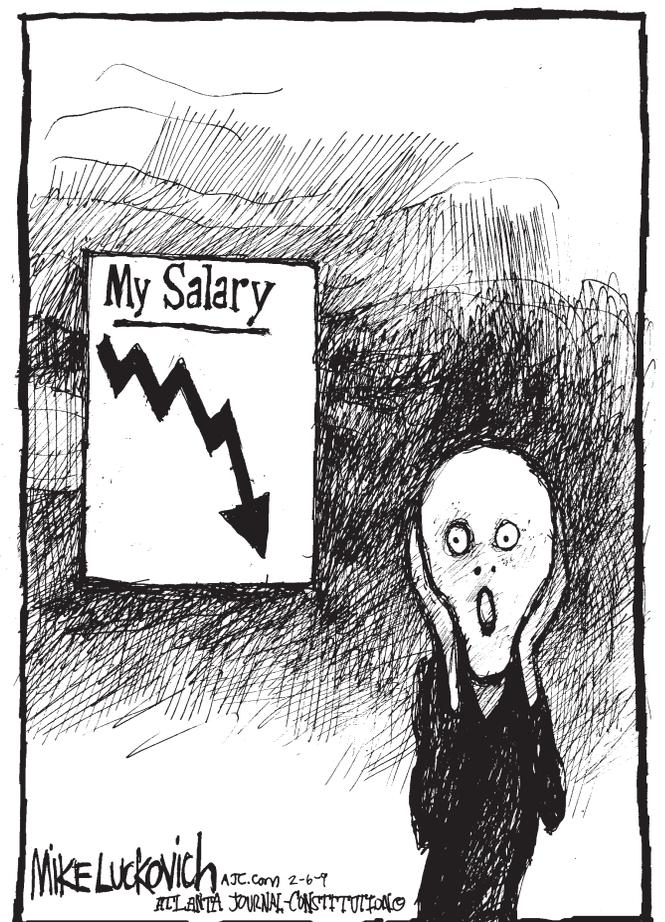
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Column

Turning to Darwinism in time of need

Everybody loves birthdays and anniversaries, especially when they correspond to big, round numbers — but nobody loves them more than the media industry. Thursday marks what would be Charles Darwin's 200th birthday, and later this year is the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection." A bookshelf full of Darwin-related publications will hit the market this year, and the deluge of Darwin-related articles in global newspapers will run unabated at least through the summer.

America, though, still has quite a prickly relationship with Darwin. Each election cycle brings new challenges to the educational value of evolution in school systems across the country, and polls continually suggest that less than half the adult population of the U.S. believes evolution explains how the world works.

In one of our most famous court cases, we even put Darwin's ideas on trial in the 1925 Scopes judgment. Tellingly, even our Supreme Court could not decisively stand up for Darwin in a case that guides squishy American jurisprudence regarding the defense of evolution.

Here in America, we line up behind either God or Darwin.

Gregory Paul and Phil Zuckerman try to blur that line of distinction. They wrote "Why the Gods Are Not Winning" in 2007 to explain their observations on religion in the developed world.

The countries of Western Europe all have a few things in common. These countries protect their citizens with supportive welfare systems, comprehensive health care, rehabilitative penal systems and a dedication to more lib-



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eral ideas concerning gun control and balance between work and life.

These countries also share a disbelief in God, with at least 75 percent of the adult population professing some acceptance of evolution. Paul and Zuckerman contend that the egalitarian cultures of these countries — the "equally distributed prosperity and education"

— result in a "mass rejection of the gods."

Their main point is that countries that exhibit high levels of socioeconomic disparity are the only ones that can sustain a high level of faith in religion. In countries where Darwin's ideas on the survival of the fittest are most evident in daily life, religion is more powerful and salient.

The American struggle against expectations of prosperity, especially in the light of the economic collapse, frames our classic "keeping up with the Joneses" mentality as proving the controversial extension of Darwinian theory into social Darwinism. We believe in God because we are all in this thing without a safety net, just like the rest of the polarized societies divided up into two categories: the super rich and the rest of us.

As the developed world watches individual economies spin out of control in this interconnected fiscal disaster, more and more of what people clung to instead of God is facing erosion. America, and its uneasy relationship with Charles Darwin, may be less of an outlier in social research and more of a blueprint for explaining how to survive in a brutal world.

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: Do you forgive A-Rod for his admitted steroid use?

Monday's question: Did you go to Gasparilla in Tampa this past weekend?

