

UF VOTERS UNITE

More than 9,800 students voted

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Alligator Writers

Raucous cheers filled the air outside of the Orange & Brew early Thursday morning as the Unite Party swept UF's Student Government spring elections, taking 42 of the 50 available Senate seats as well as the Executive ticket.

Just after midnight, SG's Supervisor of Elections Dan Siegel announced the domination of the Unite Party to the crowd of about 150. The Progress Party snagged eight Senate seats.

The Orange & Blue Party and the Keg Party walked away empty-handed. Siegel said 9,847 students voted in the election. Around 8,000 students voted in the 2008 spring election.

The Unite crowd rippled with rhythmic cheers of "U-Unite! U-U-Unite!" as supporters hugged and high-fived each other outside the Reitz Union Game Room.

Victorious presidential candidate Jordan Johnson attributed his win partly to a clean campaign and the passion of his party.

He admitted there were other factors at play. "We had really damn good Greek support," Johnson said, before the results were announced.

Johnson's parents attended the occasion. His mother, Darlene, had tears streaming down her face.

"We're just elated," she said. "It's just in his blood. His dad's a four-term state legislator. He grew up watching him. He was obviously paying attention."

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Unite Party presidential candidate Jordan Johnson, center, celebrates with supporters including vice presidential candidate Larnell Vickers and treasurer candidate Maryam Laguna, right, as he is announced as the winner of the SG Presidential election shortly after midnight on Thursday at the Reitz Union.

UF ACADEMICS

Undergraduate nursing, education may face cuts

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UF has asked the College of Education and the College of Nursing to submit proposals presenting the pros and cons of cutting their undergraduate education programs.

Those are the only two colleges that have been asked by UF to present such proposals, said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

UF Provost Joe Glover wrote in an e-mail that both of the colleges have focused more

on graduate education in recent years, and they were asked to examine the possibility of cutting undergraduate programs because of UF's desire to focus more on graduate education and research, which was affirmed by the Board of Trustees at its annual retreat Friday.

Sikes said the education offered at both colleges could also be earned at other public universities in Florida and potentially at Santa Fe College.

Larry Lansford, College of Education spokesman, said the college has shifted toward a focus in graduate education.

Only 556 of more than 1,800 students in the college are enrolled in majors that have an undergraduate component, according to Lansford.

Undergraduates currently enrolled would be able to finish their degrees, he said.

The majors, elementary education and early childhood education, also include a fifth year of study that culminates in a master's degree.

But the fact that the college has been focusing more on graduate education doesn't mean it's eager to give up its undergraduate

programs. "It's something we've been doing for over a hundred years," Lansford said.

A letter addressed to UF officials and signed by 57 faculty members from the college also urges UF not to cut the programs.

A Facebook group called "Save Undergraduate Education at UF," which opposes the elimination of undergraduate programs at UF had more than 800 members as of Wednesday night.

Lansford said it is not yet known how much

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■ Touring bicyclists visited Northeast Park Wednesday to play music and discuss sustainability and global warming. See Story online at alligator.org.

Car with body in back seat had 7 tickets

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A car found in a Gainesville neighborhood with a dead body in the back seat had been ticketed seven times by city parking enforcement.

Police found the body when a resident called authorities Monday afternoon to report the car, which had been parked on the street for days. A preliminary autopsy helped police identify the body as 42-year-old John Waldo, who had been missing since Feb. 11. Police say the autopsy revealed no obvious cause of death. Investigators are awaiting toxicology results, which may take up to six weeks.

City records show the first ticket was issued to the 2001 BMW on Feb. 12, the day after Waldo was last seen alive.

■ A former Miss Florida spoke at UF about her struggle with an eating disorder to kick off National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. See Story, Page 5.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Red Cross Gators CPR Training

Today, 7 p.m.
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Open to all students who need to be CPR certified. The cost of the class will be \$23. Checks should be made out to American Red Cross. Please contact abswartz@ufl.edu for any questions.

RUB Entertainment Presents:**Local Brew Show**

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange and Brew
Join RUB to enjoy the sounds of Airship Rocketship, Averkiou, and Raarfaction. We will also be having auditions for the Host of RUB Entertainment.

RUB Entertainment Free Movie: "Lust, Caution"

Today, 8 and 10:45 p.m.
"Lust, Caution" is an espionage thriller about a young woman who gets swept up in a dangerous game of emotional intrigue with a powerful political figure. This Chinese-language tale is rated NC-17, and ID will be requested at the door.

The American Solar Energy Society (ASES) Meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
The group will host a presentation on Passive Solar Design for Residential Buildings, and Chipotle will be providing free food.

Russian Spring Event

Today, 7 p.m.
Keene Faculty Center
From Russia with Love: An Evening of Music and Song.

Gator Aid Benefit Concert

Friday, February 27, 10:30 p.m.
Backstage Lounge
Featuring Pilly Wete, Paint Me Irrational, The Early Twenties and Ghost of Gloria. Proceeds will go toward funding the cancer ward of a new Gainesville children's hospital. Admission is \$5 for anyone over 18.

Got something going on?

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LOCAL

Detail targets bus passing

A UF student avoided a \$154 ticket and four points on his driver's license Wednesday.

"I was going to be late for class," said UF mechanical engineering student Randy Gruby. "I knew it was wrong."

Gruby got an improper pass warning from University Police officer David Miles for crossing over the yellow lines to pass a bus in front of the Reitz Union.

The University Police Department made an effort to pull over any car, motorcycle or scooter that crossed solid yellow lines to pass buses Wednesday.

From 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. UPD officers spread out across campus on bicycles, motorcycles

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

PARTLY
CLOUDY
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SUNDAY

THUNDER
STORMS
67/36

MONDAY

PARTLY
CLOUDY
64/35

and in cars to inform drivers about passing safety, UPD Lt. Stacy Ettl said.

The detail's goal is to inform the drivers what they are doing is wrong, not ticket them, he said.

"Our goal is education," Ettl said. "The majority of our contacts receive warnings."

Another frequent violation, Ettl said, is when scooter and motorcycle drivers pass a stopped bus by driving into the bike lane.

During the detail, Officer Will Sasser pulled over a Mazda van that drove past a barricade near Turlington Hall.

When Sasser asked for identification the driver introduced himself as James Williams and told Sasser his driver's license was suspended.

According to the UPD arrest report, when Sasser did a check on Williams, he found that Williams had a record of about 10 traffic violations.

Williams was arrested, taken to the Alachua County Jail and charged with a third-degree felony for driving with a suspended license and being a habitual offender.

— KATIE EMMETS

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ON CAMPUS

FBI searches UF prof's office under suspicion of fraud

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The FBI searched the office of UF professor Samim Anghaie for suspected fraudulent grant proposals to NASA on Wednesday.

Investigators showed up at the office in the Nuclear Science Building just before 8 a.m. and left around 3:30 p.m., said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

The search was part of an investigation being conducted by multiple federal agencies, according

to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release.

A search warrant alleges there is cause to believe that Anghaie's company, New Era Technology (NETECH), intentionally over-paid Anghaie while underpaying other employees and creating illegitimate employees that were paid money through the grants.

"NETECH...diverted hundreds of thousands of dollars of illegally obtained government funds from their corporate bank account to their personal bank accounts," it stated.

The warrant stated employees of the company used some of the money to buy land, a condominium and vehicles, including a 2007 BMW.



Orlando

The company received about \$2.5 million in grants from NASA since 2000, according to the warrant.

Anghaie is listed as the director/vice president of the company, according to the warrant.

His wife, Sousan, is listed as the president.

