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# Organizations host debates for SG elections

## DEBATES TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**  
 Alligator Writer

The week before Student Government elections, candidates running on the executive ticket will have the chance to prove their credentials in a series of public debates.

The events will be held in different venues starting Sunday and continuing through Thursday.

Each will be hosted by a student organization, including the Freshman Leadership Council, Hispanic Student Association and UF's College Republicans, which will co-host three debates with the Independent Florida Alligator.

Meant to inform and familiarize students

with the candidates, Progress Party presidential candidate Ben Dictor said debates offer a chance for different ideas to be heard.

"It gives us the opportunity for students to hear where we differ on the issues," he said.

On Sunday, the FLC will hold its fourth annual SG debate in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

All four political parties — the Keg Party, the Orange and Blue Party, the Progress Party

and the Unite Party — will be represented, according to Matthew Cannella, co-director of the debate.

"Questions are focused on a variety of things, everything from their platform to the UF budget and current economic situation," Cannella said, adding questions were collected from students around campus.

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## ON CAMPUS

# Lincoln impersonator visits campus



Sarah Hsu / Alligator Staff

Lew Welge, dressed as Abraham Lincoln, reads about the late Abe's life to passers-by on Turlington Plaza on Thursday afternoon.

By **REBECCA WEISS**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

President Abraham Lincoln was spotted celebrating his 200th birthday on campus yesterday in Turlington Plaza.

This 16th U.S. President recited quotes and read aloud, pausing to argue with Brother Micah, who was also preaching in the plaza. Lincoln, better known as UF alumnus Lew Welge, said this is his fourth or fifth year coming out for the re-enactment.

Wearing an old-fashioned black suit, Welge, 53, sported the iconic top hat and beard. He said his costume was designed by a woman in St. Augustine.

Standing 6 feet 8 inches tall, Welge's appearance caused people passing by to do a double take.

"My first thought was it's interesting that there was a guy in a costume," said UF sophomore Tim Johnson. "But he's more than that; he's very philosophical."

Welge spoke eloquently about his own ideas and quoted Lincoln occasionally.

"He's an icon, but let's avoid idolatry," he said. "I'm a re-enactor because I want people to appreciate him for his nuance, like our current president."

He said he first got the idea to dress up as Lincoln while working at Kirby-Smith Middle School in Jacksonville, Fla. Welge said he would hand out copies of the Gettysburg Address and read it to the students.

School visits and presentations are not uncommon for the impersonator.

Part of Thursday was spent visiting a local school. Welge said the root word of education is "educere," which means to draw out.

"The best teachers draw out innate

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# Economy ups visits to library

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**  
 Alligator Writer

When thinking of a city hot spot, the library isn't usually what comes to mind.

But in the face of a sunken economy and high unemployment, people line up to take advantage of what they've already paid for with their tax dollars.

According to Angela Harris, marketing and public relations manager for the Alachua County library district, the past year has ushered in a new high for library usage.

The county's 10 public libraries have become more popular as penny pinchers seek free forms of entertainment. Computer use has also soared as the unemployed line up to job search on library computers, Harris said.

"With a lot of people out of work," she said, "they're coming in to fill out online job applications."

The number of people who use the library's computers to access the Internet rose so much in the past year that the library began enforcing time limits on computers, Harris said. In the past, users stayed as long as they needed.

According to an ACLD statistical report, about 10,000 more people have visited the library this fiscal year, which

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## Around Gainesville

■ The No. 9 UF women's basketball team suffered a letdown after its win against Tennessee on Sunday, dropping a game to No. 24 Vanderbilt on Thursday night. See Story, Page 22.



**Same-sex couples protest nationwide marriage bans**  
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Same-sex couples seeking to wed showed up at marriage license counters nationwide Thursday to highlight a right they don't have in 48 states.  
 In San Francisco, where same-sex marriage was legal for nearly five months last year before California voters approved a ban, many couples who came to City Hall had already tied the knot but wanted to express their gratitude and to show they're still part of the fight.  
 "All of our marriages are under the cloud of Proposition 8," said Stuart Gaffney, 45, referring to California's ballot initiative banning gay marriage. "Equality is an unfinished business in California."

■ UF plans to spend about \$400,000 on the first phase of a plan to install wireless Internet in 12 dorms on campus. See Story, Page 4.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### "Addiction: No One Knows But Me"

Today, 7 p.m.  
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Presented by Black History Month 2009 and The Remnant College Ministry. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [ufblackhistory-month.com](http://ufblackhistory-month.com) for details.

### SG Election Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

Today, 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](mailto:elections@sg.ufl.edu).

### Guest Speaker

#### Dr. Debra Walker King

Today, 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Smathers Library (East) Rm 1A  
Dr. King will speak about her book "African Americans and the Culture of Pain." Free and open to the public.

### JAMSA Presents

#### Cupid's Moonlight

Today, 7:20 to 9 p.m.  
CSE E121  
The Jamaican-American Student Association presents a night of arts and crafts, speed dating, refreshments, music and poetry.

### RUB Entertainment Presents:

#### Speed Dating

Today, 8:30 p.m.  
Orange and Brew  
Join RUB Entertainment for a night of mixing and mingling.

### Fourth Annual Student Government Debate

Sunday, Feb. 15, 7 to 10 p.m.  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom  
Freshman Leadership Council presents the annual Student Government Debate moderated by Dr. Victoria Dickinson. The Keg, Orange and Blue, Progress and Unite parties will answer questions on student issues.

## FORECAST

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
<b>THUNDER STORMS</b> 79/56	<b>THUNDER STORMS</b> 73/50	<b>SUNNY</b> 67/41	<b>PARTLY CLOUDY</b> 67/53	<b>THUNDER STORMS</b> 72/45

### Library-Museum Sunday Speaker Series in Florida History

Sunday, Feb. 15, 1:30 p.m.  
At the Florida Museum of Natural History. "The Founders of Florida Audubon and the Fight to Save Florida's Birds." Free and open to the public.

### Walking to Break the Sickle Cycle 5K Walk

Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m.  
Plaza of the Americas  
Presented by Black History Month 2009, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Shands Streetlight. The event will benefit the Sickle Cell Disease Association of North Central Florida. The walk is open to the public. Registration is \$10 per person. Registration for groups of 10 or more is \$7 per person. Visit [ufblackhistorymonth.com](http://ufblackhistorymonth.com) for details.

### Got something going on?

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## STATE

### Authorities believe missing 5-year-old girl was abducted

SATSUMA, Fla. (AP) — Investigators were treating the disappearance of a 5-year-old north Florida girl as an abduction and continued the search Thursday.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said investigators assume Haleigh Cummings was abducted because house-to-house searches of the neighborhood Wednesday found no evidence that she wandered away. Ha-

leigh's father, Ronald Cummings, also said he didn't believe she left their home in the middle of the night.

"I know somebody took her. I know for a fact she didn't wander off — she's afraid of the dark," Cummings told NBC's "Today" on Thursday.

Haleigh's mother, Crystal Sheffield, also believes someone took her daughter.

"I just want my baby here. I just want them to bring back my baby," she said, tears running down her cheeks.

Haleigh was last seen Monday night in her father's double-wide mobile home in a heavily wooded area north of Satsuma, a community along the St. Johns River about 70 miles north of Orlando.

Nearby, a team of about 30 police officers and sheriff's deputies walked shoulder-to-shoulder through the thick underbrush and palmettos. Each carried a machete to clear the brush. At times, they would stop and use a shovel to check when they found fresh dirt.

Haleigh was reported missing when her father returned home from work early Tuesday. His girlfriend told a local newspaper she had been sleeping next to Haleigh when she woke up and discovered the child was gone.

The girlfriend, 17-year-old Misty Croslin, told a 911 dispatcher that a back door that was usually locked had been propped open by a brick.

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## STUDENT LIFE

## Brain blamed for blues

By KATIE EMMETS

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Those missing an ex on Valentine's Day should remember that the source of their pain might not be love, but dopamine.

When a person is rejected, his or her brain releases dopamine, which can cause obsessive thinking and an intense emotional craving toward the rejector, according to a study.

UF freshman Kevin Olivier said he knows these feelings all too well.

Olivier said that although his girlfriend broke up with him four months ago, he still deals with these feelings.

"At first you start to think about what was wrong with you," he said. "But then you want them back more than you think you will."

After the breakup, Olivier said he thought about his ex and looked at her Facebook often.

Helen Fisher, who wrote several books on the topic, explains that rejected people feel abandonment rage toward their rejecting part-

ner.

"Men and women can be furious at a rejecting partner, while still being very much in love with him or her," Fisher writes.

While being dumped does take a biological toll, it also has psychological and physical consequences.

"When you are rejected and emotionally hurt, the part of the brain that causes physical pain may light up also," said Ilan Shrira, a visiting UF psychology professor.

Shrira said people who are rejected often experience symptoms of acute depression that last one to two weeks.

During this period, the rejected person may not be able to think rationally.

Shrira said that romantically rejected people lose their motivation and often need advice on how to get their lives back on track.

UF senior Jessica Funk said after her boyfriend broke up with her, she went through a phase where she felt bad about herself.

"It was more me obsessing about what was wrong with me that he didn't like, than me obsessing about him," Funk said.