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Letter to the Editor

Fewer deaths not just due to policing

In response to Monday's article, "Highway fatalities lowest since 2000 due to campaigns," I'd like to point out that perhaps increased law enforcement isn't the cause of lowered deaths. Although death rates did lower, we must consider the potential causes and whether they're statistically significant.

Even though population increased and deaths lowered slightly, we must consider

that all additions to the net population since 2000 are from births and migration.

Since the majority of accidents occur during rush hour — when the breadwinners of a household return home — most of these individuals are not carrying their children with them. Also, it should be noted that an increase in juvenile population doesn't add a significant number of cars to the roads, as children don't drive. According to the Florida Office of

Vital Statistics, 87 percent of the population increase in Florida from 1970 to 2000 was due to net migration.

Since most migrants to Florida are either rich old people who are statistically terrible drivers or poorer immigrants from other countries who generally lack personal transportation, I would venture to guess that the increase in law enforcement activity had a much lesser effect on lowering death rates

than is proposed in Monday's article.

Even if I'm incorrect, we should always take reported statistics with a grain of salt, especially if they're conducted by government-contracted entities expecting to see gains on their investments. That is, data is sometimes interpreted in a deceitful manner in order justify expenses.

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Column

Awkward moment can be embarrassing blessing in disguise

There's nothing like an awkward moment.

And there's nothing quite like standing in line for your sushi wondering if you should acknowledge that guy you hooked up with at the club last night.

While awkward tension may be overwhelming at times, it's a necessity for college students.

College students need social interaction, but it's hard to escape awkward moments when making new friends.

The awkward sharing and baring of your soul is a stipulation in the process of meeting people, making friends and learning more about each other.

It's uncomfortable, but awkwardness shoves people into each

other's lives and creates lasting bonds.

Those foot-in-mouth moments, like the time you accidentally insulted a new friend by talking trash about her home state, are memories that last forever. These moments are learning experiences that teach you how to handle awkward circumstances with grace. After walking into your roommate's makeout session, a warning knock becomes habit.

You may begin to carry a safety pin after walking around all day with a hole in your pants, and after these many embarrassing moments, you learn to get back on your feet after a mortifying tumble.

They allow you to laugh at yourself because there's nothing



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ing funnier than leaving the restroom with last night's underwear hanging out of your back pocket.

And there

is nothing quite like walking into a pole and explaining how you got a bump on your head.

Awkward moments also give you thicker skin, especially if you caused the moment, such as messing up a high-five. They teach you to not be so sensitive when you join in on a random conversation and you're met with stares.

They also teach you about

the proverbial "think before you speak."

Awkward moments also prove to you who your real friends are.

It takes a true friend to acknowledge their relationship with you after you threw up on yourself at the local bar, or to deal with the embarrassment of your drunken karaoke.

Although we wish these moments never happened, they do and, unfortunately, with a lot of frequency. I'm a victim of awkward moments; I experience them far too regularly for my liking.

I wish I could permanently banish awkward moments from existence, or that I could find a universal word that would cover all the sins of an awkward moment.

It would be nice to sail through life calm, cool and always collected.

But then again, I would never meet interesting, random people. I would never have interesting stories to share. I would never learn from my experiences, and most of all I would never mature as a person.

Awkward moments, however awkward at the time, always make great stories later.

They remind us to laugh at ourselves and not to take ourselves so seriously, because seriously, who isn't awkward?

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

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University Avenue construction begins

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By MORGAN COLLINS
Alligator Writer

University Avenue is getting a style upgrade.

Gainesville launched the University Avenue Improvement Project this week to redesign the road's medians and pedestrian amenities, according to a City of Gainesville news release.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency is in charge of the project, which will restore medians, replace trash bins and add benches on University Avenue between Northeast 15th Street and Northwest 20th Terrace.

Six new medians, made from ground covers, shrubs and native Florida plants, will be installed,

the release stated.

The agency will add 65 steel trash bins and replace old concrete benches along University Avenue, including at a bus stop near City Hall.

A beautification project is also in the works.

The agency will place steel planters east of Main Street to test out the project. If it succeeds, the agency may add more.

"This is really meant to make University Avenue look and feel a whole lot better than it currently does," said Community Redevelopment Agency manager Anthony Lyons.

He said the University Improvement Project is part of a multi-stage process to renovate the roadway.

Over the summer, the agency replaced streetlights between East University Avenue and the



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Cars drive by cement planters currently under construction on University Avenue Monday morning. The road construction will cost \$135,000 and last about 30 days.