Their son Hamid is listed as the director. Their other son, Ali, is listed as an employee in some of the grants.

The warrant stated that there is cause to believe the four of them violated federal laws with offenses including theft of public money, mail or wire fraud and laundering of monetary instruments.

Orlando said, to his knowledge, no other UF employees are being investigated.

Orlando said Anghaie, who

earns a salary of \$111,401.53 at UF, has been placed on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure when an employee is involved in an investigation of this nature.

Anghaie has worked at UF since October of 1980, Orlando said.

He said UF is cooperating with the investigation but referred further comment to the U.S. Attorney's Office, which did not return phone calls Wednesday.

Officials at NASA and the FBI could not be reached for comment.

Peaceful Paths, chiropractor's office destroyed in fire

■ THE BUILDING WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

A Gainesville building burned to the ground early Wednesday morning, destroying the office of a chiropractic group and of the non-profit organization Peaceful Paths.

Gainesville Police officers discovered the fire at 2100 NW 53rd Ave. at 1:30 a.m. while

on routine patrol. Nobody was in the offices, and there were no injuries, said Carol Davis, spokeswoman for Gainesville Fire Rescue.

When GFR arrived, flames were 40 feet high and the Peaceful Paths building had sustained significant damages. Firefighters focused on preventing the fire from spreading.

Peaceful Paths is a non-profit organization that assists domestic violence victims.

The fire also consumed a building that housed Physicians Group, LLC, but it did not spread to nearby apartments.

Local News "They were able to get it under control fairly quickly," Davis said.

Trish White, case manager for Peaceful Paths, said that the organization will rebuild as soon as possible. She said ser-

vices will lapse only about a week while the organization arranges a temporary office.

People have offered money, supplies and even office space to help the organization deal with the loss.

"We know that we will land on our feet," White said.

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Ash Wednesday begins Lent, people forego luxuries

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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So begins another season of people giving up luxuries for God.

Wednesday kicked off the 40 day Lenten Journey for the Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican religions.

Jennifer Kacerosky, a Catholic UF senior, said that on Ash Wednesday, members of the Catholic religion bring their palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday to mass.

The fronds are burned and the ashes are smeared on the foreheads of Catholics in the shape of a cross to symbolize cleansing.

Kacerosky said she is not giving up anything this year. Instead, she will be adding routines to her daily life to better her relationship with God.

"I'm planning on going to daily mass and praying the Rosary every day," Kacerosky said. "I have always had a problem with praying the Rosary daily and I think Lent would be a perfect time for me to start."

"I'm giving up sleep," joked Mike Walsh, 46.

As a stay-at-home dad, Walsh said he hasn't slept in five years because of his three young daughters.

"I'm really giving up vulgarities," Walsh said. "Not all of them, just various ones."

Walsh said he doesn't like it when his 4-and-a-half-year-old repeats them.

UF Senior Nelson Burke said two years ago, he gave up sex. "It was horrible," Burke said.

"Lent is really long."

He said the experience he had two years ago was just like that of Josh Hartnett's character in the 2002 movie "40 Days and 40 Nights."

"It does let you bring your relationship to different levels when sex isn't involved," Burke said, adding that the person he was dating wasn't always happy about his decision.

Catholic Charities Employee Sabrina Miller, 24, said she is going to be taking better care of herself for Lent this year.

"I am going to benefit myself by eating healthy and exercising," Miller said. "I'm going to start be-



John Lockett / Alligator

Church-goers receive ash on their foreheads during mass at St. Augustine Church on West University Avenue Wednesday evening to commemorate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

ing more positive and less bitchy." Paul and Kelly Darby attended the 7 p.m. mass as converting Catholics.

Kelly, 27, said she was born a Catholic but never went through confirmation.

She said she will be giving up

gossiping, while her husband Paul, 25, will be giving up salt.

"Everything is going to taste boring from now on," he said.

ON CAMPUS

Concert, speaker aim to inspire faith in UF students

■ THE SHOW BEGINS AT 8:30 P.M.

By **LAUREN MARINO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

As if Turlington fliering didn't drive students bananas already, a man in a gorilla suit chased a man dressed as a banana alongside

about 170 people holding hands in a line stretching from the Hub to the Plaza of the Americas on Wednesday afternoon.

This was one of the promotional stunts AFTERdark used to publicize its Christian show tonight at 8:30 in the O'Connell Center. The night will consist of a concert by Copeland, an alternative rock band from

Florida, and a presentation from Joe White, a frequent inspirational speaker to the NFL and MLB, said Andrew Hanna, student director of the UF event.

"He is one of the most incredible influential speakers of our time," Hanna said.

Don Ford, president of AFTERdark, started the nationwide organization in Oc-

tober 2000. The event has been to over 100 college campuses across the U.S., and several hundred thousand students have been in attendance.

"We just wanted to expose college students to the person of Jesus so they could decide if they felt like he was in any way relevant to their lives today," Ford said.

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ON CAMPUS

Former Miss Fla. details her eating disorder struggle

By **REBECCA WEISS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

A former Miss Florida and UF alumna spoke about her struggles with an eating disorder to about 30 students and faculty Wednesday night on the Plaza of the Americas.

UF's first "Lights of Hope" candle-lighting ceremony was held in honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2009. People listened to speeches and stories from those who are or have been struggling and lit candles in memory of those who have passed away and in honor of those still fighting.

Allison L. Kreiger, president and founder of H.O.P.E. — Helping Other People Eat — as well as Miss Florida 2006, was the keynote speaker

for the night's event and detailed her struggle with the disease and her road to recovery.

"My eating disorder was nothing about me losing weight," she told the group. "I felt like I had lost control of my life and my feelings were transferred into the disorder."

Kreiger said that as a young girl she was always in a competitive environment because she was a baton twirler and was constantly practicing. When high school came around, she became frustrated and realized that she wanted to be a "normal" kid with a social life.

"I came home from the gym one day and I didn't mean to throw up, but I did, and it made me feel better," she said. "Eventually, I would only eat to get sick because it made

"I felt like I had lost control of my life and my feelings were transferred into the disorder."

Allison L. Kreiger

H.O.P.E. president and founder

me feel better in my mind — it became an addiction."

When Kreiger realized that she couldn't focus and that she had lost her endurance in the gym, she approached her parents and told them about her problem. She was disappointed, however, when they didn't know what to do about the situation. After a few months, she tried again and this time, they were prepared.

"I was terrified that I wouldn't

be around the next day," she said. "I realized how precious life was, and that was the pivotal point." Kreiger was taken to an outpatient facility to receive treatment. When she arrived at UF as a freshman, she went straight to the Student Health Care Center and began helping others.

Her efforts grew and eventually became her platform for the Miss America competition, she said.

"It's one of the best feelings — even if it's just having a shoulder to cry on — to be that means of saving lives," she said. "I feel fortunate to still be around to fulfill that bigger purpose in life."

After her speech, the group formed a circle and lit purple candles. "With each candle flame, we re-

member," said Dr. Lisa J. Merlo, assistant professor at UF's psychiatry department. "We light to guide us toward a better tomorrow."

Once the candles were burning, guests had a chance to share their stories, or the story of someone they knew. The crowd was timid at first, but after sophomore Katie Popeil told her story, others were willing to as well.

Popeil, who has had her disorder for about four years, said she's been in recovery for about six months.

"Hearing Allison's story made me confident that I can achieve recovery and live the life I've wanted," she said. "If you're struggling, reach out. I waited a long time, and I'm having a harder time recovering because I was so wrapped up in it."

FDS approves new drug promising thicker eyelashes

■ ONE-MONTH SUPPLY IS \$120.