## SG prepares for V-Day

By CHELSEA KEENAN

Alligator Writer

Although UF administrators and Student Government big shots are usually concerned with budget cuts and solving problems. Come Saturday, love will be the only thing on their minds.

"It's a chance to recognize what a relationship means," said Paige Crandall, interim Dean of Students, adding that is her favorite part of Valentine's Day.

Crandall said a more traditional approach, such as flowers and a nice dinner, is the way to win over her heart.

While some look forward to spreading the love, Valentine's Day can also put the pressure on relationships and bring disheartening feelings, especially to men.

"I'm not a very big Valentine's Day guy," said Student Body President Kevin Reilly. "There's a lot of unnecessary pressure."

Still, Reilly said he is looking forward to planning a homemade dinner and movie-watching on Saturday night with his girlfriend, an SG senator, who he has been dating since fall.

## On Campus

Paul Drayton, Student Body treasurer, shares the same feelings as Reilly.

"It forces you to spend extra money," he said, adding the holiday loses the good intentions when it becomes too materialistic.

This year, Drayton's plans include a trip home to spend the holiday with his mom.

"Since I'm a single man, she's going to be my valentine this year," he said.



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

Sun Tech Communications employee Mike Clement, left, watches co-worker Jason Vining run cables through a conduit in Hume Hall East on Thursday. The cables will provide the data connection to new wireless routers being installed in the dormitory.

## UF project brings wireless Internet to dorm commons

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

By SARA HORN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Students spoke, and the Department of Housing and Residence Education listened.

Wireless will be installed in lobbies, hallways, lounges, laundry rooms and commons but not in dorm rooms because there is a local network connection.

Representatives from Student Government and Mayors' Council, which represents residents of Family and Single Graduate Housing, presented the idea because of a demand by on-campus students.

"I think people are beginning to expect wireless wherever they go," said Sharon Blansett, assistant director of

housing for marketing, public relations and research.

The project will be completed in three phases over three years, Blansett said.

Phase one, which should be completed this month, includes Hume Hall, Beaty Towers, Jennings Hall, the Broward Area and the Yulee Area.

Phase two is set for next year and will include Tolbert Area, Graham Area and the Keys Residential Complex.

Phase three will be completed in 2010 or 2011 and will include the Springs and Lakeside residential complexes and Murphree area.

Azfar Mian, director of housing for administrative services, said the cost for phase one is about \$400,000.

The price of phases two and three is still being researched. Blansett said because the department does not receive funds from the state or school, its budget primarily comes from students' rent.

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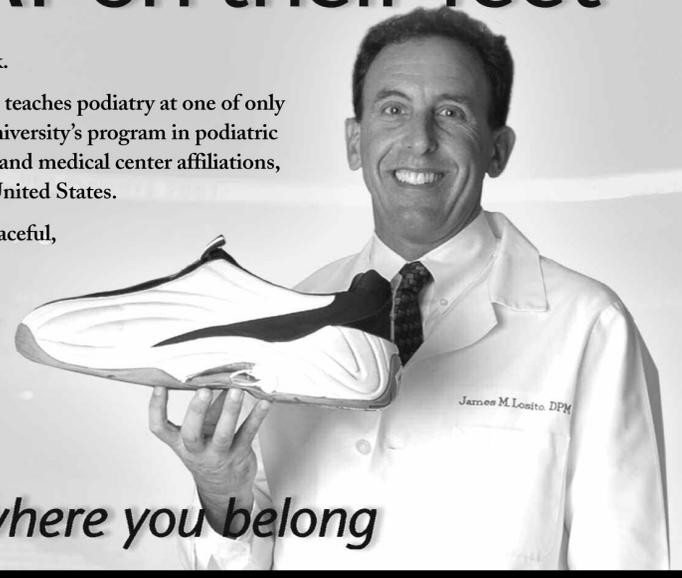
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## CAMPUS

## Smiley discusses black history

By LIDIA DINKOVA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Tavis Smiley urged UF students to find their calling during his speech Thursday night.

Besides the importance of leadership, Smiley also spoke about the meaning of Black History Month and Barack Obama's presidency.

"We celebrate black history today because somebody did something yesterday, and if we don't do something today, there is no black history to celebrate

tomorrow," he said.

UF is not just preparing students to find jobs but to pursue leadership. The heart of leadership is love and service for other people, he said.

More than 300 people attended his speech at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts.

Accent Speaker's Bureau helped collaborate Smiley's attendance with Black History Month. UF paid about \$40,000 to bring Smiley, who hosts a late night TV talk show on PBS and "The Tavis Smiley Show" on NPR.

In his speech, Smiley said

black leaders and not black people are the reason Black History Month is celebrated today.

In disagreement with the suggestion that Black History Month should no longer be celebrated since Obama has become president, Smiley emphasized black history is essential to American history.

"If there was no Frederick Douglas, then there was no Abraham Lincoln," he said.

He challenged UF students to think where their football and basketball championship teams would be without their black players. He encouraged them to think what music in America would be like without black artists.

Still, Smiley said it was important that students hold Obama accountable.

He said getting Obama elected was the easy part to building a racially equal country. The real challenge is for Americans to push the president to do the right thing during his term.

"The minute you start governing, you start disappointing," Smiley said. "We got to push him into his greatness. We can't abandon our post now."

He pointed to shortcomings, such as Obama's failure to appoint a leader of the Department of Commerce in the midst of an economic crisis.



Naudia Jawad / Alligator

NPR and PBS personality Tavis Smiley speaks at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday night.

## U.S. ambassadors speak at Pugh Hall

By MATT TRIPP

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 90 people packed into Pugh Hall on Thursday night to hear three former U.S. ambassadors speak on America's foreign policies and what changes President Barack Obama's administration might bring.

The speakers came to UF as part of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service's 2009 Presidential Lecture Series, "Transition to Power."

Ray Mabus, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and former governor of Mississippi; Douglas McElhaney, former ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Frank McNeil, former ambassador to Costa Rica, all spoke at the lecture.

The event was the first part of a three-part series that will bring prominent politicians and experts to UF to speak this semester.

Paul D'Anieri, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, moderated the event and introduced the speakers.

Over the course of about 45 minutes, the former ambassadors casually replied to questions asked by D'Anieri.

"If we don't fix the economy, the rest doesn't matter," said McNeil, who graduated from UF in 1954.

The speakers agreed on most of the issues that were covered, even cracking jokes at times.

During a question-and-answer session, some students asked about the role of the U.S. in international law and the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

"It was a very useful dialogue on international diplomacy," said Logan Perel, a UF political science sophomore. "They spoke about relative and current issues."

UF paid for travel and lodging for the guests, said Mike Bowen, assistant director of the Graham Center.

Former Sen. Bob Graham, who invited the speakers, said bringing international speakers like these allows students to become connected to the outside world.

"I believe that student life shouldn't be lived inside the walls of the university," he said. "Students need to be exposed to real-world people and events."

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## Editorial

After a week highlighted by a confession from baseball's biggest star, we can only pray this weekend's unofficial start to the sport's season brings hope for renewal. While A-Rod may have given into the urge to use steroids, the Department of Darts & Laurels proudly admits we haven't succumbed to the temptation of "artificially" bringing you the best college paper possible.

Unless of course, you consider the massive of amounts of coffee constantly being consumed.

As we chow down on fistfuls of Valentine's Day candy for fuel (coffee's not ready yet), we proudly present you this week's performance-enhancing-drug-free edition of...

## Darts &amp; Laurels

Generations of wanna-be hip moms and dads have turned to alcohol to become buddies with their teenage kids. While the occasional beer or two is no big deal, hooking your child up with a keg scores a big fat "F" in Parenting 101. For buying excessive amounts of contraband for their children, the Department of Darts & Laurels scowls at "cool parents" with a stop-trying-to-use-booze-to-get-laid-by-your-child's-friend DART. If you want to make friends, try Craigslist.

So much of America's success as a country can be traced back to the work of our 16th president. From his heroic efforts in emancipating the slaves to fighting for national unity, former President Abraham Lincoln set a high standard for every future president to follow. In memory of what would have been his 200th birthday, the Department of Darts & Laurels is proud to award a you-paved-the-way-for-so-many-in-America LAUREL to former President Lincoln. If President Barack Obama is in awe of someone, they must be pretty freaking special.

Word out of South Carolina reveals that the Michael Phelps bong debacle won't be put to rest anytime soon. According to the Washington Post, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott rounded up eight usual suspects last Saturday with a connection to the Phelps photo hoping to dig up new dirt. For his obsession with wrongfully bringing down an American icon, the Department of Darts & Laurels launches a stop-trying-to-get-your-15-minutes-of-fame DART at the Sheriff Leon Lott. We might be going out on a limb here, but we're sure there are some "real" crimes worth your attention.

After a week of negative publicity from the media, Eastside High School found redemption hiding in the kitchen. The school's Institute of Culinary Arts stole the show at the Florida Prostart Invitational by securing a state championship and \$300,000 in scholarship money. The Department of Darts & Laurels hungrily presents a spicy-shrimp-and-pomegranate-lemon-cake-sound-delicious LAUREL to the Eastside Institute of Culinary Arts for their killer cooking. Consider this an open invitation to come into the newsroom and dazzle us with a delicious dinner.

