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UF ADMINISTRATION

Education dean plans to keep undergrads

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The undergraduate programs in the College of Education will not be eliminated next academic

year under a draft of a 10 percent budget cut proposal presented Friday by Catherine Emihovich, dean of the college.

"The option of being graduate-only is off the table," she said.

Two graduate degrees will be

phased out, however. The college will seek to reduce enrollment in its two undergraduate programs, elementary education and early childhood education, although that plan is separate from the budget proposal outlined Friday.

UF asked the college last month, along with the College of Nursing, to present the pros and cons of cutting their undergraduate programs, which generated protest from students and faculty.

About 600 of the education col-

lege's 1,800 students are undergraduates.

Under the dean's proposal, two faculty, one of whom would eventually be eligible for tenure, and

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UF may retain program if professor reinstated

By THOMAS STEWART

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UF may continue offering Vietnamese classes next year after assistant professor Andrea Pham, who was scheduled to be laid off in June, was ordered to be reinstated by an arbitrator about a week ago.

The arbitrator ruled that UF violated its contract with the faculty union when it fired Pham, who teaches the only two Vietnamese classes at UF, as a result of budget cuts.

Paul D'Anieri, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said no decision has been made on whether the Vietnamese classes taught by Pham will be available

next year, but said it was likely.

"That's what she was hired to do, so it makes a certain amount of sense to assume that that is what she would be doing," he said Friday.

D'Anieri said he should know for sure some time this week whether the courses will continue to be offered.

He said he hasn't decided where the college, which released a draft version of a \$9.3 million budget cut proposal Wednesday, will find the money to reinstate Pham. Pham's salary, which

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Pham

About 2,200 vote early

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Early voter turnout for Gainesville City Elections is quadruple that of the 2007 Spring Elections, possibly because of student interest in Charter Amendment 1, Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said.

About 2,200 people participated in early voting, which ran from Monday through Saturday, up from under 500 people in the last stand-alone city election in 2007, Carpenter said.

The citywide election will take place on Tuesday and voters may cast ballots at their precinct polling places between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Her office received many calls during the week from students asking if voters had to

vote on all ballot issues and candidates, or if they could just choose one, she said.

"You can vote for just one, or as many issues or candidates as you want," she said.

"I would like to think that some of our younger voters came to realize how important it is to participate in democracy."

Pam Carpenter
 Supervisor of Elections

Carpenter believed invigoration from the presidential elections last fall may also have played a role in student participation.

"I would like to think that some of our younger voters came to realize how important it is to participate in democracy," she said.



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator

Carefree Climbing

Junior political science major Alex Bernstein and freshman animal science major Federico Cunha climb on an inflatable obstacle course at the Leading on the Lawn Greek Week event sponsored by the Order of Omega and Student Government on Friday afternoon.

GPD: Man arrested after spitting out bag of crack

A man was arrested for possession of a controlled substance after spitting out a small bag of crack cocaine while talking to Gainesville Police Department officers.

Thursday night, GPD police officers arrived at 1030 S.E. Sixth Ave., the GPD arrest report stated.

According to the report, when officers made eye contact with a man sitting in a chair, he jumped up and ran around the corner of the house.

While following him, the officers saw him put something white into his mouth, the report stated.

According to the report, when the man stopped to talk to

the officers, they found two crack pipes near his feet.

The officers suspected that the white item the man put in his mouth was crack, and they told him to spit it out, the report stated.

After 20 minutes of talking, the man spit the bag out, the contents later testing positive for cocaine.

According to the report, Carl Durrah, 31, told police that he was about to put cocaine into a bag when he saw the officers.

Durrah was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession and use of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer without violence.

— KATIE EMMETS

UF improv troupe

Theatre Strike Force hosted a 12-hour event to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. See story at alligator.org.

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Alaska, Florida consider bans on bestiality

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — It's a subject that can cause nervous snickering, a little uneasiness and even a few bad jokes.

But many in the southeast Alaska community of Klawock, population 800, weren't laughing last April after a 26-year-old registered sex offender was accused of molesting a local family's pet dog.

The man was spotted coaxing the Labrador retriever into the woods near a ball field. There he allegedly tied it to a tree, taped its muzzle shut with duct tape and had sex with it, witnesses told police at the time.

The man had been twice convicted of raping a young boy and more recently served probation for assault after lunging at a child. While the incident with the dog was reported to the police, Klawock Mayor Don Marvin said nothing happened for two days while fearful parents escorted their children home from school.

