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LOCAL
Early voting in city elections begins today

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As Gainesville voters begin to head for the polls for city elections, political activists vie to get in the last word.

Early voting begins today and will run through Saturday. Ballots may be cast at the County Administration Building, 12 S.E. First St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. On election day, March 24, voters will report to their precinct's polling place.

"We're just making sure we get that final push before the vote," said Eric Conrad, a spokesman for Equality is Gainesville's Business, an anti-Amendment 1 organization.

The amendment would nullify Chapter 8 of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances, titled "Discrimination." Instead, protections would be provided by the Florida Civil Rights Act at the state level.

In effect, this would remove protected status for transgender, lesbian, gay and bisexual

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Gainesville residents and loosen protections for other classes.

On Saturday, about 50 people gathered at the Pride Community Center on Northwest 13th Street to prepare people to discuss Amendment 1 with voters. Vol-

unteers watched as group leaders demonstrated how to canvass.

The group then split up to knock on the doors of Gainesville voters. Volunteers have done this during several previous weekends, but this was definitely the largest group so far, according to Conrad.

The anti-amendment group will also offer free van rides to student voters from the Reitz Union to the County Administration Building this week, an effort similar to those orchestrated dur-

ing the November elections.

Citizens for Good Public Policy, the pro-amendment group, is busy approaching voters as well.

"We are doing all the traditional campaign get-out-the-vote activities, which include radio, TV, and print media," wrote Jim Gilbert, a Citizens spokesman, in an e-mail.

"In addition we have volunteers on the ground walking neighborhoods and holding 'YES on 1' signs at key locations," he said.

GFR officials yet to find cause of fire

■ INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THE PEACEFUL PATHS FIRE STARTED IN THE TRAINING ROOM.

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The cause of a fire that claimed local nonprofit Peaceful Paths' headquarters and part of a physician's office will remain undetermined barring any significant developments, officials said.

Local News
 Gainesville Fire Rescue investigators have exhausted all available resources in determining how the building, which served victims of domestic violence, caught fire, according to a GFR press release.

Investigators were able to determine that the fire started in the training room of the Peaceful Paths building, but the extent of the damage prevented any further insight.

"Unfortunately, there are times when we are unable to determine a cause, which can be very frustrating to both the victims and our personnel," said Tim Hayes, deputy fire chief, according to the release.

Peaceful Paths has continued to provide services while relocating to a temporary office space and has experienced significant community support in its time of need, according to the Peaceful Paths Web site.



David Cumming / Alligator

Concert Cleanup

A stagehand takes toilet paper that was thrown on stage off Tokyo Police Club's equipment during the band's set at the Harvest of Hope Fest at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds in St. Augustine. The three-day music festival raised awareness for Harvest of Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides aid to migrant farm workers.

■ For a photo slideshow from the Harvest of Hope Festival in St. Augustine on March 6, 7 and 8, visit alligator.org



■ After losing in the second round of the SEC Tournament on Friday, the UF men's basketball team found out it will host the first round of the NIT against Jacksonville on Wednesday. See Story, Page 13.

Inmates find trash bags full of pot
 Ocala (AP) — Authorities are trying to figure out who dropped four 55-gallon trash bags filled with marijuana by the side of an Ocala road.
 The Marion County Sheriff's Office reports that inmates working with the county's solid waste department found the bags on Thursday. Drug agents say the bags weighed a total of nearly 65 pounds.
 Officials are investigating where the bags came from.

■ A recent study suggests that doodling may help people pay attention and improve concentration. See Story, Page 5.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Talk: "The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe Revisited"

by Grzegorz Ekiert

Today, 3 p.m.

Anderson 216

Grzegorz Ekiert of Harvard University will speak. Sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Department of Political Science.

RUB Entertainment Presents: "Milk"

March 16, 18 & 19, 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Reitz Union Auditorium

"Milk" is an R-rated film about California's first openly gay elected official, Harvey Milk.

Florida Blue Key Information Session

Today, 4 p.m.

Reitz Union Room 285

This session will review application information and member-

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ship requirements. Sample resumes and other helpful tools are distributed so that attendees can receive a clearer picture of the application process. The information sessions generally last about 30 minutes, which includes time for a question-and-answer session at the end.

First Amendment Free Food Festival

Thursday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plaza of the Americas

Students and faculty can drop by and "sign away" their First Amendment rights for a free lunch. This interactive demonstration is hosted by the UF Society of Professional

Journalists and is meant to show the importance of First Amendment rights during daily activities.

Got something going on?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to kbjornsen@alligator.org with 'What's Happening' in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event.

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

'Accidental antiquesman' describes work, collection

By **EMILY FUGGETTA**
Alligator Writer

John Sikorski is an accidental antiquesman.