By **VICTORIA PHILLIPS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Have the prayers of short-lashed ladies everywhere finally been answered?

A new FDA-approved prescription drug that claims to provide a visible difference in your lash length, color and thickness will soon be available to Gainesville residents.

"It's as easy as wiping eyeliner on every day," said Dr. Miranda Whitmer a dermatologist at Gainesville Dermatology Aesthetic Center.

The drug is a variation of Lumigan, the

company's glaucoma medication. Doctors found the solution was improving hair loss on glaucoma patient's lash line, and began testing Latisse.

At this point, Allergan can't pinpoint exactly why the drug stimulates growth, but it believes the drug increases the amount of hair grown during the growth cycle, according to a blog by Scientific American.

Close to 80 percent of people that used Latisse saw an increase in fullness, darkness and length by week 16, with a 106 percent increase in fullness alone, according to the product's Web site.

The trick, however, is keeping up with the treatments. There is still debate on how often treatment should continue to maintain

results, Whitmer said.

One bottle is about \$120 and comes with 60 applicators, or a 30-day supply.

The application process is simple, she said. Before going to sleep each night place a drop of the solution onto an applicator, rubbing it at the base of your upper eyelashes.

Lash extensions, a more traditional alternative to enhancing lashes, can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$50 and last about two weeks. They can cause damage to the lashes underneath, said Tara Andrisin, a physician's assistant for dermatology at Gainesville Dermatology Aesthetic Center.

UF freshman Christina Frick said she has

been using fake eyelashes for dance performances since high school, and she spends around \$12 for one tube of mascara.

"For \$2, I can deal with annoying eyelash glue," she said. "This drug may eventually be worth my money, but I'm pretty skeptical."

With the hefty \$120 price tag, UF sophomore Lisa Marx said she would only shell out the money for rapid results.

"If I'm paying that much money, I should be able to see a difference in four minutes not four weeks," she said.

Overall, the product is going to benefit those that want the look of makeup without having to take the extra time to put it on each day, Andrisin said.



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Editorial

Don't Hate Amendment 1 a leap backward for civil rights

As one of the most progressive cities in the U.S., Gainesville prides itself on being a place where people from all walks of life can reside without fear of discrimination.

Americans across the nation descend upon our city with hopes of being treated fairly regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. In Gainesville, citizens do not have to worry about losing their jobs or homes because they identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Simply put, people are protected by local anti-discrimination laws to ensure that the quality of life is consistent for everyone that calls the city home.

Sadly, the quality of life in Gainesville may change forever if we do not take action against a devious agenda.

March 24th's city election ballot will feature a proposed amendment to the Gainesville City Charter titled, "Charter Amendment 1." If passed, the bill will eliminate the city's power to legally protect citizens from discrimination and instead hand that power over to the state. This legislation seeks to unfairly strip the rights of innumerable citizens – a gross misstep backward for a country that prides itself as open to "change."

By saying "yes" to Charter Amendment 1, city law would no longer recognize Gainesville's Human Rights Ordinance and be forced to revert to the Florida Civil Rights Act. Unfortunately, there is a stark difference between the two pieces of legislation as the state act does not include protection for gender identity or sexual orientation. Furthermore, Gainesville would not have the opportunity to add additional protections in the future to ensure equal rights regarding veteran status, socio-economic status and political party affiliation. Existing special protections would be stripped the moment the act was passed.

Gainesville is hardly alone in championing anti-discrimination protections for all of its residents. There are more than 100 other cities across the country who have adopted a progressive mentality to ensure that every citizen can lead a life without the fear of hate. If Gainesville loses its ability to provide a place to live free of inequality and discrimination, who is to say that the other cities won't soon face a similar fate?

The issue at hand is not about whether you agree or disagree with the lifestyle choices of a critical portion of our population. Rather, you must ask yourself if you believe that all Americans should be able to enjoy the most basic of civil rights.

The issue is not about "men in women's bathrooms," and it's not about the breadth of local government. Our city government has a responsibility to its citizens to protect them from unfair treatment. Gainesville has gone to great lengths to protect all its citizens from institutionalized hate and has extended protection to groups of people who face oppression from all angles. With the passage of this amendment, people who already live as second-class citizens would lose all legal recourse against discrimination – their livelihoods could be yanked out from under them, and all they could do is suck it up and move. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people must then fight even harder within a system that already considers them inferior.

Such an example paints a bleak picture in the minds of the Editorial Board. We wonder how far-right groups can possibly rationalize such outlandish legislation when it clearly exudes overtones of sheer hate.

Gainesville cannot be forced to take a step backward considering all of the progress that we've made. When people think of our city, they must be able to view it as a model for how equality can and will work anywhere in the country.

If passed, Charter Amendment 1 would hinder the city's ability for growth as businesses, and students will have no choice but to go elsewhere.

With the livelihoods of so many innocent people at stake, we implore you to take a strong stand against discrimination and vote "no" on Charter Amendment 1.

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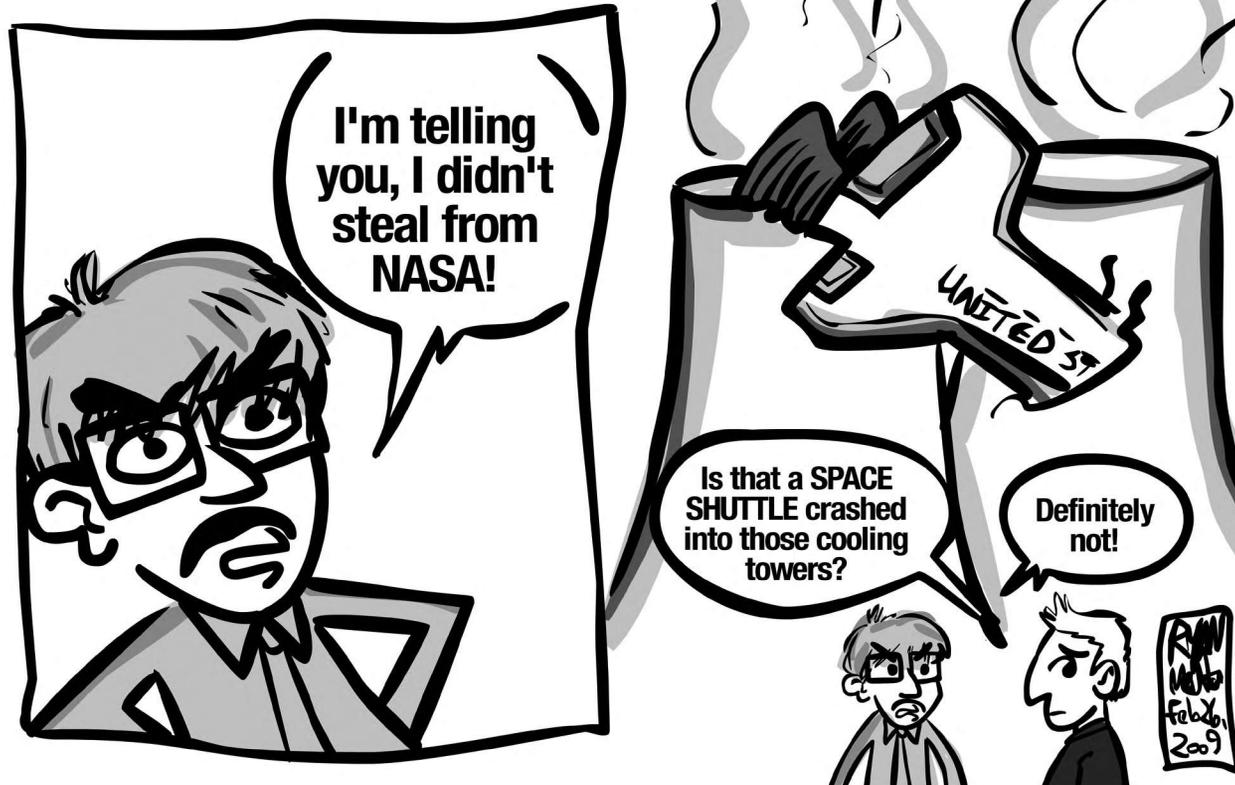
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A UF NUCLEAR SCIENTIST HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI FOR REPORTEDLY STEALING FROM NASA



Column

Amendment will harm local businesses

Has anyone actually read Gainesville Charter Amendment 1? Or more importantly, has anyone actually read the ordinance that it will affect?