Apparently no one wants to be the next secretary of commerce after Thursday's announcement. A little over a week after accepting President Obama's nomination to join the cabinet, Sen. Judd Gregg decided to join Gov. Bill Richardson's thanks, but no thanks club. The Department of Darts & Laurels chucks an admit-you-quit-because-you-lost-control-of-the-stimulus DART at Sen. Judd Gregg for withdrawing his nomination due to the "stimulus bill." Step aside Sen. John Kerry, there's a new flip-flopper in town.

Blessed with the dashing good looks of Karl Childers and the voice of William Hung, one Pensacola crooner is taking the rock scene by storm. From singing in the clouds to the montages of beautiful women throughout his impressive music videos, this guy is one heck of a mack daddy. For his captivating lyrics and incredible range, the Department of Darts & Laurels can't help but laugh as we extend a you're-the-next-Rick-Astley LAUREL to Mark Gormley — a soon-to-be viral video sensation.

You just got Gormed!

That's all for this week. Only three more until spring break!

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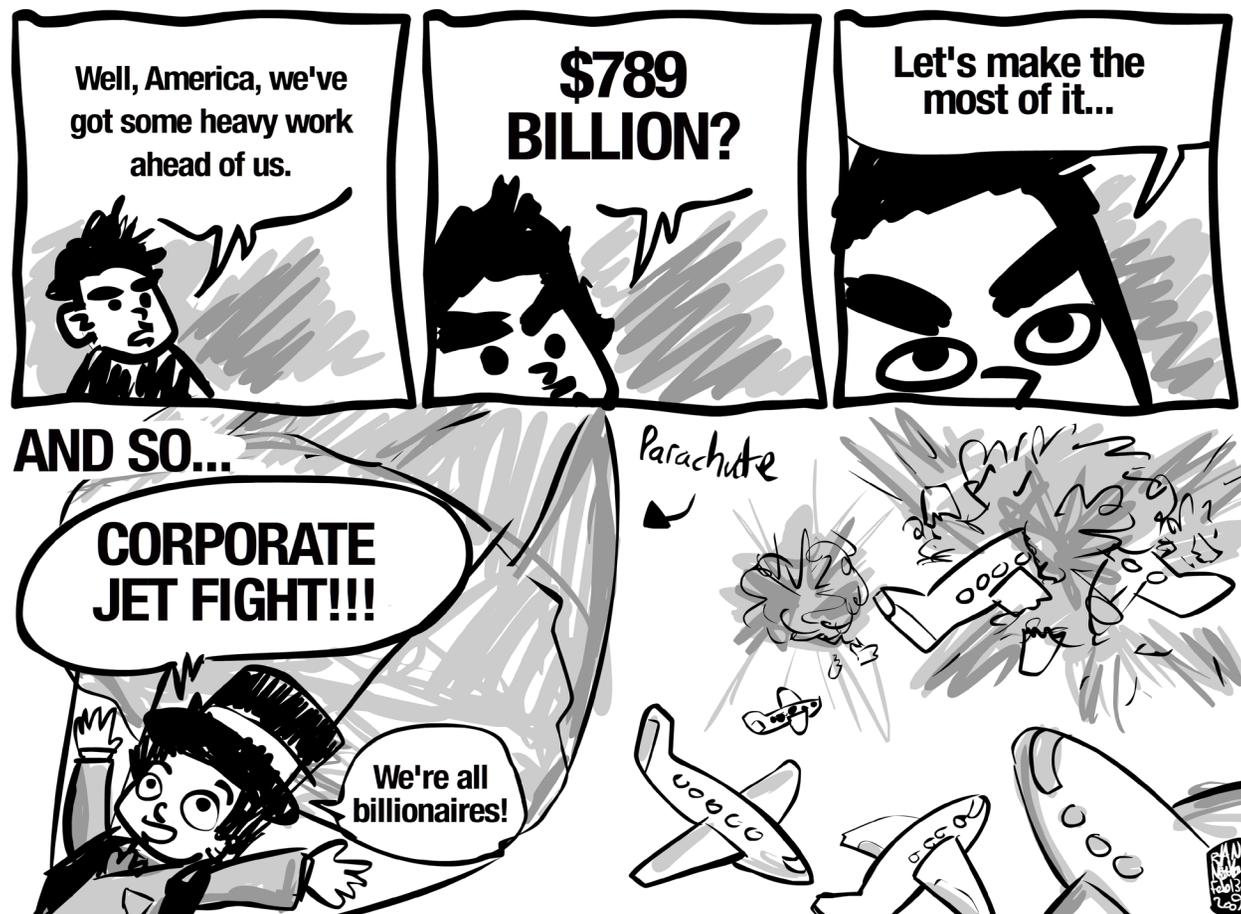
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Ombudsman

## Alligator to host SG debates next week

I've got one reason why you should care about Student Government elections, and it's worth \$13 million.

The activities and service fee you pay (about \$8 for 12 credit hours if you enrolled fall 2008) makes up Student Government's \$13 million budget, which is divided among Rec Sports, the Reitz Union and student organizations.

And guess who decides how to divvy it up?

That's right: The student representatives you vote (or don't vote) for.

By getting informed and voting, you're choosing the leaders who decide how to spend that money.

But with party supporters following you to your classes and tucking glossy fliers into your backpacks, figuring out who represents your interests can be difficult.

Well, we're going to help you out a little.

The Alligator, in partnership with College Republicans, will be conducting three executive debates Monday to Wednesday at 1 p.m. on Turlington Plaza.

You'll hear from candidates running for all three executive positions. And if you can't make it, head on over to alligator.org/sg2009, where we'll be live-streaming video of the debates.

It's time to get your questions answered.

We've even taken extra precautions to make sure these candidates are getting a fair shake.

Originally we invited College Republicans and College Democrats to organize and host it with us to keep us in check, but unfortunately, College Democrats respectfully declined.

It turns out their president is Mark McShera, who



EXECUTIVE  
DEBATES

is running for Student Body president with the Orange and Blue Party.

We understood their decision but still proceeded with

College Republicans.

Each debate should last about one hour, and members of College Republicans and the Alligator staff will moderate. Questions have been drafted and reviewed by current and former Alligator staffers to make sure we're hitting the issues that students care about.

To prepare, candidates have been provided with a list of topics. With three of the parties having confirmed their attendance, we're looking forward to a truly informative debate.

So if you're eating lunch nearby, bring your Chik-fil-A, Quiznos or Krishna and check it out. The candidates are there for you.

Don't forget it's your money at stake, and \$13 million is not something to brush off or laugh about.

Elections are your time to participate and determine how your money will be spent.

For example, in a Wednesday article, the Alligator reported that the Student Senate gave \$3,274 to the UF Paintball Team so they could attend the national paintball championships.

Whether you agree with that isn't really the question.

It's whether you're voting for candidates who represent your views, whatever they may be.

If you don't vote, then you can't complain.

Jessica DaSilva is a journalism and political science senior. She is the Alligator's ombudsman and a former editor-in-chief.

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

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Does Valentine's Day mean just another chance to get drunk alone?

**Thursday's question:** Do you think guns have a place in schools?

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Letters to the Editor

Woman's courage helps many others

I wanted to commend the courageous woman who spoke out against the offensive ad run by Gainesville Health and Fitness.

It depicts what appears to be the ass of a prepubescent girl in a feeble attempt to recruit new members. This image and its accompanied slogan, "To get here, start here," sends the message to girls and guys alike that body image should be one's sole incentive to engage in physical activity.

I completely agree with Wednesday's letter to the editor that this is precisely the attitude towards fitness that drives body dissatisfaction and eating disorders in our disillusioned society. This is just one of the many advertisements that we are bombarded with daily. They are all alike in their motive to stir up deep-seated insecurities and profit from the patronage of the countless Americans who resolved to "get in shape" this New Year.

Her letter to the editor eloquently illustrated how conforming to the media's twisted standards of beauty will only leave one feeling isolated and insufficient.

I can't express how honored I am that this woman shared her experience with our community. She managed to bring awareness to an epidemic that is pervasive in our world and yet rarely addressed. She unknowingly connected countless readers who have ever

felt alone in believing their bodies to be inadequate or imperfect.

Namasté, my brave soldier of truth. Namasté.

Ashton Alexander  
3HP



Give Orange and Blue a fair shake

It has been disappointing to see letters in the Alligator the past few weeks engaging in ad homonym attacks against the Unite Party.

Just like both Progress and Orange and Blue, the Unite Party is made up of former members of both parties – myself once being one who voted along Orange and Blue Party lines.

However, as a former independent candidate for Student Senate, one that this very publication endorsed in the fall of 2007, I believe that the Unite Party will move Student Government in a positive new direction away from the Gator and Orange and Blue parties of old.

It took a lot to sell me on the idea, but if students are willing to give it a chance and look past the "Gator equals Unite" attacks of both the Progress and Orange and Blue Parties, I think they will come away convinced as well.

From our party president, who isn't a member of Greek life, to our innovative and tangible platform, it is clear that Unite is trying to usher in a new era for SG.

It is time that SG started working for, and not against, the students.