Sikorski, an Ocala antiques appraiser who hosts a weekly radio show called "Sikorski's Attic" on WUFT, said that though he has been interested in antiques all his life, he "fell" into the business about 30 years ago.

"It was literally an accident," he said. "I never set out to be in this business."

Sikorski said it all started when his wife started studying engineering at UF. He was returning to Ocala from Gainesville after a prom-

ising second job interview with Blue Cross and Blue Shield when he made a stop.

"Up on I-75, there was this big, red antique store," he said. "I had some spare time, so I decided to just stop in and see what was there."

The store's owner was there, and he and Sikorski talked about his experience.

"We got to talking, and I told him about the job. He said, 'Well, it'd be better if you'd come to work for me here,'" he said. "So he hired me on the spot."

The store was Wayside Antiques, and Sikorski worked there for about 10 years, during which time he picked up valuable experi-

ence, he said.

Sikorski then opened his own antique shop, which he ran until he opened his appraisal office about 10 years ago.

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John Sikorski
Host, "Sikorski's Attic"

He decided to begin appraising after he realized that the buying and selling of antiques wasn't as lucrative as it once was.

"Along came the Internet, and you no longer needed to have a re-

tail store," he said. "But there are a lot of people out there who have things but have no way of finding out what they're worth."

In addition to "Sikorski's Attic" and his downtown appraisal office, a tangled mix of eclectic findings and books from which he studies to stay up-to-date on the business, he writes question-and-answer columns for the Gainesville Sun, the Ocala Star-Banner and the Citrus County Chronicle.

Sikorski also provides a walk-through service for people who want many items in their houses appraised.

"It's a conversation about things in their homes with regard to collector interest and dollar val-

ues," he said, adding that he also offers advice on how best to sell antiques.

Despite having traveled the world collecting and studying antiques, Sikorski said he never loses interest because of the variety of items he comes across.

So far, Sikorski said, the most interesting item he has come across is a footlong hardened walrus penis, called an usik, which sits in a glass case in his office. Smiling impishly, he held out the item for examination before explaining its significance.

"From one minute to the next, you never know what's going to come in. It's always different," he said. "I love it all."

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STUDENT LIFE

Study suggests that doodling may aid in retention

By **AMANDA MILLIGAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

If Deborah Kenner has paper in front of her, she's probably doodling.

While in class, the UF sophomore draws her name, flowers and squiggly designs while listening to lectures.

"I always pay attention," Kenner said.

Now she has evidence. According to a recent study from the University of Plymouth in England, doodling can aid concentration and may prove beneficial in remembering information.

The study, published in late February, consisted of two groups of 20 people — one in-

structed to doodle, one not — who listened to a mock telephone message. Participants in the doodle group recalled 29 percent more than the participants in the non-doodle group.

"I've gone through stages when I've tried not to doodle, but it really just helps me pay attention more."

Deborah Kenner

UF sophomore and in-class doodler

Kenner said she was not surprised.

"I've gone through stages when I've tried not to doodle, but it really just helps me pay attention more," she said.

Kenneth Heilman, a clinical professor of neurology and health psychology at UF, feels the same way.

"I'm a big doodler," Heilman said. "If I don't doodle, I fall asleep. Doodling keeps me alert and awake."

Glen Finney, an assistant professor in UF's department of neurology, doodles mazes and paisley-like patterns when listening to lectures. Doodling allows people to back away from strong thoughts and relax, allowing weaker brain connections to be activated, he said.

"That's a way to find new ideas and not get locked into old ideas," he said.

An example is when a student takes a test. Finney said when an answer keeps popping

into a student's head, but he know it's wrong, he needs to relax and allow other brain connections to activate in order to think of other possible answers.

"Doodling allows you to sort of be weakly aroused," Finney said, "but it's not so detaining that you're highly aroused."

Although he said some people use doodling to keep themselves active and paying attention, others might use doodling as an outlet for their creative urges.

Kenner said she occasionally doodles out of boredom, but it's on a whole different level.

"Those are more drawings than doodling," she said. "I take out a whole piece of paper and stop paying attention."

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Editorial

Bottomless Break

Spring Break doesn't have to end today.

Welcome back for the home stretch of the spring semester — a mere five weeks remain until the endless possibilities of summer embrace you with open arms.

Whether you were avoiding Mexican drug cartels like the plague or sneaking into private 40th-birthday parties held in honor of B-list celebrities, we can safely assume that you caught up on some much-overdue partying. Now that you are back, we hope you are ready to attack the remainder of the semester with the fervor of a Santa Monica street performer preying on the wallets of unsuspecting tourists donning the latest offerings in fanny pack fashion.

