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**ON CAMPUS**

# UF to use housing reserve to fund wireless

By **KRISTEN HUFF**

Alligator Contributing Writer

At a time when many professors can't even print syllabi for students because of budget cuts, UF is

spending nearly half a million dollars to install wireless Internet in the common areas of dorms.

However, according to Sharon Blansett, assistant director of housing for marketing, public relations

and research, the \$400,000 that will fund the first phase of a three-part installation comes from a reserve fund specifically designated for such housing projects.

According to Azfar Mian, direc-

tor of housing for administrative services, the UF Department of Housing and Residence Education is a self-supporting operation that generates revenue from rent, not the university.

Every year, the department sets aside part of its revenue into a special reserve fund to pay for large renovation projects such as roof and window replacements and

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## Parties present complaints

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**

Alligator Writer

Eight election complaints were presented and voted on Wednesday night during a two-hour Student Government Elections Commission meeting.

The Progress Party racked up four more campaigning complaints, submitted by Sen. Sam Miorelli of the Orange and Blue Party and Frank Bracco of the Keg Party, while the Unite Party had two filed against them.



Simmons

However, Progress Party President Josh Simmons felt the complaints were petty and unnecessary.

"I don't understand what good it does to drag me here on a Wednesday night when a simple phone call or Facebook message could be made."

Stephen Lawson, the commission chairman, said this election cycle has seen the most complaints ever filed before an election.

"This is the most hotly contested election I've seen," Lawson said. "Parties are feeling more threatened than in the past."

Four complaints were voted as violations, one was dropped and the other failed to meet the definition of a violation by vote.

Matt Martz, a graduate student running as an Independent for a Senate seat, was recommended for disqualification and fined \$10 after he refused to remove a Facebook group, which the commission voted a misrepresentation of the Unite Party.



Matt Tripp / Alligator

### DODGEBALL!

Students race toward the ball line during a pick-up dodgeball game Wednesday afternoon on the Reitz Union North Lawn. The game was put on as part of Engineering Week, along with other outdoor activities.

## UF and Shands shield Gainesville from economic woes

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**

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Gainesville has dodged the worst of the economic downturn so far, aided by the stability that Shands and UF provide, according to Jenny DuRant, a chamber of commerce spokeswoman.

"We've been fairly insulated by the education and health care industries," she said.

UF and Shands, the top two employers in Gainesville, have a combined workforce of 27,000, according to the chamber's Web site.

In addition, UF and Sante Fe Community College have 60,000 students who spend

money in the community.

"There are other businesses in Gainesville, but comparatively they are much smaller," said Stan Geberer, an associate of Fishkind & Associates, a financial consulting firm.

Connie Aguilera, owner of Simply Gor-

geous gift shop, agrees that these institutions protect the local economy.

"There are the universities and the hospitals, and then everything else spins off of that," she said.

But Aguilera still feels the downturn. She stocks her shelves more carefully,

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■ **UF center Alex Tyus (left) and the Gators snapped their two-game losing streak with a victory against Alabama on Wednesday. See Story, Page 18.**

### Slain chimp's owner now says it wasn't on Xanax

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — As authorities considered criminal charges, the woman whose 200-pound domesticated chimpanzee went berserk and mauled a friend backtracked Wednesday on whether she gave the animal the anti-anxiety drug Xanax.

Sandra Herold said Wednesday that she never gave the drug to her chimp, who was shot dead by Stamford police Monday after he grievously wounded Herold's friend Charla Nash.

However, Herold said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show that she gave Travis the drug in some tea less than five minutes before the attack. The chimpanzee's rampage forced Herold to stab her beloved pet with a butcher knife and pound him with a shovel.

■ With the Gainesville City Commission elections looming, candidates are battling for the at-large seat. See Story, Page 3.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Ayyám-i-há Celebration

Today, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Reitz Union North Lawn  
 Join the Baha'i Association in celebrating this time of giving and hospitality. There will be a bounce house, cotton candy, snow cones and more.

### RUB Entertainment presents Movie Trivia Night and South Park Marathon

Tonight, 8 p.m.  
 Orange & Brew  
 Come out and for movie trivia and biting satire from directors Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

### RUB Entertainment and Black History Month Present Flashing Lights: A Night of Laser Tag

Friday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.  
 Reitz Union North Lawn  
 Spend the evening in a large scale game of Laser Tag. Show off your skills, or lack thereof, among your friends.

### RUB Entertainment & Gator Nights Present: Free Live Music

Friday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m.  
 Rion Ballroom  
 With the Explorers Club, Band Marino & Wait Wait

### The Chinese American Student Association presents a Chinese New Year show

Saturday, Doors at 6:30 p.m.  
 Reitz Grand Ballroom  
 There will be modern and traditional dances, singing, lion dance and much more. This is free and open to the public. Free refreshments provided.

### The Fine Print Benefit Show

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.  
 The new Civic Media Center location at 433 S. Main Street, featuring Umoja Orchestra, Bang Bang Boom and Boss Lady and the Company. A sliding-scale cover charge of \$5 to \$10 cover will benefit The Fine Print and the Civic Media Center.

### UF Tennis Campus Singles Tournament

Saturday, 9 a.m.  
 Flavel Tennis Courts  
 The UF Tennis Club will sponsor a charity tournament to benefit Camp Kesem, a student-run and funded camp for children whose families have been affected by cancer. The fee is \$20, with all proceeds benefiting Camp Kesem. All levels of men's and women's competitive and recreational welcome. Send e-mail to [gators.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:gators.tennis@gmail.com) with name and division to sign up. Arrive at 9 a.m. at Flavel Tennis Courts to pay. Play will begin at 10 a.m.

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**GAINESVILLE ELECTIONS**

# Voters have plenty to decide before local elections

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**  
Alligator Writer

With two open commission seats and two proposed charter amendments on the ballot for the upcoming city election, voters have a lot to wade through on their way to the polls.

First-term incumbent Scherwin Henry has one opponent for his District-1 seat — Marcia Wimberly, whose Web site says she wants to address city revenue shortfalls while creating jobs and businesses.

Jeanna Mastrodicasa, who is serving her first term as an at-large commissioner, faces four contenders — Tom Cunilio, Robert Krames, James Schlachta and Richard Selwach.

Cunilio, a substitute teacher and UF graduate, said his top priorities are homelessness and transportation. He wants to reduce emissions by making Gainesville more transportation friendly, he said.

Schlachta, a UF graduate and employee of the Florida Museum of Natural History, describes himself

as a fiscal conservative and said he is committed to wise city spending. He wants to improve city traffic and boost safety downtown.

Selwach, a self-described libertarian and owner of a pawnshop in downtown Gainesville, said that his 20 years of business experience and 30 years as a Gainesville resident qualify him.

Selwach said he wants to improve the city's water supply, an area he thinks has been ignored by the current commission.

He also wants to create a zone with lockers and portable toilets where homeless people can stay for a few days before moving on. He said he wants to send Gainesville homeless back to where they came from.

"We'll take care of you for a few days while you get on your feet," he said. "And then I'm buying you a bus ticket out of town."

In 2007, Selwach was arrested on charges that he knowingly sold stolen national championship rings. He was found not guilty.

Krames, a 26-year-old Web designer, said that the most important issue facing Gainesville is a disconnect between the current commission and city residents.

"I think that our current elected officials have not been open to public input as much as they could be," he said. "They've basically done what they wanted to do."

Krames also plans to deal with mismanagement of city funds, he said.

"We've got roads that are falling apart," he said, "and at the same time, we've got these beautiful water fountains."

Mastrodicasa, who also serves as UF's vice president of student affairs, hopes to keep her seat in the commission to further efforts in energy conservation, community standards for local bars and looming city budget constraints.

Mastrodicasa said that she is al-

ways happy to speak with students because their participation is essential to local government. She added that students are often ignored because they do not vote.

