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'Scrubs' star speaks at UF

By CHELSEA KEENAN
 Alligator Writer

Actor and film director Zach Braff ran onto the stage with a Red Bull clutched in his left hand Monday night, greeting the crowd and pointing to his butt before planting it in a cushy armchair.

Braff, perhaps best known for his role on the long-running TV series "Scrubs," entertained a crowd of about 1,700 people in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Brought by Jewish Awareness Month and Accent, Student Government's Speakers Bureau, Braff, was interviewed by journalism master lecturer Mike Foley about his career, childhood and recent adventure to Israel about six months ago.

"I love Israel," he said. "I don't think it's just a Jew thing. The truth is it's an amazing place. All the major religions started there."

Braff, 33, who is the youngest of four children, said he first discovered his love for acting from a constant childhood desire to show off.

"I wanted to make my family laugh," he said. "I was pretty much as gay as you can be without being attracted to men. I love the theater, and I love music."

In his first TV spot he starred in a CBS special called "My Summer as a Girl," where he dressed in drag.

"I was a horrible looking woman," he said.

It was still some time before he was able to land the role of Dr. John "J.D." Dorian on what-was-then NBC's "Scrubs."

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John Lockett / Alligator

Zach Braff, actor, writer and director, thanks the audience after being interviewed by UF Master Lecturer Mike Foley at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Monday night.

RESEARCH

Jacksonville couple donates \$21 million to UF medicine

By TATIANA GONZALEZ
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Despite possible future dips in state funding, UF has received a \$21 million donation from a Jacksonville couple for medical education purposes and facilities.

Jerry and Judy Davis, both cancer survivors, have given a record \$20 million to UF's College of Medicine to create the Jerry W.

and Judith S. Davis Cancer Endowment.

"We have excellent physicians at UF," said Jerry Davis, who was a patient at the UF Shands Cancer Center. "We want to do all we can to support them."

According to Dr. Joseph Simone, director of UF's Shands Cancer Center, the endowment will be used to recruit top doctors and researchers to the university. It will also help in developing programs to learn more

about specific cancers, such as lymphoma and breast cancer.

"They're extremely generous people," Simone said of the Davises. "They have strong feelings about cancer and want to help eliminate or control the disease."

The Davises gave an additional \$1 million to the construction of the \$388-million Shands at UF Cancer Hospital, according to Kim Rose, Shands spokeswoman.

Rose said the project is on budget, and the hospital is still scheduled to open in November 2009.

According to the hospital's Web site, the building will be 500,000 square feet with 192 private inpatient beds and a critical-care center for emergency and trauma services.

According to Paul Robell, vice president for development and alumni affairs, UF of-

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■ UF freshman forward Ray Shipman (left) is getting used to his defensive role on the men's basketball team, but he is learning to adjust to his lessened offensive duties. See Story, Page 16.

Coast Guard got no SOS from 2 missing NFL players

TAMPA (AP) — The Coast Guard says it has narrowed the search area for two NFL players and another man whose overturned boat was found off the Florida Gulf Coast. Coast Guard Capt. Timothy Close says the search area is "substantially smaller," based on where they found the boat and a survivor. Searchers previously covered 16,000 square miles.

Nick Schuyler was clinging to the boat about 35 miles off Clearwater. The former USF player told rescuers that the boat was anchored when it flipped Saturday evening in rough seas. He says the others aboard got separated from the boat. The boat belongs to Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper. He, defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley remained missing.

■ A panel discussed the genocide in Darfur and showed a documentary at Pugh Hall. See Story online at alligator.org.

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AT'S HAPPENING

UF's Psychology Club/Psi Chi Honor Society Meeting

Wednesday, 7:20 p.m.
New Physics Building
Room 1001
Featuring guest speaker Dr. Rowland S. Miller, Professor of Neurobehavioral Psychology and Department Chair. Krispy Kreme donuts will be served at the beginning of the meeting.

Peace Corps in Africa and North Africa/Middle East

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Returned volunteers will discuss their experiences living and working in Africa and North Africa/Middle East as Peace Corps Volunteers. A recruiter will be available to talk about the application process. All majors and community members welcome. E-mail peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu for questions.

"The Founding of Colonial Georgia: For the Glory of God and the Wealth and Trade of Great Britain"

Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.
Turlington 3312
A talk by Nate Herrod in the brown bag series of the Center for European Studies. Snacks and sodas provided.

RUB Entertainment Free Movie: "Man on Wire"

Wednesday and Thursday 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Reitz Union Auditorium

"Man on Wire" is a documentary film on Philippe Petit's 1974 high-wire walk between the Twin Towers of New York's World Trade Center.

RUB Entertainment Presents: Karaoke Night

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew

Islam in Europe Workshop

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Six internationally-known scholars from California, the United Kingdom and Sweden will present their work on aspects of Islam in Europe. Sponsored by the Center for European Studies.

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LOCAL

McDonald's offers free java

Free samples of McCafe coffee drinks will be offered at local McDonald's fast-food restaurants for the month of March.

The 8-ounce samples will advertise the new line of McCafe coffees, according to Carl E., as-

FORECAST

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sistant store manager of the McDonald's at 3826 S.W. Archer Road.

He said before the free-sample promotion, the Archer Road restaurant sold at least 100 coffees a day.

Flavors of the free coffees vary depending on the day and are displayed at the front of the restaurant. Mochas are offered on Mondays, vanilla lattes on Wednesdays and caramel lattes on Fridays.

— AMANDA HINES

Two UF students robbed

In separate crimes, two UF students were pushed down and robbed late Friday night and early Saturday morning.

At 11 p.m., a female student was walking in the parking lot of Royal Village Apartments, 710 S.W. Depot Ave., when a black man pushed her to the ground and stole her purse, said Gainesville Police Department spokesman Mike Schibuola.

He said although the K-9 unit was not able to track the man down, they found the woman's purse a few blocks away with all of its items missing.

There was a second mugging at about 2 a.m. Sunday.

In the University Park Studios apartment complex, 1222 N.W. Eighth Ave., a white man pushed a female UF student onto the ground and stole her purse, Schibuola said.

The man then got into the passenger side of a light blue or teal vehicle that police think may be a Ford Ranger, he said.

"Right now, we don't know if these crimes are related," Schibuola said. "Although the suspect descriptions don't match up, the patterns of the crimes are very similar."

— KATIE EMMETS

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'Forward-thinking' festival to benefit migrant workers

■ FESTIVAL INCLUDES MORE THAN 140 BANDS.

