



Spring semester could bring more DUIs

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year.

This year's student DUI statistics are below pace compared to years before, but Assistant Dean of Students Chris Loschiavo said he expects the number to rise before the second half of the spring se-

mester since people tend to drink more close to graduation.

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Resolution for DUI's, during the

2007-2008 school year, Loschiavo said.

When a student is referred by a law enforcement agency for a DUI, the student must meet with one staff member or attend a student conduct committee hearing.

In the meetings and hearings, evidence against the student is presented and disciplinary options are discussed, Loschiavo said.

"We take each individual's cir-

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ON CAMPUS

Ex-prof. claims discrimination

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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A former associate professor in UF's Levin College of Law filed a lawsuit against UF last week alleging she was forced to resign in 2007 because of sex and race discrimination.

In one instance, she alleges she was talking with a black student when a male colleague pushed her into the classroom's whiteboard as class was about to start.

Sherrie Russell-Brown, who was hired in 2001 as an assistant professor of law, filed suit in federal court against UF's Board of Trustees, the College of Law and its dean, Bob Jerry.

Russell-Brown, who is black, alleges that the bulk of the discrimination occurred after she returned from England, where she was studying for a degree in public international law at the University of Oxford while on a two-year leave of absence. While in England, she wrote e-mails to faculty in the law school detailing episodes of discrimination. When she returned in January 2007, she found her office a mess and learned that her personal mail and e-mails had been accessed in her absence, she said.

She claims her colleagues completely shunned her and their hostility transferred to the students. One white male student sent her a threatening e-mail the day after the Virginia Tech killings, leading her to cancel the last day of class for the semester, she said.

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A Spirited Performance

Grammy award-winning R&B artist Ne-Yo performs for about 4,000 fans as part of his "Year of the Gentleman" Tour at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Tuesday night. See Story, Page 3.

UF experts call for change to parts of stimulus plan

By **CAROLYN TILLO**

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The U.S. Senate voted to approve the \$838 billion economic stimulus bill on Tuesday, but UF experts have identified aspects of the recovery program they would like to see changed.

Michael Cook, a professor with the Rinker School of Building Construction, said the bill

should focus more on building public schools than on infrastructure projects, which include improving highways and bridges.

Cook said more people will appreciate a stimulus plan that spends money on schools rather than infrastructure because the building of schools involves a larger sector of the population.

"In my opinion, there is really no substitute for dollars spent on education," he said.

UF may indeed now have more money to



Cook

spend.

Doug Waldo, an associate professor in UF's department of economics, said funds from the plan that are allocated to Florida would hopefully help reduce UF's budget cuts.

But Waldo said government officials should focus

on bank reform before finalizing the stimulus

plan.

The plan will only be useful if the problems in the banking sector are dealt with first, Waldo said.

However, the plan may have a useful effect on Florida's agricultural industries.

Tom Spreen, chairman of UF's food and resource economics department, said if the plan works, it could help raise the prices of

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Nick Calathes (right), who scored a career-high 33 points, couldn't do it all for UF against Kentucky on Tuesday night as the team lost after a late Jodie Meeks 3-pointer. See Story, Page 14.



UF and University of Kentucky battle for blood donations

UF and Kentucky fans were fighting a bloody battle nearly a week before the men's basketball game.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers in Gainesville and Kentucky Blood Centers hosted a competition from Feb. 2 to Feb. 9 to determine who could donate the most blood prior to the game.

Kentucky was proclaimed the winner of the blood drive during halftime of the men's basketball game Tuesday night with 2,366 donations, topping UF's 2,173 donations.

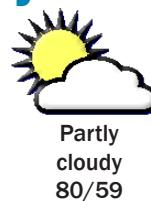
This is the first year that LifeSouth has held a competition during men's basketball season.

— JEREMY GRINER

For the first time, UF will offer free STD screenings at the Student Health Care Center today from 5 to 8 p.m. See Story, Page 8.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

RUB Entertainment Presents:

The Dating Game

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Join RUB Entertainment for its first dating game. Come find the right lady or guy or enjoy the show as guys and ladies get up on stage to try and find their perfect matches.

Study Abroad Information Session

Today, 3 p.m.
Academic Advising, Rm. 200
Study in Europe this summer! Hosted by the Center for European Studies. Meet students and faculty of the Brussels, Krakow, Salzburg and Prague programs. Free pizza.

Outreach Ambassador Program Meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Turlington L011
Want to inspire youth, increase diversity and recruit students to The Gator Nation? OAP invites students to its second general body meeting.

RUB Entertainment Presents: Casablanca

Today and Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
An American romantic drama starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid. Set during World War II, it focuses on a man torn between love and virtue.

Gator Disc Golf Club Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Rm. 246
The group will discuss upcoming events, tournaments, disc fundraisers and practice rounds.

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 then 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 to 2:30 p.m.
Smathers Library (East) Rm. 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 to 9 p.m.
CSE E121
The Jamaican-American Student Association (JAMSA) presents a romantic, relaxing night of arts and crafts, speed dating, refreshments, music

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and poetry. Come with your love song requests.

RUB Entertainment Presents: Speed Dating

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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.

LOCAL

Man robs local bank

A man robbed a Gainesville bank Tuesday by discreetly approaching a teller and handing her a threatening note.

The robbery was at the Campus Credit Union Bank at 1200 S.W. Fifth Ave.

"She did exactly what we would have wanted her to do," said Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg. "She gave him an undisclosed amount of money, and he left walking in the northerly direction." Kameg said the man was so discreet that the witnesses in the bank didn't even know a robbery was taking place.

The man, described as being bald and in his forties, was wearing a gray shirt and sunglasses.

— KATIE EMMETS

STATE

Fla. school sued over refusing gay-straight club

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Two Florida high school students on Tuesday sued their school board because they were not allowed to form a club that promotes the tolerance of gays.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida filed the suit Tuesday in federal court on behalf of Yulee High School students Hannah Page, a freshman, and Jacob Brock, a junior. The lawsuit claims violations of the First Amendment and the Federal Equal Access Act.

The act requires schools to grant access and recognition to a Gay-Straight Alliance and other groups if the school allows any extracurricular group to meet on campus, said ACLU attorney Robert F. Rosenwald.

The lawsuit seeks a preliminary injunction to allow the club to meet at Yulee High while the case makes it way to trial.

Page said the group just wants to meet like others do.

