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Opposing groups debate Charter Amendment 1

Editors Note: Shelbi Day of Equality is Gainesville's Business and Jim Gilbert of Citizens for Good Public Policy debate the merits of Charter Amendment 1, which will appear on the ballot for the Gainesville City Elections held March 24.

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**

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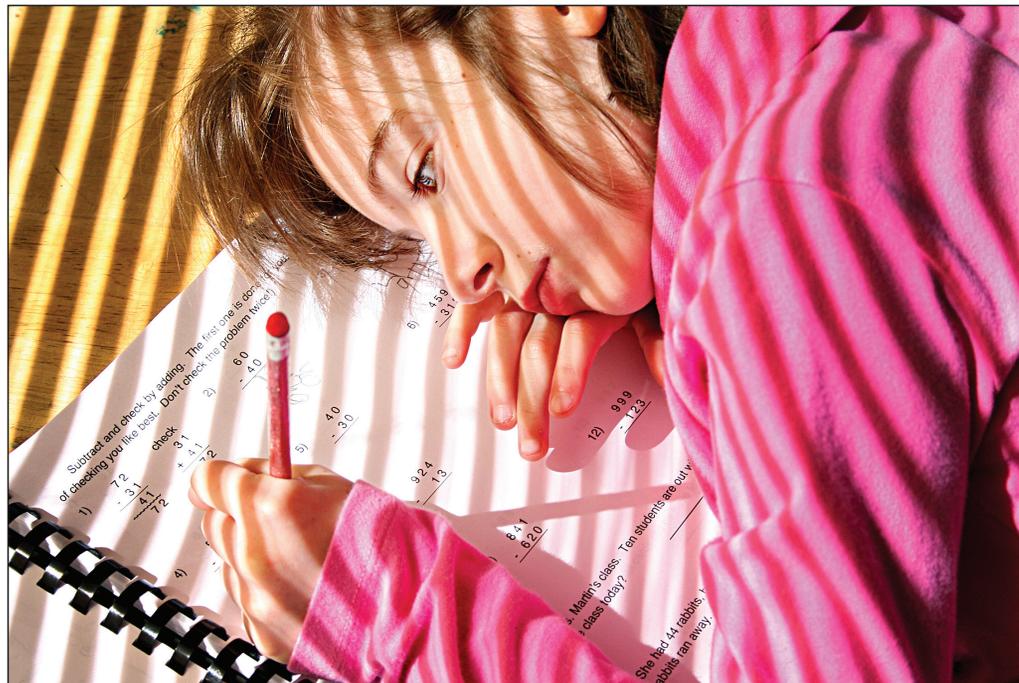
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Charter Amendment 1 reads:

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Learning in the Light

Ashley Spencer, 9, does homework math problems at her desk during a home-school lesson last Monday morning. For an audio slideshow of how she came to be a part of the Spencer family, see alligator.org/multimedia.

LOCAL UF group offers help to fire-ravaged Peaceful Paths

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**

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After Peaceful Paths, an organization that aids battered women, burned down early Wednesday morning, a UF club reached out.

Victory Over Violence, a domestic violence awareness organization at UF, increased its promised donation to Peaceful Paths. The or-

ganization already planned to donate 45 percent of its proceeds from its upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues" to Peaceful Paths.

But after the fire, Victory Over Violence said they would donate 90 percent, said Denise Calle, an active member of Victory Over Violence.

"When I first heard what happened, I started crying," said Calle. "But it gives us a lot of

motivation to make things better."

"The Vagina Monologues" features a series of women who discuss the hardships and delights of being a woman, from screaming orgasms to embarrassing bodily functions. In 2008, the production brought in \$900 to \$1,000, Calle said.

Ten percent of the proceeds will go to V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women. Originally Peaceful Paths was

to split the proceeds with Arbor House, a shelter for pregnant women.

But after the fire, Victory Over Violence thought it best to donate the full 90 percent to Peaceful Paths.

Arbor House agrees it's the right thing to do.

"I think that is wonderful, and we plan to help in any way that we can," said Gwen Gad-air, director of Arbor House.

UF seeks \$37M to preserve historic Florida buildings

University hopes to conduct more research there

By **THOMAS STEWART**

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ST. AUGUSTINE — UF will take another stab at securing funds this year to take care of 34 historic

buildings in St. Augustine.

The university is seeking about \$32 million from the state and almost \$5 million from the National Park Service. About \$10 million is pegged for a visitors' center, and \$27 million is for restoring the

buildings.

Ed Poppell, UF's vice president for Business Affairs, was in St. Augustine on Thursday presenting the plan to officials from the city, the state and the National Park Service, as well as city resi-

dents.

Poppell said UF would like to see the buildings preserved for their historic value, so UF students and professors can conduct more research in the area.

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The College of Design, Con-

struction and Planning, he said, studies the preservation of historic buildings in St. Augustine. UF's archaeologists study a variety of things in the city as well, he said, and the College of Law uses the city to study historic law.

Poppell said UF is considering

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■ UF guards Nick Calathes (right) and Erving Walker got into a spat during the Gators' loss to LSU on Tuesday, but the two will have no trouble sharing the ball against Tennessee on Sunday. See Story, Page 18.



2 men arrested for taking train on joyride

MIAMI (AP) — Authorities say they've arrested two men who took a 120-ton freight train on a joyride in Miami earlier this week.

Miami-Dade police say 23-year-old Alex Johnson-Self and 21-year-old Brandon Dowdy were found and arrested Wednesday. A CSX employee reported Monday that a diesel locomotive had disappeared from a southwest Miami-Dade turnaround late Sunday night. It was recovered about 7 miles to the south a few hours later. No injuries were reported. The two men face several charges, including grand theft and burglary.

■ For the first time, UF will offer a two-week study abroad program in Antarctica and Argentina during winter break. See Story, Page 4.

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LOCAL

Underage drinking targeted

Five underage drinkers were arrested Wednesday when GPD officers did a routine check of bars in midtown.

Three were arrested at Balls and two at Copper Monkey, according to a GPD press release.

Also, two Gainesville bars and four convenience stores were caught selling alcohol to minors.

GPD sent underage shoppers into gas stations and supermarkets to buy alcohol, the GPD release stated.

After going to 33 stores, four employees from four gas stations including Texaco, 4909 N.W. 39th St., and Kangaroo, 1255 W. University Ave., were given written arrests for selling alcohol to underage customers.

In three of the stores, a 17-year-old successfully purchased a 16 oz. can of Tilt, the Anheuser-Busch alcoholic energy drink.

"Our goal for this detail was zero arrests," said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg. "We are getting a lot closer to our goal. Four out of 33 isn't that bad."

To crack down on underage drinking at Copper Monkey, Robert Smith said he was hired by owner Richard Kesselring.

As a state-certified private investigator, Smith said he came up with solutions to catch those attempting to drink underage.

Patrons must show two forms of valid ID to get a 21 and up wristband, Smith said.

In addition to a Florida driver's license, a credit card or student ID card must be shown, Smith said.

"If they don't have either of those, they have to sign our log-in sheet," Smith said. "Then we check the signature on the sheet with the signature on their ID."

Smith also installed six cameras throughout the bar. He said

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the two girls who were arrested Wednesday showed security valid ID cards that stated they of age. When GPD came, the girls gave officers their real licenses that showed they were not, he said. Smith said that he plans to implement scanners so that security can scan IDs to make sure each is real. The scanners will cost about \$1,200 each, he said.

— KATIE EMMETS

Patrol focuses on warnings

What's blue and white and crashes your party at 3 a.m.?

It's the Gainesville Police Department's Party Patrol, but there's good news: The police would rather give warnings than citations.

In 2007, the Party Patrol issued more than 1,000 noise warnings but fewer than 50 noise citations. Complete information for 2008 has not been released, but GPD Lt. David Rowe said that the numbers usually stay static from year to year.

Since 2000, the unit has cruised Gainesville on Fridays and Saturdays to make sure that get-togethers stay within legal limits.

The unit has five officers on duty each weekend from about 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Lowe said the patrol enforces underage drinking rules, open container laws and the state open-house party law, which holds hosts responsible for making sure minors don't consume alcohol.

According to GPD spokesman Keith Kameg, the patrol's goal is

to encourage responsible behavior in local residents, especially students.