By DAVID CUMMING
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Harsh Reality

Take a drive in any direction of Alachua County, and it may be a shock.

Out in Alachua's blueberry fields, Plant City's strawberry patches or the Immokalee tomato fields, hundreds of migrant workers, men and women, struggle each day to provide food and a future for themselves and their children.

"It's always a good time to see what's behind the curtain on how food gets to our tables," said Ryan Murphy, director of the Harvest of Hope Fest.

The three-day festival is a fundraiser for the Harvest of Hope Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Gainesville that provides financial aid to migrant workers and their families throughout the country.

During his UF graduate program, Murphy spent two years with the foundation. Through a program called Libros de Familia, Murphy met with migrant workers and helped them with their English-speaking skills.

The grassroots music festival will feature four stages, turning out local and national rock bands such as Against Me!, The National, Bad Brains and Girl Talk.

The St. Johns County Fairgrounds' 38-acre grassy pasture will be flooded with local vendors, artisans and people who just want to contribute.

"People just started donating what they can to cut our costs," Murphy said. "Local growers are providing catering, some are donating amps for the stages and others are screening T-shirts for festival volunteers."

And with a carbon-neutral program, solar generators and reasonably priced tickets, Murphy said, the festival is as forward thinking as they come.

Gouge-Free Zone

On one Saturday afternoon, Ed Kellerman, a UF lecturer and communications director of the foundation, strapped a candy-apple red motorcycle helmet to his head and sped over to United Church of Gainesville to meet his brother, Phil, at the Holistic Health Fair.

Under the front overhang, Phil sat by a pullout table stacked with shiny metallic one-pound Sweetwater Coffee bags — a weekly sales endeavor to make a few extra dollars for the foundation with the help of the local Gainesville growers.

The Kellermans emphasized the importance of buying local products for the festival and especially at home.

"My wife goes to the farmers market each week," said Phil, president of the foundation. "If you don't care for your community, don't blame me when it all dries up."

Migrant farmers work extremely hard for our well-being. It's the least we can do.

Ryan Murphy
Harvest of Hope Fest director

Ed said the festival, which boasts more than 140 bands, will allow musicians to get more exposure, publicity to get more business and prices to be reasonable for concert-goers.

At \$19.50 for a single-day pass and \$39.50 for the three-day weekend, he said they're not duping anyone.

They call it the "gouge-free zone."

Primitive camping passes for three-day patrons are only an extra \$29.50 for four people. Ticket sales increase \$10 on the weekend of the event.

Prices are low because hundreds volunteered to work at the festival, and dozens of

local organic vendors will donate food for the bands.

Many vendors don't have big budgets for advertising or the ability to reach out beyond their stores.

"Since we're a grassroots organization, we can use help wherever we find it," Ed said. "It's a win-win for all of us."

And through a UF course in nonprofit leadership and management, about 10 students will assist Ed at the festival to fulfill their public service requirements.

Gainesville's No Idea Records, the same people behind The Fest last fall, began gathering bands in November and headed a massive promotional campaign for the benefit with Southern Lovin' PR and Mutiny PR.

After the foundation received a \$50,000 grant from the St. Johns Tourist Development Council to promote and market the festival,

Murphy signed a three-year contract with the fairgrounds. If all goes well, the organization may see a few years of stable funds for migrant families.

"Migrant farmers work extremely hard for our well-being," Murphy said. "It's the least we can do."

For more details about tickets, bands and camping for the Harvest of Hope Fest, please visit: <http://www.harvestofhopefest.com>.



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SPECIAL REPORT

New House bill expands guidelines for visiting Cuba

Cuban-Americans could visit more family, spend more money per day

By KATHRYN STOLARZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

Ofelia Schutte's uncle was on his deathbed in Cuba in 2006, but a U.S. law prohibited her from being there for him.

Cuban-Americans like Schutte may have more opportunities to visit family under a new U.S. House of Representatives bill that passed Wednesday.

If the wide-range spending bill becomes a law, it will extend the list of family members who Cuban-Americans are allowed to visit in Cuba, and it will allow them to visit once a year for an unlimited period. It will also permit them to spend up to \$170 per day on travel expenses.

Under the current policy put in place by former President George W. Bush in 2004, Cuban-Americans can visit family every three years for up to 14 days per visit. They can spend up to \$50 per day on travel expenses.

If the proposed bill becomes law, Cuban-Americans could visit aunts, uncles and first cousins in addition to those they are currently allowed to visit — parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, spouses and children.

The House bill, H.R. 1105, passed with a vote of 245-178.

The U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote on the bill today, and President Barack Obama, who has been a proponent of easing restrictions with Cuba, will make the final decision.

Carlos Frias, UF alumnus and author of

the memoir about his visit to Cuba entitled "Take Me with You," said the proposed bill would allow the Cuban-Americans of this generation to know their roots.

"For the people who want and need to see their close family, it really is a humanitarian measure," he said.

However, for Frias, visiting Cuba came with mixed emotions.

Frias was nervous to approach his father about a work assignment he had just received in Cuba. This was because his father, who had been jailed by Fidel Castro's government for political activism, strongly opposed the idea of returning to the country.

"For me and I think for many Cuban-Americans of my generation, there's still an ideological barrier," Frias said.

"I carry the history of my parents who saw and endured terrible things. That may not be how Cuba treated me, but it's how Cuba treated them," he said.

Andrew Ruiz, president of the Cuban-American Student Association at UF, said a lot of members have visited their families in Cuba.

He has never been to the country, but he would like to see where his parents and grandparents grew up.

However, his family doesn't want him to visit, he said.

His grandfather told him it would be "a slap in the face to them" to return while the Castros are in power.

Carmen Diana Deere, director of the Center for Latin American Studies at UF

and an expert on Cuba, said travel restrictions were imposed when the trade embargo was placed on Cuba's government under Fidel Castro in the 1960s.

The American government didn't want visitors from the U.S. helping the Cuban economy.

"It is often underrated how important it is to be able to hug a person or touch a person or be physically present with them when you care about them."

Ofelia Schutte

Cuban-American

e-mail, she said.

"It is often underrated how important it is to be able to hug a person or touch a person or be physically present with them when you care about them," she said.

UF freshman Shirley Rodriguez and her mom, Maria Elena Crespo, agreed that there is a need to spend time with the about 120 family members they have in Cuba.

Rodriguez and Crespo were born in Cuba and have lived in the U.S. for about 13 years.

Crespo and Rodriguez have visited Cuba together three times since they left.

Rodriguez said they wanted to go more often, but they couldn't under law.

