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Cultural Celebration

Bonnie Bing reads to visitors during the Eighth Annual National African American Read-In at the Alachua Branch Library Sunday afternoon. Community leaders came to share stories, read books about African Americans and sing songs honoring Black History Month.

LOCAL

Women drugged in bar

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**

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Date rape drugs were slipped into the drinks of at least three women at Grog House, wrote the president of a UF club that networks international and domestic students.

NaviGators International President Heather Lear sent an e-mail to club members Wednesday, warning them to watch for date rape drugs at lo-

cal bars.

"Several of our international girls have had their drinks drugged at Grog on more than one occasion, and I wanted to make everyone aware of this trend," Lear wrote.

The first incident was in January, followed by another on Feb. 4, said Jessica Bode, NaviGators vice president.

In the February incident, two women in NaviGators shared a vodka-mixed drink and then showed signs of date

rape drugging, Bode said while waiting for friends to show up at Grog Wednesday night.

One of the women woke up at Shands and could not remember how she got there, Bode said.

Nick Roller, a Grog security guard, said that drugging is uncommon in Gainesville bars. He hears of a case about every six months, he said.

Assumptions about what

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SG candidates debate issues

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**

Alligator Writer

Candidates running on the executive ticket showcased their platform ideas during a debate Sunday night in front of about 200 students, as the Feb. 24 and 25 Student Government elections loom closer.

They answered questions for nearly two hours in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom for the Freshman Leadership Council's fourth annual SG debate.

Representatives from all four political parties running were present — the Keg Party, the Orange and Blue Party, the Progress Party and the Unite Party. But two-thirds of the Keg Party's executive ticket was absent, including vice presidential candidate Russ Ward and treasurer candidate Elizabeth Stinson.

Jordan Johnson, presidential candidate for the Unite Party, said he was pleased with the student turnout, adding that there was room for improvement.

"It looked that about 75 percent had party

T-shirts on," he said.

The debate served as a venue for candidates to share their party's platform and personal view on sustainability, textbook pricing, free printing and online voting.

"You don't stop a cock fight by adding more cocks to the fight."

Ben Dictor

Progress Party presidential candidate

"We pride ourselves in being the party that has supported online voting, getting the nearly 6,000 signatures to have it on the ballot," said Orange and Blue Party presidential candidate Mark McShera.

One party took a lighter approach when speaking on the issues.

"I dream of the day I can engage in student government the only way someone should engage in student government," said Frank Walch, presidential candidate of the Keg Party.

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Friends remember UF alumna who died in plane crash

MAURER WAS ONE OF 49 WHO DIED IN THURSDAY'S CRASH.

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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UF alumna Lorin Maurer was one of 49 who died aboard Continental Connection Flight 3407 when it crashed into a home near Buffalo, N.Y., Thursday night.

A man inside the home was also killed

and his wife and child were injured, according to news reports.

Officials said "significant icing" of the plane's windshield and wings could have played a part in the crash.

Maurer earned a master's degree in sports management from UF in 2002, according to the Daily Princetonian. She attended Rowan University in 2001, earning a degree in health and exercise science.

At the time of her death, she was a fundraiser for the athletics department at Princeton University. She was flying to Buffalo for

her boyfriend's brother's wedding.

Friends described her as an outgoing sports nut and a huge Gator fan.

She attended the last two UF basketball championships and was in Miami in January when UF beat Oklahoma for the BCS National Championship, according to friends.

She would also watch the Gators play on TV whenever she could, said Robert Allen, her roommate and co-worker at Princeton.

Allen, who graduated from UF in 1997

with a degree in economics, said Maurer was very athletic.

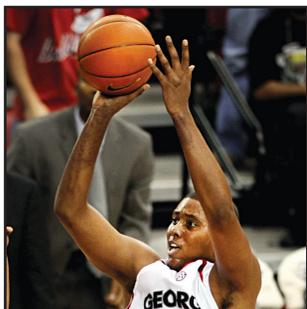
"She ran every morning — in the ice, in the snow — you name it, she would always get out there and run," he said. "She was very disciplined."

Bobby Darnell, who met her in 2003 when they were in the same NCAA internship program, said Maurer made friends with everyone.

"It was like she never met a stranger," he said. "We would go all kinds of differ-

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■ Georgia, previously winless in the Southeastern Conference, got huge games from forward Terrance Woodbury and Trey Tompkins (right) in its upset of UF in Athens on Saturday. Gators guard Erving Walker missed a shot with four seconds left to seal the win for the Bulldogs. See Story, Page 14.



Chavez wins vote to scrap term limits in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez won a referendum to eliminate term limits Sunday, paving the way for him to run again in 2012 — and beyond — and push through his vision of a socialist Venezuela.

With 94 percent of the vote counted, 54 percent voted in favor of the constitutional amendment, National Electoral Council chief Tibisay Lucena announced.

Forty-six percent had voted against the measure to eliminate term limits on all public officials, too few to make up the distance with the remaining votes.

■ A registered sex offender was arrested Friday in connection with Tuesday's bank robbery at the Campus USA Credit Union. See story, Page 5.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Gator Sport Management Club presents MLB P.R. Executive Julio Sarmiento

Today, 4 p.m.
Florida Gym, Room 210
GSMC presents former Los Angeles Dodgers Public Relations Director and Gainesville resident Julio Sarmiento. Sarmiento served as the head P.R. contact in the nation's second largest media market, dealing with some of the most high-profile baseball players in the Major Leagues. He will discuss careers in baseball, his rise to the top of the MLB and advice on how students can break into the world of professional baseball. For more information call 352-682-6365. Free and open to all majors.

Red Cross Gators Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.
Anderson Hall, Room 101
The group will discuss upcoming events during March (American Red Cross Month), and directors from the local chapter will be at hand to elaborate on activities planned. All interested students are welcome to attend and learn more about the organization and how they may volunteer.

FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
SUNNY 70/39	SUNNY 69/48	PARTLY CLOUDY 75/57	THUNDER STORMS 70/40	SUNNY 60/33

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NATIONAL

Chris Brown says he's 'sorry and saddened'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Brown, who was arrested a week ago in connection with a domestic violence investigation, said Sunday he is "sorry and saddened" by what happened and is seeking counseling from his pastor and loved ones.