"Even when they're down here fully opposing something I've led, I'm very excited that they're participating," she said.

If Charter Amendment 1 passed, Gainesville would lose the right to prohibit discrimination based on qualities such as gender identity and sexual orientation.

Mastrodicasa is the only candidate in the At-Large race to oppose Charter Amendment 1.

She said the amendment would permanently prevent Gainesville from making changes on the discrimination issue. It would also remove the city policy that gives job preference to veterans and local businesses preference over corporations.

Selwach said he supports passing the amendment. "I'm all for everybody's rights and stuff like that, but it needs to be brought to the state

and federal level — not at the local level at this time," he said.

Charter Amendment 2 would require voter approval before the city sells land used for conservation, recreation or cultural purposes or uses it for another purpose. Mastrodicasa supports the amendment.

Krames said he would oppose requiring a vote.

"We should be able to trust the city officials to decide," he said.

Schlachta, Selwach and Cunilio were unfamiliar with the proposal.

Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said she hopes that the turnout will mirror that of November's presidential election — in which 81 percent of Alachua County residents voted — but expects turnout to be lower, as is typical of local elections.

Voters can determine their districts by calling the Supervisor of Elections or checking their voter registration cards.

Feb. 23 is the last day of voter registration. Early voting begins March 16. The regular election will be held March 24.



Mastrodicasa



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# Pot sales stable despite economy

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He pushes the sawed-off top half of a Canada Dry 2-liter into a container of water, forcing smoke into his lungs.

While this marijuana wasn't any more expensive than usual, one-eighth of an ounce for \$60, he is just one of many who continue to blow smoke in the face of an ailing economy.

Drug use is normally not affected by economics.

But one change is that police have cracked down on drug dealers, convincing many leave the business. Drug dealers believe that police are trying to meet higher quotas and make more money.

This results in more dealers going under, said a student smoker, and it can be expensive finding a new one, since dealers usually charge new customers more. In addition, dealers and buyers agree, the introduction of digital scales into the sale of marijuana means that the customer

gets the exact amount that they pay for.

Traditionally, preferred customers may receive a bag of marijuana with a bit extra.

"Unfortunately, drugs are recession-proof," said Gainesville Police Department spokesman Keith Kameg.

Although the country is seeing ups and downs with the economy, Kameg said GPD usually doesn't see upturns or downturns with marijuana sales and usage.

"People with an addiction will do anything they can to get money to support their habit," he said.

Kameg said that in most cases, drug users are the ones who are committing auto and residential burglaries.

"People aren't breaking into cars to get money for pizza," he said.

In a business that has no legal safeguards, the increase in violence associated with the economic downturn can be dangerous for dealers.

"Fuck the police, I'm more scared of the jackboy," said a man who has been dealing for decades and has experience

with being held up.

The increase of violent crime has forced him to start carrying a firearm for protection, he said.

With police, a dealer may lose their entire stash and a lot of time and money dealing with litigation. With thieves and competitors, a dealer may lose their life, he said.

As the economy worsens, Kameg said people turn to selling marijuana because it is quick and easy money.

"Often times people think that they are one huge drug deal away from being the next Warren Buffet," Kameg said. "But in reality, they are one big drug deal away from going to prison."

Kameg predicts student drug use will stay steady throughout the recession.

Students who attend a state university have money for drug purchases, Kameg said. He said that not only are students using drugs, but they are also selling.

"Our biggest fear for student drug dealers is home invasion robberies," he said. "They are not aware that some of the people they are dealing to will hurt them if given the chance."

## Guest links race, health

By **JESSALYN BERGER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

B. Lee Green, vice president of the Office of Institutional Diversity at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, spoke about the differences between racial classes and their health on Wednesday.

Though his speech focused mainly on health issues, Green took time to joke with the crowd.

More than 100 people, mostly students and professors, attended Green's speech, held at the Florida Gym.

The event was part of the Florida Center for Health Promotion Speaker Series, co-sponsored by UF's Department of Health Education and Behavior to coincide with Black History Month.

Green was selected because of the success of his research with health disparities and because of UF's link to Moffitt, according to Jill Varnes, co-organizer of the event.

Moffitt and UF, as of last year, have engaged in an energizing and growing relationship, said Dean Steve Dorman of the College of Health and Human Performances.

During his speech, Green said there is a racial gap in mortality rate, even in early life stages. Blacks have double the infant mortality rate compared to whites, he said. But at age 85, there is an equal mortality rate between whites and blacks.

One problem, Green said, is the percentage of whites and blacks who have cancer, which has not changed since 1981. He said more blacks are affected because fewer seek medical care due to cost.

Sadie Sanders, a UF professor of human sexuality, required her graduate students to attend the lecture.

"All these diseases that he talked about, diabetes and cancers, they affect the overall body which in turn affects human sexuality," Sanders said. "I wanted my students to see that."

Marissa Wheeler, a student in a class taught by Varnes, was also required to attend.

"The huge differences in disparities are a hard thing to fix," Wheeler said. "The work he is doing will benefit everyone."

Dr. Green was paid between \$100 and \$500 to come to UF, in addition to his travel expenses.

## Friends mourn loss of UF grad student

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**  
Alligator Writer

Friends and classmates are mourning the loss of UF graduate student Shannon Kane, 22, who died in a car accident on Monday.

Kane began pursuing a degree at UF in wind conduction in the fall. She earned her undergraduate degree in music education from Syracuse University.

Kane's boyfriend, Michael Ubbens, was driving when the eight-car pile-up occurred early Monday morning on I-75.

Ubbens, who attends Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, was visiting Kane for Valentine's Day weekend.

"They knew each other since kindergarten," said Erin Cushing, a friend. "It was a soulmate situation. She loved him so much and was so proud of him."

One thing everyone remembers is her smile.

"When I had a bad day, I would see her smile and bam, it fixed it," said Michael Miller, a close friend of Kane.

Marc Payton, who met Kane last semester, compared her smile's warmth and innocence to that of a child meeting

Mickey Mouse during his or her first trip to Disney World.

A teaching assistant for UF's bands, Kane also lead the Women's Volleyball pep band.

"She was a great musician," Miller said, adding Kane played the flute. The two met at Syracuse University.

"She had a beautiful sound," said Cushing, who met Kane the first day of band camp during the summer.

Payton, who has been involved with the pep band for more than four years, often helped Kane find last minute substitutes before performances.

"She was very professional," Miller said. "She was able to walk the line between teacher and peer. She was always someone everyone looked up to because she was real."

Payton said Kane's absence was noticed immediately.

"She will be missed deeply in the school of music," he said.

Kane was a talented flautist, but she

was also a hardworking student.

"She raised the bar for all of the master's students," Cushing said.

Friends called her study habits meticulous.

"Shannon was on the verge of having OCD," said friend and fellow teaching assistant Chelsea Negray with a laugh. "Everything had to be perfect; it would get on our nerves."

Along with her love of music and school, Kane had a love of sweets.

"She always made me laugh because she would always eat her cookie first, before the rest of her lunch," Negray said.

"Given the choice between eating something healthy or a cookie, she would eat the cookie," Cushing said.

However, Kane's selflessness, kindness and optimistic nature will be missed most.

"I was grateful I got to know her," Negray said in a voice choked with emotion. "It's really true what they say: it's better to have loved and have lost than to never have loved at all. My life would have been so mundane without her."

Her friends are planning a memorial in her honor.



Kane

## Candidates talk responsibility

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**  
Alligator Writer

Three of the students running for Student Body president had their say Wednesday in the third and final debate hosted by The Independent Florida Alligator and UF's College Republicans. Candidates were publicly questioned in Turlington Plaza with the aim of educating students before the Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 Student Government elections.

Candidates from the Orange and Blue Party, the Progress Party and the Unite Party offered suggestions to improve issues affecting UF students. The Keg Party did not participate. The debate was moderated by College Republicans member Kate Rapp.