They visited in 2006, so they couldn't return for the next two years to visit Crespo's mother, who has thyroid cancer.

"Those three years felt like we were being punished for something that wasn't even our fault, so it's a relief to know that we are being released of a burden," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez would also make use of the unlimited trip time that is being proposed, she said.

If the legislation passes, she hopes to soon visit Cuba for about a month and spend time with her newborn cousin.

"Honestly, there's no point going for 14 days because you're spending \$2,000 (on travel costs)," she said.

Crespo said she plans to go twice a year if the proposed law passes.

"We cannot change anything political, but we have our family," Crespo said.



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Braff was paid \$60K for appearance

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At age 26, he auditioned for the show twice before receiving a call back, which brought on six more auditions in front of various NBC executives, a process which he compared to competing in an Olympic event.

"It doesn't matter if you nail the part the third time, because if you bomb it the fourth time there is nothing you can do," he said.

Braff admitted the long, stressful process eventually paid off. In becoming the star in a hit TV show, he also had "ultimate freedom," a term he referred to when describing the cast's input in the show.

"There are so many jobs where you're not free to be creative," he said, adding he was also blessed to be cast in a com-

patible group of a sane people. Braff credited the show's hilarity to creator Bill Lawrence's love of improvisation.

"We'd do a scene as written and then just mess around," he said.

During his interview, Braff took a special liking to the man On Campus who was signing for the hearing impaired on stage.

He would periodically ask him to sign inappropriate words like "shit," "foreskin" and "titties."

"It would be so much fun to hang out and in your daily life have someone sign everything you say," he said.

Braff spoke on other interests he's pursued, outside of acting, such as obtaining his pilot's license and directing. He won a Grammy for his compilation soundtrack

in the film "Garden State." "That poor Grammy has gotten more evil eyes from musicians," he said, and said he knows little about music besides what he likes and doesn't like.

During the audience question-and-answer portion, the majority of women confessed their love for Braff, one even asked for a hug — in response, Braff left the stage to meet her in the aisle.

Most male audience members requested him to recite their favorite "Scrubs" quotes and asked what will come of the show's taxidermied pet, Rowdy, once the show ends in May.

"I'm allowed to have a dead stuffed dog in my house, and I will," he said.

According to the SG Finance department Braff was paid \$60,000 to come and speak.

Board of Gov. seeks \$3.2B from state

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Bill Edmonds, spokesman for the Board of Governors, said all 11 state universities were asked this year not to submit budget requests that included proposals for university-specific issues.

This year is the first time since 2004, when the board was created and first implemented the current budget request policy, that they were asked not to do so, Edmonds said.

That doesn't mean the board, which usually bundles the requests into one large request for

the entire State University System, isn't asking the state for money this year.

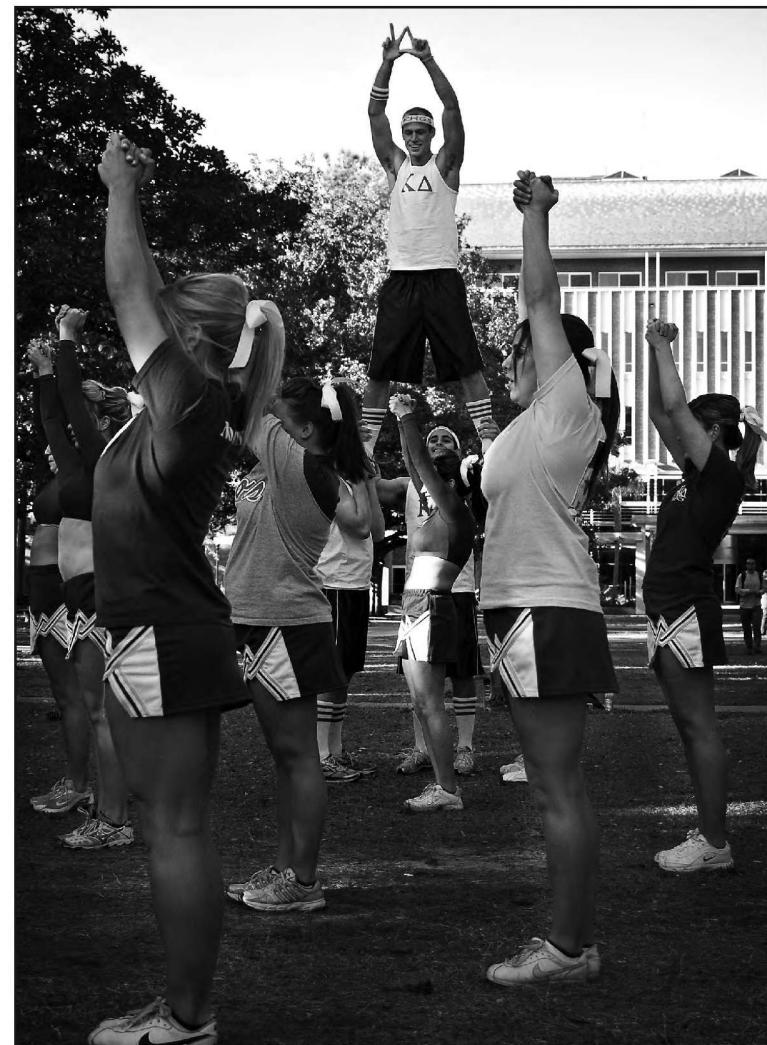


Sikes

The board is seeking an operating budget for 2009-2010 of almost \$3.2 billion, according to the board's request. Last year's operating budget was just over \$3 billion.

Sikes said UF understands that lawmakers have a tough task before them.

"We're hoping for the best," she said. "We are trying to mitigate budget cuts. That's our number one priority."



Matt Tripp / Alligator

Bring It On

Members of the Kappa Delta Sorority cheerleading team practice their routine Monday afternoon for the Bring It On cheerleading competition.

The donation will help fund the new 500,000-square-foot Shands Cancer Hospital

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ficials see the donation as a "transformational" gift that will help the university affirm its role in the world as a top clinical and research center for cancer.

"Support from alumni and friends of UF is always important in terms of UF's reputation, research abilities and ability to help society, but it is even more important in these tough economic times of declining state support," Robell wrote in an e-mail.

Jerry Davis, a UF alumnus, and his wife, Judy, are recurring donors.

They have given \$3 million to the College of Journalism and Communications in the past, as well as \$5 million toward UF's Shands Cancer Center in 1998.

As survivors, Jerry said cancer research is very important to him and his wife and that giving to the Shands at UF Cancer Hospital is "a good investment for all cancer patients."