As president of a student organization and a former writer for this newspaper, that is something I firmly believe in.

Kyle Robisch  
Unite Party



Democrats will eliminate bipartisanship

The recent debacle in Congress over the economic stimulus bill has finally dashed the faint light of optimism and faith I had in our elected officials.

First, let's look at the Republicans. Despite having control of every branch of government for six of the past eight years where they have driven the country into economic collapse and have given us record-breaking deficit spending, they continue to maintain that they are the fiscally conservative party that has the right ideas when it comes to the economy. Really?

How about spending a projected \$1 trillion on an utterly unnecessary war in Iraq that has done little besides make Halliburton investors rich? Sound fiscally conservative?

Yet when it comes to renovating and building new schools for needy districts, providing assistance for higher education and expanding health care access to over 500,000 people, who are losing their jobs every month — that's just being an un-American, tax-and-spend liberal. Never mind the fact that the largest single entity of Obama's plan (about a third) was made up of tax cuts for middle to low income Americans.

Then there are the Democrats, the most spineless group of people in power since, well, ever. Let's remember something: you won. The people wanted something different. A change in the way of thinking. Something bold.

Instead, what we got was an evisceration of progressive principles in favor of three Republican votes in the Senate. Three! Was it worth it? Because to me, it doesn't make sense to be bipartisan when members of the other party are made of a bunch of self-interested half-wits with a piss-poor track record on making decisions.

So, Democratic members of Congress, next time the people who have put this country in the worst position in decades tell you what to do, stop being such a wet blanket, give them the ol' one-finger salute, and do what is right for once.

Brandon Sack  
7MD

Column

America's most powerful must set good example for public

Here's a joke: What's the only thing former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and notorious gangster Al Capone have in common?

Neither one seems to care about paying their taxes!

In all seriousness, however, why can't these public officials who President Barack Obama has been appointing to various posts just pay their taxes?

Daschle, who was up for the position of secretary of Health and Human Services (and who could have had a lead role in implementing Obama's sacred health care reform), was forced to withdraw his name from consideration.

In a humorous aside, Daschle's unpaid taxes were against a car and driver furnished for him by a firm he represents in his capacity

as a consultant.

Timothy Geithner, the man who became the new Treasury secretary, watched his reputation wither as similar unpaid tax problems were brought to light about him.

Then, on Wednesday, in what can only be described as a Senatorial sigh-and-eye-roll, Obama's Labor secretary designee, Hilda Solis, was given a pass and recommended for confirmation despite her husband's unpaid taxes.

This is getting hilarious.

Now, I'm not going to sit here and rant about how failing to pay taxes is unpatriotic, and so the Democrats must be traitors. As much as I admire Fox News and Rush Limbaugh (oh and trust me, that's a lot), I just can't bring myself to emulate them in this vein.

I will say, however, that when



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you are a public official, you're probably enjoying quite a few remunerative benefits from your role and connections — shouldn't be this painful for you to fork over some tax money.

If Daschle, Geithner and the rest of the "No Taxation-ers" really find it so vulgar to return some of their cash to Uncle Sam, they should try assuaging their anger by thinking of all the schools that can be built — or some other equally cheery lie.

The recent outbreak of this tax allergy among public officials is indicative of a graver problem

— Washington's love of money. I don't particularly think this is a surprise to anyone. I, however, would like to go one step further than the usual "throw-the-bums-out!" rhetoric and offer a truly unique and Utopian solution for modern times.

In the world I see, this great democracy of ours would be run not by professional politicians, but instead by the Joe Six-Pack commoners who — at least — pay their taxes (oddly enough, Sarah Palin would still qualify for public service.)

Roles of public office, from president on down to comptroller, will be "awarded" in a similar manner as jury duty.

Somewhere a big computer randomizes names from across the nation and — just like that — we have

our new elected officials.

These officials would make only the same amount of money they were making in their previous professions and enjoy no perks of travel or gifts of home remodeling.

Believe me, these individuals would be eager to resign from public service. At the end of their terms, if a referendum says they did a good job, they never have to serve again.

If not, they're back for round two.

And, on their way out the door, a large bouncer would turn them upside down and shake them — anything that falls out can go to fund the next stimulus package.

Hard to imagine, I admit, but a man can dream...

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



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## LOCAL

# Gainesville voted No. 9 on list of top 10 college towns

## ■ CITY VIEWED AS "CLASSIC COLLEGE TOWN."

Gainesville was voted No. 9 on the American Institute for Economic Research's top 10 college towns in America.

The institute also created three other top 10 lists for cities with colleges and universities: major cities, mid-size metros and small cities.

"Gainesville is the classic college town," said UF spokesman

Steve Orlando.

Orlando said he thinks Gainesville belongs in the top 10.

Gainesville is a very affordable place for both students and families to live, he added.

Orlando said that Gainesville

has everything that people look for in a small town, and it has the same amenities as the city of Orlando.

"We attract world-class entertainment, have great dining and have a vast music scene," he said.

Orlando added that there are exciting Gator sporting events that attract many people.

State College, Pa., ranked highest on the list, with Bloomington, Ind., in second place.

— KATIE EMMETS

## Executive candidates stress key issues

### DEBATE, from page 1

"This is what debates are for," said Jordan Johnson, the Unite Party presidential candidate. "To stress the issues (students) want to discuss."

Debates will also be held in Turlington Plaza at 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be moderated by the College Republicans and Independent Florida Alligator. More information can be found at <http://alligator.org/sg2009/>.

But for a more intimate setting, students can stop by Hillel on Thursday at 7 p.m. for the HSA's debate and meet-and-greet.

But according presidential candidate Frank Walch, Keg Party members will not be present due to class and prior engagements.

Still, HSA President Diego Recinos said he believes the event will still be a success.

"We want the members and the UF community to be informed," he said.

Mark McShera, the Orange and Blue Party's presidential candidate, is looking forward to the opportunities both debates will present.

"This is our time to shine," he said. "When we're in front of students is when we are at our best."



## Welge encourages students to keep learning

### LINCOLN, from page 1

wisdom," he said.

During his time at Turlington, Welge smiled at viewers and posed for pictures.

He also took a break to hear Brother Micah preaching to a crowd of students. Welge challenged Brother Micah on several points such as Catholic dogma

"Keep on learning, man. Lifelong learning is the best high."

**Lew Welge**

Abraham Lincoln impersonator

and sin and the concepts of heaven and hell.

"These type of things need to be challenged, so that people's

theological viewpoints can be in line with their spiritual inclusion," he said.

He advised students to educate themselves in preparation for coming struggles, stay creative and fight for equal opportunity. As a student walked away, Welge left him with some advice.

"Keep on learning, man. Lifelong learning is the best high," he said.



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**Running for the End Zone**

Three-year-old Colton Brady runs through the concourses of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium while visiting The Swamp with his aunt, Paula Drury, on Thursday afternoon. Colton was hoping to catch a glimpse of Tim Tebow.

**LOCAL**

**Businesses expect normal holiday sales**

By **KATHRYN STOLARZ**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Local businesses expect to rake in the usual profit this Valentine's Day season, despite a national survey predicting the average consumer will spend about \$20 less on Valentine's Day gifts than in 2008.

Some Gainesville shop owners said their sales will not be affected by the poor economy, despite a survey by the National Retail Federation that predicts less will be spent.

Still, the survey revealed most Americans will continue to buy traditional holiday favorites, such as flowers.

A poll of about 8,850 U.S. consumers from Jan. 1 to Jan. 8 showed the average consumer plans to spend about \$103 in light of the amorous holiday this year, down from last year's average of about \$123 per person.

But Terri Parker, owner of The Flower Shop of Gainesville, said Valentine's Day flower sales haven't changed since last year.

Thornebrook Chocolates hasn't seen a change in sales either, said Ellen Frattino, a store employee who has worked there for more than two years.

"When it comes to chocolate, people aren't as thrifty," she said. "People get carried away with chocolate, and I don't think we

have any differences in purchases."

Renaissance Jewelers' owner Robert Peace also said Valentine's Day sales have not differed from last year. He said the store has actually experienced increased customer traffic because it just relocated to the Westgate Regency Shopping Center.

"If you like someone or something, then money shouldn't be a boundary."

**Micah Pastula**  
UF freshman

According to the survey, the highest-spending age group, 35 to 44 years of age, plans to spend about \$119 per person. Young adults, ages 18 to 24, will be the second-highest spenders, with an average of \$114 per person.

UF freshman Micah Pastula said the current economic recession didn't affect his spendings because Valentine's Day is a special, once-a-year event.

Pastula said he bought his girlfriend a stuffed dog and a giant singing card. He also plans on serving up a homemade picnic dinner on the beach.

"If you like someone or something, then money shouldn't be a boundary," Pastula said.

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KPT,  
Thank you for everything you do for me, every single day. I love you (and so does Cheepy!)

♥ MBH

Ahhhh, Valentine's Day! I have arrived with one of my favorite people, My first love, To dine elegantly, comfortably. The maitre d' arrives and inquires with courtesy and warmth, "How many in your party?" "A table for one, please." I reply.

Tats,  
You are the vertical asymptote to my y= tanx; without you I'd be all over the place. Thank you for always believing in me and encouraging me to go after my dreams.