President's Home. It also constructed a gateway to improve pedestrian and traffic flow at the forked intersection of University

Avenue and Hawthorne Road.

The cost for these projects was \$350,000, he said.

The new University Avenue

construction will cost \$135,000 and last about 30 days.

Lyons said construction should not cause any traffic disruption.

Drops could cost students

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cient," she said.

She said she's looking for ways to save the state money during the budget crunch but didn't know yet how much money the bill could save.

She said she got the idea for the bill from her daughter, who graduated from Florida State University two years ago. Her daughter was frustrated because other students were dropping classes to lighten their workload, she said.

"It was so they had more time to goof off and have fun, and it was basically costing the state money for them to do that," she said.

She said the bill won't affect students who use the scholarship responsibly and added that it includes exceptions for emergency situations.

If a student gets sick or injured and has to drop classes, they can get a waiver, she said.

But they would still have to make up the missed credits the next semester in order to earn the 24 credit hours required each year to keep the scholarship, Stargel said.

Fooks said she is concerned about the possible consequences of the bill on students and UF.

She estimated it would cost well over \$100,000 a year to enforce the Drop/Add reimbursement policy. That includes possibly hiring two new staff members to process the paperwork, she said.

"It would be a very big deal," she said.

She said that's not counting the

amount of money UF could lose from students who withdrew for a semester and decided not to return to UF because they couldn't afford to pay for the classes out of pocket.

Students drop classes for all kinds of reasons, she said, and she's worried the state may not give them waivers.

However, she said the bill might make students take dropping class more seriously.

"To the extent that students might not value their Bright Futures, it's a good thing," she said.

"Because we have heard students say that they can drop the semester because, you know, they weren't paying for it anyway," she said. "I think that this would be kind of a wake up call."

But overall, she said she thinks the bill is too punitive and has asked UF to take an official stance against it.

Ben Wilkening, a UF political science senior, said he agrees with the intent of the bill.

"It makes sense. If you drop a class, the government shouldn't have to pay for it," he said.

But Anaelys Concepción, a UF animal biology junior, said she's worried about being stuck with the bill for a class she had to drop for unexpected reasons.

"I would not know where to get the money from," she said. "With the economy, there's no jobs," she said, "I would need to probably take out a loan."

"I think they should just keep it the way it is. It's been good so far," she said.

SHCC says vaccine was well-received

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However, many believe that Gardasil has made viruses such as genital warts less common.

Craig said that the SHCC has seen a steady stream of interest in the vaccine since its release and most women who visit the clinic have completed the vaccine series, which consists of three injections over

six months.

Craig said the vaccine has been well-received by SHCC patients and she hasn't heard of any students with negative side effects. Nationally, some

patients have reported problems.

Some patients are needle-shy and show symptoms of anxiety while the vaccine is administered, Craig said.

"It's all been a very positive experience," she said. "Most people do just perfectly."

Craig recommends the vaccine, even for people who already have genital warts.

"The vaccine protects you from four different viruses, so even if you already have one, you're protected from three others," she said. "We promote it all the way down the line."

Data was collected from expense reports

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donation because donations buy food for candidates. According to party records, about \$192 has been spent on barbecue supplies and pizza.

The Orange and Blue Party has raised \$1,020 as of Monday night, according to Orange and Blue Sen. Mark McShera.

The Orange and Blue Party candidate for Student Body treasurer, Sen. Brandon White, could not be reached for comment.

But McShera, the party's Student Body presidential candidate, said most of the party's success comes from its members.

"Compared to volunteers and organizational support, money is not a deciding factor," he said. "At Orange and Blue, we are driven by people."

Still, McShera said, candidates are asked for a suggested donation of \$75.

He said the Orange and Blue Party aims to raise about \$2,000 this election season in order to purchase T-shirts, stickers, additional fliers and food for volunteers.

About \$180 has been spent so far, with about \$150 on fliers, about \$6 on masking tape and about \$26 on donuts, according to party records. Meanwhile, the Progress Party has raised about \$1,600 so far, said Treasurer

Peter Laumann.

The bulk of donations have come from Party President Josh Simmons and Orange and Blue Party candidate for Student Body treasurer, Jose Ortega, who each donated \$300.

"This is just setting up the framework," Laumann said, adding the Progress Party asks candidates to donate about \$40.

Expense reports show the Progress Party has spent about \$36 this election season, to purchase a domain registration for the party's Web site and office supplies.

Laumann said the amount of money raised isn't as important as what the money is used for.