The Party Patrol mostly focuses on enforcing noise ordinances.

"Noise is the number one focus," he said. "Drinking is secondary but not ignored."

UF finance senior Andres Valbuena said the Party Patrol gave him written warnings at his Country Village apartment.

Valbuena said that he and his friends were playing a drinking game when a GPD officer responded to a neighbor's complaint.

"He gave us a warning," Valbuena said. "But he said if he had to come back again, it was going to get serious."

— EMILY FUGGETTA

CLARIFICATION

The Alligator implied that Citizens for Good Public felt GLBT rights would be "collateral damage" of Amendment 1. That quote was taken out of context, according to Jim Gilbert. The nullification of the sexual orientation provision in the Code of Ordinances is collateral damage from the City Commission's actions in tying all rights together in the cities' charter.

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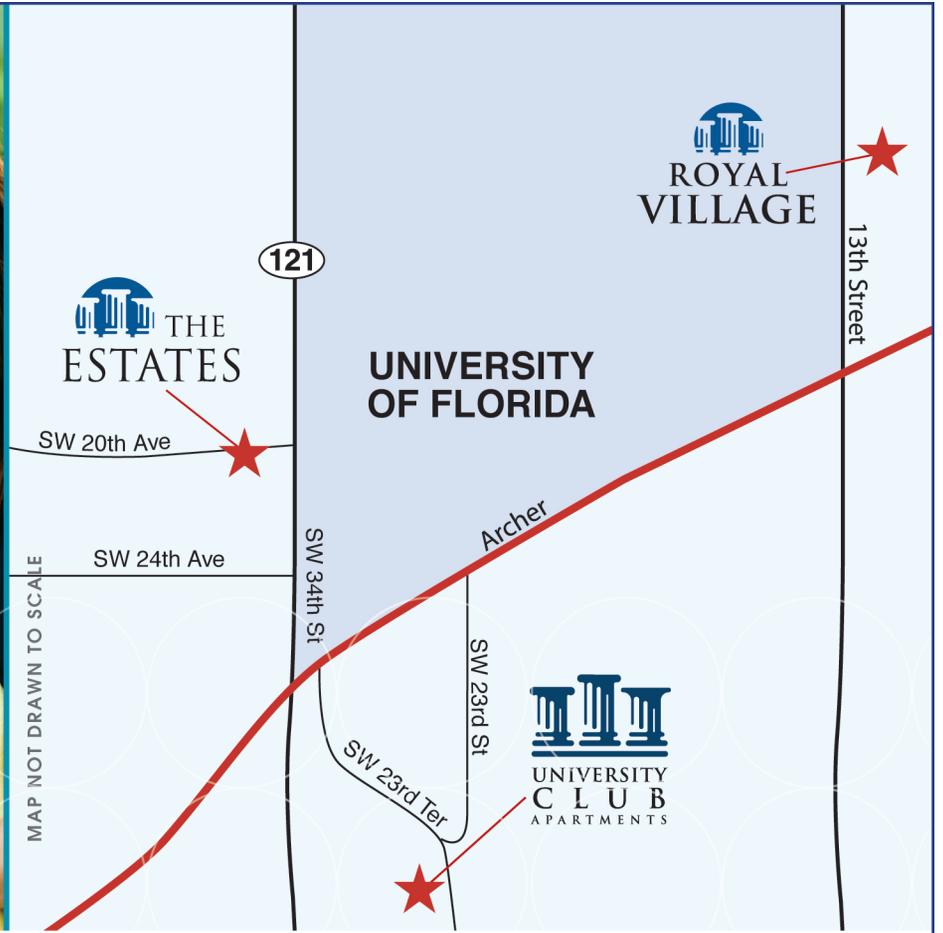
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Voters reject hand scanners

■ 61 PERCENT OPPOSED THE INITIATIVE.

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

Sixty-one percent of the nearly 10,000 students who cast a ballot in this week's Student Government elections voted in favor of withholding funding from facilities that require biometric data, such as a hand scan, for entry.

The passed initiative is binding and will be incorporated into the Student Body statutes.

Its implementation would affect Rec Sports, since the organization receives most of its funding from students' Activity and Service Fees, which make up SG's nearly \$13 million budget.

UF Rec Sports director David Bowles said he was sure he could work out a solution with SG leaders and would

not comment further.

A similar question appeared on fall's SG ballot.

But though 84 percent of students voted against requiring hand scans to gain entrance to UF recreational facilities, little resulted since the question was a referendum and was therefore nonbinding.

"We're lucky voters have more sense than the Senate did."

Ben Cavaturo
Student Senator

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Ben Cavaturo presented legislation during a fall Senate meeting which, if passed, would have required hand scans be optional for entry in order for funding to be given. The majority of senators voted against the legislation.

As a result, several sena-

tors from the Orange and Blue Party worked on collecting 1,300 signatures to have the question appear as an initiative on spring's ballot, according to Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jonathan Ossip, who authored the question.

"We're lucky voters have more sense than the Senate did," Cavaturo said, adding since the initiative passed, it will be made into law during Tuesday's Senate meeting.

"It becomes a law just as if it was passed by the Senate," he said.

Senate President Jordan Johnson said the hand-scan initiative is a classic example of an elections tactic used by the Orange and Blue Party to rally support, adding he will be happy when SG puts the issue to rest.

Ossip disagreed and said Johnson's claim was ridiculous.

"It's something the students actually want," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fox renews 'The Simpsons' through season 22

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fox says it's renewing "The Simpsons" for another two seasons, which will secure its place as TV's longest-running prime-time series.

Now in its 20th season, "The Simpsons" already had tied record-holder "Gunsmoke." The Western drama series aired for two decades on CBS before it ended in 1975.

"The Simpsons" will pass that mark next season. The two-year, 44-episode pickup announced Thursday by Fox will bring the total number of "Simpsons" episodes to 493.

The animated comedy about Homer and Marge Simpson, their children and the town of Springfield is not only enduring but much-honored: It's received a

Peabody and 24 Emmys among other awards.

SoCal aquarium blames flooding on curious octopus

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Staff at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium in California say the trickster who flooded their offices with sea water was armed. Eight-armed, to be exact.

They blame the soaking they discovered Tuesday morning on the aquarium's resident two-spotted octopus, a tiny female known for being curious and gregarious with visitors.

The octopus apparently tugged on a valve and that allowed hundreds of gallons of water to overflow its tank.

Randi Parent, spokeswoman for the aquarium, says no sea life was harmed by the flood, but the brand new, ecologically designed floors might be damaged by the water.

STUDENT LIFE

UF offers study abroad program in Antarctica, Argentina

By **REBECCA WEISS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

For the first time, UF is offering a two-week study abroad program to Antarctica and Argentina.

"It's an amazing opportunity for students to study abroad in a

destination most of us only dream about," said Kirsten Laufer, a study abroad adviser at UF's International Center.

Students who partake in the six-credit program must take a semester of two online classes before the expedition to Antarctica and Tierra Del Fu-

ego, Argentina, during winter break. The trip offers students the chance to explore glaciers, 24 hours of daylight and one of the greatest concentrations of wildlife, such as penguins, seals and orcas, Laufer said.

UF chose to offer the program because student interest in the

region has increased, she said. "It's completely independent of the budget," she said. "We've gradually expanded our offerings yearly, and it seemed like a good year to begin running a program in Antarctica."

The cost of the program is \$8,976 for undergraduates and \$9,666 for

graduates. Laufer said the fee covers the cost of student participation and is higher than some of the other study abroad programs offered.

Ten to 12 spots are open for this year's trip, she said, adding a few students have already registered. The deadline to sign up is March 31.



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Student-run program helps Gainesville homeless

■ THE GOLDEN DOOR PROJECT WILL BEGIN ITS TRIAL RUN SUNDAY.

By MARY WILLIAMS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Homelessness can't be solved in a weekend, but one UF graduate hopes his project will open the doors to the solution.

On Sunday, Dirk Sampsel, director and founder of Citizens for Social Justice, and his staff will begin the Golden Door project, a student-run transitional housing and educational rehabilitation program for homeless people.

The trial run will take place at Sunrise Vil-

las apartments, 3010 S.W. 23rd Terrace.