I love you-- more than the domain of y=x^2 can ever explain!  
XOXO,  
Gordz

To the distinguished gentlemen of the Gamma Omicron chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., thank you for being the wonderful bruhz that you are. We love you Ow-Sweet!! -♥TA Sweethearts

"Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love."  
-Albert Einstein  
Happy Valentine's Day Andrew! I love you with all my heart.

♥ Kaitlin

♥ Andrea -  
Every second I spend with you, I love you more and more. You're fun, beautiful, and smart. happy v-day

♥ Nate

♥♥ BLOCK, I know I put a lot of time into my work. Always remember that although U might feel as if U R last on my list, U R the 1st on my mind in the morning N throughout the day. I Love You. Happy Valentines day! ♥♥

Carebear, You mean more to me than I can express. This last year together has been the sweetest and most secure of my life. Thank you so much for all the thoughtful romantic things you do. I ♥ you. Emma

♥  
LYLANF  
♥

Josh,  
Aerosmith once said "Falling in love is hard on the knees" You owe me some kneepads!  
♥ Seeta

My father once told me you know you really love someone when you feel comfortable farting in front of them. Let's have burritos for dinner. ♥

Dearest Zachary,  
Lettuce Be Together Forever.  
♥ Love Loo

EB,  
You are my shining star. I look forward to many more Valentine's Days with you.

Love, TB

I wouldn't trade you for the world I swear it! I like your hair in every style that you wear it and how the colors coordinate with your clothes from your manicured nails to your pedicured toes ♥ from Juan(luda)to Jenni

Dear Sweets,  
When I look at you my ♥ flutters. When we kiss, my lips melt. I have enjoyed our adventures together, large or small. You have earned being my main squeeze bestest friend. Thank you for being you.  
Expressed profound love...Babes

Hey Jenny! Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love you very much! You're the best! ♥  
Another wonderful valentine's  
Love, Edgar

♥ Andrew "Wall Street Z Walrus" Our sweet-heart! We love you anywhere anyhow! We love your great character! Melissa's one lucky lady & we love her as much!  
Always your friend, Claudia

♥ Perfect soft blonde hair ♥  
♥ Smile brighter than the sun ♥  
♥ With sparkly green eyes ♥  
♥ Where did you come from ♥  
♥ Be my valentine CFW ♥  
♥ You're my favorite one! ♥

♥♥ It's our 3 months anniversary!! ♥♥  
YehHyon-ah..I may not be so clear, but I just want you to know that I do LOVE you. Thank you for being YOU.  
Happy Valentine's Day. Put a BIG :) on ♥♥

♥ Emily ♥  
♥ You will always be my Valentine! ♥  
♥ Love you biggest, ♥  
♥ Mom ♥

brushing teeth & dancing nude, museum trips & breakfast food. study "breaks" & tin foil hats, baboon sticks & hating cats. just a few reasons why I will never stop falling in love with you. hurry back!

My Dear Tyler, I miss you everyday. The thousand miles between us does not allow me to see you often, but it has only made my love for you grow. I wish I could be with this Valentine's Day. I love you very much. Always yours, Kara.

To the love of my life Danni B.  
You brighten my day & bring light to my future. I ♥ U & Happy V-Day!  
From yours truly Vernon H.

"Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ♥ Love never fails."

♥ 5.25.08 ♥

I Love You Matthew W.P.!!  
Now and Forever.

Your Love,  
Jana

Andrew Z.  
Roses are red and we're all a little blue 'Cuz it's Valentine's Day and we miss you! You're in our thoughts and in our prayers. You're like an onion with lots of layers. You're not alone as you well know. We love you lots and lots and are missing you at home.  
Happy Valentine's Day!! Love, Craig, Cherry, Kelsie and Connor ♥♥♥♥

Laura M,  
Hope my big has an amazing Valentines!  
Love, Kaia

Sarah,  
You're like a jigsaw puzzle...I want to do you on the floor on a rainy day.

Love,  
Sam

Kiwi,  
You are my constant K in delta (everything). There are no words to explain it's just better when we're together :)

Love,  
Pineapple

Bebe,  
Our love is from a distance, but our Valentine's wont be. I love you.  
Be Mine? ♥

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♥ Always the Advertising Dept

Ms. Lenora, I just wanted to tell you how much your friendship means to me and how much I enjoy being with you. God can do such amazing things when we let Him and I thank Him for you everyday.  
Love-Brittany PS- Psalm 33:4-5

♥ Happy Valentine's Day Hutwatt! ♥  
The time we have spent together has been the best of my life and I can't wait for what the future brings! I love you so much baby and... will you be my Valentine?! ♥

Happy Valentines Day Brittney!  
♥ Steven

Andrew Z  
♥ Okay, it is not a fancy card, but it does have hearts on it. RIGHT ♥ And, that should mean something. RIGHT ♥!!!!  
Happy Valentines Day,  
♥♥ Bill and Diane ♥♥

Dear CSRH,  
I ♥ you so much! Looking forward to the next 4 years.

♥ VES

J. Steele,  
Happy 6 year Anniversary & Valentine's Day to the most wonderful "daddy-to-be" ever! Surprise! ♥ Jessi

Goldfish,  
All I want to do...is cash my check and drive right home to you. 'Cause Baby, all my life I will be driving home to you.

Love, Chuckles

A buh buh!  
I love playing games with you, Because every time you lose, And every time I win, I'm glad we broke the rules :)  
~ Buh buh

Nicole,  
The past six months with you have been amazing. I feel so lucky to have found you and I look forward to making many more happy memories together. I love you!

Love Always,  
John

I ♥ you Ana,  
Happy Valentines Day!  
7-28-05  
Mark & Ana

Zach, the past 2 years with you have been absolutely amazing and you still give me butterflies like you did when we first met. Thank you for being the best boyfriend. I love you always babe. ♥, Pippa

Mary:  
A quarter century has passed and we are back at the start. Me sending a heartline to you, still madly in love in G'ville. Each year with you improves upon the last. Our love has carried us on many adventures. I can't wait to see where it will take us next. Chris

Rachlekins!  
All I can say is thank you. You have always been there for me through thick and thin. I am so happy found a soulmate in my BFF! And always know that you will always be my Valentine just like in HS

♥ Maddie

To my dearest Littles Krista and Marina. Words can't describe what you mean to me. I am so lucky to have you both! Have a Happy Valentines Day and always remember one ♥ one way!

Love Always YBS Maddie

My Dearest Wayne, I cannot believe that we have been together for almost 4 years now. You've always stuck with me through thick and thin and I couldn't imagine being with a more perfect person. Thanks for always being my knight in shining armor. ♥ Karina

Sheetal - Your love is music to my soul, To your rhythm my heart beats, You are the rockstar of my world, Life rocks with you in it!  
- Ritesh

Burnie,  
Will you be my Valentine again?  
How about forever?

Love,  
Mampfsh

Babycakes,  
You can pout that bottom lip for me anytime. You cute, cute man. I ♥ you so much!  
Your very own 8.8875

Moira,  
Between you & the championship this past year has been great - Let's keep it up!  
I love you, Happy Valentines Day.

Jenna,  
From the first day I met you freshman year you have always been there for me, on this Valentines day I just want you to know how much I love you.

Forever, David

Aaron,  
It's been a year & I still love staring into those green eyes. I get lost in our kiss & in your arms. With you I can be myself, & I am thankful every day to have you in my life. ILY

♥ Nicole

To My Superman, Cribbage Champ, News Broadcaster & Princess,  
Mom's advice: Live each day as if it's your last; laugh, smile & dance as much as possible; appreciate life's little gifts; love and respect all living things; above all - remember that I love you, miss you, and think of you Always!

Happy ♥ Day! The Fairie Queen

Hey Sparky ♥,  
You have the key to my heart, and I'm sooo glad to have you as my Valentine I'm sending you all of my love ♥...

♥ Love, ♥  
Karl

My Bumblebee,  
I Love and Miss You!

Jacky,  
You are my ♥, my love, my soulmate.  
I love you.

Kell

Samuel,

Hmmp...

♥ Sarah

To My Menfolk ♥,  
♥ Tracy, after almost 36 years, you are still the one! ♥ Justin, my first born - you will always be my baby even though you are bigger than I am! ♥ Sam, my sweet little guy - you keep me young!  
I may complain about the testosterone levels around the house, but I wouldn't be happy for a minute with out all of you. ♥  
With lots and lots of love, hugs and kisses.

Quigley-  
On Valentine's Day, I just wanted to say... Here's to all the times I made you yell "Boom - There goes the dynamite!"  
- Your Latina Lover

Love, Tricia

Kell,  
YOU'RE SO AWESOME and even though it's been only a short time, I love you with all my ♥!

Love, Lenora

Jacky

Ryan-you steal my internet and my pomegranate juice. You make retarded jokes, are occasionally kind of smelly, and don't appreciate cephalopods enough. Its a good thing I love you because otherwise I'd be forced to kill you.  
Happy Valentines Day babe ♥ Ash

♥ Sara

Tarzan,  
I ♥ everything about you even your hairy toes  
♥ I fell in love with you the moment I saw u  
I am the luckiest girl ever without u I would go crazy  
I ♥ U with all my ♥

Forever Yours, Beautiful

Moira,  
Between you & the championship this past year has been great - Let's keep it up!  
I love you, Happy Valentines Day.