But if you're like us, you might find yourself wary of letting the party end — even if your bank account took a bigger hit than a right hook to the jugular from Rampage Jackson.

Ah, the great dilemma of achieving balance; it befuddles even the craftiest members of The Gator Nation. We are only kidding ourselves if the goal for the remainder of the semester fails to include concocting a seven-step handshake with that I-heard-he-can-bench-press-the-world bouncer manning the door at the Grog House — along with a 3.5 GPA.

Slap, clap, fist pound, shimmy, crazy fingers, chest bump, high five!

With your grades in mind and your social lives our foremost concern, the Editorial Board bestows upon you three gems of wisdom to help you live out the tagline from "Entourage" in your everyday life. Like Vince, Ari and the boys, maybe you, too, can have it all.

You probably caught yourself wondering why on your return flight home you were a beef torta or two away from having to sheepishly ask the flight attendant for a seat belt extension. Sure, you were never going to confuse anyone for McDreamy, but trust us when we say the Spring Break Diet and South Beach Diet are not two distant cousins.

Now that you're back in Gainesville, say goodbye to filet mignon and Fiji artesian water, and learn to make fast friends with the dumpster behind Leo's. We hear if you time it just right, you might even be able to score some marinara sauce to keep your oh-so-fresh half-eaten rolls company.

While nothing can replace getting your groove on at a club in Acapulco with some nameless coed as the beer flows like wine, who says you can't recreate the same magic right here in Gainesville? Everyone knows that the prime-time nights to peruse the social offerings of our fine city fall within the trifecta of Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights — but let's think outside the box for a minute.

Generally recognized as a time to get work done and conjure imagery of another lost weekend, Monday evenings are this season's new black. Head down to Common Grounds for a few rounds of free PBR, and keep the party going while you channel your inner Meat Loaf, telling the world that you will, in fact, do anything for love.

Didn't do the reading for econ and you want to pretend that you are an active contributor to your class discussion? Say it slowly with us now, folks: T-A-N-G-E-N-T — God's gift to underachieving students everywhere.

Even if you haven't been blessed with the gift of gab, posing questions to the class vaguely related to the topic at hand can quickly have your professor thinking you are the next "Good Will Hunting." Nothing beats racking up the participation points effort-free while your classmates sneer at you after giving up their Tuesday night to pore over hours of listless jargon.

What are you waiting for? Hit the streets hard and the books not so much, fellow demigod.

But if you're not up for the challenge, just take solace in the fact that debauchery will soon rear its ugly head once again.

Only 51 more weeks until Spring Break 2010.

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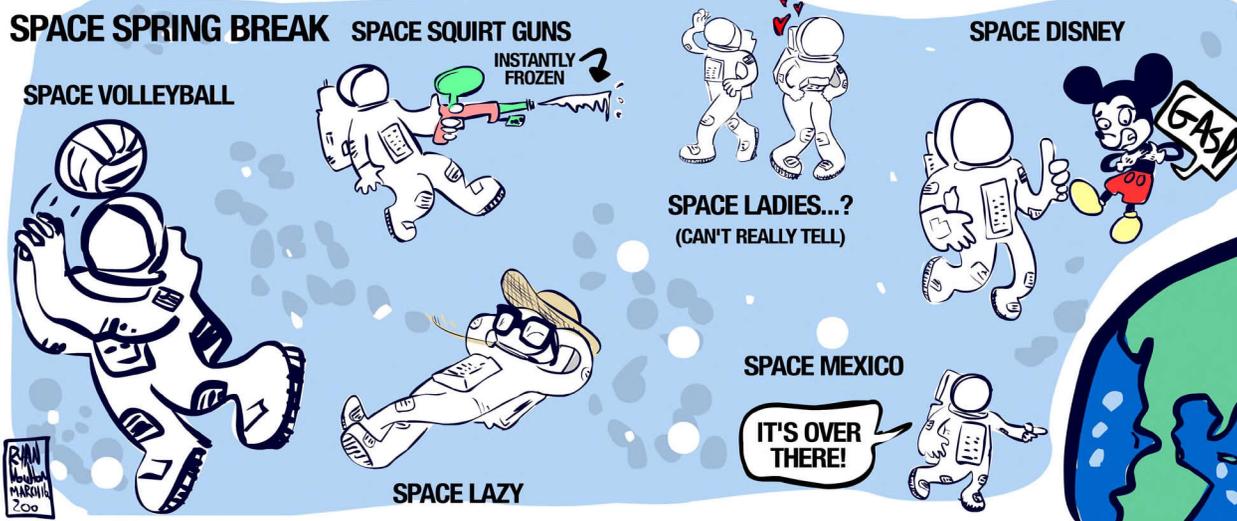
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Column

Stewart puts Cramer in rightful place

Online news outlets apparently yanked their thesauruses out from beneath their beds last Thursday, labeling Jon Stewart's interview of CNBC's "Mad Money" host Jim Cramer with headlines such as "Stewart Eviscerates Cramer, CNBC," and "Jon Stewart Thrashes Jim Cramer."