Because Alaska has no law against such an attack, Ketchikan

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District Attorney James Scott eventually charged the man with two counts of criminal mischief, which was later changed to a theft charge.

Shocked by that and other similar cases of involving humans having sex with animals, lawmakers in Florida and Alaska are considering bans on bestiality. They are among 15 states where the practice is not explicitly illegal.

Alaska's House Judiciary Committee heard testimony Friday on a measure that would expand animal cruelty law to include sexual conduct. It would make the practice a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

In Florida, a bill that would make sex with animals punish-

able by up to five years in prison has been unanimously approved by two Senate committees and has two other committee stops before reaching the full chamber.

Florida Sen. Nan Rich, a Democrat, has a thick folder in her office containing news clippings of cases around the state of people having sex with animals. While the act is sickening enough, she says research has shown that people who molest animals are likely to rape or molest people.

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STUDENT LIFE

Group holds tug-of-war to protest war, budget cuts

By REBECCA WEISS

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A tug-of-war ensued on Friday among a group of six members from Students for a Democratic Society, who pulled to protest the current budget cuts UF is facing as well as costs of funding the Iraq war.

After holding the first demonstration in the Plaza of the Americas, the role-playing students visited other areas of campus like Turlington Plaza and the Reitz Union Food Court. The role-playing students tugged back and forth, fighting for a paper bag with

a dollar sign drawn on it placed in the middle of the rope.

Students and workers, tugged against politicians, corporations and the military-industrial complex. An announcer stood by to inform students about current cuts and encourage them to get involved.

"People need to understand what's happening in context with these national issues," said UF senior Skeet Surrency, who organized the protest. "If we want to save education, we need to stop spending money on things that aren't helping people and killing others."

"We want to engage the student body and fight this together."

Tina Steiger
SDS member

According to Surrency, the war is costing \$6 million on paper, although in reality the government is spending over a trillion dollars a year.

He said he thought the money could be better spent on Social Security and education. The tug-of-war stressed a message of pulling funding from the war to give to edu-

cation.

"We want to engage the student body and fight this together," said UF political science senior and SDS member Tina Steiger.

UF freshman Kathleen Carroll said it was difficult to hear announcements made by the group during the plaza's tug-of-war because of the nearby chanting of Hare Krishna musicians. Still, Carroll said she appreciated the act.

"Their message is important, whether you agree with it or not, but they need to be able to present it well in order for it to have an impact," she said.

Drive held to send care packages to deployed Gators

■ DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN 222 CRISER HALL.

By JOHN LOCKETT

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UF students who are deployed overseas are getting a taste of home thanks to their fellow

Gators.

Operation Gator Gratitude is a donation drive to send care packages to UF students currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The drive, which runs until March 27, is a project of Gator Community Outreach, Collegiate Veterans Society and Omega Delta Sigma, a veterans fraternity.

The group is collecting hygiene products, non-perishable food and snacks, socks and other items.

On Campus "Anything they get, they're grateful for," said Kelly Packard, coordinator of the drive and member of Gator Community Outreach and the Collegiate

Veterans Society.

Packard said this drive is a way for students to have a direct impact on classmates who are serving in the military overseas. Those affected include active duty, inactive duty and individuals ready reserve.

Andrew Martinez, a Marine who has been deployed multiple

times, knows how it feels to receive items from the home front.

He said random acts of kindness, such as care packages, are definitely a morale booster.

"It's always nice to get any kind of mail," Martinez said.

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Protesters speak out, march against Amendment 1

By CAROLYN TILLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Toting signs that said "Vote no on 1" and "Equality for all," about 55 Gainesville residents marched Friday near the intersection of Northwest Eighth Avenue and Northwest 34th Street.

"It would be just bad for our reputation and bad for our city and bad for the university."

Zoe Falcone
UF botany senior

The protesters opposed Charter Amendment 1, which would remove Gainesville's existing discrimination protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity, said Shelbi Day, a marcher and the director of communications and media for Equality is Gainesville's Business, which opposes the amendment.

The march, which went along Northwest Eighth Avenue for about 15 minutes followed by a sign-holding demonstration at the intersection, included Gainesville parents, children, church members, faculty and students.

Day said the march aimed to let locals know that Gainesville says



Matt Tripp / Alligator

Protesters march down Northwest Eighth Avenue near the corner of Northwest 34th Street Friday during evening rush hour. The marchers were waving and yelling for drivers to vote "no" on Charter Amendment 1, which would remove Gainesville's discrimination legislature.