The 19-year-old R&B singer also said much of what has been reported of the incident is untrue, although he did not elaborate.

"Words cannot begin to express how sorry and saddened I am over what transpired. I am seeking the counseling of my pastor, my mother and other loved ones and I am committed, with God's help, to emerging a better person," Brown said in a

statement.

"Much of what has been speculated or reported on blogs and-or reported in the media is wrong," he added. But he said he couldn't discuss that in detail until his case is resolved.

He also said he has not posted any comments about the incident on Facebook or any other Web site. "Those posts or writings under my name are frauds," he said.

Brown surrendered to Los Angeles police on Feb. 8 and was released on \$50,000 bail after being booked for investigation of making a criminal threat, a felony. He has not been charged by the district attorney's office, which is still investigating the case.

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UF ACADEMICS

Prospective UF students learn of application status

By **KRISTEN HUFF**

Alligator Contributing Writer

When St. Thomas Aquinas senior Lauren Sharifi couldn't see if she had been accepted to UF on Friday because the online system was jammed, she, like many others, resorted to Facebook.

"Everyone's status was like 'Hey, I got in!' or 'Ah, it's not working!'" said Sharifi, 18.

According to UF spokesman Steve Orlando, this is often the case on the day the university in-

forms prospective students online if they've been accepted.

"Ultimately 7,000 people are going to slam that system at 6 p.m.," Orlando said.

Sharifi was able to access the system the next day and was happy to learn she had been accepted.

"It was kind of weird because I wasn't really expecting to get in," she said.

UF received about 27,850 applicants by the November deadline, but students can still apply by March 1, according to Orlando. Those who



Orlando

say UF will surpass the 28,000 total applications it received last year.

Orlando attributed the increase in applicants to the state of the economy. Many prospective students

apply by the second deadline will be informed of their application status in April.

Because all applications have not yet been received, Orlando said, it's safe to

who would have looked out of state decided to stay in Florida, he said.

As of Friday, the official number of potential students accepted was not released, but Orlando said it won't be much different from last year's 10,600 acceptances.

The Office of Admissions doesn't release that information until a few days after acceptances have been posted because they're subject to change right up until 6 p.m., Orlando said. The target size of the freshman class is 6,400 students.

Orlando said the quality of this

year's freshman class will be even better than last year's, but specific data on this year's applicants has not been released yet.

The average weighted GPA of last year's freshman class was 4.1 and the average SAT score was 1276, Orlando said. Acceptance letters will be mailed sometime this week.

Sharifi was visiting friends in Gainesville this weekend when she learned of her acceptance.

"I could have either been celebrating or like 'I hate this place,'" she said.

Pets find new homes at Valentine's Day adoption event

■ MORE THAN 20 ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED AT THE EVENT.

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**

Alligator Writer

While most people looked for a properly waxed date on Feb. 14, others found a valentine with a little extra fur.

More than 20 people found cuddly companions on Saturday at the Alachua County Animal Services "Come Fall in Love" event.

The organization offered reduced adoption fees, including vaccinations and spaying or

neutering. People paid less than half the shelter's regular rates for dogs and cats.

Visitors had free coffee, spaghetti and donuts as they toured the pink-and-red-ballooned shelter and met eligible dogs, cats, rabbits and hamsters.

Trey Regar, 4, may have been a little too young for a Valentine's Day date, but he found the perfect companion — one that doesn't mind getting dirty and never gets tired of chasing a ball — when he met Ranger, a young pit bull mix.

"He needed a boy's dog, and this is a boy's dog," Trey's father, Ron Regar, said of Ranger.

"I didn't want to get him a little sissy dog."

According to Regar, the family searched for the perfect dog since Trey's Rottweiler died several weeks before, and they thought Ranger was the perfect match.

"They just clicked the second they met over at the cage," he said. "Trey said, 'This is the one I want.'"

ACAS spokeswoman Hilary Hynes said the connection between Trey and Ranger was exactly what the events are designed to create.

"We watch for the moment when [the adopter] is holding the animal in their arms

and you can just tell it's right," she said.

"We're in the business of permanent happy endings," she said.

Hynes said that the shelter usually has about 16 adoptions per week, but events like the one Saturday often result in the placement of about seven times that many.

Saturday was no exception. "When we opened at 9:30, we had people running to the front door," she said.

Hynes attributed the event's success to the low adoption fees and to the good spirits people tend to be in on holidays.

"It's Valentine's Day," she said. "It's a reason to come fall in love."

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Grant gives opportunities to UF graduate students

■ THE \$1M WILL BE USED FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Despite recent cuts to UF's budget, some programs will continue to flourish.

Thanks to a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation, some UF graduate students will have new opportunities to prepare for future careers.

Though the money has not been divvied out for specific purposes, it will likely be used to arrange workshops, guest lectures and internships for graduate students who are studying science, engineering, technology and mathematics.

Emory University has a similar program, so Patricia Marsteller, the director of the Emory College Center for Science Education, visited the Reitz Union on Friday to speak with students and faculty about the grant's possibilities.

She said students should have more opportunities to develop skills

they can use in the workplace.

"There's not any formal programming on how to apply for jobs, networking or teaching," she said, adding that the grant has the potential to provide all of these things.

Many graduate students feel unaware of what to do or where to go once done with school, she said.

One function of the grant will be to help graduate students learn the fundamentals of communication in the form of workshops and mentor programs with professors.

Learning to write grants, negotiate starting salaries or prepare research statements will help students gain further funding.

The grant will also allow students from the different departments receiving the money to work together. This can be a challenge though, Marsteller said, because different departments have different needs.

"You have to get where you can sit down and create partnerships that are win-win for both (departments)," she said.

Marsteller went on to offer advice for when the time comes to divvy up

the money.

"Plan strategically," she said. "When the money goes, so will the institution's commitment. Ask the grad students what they're not getting." She said that leadership may lose interest in the program once the funding is gone.

Marsteller said although UF has the money in hand, the hard part will be deciding where the money will go.

"Remember," she said. "(The process is) hard and it's slow. You have to figure out ways to make this work."