Anyone who watched the interview knows that it wasn't in typical Stewartesque fashion. The host of "The Daily Show" didn't josh around with Cramer; he indignantly crucified him and his network.

Last Thursday Cramer became the regrettable face of everything that's wrong with modern journalism, and worst yet, Stewart epitomized everything that's right.

CNBC, with its programs and pundits that speculate on financial news, doesn't seem to fully appreciate the power it holds in swaying consumer confidence and upholding the idea of Wall Street responsibility. They have championed the senseless idea that money can be instantaneous, or fast, or even mad — elevating the shady 3 a.m. easy-money infomercial to prime-time status and labeling it as American as apple pie.

But Stewart's a populist. He may have mocked CNBC's Rick Santelli's live populist appeal to the traders on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade, but by no means is "The Daily Show" a leader in social thought. The show is nothing more than the proverbial French radical who spots an angry mob passing by and says, "There go my people, I must find them so I can lead them."

Today, the angry mob is pointing its pitchforks at the world of Wall Street and financial news networks, but yesterday they were ready to torch the regular news media for not paying more attention to the flimsy case for



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war in Iraq. Even then, it was Stewart who led the bastion of ragtag flamethrowers, scolding Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala on the since-canceled CNN program "Crossfire" for denigrating our political system into an obnoxious shouting match.

Something is seriously wrong when our nation's court jester has to point out the failings of our political and financial leaders. But it's no surprise that we've come to this point. The Internet has allowed anyone, even crazy people, to not only have an opinion but shout it out to the world. If you want, you could comment on this very column online, and then comment on a news article on nytimes.com. It's no wonder that the popularity of television opinion programs have exploded in recent years. Opining has become an art that anyone can practice, and it seems that news conglomerates have pushed the prestige and credibility of news programs aside for the ratings of opinion programs.

There is a place for opinion, for speculation, but it's typically labeled as such. There is also a place for biting investigative journalism that uncovers the hypocrisy and shady dealings of our world, something that seems to be in small supply today. Something that Stewart and Co. capitalized on last week, as the ratings of "Mad Money" plummeted and "The Daily Show" soared.

And I didn't need a thesaurus to figure that one out.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Did you have a great Spring Break?

Friday's question: Have a great Spring Break!

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UF e-mail fails to deliver

I do not understand how UF has an extraordinary main Web site, but our e-mail service is nothing short of rubbish.

There have been innumerable times that I have tried to go to my e-mail and could not access it.

Sometimes I need to open an attachment for a class, but WebMail is not working — what a surprise.

I ask for the talented men and women working in computing services and people in the Student Government on campus to address this issue, to learn from the masters: Gmail, Hotmail.

Thousands depend on this vital service to our education that seems to be ignored.

Ahmed Jorge
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Column

Comedy Central guilty of boasting bad acts

There have been a ton of hard-hitting items in the news lately: President Barack Obama has pushed forward stem-cell research, the chairman of the Republican National Committee announced that he's pro-choice and Jon Stewart nearly made Jim Cramer wet his pants. That's all well and good, but I want to talk about something that's really been on my mind. Sunday, Comedy Central roasted Daniel Lawrence Whitney — better known as Larry the Cable Guy — and I shed a tear for comedy.

I was OK when they decided to roast Jeff Foxworthy. I don't like his stuff but there's no denying that — more than being popular — he made a contribution to the medium of comedy by opening the door for all this horrible redneck stuff that's out there now a la the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour." I'm not happy about his impact, but the fact remains that he's had one. Larry the Cable Guy, however, has done nothing except march across the country with his admittedly fake accent (look for clips of Whitney on you tube before he invented Larry — he can actually speak English — and shout "git-r-done." Well, that's not entirely fair. He unleashed some unforgivable movies on the public, as well. And his lowest-common-denominator brand of comedy has



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been devoured by the legions of the unwashed.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear: This is no good-natured ribbing. This is not a continuation of his roast. This is an exhortation for Whitney to retire

permanently from the comedic arts and take his alter ego back behind the shed and shoot it — if I had my way, he would have to pay some form of reparations as well.