Candidates offered solutions that may aid with increasing SG's transparency and accountability after the private e-mail scandal between top SG officials last fall.

Progress Party candidate, Ben Dictor, and Orange and Blue Party candidate, Mark Mc-

Shera, advocated an improved SG Web site, which would allow Senate voting records to become available to students. Both candidates said this would allow students to know if their senators are representing their interests.

"Right now we can't hold them accountable to their actions," Dictor said.

McShera agreed, adding SG's exclusivity has added to students' political apathy.

"If students can't see what's going on, why should they care about Student Government?" he said.

Another highlight of the debate was when candidates addressed the Student Body president's role as an acting member of the Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body.

All candidates agreed this responsibility should not be taken lightly.

"You have to voice the needs and concerns of students," said Jordan Johnson, the Unite Party candidate, "returning the value back to the students as quickly and effectively as possible."



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

Student Government presidential candidate Sen. Ben Dictor, left, of the Progress Party, answers a question while Orange and Blue Party candidate Sen. Mark McShera, right, takes notes during a debate on Turlington Plaza on Wednesday afternoon.

# Reading program reveals new book for freshmen

By **CORBY HERSCHMAN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Common Reading Program revealed the title of its required book for freshmen on Wednesday on the Plaza of the

Americas.

This year the committee of 20 students, faculty and staff chose "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea, the true story of 26 illegal immigrants who cross the Mexican border and get lost in the

Arizona desert.

The Common Reading Program has been distributing books to incoming freshmen at Preview since 2007, and has incorporated

the titles into English, engineering and first-year Florida classes.

"We want to engage students in discussion about service, the privileges they have and social responsibility," said Leslie A. Hahn, assistant director of New Student

Programs.

The program is also planning events for the fall that will focus on the book, including panel discussions, faculty lectures, movie screenings and a visit by the author.

## LOCAL

# Card store sales flop

By **KATHRYN STOLARZ**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Some of Gainesville's specialty card stores' sales dropped in 2009, despite Valentine's Day, causing some store owners to close their doors for good.

Sue's Hallmark is packing up and shutting down due to lack of business, store owner Larry Stephens said, blaming the poor economy.

Stephens has owned the card shop for five years. It will close at the end of February.

Sales have plummeted since last year, he said. Although Valentine's Day has consistently been the store's largest day of card sales each year, Stephens couldn't offer as large a card selection this year and had to slash prices.

"We sell a lot more than cards," he said. "It's the gifts, too."

Lynn's Hallmark has also been struggling, but owner David De-Longy plans to keep the store open.

"Our cards, not just Valentine's Day, but everyday greeting cards, have taken a hit because we don't have the number of people willing

to take the trip to the mall," De-Longy said.

Shoppers opt to go to the drug-store or to Publix as a matter of convenience, he said.

This year's Valentine's Day card sales for the store were about 13 or 14 percent lower than last year's sales, he said. Other items such as stationery and packaging for gifts have experienced similar drops in sales.

"The Internet a few years ago took its toll, but it's the economy right now," he said. "It's strictly economic and political fear."

Many Gainesville consumers look for the bargain when it comes to greeting cards.

Gainesville resident Debby Cherwak, 55, has made greeting cards for friends and family since she was a teenager.

For Valentine's Day this year, Cherwak made cards for her family by using a computer program to import photographs and add personalized messages.

UF marketing freshman Ebony Mason, 19, said price is the most important factor when she shops for cards.



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### Thomas' Travels

Carol Thomas speaks about her trip to Venezuela with Global Exchange during the election last November at the Civic Media Center on Wednesday night. See story at [alligator.org](http://alligator.org).

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## Editorial

# Inexcusable Ink

## Cartoon's racist overtones are unacceptable

A quick glance at Wednesday's edition of The New York Post revealed that racism remains alive and strong in America.

On Page 12 of a paper known for publishing little more than tabloid fodder, cartoonist Sean Delonas depicted President Barack Obama as a monkey getting shot to death by two white police officers. In the cartoon, the speech bubble reads, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

Excuse us? You've got to be kidding.

According to an article in The New York Times, Col Allan, editor-in-chief of The New York Post, attempted to deflect negative attention surrounding the drawing by contending the cartoon was nothing more than a satire of an incident in Connecticut in which a crazed monkey was shot to death.

OK, sure – the Editorial Board buys that, but why the hell did it have to include anything about the stimulus. Please, sir, do tell us how the cartoonist could rationalize tying the death of a monkey to the passage of a bill meant to fix the economy – without exuding blatant racist overtones.

Instead of taking the opportunity to concede the utterly distasteful nature of the cartoon, Allan proceeded to call out the Rev. Al Sharpton for publicly criticizing the cartoon as an act of shameless self-promotion. We think it is downright disgusting that Allan had the gall to berate Sharpton when in reality it was his publication and employee who were in need of a serious gut check. Sure Sharpton may be guilty of loving himself a bit too much, but who can blame him for calling attention to a gross miscalculation on the part of The New York Post?

There is no fine line that Delonas attempted to walk by depicting President Barack Obama as a monkey in his cartoon. Simply put, you just don't do that. In a time in which the country can put aside its checkered past to elect a black man to the highest office in the land, why can't a run-of-the-mill cartoonist refrain from equivocating a budding American icon to a chimpanzee?

What makes the situation even more disturbing is Delonas' track record for drawing cartoons that lack any semblance of sensitivity and foresight. From mocking same-sex marriages to featuring a politician kissing Sharpton's butt, Delonas' past behavior has teetered on the unacceptable. Clearly, Delonas cannot try and hide behind the guise that he only meant to illicit laughter and amusement when his portfolio is shrouded with controversy.

It doesn't matter if you're an ardent Obama supporter or if you voted for the other guy; a society that deems a cartoon featuring a symbolically racist image OK clearly needs a history lesson. Sure former President George W. Bush was often depicted on editorial pages as a monkey, but among the many differences between him and Obama is the fact that his skin is white. Drawing a black man as a chimp or gorilla must never be confused with a comedic device – rather, it is nothing more than a hateful jab at an entire group of people.

Delonas' actions cannot simply be swept under the rug with hopes that he can go back to drawing cartoons without facing repercussions. Blatant acts of racism such as this cause division and uproar that is completely inexcusable. The black community has fought too hard for their equality, and Delonas must be held accountable for his truly unsavory transgression.

While The New York Post is hardly the second coming of The New York Times, we sincerely hope Col Allan can find it within himself to own up to the shortcomings of his cartoonist with a hint of class, rather than dismissing this inexcusable act.

Tolerance for such archaic ideology conjures imagery of our country's racist past that no longer has a place in America.