"We just want the club so that straight and gay kids can get together to talk about harassment and discrimination against gay kids in an open environment. The school is discriminating against us, and that's exactly the kind of thing we want to prevent," she said.

John L. Ruis, the school district's superintendent, said in a letter to Rosenwald that "a club highlighting sexual orientations will not be permitted as it would violate school board policy." The Nassau County School Board was served with the lawsuit.

The ACLU recently won a similar case in Okeechobee. A judge there ruled schools must provide for the well-being of gay students and cannot discriminate against the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Rosenwald said the Okeechobee County School Board paid \$326,000 in attorneys fees in the case.

Yulee is about 25 miles north of Jacksonville.

Fla. rampage followed attempt to enter hospital

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Police in South Florida say a woman fired at drivers on Interstate 95 and bludgeoned her grandmother to death after trying to check into a psychiatric hospital in Georgia.

Amy Kern of St. Marys, Ga., is being held on two first-degree murder charges.

Kern told investigators that a state-run psychiatric hospital in Savannah, Ga., wouldn't admit her early Saturday. She then drove to South Florida.

Police say Kern intended to kill her father, but he wasn't home. She allegedly stole a gun from his house and fired at other drivers on her way to an aunt's home in Palm Beach Gardens.

According to police, Kern shot her aunt's boyfriend before driving to Jupiter and beating her grandmother to death with a tire iron.

Kern's fiancé says the 30-year-old mother of an infant "made every attempt she could to get help."

CORRECTION

The Alligator incorrectly reported that the fine for running a red light is \$125 and \$175 thereafter. The fine for running a red light is \$219.

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County encourages pet waste cleanup

The city of Gainesville and Alachua County want you to scoop the poop.

Alachua County commissioners approved a \$40,655 addition to the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department's budget Tuesday for a pet waste public education program.

"Scoop it, Bag it, Trash it!" aims to encourage residents to clean up after their pets and to educate them on the environmental and health dangers of not doing so, according to the agenda item.

The campaign will spread the word through commercials, posters, veterinarian offices and bag dispensers at public events.

The city of Gainesville is funding the project, according to the county's Web site.

Throughout the county, pet waste has become an environmental concern because of the fecal coliform bacteria that is spread to waterways through runoff, according to the agenda item.

Fecal coliforms live in the warm intestines of animals and are a strong indicator of the presence of fecal matter in water. Total maximum daily loads for the bacteria have been found at Hogtown Creek, Sweetwater Branch and Tumblin Creek, according to the agenda.

In addition, Hatchet Creek, Little Hatchet Creek and Possum Creek are on the 2008 Impaired Waters List for fecal coliform.

— JACQUELYN WEINER

R&B act Ne-Yo entertains UF

ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED.

By MAE BASIRATMAND
Alligator Contributing Writer

Nearly 4,000 people flocked to the O'Connell Center Tuesday night to see Ne-Yo, an artist known for his R&B and pop stylings.

Audience members, many of them women wearing stilettos and sequined tops, cheered as the opening acts heated up the anticipation for Ne-Yo's performance.

UF's Student Government Productions and Black Student Union presented the concert as part of Black History Month.

Electric Red, a female R&B band, opened by dancing provocatively on stage. The crowd responded with screams as the women used their microphones as if they were shot glasses.

Solo artist Musiq Soulchild followed, dressed in a gray suit and sunglasses. He addressed the crowd between his soulful stylings.

"What's good in the 'ville, y'all?" he said.

Audience members jumped to their feet when Ne-Yo rose up out of a trap door in the middle of the stage and started singing his 2007 hit, "Because of You."

While he performed songs off of his most recent album, "Year of the Gentleman," Ne-Yo

flirted with members of the audience by throwing red roses into the crowd.

He interacted with his female backup dancers as he moved around stage, eventually taking a break to introduce himself to the audience.

"How 'bout them Gators?" he said. The stage was simple, with deep blue and purple lighting and sparkling lights in the backdrop.

Members of the audience mouthed the lyrics to his songs as he smoothed his hand over his top hat and spun around, a move that received screams from the audience.

Many attendees said they came by just to enjoy the show, which cost \$10 per ticket for UF students.

Khelia Johnson, a fourth-year telecommunication management major, came for the music.

"I want to see him dancing out on stage," she said. "I hope it's good. I saw his performance on B.E.T. Honors and it was weak. I just want to see the dancing."

UF Marine Corps recruiter Armondo Vickers bought tickets as an early Valentine's Day present for his wife, Shretha.

"We just want to have a good time. It's a relaxed atmosphere," Vickers said. "It's more for her."



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Barbergators offers singing Valentines for loved ones



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Barbergators members, from left to right, Mike Roth, Travis Crew, Dick Moss and John Dew perform a singing valentine during a practice at Santa Fe College Tuesday night.

By YVONNE AYALA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Harmonious “oohs” and “aahs” filled a Santa Fe College music practice room Tuesday night as Gainesville’s Barbergators Chorus held their last rehearsal before Valentine’s Day.

Barbershop-style quartets, dressed in bright orange jackets and shiny blue vests, will be available to croon to your gal or fella Friday and Saturday in the ‘20s and ‘30s vocal style. The quartets can deliver the valentine to your sweetheart’s work, home or anywhere else in Gainesville.

“It’s a great fund-raiser, but it’s also good to get out in the community and good to be seen,” Barbergator Travis Crew said. “It’s a different kind of gift that you don’t see often — you don’t see four guys in tuxedos just showing up at your job and singing with everyone looking.”

The singing valentines go for the tune of \$50 and include a flower, a personalized valentine card, two songs and an instant photo with the quartet.

“We have plenty of spots open, lots of availability,” said Barbergators musical di-

rector Dave Jacobs.

The chorus had scheduled more singing valentines by this time last year and think more people will order valentines as the holiday approaches, said Barbergator Mike Roth.

“Everybody is always last minute about Valentine’s Day,” Roth said. “I always was. Why shouldn’t anybody else be?”

Last year the chorus performed 30 singing valentines.

“What’s fun is really surprising someone who has no idea that it’s coming,” Crew said.

One quartet from the chorus sang to a woman who worked at Nationwide Insurance, and all the employees on her floor listened in on the singing valentine, Crew said.

The chorus, ranging from 20- to 80-year-olds, sings turn-of-the-century old-time love songs and this year will perform “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” and “Heart of My Heart.”