But really, I don't think this terrible, nonredneck comedian is the problem. I think he's a symptom of what's really at the core of all this: the glorification of his brand of lowest-common-denominator comedy. Two examples besides Whitney stick out in my mind, and they are Carlos Mencia (given name: Ned) and Dane Cook. If I have to listen to Mencia call someone "dee-dee-dee" one more time, I'm going to cry. Cook, the darling of superfans everywhere, is even worse. Most of the time he doesn't even tell a joke — no, jumping around as you illuminate one extended, digression-ridden anecdote doesn't

count. Occasionally, he'll include a punch line, but here's a news flash: Cook steals his jokes. He doesn't "borrow," he doesn't "improve upon," he just steals. Get over it.

Stand-up comedy is one of my favorite things. I fell in love with it at a young age when I first saw a "Comedy Central Presents" special for Kathleen Madigan. A whole world of brilliant, ironic, thought-provoking, subversive and, most importantly, hilarious ideas was opened to me. When I see the likes of Cook, Mencia and Whitney selling out shows, I just know that Bill Hicks and George Carlin are turning over in their graves.

I would like to hope that the popularity of these hacks — and that's just what they are — simply comes from a lack of known alternatives. Luckily, there are many. Patton Oswalt, Eugene Mirman and Louis C.K. are all still performing. Give them a chance. They're the future of the comedy tradition the way Carlin, Hicks, Pryor and Rickles were the past.

I want to take this opportunity to ask Comedy Central to stop selling its soul in a Faustian bargain to popular hackdom. It hurts all of us. That's the important thing for the week.

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators get NIT berth

By **MIKE DiFERDINANDO**

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For the second straight season, the Gators failed to make the NCAA Tournament.

UF (23-10, 9-7 Southeastern Conference) did make history, though, becoming the first team since Michigan State in 1980 to be left out of the field for two consecutive years after winning a national title.

Any hopes the Gators had of making it to the Big Dance were dashed after Friday's 61-58 loss to Auburn in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament.

UF had an RPI of 51, the 86th-best strength of schedule, one win against a top-50 RPI team (Pacific-10 Conference regular-season champion Washington) and a 2-6 road record in conference games.

"We obviously didn't do enough," forward Dan Werner said following the loss to Auburn. "We could have put ourselves in if we would have won (the SEC) tourna-

ment."

UF coach Billy Donovan said all season that being a year older didn't necessarily make his team a year better.

It turns out he was right.

UF suffered another late-season collapse, losing seven of its last 12 games, and missed several opportunities to lock up an NCAA bid.

The Gators lost eight of their last 11 games last season.

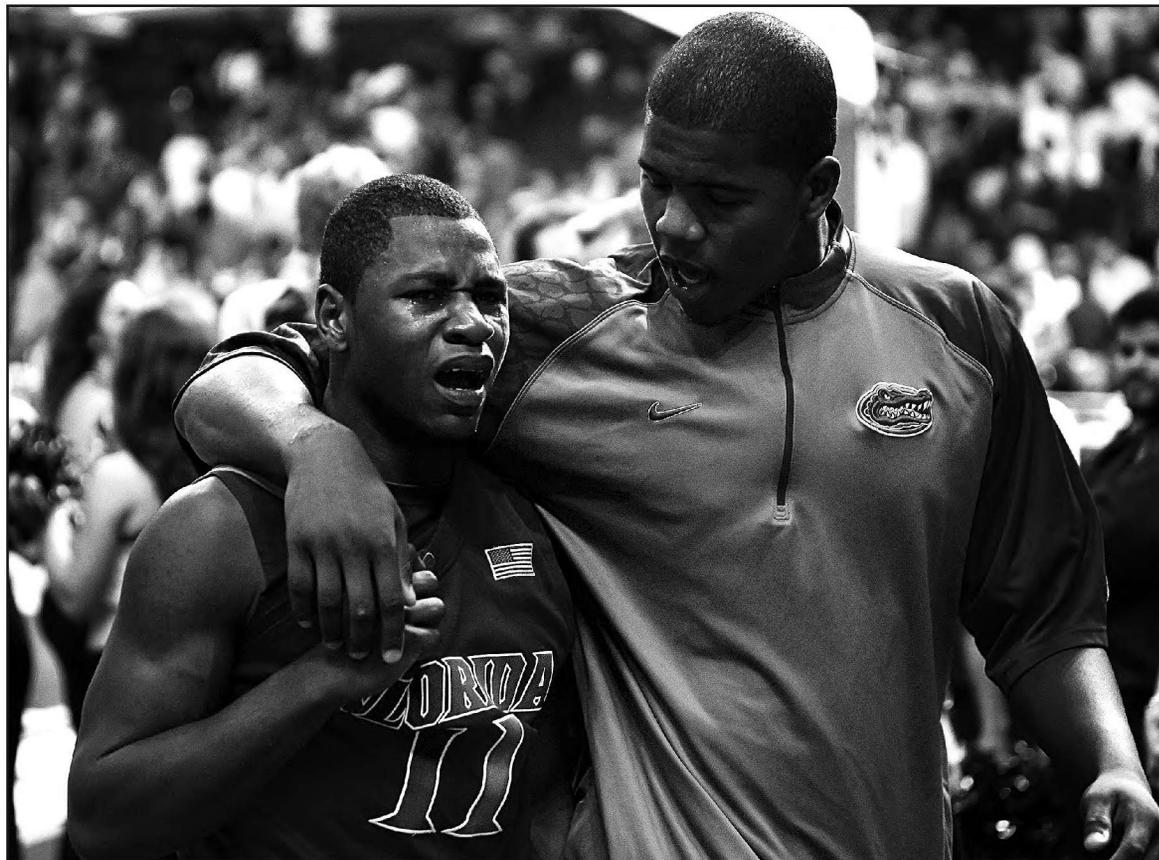
UF has accepted a bid to play in the National Invitation Tournament and will host Jacksonville on Wednesday in the opening round at 8 p.m.