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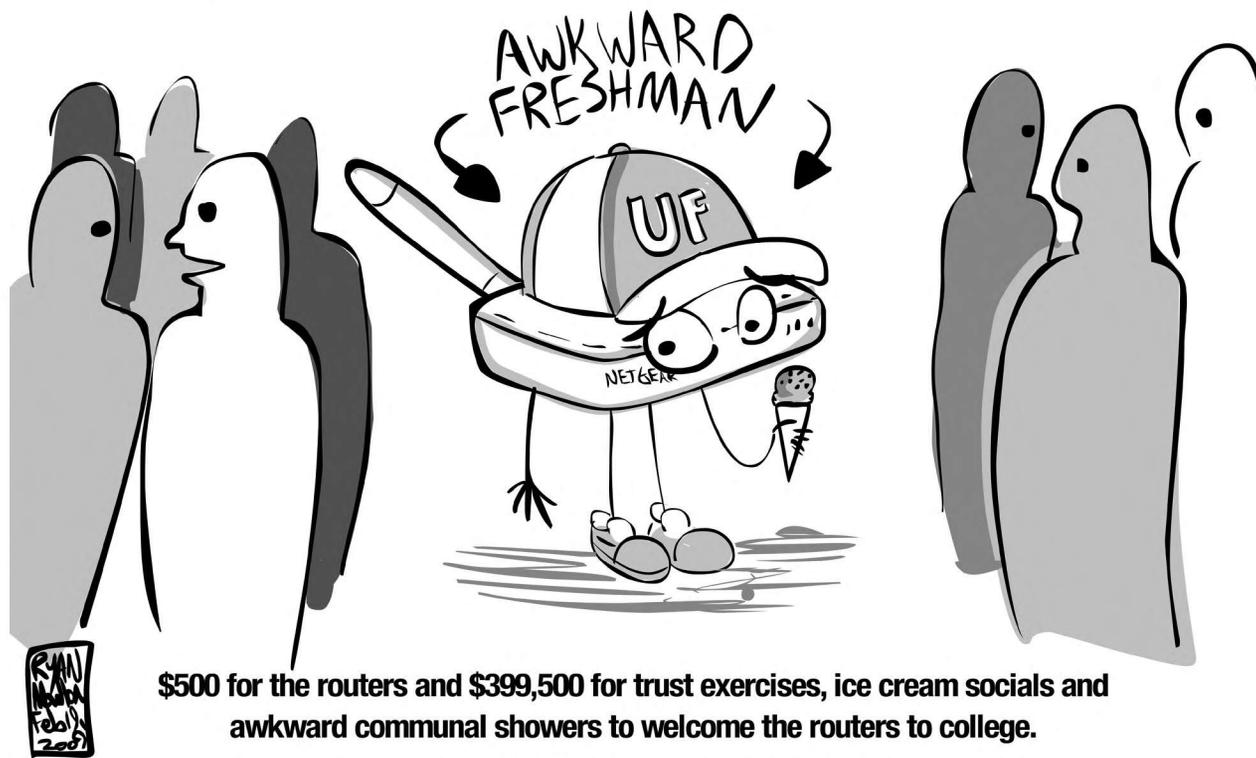
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## \$400k for wireless internet routers for dorm common rooms and halls? \$400k?



Column

## SG's inefficiency mirrors Capitol Hill

Ah, Student Government election season.

And it couldn't have come at a better time. The battle over the "porkubus" stimulus bill is over, President Barack Obama is sending more troops into Afghanistan to fight the war on terror, and newspapers are calling on Sen. Roland Burris to resign in light of new corruption scandals. Conservatives don't have much else to write about.

Not that SG is much to write about, either. Yes, SG controls a sizable budget, but unfortunately the lasting implications of any decision they make are just not that significant. Congresses are inherently slow moving, inefficient and wrought with compromise.

Obama's stimulus bill, for example, was originally supposed to be about \$100 billion larger and include a great deal more government spending. Despite overwhelming support in both houses, the final bill ended up watered-down and littered with pork-barrel spending.

Like it or not, this is the way government was meant to function. The people who wrote the Constitution feared government rather than trusted it to solve all of their problems. They sought a slow-moving Congress that couldn't infringe on their rights in the same way as a super-efficient English tyrant.

For those of us who still don't like government, this slow movement keeps government subordinate to the people. We don't want a government that will immediately respond to every little problem in America rather than let people and the market sort out their own problems. My favorite words in the Constitution are the first five of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law."

So why do we expect SG to be any different?

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

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Will you be voting in SG elections?

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**Johnathan Lott**  
letters@alligator.org

Even the SG campaigns are just as bad as the real-world ones. Mudslinging has been rampant, especially in pithy tactics like those employed by the Orange and Blue Party in filing otherwise trivial complaints against the Progress Party.

The Orange and Blue Party campaigned last fall and spring on the promise of change, and its most significant accomplishment was the resignation of a Gator Party senator. The Progress Party promises "insourcing" that aside from being a socialistic idea reminiscent of protectionism at the expense of efficiency is fairly unfeasible for any minority party to accomplish in the current SG establishment. The Unite Party promises that everything will be great if we just "unite."

Will it happen? We shall see...

So for the upcoming SG election, I endorse your friends. Vote for the people you know are running and who would be capable legislators. Don't waste your time voting down the party lines hoping for any real sort of change from anybody. Everyone will give you more of the same – more bickering, more twiddling, and more minor legislation with little if any lasting benefit.

No matter how much people try to stop it, SG is still government, and government is inevitably going to screw up. So have fun campaigning, good luck if you're running, and stop asking me to vote for your party.

*Johnathan Lott is a political science and economics sophomore. His column appears on Thursdays.*

## Letter to the Editor

### Column overlooks Chavez's positives

As a close observer of the massive social transformation currently taking place in Venezuela right now, I take issue with Eric Chianese's column Wednesday. Media pundits love to paint Hugo Chavez as a dictator, but look at the facts.

Chavez has been re-elected several times with landslide majorities (garnering 60 to 70 percent of the vote) in elections with massive turnout, which international election

monitoring agencies called clean, open and fair.

When Chavez was overthrown by a military coup orchestrated by rich oligarchs of Venezuela (with CIA support), he was successfully returned to office by the working people of Caracas, who surrounded the presidential palace and deposed the illegitimate government.

Chavez pardoned the plotters, despite their crimes against the Venezuelan consti-

tution. Does this seem "thuggish"? Chianese says Chavez has a "Stalinist cult of personality," yet any honest observer should see no difference between Chavez's popularity and the recent "Obama mania." No term limits? France and Great Britain also have no term limits.

Here's the real list of Chavez's "greatest hits." How about Chavez's war on illiteracy, which educated millions of children and illiterate adults? The campaign against mal-

nutrition among children? Or the initiative to establish thousands of worker cooperatives in every sector of the economy, guaranteeing workers control over their working lives?

Frankly, I think America would be lucky to have a president like Chavez. We've had enough smooth businessmen sell America down the river.

Joe Richard  
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## Guest column

# Personal vendettas reason enough to oppose candidates

It's funny how you're never really "done" with people in college.

Remember that loud mouth from your English discussion section freshman year? Now, he's dating your ex. And serving you a pita.

This small-world phenomenon has given me a reason to vote in student government elections next week. Benjamin Dictor, the Progress Party's presidential candidate, once called me a "scum bag." And now, he's going to pay.

Two years ago, I posted a blog on Facebook concerning controver-

sies plaguing a student organization I was in. At the time, my account's privacy settings were wide-open, leading to a frenzy of comments on the post.

Dictor, an unknown to me and to the organization, came across the post and jumped in on the action. In addition to "scum bag," he said I was "worthless," I totally lacked "value and decency" and my legacy will be "pathetic and minuscule."

I got over it. Not only have I heard much worse, the guy was right on the money. In fact, I was excited

### Erik Voss Speaking Out

Ben Dictor?"

Two years later, he's running for SG President. And now, as an apolitical student who doesn't care if student government sends private e-mails to Santa Claus about hand scanners at homeless shelters, I'm stoked to have a legitimate reason to vote: revenge!

to hear that I'll have any legacy whatsoever.

Instead, I simply wondered: "Who the hell is

What if you found out that guy who gave you the finger after cutting you off on I-75 is now running for president? Hallelujah! You'd be a purple-thumbed Iraqi, exercising your democratic duty with the vengefulness of Jack Bauer.

A vote is a dish best served cold.

That's what's great about democracy. You can vote on whatever arbitrary grounds you want: tie color, FCAT score, rate of blinks per minute.

To give him credit, Dictor is one of the smartest, most passionate and

most capable candidates this university has ever seen. I just don't like him because he called me a "scum bag." It's a silly, absurd and immature reason to vote in what is routinely a silly, absurd and immature election.

So when you cast your vote on Feb. 24 and 25, do so in shallow waters. And candidates: if you want to reduce voter apathy, insults go a long way.

It worked for a scum bag like me.

Erik Voss is an Avenue writer.