Sampsel said he realized a few forums and awareness events a year is not enough to solve the problem of homelessness in Gainesville. So he created an organization focused on utilizing students' abilities to solve the problems, CSJ, which celebrated its first anniversary in January.

Sampsel said he is working with St. Francis House, which owns the Sunrise apartment complex, to conduct the trial run with eight residents already living there.

Currently, residents have a case manager who keeps them on the plan they set up, which includes employment, rent, loss of income and educational needs, said Kent Vann,

executive director of St. Francis House.

The case manager, who only meets once a month or when needed, works with several residents at a time, but Sampsel said he wants the opposite by having several caseworkers for each person. Each adviser will assist in one of seven fields: goal discovery, arts mentoring, financial literacy, health and nutrition, communication skills, rights literacy or pet therapy.

The program will provide mental and physical health care, job placement and vocational training, adult education and GED opportunities and a broad spectrum of educational mentoring and support services, ac-

ording to its Web site.

Sampsel plans to work out the problems of the trial version by the summer and revamp the program by fall to implement the full eight-month program.

Vann said he did not have any hesitation about working with the student-run organization.

He said St. Francis currently has a partnership with UF for volunteering and has found students have always been loyal to fulfill their tasks.

Vann said he would like for the Golden Door project "to maintain self-sufficiency and not fall back into the gaps" and for CSJ to someday have its own facility.

UF RESEARCH

Global drop in shark attacks may be linked to economy

By KRISTEN HUFF

Alligator Contributing Writer

A failing economy may be your lifeline.

Data released by the Florida Program for Shark Research indicates overfishing and the economic downturn may be behind the recent decline in shark attacks.

According to the International Shark Attack File released last week by the program, which is jointly administered by the Florida Museum of Natural History, the number of unprovoked shark attacks decreased from 71 in 2007 to 59 in 2008.

While this may sound like good news to some, George Burgess, director of the program, said the decline in attacks is partially explained

by the decrease in the shark population due to overfishing by humans.

"Almost everyone will tell you the real story isn't shark bites man, but man bites shark," Burgess said.

Burgess said regulations need to be put in place to stop overfishing, which, according to the file, has left many shark populations at "critically low levels."

Other factors might have led to the decrease as well, including fewer beachgoers, Burgess said.

With the dismal state of the economy, people are less inclined to travel, so there have been fewer tourists at beach destinations, Burgess said. There has also been a general decline in travel since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he said.

People may also be getting smarter about protecting themselves from

"Almost everyone will tell you the real story isn't shark bites man, but man bites shark."

George Burgess

Director of Florida Program for Shark Research

shark attacks, he said. Media hype in recent years has played a role in educating people about safe practices, such as not swimming at dawn or dusk when sharks are feeding, he said.

Of the 59 attacks last year, 41 occurred in U.S. waters, according to the file. With 32 attacks, Florida had the most in the U.S.

Burgess said Florida, with the

longest coastline in the U.S. and warm waters, which support more species of sharks and attract a lot of tourists, is "an accident waiting to happen."

"There's lots of water and lots of people that come to use it, and amazingly enough, there have been lots of shark attacks," he said.

According to the file, 56.6 percent of the attacks involved surfers or windsurfers.

"The activity of surfers is, by definition, quite provocative," Burgess said.

The motions that surfers make while in the water mimic those of animals the sharks consider prey, he said. Thus, most incidents involving surfers are better characterized as bites than attacks because after nipping the surfers, sharks usually real-

ize their error, he said.

Kevin Neal, who has surfed for six years and has lead eight surfing trips with UF's Travel and Recreation Program, or TRiP, said the program has never experienced a shark attack.

Trips are planned so they don't occur when sharks have migrated to Florida, he said. Also, leaders always consider factors such as water temperature and clarity, which can increase the likelihood of attacks, before allowing surfers in the water.

Neal said sharks are always present, but with proper precautions, the chances of getting attacked are so small surfing is worth the risk.

"It's just something that you accept with the sport," he said. "Every sport has its risks, and this is one of them."

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Editorial

Please excuse the Department of Darts & Laurels if we appear a bit woozy as we attempt to recover from our oh-my-god-our-heads-are-killing-us Student Government elections hangover.

From co-sponsoring last week's debate series to providing behind-the-scenes SG pre-party coverage on Twitter, it's been one heck of a journey tracking UF's battle among political heavyweights. Sure we'll miss those laugh-a-minute YouTube offerings from the Orange & Blue Party, but can you honestly stomach any more video montages featuring the likes of Jordan Johnson crawling across your computer screen?

As we peel off our Unite Party stickers (riiiiiight) and bid farewell to Progress banners of Ben Dictor rubbing elbows with Lil Wayne, the Department of Darts & Laurels proudly presents this week's oh-thank-heaven-SG-elections-are-no-more edition of...

Darts & Laurels

For one young woman from Indiana, drenching her lice-ridden hair in gasoline seemed like a surefire solution to eliminate her excessive itching. The Department of Darts & Laurels chucks an it's-flammable-for-Christ's-sake **DART** at **Jessica Brooks** for burning more than half her body after her hair caught on fire. Sure we've heard of some truly absurd natural remedies for curing lice, but this one just seems to scream Scientology.

Word out of Washington informs us of ambitious initiatives in the healthcare sector set to take shape at the hands of the federal budget. For his unequivocal willingness to overhaul health care and bring assistance to millions of uninsured Americans, the Department of Darts & Laurels graciously extends a change-we-can-believe-in **LAUREL** to **President Barack Obama**. So many presidents pepper their stump speeches with unfulfilled promises, but finally we have one who has seemingly bucked the trend.

With today marking the final edition of one of Denver's leading newspapers, the city is in a state of mourning as it prepares to say goodbye to a dear friend. The Department of Darts & Laurels launches a the-country-just-got-a-little-bit-stupider **DART** at the **journalism industry** for failing to prevent the closure of the Rocky Mountain News just months before the paper's 150th anniversary. In such perilous economic times, dare we ask what paper could be next on the ol' chopping block?

By passing one of the hot-ticket ballot referenda in the SG election, tobacco products may no longer have a lawful place on the UF campus. For taking a definitive stance against the leading cause of avoidable deaths, the Department of Darts & Laurels presents a there's-nothing-sexy-about-yellow-teeth **LAUREL** to the UF Student Body. Clearly if Tim Tebow proudly boasts about being tobacco-free, The Gator Nation will quickly follow suit.

For the Republican Party's alleged "rising star," a gross misstep in his speech Tuesday night has the citizens of Washington state reeling. The Department of Darts & Laurels tosses a have-you-ever-heard-of-Mount-St.-Helens? **DART** at **Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal** for questioning why "something called volcano monitoring" was included in the economic stimulus package. Come on, is that really your best shot at condemning the Obama administration for allocating controversial funds?

A casual afternoon strolling the Port Charlotte mall quickly turned into an episode of "Jackass" as one youngster decided to strip naked and streak from the movie theater to food court much to the chagrin of conservative moms everywhere. For filming the event and securing a getaway car to escape to safety, the Department of Darts & Laurels laughs as we give a we-only-wish-we-could-have-seen-the-looks-of-bewilderment-on-everyone's-faces **LAUREL** to **Brandon Krueger**. Too bad he didn't have the self-restraint to refrain from posting the film on his MySpace page — shockingly, even security guards know how to use the Internet.

That's all for this week. Have a great weekend!

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The child stars of Academy Award winning Best Picture *Slumdog Millionaire* are reportedly being given brand new houses by the Indian government.

Sadly, however, the old men from *No Country for Old Men* (last year's Best Picture) still don't even have a country.



Column

'People' shows little regard for people

If People magazine had a face, I would punch it. Hard. Nineteen-year-old Mike Tyson hard.

This publication is the opposite of what its name implies. Its coverage is inhuman.

At People, it seems that exploiting vulnerable celebrities earns you a medal of honor. Rihanna gets mauled by Chris Brown; John Travolta's son dies; Britney Spears does anything: Capture these events at all cost.

How is it morally OK to hound a battered woman? Does their quest for the \$100,000 photo really outweigh their ability to consider her feelings? One pop star's domestic abuse is an opportunistic cameraman's stroke of luck. Appalling.

Americans are sold short by this magazine on a weekly basis, and it isn't going to stop.