UF Foundation spokesman Chris Brazda said UF is doing well

for the times in terms of donations.

Brazda said UF has met 57 percent of its goal for the university's fundraising effort, the Florida Tomorrow capital campaign. UF hopes to collect \$1.5 billion by the year 2012.

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Editorial

Hidden Scenes

CIA should be held accountable for cover-up

The word out of Washington reveals new information surrounding the destruction of CIA interrogation tapes that feature two al-Qaida suspects.

While the length of the tapes had already been made known, federal prosecutors announced Monday that a total of 92 video tapes were destroyed in November 2005. What makes the situation raise eyebrows is the fact that the interrogations of Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashir, which were recorded on the destroyed tapes, were deemed harsh at a time when Congress questioned tactics used in the CIA's interrogation and detention program.

Hmm, smells like a cover-up.

According to an article in The New York Times, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against the agency for violation of the Freedom of Information Act. In submitting documents at a New York City court, the ACLU wants the judge in the case to hold the CIA in contempt for destroying the tapes.

Finally, the chance for a major federal agency to be held accountable for its questionable actions.

The Editorial Board can't help but wonder why Jose A. Rodriguez Jr., head of the agency's clandestine service, authorized the destruction of the tapes in question. What was wrong with keeping the footage secure in a safe in Thailand until the U.S. government could properly declare that the CIA was not guilty of employing suspicious interrogation tactics? By destroying the tapes at such a seemingly opportune time to avoid potential backlash, the CIA has cast a cloud of suspicion over itself that cannot go away without further investigation.

Sure, the CIA is granted a bit of leeway when it comes to secrecy, but not at the expense of America conveying to the world an abiding acceptance of torture.

Street Smarts

In Philadelphia's prominent South Street corridor, the economic downturn has brought resurgence of one word rarely spoken these days — opportunity.

With countless empty storefronts lining one of the city's major tourist destinations, a group of business owners have come together to offer heavily discounted work space to artists.

Called "Arts on South," the initiative provides musicians, painters and others the chance to feature their work in a location they normally could not afford. Combining exposure for the artists with making the neighborhood more visually appealing, the project only requires that the new tenants cover the cost of utilities.

Nothing like Philly channelling its inner Wal-Mart by rolling back rent prices to the days of yesteryear.

According to the Associated Press, leases will be signed

for two months of free rent and can be renewed month-to-month until a paying renter can be found. If artists are forced to give up their space, they will be provided with a new one.

Facing both the economic crunch and a construction project that drove down pedestrian traffic, the city has demonstrated a willingness to do whatever it takes to inspire a renaissance on South Street.

The Editorial Board is quite impressed with Philadelphia's efforts to improve its city while also providing a huge break for budding artists. As abandoned buildings and storefronts currently create an eyesore around our town, we implore the city of Gainesville to take note of the progress being made up north.

With all of the talented musicians and painters that call Gainesville home, a chance for a resurgence in North Central Florida may be but a rent-free initiative away.

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Column

Gangs shouldn't stop trips to Cancun

The sap is rising on campuses nationwide, as evidenced by "brahsome" plans of impending debauchery and the giggly expectation of blackouts yet to be wistfully forgotten.

The month of March is upon us. As spring peeks out from the freezing blasts of an unusually cold winter, few signs point as clearly to the shifting seasons as the hallowed traditions of college spring break.

The State Department, though, wants you to keep your sloppy seconds and unfair fights out of the Mexican resort towns that have perfected the art of shamelessly catering to college spring breakers. An alert sent out Feb. 20 by the U.S. government warns of a heightened danger for revelers making the boozy trek to Mexico this year.

Our neighbors to the south have been experiencing a bit of an issue controlling violence among drug gangs recently, with over a thousand killings reported so far this year. The gangs are by far the most powerful entity in Mexican society now, especially along border towns vital to the smuggling trade.

However, no college kids really party in Ciudad Juarez — if Señor Frog somehow wound up there, he wouldn't last fifteen minutes before catching a bullet to the back of his amphibious head. The travel warning makes clear that the greatest danger is concentrated in these northern regions, but the timing of the government-issued notice speaks directly to college kids making final travel plans for coastal areas still considered much safer destinations.

College presidents are chiming in too, with the University of Arizona directly "urging" students to stay away from Mexico alongside less dire warnings from universities scattered from Colorado to Pennsylvania.



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The compound effect is a broad coalition of authority figures wagging a massive finger in the faces of scores of affluent would-be tourists.

Keeping spring breakers inside American borders keeps their money in our economy and out of the Mexican economy, a double blow to our neighbor nation struggling mightily with funding the front lines of our drug wars.

The American government has not been on the best of terms with the Mexican political structure for quite a while now; this unease culminated in the murky saga of the two border patrol agents paroled by former President George W. Bush in the waning moments of his power.

A travel alert may be simply about the safety of American citizens, but it could also be a pointed attack on the one aspect of the Mexican economy that provided vital dollars to a nation on the verge of a massive civil war.

Equating the relative safety of resort areas protected by Mexican authorities directly to the urban epicenters of gang warfare is akin to comparing a trip to South Beach with an afternoon in Liberty City. Spring breakers are not going to "exercise caution in unfamiliar areas and be aware of their surroundings at all times," whether in Cancun or Clearwater.

So keep those plans to go to Cozumel — just pack a .44-caliber Magnum alongside that box of Magnums.

Tommy Maple is an international communications graduate student. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Are you going to Mexico for Spring Break?

Monday's question: Could you keep it real with Obama?

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Letters to the Editor

Public education should be a priority

This weekend I went to a rally organized by the Florida Education Association, Florida's largest educators' union, in support of full and sustainable funded public education in our state.

The thousands of teachers, parents, PTA members, education support personnel and students in attendance were united in their message: Together, we can stop education budget cuts.

Yes, these are lean times we're experiencing, a fact Florida educators know better than most.

That's because Florida, already nearly last among the states in per-capita education spending, stands as one of only three states

that have actually decreased education funding in the last several years. Here at UF, we've felt the effects through across-the-board cuts, lost faculty, and now, targeted cuts directed at the Colleges of Education and Nursing.

It's time for us to stand up and tell our legislators to make public education a priority.

We're kicking off our campaign on campus with a candlelight vigil mourning the loss of funding for public education this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., outside of Norman Hall.

From there, interested advocates and activists can tap into a campaign that will finally secure adequate funding for public education into the indefinite future.