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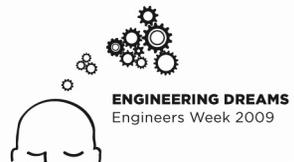
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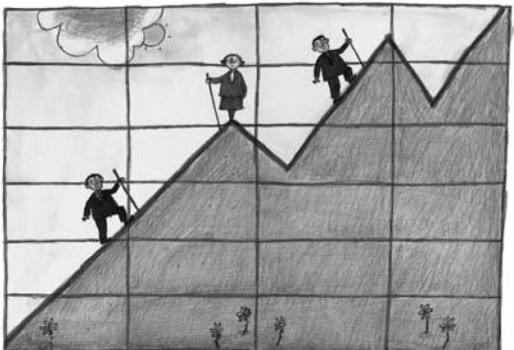
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LOCAL CMC moves to bigger location

By **JOHN LOCKETT**
Alligator Contributing Writer

After 15 years on West University Avenue, the Civic Media Center packed up its books and moved into a bigger space more than a mile away.

The move to 433 S. Main St. began Tuesday and continued until Saturday. Regular hours will resume today.

A grand reopening ceremony

"I put a lot of my life into this organization and a lot has happened here."

Jimmy Schmidt
Civic Media Center co-coordinator

will take place Saturday with a ribbon-cutting at 4 p.m. and an open house from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The biggest reason for changing locations was rent, said Jimmy

Schmidt, co-coordinator of the CMC.

"It just keeps going up and up," Schmidt said.

Money wasn't the only reason for the move, he said. The CMC started to outgrow its University Avenue location.

"I put a lot of my life into this organization and a lot has happened here," Schmidt said. "On the other hand, I'm so excited about the new chapter and moving forward."

County man admits to robbery

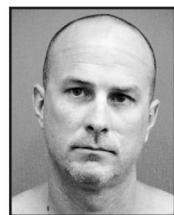
■ THE MAN WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR PROVIDING A FALSE ADDRESS.

A registered sex offender was arrested Friday in connection with Tuesday's bank robbery of Campus USA Credit Union.

Clinton Ponce, 27, was under investigation during the time of the robbery for giving authorities a faulty address after moving to Alachua County. Registered sex offenders must notify officials within 48 hours of an address change.

When the still photo of the bank robbery came out, Gainesville Police Department investigators Jim McCollum and Courtney Roberts recognized Ponce from prior investigations, said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

Ponce was arrested at the Alachua County Public Library at about 2:30 p.m. when police got a tip that he was in the area.



Ponce

After interviews with GPD and the FBI, Ponce admitted to the bank robbery.

He had been released from prison Feb. 7 after a 2001 child pornography conviction, Kameg said.

"In six days of Ponce's relevant freedom, he committed two felonies," Kameg said.

Ponce was charged with failing to register his address as a registered sex offender and bank robbery.

— KATIE EMMETS

Machen given "Green Valentine"

BY **THOMAS STEWART**
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UF President Bernie Machen got some pre-Valentine's Day love Friday morning from a student group seeking to recognize him for his environmental efforts at UF.

UF's chapter of Florida PIRG, short for Public Interest Research Group, presented Machen with a "Green Valentine" in the President's Conference Room in Tigert Hall.

The group advocates change on issues including the environment, higher education and homelessness.

Five of the 30 or so members in the group gave Machen the card, signed by hundreds of UF students, and asked him to be their eco-friendly valentine, to which he replied, "It would be my honor."

"Thanks for what you're doing," he said to the group. "It's your world and it's our world and, unfortunately, my generation has made it



Machen

a problem for your world, and maybe together we can fix it," he said.

He said his environmental efforts are largely the product of student demand.

"I was going to get run over by the students if I didn't do something," he said.

But he said budget cuts will make it difficult for UF to maintain its commitment to sustainability.

He also noted that his wife has been looking into buying an electric scooter.

"My wife's all over it," he said. "But she will wear a helmet, I promise you."

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Editorial

Top Cop

Gainesville officer nets more than 100 DUIs

For many UF students, the words “police officer” conjures imagery of underage alcohol violations and tickets for jaywalking.

Until you meet Gainesville police officer Joey Devore — single-handedly making his life’s mission to keep you alive with more than 100 DUI arrests in the past year.

Not exactly a cop you would mind sharing a doughnut with.

Interestingly enough, Devore didn’t end up as the department’s designated DUI enforcer by choice, but rather due to the fact that his vehicle was equipped with a camera.

Utilizing the technology and understanding the importance of his role, Devore’s efforts have not gone unnoticed as Mothers Against Drunk Driving has acknowledged him for his top-notch work.

According to a Gainesville Sun article, Devore will be recognized for his achievements at the annual Florida MADD banquet this spring, along with other officers from across the state.

The Editorial Board salutes Officer Devore for his outstanding contributions to the Gainesville community.

Too often we are guilty of taking the work of law enforcement for granted and failing to honor their laudable efforts.

Through Devore’s dedication to making the roads safer for North Central Florida, he kept countless innocent people from succumbing to an early death at the hands of an irresponsible driver.

We can only hope that all officers strive to follow the exceptional example set by Devore.

Babies having babies

Word across the pond reveals news of a 13-year-old who became a father after his girlfriend gave birth last Monday.

According to British tabloid The Sun, Alfie Patten and Chantelle Steadman (a cougar-like 15-year-old), conceived a baby girl after engaging in one night of unprotected sex.

Looks like the young Brits were sleeping during sex ed.

Patten may be 13, but a quick Google search reveals the portrait of a child a good decade away from his first shave.

The latest on the situation has other young men coming out of the woodwork to claim that they, not Patten, are the true father of the baby.

While the Editorial Board can’t help but be impressed by the young man’s presumed sexual prowess, we

do harbor some concern for the baby’s well-being.

Not only does the couple lack jobs, the Steadman family’s current financial situation includes living off the country’s equivalent of welfare — hardly the ideal situation considering the many needs of a newborn.

It’s great that Patten seems to have embraced the responsibility that comes along with being a new dad, but how does he expect to provide diapers, formula and clothes for his baby girl?

Let’s be honest, a newly minted teenager has no business rearing a child. His skill-set is much better suited for, oh say, eating junk food and watching television.

But seriously, will he even graduate from high school before his daughter’s first day of kindergarten?