"no" to discrimination.

On the other hand, Micanopy resident Troy Blakely, who held a sign

in favor of the amendment near the Supervisor of Elections Office during early voting on Saturday, said

the amendment should be passed because it represents a public safety issue and would protect against sex-

ual predators.

Art Ellingsen, a Gainesville resident and a member of the pro-amendment group Citizens for Good Public Policy, referenced the group's commercial depicting a man entering a women's restroom.

He said he worries about the safety of his baby granddaughter when she visits him if the amendment does not pass.

Tamara Cohen, the director of multicultural and diversity affairs at UF and a member of the march, said she cares about issues of sexual violence and that is not what her fight against the amendment is about.

"It's about protecting Gainesville as an inclusive, welcoming city," she said.

Zoe Falcone, a transgender UF botany senior and a march participant, planned to go to graduate school at UF but will leave if the amendment is passed.

"It would be just bad for our reputation and bad for our city and bad for the university," Falcone said.

After spending about 30 minutes at the Northwest Eighth Avenue and Northwest 34th Street intersection, about 15 demonstrators drove to the corner of Northwest 13th Street and Northwest 16th Avenue to continue holding their signs and listening for the occasional horn honks from passing cars.

LOCAL

Man arrested, charged with grand theft auto Saturday

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A Gainesville man was arrested and charged with grand theft auto after being accused of driving a stolen car early Saturday.

Gainesville Police Officer Shawn Barnes saw three men acting suspiciously in a parking lot near the 1000 block of Southeast Fourth Avenue at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, GPD spokesman Keith Kameg said.

Before the men drove off, Barnes did a records check on the license plate of the white

Kia, the report stated.

According to the GPD arrest report, records indicated that the car was reported stolen on Wednesday.

After pulling the car over, the driver, Ruben Williams, 41, told Barnes his driver's license was not valid, the report stated. Ac-

cording to the report, Williams had two suspensions on his driver's license for not paying child support.

Williams told Barnes he didn't know the car he was driving was stolen, and he had traded drugs to an unknown person to borrow the car, the report stated.

Ceremony held for local veteran, Medal of Honor recipient

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One of only 97 living Medal of Honor recipients was honored Saturday for saving the lives of fellow Marines by covering a grenade with his body during the Korean War.

More than half a century after being awarded the Medal of Honor by former President Dwight Eisenhower in 1952, Duane Dewey, 77, was honored at Gainesville's American Legion Post 16 Saturday.

More than 100 Veterans, UF ROTC members and people wearing patriotic hats and T-shirts attended the event.

Since 1862, the United States has given 3,467 Medals of Honor, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Web site. Dewey is one of only 328 Medal of Honor recipients since Pearl Harbor who lived to receive his medal.

Dewey, who lives in Hawthorne, Fla., said that a bullet to the stomach and gaping wounds to his hip made him fear for his life.

Dewey's speech lasted less than five minutes, and rather than talking about himself, he spent most of his time at the microphone individually

thanking 22 people, including his wife, Bertha.

"I really don't deserve all this," he said. "I'm just another veteran. A lucky veteran."

Michelle Dubreuil, a junior in UF's Army ROTC program, said that she felt honored to watch the ceremony.

Dubreuil said that because today the military is often looked at negatively, it was refreshing to see someone honored for such a selfless act.

"It's great to get the point of view of someone who's been there," she said.

Dewey considers it an honor when men and women in the military look up to him.

"It was especially nice to see the young ones sitting out there listening," he said.

Dewey was honored by Post 16 twice before as part of a yearly tradition began in 2007 after the U.S. Congress named March 25 National Medal of Honor Day.

Despite the two previous ceremonies and more than five decades of recognition from veterans around the country, Dewey said that the support never gets old.

"It's humbling," he said, "all those people here for me."



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Duane Dewey smiles as he thanks his family for their support at his Medal of Honor ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

AROUND GAINESVILLE

Block party held for local needy

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Music blared from a van's speakers, children bounced in an inflatable moonwalk and smoke poured from a huge grill cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at what seemed to be a typical block party.

But at Saturday's block party in North East Park, Gainesville residents who met low-income qualifications applied for down payment assistance, mortgage foreclosure intervention, housing rehabilitation, housing reconstruction, credit repair and community development block grants.

More than 200 people visited the park for the Gainesville Housing and Community Development Division's biannual event.

"Everyone was so friendly. They gave me a lot of information and really helped me out."