Skeet Surrency
4LS

College should be an option for all

I want to commend the work the United We Dream at UF Campaign has done in the past week. I believe the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (the DREAM Act) is of great importance because it will resolve the tragic irony that occurs in America.

Many people are unaware that every year, at least 65,000 undocumented students are denied acceptance into colleges they would have otherwise been accepted into because of their immigration status.

It does not matter that they were taught the same American values and all about the American dream just like the rest of us. It doesn't even matter that they call America

home and have learned to speak English and excel in school.

It only matters that they were brought to America by their parents when they were minors and therefore lack the necessary legal documents.

The irony is that these kids are taught to pursue their dreams, wishing to attain a prosperous future. Then they get slapped in the face and are told that their years of hard work are not enough to get them into college, not even in America.

So let us all support the United We Dream at UF Campaign and help make the dreams of thousands come true.

Raul A. Baca
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Guest column

Men cursed by timing

My father once explained to me the importance of good timing in relationships. "Never talk to women when they're angry," he told me one night as he flopped on the couch with a blanket and pillow.

Women have the luxury (or curse) of timing programmed into them. They're on a monthly clock. That's probably how they know when we're off.

Men fall anywhere between Big Ben and the blinking "12:00" on a VCR.

For me, timing a move on a girl is like trying to merge onto the highway during rush hour. In the beginning, I keep inching forward as if I'm going to do something. I don't, of course.

Suddenly, an opening! My heart pounds and I grin stupidly. Here it comes...and there it goes. I'm a vegetable.

After the eighth window closes, the panic starts to set in. A guy behind me shouts, "Get a move on, you pussy!" I say a prayer, hold my breath and gun it. If I don't crash completely, I still make an ass of myself.

And it's not only "when" but "how long." They say you have three seconds after making eye contact with a girl to make a

Erik Voss
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move. That's not enough time for me to approach her, freak out half way and run to the bathroom, repeat "You're so ugly!" into the mirror, dry the tears, sing "Seasons of Love," apologize to the perplexed line on my way out, and find her again, just to go blank and blurt out, "You're so ugly!"

Now, if I can only get all that down to three seconds...

Time of year is also important. I've found the best time to start dating is post-Valentine's Day.

The only problem is that it's right before spring break. A guy is forced to spoon so much that a week later when she's dancing on a beach in Cancun with some shirtless local named Raul, the guilt will keep her faithful. After all, spring fever leaves most college students "bedridden."

Ultimately, there is no right moment. Things usually happen at the worst possible timing (just ask your parents). Aim for perfect timing and you'll probably miss the mark completely. And then you'll end up sleeping on the couch like my dad.

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Guest column

On-campus gym fails to consider the basic needs of males

My gym partner and I have been pretty consistent this semester, and as lifting heavy weights is only a passing distraction for me, I take almost every opportunity I can get to people watch. I've noticed a disturbing trend: A divide exists between male and female gym-goers.

It's an interesting little experiment in social interaction — Jane Goodall can have her gorillas.

On the male side of the room, sometimes there's not much difference anyway.

There are two halves to the room: one female, and one good. There are few crossings between the two sides, except on limited occasions. Girls usually intermingle to work on their legs, which doesn't usually anger the men, who are mostly working on upper body. A few daring spirits try dumbbells, usually ranging from 2.5 pounds to 12, maybe. Under no circumstances is a woman to use the bench. This is unwritten law; it just

looks silly. I once saw three girls pumping iron on one bench. Not only did the tomboy in question need two spotters, there couldn't be more than 60 there to begin with and there was much simpering over breaking a nail.

Likewise, few men venture into the forest of treadmills, oscillation devices and Stairmasters that populate the female half of the room. The medicine balls are stacked near the yoga mats and exercise balls, where any female is free to demonstrate her flexibility.

They even have banks of televisions provided for them, giving them something to watch and listen to, in order to drown out the drone of the machines. Any man caught on the oscillators is branded as effeminate for the rest of his days.

In the middle of the opposing sides is the Rec Sports staff kiosk, just like in a Clint Eastwood western. Sans tumbleweeds, but still just as dangerous as it's the staff mem-

Joshua Nederveld
Speaking Out

bers who have control over the music, the most precious and valuable commodity to be had in the gym. Many of the students that are cast into this teeming whirlpool choose to tune out the sounds and emotions around them, focusing only on the mundane music they fill their cavernous craniums with via headphones. For the few who enjoy conversation, we risk the whims of XM radio.

At the beginning of every semester, the staff sets up a poll, which out of the hundreds of XM stations, lists five options, three of them for recent music, one for the '90s and one classic rock station. Despite my best attempts to stuff the ballot boxes this year, I note that whenever a certain, dollish Rec Sports girl with platinum blonde highlights saunters in, the station gets flipped to the '90s. Next thing I know, I'm two

inches away from death by bench press, and "Bye Bye Bye" blares out through the speakers. Way to throw off my groove.

Now, let it be said that I believe music has different moods, and for different moods there are different activities. I should not have to listen to Kelly Clarkson swear out violent revenge on the male race while gasping through the military press. Workout music should set the blood afire, put the adrenaline to flow, and angry girl music does not, and will not, accomplish this. Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased by the chains of slavery? I know not what course others may take; but as for me, Give me AC/DC or give me death!

In order to speak out for the masses, I've begun an underground revolution, using the weapons of the system against them: the comment box. Styling myself as "The Official Chapter of the He-Man Woman Hater's Club" or the "Anti-Hip/

Hop Initiative," I've been leaving messages like "The song 'Disturbia' not only disturbs me, it reminds me of what a terrible actor Shia LaBeouf is," or "Hearing 'I Wanna Make Love Right Na Na Na' is not a sentiment I feel while working out, and I hope that you will be responsible and cease in your attempts to encourage others to do so."

This is the right and privilege of every man that has had to suffer through this sickening abomination. Surely we find ourselves in the middle of a great and terrible crisis, and as Thomas Paine wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls." I find we are called to and must follow the example of our forefathers and abolish this tyranny. Tomorrow night, I'm going to grab my tomahawk, put on the war paint, and dump the XM radio in the Rec Center swimming pool. Just like Paul Revere woulda done.

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UF Voices

ELI achieves highest enrollment in history



During fall 2008, the English Language Institute (ELI), a University of Florida Division of Continuing Education department, achieved its highest enrollment of 214 students, since opening in 1955.

The institute offers extensive English-language programs, taught by UF faculty, which prepare students to speak English in academic and real-life settings. Students come from approximately 30 countries.