At least they can always share toys.

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Column

SG online voting has dirty little secret

In 2007, UF students Tommy Jardon and Sam Miorelli, both current leaders of the Orange and Blue Party, started to renew efforts to make online voting the norm for Student Government elections.

Their organization, Students for Online Voting (SOLVe), needed to collect signatures of at least 10 percent of the entire student body, which they did.

Then, according to the student constitution, they were “guaranteed the right to submit initiatives and referendums for ratification by the electorate.” Specifically, the proposed amendment for online voting had to pass approval by 60 percent of the UF electorate.

Yet, we’re not voting online because SOLVe hit a snag right before the referendum was placed on the spring 2008 ballot to be voted on by the students. The UF Supreme Court decided to review the constitutionality of the proposed amendment. Guess what? Turns out voting online, or voting any place outside of the privacy of a voting booth is, gasp, illegal.

I was shocked, too. To think that my last absentee ballot was suddenly unconstitutional made me sick to my stomach. The UF Supreme Court’s lone and courageous dissenter, Justice John Campbell, argued that the court lacked the authority to even review the constitutionality of the referendum, and then for kicks went on to inform his judicial colleagues that online voting had been approved for national presidential primaries.

Campbell’s dissent wasn’t enough. Jardon and Miorelli’s last hope was appealing to the vice president of Student Affairs’ office.

A committee was promised to look into the issue, and was eventually delegated to what became a partisan group of SG members. Needless to say, the committee wasn’t in-



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credibly productive.

So, Jardon and Miorelli sued. They sued the UF administration, they sued SG and they sued the UF Supreme Court. If a fake court wouldn’t follow the laws of logic and even legal precedence, then hopefully a real one could.

What’s wrong with online voting? According to its dissenters, first it was insecure, prone to Internet hackers.

Next, online voting would supposedly lead to voter coercion. But online voting, if ever allowed, would be accessed through a secure and encrypted server by use of a voter’s Gator ID and password, the same process we trust for our grades and planning our course schedule. Privacy wise, Georgetown, Penn State, Duke, FSU and a host of other universities have not had privacy infringement issues.

They’ve just seen higher voter turnout.

That’s what’s wrong with online voting. If ever allowed, it would expand the electorate, making elections inherently more fair. Dissenters to online voting don’t want to challenge the status quo. They, the Gator Party or its newest quasi-iteration, the Unite Party, want to win. They need the “I-Voted” stickers; they need bands of easy-to-please pledges collecting those stickers, gently reminding people who to vote for. They need a small electorate. They need your apathy.

They get it; they just don’t want you to. That’s how you win an election.

Matthew Christ is a political science freshman. His column appears on Mondays.

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Reader response

Today’s question: Would you support online voting in SG elections?

Friday’s question: Does Valentine’s Day mean just another chance to get drunk alone?

54% YES
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Letters to the Editor

Ads fuel body insecurities

I would like to follow up on the letter about the Gainesville Health and Fitness ad from last week. The attention that has been brought to this issue could not come at a better time.

In one week, UF will join other universities, communities and individuals across the country to raise awareness of the dangers of eating disorders during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2009.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, approximately 10 million women and 1 million men are engaged in a life-and-death battle every day with an eating disorder. These are serious illnesses, not "choices" whose causes are multidimensional and complex.

Ads like the one run by Gainesville Health and Fitness feed into the insecurities of both women and men. They portray unrealistic standards that are impossible to achieve. But they do more than that, these types of ads trick us into believing that when we have a body like the one they show, we will be happy.

Regardless of the product being sold, the perfect body is equated with absolute happiness. But I can tell you, as I am sure the young woman who wrote the original letter last week can attest, that no matter how much weight we lose, happiness does not come with a number attached.

We have cultivated a society that places an incredible amount of importance on physical beauty and thinness. Consequently, we see people starving themselves and using compulsive measures to rid their bodies of nourishment in their search for "the perfect body." This vicious cycle leads to feelings of inadequacy, worthlessness and isolation that are difficult to escape.

I commend the young woman who has taken a stance against the images and ideals we are confronted with on a daily basis.

She eloquently illustrated how ads like these can contribute to the development of eating disorders, body image issues and disordered eating problems. The good news is that we do have the power to change things. We have the power to stand up to the media, to corporations, to our friends and to our families and say enough is enough.

The beauty of being human is that everyone is unique. We come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors.

It's time to celebrate the qualities that make us unique, rejoice in our diversity and find the beauty in each of us.

Jennifer Goetz
4LS

Hygiene not cause of virus

An article appeared in your publication recently detailing the outbreak of the norovirus in our house that I felt warranted a response.

First of all, if you have ever been to our house the first thing you will notice is how beautiful and immaculate it is. Our staff takes great pride in their work, from our housekeeper to the chefs in our kitchen.

Our housekeeper has worked on this campus for over 17 years and is very meticulous in her work. The bathrooms are cleaned daily with bleach and she often scrubs the corners and floors with a toothbrush. You

can smell the cleanliness throughout our house.

Our kitchen is inspected on a quarterly basis by the Alachua County Health Department, and has always received an excellent review. I would challenge anyone to question the way that our kitchen is run from the delivery, preparation and serving of our food. We have two chefs that are absolutely the very best and are constantly aware of making sure that their kitchen is clean and no contamination occurs.

Due to their meticulous preventative measures, the spread of the norovirus was in no way related to the preparation of our food.

Your article stated that the kitchen was given a "total clean-down." Once again I would like to say that we have one of the cleanest kitchens on campus and it receives a total "clean-down" every evening before the staff goes home.

You mentioned in your article that the virus could have come from food brought into the house. All food, besides fresh fruits and vegetables (which are washed before they are served), delivered to our house arrives in either vacuum-sealed packages or in boxes that have been sealed.

The outside vendors we use deliver to almost every single Gator Dining facility as well as other Greek houses here on campus. Food is not delivered or brought into our kitchen from any other sources.

The norovirus that hit our house could have been contracted anywhere. It is passed from person-to-person contact. We have many guests that eat at our house on a daily basis.

This virus could have been introduced into our house by any of these visitors and then passed along very quickly to our sisters.

Due to the quick response and cooperation of our membership, as well as our community, the virus was contained and did not spread.