While the choir wants to get the message of the song across, for most of the singers it’s more about the harmony. It’s more of being a fan of the style, the way the chords are and the way it makes you feel even when you’re not familiar with it, Crew said.

Students risk suspensions for drunken driving

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cumstances into account when we meet with them,” he said

If the student is found guilty for drinking and driving, he or she will probably be suspended from school for a semester, he said.

Students might also be required to attend traffic school, complete service hours and write a reflection or research paper.

UF Police Lt. Stacy Ettel said UPD has two strategies for catching drunken drivers.

At checkpoints, GPD or ASO

locks down a roadway and stops a certain percentage of traffic to check for DUIs.

In other cases, law enforcement officers disperse over a certain area to remind drivers not to drive drunk, and they pull over those driving erratically.

Ettel said when drivers see that uniformed officers are in the area, they are less likely to drink and drive.

“Catching a DUI is not our goal,” he said. “Our goal is to make people aware that they should not be drinking and driving.”

Lawsuit claims exemplary performance

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She said she reported the incident, as well as the assault by the male colleague in February 2007, but UF did nothing about either incident.

In August of 2007, she filed an internal discrimination complaint against UF. The investigation determined all her claims were unsubstantiated. She also filed a discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. According to the lawsuit, the office found reason to believe violations of federal civil rights laws had occurred.

The next day, Russell-Brown was placed on unpaid leave. She alleges this violated UF regula-

tions and filed a grievance. She resigned on Dec. 31, 2007.

The lawsuit claims Russell-Brown’s performance as a professor was exemplary, citing her promotion in 2004 and nomination as “Professor of the Year” in 2002 and 2003.

In a letter sent to law students Monday, Jerry denied the allegations.

“At this time, I am at liberty to say that the allegations...are unfounded,” he wrote. “We will be responding vigorously to this complaint.” An almost identical letter was sent to faculty.

Debra Amirin, director of communications for the law school, added the college is committed to diversity, with minorities making up over a quarter of the 2008 class and 19 percent of the faculty.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Controversy arises over allocation of SG funding

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Student senators decided to shell out about \$5,500 during Tuesday night's Senate meeting to four student organizations.

But while senators tried take care of business, tension from the upcoming Student Government elections seeped in and slowed progress.

Controversy arose during the UF Paintball Team's presentation to convince senators of the group's need for funding.

Independent Sen. Brandon White, who represents the Warrington College of Business Administration, accused Orange and Blue Party Sen. Ben Dictor, who represents the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, of campaigning while he spoke on behalf of the team's monetary need.

White is running for Student Body treasurer with the Orange and Blue Party, while Dictor is running for Student Body president with the Progress Party. "This is outrageous," Dictor said. "This senate is sleeping on the job, and this has

"We're not giving out money just because we have it."

Brandon White
Independent Senator

nothing to do with campaigning. Wake up. Please give the gentleman who came here from the paintball committee respect that you didn't give me."

After tempers settled, UF senior Ross Marshman, the paintball team's

representative, tried to lighten up the atmosphere.

"I hope this presentation is worth it since it brought about a lot of emotion," Marshman said.

In the end, the majority of senators voted to give \$3,274 to the team so they could attend the national paintball championships.

White, who is also the Budget and Appropriations chairman, cautioned senators against excessive awarding.

"I want us to keep in mind, as a Senate, that the money we are giv-

ing out is supposed to benefit everyone," he said. "We're not giving out money just because we have it."

UF graduate student Matt Martz also came by to say he will not publicly apologize for creating the Facebook group, "KICK OUT the Gator/Unite Party."

Martz was ordered yesterday to apologize by SG's Elections Commission, an act he said infringed upon his constitutional rights.

"It's my political opinion," he said, adding that he expects to be disqualified because of the act.

Traveling couple promotes breast cancer awareness

THEY PLAN ON VISITING 50
CAMPUSES IN FOUR MONTHS.

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**
Alligator Writer

Brandon Mendelson wants you to touch your breasts.

In fact, he and his wife Amanda are traveling across North America telling college women to do just that.

Mendelson, 25, is the college community organizer for the 1 in 8 Foundation, a nonprofit organization named for the number of women affected by breast cancer in the U.S.

Cancer is prevalent in Mendelson's family, and his grandmother survived breast cancer because she was screened early, he said.

"I knew if I had time to do something, (raising awareness) would be it," he said.

The couple began their trek in New York, drove to Washington, D.C., and then made

their way to the Southeast. In the next four months, the Mendelsons plan to visit at least 50 college campuses.

According to 1 in 8 president and CEO Ken Vrana, 1 in 8 is different from most cancer organizations because it focuses on prevention, not a cure.

"While the money is obviously important," he said, "it doesn't mean as much as (Mendelson) leaving a university and having even just one girl say, 'You know what? I'm going to have a mammogram done next week.'"

While most 1 in 8 employees receive a commission for the money they raise, Mendelson — who calls himself cancer's butt-kicker — is working toward a grant that he says will further his efforts to "fight Generation Y's cancer epidemic."

Vrana said that Mendelson's tour has garnered interest in the foundation from major media entities like CNN, and although he could not divulge details, he said President Barack Obama "is going to do something very special for the foundation."

Beginning about a week ago, Mendelson and his wife drove from state to state sleeping wherever they could find someone willing to house them — but so far, he said, hotel owners have donated rooms, including one at Gainesville's Camellia Inn.

While Mendelson, a graduate student at the State University of New York at Albany, said the motive for adding Gainesville to the trip was his love for the Gator football team. He said that UF's size creates a great opportunity.

"I think we could really do some good for Gainesville if we get everyone together," he said.

During their two days in Gainesville, the Mendelsons spoke to Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan about their mission, donated health drinks to a local homeless shelter and met with GatorStrong, a UF cancer awareness group.

Laura Teisch, president of GatorStrong, said that she hopes the meeting with Mendelson will help publicize GatorStrong and its

mission across the student body.

The Mendelsons also collect CDs and CD players to distribute at pediatric cancer centers. They plan to make the first drop in Orlando.

Mendelson wants to raise \$5 million for the 1 in 8 Foundation, but he set an initial goal of \$8,000, a number he thinks is a realistic short-term target.

The money raised goes directly to hospitals and clinics for mammograms, said Mendelson.

Although the man-and-wife duo doesn't have time to linger anywhere for more than a day or two, Mendelson encourages students to continue to collect donations or contact him to set up a drive or discuss ideas.