The institute's extensive Cultural Immersion Program enriches students' English-learning process by hosting ELI social activities throughout the Gainesville area. Students may participate in weekend trips, weekday activities and volunteer activities. Upcoming weekend activities include an annual trip to the Gainesville Spring Arts Festival on Saturday, March 28. Weekday activities include soccer, basketball and game nights.

On Saturday, April 4, ELI will partner with the Girl Scout Council of North Florida to host "Around the World in 240 Minutes," an event held to teach girls in grades 6 through 8 about ELI female students' home countries.

The public is welcome to attend ELI events. All attendees must sign-up for trips on the activities board outside ELI's main office, 315 Norman Hall, by 4 p.m. on the Thursday before the scheduled trip. Attendees also may sign-up on the ELI Web site, <http://www.elili.ufl.edu>.

The student section of ELI's Web site offers opportunities for students to network with their peers, professors, language assistants and the institute's alumni.

ELI is the only English-language program that hires two language assistants to aid listening/speaking course teachers. Assistants are undergraduate English-speakers who help students practice informal, conversational English and teach about American culture for four hours per week.

UF undergraduates interested in working as language assistants may contact Noreen Baker, ELI's listening/speaking coordinator, at noreenb@ufl.edu.

Megan Forbes
Director, English Language Institute

Top Stories

Gators get their groove on during Dance for Life program



UF students join with Parkinson's patients for a therapeutic dance class.

body part.

Dancing helps patients use visual cues and develop muscle memory to overcome gait freezing. Movement becomes second nature, so patients are able to walk without conscious effort, Fernandez said.

Music is also effective therapy for depression and anxiety. The program provides patients with muscle therapy, rigorous exercise, and visual and auditory cuing in a fun way, he said.

The MDC refers patients to the program, but anyone with Parkinson's disease is welcome.

The new Dance for Life program began on Jan. 26 with approximately 12 older participants and 10 UF students. Weekly classes will continue each Monday until April 20 – with the exception of no class on March 9. A culminating event is scheduled to take place in late April.

The sessions are held from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the UF Orthopaedic Institute's Biomechanics and Motion Analysis Laboratory, 3450 Hull Road off 34th Street.

Classes are led by Kelly Cawthon, UF

School of Theatre and Dance professor, and Lauren Arce, Artist in Residence for Shands Arts in Medicine. Student-leaders assist as part of the School of Theatre and Dance teaching-methods course.

"The collaboration between the students and the older participants is just rich and wonderful," Sonke-Henderson said.

"Dance for Life gives students a sense of bringing their art out of the studio and into the world," she said. Any UF student may volunteer for the program by calling Shands Arts in Medicine at 352-265-0151 or by e-mailing Sonke-Henderson at jsonek@ufl.edu.

Patients' friends and family members are encouraged to attend and participate in an informal performance at the culminating event in April, she said. The event date has not yet been determined.

It is possible that faculty and staff may join in the performance to show patients that "we're all in this together," Fernandez said. "You dance, and we'll dance for you."

By Bridget Brennan



Happenings

Listings in this section are a sampling of events at the University of Florida, compiled from entries listed in the full calendar that appears on the Web at calendar.ufl.edu. To submit an event online, visit <http://calendar.ufl.edu/submit/>.

March 5

Bob Graham Center for Public Service presents "Presidential Lecture Series: The Media and the New Administration." Ocosa at Pugh Hall, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-846-2032 or visit <http://www.graham.centers.ufl.edu> for more information.

March 6

Gator Gymnastics vs. Michigan. O'Connell Center, 7 p.m. Call 352-375-4683 or visit <http://www.gatorzone.com> for more information.

March 8

Gator Men's Tennis vs. Vanderbilt. Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex, 1 p.m. Call 352-375-4683 or visit <http://www.gatorzone.com> for more information.

March 17

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program presents "Florida Black History: Where We Stand in the Age of Barack Obama." Smathers Library East, 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-846-2032 or visit <http://web.ulib.ufl.edu/east.html> for more information.

March 19

UF Asian Studies presents Japan Film Festival. Hippodrome Theater, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-392-2464 or visit <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/asian> for more information.

March 20

Career Resource Center presents Summer Job Fair. Reitz Union Colonnade, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free and closed to the public. Call 352-273-2308 or visit <http://www.crc.ufl.edu> for more information.

March 21

UFPA presents The Peking Acrobats. Phillips Center, 2 p.m. Tickets \$20-30. Open to the public. Call 352-392-5500 or visit <http://www.oconnellcenter.ufl.edu> for more information.

March 20

Dance Alive presents "Danscape." Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15-35. Open to the public. Call 352-392-ARTS(2787) or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for more information.

In Focus

Proton therapy targets cancer without harming healthy cells

It sounds like power belonging only to a superhero: a high-powered beam that is able to zap a millimeter area within someone's body, and yet not harm the surrounding healthy cells.

Heroic – yes, but this is not in comic books. It's happening in real life, in nearby Jacksonville.

The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute, located near Shands Jacksonville, is one of just five such facilities in the country, and one of 21 in the world.

In this rare treatment, nuclear technology is used to project protons into tumors at nearly the speed of light. Unlike traditional radiation therapy with X-rays, proton therapy helps reduce the incidence of secondary cancers and other potential side effects of treatment by reducing the amount of radiation to surrounding body parts.

"Proton therapy offers hope for increased cancer control and a better quality of life in cancer survivors," Dr. Nancy Mendenhall, the institute's medical director, said.

Opened in August 2006, the facility now treats more than 100 patients daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Daily therapy appointments provide



numerous opportunities for interaction among patients. The institute encourages camaraderie with social activities such as weekly "lunch bunch" gatherings, the hosting of guest pianists and the offering of a coffee bar in the modern, glass-enclosed lobby.

A high percentage of patients have prostate cancer, yet the patient age and type of cancer varies. Approximately 10 children are treated each day, as well as patients with sarcomas, head, neck and brain tumors, cancers of the lung and pancreas, and Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Approximately 70 percent of our patients come from outside the Jacksonville area. We've had patients from 49 states and several foreign countries," Stuart Klein, executive director of the UF Proton Therapy Institute, said.

For more information about the institute, visit www.floridaproton.org.

By Susan Stewart

Note This

Study abroad in Antarctica

The department of tourism, recreation and sport management at the University of Florida is offering students a rare opportunity to study abroad in Antarctica during the fall 2009 semester. The application deadline is March 31. To obtain more information, visit www.abroad.ufl.edu.