Sharon Stone
Delta Phi Epsilon House Director

DUI punishment more than fair

UF students who are academically sanctioned for driving under the influence are generally only suspended for one semester, a slap on the wrist when put into perspective.

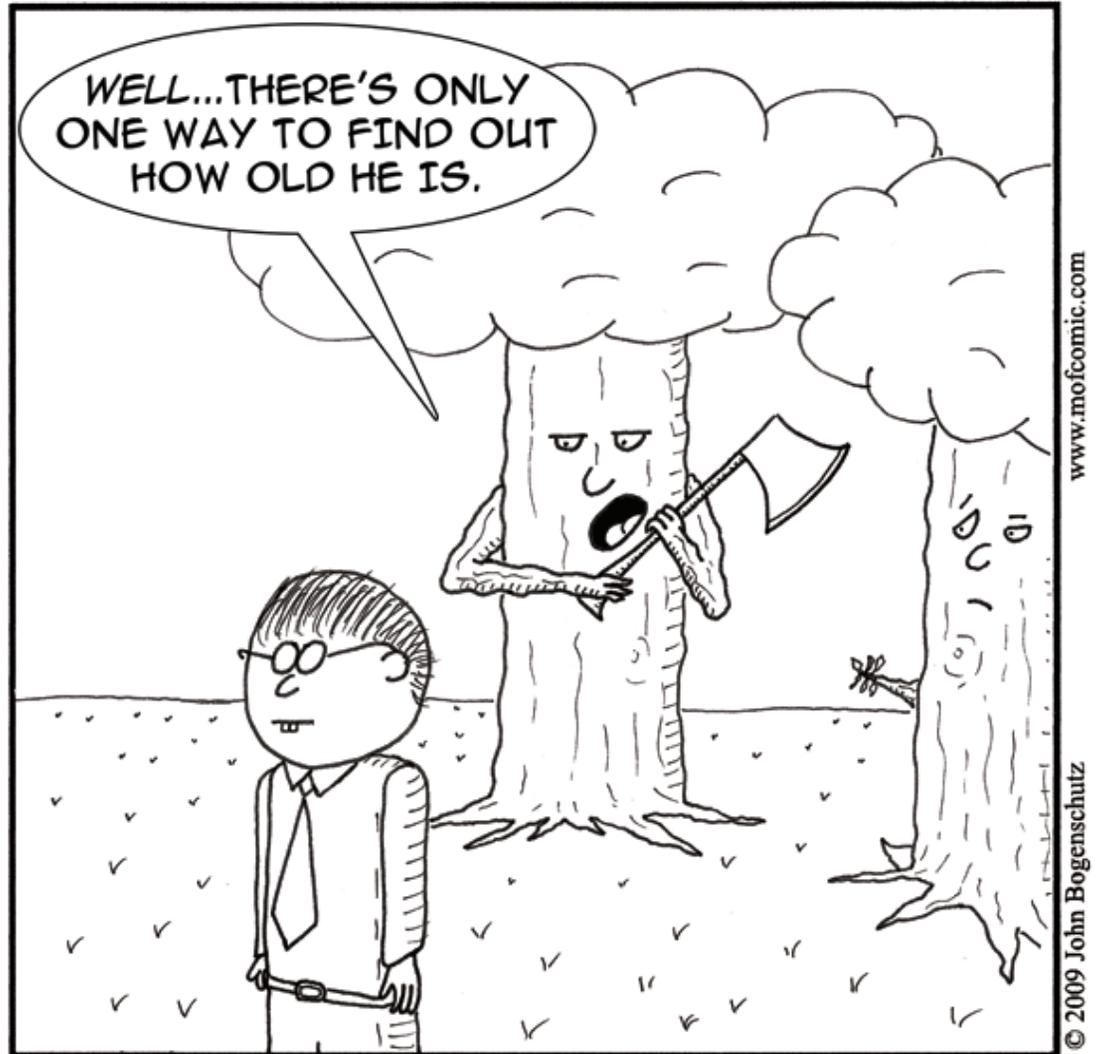
When my car was hit head on by a UF student driving with a blood alcohol content level of .156, or twice the legal alcohol limit, I was the only one incapable of going to school the next day. Not only did this one single invasive act put me in a coma for 11 days, it took me out of school for a year, and left my friends and family in the Shands ER waiting room where they were prohibited from seeing me because my mother did not want them to witness what I looked like when machines were breathing and consuming food for me.

So when does a public school have the right to judge someone's actions outside of school?

When those actions put the public, sometimes their own students, at risk. You may pay to go to school here right now, but I will forever pay a price for another student's decision to drink and drive.

With this in mind, please pay your own tab and designate a driver.

Nicole Martingano
4LS



Column

It's OK to bullshit with strangers

People have forgotten how to talk to each other.

Instead, we argue. We mumble and avoid eye contact, leaving out the most human parts of communication.

Communication happens among people. It is a give and take. Two different perspectives have the glorious opportunity to cross paths and learn from each other.

If the ability to speak separates us from lower species, why do we disregard our blessing like the crinkly, burnt French fry at the bottom of the Frypod?

We don't converse. We talk at and over each other. There is no listening, and there's zero compromise. Hollow small talk and battles for correctness prevail.

You ask anyone how they're doing and they go straight to their internal answering machines. They mutter "good" or something equivalent in a tone as humdrum as the Rev. Lovejoy from "The Simpsons."

We don't need to exchange "E! True Hollywood Stories," but a little enthusiasm never hurt anyone. I know everyone has crappy days — even Mary Poppins gets the flu — but there has to be some middle ground between robotic responses and unnecessary traumatic anecdotes.

When we aren't piling useless fillers into our spare time, we may actually engage someone on a subject we care about. Unfortunately, discussions among different points of view often turn ugly.

Someone disagrees with us, and we become rabid dogs, backed into a corner. The only perceptible means of escape is to thrash through any rival ideals, hopefully leaving a gang of like-minded zombies in our wake.

The knee-jerk reaction to fight off the evil neons or the hell-bound pro-choicers comes too naturally, and there's something seriously wrong with that.

The loudest, most ardent voices are not right by default. Correctness is subjective, and shouting insults doesn't alter circumstance.