This approachability is one thing Mendelson says he and his wife offer where a lot of organizations — especially those run by celebrities — fall short.

"We're not MTV. We're not VH1," he said. "We're just a husband and wife doing the best we can with what we've got."

Plan could aid in Fla. agriculture

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Florida's agricultural commodities, such as oranges.

Sam Selikoff, a UF finance senior and teaching assistant for a managerial economics course, does not see the bill in such a positive light.

Selikoff said it makes him nervous that a small group of government officials is making this big economic decision.

"In my opinion, there is really no substitute for dollars spent on education."

Michael Cook
UF Building Construction Professor

However, time and time again, he said, the country has shown that private industry and individuals are the best way to make up for the economic shocks the country experiences.

Ted Kury, the director of energy studies for the Public Utility Research Center at UF, said a national policy should not be dictating the actions of every state.

He said the government is attaching a lot of strings to the stimulus plan.

As of now, the plan is requiring the states to adapt a decoupling of utility companies' revenues, which would cut the bond between sales and revenues.

This means that while utility companies receive a steady revenue via the plan, customers will not necessarily get a lower bill.

The federal government is assuming this plan will work well for all states, he said, adding that this may not be the case.



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Fortuitous Flexing

Monty Sibley, Mr. Phi Gamma Delta, flexes in front of the other contestants at the Mr. UF Pageant in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom Tuesday night. To read more about the pageant, see the story at www.alligator.org.

Editorial

Pick me!

Burger flipper makes super-sized appearance

Even while boasting recession-proof returns, McDonald's can't help but smile after receiving free advertising at the hands of a loyal employee.

Especially when that plug comes while conversing with President Barack Obama.

Tuesday's town hall meeting between Obama and the citizens of Fort Myers offered a sobering account of the current economic crisis — at least until Julio Osegueda had the opportunity to speak his mind.

When Obama informed the audience he wanted to hear from a man for the final question, he called upon Osegueda, a college student and burger purveyor who was going crazy to catch Obama's eye. Captivating both the audience and president alike, Osegueda asked the president what he planned to do to assist individuals like himself, a McDonald's employee, given the financial climate.

The Editorial Board thinks Osegueda is a downright awesome individual for his gregarious antics. His passion and enthusiasm helped lighten up an event dealing with one of most serious issues our country has ever faced.

What we find especially hilarious is the fact that Osegueda turned to Facebook on Monday with hopes of unloading a spare ticket — not exactly the most legal way of turning a quick buck.

While Osegueda failed to find a buyer, we are happy to report he walked away from the town hall meeting with a new job offer.

Invited by the Fort Myers Miracle, a minor league baseball team, the aspiring disc-jockey-slash-broadcaster will have the opportunity to announce an upcoming game.

The pay? \$25.

Ridin' Dirty

From marijuana grow houses to teachers wielding weapons, absurdity runs rampant on the North Central Florida crime scene.

The latest incident of devious debauchery stems from a routine traffic stop after a police officer smelled pot emanating from a vehicle on Tuesday.

Expecting to discover rolling papers and a dime bag, we can safely assume the discovery of thousands of dollars worth of stolen goods left the officer nothing short of wide-eyed.

According to a Gainesville Sun article, the driver and passenger currently being held may be the masterminds behind a string of recent robberies in the area.

Nothing short of a pawn shop on wheels, the vehicle contained a handgun, multiple watches and assorted

jewelry, not to mention a whole mess of credit cards and licenses.

Among the most outlandish items in the treasure chest? A Cox Cable remote.

The Editorial Board wonders why the two men in the vehicle were driving around Gainesville with a stolen remote control.

Maybe they enjoyed sitting outside houses discreetly changing the channel on unsuspecting TV watchers.

With the click of a button, a seemingly innocent viewing of "The L Word" can quickly turn into the latest edition of "SportsCenter."

Or perhaps they simply had the best interest of the now-remote-less person in mind.

Nothing like burning a few calories by getting off the couch to change the channel after a five-hour marathon of "Bromance."

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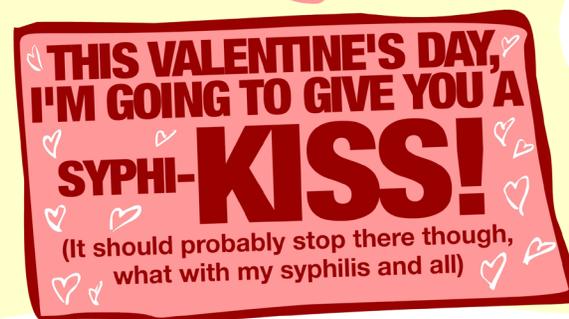
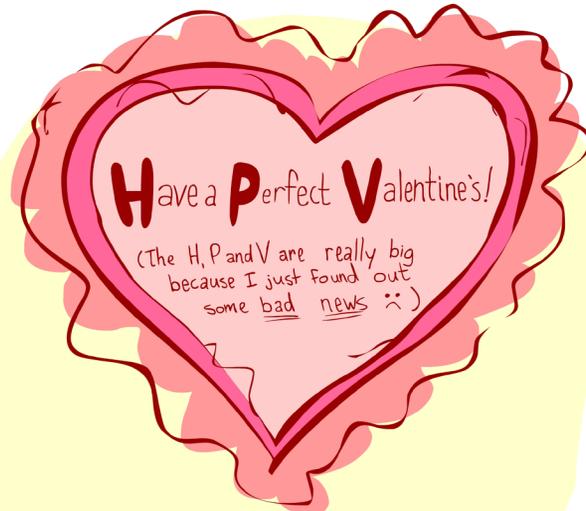
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The Student Health Care Center will host free STD screenings today. Take advantage, and you may be able to send a different type of valentine this year...



Go get tested, you crazy kids.

Column

Snuggie comforts you with open arms

Not many things are quite as impressive as the Snuggie — the blanket with sleeves that "won't slip and slide like a regular blanket."

After hearing of this wondrous item, my life was forever changed. Who would have thought that taking a robe, making it longer and wearing it backwards would be so ingenious and so lucrative?

More than four million of these miracle items have been sold, liberating arms from the imprisoning confines of oppressive blankets all over the country. At \$19.95 a pair (plus shipping and handling,) this bastard child between a blanket and a sweatshirt is one of the best-selling novelty items of the winter.