Suzette Riggins
Gainesville resident

Assistant city manager Fred Murry, said the goal of the event was to let people know that it is possible to purchase or maintain a home despite financial problems.

"We want them to know all the ways the city can help them," Murry said. "That's what it's all about."

After getting food and sodas, visitors stopped at shaded tables to fill out applications while their children played in the bounce house and took rides around the park on a trolley.

According to Housing and Community Development Division supervisor Teresa Osoba, HCDD receives about as many applications at each block party as it does in an average month.

On Saturday, the group handed

applications out to more than 100 people.

"We use the party to bring our office to the community," she said. "People may be working Monday through Friday and can't make it during office hours."

Osoba said that people were lined up at 9 a.m., an hour before the event started, waiting to fill out applications and get information about the city's assistance programs.

Gainesville resident Suzette Rig-

gins said the event was helpful for her and her family because it was held on the weekend and so close to home.

Riggins, who applied for housing rehabilitation to fix her leaky roof, said that the atmosphere of the party was inviting and open, which made it easy to focus less on her money problems and just enjoy herself.

"Everyone was so friendly," she said. "They gave me a lot of information and really helped me out."



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Evan Bukata, 3, and Sawyer Cohen, 5, exit a bounce house at the Gainesville Housing and Community Development Division's East Gainesville Neighborhood Party on Saturday.

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Transportation, environment biggest concerns for candidate

BY NICOLE FLIKIER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Environmentalism and public transportation are at the top of the platform for Gainesville City Commission candidate Tom Cunilio.

The At-Large Seat 1 candidate said he looks forward to the March 24 election, after which he hopes to start implementing his platform.

If elected, Cunilio said he will resign from his job at the Florida Renewable Research Conservation and Development Council because he said the City Commission position is a full-time commitment.



Cunilio

He added that one of his opponents, incumbent Jeanna Mastrodicasa, is the assistant vice president for student affairs at UF.

Cunilio earned a bachelor's degree from UF in agriculture in 1979 and a master's in Spanish in 1988.

"I stayed in Gainesville even after I graduated. I still have a lot to learn," Cunilio said. "People were still teaching me."

Cunilio credits his three mentors, all of whom are retired UF faculty, for his continued education and activism in the community.

To alleviate traffic congestion and help Gainesville become more environmentally friendly, Cunilio wants to propose that UF freshmen be prohibited from parking cars on campus and that sophomores be required to enter a parking lottery.

He would like to propose a privatization of the bus system and an increase in the number of city bus routes.

Using his background in the environment and agriculture, Cunilio said he can help create jobs and stimulate the Gainesville economy.

When it comes to the controversial Charter Amendment 1, Cunilio said he is in favor of its passage.

"It's a bogus issue," he said. "Conservatives don't want to come to Gainesville because of all of the liberal sexual politics."

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Barack Blunder

Obama's gaffe sparks important debate

Continuing his trend of engaging in everyman endeavors, President Barack Obama's actions Thursday evening rang true with innumerable people across the country — wishing he could take back the words he already said.

During his interview on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," Obama likened his latest bowling efforts to a performance one would see at the Special Olympics.

And with one careless sentence, Obama showed the world that he, too, is far from perfect.

What makes Obama's careless choice of words so disappointing is the very group of people in question whose feelings he undoubtedly hurt.

Individuals with developmental disabilities work harder than anyone else in the world to have a chance at what society deems as a normal life. The Special Olympics, specifically, provides a forum for athletes to compete against their peers at a high level and let them feel accomplished for their undying persistence. Yet, with the casual slip of the tongue by a hero for many Special Olympics athletes, they were relegated to nothing more than a stereotype that belies reality.

Yes, Obama realized that he made a mistake — even apologizing for his gaff before the interview hit the airwaves. There is no reason not to accept his sincere regret for his actions, as Obama is simply a man who from time to time is bound to make errors in judgment. If there is any good to come out of this rather innocent miscue, the Editorial Board hopes Americans can become more conscious of their word choice and have a deeper appreciation for everyone with developmental disabilities.

Michigan Up In Smoke

Next month, the state of Michigan will join the ranks of 12 other states who currently allow for the use of medicinal marijuana — the first located between the Rockies and the East Coast.

Puff, puff, pass.