Democrat, Republican, pro- and anti-abortion



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rights, affirmative action opponent or proponent, Catholic, atheist, pro- or anti-gay marriage: Every one of you is right, and every one of you is wrong. Our ideals cannot obstruct our abilities to reason, listen, learn and grow.

Debate should lead to compromise, not to winners and losers. "I told you so" won't fix a problem, but practical strategy might have a shot.

Not everyone is an enemy or a lunatic. They can talk, reason and analyze just like you. People are worth talking to, so give them a shot.

Last Wednesday I was sitting at a table on the Mother's patio waiting for a couple of my friends to arrive. An older guy walks out of the bar clutching a mug. He started talking to the group of people across from me, and they glared at him with we-don't-know-you eyes. The conversation fizzled immediately.

The same guy walked over to me with the same conversation lead-in. He wasn't smashed, like I assumed, not even close. I typically would have reacted as the other group did. Instead, I answered him. Turns out he was a badass from Boston who had done a million things during his life.

All he wanted to do was bullshit with someone while he finished his cigarette.

I don't want a medal for talking to somebody. I probably did it out of discomfort — I was cornered on the porch. Regardless, I enjoyed myself. I actually learned something from the bespectacled Bostonian, and I'm happy about that.

Break the social trend of unsociability.

It may be convenient to cross campus with your sunglasses on while your iPod blares and you hammer away at your phone's QWERTY keyboard, but it doesn't hurt to unplug, look up and smile for the hell of it.

Others might even respond.

Adam Wynn is a journalism senior.

UPD saturation details to continue during semester

The University Police Department handed out 127 written warnings and citations Wednesday for crosswalk violations.

The crackdown was a result of a saturation detail, a strategy in which police assign many officers to focus on a particular type of offense.

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The crackdown's purpose is to focus on "the education and enforcement of crosswalk violations," according to a press release.

Thirty-seven of the citations were crosswalk related issues,

such as failing to yield to pedestrians, blocking crosswalks and hindering traffic.

On Campus Additionally, 22 vehicle warnings were given to drivers who failed to yield to pedestrians, blocked crosswalks, ran stop signs

and red lights, sped or drove in the wrong direction on a one way street.

Sixty-one bicyclists were stopped for failing to yield to pedestrians, wearing headsets, riding the wrong way on a one-way street, riding without hands or

having improper bike lights.

Saturation details will continue during the semester, according to the release. The next detail is scheduled for Feb. 25 and will target lane change and passing violations.

— BRITTANY DAVIS

Women warned to watch drinks

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happened on those nights should be made carefully, because the symptoms of date rape drugs are similar to those of heavy drinking, Roller said.

Also, because the drug blocks memory, the women may have received the drug elsewhere and can only remember as far back as Grog, he said.

"If this is true, it's really scary."

Lynn Frazier

Interim dean of UF's International Center

Members of NaviGators continue to attend Grog on Wednesdays, Roller said.

UF's International Center, which co-sponsors the organization, learned of the incidents through Wednesday's e-mail and is still investigating, said Lynn Frazier, interim dean of the center.

UF Student Affairs plans to notify the Gainesville Police Department Monday.

"If this is true, it's really scary," Frazier said.

Bickering, mudslinging tempered debate discussion

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"In my home with my arm around my keg."

Walch frequently referenced the word "keg" or "beer" in his responses.

Keeping UF's libraries open 24 hours a day was also a hot topic.

The Orange and Blue Party did not support the idea, which was a main point on the Progress Party's platform.

"Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year," said Brandon White, treasurer candidate for the Orange and Blue Party. "This is how much it costs to open

a library 24 hours a day for a year. We cannot fund this."

Progress Party presidential candidate Ben Dictor disagreed.

"Absolutely, this can be done," he said. "To say 'It can't,' is pessimistic."

Bickering and mudslinging occasionally ruffled up the flow of discussion as candidates spoke on differing party ideas.

"Jordan Johnson and the Unite Party talk a good game about changing Student Government, but the students know better than that, because he is part of the same old Gator Party, through and

through," McShera said.

Later on, Johnson called attention to White, who criticized both Johnson and Unite several times throughout the evening.

"Sen. White certainly has a different opinion with my party than he did two weeks ago when he came and interviewed with my party," he said.

Meanwhile, Dictor expressed his irritation at the arguing.

"Again the bickering, did you hear it?" he said, while Walch replied via proverb.

"You don't stop a cock fight by adding more cocks to the fight," he said.

UF alumna remembered as outgoing, 'huge Gator fan'

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ent places and she would just be like, 'Hey, how ya doin', I'm Lorin Maurer,' and, you know, it would be on from then," he

said.

He said friends would get together every week at her house and watch "The O.C." on FOX and "Playmakers" on ESPN.

"It was pretty sad," he said. "But we loved those shows at

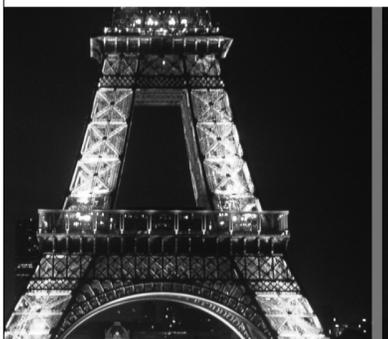
that time."

He said Maurer, who interned with the University Athletic Association at UF, introduced him to UF's Athletic Director Jeremy Foley and Defensive Coordinator Charlie Strong at a football

game in 2003.

"It was just cool to meet those people and just see what they thought about Lorin and how much, you know, respect and admiration they had for (her)," he said.