For those with more expensive tastes, there is the Slanket at \$44.99. For those who want to splurge even more, look no further. The Blankoat from Iceland-based designer Sruli Recht will set buyers back a whopping \$350 — all for the Snuggie's more avant-garde cousin. Made out of Icelandic wool, the pedigreed Blankoat makes the Snuggie look like a mutant.

Therein lies the charm of the Snuggie. The campy infomercial that plagues prime-time television is just so hideous that it is amazing. In a time of economic downturn, as the infomercial points out, people are turning down their thermostats and reaching for fleece alternatives. Praise be to the failing economy for giving us the chance to bring these blankets with sleeves into our homes.

There is even an LED light included for when the electric company cuts off your power.

The slow economy is also to thank for the mass exposure to items like the Snuggie and the superabsorbent ShamWow!, the German-created towel that will dry a sweater faster than Marty McFly's self-drying jacket from the year 2015. Because of plummeting prices for airtime, the mar-



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keters of these kitschy products swooped in and have taken advertising spots that used to be reserved for more highbrow items.

The Snuggie has made many appearances in the morning news circuit, including NBC's "Today Show," in which the whole cast and crew donned Snuggies on-air. One would

think that all of this fame would go to the Snuggie's head. Quite the contrary, this fleece delight is as humble as ever.

Wait, there's an idea! Add a hood to the Snuggie!

It does not look like the Snuggie era is coming to an end any time soon, either. The infomercials have made it to YouTube and have spawned quite a few parodies, "The Cult of Snuggie" and "The WTF Blanket" included. Pop culture has embraced the Snuggie and made it more popular than its makers could have ever hoped for.

Yes, those wearing Snuggies may look absolutely ridiculous, but they also look surprisingly happy. There is something almost touching about a product that can promise you total comfort in a time when people are worried for their futures. Perhaps the Snuggie is selling more than just a blanket replacement.

And if you happen to tear your Snuggie, Billy Mays — an apparent long-time sufferer of the dreaded voice modulation disorder — has the perfect answer in the machine-washable Mighty Mendit bonding agent.

Thank you, Billy Mays. Now we can keep our Snuggies forever!

Naudia Jawad is a journalism graduate student. Her column appears on Wednesday.

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Reader response

Today's question: Would you buy a Snuggie?

Tuesday's question: Do you forgive A-Rod for his admitted steroid use?

36% YES

64% NO

200 TOTAL VOTES

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Column

Republican party
takes a breather

As I write, the Senate has passed the economic stimulus package, sending it back to the House for the final stage of negotiations. It's a wonder they achieved any deal, however fragile it was, considering the attempts by Congressional Republicans to dynamite the process.

Three Republican senators supported the stimulus package, which is downright shameful. Of 219 Republicans on Capitol Hill, only three had the gumption to buck party leaders and broker a compromise with the Democrats.



Jake Miller
Speaking Out

The rest justify their attempted obstructionism by claiming that the stimulus is not a "bipartisan solution," which is patently false. While final numbers may vary, about 58 percent of the bill is government spending, the preferred recovery policy of Democrats. The other 42 percent is comprised of tax cuts, the preferred stimulus measure of Republicans. Despite the fact that many

Democrats argued against the tax cuts, they were included to attract votes from across the aisle.

They attracted three. Hallelujah for bipartisanship!

By contrast, 40 Democrats supported President Bush's economic growth package in 2001, a package composed almost entirely of tax cuts. In other words, Democrats were told to stuff it, and they still managed to be more cooperative than Republicans are being.

If they had their own ideas to offer, the Republicans' almost-unanimous negation wouldn't be so offensive. Yet when pressed for solutions of their own, these Republicans have only one answer: tax cuts. If this answer sounds familiar, it should. For eight long years, tax cuts were the solution thrown at every economic problem, every time. They were the president's bread-for-the-masses — a popular bit of sloganeering that stimulated Bush's election results more than they did the American economy. So we've tried the tax-cuts-cure-all approach. In case you forgot, we are currently staring into the economic abyss. Call it a hunch, but something tells me Bush economics weren't quite a rousing success.

I'm not arguing that tax cuts can't help the economy — I'm arguing that they're occasionally useful but wholly inadequate. If they are targeted to soften the impact of this recession on those who need help most, I can understand their inclusion. But they simply won't solve the problems of an economy that has shed almost a million jobs since the year began. They are relief, not recovery. Anyone who tells you otherwise is a liar, pure and simple.

I have a message for Republicans on Capitol Hill: This is what life feels like when you're in the minority (and a small minority, at that). You don't get to construct policy. You get to watch policy being constructed and hope it doesn't offend your delicate sensitivities. Democrats watched for years as President Bush ran amok with the help of a Republican Congress. They feel your pain, believe me.

It may seem unfortunate, but elections have consequences, and this is one of them: If you lose, you lose. You don't get to continue acting like you won. The country made a big, collective decision last November, and we decided we preferred the ideas of the guy with the "D" next to his name.

Typically, this is the point at which those ideas become reality. Deal with it.

Jake Miller is a political science and anthropology senior. His column appears weekly.



Guest column

'Roids ruin youthful nature of sport

"Field of Dreams" will always be one of my favorite movies, but I'm not sure how anyone can be a fan of professional baseball in this day and age.

You know what Babe Ruth used to do before a game? Drink a beer and eat a goddamn hot dog.

That would be unheard of today. Athletes have their diets planned for them and their bodies sculpted by personal trainers. And, for players today, a more common fortification than beer is human growth hormones.

Where's the humanity?

Athletes are scouted from regions far removed from the area they eventually represent, and millions of dollars are poured into the cultivation of their skills.

Now Alex Rodriguez, widely regarded as the most talented player in baseball, has joined the ranks of Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens as outed steroid users.

Never again will there be a moment in baseball like The Shot Heard Around the World, a moment in which a genuine home run, a genuine feat of athleticism and grace (a line-drive hit in the Polo Grounds, about 500 feet) changes the course of history or — even partially — defines an era. The professional athlete is not a hero but a commodity. Sometimes, in this era of fervent drug

Allie Conti
Speaking Out

league facilitates it? Ratings are everything. Baseball doesn't have the pull it used to, so what better way to get people to watch than to pull in the fences and allow for some more action?

There's a military-industrial complex in baseball now. Franchises pour increasing amounts of funds into building the best teams they can. Where's the sport of it? It's all about resources.

How can someone truly love a team? Do the players represent them? Are their accomplishments the result of drugs or their own skill? Are they playing for the love of the game or for an exorbitant salary?