Budget news available on Web site

For current campus budget information, visit <http://budget.president.ufl.edu> or click on the blue "Budget News" on the UF homepage, www.ufl.edu.

Award nominations sought

The College of Education at the University of Florida is pleased to announce the 7th annual Engaged Scholarship award competition for faculty, graduate students and community members. Nominations are due by March 16. For more information, call 352-392-0728 or e-mail jpalgon@coe.ufl.edu.

Another Gator story from InsideTheGatorNation.com

"I have vague images of sitting in the top row of Florida Gym during my aunt's graduation in 1971. (I was 4 years old). I thought this place (UF) was cool... During my high school years, my older brother attended UF and I visited each weekend... I graduated UF in 1989 and moved to Michigan... I will always be a Gator and remember the great education and life experiences I had there. So much so, that I have been asked and have accepted a role on the board of advisors for Center for Supply Chain Management in the Warrington College of Business. I see it as my way of giving back to the university that gave me so much."

John Peppes

Upcoming video opportunities to tell your own story include:

- **March 4**, Plaza of the Americas, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **March 6**, Outside Gate 1, O'Connell Center, 6 p.m., prior to the gymnastics meet vs. Michigan at 7 p.m.
- **March 17**, McKethan Stadium, 5:30 p.m., prior to the baseball game vs. FSU at 6:30 p.m.

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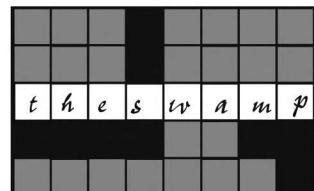
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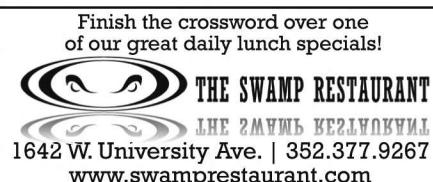
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UF looks to avenge past losses against No. 16 FSU

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By JOSEPH R. HOLZER
Alligator Writer

The UF men's tennis team will attempt to avenge two losses when it goes to the Scott Speicher courts against FSU today at 5 p.m.

The Gators women lost to the Seminoles 5-2 on Saturday, and the men dropped their previous dual match in Tallahassee in 2007.

The No. 12 men (8-3) are coming off a win against Miami on Feb. 22, which gives them

not only time to rest but also the confidence coach Andy Jackson wants instilled in his players.

They are going to need that swagger going into a hostile environment, especially on the heels of FSU's win on Saturday — one that is sure to have an already amped-up crowd raising the volume to 11.

"You go on the road — in Florida-Florida State, obviously you have a demon there, so it gives them an edge — but in the end, it's going to be decided on the tennis courts, and I think that we can compete with them," Jackson said.

The Seminoles (10-4) aren't just a long-

time rival, making a grudge match a possibility every year. At No. 16, they're a threat to any team they trade volleys with. Three of

FSU's four losses have come against current top-10 teams — defending champion No. 2 Georgia, No. 6 Texas and No. 9 Mississippi.

In doubles, Jean-Yves Aubone and Clint Bowles are ranked No. 34 for the Seminoles, and are Nos. 19 and 55 in singles, respectively.

The duo will likely face UF's Antoine Benneteau and Joey Burkhardt on Court 1. The Gators' tandem is No. 23.

Benneteau said he is excited about playing the role of villain. After beating South Florida and Miami, the junior is up to the challenge of helping his team be the elite squad in The Sunshine State.

"Florida State is another rivalry in the same state," he said. "We just want to beat them, just go in as best we can. The best men are going to win, but we're going to be ready to go over there."

Beginning at 5 p.m. also favors the home team since more spectators are likely to show up to cheer on their players, Jackson said. But he believes FSU's war cry won't be the only one heard tonight.

Athletic forward tired of comparisons to Brewer

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ovan said.

"There is a change and a shift for a guy who was a leading scorer to this kind of role."

Shipman admits it can be frustrating at times but said he understands he can best help the team in other ways right now.

"I'm real impatient," Shipman said. "Going from 25 points (a game) in high school to getting two shots a game, there's been some sleepless nights."



Brewer followed up an athletic baseline drive and reverse layup late in the second half against Tennessee with a deep three in front of the UF bench on the following possession.

Shipman has shown signs that he can be a solid scoring option in recent weeks.

His ability to attack the rim is a dimension that has been sorely missing from the Gators' offense this season.

Shipman followed up an athletic baseline

"My shots before haven't been confident. That was confident," Shipman said. "I felt like I was back in high school, like I was playing ball again."

Coaches have pointed to former UF swingman Corey Brewer as the blueprint for Shipman's development.

Brewer, like Shipman, was used primarily as a defensive specialist as a freshman before going on to become a starter and one of the nation's most dynamic players.

"They always use Corey as an example," Shipman said.

"I'm tired of hearing Corey's name."

Barfield to start after Poovey pitched against Miami

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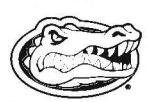
younger teammates to help them get past their dismal showing this weekend.

He expects his team to realize that type of performance is not accepted at UF and respond because of it.

The team also won't have to hear about its poor play this past weekend from O'Sullivan.

"There's not much to tell

them," O'Sullivan said. "If they can't figure it out after this weekend, I don't know what will."



Baseball

While the Gators expect to mentally recover from this weekend quickly, some of their arms will not be able to get ready as fast.

The team will feel the impact of using 10 different

pitchers in a weekend — including five on Sunday — for more than just two days.

One of the pitchers used in relief Sunday was Justin Poovey, who started last Tuesday against Eastern Michigan.

His 1 1/3 innings of work Sunday were enough to rule him out as the starter for tonight. Instead, Lake City Community College transfer Jeff Barfield is expected to

open the game on the mound for the Gators.

Barfield entered the season as one of the candidates to be UF's closer. He threw on Sunday, too, but he only pitched one inning and faced just four batters. He was the only Gators pitcher on Sunday to not give up a run.

Although he didn't throw many pitches, he will probably not be counted on to go deep into the game, which will require further use of a bullpen that is being called upon more and more.

"It's the first time on the road, so we are going to have to band together."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF baseball coach

Not only will Barfield have to deal with the pressure of his first start, but this will be the first time the Gators go on the road for a game.

UF won't have to face the same type of crowd in DeLand tonight that it will face when it travels to the fields of Southeastern Conference foes, but the team still isn't going to be greeted with the support it is accustomed to in Gainesville.

"It's the first time on the road, so we are going to have to band together," O'Sullivan said.

PHIL, from page 16

ference meet this weekend (no titles since 2004). That's the standard here in Gainesville.