"It's not about buying votes," he said. "It's about getting the party's message out there and why it's important to vote."

Each party must file expense reports every Monday night, listing its collected donations as well as expenses with accompanying receipts.

This is done in order to monitor parties' use of funds, according to Supervisor of Elections Dan Siegel.



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- No.-crunching pros
 - Unruffled
 - Agreed (with)
 - 911 request
 - Diva's number
 - Soap whose first slogan was "It floats"
 - Befuddled
 - Actor Rhames
 - Like heavy fog
 - Winter traction aids
 - Hold in high regard
 - Wrigley Field player
 - Caddie's burden
 - Reduce drastically
 - Madrid title
 - Hardy's "___ From the Madding Crowd"
 - Annual payments
 - Screen image
 - Voice vote call
 - List of options
 - Downpour destinations
 - Knock
 - Bombast
 - Scornful look
 - Many mos.
 - Need some support
 - Mark of disgrace
 - Surplus store outfit
 - Old hat
 - "___ Eterno": 2004 soccer documentary
 - Hoods' weapons
 - Hello in Hilo
 - Dateless party attendee
 - Not odd at all
 - Like standard loose-leaf sheets
 - Yin's counterpart
 - June honorees
- DOWN**
- Go after
 - Orkin victims
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- Sourpuss in Geico ads
- Like much of the Southwest
- Dryer screen accumulation
- Tricks and such
- Wager apart from the main action
- Burly Burl
- Announcer Pardo
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- Glove wearer
- Place for a 25-Down
- Prepare to hit the road
- Wound reminder
- Georgetown athletes
- '60s-'70s theater, briefly
- Unconvincing
- Penn or Pitt
- Anchors in the soil
- Lo ___: noodle dish
- Second Amendment
- 39-Down et al.
- Tennis star for whom a stadium is named
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UF, Kentucky to renew rivalry in Rupp

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The UF-Kentucky rivalry is littered with golden moments.

In 2003, UF rolled into Rupp Arena as the nation's No. 1 team only to have the No. 6 Wildcats thump them 70-55 in front of a crowd of almost 25,000.

Gators fans will never forget David Lee climbing on top of the scorers' table at the O'Connell Center to celebrate when UF finally beat Kentucky 53-52 in 2005 after losing eight straight to the Southeastern Conference bully.

And in 2007, UF became only the second SEC school to beat Kentucky in five consecutive meetings.

But with neither school ranked in any of the national polls heading into tonight's showdown in Lexington, Ky., and Kentucky (16-7, 5-3 SEC) coming off its third straight loss, this once-fierce rivalry seems to have lost a bit of its luster.

"Is the rivalry more important than Vanderbilt or Georgia or Tennessee or South Carolina? I don't know," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "It's one game right now. It's a game on the road. Both teams are a game apart. I think it will be a big game for both teams. To say it's bigger than another game, I wouldn't say that right now."

Unlike Donovan, his players are quick to defend the game.

"I don't think the rivalry has lost anything," forward Chandler Parsons said. "Our fans don't like them. Their fans don't like us. It's going to be a war out there."

Having followed the rivalry from afar as a child, Parsons said that playing in it is somewhat of a dream come true.

"To have watched it all growing up and to now be a part of it is really something special," Parsons said.

UF (19-4, 6-2 SEC) and Kentucky have won 13 of the last 17 SEC championships, and with 43 SEC regular-season titles, the Wildcats have nearly as many conference crowns as the rest of

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

Kentucky's Joe Crawford looks to pass around UF center Alex Tyus during the Gators' 81-70 win against the Wildcats on Jan. 19, 2008.

Booing referees fuels bad calls

Imagine you're standing in line at your local deli. The person behind the counter is slicing your cheese, and you don't like the thickness of the cut.

How do you respond? You erupt in boos.

Uh-oh. Now the person is getting nervous. He's slicing too thin. He's slicing too thick. You're only getting more and



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more annoyed, and the boos start getting louder.

Eventually, the deli employee freaks out and cuts off part of his thumb. Now look what you've done.

Obviously, you're not going to

be booing the person slicing your salami. But why do fans at sporting events boo referees? No good can come from it.

At the UF men's basketball game against South Carolina on Tuesday night, the referees missed what was — to me and most of the fans in the O'Connell Center — an incredibly obvious goaltending call, effectively taking 2 points away from the Gators.