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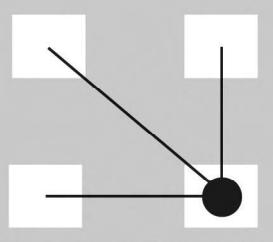
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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Senators choose campaigning over Safe Run event

By KRISTEN HUFF

Alligator Contributing Writer

Though many student senators were running around campaigning Wednesday on campus, not one was running in the UF Naval-ROTC event to promote the Safe Run program.

Safe Run is a collaboration of Student Government and UF NROTC to provide students with a safe way of running on campus at night by pairing them with NROTC volunteers.

During today's event, NROTC volunteers were supposed to run with partners, specifically senators, at 2:30 p.m. on campus to raise awareness about the program,

which has had low interest this semester, according to Michael Del Favero, the program's president.

"Anyone could have signed up, but the focus was supposed to be senators," said Sen. Samantha Sexton, the Student Senate Safe Run liaison who helped spearhead the program during the summer as a member of the Student Safety Committee.

Sexton made an announcement at Tuesday's Senate meeting about the event, and Student Senate President Jordan Johnson encouraged senators to attend.

However, only the NROTC volunteers made it panting and sweating to the finish line on the North Lawn of the Reitz Union where a Safe Run table was set up with chips

and Gatorade for runners.

Sexton attributed the lack of senator participation to Student Government campaigning, which was rampant on campus today.

UF freshman Chris Baughman and advertising senior Kyle Cotton were the first to jog to the NROTC table after completing a 2-mile run around campus.

Cotton, who has been a volunteer runner since the program began, said the average person he is paired with will run two miles.

Del Favero said the program pairs runners with volunteers who have the same running abilities.

"I'm one of the fast people," he said. "If there's a seven-mile person, they'll call me." As more volunteers reached the finish

line, the group of about 15 NROTC members handed out fliers. They spoke with students walking by about the program, which is available Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students simply have to call an hour before they want to run and meet a volunteer at one of eight locations on campus.

Kamia Morris, UF family, youth and community sciences junior, was surprised to learn that the program is free, and said she'd definitely try it out.

"Maybe this will motivate me not to use, 'it's dark' as an excuse," Morris said.

To contact the NROTC Safe Run program and set up a run with a volunteer, call 352-392-0973.

## Authorities ask community to help find missing man

■ JOHN WALDO, 42, WENT MISSING ON FEB. 11.

Authorities are looking for a Gainesville man who has been missing for a week.

The family of engineer

John Waldo, 42, contacted the Gainesville Police Department this week after not having contact with him in days, said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

There has been no sign of activity from Waldo since Feb. 11

when detectives discovered his credit card was used at Calico Jacks Oyster Bar, 3502 SW Second Ave., Kameg said.

According to his family, he is a responsible man, and it is out of

character for him to have missed work and family functions, Kameg said.

Officers continue to search for Waldo's 2001 silver BMW 330i with a temporary Florida license plate number of ACM9754.

Kameg said he hopes the community can help find Waldo.

Police urge anyone with information on Waldo's whereabouts to call detective Bennie Smith at 352-334-2488.

— KATIE EMMETS

## IRHA president said students asked for wireless at dorm meetings

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bathroom renovations, Blansett wrote in an e-mail.

The department has been working with the Inter-Residence Hall Association, for two years to place wireless Internet in common areas through this reserve fund, Blansett wrote.

Jon Sheffield, IRHA president, said students have expressed their desires for wireless in various residence hall meetings, and that IRHA staff members know from being students themselves how helpful the installation would be.

Originally, the first phase of the project, which will install wireless in Hume Hall, the Beaty Towers, Jennings Hall, the Broward Area and the Yulee Area, was scheduled to begin in July, Blansett wrote. However, because contractors want projects to keep their employees working, the department was able to get a better deal on the installation, she wrote.

The \$400,000 will cover the cost of installation, hardware and wiring, Mian said.

Because the money is coming from the reserve fund, the installation will not cause rent to go up, he said.

Phase two, which will include the Tolbert Area, the Gra-

ham Area and the Keys Residential Complex, is set for next year. Phase three, which will include the Springs and Lakeside residential complexes and Murphree area, will be finished either next year or 2011.

Mian said the dorms were scheduled for installation in the most cost-effective order.

Sheffield said wireless Internet will be a good way to get students out of their dorms and into the common areas where they can meet other students.

"We want students to be in the community," he said. "That's one of the most fantastic things that UF housing tries to provide."

## To combat effects of budget cuts, Chamber is focusing on high-tech industry

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only getting items she knows will sell, and she works the sales desk when she wouldn't have previously.

"It's a lot of money overall, but when you start plugging every little hole, it's used up quickly."

Ed Poppell

UF vice president for finance and administration

But the relative protection afforded by local institutions comes with a downside, said Steve Orlando, a UF spokesman.

"It's kind of like putting all your eggs in one basket," he said.

Government-funded institutions provide economic stability until state budget cuts put that stability in jeopardy, he said.

Officials at UF believe these relatively mild effects on the local economy could get worse if budget cuts continue.

"Our local economy may be insulated," said Ed Poppell, UF vice president for finance and adminis-

tration, "but we are not immune."

The Florida legislature will meet in two weeks and begin its annual 60-day session.

Based on fiscal projections, the legislature will pass a new state budget during the session

"That may be when it really comes home to roost," he said.

While Poppell expects budget cuts, he is optimistic about what the recent \$782 billion stimulus package could mean for UF.

"It's a lot of money overall, but when you start plugging every little hole, it's used up quickly," he said.

Because of the effect that budget cuts could have on UF and Shands, the Chamber has also focused on expanding high-tech industries in Gainesville, DuRant said.

This effort is led by Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center, commonly known as GTEC, which has assisted companies such as Escape Media Group, which runs the music sharing Web site Grooveshark.

High-tech industry is generally cleaner than other industries, said Larry Kenny, a UF economics professor.



Katie Tschopp / Alligator

Customers walk out of the Circuit City at 7001 NW Fourth Blvd. during its going-out-of-business sale on Feb. 12. Circuit City is closing all of its stores nationwide.

One of its drawbacks, however, is that many other cities are competing for the same type of business, particularly Orlando, he

said.

UF is also making an effort to aid local businesses.

On March 2, the Heart of Flor-

ida Regional Summit will be held at UF. The program is meant to aid local business in surviving the tough economy, Orlando said.



**12:** Slightly Stoopid (members pictured) will perform tonight at The Venue with Inner Circle and the Supervillains at 8 p.m. Karina Galvez reviews the new film *Fired Up!* and chats with AnnaLynne McCord, one of the film's stars. Also, sex columnist Ashley Ross dishes on sex in squeaky beds and how to ignore, or embrace, the idea. Photo courtesy of Slightly Stoopid.



"I shop rarely and I'm not very good. I buy something, I'm excited and I get it home and it doesn't work, and I think, 'What was I thinking?'"  
*Isla Fisher*

**11:** Jennifer Arellano discusses how music reflects the politics of each generation and how she hopes the music of our generation will be remembered.

## online

Check out a story on the Florida Experimental Film/Video Festival, which kicks off Saturday at the Hippodrome. Also, Robert Hilson reviews the latest albums from Dalek, The Bird and the Bee and Lonely, Dear.

## the **A - LIST** [texting]

By ALISON SCHWARTZ

Now that you practically never use your phone to actually talk, and "I'll shoot you a text," has become your personal motto, it's okay to embrace the written word — and your text-messaging plan. But even if you don't have unlimited texts, avoid these messaging mishaps, especially if you expect a response.

**1. kay**

Don't lead the recipient of your text message on. Stay away from any form of "OK." Your friends who still pay 10 cents a pop will thank you later.

**2. omg sry**

Abbreviations are like your textbooks, use them sparingly. Your thumbs will appreciate the exercise.

**3. wut shuld I du**

Spelling still applies when you're texting, even if your phone doesn't offer T9. Intentional typos are not cute; "wut" is always "what."