Yes, the amendment will remove language explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. This essentially amounts to repealing the changes passed to the Gainesville Ordinance No. 051225 on Jan. 28, 2008.

In other words, the amendment will make Gainesville discrimination laws the same as everywhere else in Alachua County.

Anti-discrimination laws are a good thing, and most people, including the drafters of the amendment, agree that businesses should not discriminate based on gender identity. Unfortunately, the language of the ordinance is so broad that it would constitute an unjust encroachment into the rights of private business.

The amendments passed in 2008 do not simply add gender identity to a list of prohibited reasons for discrimination. They also added a large section (Section 8-69 (c)) that concern "shared facilities" such as restrooms and locker rooms.

A business cannot deny use of such a facility on the basis of gender identity unless the business provides "adequate facilities" to accommodate the person's gender identity. The ordinance then goes on to define unisex restrooms as an "adequate facility."

In other words, businesses may be forced to build expensive new facilities in addition to existing men's and women's rooms. This is an unfair and economically unfeasible assault on local businesses.

The definition of gender identity is also disturbing.



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Anyone who professes to be either gender "by verbal statement" will be legally entitled to use the restroom of his or her choice.

While there are some transgendered people this would benefit, there are many people who would be made uncomfortable at the thought of any-

one being able to enter a ladies' room. This would hurt businesses within the city limits.

Amendment 1 is not about legalizing "discrimination based on... sexual identity," as the Alligator reported on Monday. First off, it's "gender identity."

If businesses want to discriminate, they can easily move a few miles outside of the city limits. Many local businesses are already outside the city limits and thus it is "legal" to discriminate.

Of course, the overwhelming majority of these businesses don't discriminate on sexual orientation or gender identity. If this happened, there would be pages of discrimination claims filling the pages of this newspaper. Notice their absence.

I fully support laws which ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, but the Gainesville city ordinance goes beyond that to harm our local businesses in order to appear progressive. I say "appear" progressive because the city actually exempts itself from the ordinance.

Vote for Amendment 1 on March 24.

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

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

Reader response

Today's question: Did you vote in the Student Government elections?

Wednesday's question: Did you watch Obama's speech last night?

41% YES
59% NO
201 TOTAL VOTES

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Letter to the Editor

Words taken out of context

In Wednesday's article that covered President Bernie Machen's town hall forum, I was appalled to see that what I said was taken out of context in order to beef up a mediocre story.

I would like for the readership of the Alligator to note that I fully sup-

port the administration in this time and completely understand that the administration is unable to know at this point what will happen next year.

While I am worried that my program may be cut, I am more worried that the UF student body will take what this writer said to be accurate.

This town hall forum was open to the student body and gave Machen the ability to reach out to students and see what their concerns were, which is genuinely what happened. Had the reporter been listening to the forum and not circling the room like paparazzo, she would have noticed that.

As for how my quote was taken out of context, I am ashamed of the quality of the Alligator's writing staff. I would call this article a facade of muckraking journalism, but I am afraid that this term would be too lenient on the writer. I implore the editors of the Alligator to invest more time in reading the articles

presented to them by their staff.

Not only will this raise the writing quality from poor to mediocre, but also change its image from being the tabloid with the crossword to being a respectable piece of journalism.

Joshua Perry
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Column

Technology has a stranglehold on population, mass media

On the Colbert Report recently, there was a joke in which Stephen pretended it was 1997 and wheeled out an old dial-up modem, which he used to connect to America Online. And, just like that, I was nostalgic.

How I missed that grating dial-up process and the frequent disconnections.

But, through the nostalgia, as I surfed the Internet effortlessly on my fancy wireless laptop, I started thinking about just how far technology has come — and how weird the world will be to us 20 years from now.

Being the raconteur that I am, maybe a story will help illustrate my point. A few days ago I was hanging out with a good friend of mine. We were just talking, joking about random things — pretty much the usual. Then we both got text messages. For about the next 15 minutes, we barely said a word as each of us got absorbed in sending and replying to several texts at once. And what's absolutely

hilarious — what makes me laugh to no end — is that this is what, today, passes for two people hanging out.

Remember the days before text messaging — before cell phones even — when in order to hang out people actually had to (weird, huh?) talk to each other. A person could get hit with a wave of social anxiety just thinking about it. I can't wait to see what things are like for the next generation or so.

I fully expect children to invite their friends over after school and each of them plug into their very own virtual reality headset. One could be playing baseball, one at a concert (the thought of how strange music will be in the future, considering that in 50 short years we went from Sinatra to Nirvana, terrifies me) and another, assuming global warming leaves us with any water, could be jet-skiing. And this kind of intensive social interaction would be reserved only for the best of friends!



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The comedy of the future as some sort of introvert's paradise aside, let me say that I firmly believe that technology is strangling us all. As always, technological advances are about "could" and

Technology has, of course, done great things for the world. Medical advances have saved countless lives, and only a Tyler Durden-style Luddite would want to undo such things. But the fact remains that some advances of technology — generally in the field of mass communication — cause just as much harm, if not more, than they do good.

I'm reminded of a fantastic scene from "Inherit the Wind" where Henry Drummond tells us that "Gentlemen, progress has never been a bargain. You've got to pay for it. Sometimes I think there's a man behind a counter who says, 'All right, you can have a telephone, but you'll have to give up privacy, the charm of distance...Mister, you may conquer the air, but the birds will lose their wonder, and the clouds will smell of gasoline!'"

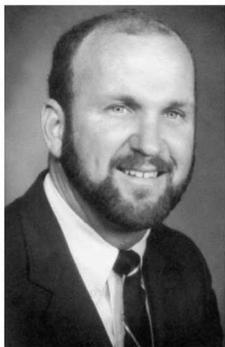
Think about it. And, please, do it outside and with some IRL friends.

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

not "should." I mean, is there really anyone alive who thinks the iPod Shuffle was a good idea? Technology is increasingly cutting us off not only from the world but from one another. Today a person doesn't even have to leave his home to buy groceries. One can do all their "social" interaction on the Internet, if so inclined.

We're becoming a society of pale vampires — and not the Edward Cullen type so praised on the message boards.

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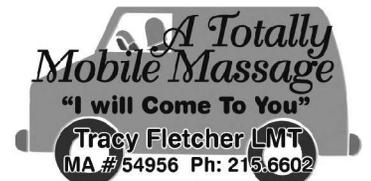
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UF VOTERS UNITE

Progress earns 8 Senate seats; Orange & Blue, Keg empty-handed

ELECTION, from page 1

Johnson's father, Randy, R-Celebration, was a representative in the Florida House from 1998 to 2006.

"We're very proud. Jordan has dedicated himself to the students," he said.

Meanwhile, the losing parties stood dejectedly, shaking their heads.