7. YOU HOPEFULLY WON'T GO MISSING — Ahem, Alex Tyus. You've had a heck of a breakout year, man, but you have only scored 13 points combined in two games against Tennessee. Length is Tennessee's forte, but the Gators need Tyus.

6. YOU WON'T BE ON CRUTCHES — You will be able to walk around normally, something softball senior Kim Waleszonia sadly will be unable to do. UF's center fielder sustained an unknown injury to her left leg Saturday, just one day after breaking the school career hits record. It will be key to see how much time she must miss.

5. YOU WON'T BURN OUT — like the UF women's basketball team seems to be doing. The Gators are now 1-4 since topping Tennessee at home and seem as if they certainly peaked early. They will likely have a rematch with the Volunteers in Friday's SEC Tournament Quarterfinals. I predict a Tennessee win, but more on this later.

4. YOU WON'T FEEL EXTREME PRESSURE — Certainly nothing like the UF men's basketball team will feel during the next two weeks. This team doesn't come across as one that plays well when it absolutely must.

3. YOU WON'T BE EMBARRASSED — The UF baseball team built up everyone's hopes with a season-opening sweep of Louisville and then got swept at home by Miami. Yes, Friday and Saturday's games were close. But they were still losses, and home ones at that. But 16-2? That's just ugly.

2. YOU WON'T SIT AROUND WAITING FOR BAD NEWS — If the UF women's basketball team loses in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals as I predicted earlier, it will have to wait 10 days for Selection Monday on March 16. The Gators are a lock to make the Field of 64, but ESPN.com's current bracket projection has them going to Seattle for a first-round game. I'm smelling a one-and-done.

1. YOU WON'T MAKE HISTORY (IN A BAD WAY) — While you're stumbling back to Gainesville on March 15, the UF men's basketball team will be gathering for Selection Sunday. After 10 straight years in the Big Dance, the Gators will face a three-lettered fate for the second straight year: NIT.



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UF first baseman Brandon McArthur reaches out to make a catch during the Gators' 8-5 loss to Miami at McKethan Stadium on Friday night.

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Shipman slowly settles into role as defensive stopper



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UF forward Ray Shipman runs down the court between Tennessee's Tyler Smith and Scotty Hopson during the second half of the Gators' 79-75 loss to Tennessee in the O'Connell Center on Sunday.

UF BASEBALL

Gators try to look past sweep on way to Hatters

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Some lessons don't need to be stressed over and over again by a coach.

Getting over a weekend sweep — including a 16-2 loss Sunday — at the hands of Miami is one of those lessons.

The Gators (5-3) will get their chance to do so on the field at Stetson (2-6) tonight at 6:30.

UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan is glad his team does not have to wait long to get an opportunity to put last weekend behind it.

"(Playing again so soon) is probably the best remedy," O'Sullivan

said. "It doesn't give you a chance to think about it."

Even though there is not much time to think about the sweep, a 16-2 loss isn't something that is just forgotten.

Senior first baseman Brandon McArthur expected Monday's practice to help the team deal with the sweep.

"You've got to find a way (to get over the losses)," he said Sunday. "We'll wake up (Monday), and it's a whole new day. We'll come out for practice and get better."

As a leader of the team, McArthur is looked to for advice, but he doesn't feel the need to say anything to his

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ON TELEVISION

- NCAA Men's Basketball: Kansas State vs. Oklahoma State ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
- NCAA Men's Basketball: Auburn vs. Alabama ESPN, 9 p.m.

I DID NOT KNOW THAT

- UF left fielder Francesca Enea was named the SEC Player of the Week on Monday, and Stacey Nelson was named Pitcher of the Week. The team won all seven of its games last week.

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The transition from high school to college hasn't been an easy one for Ray Shipman.

In just a few short months, the state of Florida's reigning Mr. Basketball has gone from offensive superstar to defensive role player.

Shipman is probably the Gators' best athlete, and on a team struggling to find a respectable vertical leap, UF coach Billy Donovan has used the freshman as the one player who can help his team match up physically with the bigger, quicker bodies of the Southeastern Conference.

"For Ray, understanding the impact he could make defensively and then understanding that on the offensive end of the floor he may not be a priority or an option," Donovan said. "That's been the big learning curve."

The adjustment to his new role didn't come as fast as Shipman thought or hoped it would.

"I knew coming in, but I didn't know it would be like this," Shipman said. "I thought I would be

able to get a little more into the offensive system."

The team has routinely relied on Shipman to slow down opponents' best offensive players. It's a role he has tried to use to his advantage.

"Do whatever you can do to get on the court," Shipman said. "You can't score on the bench. If you're out there, things are going to happen."

Though he has excelled as the team's defensive stopper, the 6-foot-5 forward wants people to know there's more to his game than steals and rebounds.

"I'm not just a defensive player," Shipman said.

"It wasn't like that in high school. My offense is just as good."

Shipman is averaging 3.8 points per game this season and is often all but overlooked on offense.

"It's probably not totally fair for Ray in a lot of respects," Don-

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Men's Basketball

For athletes, no break in spring

March is finally here, and that means three wonderful things have arrived: Spring Break, March Madness and spring training.

Here is where I rub it in that roughly 24 hours from when you read this, I'll be making my way down to Port Charlotte to catch the Tampa Bay Rays take on Puerto Rico. You've gotta love professors who cancel class the last two days before a week off.

But while you suffer through studying for exams before break — because you weren't lucky enough to get professors as cool as mine — here's something to make you feel better.

The Starting 9 — Reasons Your Spring Break Might Be Better Than That of a UF Athlete:

9. WHO CARES ABOUT HEALTH? — While you're out getting plastered, spring athletes will likely be stuck in Gainesville. No team



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needs to stay healthy more than the UF women's tennis team, which is currently playing with only five scholarship players. It just lost to FSU for the first time ever. Ouch.

8. NO CHANCES FOR DISAPPOINTMENT —

Well, you could get rejected by the cute girl you hit on, or you might check e-Learning and see your failing grades from this week. For the former, at least you'll never see her again, and the latter will be solved by ditching the computer. At least you're not the UF track and field teams, who continued to fall short at the Southeastern Con-

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POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Should freshman forward Ray Shipman have a larger role on offense?

Previous question: How many of UF's six oral commitments for the 2010 class will come to Gainesville? (see right for results)

	Percent (Votes)
4-5	46% (21)
2-3	28% (13)
All 6	22% (10)
0-1	4% (2)
	46 TOTAL VOTES