If they win, the Gators will face the winner of No. 4-seed Miami and No. 5-seed Providence.

The Gators are the No. 1 seed in their region and will host the first two rounds of the tournament.

UF is also the first school ever to follow up back-to-back national championships with back-to-back NIT appearances.

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF guard Erving Walker is consoled by Allan Chaney after the Gators' 61-58 loss to Auburn in Round 2 of the SEC Tournament at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa on Friday.

No. 18 Arkansas completes weekend sweep of UF

By **BOBBY CALLOVI**

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Arkansas pitcher Jarrod McKinney isn't on the soccer team, but he showed some kicking ability Sunday.

With the game tied at 2 in the bottom of the eighth and a runner on third, McKinney struck out on a pitch in the dirt from Patrick Keating (2-3, 3.57 ERA).

On his way to first, he booted the ball away from UF catcher Buddy Munroe, allowing Ben Tschepikow to score from third, carrying the No. 18 Razorbacks to a 4-2 win and completing the sweep of the Gators (9-7, 0-3 Southeastern Conference) in

"All he had to do was ask for some help, and he may have gotten the call right."

Brad Weitzel

UF assistant baseball coach

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Arguments from Munroe, Keating and UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan — who was ejected for arguing — proved futile. Home-plate umpire Joe Marion was unwilling to listen to any complaints about McKinney's kicking and did not request help from the other umpires.

"All he had to do was ask for some help, and he may have

gotten the call right," UF assistant coach Brad Weitzel said. "But the runner that scored we walked to lead off the inning, so we got to go back to that point first instead of blaming it on the umpire."

The Gators got an outstanding start from freshman lefty Nick Maronde, who struck out five and allowed just 1 earned run over five innings.

But the team could not give Maronde much run support or defensive help.

The defense committed six errors, including two each by third baseman Mike Mooney and Munroe, who didn't enter the game until the eighth.

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Heartbreak in team locker room represents season-long struggles

TAMPA

The room reeked of heartbreak.

As you might imagine, the St. Pete Times Forum locker room that housed the UF men's basketball team fresh off its crushing 61-58 defeat at the hands of Auburn on Friday night was not very welcoming.

It felt like a child asking his parents why they were splitting up.

There are many small reasons — a last-second loss to Auburn being the final straw — but it is never as simple as one of these.



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There is always a bigger picture.

The snapshot of the Gators locker room looked something like this:

On your left sits Walter Hodge, the senior who just watched his last shot at getting

back to the NCAA Tournament fail. Next to him is Nick Calathes, the Gators' best player, who flamed out down the stretch.

Panning to the right brings Dan Werner and Alex Tyus into focus, two "big" men who each played out of position yet gave their all. Then finally, directly to your right, is the inconsolable man, Erving Walker.

Hodge may feel like he failed this team and his coach. The lone holdover from the back-to-back national championship teams, he was the veteran who linked those glory years with the rebuilding ones.

But the man who has won more than anyone else in UF men's basketball history couldn't turn his teammates into similar

winners.

The Gators lost 10 games this season, and only one of those was by double digits (79-63 at Tennessee on Jan. 31). Eight of them were decided by 6 points or fewer.

"They need to learn how to win," coach Billy Donovan said of his team. "Just because you're a year older doesn't mean you're a year better."

As soon as Calathes confidently stated he thought his team would make the Tour-

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UP NEXT

■ The UF women's basketball team will learn its postseason fate when the NCAA Women's Tournament bracket is announced at 7 p.m. on ESPN tonight. For more on the team's outlook, see Page 16.