Who's to blame? I'll quote my favorite consonant from "V for Vendetta" to answer that one. After hijacking a British television station and its emergency broadcast channel, V announces to all of London "there is something terribly wrong with this country, isn't there?" Rather than blaming someone else, he tells the city, "you need only look into a mirror."

Our unhealthy obsession with famous people is turning our nation into drooling, complacent tabloid whores. We are all becoming Gossip Girls.

We allow this garbage. Some even crave it. We are surrounded by it, and we've stopped caring. It has become part of our society, so we shrug it off because it's expected.

I shouldn't point a finger at anyone else before pointing at myself. I watched some of the "Surreal Life." A house full of once-upon-a-timers intrigued me. At the time I wondered where the hell these people had been. I watched a few episodes and was horrified. I quickly re-



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alized Flavor Flav, Brigitte Nielsen and the gang had disappeared for a reason.

Unfortunately, their mugs returned to the silver screen at a crucial time for their I'll-do-anything-for-some-face-time careers. Reality TV was crap when everyday folk were the stars, but the reemergence of faux celebrities turned hardened dog-doo into Satan personified. The Hollywood writers' strike hit, and these show-biz corpses once again became the top ticket.

The news is littered with this trash, too. Spare me the Brangelina bullcrap, I want pertinent local and national news. Hell, at this point, I'll even sit through some international disaster buzzkill.

And there it is.

In general, Americans don't give a damn about the rest of the world. We're part of an egotistical landmass with two giant moats on either side. We're in our bubble and we don't like to leave.

To shield our country from the rest of the world, we collect shiny, expensive things, so we can tell ourselves everything is dandy. If we can't afford that, we live vicariously through the people who can. We have the capability to stay informed, and we take it for granted.

Leave Britney alone for a few weeks. Let Rihanna's face regain its luster. Don't bother Travolta for a few years.

In the meantime, go hassle someone you actually know.

Adam Wynn is a journalism senior. His column appears on Fridays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Would you have voted on Thursday's question?

Thursday's question is unavailable due to technical error.

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Letters to the Editor

Column misses business effects

Columnist Johnathan Lott apparently needs to spend more time in class because his knowledge of markets is sadly lacking. In a competitive market, such as the market of cities trying to attract high-tech companies, branding is very important.

Gainesville currently has a good brand as a progressive and open-minded city, which allows it to attract more progressive tech companies. If Charter Amendment 1 passes, then Gainesville's brand becomes the city that voted to strip rights from two minority groups. This is bad business, and that is why the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce opposes Charter Amendment 1.

The only "business" that is harmed by stopping Charter Amendment 1 is discrimination.

Ryan Vandeventer
4AG

Lott's argument too flimsy

I was disappointed to see that Johnathan Lott's column reverted to the same arguments that proponents of Charter Amendment 1 have been using to scare people into supporting discrimination.

His economic argument is flimsy in light of the Chamber of Commerce and North Central Florida Labor Council's opposition to Charter Amendment 1.

Furthermore the amendment is opposed by the entire City Commission, the Mayor and even our own Student and Faculty Governments because they understand that Charter Amendment 1 is really about discrimination. The suggestion that this bill is not about sexual identity/orientation is categorically false.

It seems Lott is the one who has not read the proposed Charter Amendment 1. A spokesman for the organization who proposed

the Charter Amendment, the deceptively named "Citizens for Good Public Policy," admitted in this paper on Wednesday that the proposed Charter Amendment 1 takes away anti-discrimination protections from lesbian, gay and bisexual people — I believe he referred to this reality as "collateral damage."

Are the members of this community really OK with dismissing someone's rights as "collateral damage"? I certainly hope not.

Let's show these citizens there is no place for discrimination in Gainesville.

Amy Ritter
3LS

Proposal fosters homophobia

In response to Johnathan Lott's justifications for Charter Amendment 1 in his Thursday column, I think Benjamin Franklin phrased it best when he said: "They who

can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

As with most legislation, there's plenty of pork to dissatisfy people on both sides of the issue.

Charter Amendment 1 promises to not only remove the rights of LGBT members in our society but also prevent sexual predators from invading women's restrooms.

The loss of rights of the LGBT community has been described as "collateral damage" in the march towards the "greater" good of removing predators from bathrooms.

I have to ask, though. What's preventing predators from walking into any bathroom now and committing a heinous act?

Lott would like to think that under current legislation, businesses would be forced to create new special bathrooms; however,

er, even as a cynical libertarian, I don't believe the government could get away with such a massive overhaul on business infrastructure.

Proponents of the amendment would have you believe that under current law, some people might become "uncomfortable" at the act of a transgendered person entering their bathroom.

Last time I checked, the U.S. Constitution protects individuals and groups from outright harm or discrimination, not to not feel offended.

We must not forget who's at the source of this hate speech: Ultra-neo-conservative religious groups who want nothing more than to restrict the rights of people different from them.

It's classic homophobia, pure and simple.

Eric Fredrick
3BA

Guest column

Technology can be advantageous for developing countries

To Eric Chianese:

In your Thursday column, you argued that "some advances in technology," generally in the field of mass communication, "cause just as much harm, if not more, than they do good."

To a certain extent, I agree with you. Technology has provided a means for which people can entirely sequester themselves from others, as illustrated by your reference to the iPod shuffle or the kids of the future "hanging out" but recoiling into their separate digital worlds. Technology, specifically SMS and texting, have replaced centuries-worth of appreciation for vocabulary with a :P or a >:/ to convey a particular feeling.

However, the same advances in technology that you criticize for inhibiting communication are actually the same vehicles that facilitate broader communication, develop new sense of communities and even help developing nations. In this way, I argue that

they do more good than harm.

In countries with governments that provide little to no infrastructure or with terrain that limits Internet penetration, cell phones provide the masses with a way to effectively conduct business and stay connected. Fishermen in the Philippines use cell phones and texting to find out the market-rate price of fish before selling at markets. Residents of unstable countries in the developing nations use cell phones and texting to acquire news and information normally unavailable to them because of military regimes or state-imposed censorship.

Cell phones have also fostered political discourse and civic participation. Because of the popularity and feasibility of e-voting, the Hungarian government conducted SMS elections in 2002. That same year, China enabled its citizens to text to 2,987 deputies of the National People's Congress to voice their concerns. In 2001, a circulated text message

Kayla Gutierrez Speaking Out

calling for the ousting of corrupt Filipino President Estrada was instrumental in organizing protests and his subsequent removal from office. These examples represent the tip of the iceberg for the positive changes that can come from technology.

Contrary to your argument that texting limits social interaction, teens in Japan and Hong Kong use texting to build romantic relationships.

Because their cultures heavily survey them and limit their private time, teens in those societies resort to technology to build interpersonal relationships. In certain patriarchal societies, texting has encouraged females to be more aggressive and outspoken — patterns of expression that are characteristic to Western culture.

Technology does not completely dis-

place traditional modes of communication; instead, it creates a new mobile culture that is capable of transforming gender roles and altering interpersonal communication.

During the dawn of the Internet, critics feared that the Internet would make people more anti-social. Because many day-to-day activities could be done without ever leaving the computer, they hypothesized that people would become more distant. Instead, the Internet has had the opposite effect for those individuals who utilize its wider communication capabilities. The same can be said for cell phones and texting.

In this sense, technology is a double-edged sword: it can be the means to box yourself in your own little world, or it can make the world your oyster.

It depends on your motivations for using it.

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Event spreads Christian message to UF students

By REBECCA WEISS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The band Copeland, UF quarterback Tim Tebow and speaker Joe White drew 2,957 people to the O'Connell Center Thursday to learn about Christianity.

After Dark, sponsored by Christian student organizations, presented the Gospel and aimed to inform students about Jesus Christ and his teachings. Sophomore Doug Cloud, a member of Campus Crusade for Christ helped spread the word about the event.

He said religious events are needed on campus.

"People need to see how powerful Jesus Christ can be," he said. "If one person or a couple hundred people realize that tonight, it'll be successful."

After Copeland performed, getting the crowd hyped up, Tebow followed with a speech about how Jesus has impacted his life.

He said his life is a success, and it's not because he won a national championship or because he won a Heisman. It's because he has a relationship with Jesus Christ, he said.