Put simply, would you rather have a hero than can hit a homer with a few beers in him, or would you rather have one that can only do it after devouring a bunch of testosterone?

Everyone in the latter category should be pushed into a corn vortex and never heard from again. Bottom line.

Allie Conti is an English and journalism sophomore.

abuse, he is an embarrassment.

Home run records seem to be broken, or almost broken, every season now. How could they not be, with the way the

Letters to the Editor

Alligator guilty of self-righteous agenda

I notice the Alligator tends to be pretty opinionated, which is good — it's more interesting that way. However, the newspaper is also pretty ignorant, which is something I personally dislike.

Let me try to explain the difference between the two: I have strong opinions on quite a few subjects (for example, I don't like the idea of homosexuality).

However, I'd like to think that I'm not ignorant enough to claim my opinions are some sort of absolute truth, and I can change them based on new ideas.

Many Alligator articles, on the other hand, are worded as if the writer had some sort of a divine being clearly explain to him what's

good and bad and is now compelled to pass that knowledge on to the readers.

Daniel Shabashvili
UF alumnus

Ad sends unhealthy message to women

Dear Gainesville Health and Fitness Centers,

In facing my anorexia I have come to realize how distorted this world is.

These gross depictions of what is normal and right have caused eating disorders and body dissatisfaction to permeate today's societies. It is no longer the stereotype of teen girls starving themselves.

It is young, it is old. It is women, it is men. It is restricting, it is bingeing.

The matter of what, when and in whom symptoms manifest is not the problem. What results is intensive self-loathing and a society obsessed with perfection that calls for the ignorance of health and happiness.

My membership to your gym allowed for my sixty-pound weight loss. I was finally the girl I saw in advertisements. Yet most disturbing was the fact that I was still not happy.

As my treatment for anorexia progresses, I have come to find that unrealistic expectations and unhealthy emotions and behaviors occur at any size.

Therefore, I was disgusted when I saw an ad of yours displaying a girl with absolutely

no ass in a white bikini.

The slogan "To get here...start here" sickened me.

The message you are relaying is the very essence of eating disorders and distorted images that are perpetuated by the naive general public.

This needs to stop.

I am begging you to pull this ad and others that emphasize body shape over the importance of health.

The very fact that "health" is in your company name is a lie if you continue to support unhealthy body types and images in order to sell more memberships.

Allison Palmberg
3ED

SHCC offers first free STD screening on UF campus

By **MATT TRIPP**
Alligator Contributing Writer

As the holiday that emphasizes love and intimacy approaches, students will have the chance to get checked for STDs.

For the first time, UF will host free STD screenings at the Student Health Care Center on campus from 5 to 8 p.m. today.

Dr. Shirley Haberman, director of UF's GatorWell Health Promotion Services, collaborated with the Alachua County Health

Department to hold the "Play it Safe: Get Tested" event on campus.

Haberman said she organized the event after learning from a colleague at the ACHD that chlamydia was on the rise in Alachua County.

"(STD rates are) increasing, and we're looking for ways to impact that," Haberman said.

The number of cases of chlamydia in Alachua has more than doubled since 1996, rising from 514 to 1,263 in 2005, according to the

Florida Department of Health.

The Student Health Care Center will be screening for chlamydia, HIV, syphilis and gonorrhea. Gardasil, the HPV vaccine that consists of three injections over a six month period, will be offered for \$165 a shot.

On Campus

According to the SHCC, STD screenings normally cost about \$75, whereas HIV testing runs about \$15. But with ACHD footing the bill, money won't be an issue.

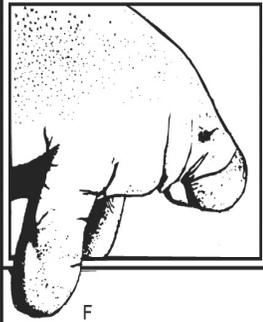
"It will give peace of mind to students, being able to get the tests and not worry," Haberman said.

Samantha Evans, UF health promotion specialist, said there were about 1,520 STD tests given at the SHCC from Jan. 1 to June 30 in 2008.

The number of students being tested is increasing, she said.

"Students need to be realistic, that if they're sexually active, they may have an STD," she said.

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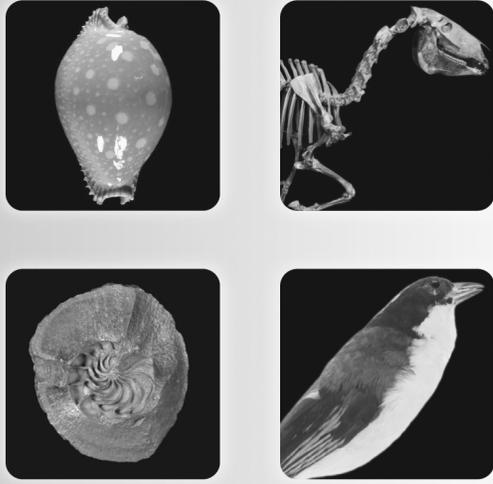
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 - 19 "Phooey!"
 - 20 Annoying wait, facetiously
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Late 3 spells loss for UF

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Nick Calathes did all he could Tuesday night.

It wasn't enough.

Despite scoring a career-high 33 points, Calathes and UF (19-5, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) fell 68-65 to Kentucky (17-7, 6-3 SEC) in Rupp Arena.

Kentucky's Jodie Meeks dazzled the Lexington crowd with 23 points and the game-winning 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds to play.

"He just made some great shots," UF center Alex Tyus said. "Sometimes there's nothing you can do about that."

With the Gators up 64-63 and 1:17 left on the clock, forward Dan Werner missed

a three that led to Meeks getting fouled in transition.

He made both foul shots and put the Wildcats up 65-64.

Werner was fouled on the next possession and tied the game at 65 after making one of his two shots from the line.

With 4.7 seconds left, Meeks hit a three from the left shoulder of the court while being closely guarded by Calathes to put Kentucky on top 68-65.

Calathes was fouled taking a desperation three with 0.6 seconds left but missed all three shots.

"I just missed it," Calathes said. "I feel like I let the team down."

Tyus had confidence that his point guard would hit the free throws.

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Men's Basketball



AP Photo

UF guard Nick Calathes shoots in front of Kentucky's Ramon Harris during the first half of the Gators' 68-65 loss against the Wildcats in Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday night.

Calathes only one holding team up

With 0.6 seconds left, Nick Calathes finally became like the rest of his teammates.