ONLINE

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Wilks leads UF men to second place in NCAA Indoors

■ THE SOPHOMORE BROKE THE UF RECORD IN THE 60-METER DASH.

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

Lately for Terrell Wilks, another week means another school record.

After notching an automatic-qualifying time in the Virginia Tech Qualifier on March 7, Wilks continued his record-breaking performances in last weekend's NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas.

Wilks ran a 6.59 in the preliminaries of the 60-meter dash and finished third in the finals

of the event.

Wilks' school-record-setting performance in Texas helped UF's men to their best NCAA Indoors finish since 2005.

UF's men finished as runners-up with 36 points behind NCAA-champion Oregon, which had 54 points. The women's team finished the Indoor Championships tied for 12th place.

Wilks' 60-meter time was his new personal best and UF's new record for the event.

"While we are pleased with being second in the country, we are not satisfied," UF coach Mike Holloway said. "There's still work to do, and we still have the ability to get better. But we are very pleased with what's going on, and

everybody is excited about getting outdoors and trying to get better."

Despite coming up one place short, UF's track and field program is moving in a positive direction, much to Holloway's pleasure.



Men's Track

"I don't think there's anybody in the program that wanted to be second, but second's better than third, and a lot of teams are aspiring to be second, so the program is definitely moving in the right direction," Holloway said.

Wilks' recent performances are a direct result of his hard work and may come as a

surprise to some because of his late start in the sport.

He was a football and basketball player before adding track to his resume as a high school senior.

Subsequently, Wilks has had to put in extra work to hone his track skills.

"He's still learning the intricacies of running the sprints, and as he learns more, he catches on to things. He's just gonna get better and better," Holloway said. "What people are seeing in the last couple weeks is just Terrell starting to really understand what it takes to be a good sprinter, and he now has the three fastest times ever run by a Gator in the 60, so we're pretty excited about that."

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Southeastern Conference nets just three bids in NCAA Tournament

HOOPS, from page 13

Before last season, Donovan had not coached in the NIT since 1998.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to continue our season at the NIT," Donovan said in a statement. "We're looking forward to the opportunity to continue to practice and grow

as a team."

UF made it to Madison Square Garden and the NIT semifinals in New York last season before losing to Massachusetts.

The NCAA selection committee was not kind to the SEC this year. Only three teams from the conference made the tournament, the fewest since 1990.

Tennessee, a No. 9 seed, will face No. 8 seed

Oklahoma State. LSU, a No. 8 seed, will face No. 9-seed Butler. Mississippi State, which earned an automatic bid by winning the SEC Tournament on Sunday afternoon against Tennessee, earned a No. 13 seed and will face No. 4-seed Washington.

Auburn looked like it might have played its way into the field after winning nine of its last 11 games and knocking off UF in the con-

ference tournament. But the Tigers failed to land a spot in the Big Dance as well.

In a teleconference earlier this month, SEC Commissioner Mike Slive said he didn't think a conference's RPI would be a determining factor when deciding which schools would receive at-large bids, but the SEC ranks sixth overall in Conference RPI and last among the major conferences.

Maronde's pitching performance lone bright spot for Gators in series

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"Maronde pitched out of some jams and pitched through some poor defense," Weitzel said. "This is a beautiful field. There is no way you can make six errors on a beautiful field like this."

Maronde's quality outing was the first UF got from a starter this weekend.

Billy Bullock (0-1, 1.84 ERA) made his first start of the sea-

son Friday and lasted only 3 1/3 innings before being yanked. He gave up 6 runs, including 4 unearned because of an error he made on a suicide squeeze attempt, and the Gators dropped the opening game 11-4.

Saturday's starter, Alex Panteliodis (2-2, 6.50 ERA), couldn't even make it out of the second inning before being relieved because of the 5 runs he allowed in the Gators' 8-4 loss.

UF's bats couldn't get much going, either. Entering Sunday's game, the Gators were near the bottom of

every offensive category in the SEC.

Outfielders Avery Barnes and Riley Cooper were the only UF players to record at least one hit in each game this weekend.

They provided the Gators with a little bit of power, each smacking a solo home run in the series — Cooper on Friday and Barnes on Sunday.

After a great opening weekend against then-No. 23 Louisville, UF has now dropped six straight against ranked opponents — Miami is currently No. 13 and Arkansas is No. 18.

PHIL, from page 13

starter who played 33 minutes.

He scored 34 points combined in UF's final four games. He had previously racked up 33 points at Kentucky on Feb. 10.

Give him credit for not making any excuses. Teams started guarding UF differently on the pick-and-roll, Calathes' bread and butter, and fatigue likely set in for the

guy like that."