"This just shows what happens when the independent movement can't get on the same page when they're facing a behemoth," said Sen. Mark McShera, presidential candidate for the Orange & Blue Party.

Meanwhile, Progress Party presidential candidate Ben Dictor took a drag on his cigar at the announcement of Unite's Executive win.

"We demonstrated to the Student Body that an independent body can run and be victorious," he said, adding the party has made a name for itself.

Current Student Body President Kevin Reilly shouted, high-fived, hugged and fist-pumped when Johnson was announced as his successor.

"I was surprised. I was expecting a run-off," Reilly said. "I think I'm leaving Student Government in very good hands."

Results for the ballot's referendum questions were also announced, including one initiative to deny SG funding to facilities that require use of biometric data, such as a hand scan, for entry. About 64 percent of students voted to have a tobacco-free campus, and about 68 percent supported creating a fund for UF's BabyGator program. Also, 88 percent voted in favor of changing Florida law to allow an Early Voting location on campus.

The last day of campaigning involved a strong push from all parties involved. Many touted party signs between Turlington Plaza and Plaza of the Americas.

When polls closed at 8 p.m., party members headed out to pop open a few beers and relax before meeting at the Orange & Brew around midnight to hear results.

About 30 members of the Progress Party packed the outside patio of Tim and Terry's, the local pub known for its live music and gritty atmosphere.

The air was thick with cigar smoke and live jazz music from inside. At least three cases of Pabst Blue Ribbon were ordered before the party headed over to congregate at the Orange & Brew.

The mood was optimistic but cautious as candidates discussed their chances.

"Whether or not we won the war just yet, I don't know, but we definitely beat the counter revolutionaries," the party's presidential candidate Ben Dictor said, wearing a maroon beret and leather Member's Only jacket.

Meanwhile, the mood was celebratory at The Swamp Restaurant, the top floor of which was rented out by the Unite Party. About 75 party supporters attended, drinking and chatting about the election season.

Down the way, about 30 Orange & Blue Party supporters gathered at Gator City to hang out before heading over to the Orange & Brew around 10:30 p.m.

Cheers of "Let's Go Gator" rang out from members of the Orange & Blue Party when the Unite Party arrived at the Orange & Brew around midnight, referring to their claim that the Unite Party and the Gator Party from last fall are one in the same. The Progress Party was the first to arrive around 10:45 p.m. occasionally launching into a deep baritone rendition of "Solidarity Forever."

Most parties shelled out more than \$5,000 for their campaigns. The Orange & Blue Party spent \$5,204.50 and the Progress Party spent \$5,152.35. The Unite Party surpassed both, spending \$8,324.54, while the Keg Party, which only ran

candidates for the executive ticket raised about \$200.

The night's beer tab was about \$370 at the Orange & Brew.

The Orange & Blue Party also dropped \$720 on airing campaign ads against the Unite Party. McShera said he did not regret airing the ads.

"The fact that Jordan Johnson doesn't think he has to follow Florida law is worth voters knowing," he said, referring to the ad in which Johnson is quoted during an Elections Commission meeting.

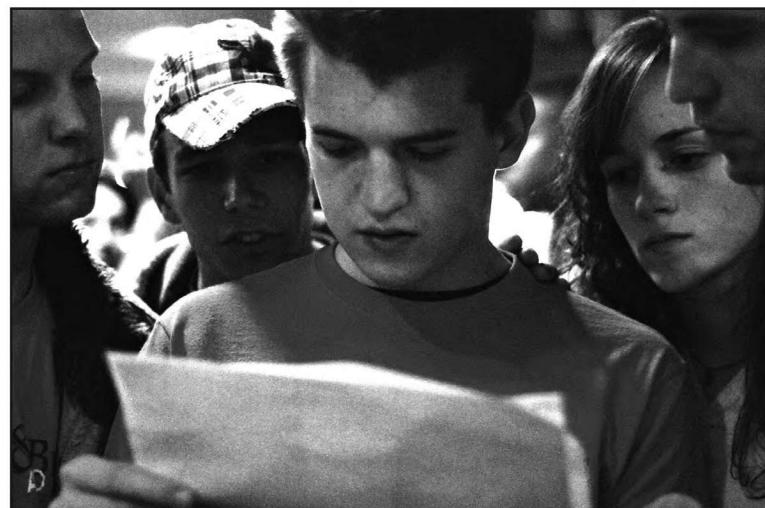
Progress Party candidate Nick Mildebrath criticized the ad.

"On every level the ad was crap," Mildebrath said.

Johnson said he felt rewarded for running a clean campaign.

"Nobody wants to hear you say bad things about somebody, especially when they're not true," he said.

There have been about 40 elections complaints filed this campaign season. The last 15, filed Wednesday, will be discussed Friday.



Bea Diehl / Alligator

Orange & Blue party Sen. Sam Miorelli reads a copy of the election results outside the Reitz Union. The party did not win any seats.

No decisions have been made in either college to cut undergrad programs

NURSING, from page 1

cutting the college's undergraduate programs could save. The college had a budget of about \$29 million in 2007-2008, he said.

The College of Nursing, which had a bud-

get of almost \$13 million in 2007-2008, not including grants and private funds, has also been shifting its focus to graduate education, said Tracy Wright, the college's spokeswoman.

She said the college has not been planning to eliminate the programs, however, and she didn't know how much the move could save.

The college has 394 graduate students and 340 undergraduates currently enrolled. Another 333 freshmen and sophomores are hoping to get

into the undergraduate program when they become juniors, she said.

Both Lansford and Wright said they couldn't say if professors would be laid off if undergraduate programs were cut and stressed the fact that no decisions have been made yet.

"It's one of many alternatives to deal with the budget cuts," Wright said.

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Greg Gillis of Girl Talk will perform at The Venue Wednesday. Doors open at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$16 in advance. Photo courtesy of Donovan Fannon. Sex columnist Ashley Ross explains the difficulties of cheating in an era of technology. Also, The Avenue previews the production of Glengarry Glen Ross, which opens Friday at the Constans Theatre.



I'd be lying if I said I haven't made a version of this speech before. I think I was probably 8 years old and staring into the bathroom mirror, and this would have been a shampoo bottle.

Well, it's not a shampoo bottle now.

Kate Winslet holding the Best Actress Oscar she won for her role in The Reader

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By ALISON SCHWARTZ

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Slumdog more than love story

JACK BENGE

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Sometimes good does triumph over evil, impossible odds are overcome and the hero kisses the girl right before the credits roll. Sounds pretty cheesy right?

Danny Boyle's Mumbai fairytale "Slumdog Millionaire" embodies all of the heartwarming qualities of many rags-to-riches tales. But despite the obvious clichés that accompany any star-crossed love story, "Slumdog Millionaire" is a fully realized introspection on the human condition beset by poverty and thrown out into a cruel world. And although the road to redemption is at times far-fetched, the end of the journey is so fulfilling that this story of love



Boyle

and perseverance trumps any issue of believability.

"Slumdog Millionaire" straddles two story arcs throughout the film, depicting the lead character Jamal's stint on India's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" while delving through the back story of the boy's troubled and violent childhood. A family life fractured by death and poverty leads Jamal and his brother Salim to grow up quickly in the slums of India.

What is so clever about the film is the interweaving of the flashbacks with the real-time events surrounding the game show. Each question that Jamal answers on his way toward the 20 million rupee prize was known because of a chance encounter or random event from his past. Jamal is forced to reveal his reasoning behind each answer because at the film's start, he is in jail on suspicion for cheating on the game show. How can a poor, uneducated kid from the slums really know the answer to every question?