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5 London lavs, initially
8 Popular tourist areas
14 The slightest bit
15 "Go, team!"
16 Highway entrance
17 Jazzy 1940 standard that begins "I love coffee"
19 Carpenter, at times
20 Rebuttal to "Am so!"
21 Away from the prow
23 Adriatic seaport
24 Studied secondarily, with "in"
26 Thanksgiving veggie
28 60 secs.
29 Barnyard brayer
30 Conditioning exercise
33 Like a visit from Benedict XVI
34 Unconcerned with right and wrong
35 Bullets and such
38 Quick punch
40 Berlin article
41 Scottish landowners
44 Hole for sorting
47 Cheap earrings, etc.
49 Proofs of age, briefly
52 Word before "Blastoff!"
53 Like a wee bairn
54 Concise
56 Phyllis's TV husband
58 State E of Wash.
60 Attempts, with "at"
61 Apply haphazardly
63 747, e.g.
65 Yves's "Wow!"
66 Letters before an alias
67 Tenth out of ten
68 Egyptian leader for whom a lake is named

DOWN
1 ___ party: sleepover
2 Pioneering game systems
3 Baltimore NFLers
4 Hersey's "A Bell for ___"
5 Cite for speeding
6 Sixer's opponent
7 Queens ballpark for 45 seasons
8 Fourth-largest state
9 Bambi's aunt
10 Baby bed
11 Ristorante squid
12 Made in the States
13 Drizzle
18 "CSI" actress Fox
22 "Just so you know," on a memo
25 Key with two sharps: Abbr.
27 Leo's studio
31 "Peyton ___"
32 Kangaroo kid
33 Sausage meat
35 "The Jazz Singer" singer
36 Hawaiian volcano
37 Jade and quartz, e.g.
39 Market optimist
42 Radio CD players
43 Advanced study group
45 Hindu priest
46 One way to get to the airport
48 Gum glob
49 Stuck during rush hour, say
50 Reader's ___: popular magazine
51 Dred and George C.
55 "___ Mio"
57 Health resorts
59 Open a little
62 15-Across, at a bullfight
64 Luau instrument

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dawgs stun Gators

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia forward Terrance Woodbury hugged the ball with both arms as he jumped up and down in the Bulldogs student section, reveling in one of the biggest upsets of the Southeastern Conference season.

Woodbury scored a game-high 32 points as Georgia (10-15, 1-9 SEC) knocked off UF (19-6, 6-4 SEC) 88-86 on Saturday in Athens.

The Gators have now lost three of their last four games and back-to-back games for the first time all year.

Point guard Nick Calathes' head fell into his hands while cheerleaders waved flags at center court.

It's happening all over again.

"Our backs are against the wall," Calathes said. "It's back to last year."

After playing their way into the national rankings early last season, the Gators unraveled down the stretch, losing eight of their last 11 SEC games.

The Bulldogs, who fired coach Dennis Felton following their 83-57 loss to the Gators back on Jan. 28, came into the game without a win in conference play this sea-

son.

It was their first victory of the 2009 calendar year.

Calathes scored 16 points, dished out 13 assists and came within one rebound of a triple-double.

"That doesn't mean anything to me right now," Calathes said. "We've got a loss against a team we should have beaten."

For the first time in several games, the sophomore had help on the offensive end of the floor, with four teammates scoring in double figures.

But as it has been all season, the Gators were betrayed by defense.

The Bulldogs opened the game with eight straight made baskets and shot 69 percent in the first half.

They finished the night going 57 percent from the field.

"You can't win when the other team is shooting that percentage," said guard Walter Hodge, who scored a team-high 22 points. "We have to play better defense."

The Gators took their first lead of the game with 8:06 to play following two Ray Shipman foul shots.

But UF scored just 2 points in the final five minutes of the game

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AP Photo

Georgia's Trey Tompkins shoots to put the Bulldogs up for good as UF's Alex Tyus defends during the second half of the Gators' 88-86 loss against Georgia at Stegeman Coliseum on Saturday.

UF defense weak in loss

By **KYLE MAISTRI**

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ATHENS, Ga. — Defense wins championships — or at least road games against winless conference opponents.

UF was unable to clamp down on Georgia, which poured in jump shot after jump shot in front of the home crowd on its way to an 88-86 upset win on Saturday.

The Bulldogs shot 69 percent in the first half and burned down the nets on their way to a 54-47 halftime lead.

Three days earlier, Georgia could only muster 48 points in a blowout loss to Tennessee.

"When you start to make shots, it creates a different level of energy," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "They made their first couple shots, and I think what happened is their confidence grew in terms of their ability to shoot the basketball."

Confidence was all the Bulldogs had to rely upon.

Coming into the matchup with UF, Georgia was averaging a league-low 64.8 points per game and shooting 41

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Season in doubt after upset

ATHENS, Ga.

During a timeout with 35 seconds left in the UF-Georgia basketball game on Saturday, the public address announcer at Stegeman Coliseum had a simple request. He wanted fans to please refrain from running onto the court, if they would be so kind.

Instead, Georgia forward Terrance Woodbury and center Albert Jackson went to them.

In a game where it seemed fans showed up at halftime when they heard it wasn't a 20-point blowout in favor of the Gators, the Bulldogs spread some love by earning their first Southeastern Conference win, charging into the student section and jumping for joy.

A shirtless Georgia fan had his chest signed by members of the team. A mosh pit formed around an ecstatic Jackson.

"It's a terrific day for Georgia and the kids on this team," Bulldogs interim coach Pete Herrmann said.

That might be a bit of an understatement.



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Georgia is a mess of a program. The Bulldogs are using an interim coach after firing Dennis Felton when they lost to the Gators just three weeks ago. They struggled to draw fans for this game against a hated rival, and the 10,000-seat arena appeared barely half-full even at its peak Saturday. A chant of "orange" and "blue" broke out in the second half.

This is a program whose public address announcer deemed it necessary to remind previously joyless fans to stay off the court in case of a lone SEC victory.

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ONLINE

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HOT SHOTS

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

1. Nick Calathes
2. Walter Hodge
3. Alex Tyus

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Will the UF men's basketball team's loss at Georgia keep them from the NCAA Tournament?

Previous question: Should Nick Calathes jump to the NBA after this year? (see right for results)

No
Yes

Percent (Votes)
77% (63)
23% (19)
82 TOTAL VOTES

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators score season-low 53 points in loss to Tigers

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LSU's defense slowed down UF and may have cost the Gators a lot more Sunday.

The Tigers (13-9, 6-4 Southeastern Conference), who have the best scoring defense in the SEC and allow fewer than 53 points per game, held No. 9 UF to a season-low point total and gave the Gators (22-4, 8-3 SEC) their second consecutive loss by a 66-47 score in Baton Rouge, La.

LSU also put a damper on UF's SEC regular-season title hopes. The Gators now trail Auburn by two games and Vanderbilt by one with three to play.