When White took the stage, he showed a black-and-white video, which led into his re-enactment of a Roman cross-maker, creating the cross similar to the one on which Jesus was crucified.

As he chopped at a log on stage, White spoke of the young cross-maker's possible thoughts and questions.

Later, in an act of penance and devotion, attendees filled out cards and nailed them to the wooden cross on stage.

"I think it's a relevant way to present the story of Jesus," UF sophomore Carly Coffman said. "He's letting people decide how they see Jesus fitting into their lives."

Others disagreed and were disappointed by the performance, feeling that they were tricked into going by the advertising, which did not make clear the event's religious nature.

"I think it's ridiculous because they didn't really tell you what it's about," said UF freshman Rachel Sereda. "It seemed really cool because they had balloons and shirts and were really organized, but if you read the fine print, it's all about Jesus Christ."

Alligator Writer Kelsie Hoerchel contributed to this report.



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Speaker Joe White carries a cross he made during After Dark, an event sponsored by Evangelical Campus Ministries, Thursday night at the O'Connell Center.

Mexican universities cut fees, offer more scholarships

■ THE AID IS MEANT TO KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL.

By KRISTEN HUFF

Alligator Contributing Writer

Budget cuts and possible tuition hikes getting you down? Try heading south of the border.

As the Florida Legislature prepares to consider a bill this spring that would raise the cost of tuition by as much as 15 percent in Florida's 11 public universities, 128 of Mexico's public universities have pledged to

reduce education fees and increase the number of scholarships in an effort to stop students from dropping out or postponing graduation, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education News Blog.

During the next academic year, Mexico will spend \$180 million to increase the number of federal scholarships from 234,000 to 310,000, said Rodolfo Tuirán, Mexico's under secretary for higher education, according to the blog.

The blog reported that while tuition at Mexican public universities is "usually free or very low, lab fees

and other expenses can run in the hundreds or even thousands of dollars."

However, a similar infusion of federal financial aid may not be necessary in Florida.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said she is not aware of a significant number of UF students having to drop out due to the dismal state of the economy because many are covered by the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

UF Academics

According to the Florida Board of Governors' Web site, during the 2006 to 2007 fiscal year there were 26,105 Bright Futures scholars at UF.

Additionally, 635 federal scholarships totaling about \$1.3 million were awarded to UF students, more than any other public school in the state, according to the site. Across Florida, a total of 1,520 federal scholarships summing up to about \$3.6 million were awarded to public school students.

The Web site also shows that the overall number and amount of

scholarships awarded to Florida public school students has been steadily increasing.

In 2001, a total of 148,704 scholarships totaling about \$274 million were awarded. In 2007, 187,595 scholarships were awarded totaling \$443 million.

It is uncertain whether the economic stimulus package President Barack Obama signed, which could infuse Florida with \$12 billion over the next three years, will affect financial aid. Sikes said UF has proposed using the possible funds for construction projects on campus.

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Opposing organizations defend stances on Charter Amendment 1

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fundamental obligation to maintain public safety, and urges the adoption of Amendment 1, which would require the civil rights categories enumerated in Gainesville's Code of Ordinances to conform exactly to the corresponding code of the State of Florida.

The immediate legal effect of the amendment's adoption would be the retroactive nullification of non-conforming categories, meaning that civil rights protections in Gainesville would be exactly the same as in the rest of Alachua County and most other Florida cities."

Equality is Gainesville's Business:

"We oppose Charter Amendment 1 because it promotes discrimination. If passed, Charter Amendment 1 would remove non-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Since state and federal law do not yet prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, this means someone could be fired from their job, kicked out of their home or refused service at a restaurant simply because of who they are.

There is no place for discrimination in Gainesville. That is why groups like the Student and Faculty Senate and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce have publicly opposed Charter Amendment 1."

If your opponent succeeds what are the possible effects on the way local, state and federal entities govern Gainesville citizens?

EGB: "If Amendment 1 passes, it would eliminate protections against discrimination which only exist at the local level, making it legal to fire someone from their job or kick them out of their home because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. It would take away our power to enact local nondiscrimination laws, and leave it to Tallahassee to decide what is best for Gainesville.

To be clear, Amendment 1 would prohibit the City from adopting or enforcing any nondiscrimination measures beyond those currently in state law. That means, not only would protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity be removed, the City could not add other protections, like veteran status."

CGPP: "The privacy and safety rights of Gainesville's residents, particularly women and children, will remain compromised. Sexual opportunists from peeping toms to predators — 263 of whom are registered as living inside the city limits — will be legally free to enter women's restrooms and other gender-designated public facilities.

And the Gainesville City Commission will continue to abuse home rule by passing special preferences disguised as civil rights, bullying the business community, engaging in social engineering and promoting the non-mainstream social agenda of out-of-state special interests instead of those of the people of Gainesville, Florida."

In Florida, it is not illegal for a person to use the opposite gender's public restroom, according to the Gainesville City Attorney. All Florida business own-

ers have the right to establish separate bathrooms and refuse admittance to a particular individual. What does this mean for your cause?

EGB: "This means Charter Amendment 1 is not and never has been about bathrooms or who can go into them — it is about discrimination. Our opponents are using scare tactics with absolutely no basis in reality to try to fool voters into legalizing discrimination.

Special Report There are criminal laws that protect people from the dangers that supporters of Amendment 1 are using to try to scare voters. Amendment 1 is about discrimination — it takes away nondiscrimination protections and makes it legal to fire someone from their job or kick them out of their home because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Period."

CGPP: "The premise is untrue. Florida Statute, Title XXIX, Chapter 381, Section 381.0091 empowers businesses to designate restrooms and dressing rooms by gender for the purpose of prohibiting "any female from using a restroom or dressing room designated for males and any male from using a restroom or dressing room designated for females."

Assuming consent to disobey posted signs is absurd on its face. The signs designating such facilities in and of themselves constitute legal notice by the business. Further, the statute does not differentiate between gender and sex, and specifies that in state buildings (which would include UF and Santa Fe College) male and female restrooms "shall be separate," and designated by signs."

No complaints of discrimination have been filed on the basis of gender identity since the ordinance was amended. Of the 54 complaints filed in 2007, roughly two of them were on the basis of sexual orientation. What does this mean for your cause?

CGPP: "From Jan. 1, 2007 through Feb. 19, 2009, no complaints of discrimination were filed on the basis of gender identity. None. Zero.

The absence of a pattern of discrimination, which is routinely necessary in order to justify new civil rights legislation, proves that passing the Gender Identity Ordinance was utterly unwarranted, and is an example of the City Commission engaging in social activism rather than public service.

The voters of Gainesville can stop this abuse of home rule by voting YES to adopt Charter Amendment 1."

EGB: "One of the main purposes of non-discrimination laws is to put the public on notice that discrimination will not be tolerated.

The fact that there were only two discrimination complaints means that the law is doing what it was designed to do — protect against discrimination.

But, even two discrimination complaints are too many.

If Charter Amendment 1 passes, these protections would be eliminated, sending the message that it is legal to fire someone from their job or kick them out of their home because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. If this happens, discrimination undoubtedly would increase."

UF may convert buildings to grad student dorms

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converting one or two of the 34 buildings into dorms for graduate students, so they can conduct their research in the city.

UF originally promised to take over the leases from the city, which currently leases them from the state, in July of 2007. The leases would include not only the buildings themselves, but all the historic artifacts, documents and other property.

Last year, the state denied UF's request for \$22.5 million in funding, which prevented UF from taking over the leases.

State News Poppell said UF is not expecting the entire \$37 million request this year. That amount would be needed over several years. UF is hoping to get at least \$5 million to fund half the construction costs of the proposed visitors' center, he said.

The remaining \$5 million for the center is being requested from the National Park Service.

Poppell said in case the state can't afford the project this year, UF and St. Augustine are also requesting the money from the economic stimulus package passed last week, of which Florida is expected to receive about \$12 billion.

"This is the oldest city, the first city," he said after the presentation, "and the state's kind of ignored these properties here."

"We feel they have a responsibility to come forward and rehab them, but also (to) get ready for the celebration," he said, referring to the upcoming 500th anniversary of the city's discovery by Europeans in 1513 and the 450th anniversary of its settlement in 1565.