The film's strength is in its engrossing story. Three sets of actors portray the leads in the film, depicting the evolution of the characters Jamal, Salim and Latika against the evolution of the city of Mumbai itself. While no one actor carries the film or delivers those singular lines that films go down in history for, the movie proceeds to entice and entertain.

It seems fitting that a movie depicting the triumph of the human spirit over incredible odds would rely on an ensemble cast and a strong script to reach Oscar glory. "Slumdog Millionaire" won eight of the 10 Academy Awards it was nominated for Sunday, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

"Slumdog Millionaire" delivers on its fairytale promise, providing a two-hour escape into a world where "happily ever after" doesn't seem that far-fetched after all.

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Girl Talk spins samples, shows

STEPHANIE GRANADA ◆ AVENUE WRITER

For all the crazy onstage antics and dramatic performances, Gregg Gillis is a modest man.

He makes no pretenses of living a high-profile rock-star life or being the coolest kid on the block.

"When I'm home I just work on music or watch TV on the couch," he said.

"When I perform, it's my weekend as much as anyone else's."

He feels no need to include that his weekends, unlike most others', take him from his hometown of Pittsburgh to Paris, San Francisco and Spain, where he moves crowds of up to thousands of people into a frenzy.

"People don't realize the level of safety and security measures taken before a show to prepare for craziness that will go down," he said.

Gillis has been performing as Girl Talk for the past 10 years, but since 2006, with the release of "Night Ripper," Girl Talk's success caught on at an infectious rate.

He credits the album's success with timing. At about that time, people were more familiar with the idea of remixing music, and media had become very interactive, he said.

The taboos that were in place in the underground scene of sampling pop music were fading.

"Before, there was this feeling that if I was sampling a Donnas song, I was pissing people off or going against their aesthetic," he said.

"Now in the indie or under-

ground scene it's not sacrilege to mix with Britney."

Girl Talk came along and filled the area where experimental music met accessibility. The media caught hold of the album and fans haven't stopped dancing since.

"I knew it was more accessible, but I didn't know it would be so big," he said.

For a year he held down his job as a biomedical engineer, playing gigs only on the weekend and on days off.



Gillis

He was happy to keep a day job and expand his side project, but the moment came when he had to choose.

"All of a sudden I was headlining and selling out shows and getting offers to go to Europe," he said. "I had to make the obvious choice."

While most musicians and even most other people would drop their lives in a heartbeat for the chance to record and perform music full time, Girl Talk was more hesitant.

"It was unprecedented that anyone made a living out of this," Gillis said.

"The biggest guy [in my genre] I looked up to, at the most played to 1000 people in Cleveland, I thought 'Wow I'll never be that big.'"

Before Girl Talk became an international phenomenon, Gillis was playing to crowds of 30 people or less, making enough money to cover gas.

Now his live shows yield enough revenue to make a living.

"Feed the Animals," Girl Talk's latest album, is sold at whatever price fans set.

Following the path of Radiohead and Nine Inch Nails, Girl Talk accepts the reality of music on the Internet.

Girl Talk gives fans the option to take the album free, as they can easily do online anyway, or contribute as much as they want.

"Live shows are what make a living. If I hadn't made any money off 'Feed the Animals,' I would have been OK," he said.

"I feel very lucky to be able to live off my fan base."

He reciprocates by allowing his fans to be part of the show. Girl Talk shows are a constant flow of the audience and performer feeding off each other.

The man behind the laptop will just as soon run into the crowd and steal someone's beer as he will invite fans onstage.

"There's a level of trust there, like on some level they are in the band," he said.

"Being on stage, they could just as easily screw up the show."

Gillis' interactivity with the crowds he plays to and his commitment to responding to fans leads some audience members to form a sense of friendship with the artist.

"It's not like there is some creepy pseudo-friendship going on," he said. "But some people definitely feel a connection."

Glengarry Glen Ross updated, relatable

HENRY TAKSIER ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Tim Altmeyer, director of "Glengarry Glen Ross," said his play includes a great deal of lively discussion.

"If you love a good swear word, then come," he said.

Students may have heard of the 1992 Oscar-nominated film of the same name, which featured an all-star cast, including Al Pacino and Kevin Spacey.

The film is also based on the 1982 play by David Mamet.

The play, hosted by the UF School of Theatre, will be performed at the McGuire Pavilion Constans Theatre starting Friday and ending March 6. Student tickets cost \$9.

Altmeyer described it as "a story about the underbelly of the American dream."

Young people go to college so they can learn to make money.

"This play explores what it means to be driven by money," he said.

The characters in the play, a group of ambitious real estate salesmen, are faced with two choices: make it big, whatever it takes, or get stepped on.

"There's a thin line between good business practices and fraud," Altmeyer said.

In Mamet's original play, the characters are middle-aged. Altmeyer made some adjustments

— this time, all the characters are in their early twenties. "By filling the play with young people, I was hoping the students would see themselves reflected in the characters," he said.

References to the 1980s have all been cut from the script. Technology has been updated to include iPhones and the soundtrack includes songs by

50 Cent and Lil Wayne.

Altmeyer also added a woman into the originally all-male cast.

"The kind of girl they'd normally pick up in a bar now has power over them," he said.

One of the main characters is Richard Roma, the top-selling agent. Christopher Fahmie, who plays Roma, described him as a "take-the-jacket-off-your-back kinda guy — suave, fast-talking, and sleazy."

He described the play as "unconventional, raw and desperate."

To highlight the relevance of the play, the director mentioned some current events, including the subprime mortgage crisis, Enron and the corporate bailout. He also said there's something special about seeing a live event.

"The actors and audience are breathing the same air," Altmeyer said. "You can't get that in a movie theater."

By filling the play with young people, I was hoping the students would see themselves reflected in the characters.
—Tim Altmeyer
Director

Facebook, BlackBerry makes cheating difficult

ASHLEY ROSS ◆ AVENUE WRITER

In a world where more is better, monogamy can sometimes lead us down a boring path. With more than 50,000 students at UF, why only date one person? Who wants to be stuck with only one make-out partner when you can have two, three or even four?

We're in college, and it's the time in our life when hormones are at an all-time high, flying around University Avenue late at night seeking a drunken mate to stumble back to the dorms with us. And, hey, there's no problem with that.

It's time to experience, to get out there and see what life has to offer. Lovers are easily comparable to a pair of shoes. You have to try on a few pairs on before finding the perfect fit.

However, while fooling around with two (or more) people at once may sound fun and liberating, it might not be so feasible.

Sleeping and sneaking around used

to be so simple. George would go out with Sally on Thursday night for dinner at Dragonfly and then meet up with Sue at Swamp for a drink later that same night. And there were no problems.

But now, Sally will write on George's wall as soon as she gets home to thank him for dinner, and this post will certainly show up on Sue's news feed — or at least on one of her friends', who will immediately text Sue to let her know what George has really been up to.

I'm here to tell you that while it may be fun and extra-pleasurable to have a secondary sex buddy, you are not safe anywhere.

It's a small world, boys and girls, and there's no chance you'll be able to get away with fooling around with more than one person without the other per-

son — or people — finding out.

With technology out of control, it's too quick and easy for someone to catch you and snap a picture on his or her BlackBerry without you even knowing.

If you're familiar with the "Gossip Girl" TV show, you know exactly what I'm talking about. If not, I'm sure you can imagine. Simply touching the small of a girl's back for a quick second with

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a smile on your face can be captured by a camera phone and exploited even easier via Facebook.

And while being caught on camera and later online is what nobody hopes for, it's relatively effortless to get yourself out of one of these situations.