The crowd responded by immediately screaming at them and yelling obscenities, a staple of rowdy fans, without ever thinking there was a huge chance the refs' sight lines had been blocked by

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UF MEN'S TENNIS

Gators head to Illinois for first indoor match of year

By JOSEPH R. HOLZER

Alligator Writer

On its way to Chicago, the UF men's tennis team will make a pit stop in Champaign, Ill., for its first taste of indoor dual match play this season.

The No. 7 Gators (5-0) will play No. 13 Illinois today at 6 p.m. in the Atkins Tennis Center.

Illinois (4-2) is coming off its second loss of the season. Tennessee claimed a 4-3 win on the Fighting Illini's home court on Saturday.

Still, UF coach Andy Jackson considers his team's next opponent a dangerous one.

"They're probably better than that (ranking), and we've never had much success there," Jackson said. "We have to get acclimated to the indoors."

Illinois has two singles players and a doubles team ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's top 50. Freshmen Roy Kalmanovich and Dennis Nevolo are ranked No. 23 and No. 41, respectively.

The tandem of Billy Heiser and

Ruan Roelofse are No. 36 in doubles.



Jackson

the second time this season while Carlos Cueto sat out, Lacroix said he was looking forward to playing

in the ITA Indoors after missing it last year.

Daniel Cash and Erik Corace received playing time Thursday against Central Florida. This, Jackson said, adds depth to UF's lineup.

"I'm happy to be out there again," Cash said. "It sucks that Carlos and Johnny (Hamui) are injured, but it feels good to hit the ball around."

UF has defeated two opponents — Baylor and Texas A&M — ranked in the top 15. But both of those matches were in the friendly confines of Linder Stadium.

The Gators are heading into a hostile environment, one with a roof and a few guys likely holding a grudge against the Southeastern Conference after falling to the Volunteers.

This may be the best thing for them, Jackson said.

UF's first road match will be a preview of the ITA Indoor Championships, beginning Friday in Chicago.

Illinois is also one of the 16 teams featured in the tournament, making a rematch a possibility.

POLL RESULTS

Previous question:

Will the UF women's basketball team advance past the Sweet Sixteen? (see right for results)

Yes
No

Percent (Votes)

89% (39)

11% (5)

44 TOTAL VOTES

ONLINE

■ The UF women's golf team was in action three time zones away Monday. For a story on the team's opening round in Palos Verdes, Calif., check out alligatorSports.org.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ UF senior guard Sha Brooks was named the Southeastern Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week after the team's win against Tennessee on Sunday.

BEST SPORTS VIDEO GAME

■ After a one-week poll, Alligator readers decided Tecmo Super Bowl is the greatest sports video game of all time (29 percent), just beating out Ken Griffey Jr. Baseball (23 percent).

Yankees' Rodriguez admits to steroid use

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs, the biggest name yet to acknowledge he couldn't resist the temptation to juice up during baseball's Steroids Era.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

"This is three years I'm not proud of."

Alex Rodriguez

New York Yankees third baseman

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

Rodriguez said he alone was to blame but then accused one of the Sports Illustrated reporters who broke the story of collecting "nonsense."

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance, and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. ... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start be-

fore he came to the Texas Rangers?"

During those three seasons, Rodriguez averaged 161.7 games, 52 homers, 131.7 RBIs and a .615 slugging percentage. In the other 10 full seasons of his career, he averaged 149.2 games, 39.2 homers, 119 RBIs and a .574 slugging percentage, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"This is three years I'm not proud of," Rodriguez said.

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th

on the career list with 553 homers, including 52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

Now, though, he's on top of another — the highest-profile player to confess to doping.

Yankees teammates Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte and former MVPs Ken Caminiti and Jose Canseco admitted to steroid use earlier.



AP Photo

Former Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez heads for first base after hitting his 300th career home run against the Anaheim Angels on April 2, 2003.

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6-foot-tall players.

But think about what you're doing to the man in stripes.

When a referee gets booed, he becomes more aware of the bad calls he's making, and he will only proceed to make more of them as pressure from the fans rains down on him.

The other bad thing that could happen when fans boo an official would be an subconscious bias against the home team. When you're getting booed by 90,000 people at The Swamp, you're going to dislike The Swamp a little bit. That could result, unintentionally, of course, in more calls against the home team.

Unless you believe in the make-up call, which I don't, the officiating will only get worse with boos. The make-up call is a common misconception in that it is actually just bad refereeing that happens to be in the other direction. Refs are trained to ignore jeers, but their job is hard enough as it is. They don't need people screaming curses at them or telling them they're blind.