"We play in the best league in the country, and you've got to come on someone else's home floor not with your best game, but the best game that you've played all year," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "Especially when you've had a little success and the target on your back's a little bit bigger. And we're just not understanding that."

Sunday marked the first time this season UF has lost back-to-back games.

The Tigers held the Gators to just 32 percent shooting, forced 20 turnovers and recorded 14 steals.

UF, which came up 14 points short of its previous lowest season output, was averaging nearly 76 points per game before the trip to Baton Rouge.

The Gators were 1 for 12 shooting from 3-point range, and Steffi

Sorensen's streak of consecutive games with a three ended at 20.

Even when UF wasn't being defended — on free throws — it struggled to convert. The Gators went just 12 of 22 from the line.

"You know there's going to be nights when you don't hit threes," Butler said. "That's something that you accept. But the free-throw line is not guarded, and the free-throw line is an area where we've excelled. It just shows mental weakness."

UF started the game shooting 1 of 12 and trailed 16-2 at the 10:38 mark.

Despite going 0 for 6 from downtown in the first half and shooting just 24 percent from the field, UF only trailed by 11 at halftime.

The Gators got within 8 on three separate occasions in the second half but could never close the gap any further.

UF could not stop LSU guard Allison Hightower, who torched the Gators with 21 points, many of which came off steals and fast-breaks she started.

Marsha Dotson allowed UF to hang around in the second half, adding 15 points and 10 rebounds, but the Gators got little production elsewhere.

"Our post players really let us down in the first half because I felt like we got good looks and just really didn't play with any toughness at all," Butler said.

UF fell victim to its toughest stretch of the season, going 1-2 against Tennessee, LSU and Vanderbilt.

For Butler, it's obvious what the



AP Photo

LSU guard Allison Hightower gets a hand on the ball to block a shot by UF guard Lonnik Thompson during the first half of the Gators' 66-47 loss to LSU in Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday.

reason is for their poor play.

"Not a tough performance in any regard," Butler said. "We're not playing tough in any aspect of

the game, inside-out, mentally or physically.

"When the other team exceeds your toughness level, then you've

got a problem."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

Donovan decides against calling late timeout

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and converted on only one of its final six possessions.

With the Gators down 2 and the clock inside of 16 seconds, guard Erving Walker grabbed a rebound and raced down the court.

The freshman frantically dribbled, looking for an open man, but settled for a leaning jump shot over two de-

fenders with four seconds left.

The ball flew off the rim, and the game fell out of reach.

"Erving got caught with the ball, and I think what you want to do in that situation is give it up and quickly pass it," Donovan said.

"He probably held on to it a little too long, and I think it's going to be a

good lesson for him on the film how to make a play there."

Donovan had a timeout left in his pocket but decided against using it.

"I've been in situations where you call a timeout, and you don't get a great shot up, and playing in transition is better," Donovan said.

"I've always felt with our team, the best thing we do is play in transition."

Mental mistakes on defense costly to Gators

DEFENSE, from page 14

percent from the floor as well as 32 percent from the 3-point line, good for last and ninth in the conference, respectively.

When Erving Walker's final jump shot bounced off the rim and sealed the Bulldogs' first SEC victory, the scoreboard showed that the Gators allowed their opponent to shoot 57 percent from the field.

"Every SEC team is going to play above their level," UF guard Nick Calathes said. "They were hungry, they wanted a win and they got the win."

Georgia forward Terrance Woodbury set the tone early and led the charge in exploiting UF's defense, which is ranked 10th in the SEC in both field goal and 3-point percentages allowed.

The Bulldogs' senior leader connected on his first eight shots and also dumped in 20 points by halftime. Woodbury, who came into the contest shooting 39 percent from the field and 29 percent from 3-point range, converted seven of his 10 shots from deep and scored a game-high 32 points.

Donovan described Woodbury as a "streaky player" and hinted he didn't expect that type of performance when he watched the forward on tape.

Both Donovan and UF guard Walter Hodge, who led the Gators with 22 points, said the team played well on offense but couldn't defend well enough to win. Though Hodge pointed to the Bulldogs' ability to spread the court as the main reason for their success, Donovan was displeased with his team's mental mistakes on defense.

"Every SEC team is going to play above their level."

Nick Calathes
UF sophomore guard

With 7:14 remaining and UF up by 3 points, Calathes was called for a foul while attempting to trap Woodbury in the backcourt, resulting in two made free throws and putting Georgia in the bonus for the rest of the game.

Just 17 seconds later, forward Dan Werner was called for an over-the-back foul on Howard Thompkins, giving the Bulldogs two more free throws and a 1-point lead.

"The balance between maintaining the level of aggressiveness and maintaining the level of discipline is a balance we're still trying to figure out," Donovan said.

EVAN, from page 14

It was a delightful scene, really. Barking fans finally got repaid for their loyalty. An entire conference season's worth of frustration rolled right off the backs of Georgia players.

But now that frustration weighs heavy on UF, and the Gators' season is in doubt after a loss that should never have been, a loss that could spiral their year out of control. The team has lost two straight games for the first time all season. UF has just two conference victories on the road. At a time when tournament resumes start getting dissected, bracket makers might find the Gators empty inside.

The craziest part of the Gators' three losses in their last four games is that they've all been decided in last-minute situations. If Chandler Parsons hits one free throw against South Carolina on Jan. 21, if Kentucky's Jodie Meeks doesn't drain a falling-away 3-pointer on Tuesday and if UF finds a way to sink a basket in the waning seconds Saturday, this team could have one conference loss and a berth in the NCAA Tournament locked up.

Saturday brought a loss that shouldn't have been. But the Gators can't let two straight heart-crushing defeats bring them down. Last season, UF lost four of its first five games in February, then lost in the first round of the SEC Tournament and faded into NIT obscurity.

UF coach Billy Donovan said after the game he isn't worried about the team's confidence, but after a defeat like this, it might be time to worry.

Half an hour after the game had ended, Stegeman Coliseum was empty of fans. They might forget about this game in one week or maybe even one day.

But if UF forgets the sting of this loss to Georgia in one week, and if UF is not worried now, an NCAA Tournament bid will elude the Gators again.

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