"Oh that guy? Just a friend I know from Tutoring Zone. We were taking a shot in honor of being done with the class." This can quickly sum up and excuse a photo. The inquirer might still

have his or her doubts, but for the most part, you'll be in the clear.

What's even worse than being caught technologically, though, is being caught in person. Like I said, this small world doesn't keep you safe enough, and most on-the-spot excuses seem made up. Plus, if you do get caught in person, even a brilliant excuse won't hide the remorseful look on your face.

So, the question remains: to cheat or not to cheat? My suggestion is to weigh the pros and cons.

Chances are if you're even thinking about cheating or sneaking around behind someone's back, you probably don't care enough about him or her anyway, meaning that getting caught wouldn't be the end of the world.

But if the person you might cheat on is worth something to you, don't screw it up (no pun intended), no matter how horny you may be. Trying out a bunch of different make-out partners certainly has its perks, but back to the shoes, there's nothing like a perfect fit.

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Nelson's shutout leads to win vs. No. 6 Michigan



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UF pitcher Stacey Nelson throws a pitch during the Gators' 3-0 win against Baylor on Feb. 6. Nelson threw a shutout against No. 6 Michigan on Wednesday.

■ UF SCORED 4 RUNS IN THE FIRST TWO INNINGS.

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After taking down the No. 6 team in the nation, Stacey Nelson felt like she was just getting started.

With Nelson in the circle, the No. 2 UF softball team (13-2) held Michigan (12-4) scoreless on three hits while putting 4 quick runs on the board Wednesday afternoon in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

Nelson (6-2) struck out nine batters on the day, but the senior ace felt like she could have kept pitching for quite some time after the final out.

"I had an abnormal amount of energy before the game today, so I probably could have pitched four games," Nelson said.

Nelson kept the Wolverines, who averaged nearly 4.5 runs per game before Wednesday, off the scoreboard in seven innings of work, but the Gators removed some of the pressure from Nelson early in the

game by putting runs on the board.

Tiffany DeFelice, who entered the game with only one RBI this season, drove in 2 runs with two outs in the bottom of the first on a double that flew just over the shortstop's glove into left field.

"It felt good because I've been struggling a little bit lately," DeFelice said. "It felt kind of good to actually get my job done."

UF coach Tim Walton said he is confident in the sophomore slugger to perform in the fifth spot in the order despite her inconsistent play at the plate early in the season.

"If we're going to win a championship, it's going to be with Tiffany DeFelice in the five hole," Walton said.

"I think that's important for me to maintain that consistency."

After DeFelice drove in the Gators' first 2 runs in the first inning, center fielder Kim Waleszon followed suit in the second.

Michigan replaced starting pitcher Nikki Nemitz (7-2) with Jordan Taylor after just 1 1/3 innings, but Waleszon singled up the middle to send home 2 more runs, putting

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UF BASEBALL

Grand slam powers Gators

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Anything Eastern Michigan can do, UF can do better.

After the Eagles launched a two-out grand slam off Gators starter Anthony DeSclafani in the third inning, UF right fielder Riley Cooper blasted one of his own to the parking lot behind left field on the first pitch from reliever Corey Chaffins.

Cooper crushed the ball, and it didn't take long for him to realize it was a home run.

"(I knew) as soon as I hit it," Cooper said.

The grand slam from Cooper — UF's first since Cole Figureoa hit one in Miami on March 2 last season — put the Gators up 8-4 and carried them all the way to their 17-6 victory Wednesday night at McKethan Stadium.

Things looked bleak for the No. 24

Gators (5-0) after the Eagles' grand slam. After scoring 4 runs in the first inning and having its first five batters get hits, UF's bats went cold. They didn't tally a hit in the second, third or fourth inning.

"This year, he's kind of had a fresh start from the beginning, and he's earned his way into the lineup earlier."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF baseball coach

But on a chilly night at McKethan Stadium, Cooper's shot heated the whole team up — UF scored 7 more runs in the sixth inning, and catcher Buddy Munroe had a 3-run homer of his own. What looked like it could be a close game became a blowout very quickly.

Compared to last season, when Cooper hit just .207 and had 25 of his 58 at-bats

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UF doesn't merit Tourney spot

The Gators will get good news on March 15. After a one-year hiatus, they'll be back in the NCAA Tournament. The UF logo will flash on the television screen, and the players and coaching staff will be able to breathe a sigh of relief. Their reputation as a prominent basketball program will be back.

But they don't deserve it.

Is it because of their effort? No. Their effort has improved in the past year, and the players are taking losses harder than they did last season. They should be praised for that.

Is it because the Southeastern Conference is as weak as it has been in years? Not entirely, no. A weak conference actually helps the Gators get in, and no team should be judged negatively just because its conference — which is normally among the elite



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— is having an off year.

What about that lack of size that will surely lead to them getting dominated by bigger, stronger teams in the tourney? No

again. Plenty of shooter-heavy teams have made it far based on that ability alone.

It's because they aren't good enough. They've come close to being good enough — on several occasions — but whatever that proverbial sports hump is, this team can't get over it. They can't figure out how to take the next step, at least not as a whole. Nick Calathes is one of the best players in

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POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Does the UF men's basketball team deserve to make the NCAA Tournament this season?

Previous question: How much longer will Urban Meyer continue to coach football? (see right for results)

	Percent (Votes)
6-10 yrs	33% (29)
11-15	33% (29)
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1-5	11% (10)
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DeSclafani gives up 5 earned runs, strikes out four in first college game

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end in strikeouts, he's performing much better for the team.

"He's in the flow of the team a lot better," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said.

"This year, he's kind of had a fresh start from the beginning, and he's earned his way into the lineup earlier."

The team had a season-high 18 hits by the time the last out was made. The Gators are averaging 9.4 runs and 11.8 hits per game after their first week of the year.

After having no home runs coming into the night, UF ended the evening with three.

Senior left fielder Avery Barnes took one out of the park in the first at-bat of the game. It was the Gators' first leadoff homer since Gavin Dickey hit one against South Carolina on March 25, 2006.

O'Sullivan emptied the bench by the end of the night: Fifteen Gators had a chance at the plate.

The UF pitching staff also had six pitchers get some experience Wednesday night.

"We got a lot of guys on the mound. We got a lot of guys to get some at-bats," O'Sullivan said. "A lot of the youngsters got their feet wet."

The most important experience might have gone to DeSclafani.

It took three pitches for him to register his first career strikeout, but the rest of the freshman's night wasn't nearly as easy.

DeSclafani came out after the third inning having allowed 5 earned runs. He struck out four and walked one in his college debut.

Reliever Kevin Chapman (1-0, 0.00 ERA), who pitched the fourth and fifth innings, earned the victory for the Gators and got the game ball.

"He did a really, really nice job for us, settled things down in the middle innings," O'Sullivan said. "That's what you need in games like this."



UF right fielder Riley Cooper takes a lead off second base during the Gators' 6-3 win against Louisville on Friday at McKethan Stadium. Cooper hit a grand slam Wednesday against Eastern Michigan.

Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

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the nation, but he plays for a team with role players who are asked to be starters.

"We actually were outplaying them for a good portion of the game," freshman guard Erving Walker said after UF's 81-75 loss at LSU, the most recent example of the team not having what it takes to be a tournament team.

That's the problem. Walker's right. The Gators did outplay the Tigers for most of the game, and they very well could have won the game. Instead, they looked like a team that doesn't know how to win in the last 10 minutes.

They don't understand how to win a "big game," the game that makes Joe Schmo look up at his TV the next morning while scarfing down Cheerios and watching SportsCenter and say, "Nice win, Florida." That hasn't happened in almost two years now.