\*\* Rose & Vicki

Hey brother, unless I'm wrong, which you know I'm not, it's been hard (that's what she said) to see something so Ikki get Chopped. But I will watch it all with you because I love (money) you.

MITU, I just close my eyes because I might see your face. I just close my mouth because I might hear your voice. I just close my ears because I might hear of you, but I could not close my heart because I love you. JAAN

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## Funniest (Judge's Choice)

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 Violets are blue and roses are red  
 This is so hard...that's what she said.

## Mushiest

My Love, when I think of you I think of how lucky I am to have you in my Life. The way you smile at me when I make you laugh. The look in your eyes when you tell me you love me fills me with love. I thank God everyday for the gift of you and your love, and I hope and dream of our future together. I love you more than I thought possible, but my love keeps growing as each day passes. I belong with you and hope the love between us will be forever. Love CAP

## Best Poem

♥ It all started with Anne Hull, ♥  
 Who spoke to our class half full.  
 I flicked you a smile so quick and clean,  
 You sunk in your chair like a submarine.  
 Can you believe it's been one year,  
 Since I first held you close so dear?  
 Now what do you say we go for two,  
 And never have to bid adieu?  
 So in my very roundabout way,  
 There is only one thing I wanted to say.  
 That even though I cannot rhyme,  
 ♥ I love you on this Valentine! ♥

## Longest

You live in Tallahassee, I live in Gainesville,  
 ♥ I only fault you a little for choosing Capitol Hill. ♥  
 Though here we've had Spurrier, Wuerffel and Tebow, ♥  
 Not one of those Heisman winners compares to my beau!  
 You're charming, and handsome, and so very witty, ♥  
 (I'm sorry for that time I made you watch Sex in the City)! ♥  
 I appreciate the fact you always open my door, ♥  
 And rub my back when I'm feeling sore. I don't know what I did to deserve someone so cavalier, ♥  
 "When you say, "I love you", you are always sincere. ♥  
 Thank you my dear, I don't know how else to express ♥  
 My disbelief that you crowned me your special princess.

## Most Sincere

Kerry S.  
 We lay together, valentine,  
 below a smiling moon  
 We rise before the distant dawn  
 within a dying gloom  
 We wake and feed our sweet ones  
 before their daily path  
 Everyday we share, my love,  
 is better than the last!

Sherwoody

## Strangest

KET  
 I love you. Two squiggly lines.  
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 JB

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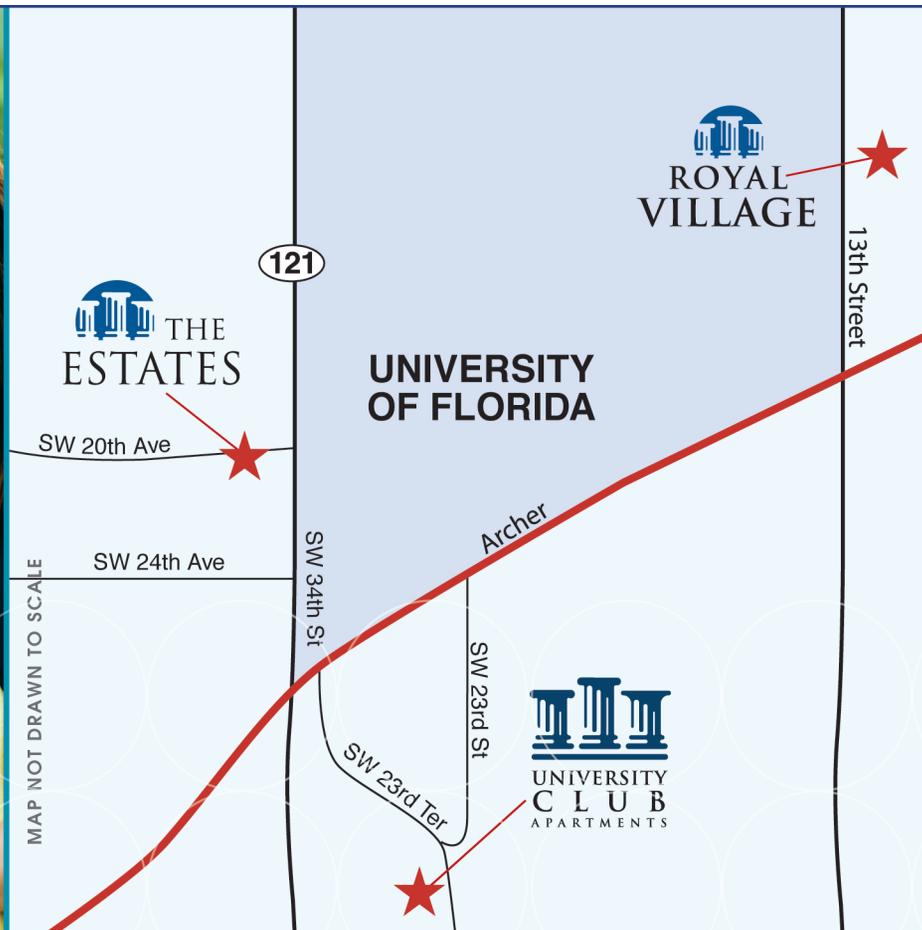
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4br 2ba, in SW Pool \$1400  
3br 2ba Rosemont \$1350  
3br 2ba, near UF \$1200  
3br 2ba condo \$990  
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2br 2ba T-House \$1000  
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2-18-7-2  
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Walk to Sorority Row  
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Fabulous units w /Large Front Porch, Balconies, Parking  
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Homes For Fall!  
Across from Stadium!  
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Walk to Sorority Row  
Norman Hall & UF  
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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

**4 Roommates**

Roommate Matching HERE  
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**4 Roommates**

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**4 Roommates**

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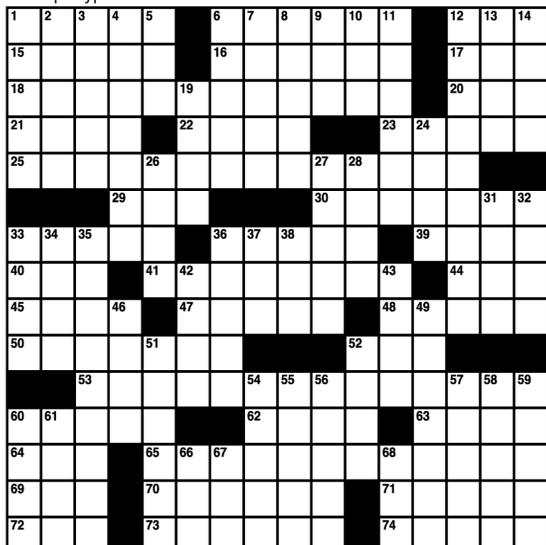
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## Commodores' 3-pointers sink Gators

■ VANDERBILT JUMPED OUT TO A 12-0 LEAD AND NEVER TRAILED.

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**

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The Gators finally found their poison: playing a hot-shooting team on the road.

Preseason Southeastern Conference favorite Vanderbilt (19-6, 8-2 SEC) jumped out on UF early on Thursday night, and the Gators (22-3, 8-2 SEC) could never recover, falling 84-68 in Nashville.

The No. 24 Commodores set the tone in the first four minutes, a theme that usually belongs to the Gators.

Vanderbilt began the game on a 12-0 run just 3 1/2 minutes after the tip and sank 6 of 7 3-pointers in the first 8:10, expanding its lead to 24-7.

"They came right out and set the tone, set us back on our heels, and they set us so far back on our heels we never could get back up out of that hole," UF coach Amanda Butler said.

"We just got an old fashion butt-whooping tonight."

UF trailed by as many as 17 before the break, and it spent the rest of the half scrapping and clawing its way back into the game.

The Gators went into the locker room down just 37-29, thanks to a rare 5 points from Azania Stewart, who finished with a career-high 16, and a combined three 3-pointers from Steffi Sorensen and Susan Yenser.

But UF could never find a rhythm in the second half, having to deal with foul trouble from its best players. Marshae Dotson had two fouls in the first 5:30 of the game, and Sha Brooks picked up her fourth foul with 4:37 left.

Vanderbilt shot lights-out from long

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AP Photo

Vanderbilt's Merideth Marsh drives past UF guard Sha Brooks in the first half of the Gators' 84-68 loss to the Commodores on Thursday night in Nashville, Tenn.

## Werner off his game

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

Alligator Staff Writer  
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Dan Werner has always done the small things — grabbing the tough rebounds, chasing down the loose balls.

His polished passing from the post has opened up the offense for more flashy players on countless occasions.

But lately, even the little things have become a big question mark.

"He made that transformation from his freshman year to his sophomore year. He kind of carved out a niche and an identity for himself," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "But there is also that individual growth where you expect yourself to now take another step as a player to that next tier, and we're trying to get him to do that."



### Men's Basketball

When the Gators make the trip to Athens, Ga., on Saturday to take on the Bulldogs, Donovan hopes Werner will be able to rediscover the form he showed a year ago.

With Werner playing somewhat undersized at the power forward position, he has had to hustle his way to production.