**4. hey**

Friend, foe or love interest, this message is always perplexing. Nobody just says "hello" anymore. So get to the point.

**5. fucso man druk**

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## music

# Is quiet the new loud?

JENNIFER ARELLANO  
AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Music has always been a litmus test for the times.

In the '60s, Bob Dylan led the anti-war movement singing folk songs to protest the Vietnam War.

The '70s saw The Sex Pistols and The Clash decrying British aristocracy and conservatism.

Post-Berlin Wall, Nirvana and Pearl Jam ushered in the grunge movement with angsty, "shoegaze" melodies shunning '80s glam excess.

In the early 2000s, while transitioning from Clinton to Bush, music experienced a garage-rock revival with fluid, distortion-heavy tunes from The Strokes and The White Stripes.

As a historical pattern, the music reflected the politics. Music was appropriately edgy, exciting and loud.

In 2009, we have Fleet Foxes.

With its full length debut album, "Fleet Foxes," hailed as the Best Album of 2008 by Pitchfork Media, our generation seems to pale in comparison.

A Renaissance-folk sounding band, with troubadour-like melodies so lulling and gentle they require a candlelit-vigil reverence, Fleet Foxes has taken over the indie scene as the preeminent buzz band.

“With a new presidency and a burgeoning economic crisis, our music should not be whispering and wailing.”

Leading a ticker-tape parade of similarly quiet, innocuous, ambient bands like Beirut, Grizzly Bear, and Bon Iver, Pitchfork's choice seems quite anticlimactic given the current heady political and economic times.

Why is the music not matching the mayhem? Is quiet the new loud?

We are at a time and space with no distinct musical backbone. We are in danger of cultivating a wallflower generation.

A demand for the quality and volume of music doubles as a demand for the quality and volume of society. With a new presidency and a burgeoning economic crisis, our music should not be whispering and wailing.

Now that the fervent Obama supporters are out of a gig, does this mean our generation should sit back and warp music into a medium of content? Of complacency?

Music should act as a medium for discontent. Why not incite revolution Stamp-Act style or set cars on fire, like the French?

While Fleet Foxes' music is admittedly soothing, I want our generation's music to return to ear-crushing volumes because I want our generation to be remembered as more than just being in a lull.

At your next concert or music store purchase, ask yourself this question: Are you listening?

## Slightly Stoopid gains fame

HENRY TAKSIER ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Ryan "RyMo" Moran, drummer of the reggae-rock band Slightly Stoopid, said his band was voted one of the top ten least likely to succeed in high school.

"When we first started, the guys were just punk kids," he said. "Sixteen years old in high school and, you know, pissed."

Moran vaguely remembers how Slightly Stoopid came up with its name. The members were hanging out in a room full of people smoking marijuana, when someone made a meaningless comment.

Someone else responded by saying, "What? That's uh... slightly stupid."

Inspiration struck.

Slightly Stoopid, hailing from Ocean Beach, Calif., will play at The Venue with Inner Circle and the Supervillains tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

Moran said the band's style has evolved since high school. The "teen angst" has, for the most part, evaporated.

"We were fans of all styles of music," he said. "Hip hop, jazz, reggae, classical, rock and roll and everything in between — all those styles, I think, come through in our current sound."

The band writes songs about pot, parties, hanging out, getting in trouble, being at the beach, skateboarding, making love and making war.

"We're beach kids," he said. "It's just part of being around the ocean. You smoke a joint to enhance the experience."

In high school, Slightly Stoopid was signed by Brad Nowell of the legendary reggae-punk band Sublime to his new label, Skunk Records.

The band had the privilege of playing shows with Sublime in 1996, shortly before Nowell's death.

For 12 years, Slightly Stoopid has toured the country. It wasn't an easy job, Moran said.

He and the other members did whatever it took to make ends meet, from digging ditches to serving coffee.

"You make a little money on tour, and you're cool for a bit. Then you start getting low on cash. You gotta find a gig, work for a couple months or a few weeks even, and then you can get back on the road again," he said.

"We stuck with it because we believed in what we did."

Until about 6 months ago, Slightly Stoopid's songs were not played on the radio.

"We've been touring underground for 12 years, selling out huge amphitheatres, and just this past year, the radio has caught on a little bit," Moran said.

"Getting on the radio and having hits was never our focal point."

Tonight at The Venue, fans can expect to hear songs from every album, ranging from crazy punk to mellow reggae.

"We approach every show like it's another night," Moran said. "We're gonna come out, play some old stuff, some new stuff, some in-between stuff and have a good time."



RYAN MORAN

## Film mixes pompoms, humor

KARINA GALVEZ ◆ AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The times when the football star sweeps the head cheerleader off her feet as easily as he makes a touchdown are over.

"Fired Up!" takes the stars of the Gerald R. Ford High School football team out of their jerseys and into uniforms as they weasel their way out of football camp and into cheer camp. With their not-so-hidden agenda of hooking up with as many girls as possible in the summer, Nick Brady and Shawn Colfax convince cheerleading captain Carly that being on the team could improve the squad's performance at camp.

Having exhausted their options of available girls at their school, the boys dare not put the moves on the cheerleaders who are well aware of their Casanova ways. The boys

take advantage of the favorable ratio of girls to boys at camp. They must learn to balance their girl-crazy appetites and their commitment to the squad. The plan to conquest as many unsuspecting girls as possible in a span of three weeks goes awry when they begin to develop feelings for two unexpected girls.

"Fired Up!" fits right into the teen-movie genre: sports star protagonists, unsuspecting girls that fall in their love traps, the mysterious older woman, the villain-

ous other team, the scum-bag boy-friends and sexual ambiguity. The "American Pie" meets "Bring it On" film packs pompoms, slapstick humor and strange love with a hint of charm that makes the characters likable and leaves the audience cheering along.

*"The American Pie" meets "Bring it On" film packs pompoms, slapstick humor and strange love with a hint of charm"*

## Q & A with AnnaLynne McCord



McCord

The Avenue spoke with McCord about her role as Gwyneth in the new film "Fired Up!" during a college press conference call. McCord is known for her roles on Nip/Tuck and 90210. The film opens in theaters Friday.

**Q: What did you enjoy most about playing Gwyneth, the villain?**

**A:** "The best part is that you get to be a mean person. You get to take out all your aggression. There is a miming scene where I'm wiping the drool off our opponent's mouth. It was so obnoxious. If anyone did that in real life it would be so messed up, but it's hysterical for the film."

## Embrace your neighbor's squeaky sex with laughter

ASHELY ROSS ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Oh yeah, baby. Harder! Yes, yes, yes!

Come on, I know you're familiar with this. Either you're guilty of screaming it or you've heard it. As college students, our living quarters tend to cause occasional issues with loud sex.

There are the squeaks, the thrusts, the moans and always the screams; but with endless amounts of hormones flying around Gainesville and far too much alcohol available, it's a lot harder to keep your pants on than you think.

And I've realized, from both personal and hearsay experiences, that people having sex just don't care how loud they are and who hears them. It's as if the bedroom is a sanctuary where what you say—or scream—cannot and will not be used against you.

It's rarely even brought up to someone how loud they are in bed. Hinting at it is forbidden territory and causes far too awkward of a situation to get stuck in.

So, with no way around loud sex, how do you deal with it? Simply putting up with the eeh-uh-eeh-uh of your roommate's old bedsprings leaves you annoyed and sleepless.

The only solution? Embrace it.

Loud sex can serve many different purposes, both good and bad. First and foremost, it's no secret that noisy sex is pretty much always annoying. You're just sitting in your room trying to watch lectures when all of a sudden the pencil holder and picture frames on your desk start to shake because the bed next door is hitting the wall a wee bit too hard.

And it's even worse when you're trying to sleep—either in the morning or at night—having sex just don't care how loud they are and who hears them the apartment above you hears them regardless of the midterm you have the next morning.

But almost worse than being annoying, cacophony in the bedroom can be overwhelmingly awkward.