So it makes sense for fans to keep their reactions to themselves. The coaches and players on the floor let the referees hear their anger plenty, and they do so respectfully.

"If there was a call that we question, we just want to know what we could have done to get a call to go our way," UF center Alex Tyus said Tuesday night.

I can say booing officials is not smart all I want, but it's not like I'm completely innocent of this infraction either. God knows I booed the referees subconsciously while sitting in the upper deck of the Miami Dolphins' huge first-round playoff loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Jan. 4. What were those idiot zebras thinking?

Booing the referees isn't logical, but that doesn't stop fans from expressing themselves in the heat of the moment.

Tyus has an explanation.

"They're just watching the game," Tyus said. "They're spectators."

I'll admit it's part of the game, but it doesn't really make sense.

Logically, chastising an official for a job poorly done will only lead to worse job performance, more bad calls and distaste for the home crowd.

But there never was much logic to being a sports fan in general, and logic won't be entering the minds of the people in the bleachers while they're telling referees to get a new set of glasses or to get their mouths off their whistles, and it doesn't seem like anything will.

Wildcats' Patterson poses unique threat down low

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league combined (44).

UF has won the SEC four times, the last coming in 2007.

"They're definitely a rival," forward Dan Werner said. "Kentucky has dominated this league for a while."

But in recent years, it has been the Gators who have had the best of the matchup, winning seven of the last eight

meetings between the two schools.

If the team hopes to grab win No. 8, UF will have to slow down guard Jodie Meeks, who is averaging 25 points per game this season.

Earlier this year Meeks scored 54 points in Kentucky's 90-72 win at Tennessee.

The Gators want to avoid a similar fate.

"I don't think any team wants somebody to score 54

points on them," guard Erving Walker said. "We don't want that to be us."



Men's Basketball

Down low, UF will have its hands full with sophomore Patrick Patterson. Patterson chose to play at Kentucky over UF two years ago and has since become one of the nation's most productive big

men.

"I don't know if anyone has ever handled him down low," Donovan said. "He's one of the better players in the league, and he's a tremendous post-up player."

Patterson is averaging 18 points and nine rebounds per game this year.

"I don't think it's any secret that we have some challenges in the frontcourt," Donovan said.

UF ranked No. 9 in AP poll

■ THIS MARKS THE HIGHEST SPOT FOR THE GATORS SINCE 2001.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not even Tennessee coach Pat Summitt's 1,000th career victory could prevent the Volunteers from dropping to their lowest Top 25 ranking in 23 years.

Tennessee fell three spots to No. 15 in the latest AP women's college basketball poll after losing twice last week — to Oklahoma and UF on Sunday — and beating Georgia for Summitt's milestone victory.

After the team's 66-57 win against Tennessee, UF moved into the top 10 for the first time since Feb. 12, 2001. It was only the Gators' third win in 40 games against the Volunteers, and it was their fourth win over a ranked team this season.

"I'm excited for our team to be getting that type of recognition because they've put in a great amount of work to get to where we are right now," UF coach Amanda Butler said.

The Gators will face another ranked opponent — No. 24 Vanderbilt — in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday.

"We can't be consumed with a ranking because at this point of the season, the most important ranking is where you finish in the league standings," Butler said.

"The road ahead of us, specifically on Thursday when we play at Vanderbilt, is very challenging, and we can't get distract-

ed by our ranking or by things that won't have any impact on beating Vanderbilt. They are not going to care at all what our ranking is."

Connecticut remained the unanimous No. 1 choice for an 11th straight week, while Oklahoma was a unanimous No. 2.

Connecticut is 23-0 for the first time since 2002-03. The Huskies face St. John's on Wednesday before hosting No. 19 Pittsburgh on Sunday.

California was third, with Duke and Auburn rounding out the top five. The Blue Devils visit No. 8 North Carolina on Monday night.

Stanford was No. 6, followed by Baylor, North Carolina, UF and Louisville.

Stanford plays California on Saturday with the Pacific-10 Conference title likely on the line.

Louisville dropped five places after losing at home to West Virginia on Saturday.

The Cardinals were followed by Maryland, Texas A&M, Texas and Florida State, which reached its highest ranking ever at No. 14.

Tennessee lost at No. 2 Oklahoma last Monday before the win against Georgia on Thursday.

UF then stunned the Volunteers on Sunday.

The last time Tennessee was ranked so low was the final ballot of the 1985-86 season.



Women's Basketball



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UF guard Kim Critton celebrates after the Gators defeated Tennessee on Sunday.

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