I don't know why this is, and I'm not in the locker room or practice facility to know the truth. What I do know, however, is that this team will make the tournament based on its reputation, and they'll lose in the opening weekend because they aren't deserving of that reputation.

There is always something new that it isn't getting. Whether it's defensive intensity, focus in practice or, now, what qualifies as a good shot, this team has not proven it can put the complete package together with a nice bow on top. And teams in the NCAA Tournament shouldn't be given bids without proving this.

"We've played at Florida State, Kentucky, Tennessee," Walker said. "We're not going to use (lack of experience) as an excuse."

Walker is right again. Whether it's a lack of experience or anything else, there are no more reasons for not taking the next step.

The reality is, though, that staircase still looks pretty long to the Gators.

PGA TOUR

Woods back in form after injury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods said he was ready to go after eight months away from golf.

Was he ever.

Woods ended his 253-day break from competition Wednesday with a spectacular start at the Accenture Match Play Championship, going birdie-eagle to build a quick lead in his opening match against an overwhelmed Brendan Jones.

Woods poured it on late, eagling the par-5 13th hole to go 4 up with five holes to play. Jones had little chance on a day when Woods was as hot as the desert sun.

The world's No. 1 player said he looked forward to the rush of competition, something he had not experienced since he won the U.S. Open in a playoff June 16 on one good leg. He had season-ending surgery on his left knee a week later.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green, and the cheer when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

Woods backed off his tee shot, and without much expression, belted a fairway metal down the right side of the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

From 167 yards, Woods hit an 8-iron toward the middle of the green that caught a ridge and stopped 5 feet from the hole, which he converted for birdie to go 1 up. The par-5 second was even better, as Woods posed over his second shot and offered a gentle fist pump when he stopped 4 feet from the hole. He never had to make his eagle putt when

Jones settled for par.

So much for the rust — at least early.

Woods found the bunker on the par-3 third, the ball on a slight downslope, leaving him no chance to get it close. He wound up with a bogey to halve the hole and didn't look nearly as crisp the rest of the front nine.

Jones cut into the lead when Woods came up short of the seventh green and made birdie, then Woods answered with a 6-foot birdie on the eighth. He was 2 up heading to the back nine.

The gallery hustled through the desert to watch every shot, missing some entertaining golf around the rest of Dove Mountain.

Three days after Phil Mickelson blew a lead and rallied to win at Riviera, he did it again.

Lefty was 4 up with five holes to play when former U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera won the next four holes — three of those with birdies — to force overtime. Mickelson won on the 19th hole.

Anthony Kim never lost a hole against Lin Wen-Tang, beating him 7 and 5. Camilo Villegas had the shortest day of work at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, hammering Rod Pampling of Australia, 7 and 6.

Trevor Immelman got off to the best start, holing out with a 9-iron for eagle on the opening hole. But the Masters champion wound up losing when Shingo Katayama fired off three birdies and an eagle on the back nine, winning 3 and 2.

That was the lesson for Woods at the Match Play — the finish is always more important than the start.



Woods

Gators' win restores confidence after weekend loss to No. 3 Washington

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UF up 4-0 after two innings.

After giving up 2 quick runs, Taylor gave up no runs and only allowed one hit the rest of the game, but Michigan was not able

to produce at the plate against Nelson. Even when the Wolverines threatened to score in the sixth inning, the Gators took care of business in the field.

With Michigan's Teddi Ewing in scoring position, Molly Bausher singled to right field, but

Kelsey Bruder fired the ball in to catcher Kristina Hilberth, ending the inning and preserving the shutout.

"I tried to tell myself before that batter came up, 'Don't let them

score,' and I let them get a hit," Nelson said. "So when your teammate can pick you up like that, it really feels good as a pitcher."

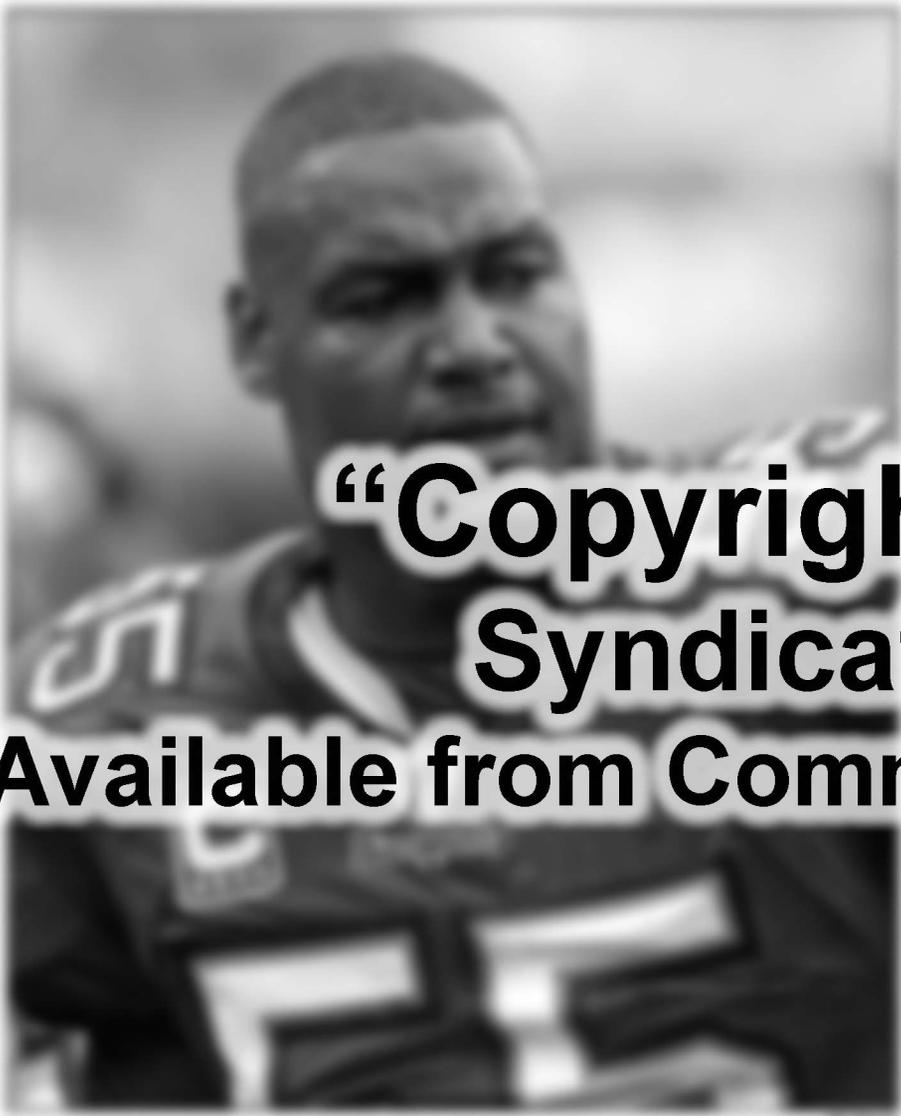
By taking down a highly ranked opponent with relative ease, the Gators removed some of the lingering doubts about the

team after it fell to No. 3 Washington on Friday in Palm Springs, Calif.

"After all the ups and downs that we faced in California, to be able to come out and still prove that we still can win was good," Nelson said.



Softball



Bucs cut Brooks, four others

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PHOENIX — Tampa Bay cut four players from its roster on Wednesday, including a group of the team's...

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The move will be made Tuesday, the club's general manager said. The team's roster will be cut to 53 players...

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