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UF junior Jessica Ruddock, foreground, performs a dance representing eating disorders in the Reitz Union Thursday as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The dance was choreographed by UF graduate Brie Hinman as her thesis project last semester.

Fighting to Remember

Civil War re-enactors honor the past



Southern Civil War re-enactors are stereotyped as men who don't want war to end; who believe the South will rise again.

In reality, it is not for a long-settled cause that they rally. These men fight to remember their ancestors and bond with friends gained over years of re-enactments.

Randy Adkins, left, brings his family to each re-enactment, and his work as a musician comes as a six-string guitar in his tent. As the grime builds up from sweating in heavy period clothing, the rifle remains the cleanest thing the re-enactors carry.

The men form their own band of brothers. Some camps keep the period facade on long after tourists have left, but many of the men in the 28th Georgia, Company K, served in Vietnam or other American conflicts. They don't seek to recreate those conditions again.

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ABOVE: Because they are firing real gunpowder, each rifle must be thoroughly cleaned after the battle and inspected by a commander.

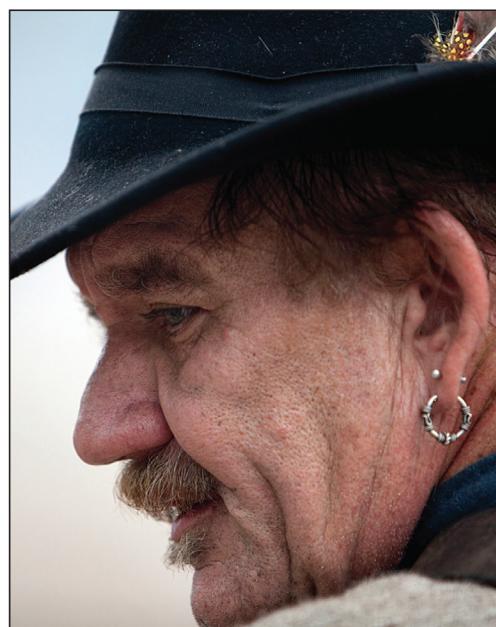
FAR ABOVE: Randy laughs after pulling a prank on the company corporal, who is pointing at him in mock anger, while waiting to march to colors in Olustee. When crowds aren't around, the men joke with each other.



ABOVE: Randy fires from the left flank of the Confederate lines during the Battle of Olustee. After one side is declared the winner by killing or driving the enemy off the battlefield, the dead resurrect, and the re-enactors pack their tents with their next battle already in mind.



FAR LEFT: With long periods on the battlefield, sometimes the tree line is the closest latrine. Modern portable toilets are not far from the period campsites, but on the battlefield, the tree is the only option.



LEFT: Randy looks away during a battle.

Fierce rivalry set to resume in Athens

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**

Alligator Writer

UF and Georgia. Two schools that just don't like each other. A textbook example of rivals. Be it on the gridiron, in the pool, the hardwood, or even a spitting contest. The gymnastics floor is no different.

"Every meet we go into, no matter what the team, we always want to put forth our best effort," Courtney Gladys said. "But in Georgia, it's a pretty big rival for us."

The No. 7 Gators head to Athens, Ga., to take on the defending Southeastern Conference and NCAA champs, the No. 1 Bulldogs at 7.

UF is coming off its second consecutive meet where it raised its season-best score, posting a 196.875.

The Gators (5-2, 3-2 SEC) wrap up their SEC dual-meet season against the No. 1 team in the nation, which will let the team see how it stacks up against the best competition it will see in the SEC Championships later this season.

"To come and say we beat Georgia, it's a bigger deal, I think," Corey Hartung said.

"They're ranked No. 1. If we can beat them, then we know that we can win SECs and that we can win nationals. Here's our testing point for the season."

UF and Georgia have a dramatic and close history. Last season, the Gators were unable to register a win against the Bulldogs, with two of the losses coming by the slimmest margin possible, .025 — once at home on Jan. 18, 2008, and the other coming in the SEC Championships.

"To come and say we beat Georgia, it's a bigger deal."

Corey Hartung
UF senior gymnast

"You do try to do your best against them because they are such a top school, and they're always going to be good competition," junior Melanie Sinclair said.

Hartung and Georgia's Courtney Kupets have some history of their own. The pair trained together for five years in their pre-college days in Gaithersburg, Md., at Hill's Gymnastics.

"We're great friends," Hartung said. "I'm probably closest to her from their team because I trained with her for five years. I look up to her too."

While there's no love lost between the two, Hartung and the Gators know a win this weekend would be an impressive addition to their resume.

In a sport largely devoid of trash talking, UF-Georgia may be the closest teams ever come to harsh words, or at least light-hearted verbal exchanges.

"I don't know if a Dawg can stand up to a Gator," Sinclair said.

She added that the team played around in practice, barking to mimic the sound UF will encounter in Stegeman Coliseum.

Faehn said this weekend's meet would be used as another tool to evaluate the team and see what needs work as the dual-meet season dwindles.

"We have to not put too much emphasis on this being a big competition and treat it just like any other," she said.

Easier said than done when it's a rival like Georgia.



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UF gymnast Courtney Gladys performs in the floor exercise during the Gators' 196.50-196.25 win against Auburn in the O'Connell Center on Jan. 16.

UF MEN'S GOLF

Gators to face nation's best in Puerto Rico

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**

Alligator Writer

The Gators are focused.

So focused, in fact, that coach Buddy Alexander had no clue his team was named Golfweek's Team of the Week on Feb. 16.

"I didn't even know that," Alexander said. "I guess I haven't checked out my new Golfweek this week."

This is the type of mentality the No. 5 UF men's golf team will need as it heads to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to play in the Puerto Rico Invitational this weekend.

The team will be joined by three of the other top-five teams: No. 2 Georgia, No. 3 Oklahoma State and No. 4 Alabama.

Coach Alexander believes this tournament gives the Gators a perfect opportu-

nity to look in the mirror and find out who they really are.

"We are going to get to play some of the better teams in the country and get a chance to see where we are," he said.

With two first-place finishes to open the spring season, an aura of overconfidence has the potential of seeping into the team's psyche. But Alexander is not worried.



Alexander

"We are nowhere near where we want to be in the rankings, so we've got plenty of room for improvement," he said. "So we are not going over there with an overconfident attitude that I'm worried about in any way."

One thing UF can be confident about is

its advantage in the short game in Puerto Rico.

The event will be played on Bermuda greens, which the Gators play on year-round. Most of the teams in the field do not have this luxury and are more accustomed to playing on bent-grass greens.

"When you grow up over these greens, typically you're inclined to be a little more comfortable on them than guys who grew up on bent-grass greens," Alexander said.

The five golfers for UF this weekend are Toby Ragland, Billy Horschel, Tim McKenney, Tyson Alexander and Mu Hu.

If UF can use this advantage to help it toward another first-place finish, it will eclipse the two previous tournament wins.

"A win ... would really be a statement to this team that we are ready to compete with almost everybody," Alexander said.

UF to play six games

By **ADAM BERRY**

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After shutting out No. 6 Michigan on Wednesday, UF pitcher Stacey Nelson said she felt like she could have pitched four more games. She might have the opportunity to do that this weekend.

The No. 2 Gators (13-2) will host the Cox Communication Invitational at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium this weekend when they take on four different teams — Pacific, South Florida, Illinois and Texas Tech — in a six-game span.

Nelson, who said she was unusually energetic for Wednesday's game, had a plan for how she'll deal with the back-to-back-to-back doubleheaders.

"I guess I should save my abnormal amounts of energy," she joked. "We've been playing five, six games a weekend up until now, so it's tiring, but it's just another weekend."

UF coach Tim Walton echoed his pitcher's thoughts, adding that he does not plan to make many adjustments to the way his team usually prepares. The only thing Walton will do to the lineup this weekend is reduce the amount of time left fielder Francesca Enea will play.

Enea, who suffered her second torn ACL in her right knee in September, is batting .450 with 18 hits and 25 RBIs in her 40 at-bats this season. The junior should still see time at the plate, and the Gators have plenty of talent to put in left field.

Speedy freshman Michelle Moultrie has primarily played as a pinch runner this year, but she displayed her potential as a hitter in the Cathedral City Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., last weekend.

In UF's game against UNLV on Saturday, Moultrie scored on an inside-the-park home run — the first hit of her college career.