Imagine this, you're in bed with a friend-with-benefits, but the two of you have yet to do the dirty deed. This friend's roommates, however, are way ahead of you and you've got rooms to the left, right and above you going at it while you and your friend lay together silently questioning whether or not you should be doing it too.

There's no way to pretend it's not happening, and it just puts you in an uncomfortable situation.

And what if you're in the dorms with no preference of furniture, which leaves you stuck with—yup, you guessed it—bunk beds. I don't think horrifyingly awkward even begins to describe what to do when your bunkmate mounts her man in the top bunk shaking the entire thing as if you put a quarter in a vibrating motel cot.

But, like I said, embracing these situations is the only way out. And if you try to look at it differently, it can actually become quite an amusing issue.

You first have to think about how fun loud sex is. Nobody wants to hold anything back in the bedroom. So do your best not to blame anybody who might be making a little more noise than you'd prefer.

And by embracing the moans and screams of your roommate or neighbor, I don't mean joining in on them or mimicking (we don't want to spoil someone else's fun), make light of them either by yourself or with your friends.

If you're in the living room watching TV

and your roommate's going at it in the next room, call a friend and tell them what's up. I bet you'll be laughing within seconds.

And if you're stuck in bed with a hookup and you guys aren't doing it, but the couple in the next room is, laugh about it. Giggling releases any unwanted tension and the awkwardness will quickly vanish. But if you're actually overly annoyed with the loud sex of someone in your vicinity, your headphones are your best bet. And if it's a persistent annoyance, you might want to invest in a loud fan to drown out the noise.

That being said, those of you who are causing all these noise violations need to be aware of a few things too. Nobody is going to blame you for being loud in bed, but just keep in mind that everyone can hear you.

And do your best to keep the noise level down if your roommate is recently single, there is no need to rub it in someone's face that you're getting some and they're not. They already know this and don't need to hear it.

So do your best to find the humor in awkward, loud sex situations and try not to be unnecessarily loud. After all, there's no reason to be afraid of things that go bump in the night.

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## Gators back on track with win

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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The Gators are tired of chasing the past.

The memories of last year have critics predicting another late-season collapse, and the shadows cast by two national championships have left a group of players — most of whom were still in high school at the time — stumbling in the dark.

They took their first step toward brighter skies Wednesday.

After a slide that saw UF (20-6, 7-4 Southeastern Conference) lose three of its last four games and drop all the way to fourth in the SEC East, the Gators are back in the win column thanks to an 83-74 victory against Alabama (13-12, 3-8 SEC) in the O'Connell Center.

"I really get and understand the expectations here," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "My first two years here were losing seasons. I have a level of appreciation for starting over."

The victory marks the 11th straight season UF has posted 20 or more wins and kept the Gators perfect at home this year.

Guard Nick Calathes led the way with 22 points and center Alex Tyus played well down low, scoring 16 and grabbing seven rebounds.

Alabama cut the UF lead — which was as high as 15 earlier in the game — to 55-50 halfway through the second half.

It was the kind of game the Gators have found ways to lose earlier in the season.

This time, they pulled out a win, making their final six foul shots.

"I understand all their flaws, and all their flaws can be seen," Donovan said. "Sometimes we get a little bit fatigued or get tired, or

they're young or they're thinner or they're not quite as big. Yeah, they get pushed around a little bit, but they're giving me everything they have."

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UF center Alex Tyus is fouled by Alabama forward Justin Knox in the Gators' 83-74 win against Alabama on Wednesday night.

## Community expects more from UF athletes

It doesn't matter.

Let Alex Rodriguez inject himself with steroids. Let Barry Bonds keep his records. Let Mark McGwire plead the fifth.

Instead, let's worry about what really matters, something that goes above the score of a game. Think of a 10-year-old boy with his Rodriguez jersey sitting in his living room and watching his idol admit to making a horrible mistake.



**Brian Steele**

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That's why UF athletes are so important to the Gainesville community — especially the baseball team. They don't have a choice anymore. While hung heads on the TV express shame, these guys can show hope and promise to the youth of Gainesville.

"It's something that any athlete at the University of Florida, when they come in, they have to realize that this is a college town," Gators senior infielder Brandon McArthur said. "This isn't a big city. The football players, the basketball players, the golfers, the swimmers, the gymnastics team, everyone looks up to (us)."

He's right.

It can't be denied: Children have these questions. Do you need steroids to be the next great baseball hero? If Rodriguez did it, why shouldn't I? Isn't taking this shortcut easier?

If they want to know why they shouldn't do it, ask players like McArthur. Behind the inflated stats are the increased risks of heart disease and, well, not having some male body parts be as big as they once were. You really don't want to explain that one to your wife, fellas.

The 32 baseball players who will wear orange and blue this season won't ever receive half the acclaim one of the aforementioned professional players have. However, when a group of high school — or even younger — ball players come

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## UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Brooks, Dotson to wrap up home careers this week

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**

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Home will be a welcome sight for Sha Brooks and Marshae Dotson.

They better enjoy it while they can.

The duo, along with fellow seniors Aneika Henry and Kim Critton, will be playing its final two home games this weekend, beginning tonight at 7 against Arkansas (15-11, 4-7 Southeastern Conference).

They will wrap up their home careers

on Sunday at 1 p.m. when No. 15 UF (22-4, 8-3 SEC) hosts South Carolina (10-14, 2-9 SEC).

"Probably very emotional," Brooks said of what being recognized will be like. "I'm going to try not to cry."

Dotson didn't quite feel the same way.

"(It's) just another game, a recognition of players that are about to leave," Dotson said.

Whatever the moment will mean to them individually, the seniors will all look to cap off their final years with an unblemished home record of 15-0.

If they do so, they will become just the third team in UF history to accomplish that feat.



Brooks

"It's a huge feather in your cap," Butler said. "I got to experience that as a player. I can't remember what happened at all in my

playing career, but I can tell you us going undefeated at home was a huge deal, was a huge sense of pride for that team that I was fortunate to be a part of.

"I know that they will feel the same way. As seniors on this ball club, it's part of their legacy in establishing this as one of the toughest places in the country to play."

For Brooks and Dotson, it would be something else to add to their incredible resumes.

In their four years at UF, they have

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### ON TELEVISION

- **NBA: San Antonio vs. Detroit**  
TNT, 8 p.m.
- **NBA: Boston vs. Utah**  
TNT, 10:30 p.m.

### ONLINE

- **The UF swim and dive teams started their SEC Championship meet Wednesday. For that and a recap of Santa Fe women's basketball, go to alligatorSports.org**

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Do you hold professional athletes to a higher standard than student athletes?

No  
Yes

Percent (Votes)  
**59% (42)**  
41% (29)  
71 TOTAL VOTES

**Previous question:** Should Carl Johnson be kicked off the UF football team? (see right for results)

## UF SOFTBALL

# Batting-order change breathes new life into offense

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Conventional wisdom says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Don't tell that to UF coach Tim Walton.

Prior to the No. 2 UF softball team's games in the Lipton Invitational last weekend, Walton made a surprising change to his lineup. Kim Waleszonia, who has led off for the last four years, switched spots with sophomore Aja Paculba, who normally followed Waleszonia in the order.

Waleszonia and Paculba batted one-two for most of last season, when they were named Third- and Second-Team All-Americans, respectively.

So why change an order that was already working?

"Coach brought (the idea) to me," Paculba said. "After Jacksonville, he was just like, 'You're hitting really well. I just want to try it out for this week and see how it goes.' I don't know if he's going to keep it, but it seems to be working."

The two made the change smoothly, as Waleszonia had two triples in UF's 8-0 win against Coastal Carolina on Friday, and Paculba continued her impressive play at the plate with seven hits and 11 runs over the weekend.