He morphed into an average college basketball player.

Calathes won't forgive himself for missing the game's final free throws that more than likely would have sent the game into overtime — ever.



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That's why he has become one of the best players in the nation, as a 33-point and seven-rebound showing proves.

When the rest of your team shoots 35 percent and only hits 12 field goals, however, it makes those 33 points not enough. And you can't blame Calathes for that.

He was the only player to show up for the Gators in their 68-65 loss at Kentucky on Tuesday night.

Alex Tyus made a cameo every now and again, but Calathes was the only UF player who stood out.

Tuesday night's show featured Walter Hodge missing a wide-open three while Dan Werner tossed the ball right into the hands of Kentucky defenders.

And most of Tyus' scores come off of Calathes' ability to see the floor.

This is why UF is still stuck in the mud of mediocrity.

Without Calathes leading them, the Gators are one of the worst major-conference teams in the country.

With him, they'll be one of 65 teams getting to play for a national championship. The Gators have other players who are capable of scoring, but they can't be counted on for even

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators winning with attributes other than height

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For UF, winning isn't a matter of physical ability, talent or size.

If the team only relied on those attributes, then the No. 9 Gators (22-2, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) would not have anywhere near the success they have had so far this season.

UF is undersized and outmatched

against almost every team it faces, and the same was true, by far, against Tennessee on Sunday.

The Volunteers stood taller than the Gators at every position, and all five of their starters were 6 feet or taller.

To put it in perspective, UF forward Marshae Dotson is only 5-foot-11, and she's the tallest player in the Gators' starting lineup.

So how does this team win games? How do they match up with other teams when

they're overmatched on paper 90 percent of the time?

For UF coach Amanda Butler, the answer is simple.

"When it comes down to it, it is effort, it is heart, it is desire," Butler said.

That is probably the best explanation, considering four of the Gators' starters this season were on the 9-22 squad from two years ago.

Want, passion, motivation — Butler could probably throw those words in there

as well to describe and explain the reason for her team's success.

"When talent is fairly equal, it comes down to who wants it more," Butler said. "That's what we see from this team over and over and over again, is they're not going to be denied."

"When it comes down to it, I want the ball more than you do. I'm going to beat you to the spot. I'm going to dive and get on the floor before you do. It's those little

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The No. 7 UF men's tennis team dropped a close match to Illinois on the road Tuesday. It was the Gators' first loss of the season. For more on the match, check out alligatorSports.org.

UF SOFTBALL

Gators look to rebound in Jacksonville after loss

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Sometimes a loss is just a loss — nothing more, nothing less.

Following the No. 2 Gators' (2-1) 1-0 loss to Baylor on Sunday, UF coach Tim Walton said he doesn't want to let the defeat — only the team's second loss at home since April 27, 2007 — affect the way he coaches his players at the plate throughout the rest of the season. That starts with UF's game today at Jacksonville (1-4) at 5 p.m.

"There wasn't any difference (in the way we played) between the wins and the losses. We just weren't able to get any hits or get anything going," Walton said. "We're not going to change anything. You saw what we can do on Saturday in front of 1,572 people. We can really hit."

The Gators proved they have the talent to win games with their hitting Saturday by scoring 8 runs and knocking three balls out of the park, but talent alone isn't always enough to come out on top in a close game against a dominant pitcher.

"We're going to have to learn how to win games like that," Walton said. "The difference between this year and last year is that we found a way to win those kind of games last year, but arguably, in our five losses, it was exactly like that."

In their 70-5 2008 season, the Gators' losses were by a combined 5 runs. One key difference, however, was that UF's first loss last season came after 19 straight wins. The Gators fell 2-1 after 10 innings at Long Beach State on Feb. 27.

After an impressive offensive performance Saturday, UF came up empty at the plate in Game 3 against Baylor. Center-fielder Kim Waleszonia attributed the lack of offensive production to the Gators' failure to make the necessary changes after their first at-bats.

"We just didn't make the adjustments we needed to make," Waleszonia said after Sunday's game. "By the third round, we should have been taking better hacks and not doing the same things we did Friday night or in our first at-bats today. We just didn't make the adjustments fast enough — or at all."

Walton noted the team's need for improvement at short-



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UF left fielder Francesca Enea celebrates after passing coach Tim Walton on her way to home plate after hitting a home run during the Gators' 8-0 win against Baylor in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium on Saturday.

stop, where sophomore Megan Bush started all three games over the weekend but made a critical error in the fifth inning of Game 3. Baylor capitalized on Bush's mistake and an uncharacteristic error by pitcher Stacey Nelson to score the only

run of the game.

Senior Le-Net Franklin, who only took the field during the weekend's games as a pinch runner, will see more time on the field as the season progresses, Walton added.

Gymnasts far from potential

By EUGENIO TORRENS

Alligator Writer

Out of the frying pan that is Baton Rouge, La., and into the fire that is East Lansing, Mich.

The No. 9 UF gymnastics team will take to the road for its second consecutive away meet to take on Michigan State in a Valentine's Day meet.

The Gators (3-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) are 0-2 on the road this season after losing their latest bout at LSU last Friday.

Even though UF coach Rhonda Faehn said the performance against the Tigers was better than the previous two meets, it wasn't good enough for the win. Faehn added that the performance showed how far away the team was from tapping its true potential.

A large part of the blame falls on injuries, which have prevented UF from putting out a consistent, 24-for-24 lineup this season.

Amanda Castillo has nursed bursitis in her ankle the whole season and has been scattered around on events since the first meet. After performing on balance beam and uneven bars for the first four meets, she was taken off beam against the Tigers, but was still plugged into the floor lineup for the first time this season.

She was on the vault lineup the first meet and hasn't appeared on vault since, but Faehn said Castillo has started training on vault this week and may be in the lineup — unveiling yet another lineup change.

Freshman Nicole Ellis had a hip problem take her out against Arkansas on Jan. 23 after she had performed in the first two meets. She returned against Kentucky on vault Jan. 30, scoring a 9.775. Her hip appeared to be better, and Ellis improved to a 9.85 on vault against

LSU.

Six weeks into the season, it appears Faehn may finally be getting close to a final lineup.

She said the team was set on bars and vault is close, but depends on Castillo's progress.

Castillo should also be in the floor lineup again, but where she competes in the lineup is unsure and may be meet-to-meet.

The most problematic event for the team this season, beam, may finally be tamed.