Moultrie also played left field against the Rebels, allowing Enea to act as the designated hitter, and Enea took advantage of the opportunity by going 2 for 3 at the plate and driving in 2 runs.

Despite the number of innings the Gators will play this weekend, center fielder Kim Waleszon said the tournament has its benefits — especially after having spent last weekend over 2,000 miles away from Gainesville.

"I'm glad we're at home. I can sleep in my own bed," Waleszon said. "It's tough to play that many games in one weekend, but we worked all fall for it and conditioned for it. It's always tough on our bodies by the end of the weekend, but we've trained for it, so we'll be all right."

UF will start the Invitational today at 4 p.m. against Pacific (5-4) before taking on South Florida (10-5) immediately afterward.

The Gators will play their second doubleheader of the weekend Saturday afternoon at 4 against Illinois (10-4) and Texas Tech (3-10).

The Gators have already beaten Texas Tech this season, as they beat the Red Raiders 11-0 on Feb. 13 in Gainesville.

UF will wrap up the tournament Sunday with its third doubleheader — rematches with Illinois and South Florida.



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Calathes, Walker 'cool' after televised confrontation

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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Late in UF's 81-75 loss to LSU on Tuesday, ESPN cameras caught guards Nick Calathes and Erving Walker in a verbal altercation.

The players said Thursday the incident was nothing more than a misunderstanding.

"Me and Erv are cool as can be," Calathes said. "It was in the heat of the moment."

The confrontation occurred after Walker brought the ball up the court on a failed UF possession.

"I wouldn't say there was an argument," Calathes said. "We were both mixed up. I went in the wrong place, and he was obviously in my position. It's not a big deal."

UF coach Billy Donovan said he wasn't concerned about it.

"That's just two guys wanting to win," Donovan said. "I think that any time you have a team, family environment where two guys are trying to get on the same page, that's going to happen. If anything, it was a sign that both of those guys care."

ESPN's Jimmy Dykes made the point during the telecast that, in a late-game situation, Calathes should be the one with the ball in his hand and that Walker should have known to defer to the older player.

But if UF (21-7, 8-5 Southeastern Conference) finds itself in a close game late against Tennessee (17-10, 8-5 SEC) on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the O'Connell Center, statistically the Gators are in better hands with Walker at the helm.

Calathes is shooting 71 percent from the free-throw line this season and missed critical shots down the stretch against South Carolina and Kentucky.

Conversely, Walker is shooting 86 percent from the

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UF guard Nick Calathes calls a play during the Gators' 82-68 win against Vanderbilt Saturday, Feb. 21 in the O'Connell Center. UF hosts SEC East rival Tennessee on Sunday at 2 p.m.



Men's
Basketball

UF to host rival Miami

By **EVAN DREXLER**

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The UF baseball team is in a familiar place.

At this point last season, the Gators were also undefeated, and they had brought 58 runners across the plate and had 58 hits. This season, those numbers are at 48 and 60, respectively.

But at this point last season, UF headed to Coral Gables and promptly lost two of three games to Miami.

This time around, the Hurricanes (3-1) remain a measuring stick for the Gators (5-0) early in the year, and the teams begin a three-game series in McKethan Stadium at 6:30 tonight.

"We definitely have a bad taste in our mouth from last year," sophomore third baseman Josh Adams said. "It'll be fun, though. Definitely will be fun."



Adams

The No. 24 Gators made their first appearance in the Baseball America rankings this week, and a series victory against the Hurricanes should boost them higher in the polls. After five games, UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan seems content with his team and the lineup he has been using.

"We may mix and match lefty ver-

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Gators to finish regular season

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**

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When UF heads to Athens, Ga., on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. to face Georgia in the regular-season finale for both teams, there will be a lot on the line.

For one, the No. 17 Gators (23-5, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) don't want to enter the postseason having lost four of their last five games.

Aside from that, UF is still vying for a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament. A loss could knock the Gators out of one of the top four spots.

"That's more motivation to go in there and win," junior forward Sharielle Smith said. "We're the type of team that plays better under pressure when we have something to play for."

"When something huge is on the line, our mindset is completely different. We play

tougher. We play like, 'Look, we've got to get this win.' It doesn't matter how we win, who we beat. We have to win."

If the seeding wasn't enough motivation for the Gators, playing one of their biggest rivals on their home floor is.

"We're the type of team that plays better under pressure when we have something to play for."

Sharielle Smith
UF junior forward

Georgia (16-12, 6-7 SEC) had lost five straight games entering before beating Kentucky on Thursday, so the Bulldogs desperately need a win against the Gators to salvage any hope of an NCAA Tournament berth.

UF expected Georgia's best shot anyway based on the teams' first meeting this season

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ONLINE

■ **UF swimmers who haven't qualified for the NCAA Championships get an extra chance this weekend. For that story and another sports podcast, check out our Web site.**

INSIDE

■ **We've got plenty of coverage inside today's edition. For a story on the gymnastics team's meet against Georgia, the softball team's busy weekend and the men's golf squad's trip to Puerto Rico, see page 11.**

POLL

Today's question: Will the UF baseball team win its weekend series against Miami?

No
Yes

Percent (Votes)
57% (26)
43% (20)
26 TOTAL VOTES

Previous question: Does the UF men's basketball team deserve a spot in the NCAA Tournament this season? (see right for results)

Senior departs on top

By **MERCEDES MACHADO**
Alligator Writer

For a girl who never really knew if swimming was for her, senior Laura-beth Guenthner has left her mark on the UF swimming and diving team.

However, she found that the sport sucked her in after she committed to a year-round team at age 9.

She swam on her team at Wellington High, was named Most Valuable Player from 2002-04 and was a state finalist in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles those years. This was just the beginning of her career. She continued to shine after entering what she considers an amazing experience at UF.

"To be on the team is a major accomplishment," Guenthner said. "Nothing really beats swimming for the Gators."

Guenthner became part of the UF women's swimming team as a freshman walk-on. In her first year she was one of three freshmen to qualify for the 2006 NCAA Championships.

"I've improved dramatically, and I've had goals for winning an SEC and NCAA title," Guenthner said.

She helped her team win the women's title last week at the Southeastern Conference Championship in Auburn, Ala. She set personal records in all her events, including the 1650-yard free, 500-yard free and 400-yard individual medley. She snatched fourth in the 500 free and second in the 1650 free.

"It was the most exciting experi-

ence, and I'm so proud of our team this year," Guenthner said. "This was the highest I've ever placed at the SECs, so I was really happy with my swims."

Guenthner still has an opportunity to increase her impact at UF. She will participate in the NCAAs in a month and hopes that she and her team can accomplish whatever they desire.

Guenthner will graduate in December and hopes to attend nursing school next spring.

"I'll miss the sport of swimming for sure, but most of all I'll miss my teammates and being around them every single day," Guenthner said.



Guenthner

This swimming all-star has even competed at the national level, placing 10th in the 800-meter free and 1,500-meter

free at the 2007 ConocoPhillips U.S. Nationals Meet. After the 2007-08 season she snatched her first All-American honor by finishing sixth in the 1650 free at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Guenthner hopes to inspire young athletes with this simple message:

"Dream big and believe in yourself," she said. "You can only be as good as you think you are."

Her four years at UF have treated her well.

"Honestly, my experience at Florida has been a dream come true."

SEC experience fuels UF

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

The last time UF's men and women won Southeastern Conference Indoor titles was 2004 in Lexington, Ky. This weekend, UF track and field returns to this familiar site, hoping for the same result.

Coming off their best season performance in the split Tyson Invitational and the Iowa State Classic, the Gators will look to the experience of their upperclassmen to lead them.

In addition to already competing in Kentucky this season, UF has athletes who have already had success in previous SEC Championships.

UF traveled to Kentucky for the indoor season opener back in January, when the team adjusted to the oversized track and captured one NCAA automatic-qualifying mark and seven NCAA provisional-qualifying marks.

The teams hope to use this experience to aid them in their SEC Indoor title quest.

"We know the track. We've been there," coach Mike Holloway said. "It makes you a little bit more comfortable."

On the men's side, junior Calvin Smith, who has consistently ran provisional-qualifying times this season, was an SEC Outdoor champion in the 400-meter dash as a freshman.