Even while being outmatched at times defensively, Werner has found a way to become a solid defender for UF.

Donovan has even called him one of the best defensive players he has ever coached.

"I think the biggest thing for Dan — or any frontcourt player where speed or strength or athleticism becomes an issue

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## Brombacher's expanded role complements ace Nelson

By **ADAM BERRY**

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Most college softball teams are lucky if they have one dominant pitcher, the kind who can throw a shutout on any given day.

Last year, the Gators relied on Stacey Nelson to carry the team and step into the circle during every big game. But this season

could be different for the UF softball team with the emergence of Stephanie Brombacher, who will play a larger role this season than she did in her freshman year.

"We've got two quality No. 1 pitchers, which is what I'm going to call Stephanie from now on — another No. 1 pitcher," UF coach Tim Walton said.

The Gators will host the Lipton Invitational this weekend at

Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium, where they will play five games in three days, and Walton thinks having two reliable, unique pitchers will give UF a distinct advantage.



Nelson

"It's very hard to face Stacey

and Stephanie in the same day — very, very tough — because one throws the ball totally different than the other one, so your eye adjustment better be pretty quick," Walton said.

Brombacher, who is more of a power pitcher than Nelson, finished the 2008 season with an unprecedented 20-0 record and became the only pitcher in UF history to start her career with

more than 10 wins without suffering a loss.

This season, the sophomore has won both of her starts, struck out 16 batters and only walked one in her 12 innings of work. She has started as many games as Nelson, who gave up just 1 run in her 14 innings against Baylor last weekend.

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### ONLINE

■ The UF men's golf team will be playing in its only tournament in Gainesville this season over the weekend. For a story on that and a preview of both UF tennis teams' weekend matches, check out alligatorSports.org. And don't forget our glorious Friday podcast, which is twice as funny as our first.

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Should Nick Calathes leave for the NBA after this season?

	Percent (Votes)
<b>A-Rod</b>	<b>62% (39)</b>
Phelps	21% (13)
Wade	17% (11)
63 TOTAL VOTES	

**Previous question:** Which professional athlete's actions in recent weeks are you most disappointed with? (see right for results)

# Track, field teams split for meets in Iowa, Arkansas

## ■ GATORS VETERANS ARE LEADING BY EXAMPLE.

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**  
Alligator Writer

Leaders come in two forms: those who are vocal — the Tim Tebow of the world — and those who choose to lead only by their examples.

Heading into split track and field meets, UF's veterans have been the latter, and they look to continue their impressive on-field leadership.

The Gators will send the throw-

ing squad and coach Steve Lemke to Ames, Iowa for the Iowa State Classic. The remainder of the team will head to the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

The decision to split the team was a fairly simple one for coach Mike Holloway.

"The Tyson meet, the way it's set up, is not a very good venue for throwing," Holloway said. "We felt like going to Iowa State was a much better venue for the throwers and also some great competition."

In Iowa, junior shot-putter Mar-iam Kevkhishvili will lead UF's throwers.

Kevkhishvili is not the archetype

of a vocal leader, but her on-field performance in the shot put speaks for itself.

**"This weekend I'm going to be in one of the faster heats, so I'm trying to go ahead and break my season time."**

**Carlos Phillips**  
UF senior runner

Kevkhishvili has thrown NCAA automatic-qualifying distances of 55 feet, 10.5 inches; 56 feet; and 56

feet, 2 inches in the team's three meets this season.

Kevkhishvili is also the recipient of two Southeastern Conference weekly awards but does not focus on these accolades. She believes there is much more left in her.

"I'm still in the weight-lifting program, so I'm not throwing far yet," Kevkhishvili said. "I think I can throw farther. I'm ready for big throws."

Of the group heading to the Tyson Invitational, senior Carlos Phillips hopes to be an example for his teammates by bettering his season-best time of 1:49.86 in the 800-meter run.

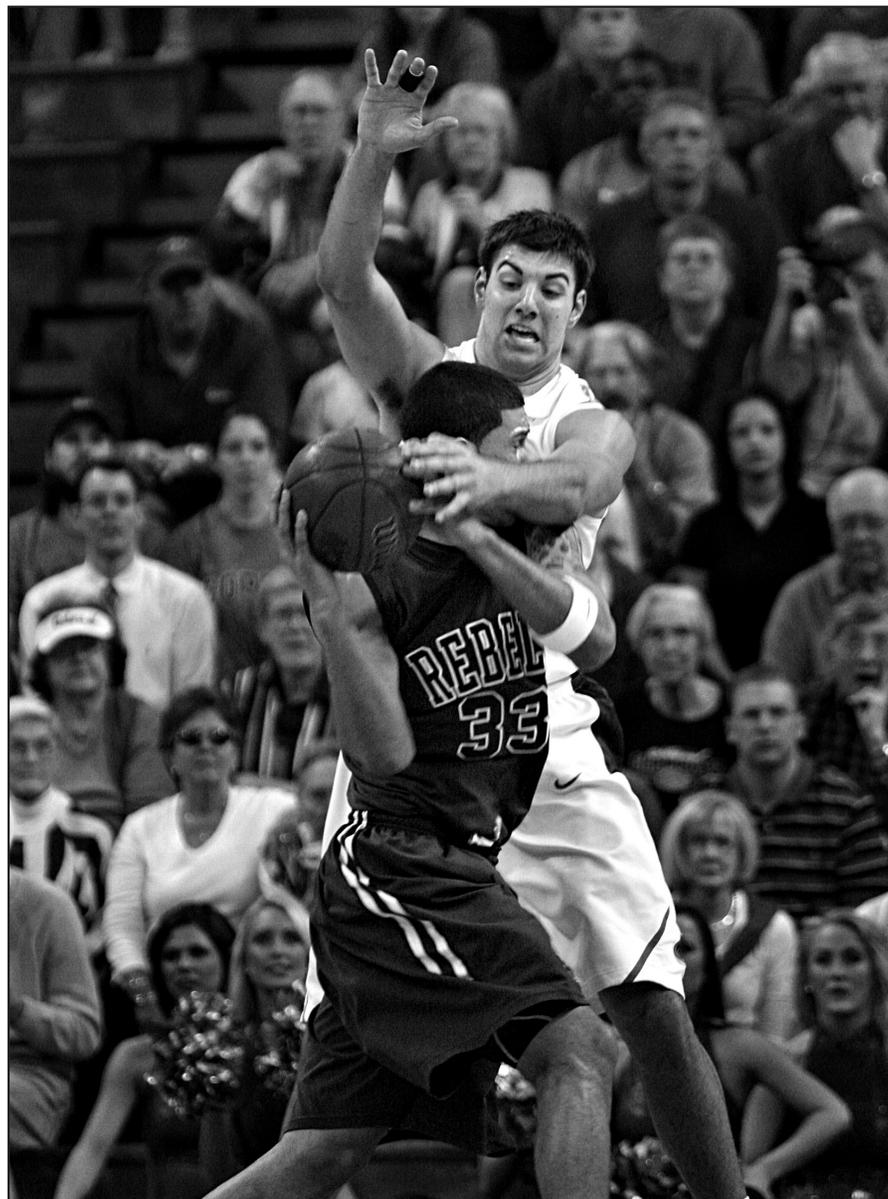
"This weekend I'm going to be in one of the faster heats, so I'm trying to go ahead and break my season time," Phillips said. "Hopefully this week I can get an automatic time."

As a senior, Phillips understands that some of his younger teammates look up to him, and he embraces the role.

"Whether I want to or not, I have to set an example," Phillips said. "On the track, I always do the workouts and never shortcut anything."

This weekend's split meets will be the final events for UF before the SEC Indoor Championships.

## Donovan challenges junior forward to do more for team



Sarah Hsu / Alligator Staff

UF forward Dan Werner pressures Mississippi guard David Huertas during the Gators' 78-68 win against the Rebels in the O'Connell Center on Jan. 10.

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— I believe in the old adage, 'Where there's a will there's a way,'" Donovan said. "You can use your smarts."

This season however, Werner has struggled to put up the numbers he did last year.

He averaged 6.4 rebounds per game as a sophomore, but this season he has only managed 4.4.

He's second on the team in turnovers, leads the team in fouls and is shooting just 33 percent from the field in Southeastern Conference play.

"There are things that, statistically, when you look at him, his shooting percentage in the league, his rebounding, there are some areas where he can improve," Donovan said.

Last season, Werner was second on the team in rebounding. This year, he checks in fourth behind Alex Tyus, Chandler Parsons and point guard Nick Calathes.

"A lot of times it comes down to you have an internal drive and commitment to yourself to say, 'You know what? I'm going to play better,'" Donovan said. "I think he has done a lot of great things that don't show up in the stat sheet, but certainly I think that there is more he can do."

**DONOVAN UNSURE OF CALATHES' FUTURE:** With his standout sophomore season, there has been increasing speculation that this may be Calathes' last year in Gainesville.

But according to Donovan, the NBA is the last thing on his star's mind.

"I haven't talked to anybody about that, and that includes people at the next level," Donovan said. "I really believe Nick's focus is on helping our team."

If Calathes did want to test the NBA waters, Donovan is in a position to ensure the right decision is made.