With 13 states (and more exploring the issue) now accepting pot use as a legal form of medication, the Editorial Board can't help but wonder how long before medicinal marijuana becomes accepted nationwide. Sure, the debate gets raised all the time, but maybe America has finally reached a point in its history where medicinal marijuana may solve more problems than pundits say such legislation would cause. Unfortunately, what will keep medicinal marijuana from becoming legal in all 50 states lies in the stereotypes perpetuated in popular culture that touch upon a small portion of users.

Yes, there will always be "stoners," such as the ones depicted in movies like "Harold and Kumar" and "Half Baked," but what about the 50-year-old man who suffers from glaucoma or the woman battling with chronic neck pain? Sadly, in states in which medicinal marijuana is not currently legal, otherwise law-abiding citizens are forced to turn to the streets to score weed — unnecessarily feeding the machine that is the American drug trade. If they are unable to find pot, then "legal" alternatives such as prescription painkillers enter the picture, which can lead to abuse of the drug through addiction and overuse.

While any major shock to the status quo will come with its initial problems, the march to legalize medicinal marijuana across the board seems more of a reality than ever before.

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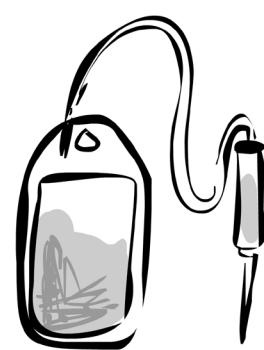
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Column

U.S. needs to focus on solving problems

Ever since the end of the Cold War, political and historical experts alike have predicted a decline in American hegemonic status. Some of the nuttier experts, such as Russian scholar Igor Panarin, have even predicted a complete collapse of our union into four different republics. Longhorn fans will be pleased to know that Panarin predicts the Republic of Texas will be the biggest of the four new countries, incorporating even Florida.

Today, talks of American decline have all but dissipated as international leaders have begun worrying over the prospects of American protectionism. Now, few wonder when America's dominance will peter out, but whether Uncle Sam is still strong enough to protect the global financial community. The world doesn't have a choice but to accept the premise that American leadership is the only way out of this global economic fiasco.

We've already broken out our "We're No. 1!" foam fingers, but that's not enough.

Take for instance last week's distraction caused by the revelation that bonuses were paid out to AIG execs after taxpayers had bailed out the insurance/bank conglomerate.

The total sum of the bonuses, \$165 million, was a paltry amount compared to the \$170 billion AIG has received and the total amount of money the government has put on the table to spend our way out of the impending economic Armageddon. The House of Representatives went into a flurry of populist rage, passing a bill in record time, taxing 90 percent of the AIG bonuses, providing Webster's dictionary with the best example of grandstanding to date.

Meanwhile, Rome burned.

This is not a time for petty discourse or blame games. Our problems affect every citizen of the world. Iceland's



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government has already toppled over economic turmoil connected to our current financial woes. Just this Saturday, Hungary's Prime Minister resigned over the economic mayhem in his own country. The new weapon of mass destruction is global instability caused by economic strife. The

world demands action and leadership from the United States, and we're bickering over bonuses paid out to Wall Street executives! Were the bonuses morally reprehensible? Of course. Should we be outraged? Yes! But outrage doesn't solve anything. It's time to get over it and move on to more pressing problems.

The young Obama administration has let the economic crisis get away from them. President Barack Obama promised to turn our crises into opportunities but has allowed Congress to turn into a collective rabid populist, looking for someone to blame our and the world's woes on ever since former President George W. Bush disappeared to his ranch in Texas.

As college students at one of the nation's leading research institutions, we're perfectly situated to turn crisis into opportunities, to take the lead in solving the world's problems, to not only cry fire in a crowded theatre, but grab for the water hose, too. It's time to switch the national dialogue from populist outrage to constructive discussion and action, to forever prove wrong the windbags like Panarin.

After all, I'd much rather be a Gator than a Longhorn.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Are you down to get down?

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Column

Locals should vote to protect citizen rights

I received a bit of a gift in one of my classes last week, and I've been thanking the gods of absurdity ever since. On Monday, I had the pleasure of watching a debate on the proposed Charter Amendment 1. It was a slaughter and roused my latent political conscience.

Charter Amendment 1, for those who don't know, is a proposal which will remove Gainesville's abilities to pass its own discrimination categories — instead only those which are part of the Florida Civil Rights Act will apply. Unfortunately, while the Florida Civil Rights Act covers race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicap and marital and familial status, it conspicuously does not cover sexual orientation or gender identity. So, if Amendment 1 passes, discrimination protections will be removed from individuals falling into either of those two categories. And here I thought we were living in 2009, not 1959.