At the SEC Indoor Championships during his sophomore season, Smith claimed second and fourth places in the 400-meter and the 200-meter dash, respectively.

Smith thinks his experience will somewhat

lighten his load.

"My experience should help me. I've been there before, so I'm not gonna be as nervous," Smith said. "I know what to expect. I know everybody's gonna bring it, so I need to bring it, too. I feel like I should go out there and compete better than I did the first two years and drop my time."

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Calvin Smith
UF junior sprinter

Joining Smith in the experience and success column is senior Carlos Phillips.

In his freshman season, Phillips was part of UF's distance medley relay team that took first place at the SEC Indoor Championships. He finished fifth in the 800-meter run during the Championships.

With the aid of his prior experience, Phillips looks to achieve his goal of capturing the elusive SEC 800 title in Kentucky this weekend.

"Their training, their God-given abilities come into large play here, but I think the biggest is that we've prepared very well," Holloway said. "As long as we stay focused and as long as we go in there with great determination, we'll do just fine."

The competition gets underway Friday at 4:30 p.m. with the women's pentathlon.

No. 13 Gators women head into showdown with Seminoles

■ **THE UF MEN WILL ALSO FACE FSU ON TUESDAY.**

By **JOSEPH R. HOLZER**
Alligator Writer

They've had a week to rest, catch up on school and lick their wounds. Now, the Gators women are hitting the road again.

The No. 13 UF tennis team will play FSU in Tallahassee at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The team is infiltrating hostile territory with last week's Southeastern Conference Player of the Week Marrit Boonstra, who is also the No. 7 singles player according to the

Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Boonstra's usual doubles partner, Megan Alexander, sat out the 4-1 win against Troy on Saturday with a sore back.

Coach Roland Thornqvist said the junior is listed as day-to-day.

Saturday would be the best time for her return, as the matchup against the Seminoles puts the Gators (6-3) back into the situation of playing high-caliber teams away from home. Their three losses have been on the road.

FSU (6-2), on the other hand, marched into Baton Rouge, La., and dismantled then-No. 23 LSU squad 5-2.

The win moved the Seminoles into the top

25.

Thornqvist doesn't believe their No. 24 ranking is a fluke.



Thornqvist

"They're much better than that, in my opinion," he said. "They have a great team this year. They have one new player who's, I guess, been out ... that I think is fantastic."

That player is Noemie Scharle, ranked No. 48 and playing on Court 2. In addition to the freshman, FSU has two other players, sophomores Katie Rybakova (23) and

Federica Suess (81), in the top 100.

Freshman Jessica Alexander welcomes the challenge, saying she was excited to play another in-state rival.

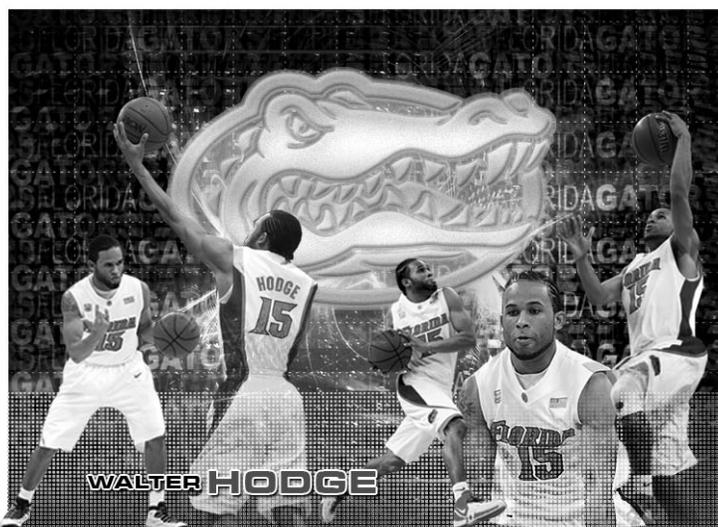
But Thornqvist believes this FSU team is superior to the ones he's played in the past.

"This is the best team that they've had, probably, ever," Thornqvist said. "We have our work cut out for us."

CUETO EARNS SEC HONORS: Carlos Cueto was named SEC Freshman of the Week after his performances against South Florida and Miami.

The UF men travel to FSU on Tuesday.

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Two guards to be playmakers

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stripe and is the team's best free-throw shooter.

Calathes has more than proven himself to be the team's best player this season, but his lack of consistency from the line has become somewhat of a liability.

Donovan said he thinks it's important to have both Calathes and Walker on the floor during crunch time and that he won't rely on just one player to take over in those situations.

"It's shared responsibilities," Donovan said. "I think they both can play back there together, and I think they both understand that. It's not necessarily one guy."

Calathes took over late against North Carolina State on Jan. 3, scoring 24 points in the second half, including the game-winner with 11 seconds left.

Walker made two key 3-point

shots in UF's win against Auburn and rallied the Gators back late against Georgia with his outside shooting despite the loss.

"They can complement each other pretty well," Donovan said. "It gives us two shooters, two scorers, two playmakers."



Men's Basketball

Calathes went through a similar situation last season with former UF point guard Jai Lucas. Lucas decided to transfer to Texas earlier this season because he no longer felt UF was "the best fit" for him.

Calathes agreed that there is no reason both he and Walker can't play well together in critical situations.

"I think we both can," Calathes said. "Sometimes I'll play (shooting guard), and sometimes Erv will play (point guard)."

UF focusing on Miami's ace Hernandez

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sus rightly or a position here and there, but I think ... it's pretty much close to what it may end up being," he said.

As much as the Gators say Miami is just another team, the intrastate rival brings out the competitive juices in all the players. O'Sullivan purposely avoided talking about Miami with his players earlier in the week so they would stay focused on their midweek series with Eastern Michigan.

"It's a big series like it is every year," senior first baseman Brandon McArthur said. "Both teams coming in with high expectations, a lot to prove early in the season, but you've also got to remember that it is early in the season."

While the series against Florida State is spread out over two months, the Gators get the Hurricanes all in one weekend.

"It's definitely in the top two (rivalries), between this and Florida State," McArthur said. "As soon as you throw that first pitch, it's going to be intense."

The first pitches for UF will come from the same arms as last weekend, with senior Patrick Keating (1-0, 2.57 ERA) getting the start tonight followed by freshmen Alex Panteliadis (1-0, 3.00) and Nick Maronde (0-0, 0.00) on Saturday and Sunday.

O'Sullivan expressed confidence in his two freshmen, though he stressed not making a big deal out of their starts in a rivalry.

"Is this a big one? Absolutely," O'Sullivan said. "But as a coach, you try to downplay it as much as you can. They put pressure on themselves to begin with."

But much of the attention toward the mound heading into this series has been on Miami ace Chris Hernandez (1-0, 1.50). The left-handed sophomore, who finished 11-0 in his freshman year, shut down the Gators in the third game of last year's series.

"That All-American we've got to face (Friday) night, you know he had a lot of success against us last year, so we've got our work cut out for us," O'Sullivan said. "He didn't look like a freshman last year."

Gators still searching for signature road win in Southeastern Conference

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in Gainesville.

"Even if they hadn't lost five straight, just the fact that they lost to us already and it's at their gym, it's going to be hard," Smith said. "We, at this point, expect everybody's best shot. Everybody always steps up their game when they play us."

Junior guard Steffi Sorensen echoed what Smith had to say, but she knows the Gators

brought the attention on themselves.

"As the year went on, our target on our back got bigger, and I think we got a taste of that as far as those three times we lost, people played their best games against us," Sorensen said.

The other thing Sunday's game will have in common with four of the Gators' five losses this season is that it will be on the road.

UF is still searching for that signature SEC road win after failing to achieve it at Auburn, Vanderbilt and LSU, three of the

top five teams in the conference.



Smith

hostile environment and all that's at stake.

While the Bulldogs are not as highly touted this season as they have been in recent years, a win for the Gators in Athens could do a lot for their NCAA Tournament resume and seeding.

Smith appears ready for the challenge of facing the

"I'm glad that that pressure's there because it makes me more confident," Smith said.

"Our team is more confident when we have to play under pressure. Going to Georgia is going to be tougher than usual," Smith added. "We've already beat them, so they're going to be coming at us even harder."

The Gators will have to respond with their own intensity if they want to stake their claim for the conference.

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