"Stu Jackson, who handles all that stuff and works in the NBA office, coached me in college, so there is a very close relationship there. I'm able to get a lot of honest and relevant information that allows guys to get to the next level," Donovan said. "It would be the same situation as a guy like Marreese Speights. I really don't have any idea with Nick."

## Walton not concerned about pitting pitchers against each other

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After last season, Brombacher went to her coach and said she wanted the ball more, and Walton took that as a sign that she was ready to be a more consistent option in the circle.

"She's now taking her ability to be mentally tough and to pitch against the better teams," he said. "She's not afraid of Francesca Enea in intrasquad (scrimmages). She's ready to

go after her, and that is what catapults her into wanting the ball against the quality opponents we're going to face this year."

Nelson, who led the nation in wins (47) and had the fourth-lowest ERA (0.76) while pitching 352.1 innings last season, will still get more than 50 percent of the starts, Walton said. Despite Brombacher's impressive performance in fall and preseason practices, the senior remains the unquestioned ace.

Rather than seeing the younger pitcher as a threat to her position, Walton said Nelson realizes Brombacher can help her improve, and Nelson can help Brombacher turn into a more complete pitcher.



### Softball

"They're a great team together," Walton said. "They work together, have a great chemistry together, and it's never really about pitting any-

one against each other."

Nelson said she has welcomed Brombacher's expanded role with open arms and has benefited from having another reliable pitcher in the rotation.

"I don't really feel like I help her — not that I don't, but everything she's done has been on her own," Nelson said. "She's a great pitcher. She's grown over the past year and learned how to pitch at this level."

## UF falls one game behind Auburn in SEC

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range in the second half as well and extended its lead to as much as 27.

The Commodores found themselves with more wide-open looks from distance than contested shots, and most of the time the ball didn't even touch the rim as it went through the net.

Guard Merideth Marsh and forward Christina Wirth made all of Vanderbilt's 13 threes.

The Commodores, who were shooting 62 percent from beyond the arc at one point, finished 13 of 23 from long range.

"The open looks that we continued to give them, I think, primarily was because of a lack of communication," Butler said. "They just really took it to us, and we did very little to try and slow that down."

UF shot itself in the foot with 23 turnovers, and Vanderbilt capitalized on them with 26 points. Also not helping their own cause, the Gators went just 9 of 20 from the free-throw line.

"We didn't play with very much composure," Butler said. "We just let down on every front. They just out-hustled us. They beat us to balls. They were more physical than us. They out-toughed us. The list goes on and on."

The road doesn't get much easier for the Gators, who now trail Auburn in the SEC standings by a game following the Tigers' win over Kentucky on Thursday.

UF will travel to Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday at 1 p.m. to take on LSU (12-9, 5-4 SEC).

The Tigers, who have advanced to the Final Four for five straight years, field the best defense in the conference and will be coming off a bye week to get ready for the Gators.

*A radio broadcast contributed to this report.*

**JUMPBALL**

# Should Calathes stay to improve fundamentals or make jump to NBA?

*Disclaimer: I have a lot of respect for Nick Calathes and Billy Donovan, so do not misunderstand the tone of this letter. It is designed to be a joke, is very tongue-in-cheek and only intends to make you laugh — but maybe make a few points along the way.*

Dear Nick,  
 Alright, I understand there is simply no way you're going to be a four-year player here at UF. But hey, can I just get a third year?

I know everyone is going to be telling you to leave for the NBA after this season.

"Nick Calathes could be a lottery pick," one NBA analyst will say. "Definitely a first-round pick," another expert will add.

I know this season has worn on you. I told you things wouldn't be that bad after the departure of Marreese Speights — Alright, I was wrong.

And yes, it's pretty pitiful that you went for a career-high 33 points at Rupp and we couldn't close it out despite Kentucky missing Patrick Patterson near the end.

But come on man, we're making progress. I'm pretty sure we can't find a way



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to miss the NCAA Tournament this year, though we could use a third scoring option.

And yeah, you might win SEC Player of the Year this year, but you would be a lock next season!

We're only losing Walter. And the SEC

will likely still be down. We could put another banner up in the O'Dome.

Next year, you'd get to play with two real big men with Vernon Macklin being eligible. Imagine that! TWO great big men!

Your buddy Chandler will still be here, and you can each get more chances next year to not miss critical free throws with the game on the line. (Oops, is that still a sensitive spot?)

And your stock surely wouldn't go down by sticking around. Maybe next year I could even get you guys to play defense! C'mon man, take a page out of Tebow's book — let's do it again next year (but better)!

Yours truly,  
 Billy D.

Here's what Nick Calathes excels at and why NBA teams will draft him:

1. He sees the floor as well as any 6-foot-6-inch player can.

2. He's a point guard, and he's 6 feet 6 inches tall.

3. His shot is getting better and his shooting range extends out to the NBA 3-point line.

And here's why they will pass on him:

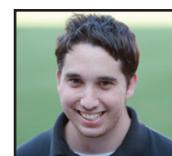
1. He is not a top-notch athlete. Chandler Parsons jokes he can't even jump over one of the Alligator's weekday editions.

2. He won't ever be a great one-on-one defender because of that lack of athleticism.

3. His shot isn't at an elite level and he doesn't have a quick release.

Now, can Calathes improve on those strengths? Yes, but he is already at the elite level in college. There are very few players who see the floor as well as he does, and there is nobody who has his size to go with that playmaking ability.

If teams are looking for a playmaker in the draft, Calathes will be one of the first they think of.



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And what about those faults? Calathes isn't turning into an exceptional athlete or a shut-down defender. Those aren't areas he was blessed in.

That is why he's ready for the NBA after this year.

If Calathes wants to stay at UF and have a shot at making a deep tournament run, good for him. It won't hurt his draft status or how he'll play in the NBA. If he's ready, however, to be financially set for the rest of his life, then let him go to the NBA.

He's got skills teams can use, and those aren't going to get much better at the college level. His talents will improve when he's playing with NBA athletes who will force him to study the game even more.

Nothing against UF strength and conditioning coordinator Matt Herring, but NBA coaches can help Calathes add more muscle and fine-tune his shot more when he doesn't have to worry about that Man's Food test.

# Mahlich returns home for meet against Michigan State

■ THIS MARKS UF'S SECOND ROAD CONTEST IN A ROW.

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**  
 Alligator Writer

For Elizabeth Mahlich, the trip north to East Lansing, Mich., this weekend is more of a homecoming than a road meet.

Mahlich grew up in Mason, Mich., about a 20-minute drive from East Lansing, and is ready to see friends and family cheering her in a less-hostile crowd than most away meets.

"It'll be fun competing at a meet that I always used to go to," Mahlich said.

The No. 9 Gators (3-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) will face Michigan State on Saturday, treating the team to a homey feel

Friday night.

"They're all excited to have a nice home-cooked meal instead of a catered one," Mahlich said.

She said the team will be visiting her house Friday night and that it will be a radical change of scenery.

"Going to our actual house and knowing how and where I used to live will probably be a little different and exciting for (the team)," she said.

"I live out in the country, around absolutely no one, so it's going to be a lot different."

UF coach Rhonda Faehn sees this meet as a showcase event for the all-around freshman.

"Elizabeth has done a tremendous job for this team this year," Faehn said. "She's really stepped up as a freshman and has really

just come out in pressure situations and done a great job. We're really excited for her to be able to go home to see her family, to see her friends, but also to show them just what a great job she's doing for this program."

**"We have something we have to prove. We have to turn this season around."**

**Rhonda Faehn**  
 UF gymnastics coach

The Gators will take on the Spartans (5-8) in their first road meet against a non-SEC opponent. That may be good news since the team is 0-2 on the road this season.

Both losses came against SEC opponents, including a loss on the

road at LSU on Feb. 6.

"There's nothing to lose," junior Melanie Sinclair said. "We've gone into two away meets already and have had not-so-good experiences. (We) might as well go out and give it our all."

Even though ranking- and record-wise Michigan State may be one of the weakest teams on UF's schedule, Faehn wants her team to focus internally more than anything else.

"We don't ever look at who we're competing against as far as how we're supposed to perform," Faehn said.

"We have something we have to prove. We have to turn this season around."

The team improved its performance against LSU, and even though it wasn't enough for the

win, Sinclair pointed out the meet's positives.

"We just have little flukes here and there," Sinclair said.

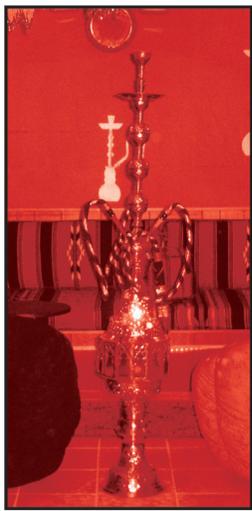
"Overall it was a decent competition, and it makes you feel good that knowing that even though we did have mistakes, we kept a positive attitude, we kept the composure as a team that we needed to keep."

In a sport that focuses more on individual performance, having that team energy is vital for the rest of the squad.

Faehn wants her gymnasts to start the meet with energy and have it snowball.

UF opens the meet on bars because it is the road team. Mahlich is penciled in for the first spot.

"What a way to start out the competition," Faehn said.



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