Essentially, the pro-amendment side makes two arguments in its defense, which I would like to present to you now.

The first point was that — in theory — the City of Gainesville could now make businesses build unisex bathrooms. This would conceivably cost these businesses money and,



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really, is there anything more important than that? Certainly not ensuring the equal protection of all our citizens. Except the appropriate representatives have already come forward and said that they were unable to find any business within Gainesville which they would force to do this. I guess the mere thought of them having this power is too much for the far right to stand. Oh, the Chamber of Commerce (which is anything besides a liberal consortium) has come out in opposition to Amendment 1. Now, unless President Barack Obama's creeping socialism has already had time to infiltrate the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, I'm inclined to trust their judgment that the two extra categories of discrimination protection are not, as I keep hearing, "bad for business."

The second point, however, was my favorite. Apparently, what I and all those who are opposed to discrimination and Amendment 1 fail to realize is this: Adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of

protected groups will — in point of fact — increase discrimination! How could we be this blind? See, here's the thing — and I'm paraphrasing a high-ranking member of a group which is supporting the amendment — if you add these categories, then why not add pregnant women and veterans? Then, the more groups you add, the more you leave off!

The bottom line is that a vote for Amendment 1 is — whether intentionally or not — a vote for discrimination. Even if LGBT protections were bad for business (they aren't) doesn't there come a time when a choice has to be made? I'm reminded of a quotation by the Clarence Darrow character in "Inherit the Wind": "A wicked law, like cholera, destroys everyone it touches — its upholders as well as its defiers."

I urge all of you to get out there and vote no on Amendment 1. You can vote either today or tomorrow at the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 S.E. First St. There is no excuse for not making your voice heard on this issue.

This is Gainesville. This is our town. Let's make sure it belongs to all of us.

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

Letter to the Editor

Article reveals bigotry

Richard Selwach reveals the real agenda of the "Yes on Charter Amendment 1" campaign in Hunter Sizemore's March 20 article.

While they claim to be "protecting" women and children, he admits that his bigotry toward transgender people drives him.

Charter Amendment 1 is about discrimination, plain and simple.

That is why groups like the League of Women Voters and the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce have come out against Charter Amendment 1.

Selwach indicts the whole "Yes on 1" campaign with his hateful and clearly misinformed comments.

If you believe that discrimination is wrong, vote NO on Charter Amendment 1 on March 24.

Ryan Vandeventer

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Forty-five minutes before going on sale, "Twilight" DVDs were out of stock at the Borders on Newberry Road.

By 10 p.m. Friday, about 70 fans were waiting anxiously in line to get their hands on a copy of the movie, which tells the story of a teenage girl who falls in love with a vampire.

Elizabeth Sam, who arrived at 3 p.m., was the first person in line.

"I called yesterday, and they said come early, so I did," said Sam, a student at Santa Fe College.

Local News

At 10 p.m., Borders staff began to distribute lavender tickets, which guaranteed customers copies of the DVD. Tickets for special edition DVDs were sold out by 10:03 p.m., and regular DVDs were sold out by 11:15 p.m.

Several activities were planned to occupy everyone until midnight, including "Twilight" trivia, a scavenger hunt and a raffle.

After spending six hours in Borders, Sam said she would do it all over again.

"I'm looking forward to waiting in a lot more lines for the next three movies," she said.

— MARY MANCHESS

STUDENT LIFE Charity event team films commercial

By CAROLYN TILLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Five members of UF's award-winning Dance Marathon team traveled to Orlando last week to film a commercial and attend the Children's Miracle Network Celebration, an event honoring about 70 children from around the world for their positive attitudes in the face of medical struggles.

Representatives for UF's event were sent after receiving a summer award recognizing the school's fundraising efforts and overall program, which typically draws more than 600 dancers, according to Madison Cheatwood, public relations chairwoman of Dance Marathon at UF.

The Orlando celebration, which also highlighted national efforts made by Children's Miracle Network last year, comes just before UF's event, which will be held April 4 and 5.

UF's Dance Marathon, which has raised more than \$2.8 million since starting in 1995, is an event where participants stay on their feet for 26.2 hours to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital at UF.

While at the celebration, two team members filmed a national commercial that will air during the cause's telethon this summer.

After being styled for the set on Thursday, Justine Cubbage and Kristine Putrino appeared with Olympic gold-medalist

Mary Lou Retton and delivered a plug about UF's Dance Marathon.