Then again, it may have been Calathes' own will that effectively stopped him. Fierce competitors hate to lose. When they fall behind or perform poorly, they push themselves harder in an attempt to will the outcome in their favor.

There is a downside to this, though, and his recent slump shows you can't always "try"

your way out of a hole.

"Sometimes guys go in to a game with their mind made up of how they're going to play, and what they're going to try to do instead of allowing the game to come to themselves," Donovan said. "Nick's got to allow it to come a little bit more."

So now the Gators enter the NIT. They may go far, or they might face an early exit.

While UF tries to find its consistent, winning ways again, there may be more sights like Friday night in the future.

Hodge, the proven winner, comforting Walker, the clutch freshman whose potential game-tying shot had just fallen short.

I imagine he might say what a soon-to-be divorcee might:

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Women await tourney bid

By **CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC**

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The Gators won't be sweating it out tonight.

On this Selection Monday, the UF women's basketball team will not be worried about bubble talk and being left out of March Madness like it was last season.

The No. 21 Gators (23-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) are a lock to make this year's NCAA Tournament.

So when the brackets are revealed tonight at 7 on ESPN, UF will be more concerned about who, when and where it will be playing in the first round later this week.

The Gators, once projected as high as a No. 3 seed by ESPN.com's Charlie Creme, have lost some ground over the last four weeks.

Creme has them as a No. 7 seed in his latest version of Bracketology, his daily predictions of the field of 64.

UF fell a few spots when they dropped five of their last six games, including a quarterfinal loss to the Tennessee in the SEC Tournament on March 6.

Though UF appears to be slumping at the worst possible time, it showed glimpses of its early season brilliance in the second half against Tennessee.

After trailing by 17 at the break, the

Gators rallied to within 3 points with less than three minutes remaining.

Despite winning the second half 46-33, the Gators eventually fell 71-67 to the Volunteers.

UF coach Amanda Butler, however, was proud of her team's second-half effort.

"If that Florida team shows up (in the NCAA Tournament), then we're not just in position to beat a great team like Tennessee, but we whipped them in the second half," Butler said.



Women's Basketball

"We whipped them in the second half like they whipped us in the first half."

Butler added that even though the Gators came up short in their conference tournament, she saw the trouble her team could cause in the NCAA Tournament if it plays an entire game the way it did in the second half against the Volunteers.

"As disappointing as this is to be leaving here with a loss right now, I also think that there's a lot to build on going into the postseason," Butler said after the loss.

If the Gators get the No. 7 seed as Creme projects, they will face a No. 10 seed in the first round and would have a potential second-round matchup with a No. 2 seed.

UF SOFTBALL

Nelson throws no-hitter

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Stacey Nelson has seemingly done it all in her four years at UF. Sunday, she accomplished something even she previously thought impossible.

Nelson threw her first career no-hitter in No. 1 UF's 4-0 win at Mississippi on Sunday. The senior pitched two complete-game shutouts and led the Gators (27-2, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) to a weekend sweep of the Rebels (11-12, 0-6 SEC) in Oxford, Miss.

Despite a pitcher's usual practice of not focusing on or talking about a potential no-hitter, Nelson admitted her mind kept wandering back to the idea of her first career no-hitter.

"I didn't believe it until that last out," she said. "I always had a joke that no-hitters just weren't my thing."

Nelson (14-2, 0.40 ERA) also made her way into the NCAA record books by improving her career record to 109-33, tied for 25th on the NCAA all-time wins list with Jennie Finch, who won 109 games for Arizona.

Ali Gardiner hit an RBI double to center in the first inning to start the scoring for the Gators on Sunday. Shortstop Megan Bush added to the lead in the fourth with her seventh home run of the season. Later that

inning, second baseman Aja Paculba knocked in the final run of the game with a double down the left-field line.

Nelson's first victory of the weekend came in the Gators' 2-0 win in Game 1 of their doubleheader Saturday. UF's ace gave up five hits and struck out 10.

Nelson traded zeros with Mississippi pitcher Becky Nye until the sixth inning, when Gardiner launched a solo home run over the scoreboard in right-center field for the first run of the game.



Nelson

"Hitting is contagious, so once you get one hit, the next few will come and

open up the game," Gardiner said.

"It changed the momentum for sure."

Nelson struck out the side in the bottom of the sixth, and Aja Paculba added an insurance run with a single up the middle that drove in Michelle Moultrie in the seventh inning.

The Gators took that late-game momentum at the plate into Game 2 and put 12 runs on the board.

Sophomore Stephanie Brombacher (13-0, 0.79 ERA) followed up Nelson's performance with a shutout of her own and allowed only four hits while striking out seven batters.

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