"On beam, I truly feel the lineup we're going to have this weekend at Michigan State will be our set lineup," Faehn said. "We're hoping it will be there, and we're not deviating from it, no matter what."

Beam has been the team's weakest event this season after it was the Gators' best event in the first meet. The team is ranked 22nd in the country on beam coming into this meet.

As if the team needed anything else going against it, they will have to leave the confines of Gainesville for a second straight meet.

"I would say that right now (the road meet's) not any different than any of our home meets," Faehn said. "We haven't performed the way we needed to at either place."

If the Gators want some Valentine's Day love in East Lansing, they will need to improve upon this season's performances and pull bits and pieces of highlights from every meet, culminating with the team shedding its tentativeness.

"This isn't the place we want to be right now, and it's not where we anticipated being this far down in our season," Faehn said. "We know we have a hill we have to climb."



Faehn

UF improves on Day 2

By ANTHONY CHIANG

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Tuesday was a step in the right direction for the UF women's golf team but also a step back.

The Gators shot 25 over par Tuesday in the second round of the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes, Calif., a 16-shot improvement from Monday's first round.

Despite that turnaround, the Gators fell even further back on the leaderboard and are now 35 strokes behind first-place Arizona State in seventh place.

The one constant was sophomore Jessica Yadloczky, who matched her first-round score of 4 over par. She moved up on the individual leaderboard, tying for fifth place.

"I've really stuck with my goals for the week," Yadloczky said. "I've been concentrating not on my physical game but on my goals I set out before I came to the tournament."

The weather was much better than in round one, helping the other three golfers achieve lower scores.

Freshman Andrea Watts made the biggest jump from the first round. Her second-round score of 5 over par translated into a six-shot improve-

ment from Monday's score. She finished the day strong with her only birdie coming on the last hole.

Lauren Uzelatz and Evan Jensen also had much better rounds on Tuesday. Uzelatz shot a second-round score of 10 over par while Jensen shot 6 over par. Both golfers made a five-



Golf

shot improve-

ment. These lower scores were in most part due to the clearer weather, Watts said.

"A lot of it had to do with the weather, a lot of it also had to do with how upset we were with our performance yesterday," she said. "We were fired up, ready to improve, and ready to play better today."

The team will not rest after Tuesday's better performances.

"I think it's motivating," Watts said. "We need to work harder and move forward, just try to improve for tomorrow."

The Gators will go with the same lineup for the tournament's final round Wednesday as they used Tuesday.

Marika Lendl will still not be available for the third round.

Calathes' missed free throws prevent game from going to overtime

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"I thought he was going to make those shots," Tyus said. "I was ready to go to overtime."

In the first half, UF forward Chandler Parsons was sent to the bench after picking up two fouls with 12:51 to play.

With Parsons out of the game, it

was up to Calathes to shoulder the offensive burden.

The sophomore rose to the challenge, scoring 18 in the first half.

After leading early on, the Gators allowed the Wildcats to go on an 18-4 run that gave them a 24-18 lead with 4:44 left in the first half.

With less than a minute to play in the opening period, Calathes

"I just missed it. I feel like I let the team down."

Nick Calathes
UF sophomore guard

knocked down a three that cut the Kentucky lead to 2. He was fouled on the next possession and made both foul shots to tie the game at 30 heading into halftime.

The Gators opened the second half strong, jumping out to a 36-34 lead when senior Walter Hodge was given a flagrant technical foul and ejected from the game. He stepped on the right arm of Kentucky's Perry Stevenson.

"I don't think (Hodge) kicked him," Calathes said. "He's not the kind of player who would do that."

The Wildcats fought their way to a 50-47 lead with 9:06 to play in the game when big man Patrick Patterson went down with an ankle injury after fouling UF freshman Kenny Kadji. Patterson finished with 7 points and eight rebounds.

With Patterson out of the game things, opened up for Tyus, who scored 14 points.

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ery game, as this loss shows.

There is nobody to grab the tough rebound.

There is nobody to guard the opponent's best player, regardless of position. There is nobody who can be counted on to find the open teammate when the defense breaks down.

Calathes is not that big or strong, but he's tough enough to wrestle the ball

from players bigger and stronger than he is. He's not exceptionally athletic, but he leaves players far more physically gifted than he is behind him and wondering what just happened.

He is the only reason the Gators have any chance of advancing past the opening round in the NCAA Tournament this season.

When it looked like this UF-Kentucky rivalry was beginning to simmer and go on the back burner, Calathes played with a passion that made you think he was put-

ting on North Carolina blue and playing at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium.

He was a Boston Red Sox hitter going up in the bottom of the ninth, down by one run with two outs against the New York Yankees.

He was a star Miami Dolphins linebacker looking to dismember the New York Jets' quarterback.

His teammates, on the other hand, played like they were the Los Angeles Clippers hiding behind the shadows of the Lakers, hoping to not even be noticed.

Or maybe they were the Cincinnati Bengals, just hoping to be average.

It's too bad the lasting memory of this game for UF fans will be Calathes shaking his head at the free-throw line.

They should be reminiscing about that Chandler Parsons miss or one of Werner's many clankers, or maybe even Hodge's ejection.

Calathes was shaking his head after those misses, but it was those other guys who will be keeping their heads down all the way back to Gainesville.

Tennessee coach Summitt impressed by UF's passion, energy, effort

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things that are making the difference."

Those are the things Butler did so well in her career as a player at UF, and she has instilled the same qualities in her team now.

Butler said she even has to shorten drills in practice because the players get too physical or intense.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt noticed the fight and the energy the Gators brought on Sunday, something she said her own team didn't do at times.

"The thing that impressed me so much watching them on tape is how hard they play, how passionate they are," Summitt said. "Clearly, they're not a team that's taking possessions off."



Women's Basketball

Summitt said UF's leader, Sha Brooks, knows how to motivate her team, but Summitt questioned whether doing so was necessary.

"I don't know if she has to do very much," Summitt said. "They're pretty motivated to begin with."

So to recap, the words used that best explain the Gators' success go as follows: effort, heart, desire, want, passion and motivation.

"We aren't taller than anybody," Butler said. "I don't feel like we have this huge talent advantage any night, but I've got so much confidence in how they play together, and they've got so much confidence in one another."

"And we know that if the outcome of the game is going to be determined by effort, it's going to be determined by pursuit of the ball and those sort of things, then we're going to be in good shape."

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