Cubbage, overall chairwoman for UF's Dance Marathon, said UF's team members received autograph books with the story of each child who attended the celebration and went around asking the children for autographs.

"It was really fun to see how much they loved the event and how much they loved that we were there."

Kristine Putrino

UF Dance Marathon hospitality chairwoman

Cubbage said she was amazed to see what the children had gone through, and the experience reminded her of the event's true purpose.

She said she watched a video about a child from Australia that brought her to tears.

"Hearing his story reminds me why I spend so much time and effort working on Dance Marathon," she said.

Putrino, hospitality chairwoman for UF's Dance Marathon, said she could see the excitement on the children's faces.

"It was really fun to see how much they loved the event and how much they loved that we were there," she said.

A kickoff event and toy drive for UF's Dance Marathon will take place March 29 at Flavet Field.



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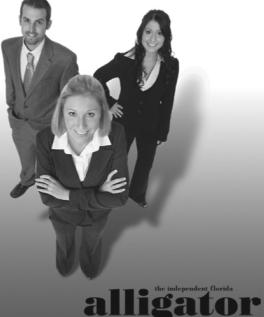
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'Space tourist' to take second trip to space station

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CAPE CANAVERAL — Recession or no, billionaire Charles Simonyi couldn't pass up another shot at space, even if it meant shelling out \$35 million more.

Besides, it may one of the last times the Russian government allows tourists to hitch a ride to the international space station.

"It's now or never," said Simonyi, who has now spent \$60 million for a couple of space vacations. The first was \$25 million.

A computer genius who helped build Microsoft, Simonyi (sih-MOHN'-ee) will become the world's first two-time space tour-

ist when he leaves Earth behind Thursday. He'll be accompanied by two professional astronauts — a Russian and American — who will be going up for a six-month stint at the space station.

His own trip will last under two weeks, and it will be his last.

"I'm not getting any younger," the 60-year-old told The Associated Press in a recent telephone interview.

He'll be one of the older men to fly in space, though nowhere near John Glenn's record at age 77.

Besides, he's promised his new wife, Lisa Persdotter, a 28-year-old Swedish socialite, that this will be his final spaceflight.

He told her about his plans when they got engaged and "she was very supportive, but, but to a

limit, mainly. Just once," Simonyi said with a chuckle.

He's quick to point out this is his first marriage, and he's taking one of their engagement rings with him into orbit.

The Hungarian-born Simonyi, who lives in suburban Seattle, is among six rich people who have bought tickets to space through Virginia-based Space Adventures.

National News NASA, the major stakeholder in

the space station, may not love the idea of hosting tourists — "spaceflight participants" as it calls them.

But the initial concerns back in 2001 have eased over the years with the addition of new guidelines.

Space station program man-

ager Mike Suffredini has spoken to Simonyi, just as he has with everyone going up, to make sure the visitor understands his limitations at the orbiting complex.

"It really has to do with their safety," as well as the safety of the others and the space station itself, Suffredini said. "They're extremely restricted" in what they can do on the American side.

All this may soon be moot: Russian space officials have indicated that after this year, there will be no more seats available to tourists.

That's because the space station crew is about to double in size to six — hopefully by the end of May — and professional fliers will fill all the slots.

After he returned from his two-week space station trip in

April 2007, Simonyi said Russian cosmonauts told him how different and rewarding it was to go back up a second time. With doors closing on future tourist flights, Simonyi did not want to miss out.

Because the training for his first flight was so recent, Simonyi got the abridged version, three months at cosmonaut headquarters in Star City, Russia, versus six to eight months before. He will return to Earth on April 7 in a Soyuz capsule.

"I look at it as a continuation of the first flight," Simonyi said. "The reasons are the same. It's to support space research, it's to popularize civilian space flight and communicate the excitement of sciences and engineering to our kids."

Pham said she is unsure about her future at UF despite reinstatement

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doesn't include benefits, is about \$54,000.

All options will be considered, he said, including possibly firing another faculty member.

Meanwhile, Pham said she is happy

"My heart is no longer here."

Andrea Pham
UF assistant professor

with the decision, but is still unsure about her future at UF.

She said she doesn't know what she'll

be teaching or even what department she'll be in if she's reinstated.

She also said she will be a year behind in her application for tenure.

"I'm not happy at all with the way the administrators have run the university, and I'm not alone in this," she said.

Pham said the way UF handles layoffs

during the upcoming budget cut, which should be finalized by mid to late May, will help determine if she stays at UF.