The Gators will need the switch

at the top of the lineup to remain effective as they travel to Palm Springs, Calif., for the Cathedral City Classic, which starts today. The three-day tournament will pit the Gators against the highest-ranked competition they have faced all season. Today, UF will take on No. 14 Fresno State at 6:30 p.m. and No. 3 Arizona State, the defending national champion, at 11:30 p.m.

Walton said he is looking forward to the opportunity to play against some of the best teams in the country and see how his team responds to tougher competition.

"We need to learn how we're going to play in tight games," Walton said Sunday. "We need tight games to really determine exactly what kind of championship team we're gonna be, and we'll get plenty of tight games."

Pitchers Stacey Nelson (4-1) and Stephanie Brombacher (4-0) have only allowed one earned run combined all season, so if the Gators come out on the losing end of close games, the hitting is likely responsible.

For Waleszonia, that will be easier thanks to her new spot in the order. While Paculba feels out the pitcher in the leadoff spot, Waleszonia gets to read the pitches and have a better idea of what to expect at the plate.

As for whether or not their coach is convinced of his players'



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UF second baseman Aja Paculba watches as a home run she hit flies out of the park during the Gators' 8-0 win against Baylor on Feb. 7.

ability to thrive in their new positions, Walton left little room for any doubt.

"I love it. Love it, love it, love it. We're dangerous that way — more dangerous than we were before," Walton said after the Gators put 26

total runs on the board in their two games Saturday.

Walton added that he would discuss the level of comfort Paculba and Waleszonia felt with their new spots in the lineup, but after UF knocked in 11 runs in its

win against Georgia Tech on Sunday, Walton seemed appropriately pleased with his lineup change.

"I'm not even going to have a meeting. They don't even get a vote anymore. It's gonna happen," he said.

## Donovan uses speech from 'Any Given Sunday' to build team unity

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The Gators have tended to fatigue and fade down the stretch this year, a vice Donovan said can be explained by lack of depth.

The surprising transfer of point guard Jai Lucas before the season and injuries to Adam Allen, and more recently Allan Chaney, have left Donovan with a short bench.

"No one wants to talk about the fact that two starters are gone from last year," Donovan said.

Donovan said it's unfair to expect this team to live up to the expectations of the ones that came before it.

"They're not Noah, Horford, Brewer and Green and Humphrey. They're not those guys."

**Billy Donovan**

UF men's basketball coach

Right now, the coach points out, his players are simply trying to find their own path.

"They're not Noah, Horford, Brewer and Green and Humphrey. They're not those guys," Donovan said. "It's not even about them upholding a standard of what those guys did. It's about them trying to create their own legacy. That time's over with. That happened two years ago."

One thing is certain: If the Gators hope to make it back to the NCAA Tournament, they need to find their identity soon.

"Now is really the time to focus and get wins," guard Erving Walker said. "We can't be losing anymore."

**ANY GIVEN WEDNESDAY:** Prior to the game, Donovan showed the team a motivational video that combined Al Pacino's locker room speech from the movie "Any Given Sunday" with highlights from the season.

Donovan said the video was an attempt to build team unity.

The ploy seemed to work.

"Al Pacino, that guy's tough," Calathes said.

## Gators seniors reveling in team's sharp turnaround since Butler's arrival

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thrown numbers to the side.

Brooks and Dotson have played in all 120 games of their careers.

Brooks has started 119 games, including a school record 117 in a

row. Dotson has scored in all but one game in her career and has grabbed at least one rebound in every game she has played.

Brooks is averaging more than 19 points in SEC games and leads her team in nearly every offensive category, while Dotson is posting more than 14 points in

league games and has the No. 1 field goal percentage in the conference.

Dotson grabbed her 800th career rebound against Tennessee, and

have eclipsed the 1,000-point mark.

Brooks is one of only two UF players to score 1,500 points, record 275 assists and collect 200 steals in her career.

The list goes on, but probably the most important stat for these two seniors over their four years

is coming from a 9-22 team two years ago to 22-4 now.

"For their careers to culminate in a season like this that still has the potential to be the best season ever in the history of the program, I think it speaks a lot about them and their toughness and their resiliency," Butler said.

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to Gainesville for a camp, the Gators have an opportunity. They have a chance to be a different kind of role model and, perhaps, set a more positive course.

"We get a lot of kids out here, and you want to give them the right image of how to play the game," junior center fielder Matt den Dekker said. "Doing the right things off

the field. ... If (talks about illegal substances) would arise, I would definitely tell them that's not the way to play. It puts a negative image on the game. When you see things like that happening, you don't want to give kids the wrong image of how to play the game."

Baseball is not a dirty sport, nor is it a game that requires enhancing substances to be successful.

And, obviously, UF baseball players don't like to talk outright about steroids. I don't

blame them. Truthfully, I wish we could leave all this talk behind us. Completely forget about it. Wash it from our minds. The players can do that. The kids and young players, however, can not. They're the ones with the questions.

"A lot of people look up to us, and guys shouldn't get on cloud nine about that," McArthur said. "They should just realize how to handle themselves."

What these athletes have to realize now is

when it is time to "handle" something. That would be taking action. It's not something they can hide from.

There will be questions, maybe even doubts, from the outside. That's when it's their turn to show how to be different.

The corrupt are already damaged goods. Let's not put the next generation in their same shoes.

Hopefully, UF's athletes realize that — for everyone's sake.



**Women's Basketball**

# Adams, McArthur lead versatile infield into new year

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Josh Adams had little idea what position he would play for most of last season, as he split time between six spots.

This year, he could be almost as confused.

The sophomore will start the season in the infield, most likely at third base, but he could also see time at shortstop and second.

Senior Brandon McArthur is the only other lock to start in the infield, but he plays multiple positions as well, lining up at first and third base.

With the loss of shortstop Cole Figueroa to the MLB Draft, Adams will be looked at to join McArthur as a leader of the infield. No matter where he plays on opening day, teammates can expect to hear from him.

"If I'm at short, second, third, wherever, I'm still going to have the same vocal voice as I would if I was in the outfield," Adams said.

The only other returning infielder with experience is junior Clayton Pisani, but his career has been inconsistent. He has started 70 games in his two years but has a .263 career batting average, dropping to .242 in Southeastern Conference play.

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan expects Pisani to turn his experience into consistent results.

"I'm looking forward to him stepping up his game and being more consistent," O'Sullivan said. "He has been in the system for four

years now, he's played in SEC play, he's had some success in the past, and I'm hoping he can jump his game up."

If Pisani proves to be unreliable, freshman Jerico Weitzel has been working to prove he can be the everyday second baseman.

Weitzel isn't the only freshman the Gators are expecting to contribute in the infield this year. First baseman Preston Tucker has been wowing teammates and coaches with his power from the left side of the plate.

"I don't understand how you can hit the ball that far," Adams said of Tucker's hitting ability.

Tucker's raw power reminded McArthur of when he first saw former Gator Matt LaPorta hit.

While his hitting has been impressive, he has been working on bringing his defense up to par. Even if his defense isn't ready, Tucker will still find a spot in the lineup as the designated hitter.

Defense has been one of the main things O'Sullivan said the Gators need to improve from last year.

Palm Beach Community College transfer Mike Mooney brings a glove that comes with plenty of awards. He was named Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year both years at PBCC and NJCAA Division I Easton Defensive Player of the Year in 2007. He also earned the Region 8/Gulf District Defensive Player of the Year honor and was named to the Rawlings Gold Glove team.

O'Sullivan has named Mooney the opening day starter at shortstop and said it is his job to lose.

During fall practices, Mooney surprised coaches with his produc-

tion at the plate.

"Coming in, I think from all the awards I've won and all the stories about me, they expected near perfection in the infield, and whatever they

get at the plate, they get," Mooney said. "I came in and showed them I can hit a little bit, and from the defensive standpoint, I hope I've lived up to expectations."



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UF infielder Josh Adams throws the ball during the Gators' 6-3 loss to LSU at McKethan Stadium on March 30.

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