"I just want to see how they're going to do the next cut and how they live up to the agreements that they've signed," she said.

"My heart is no longer here," she said. "I just love my students."

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Dean's proposal includes four layoffs, cuts to graduate programs

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two staff members would be fired, and the college would cut about \$1.4 million from its \$14.3 million budget, Emihovich told about 100 people in the Norman Hall Auditorium.

Four other faculty and staff positions that will be vacant next year would be left unfilled, and eight positions would have their funding shifted from state dollars to non-state funds.

In all, salaries would account for about \$892,000 of the savings. Cuts in operating expenses total almost \$319,000, while the other personnel services (OPS) budget would be reduced by about \$212,000, which could mean hiring fewer or no temporary faculty.

Two graduate degrees — higher education administration and educational psychology — would also be phased out beginning fall 2009, she said, adding that it wouldn't affect current students.

"All students would be able to complete their current degrees," she said. "We would just simply not take new students in."

Emihovich said the higher education administration degree was targeted for elimination largely because a lack of faculty to

teach the required classes, combined with no money to hire new faculty, would make the degree difficult to sustain and could even threaten accreditation in the future.

The educational psychology degree would be cut because of low enrollment, she said. There are currently only 17 students in the program, she said.

"I can't afford to keep resourcing that department when I've got other programs where I have 100 students in a Ph.D. program," she said after the presentation.

Also outlined in the proposal was a plan to consolidate three degrees in the counselor education program into one degree. This change wouldn't affect the curriculum and wouldn't save any money, but would allow the program to be eligible for more fellowships, she said.

Emihovich said some faculty may also have to teach different classes or even teach more classes under the proposal.

She said graduate assistants would not see their funding reduced, though.

"We don't wanna cut them," she said after the presentation. "They're our lifeblood."

She cautioned that her proposal is only a draft and said she is looking forward to hearing suggestions before it's finalized.

"What we really need is ideas," she said. "We have really hard choices."

During the question and answer session, educational psychology professor David Miller asked Emihovich if she could rank the cuts in order of priority in case the college received less than a 10 percent cut, but Emihovich said she couldn't.

Miller then offered her some advice about what not to cut.

"I think a lot of people would suggest you remove the layoffs first," he said.

Emihovich is the second Special Report dean to publicly present a 10 percent budget cut proposal, which UF President Bernie Machen requested from all colleges and administrative units in response to a possible university-wide budget cut of \$72 to \$75 million in 2009-2010.

All proposals are due by April 1 to UF Provost Joe Glover, and they will all be made public on April 15, which will open up a period of public discussion until UF's Board of Trustees approves the final proposals in May.

Paul D'Anieri, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UF's largest college with about 14,000 students, presented

a draft of his proposal Wednesday. Other colleges have presented drafts of their proposals to less fanfare, said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

The CLAS proposal includes cutting about \$9.3 million and laying off the equivalent of about 67 faculty and staff positions, according to D'Anieri's presentation.

The proposal would cut large chunks out of the departments of religion and geological sciences and would move the communication sciences and disorders department to the College of Public Health and Health Professions.

The reasons given by D'Anieri for cutting those departments are similar to those cited by Emihovich in discussing possible cuts to programs in her college.

"Both religion and geological sciences produce high-quality research, and geological sciences brings in considerable external funding," D'Anieri wrote in an e-mail. "But both departments yield relatively small numbers of majors and Ph.D. degrees relative to their budgets."

Moving the communication sciences and disorders department was chosen as an option because "it is less central to the core mission" of CLAS, he wrote.

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UF downs Temple, to face UConn

By CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC

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The Gators aren't ready to call it quits just yet.

No. 8-seed UF (24-7) played loose and inspired basketball Sunday and showed no sign of postseason inexperience as it knocked out No. 9-seed Temple (21-10) 70-57 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Storrs, Conn.

The Gators' reward for advancing to the second round for the first time since 2004: a meeting with No. 1 overall seed Connecticut (34-0) on Tuesday night on the Huskies' home court.

"We knew that Temple was going to come out fast, and they did."

Susie Gardner
UF women's basketball assistant coach

It didn't take long for the team to turn its attention to the next opponent.

"I'm just glad that I can say the words UConn now because I've had to hold it in for a whole week," UF assistant coach Susie Gardner said. "I've scouted them and not been able to say anything, except I called some friends just to talk about UConn just to get it out of my system. But now I can finally say it out loud. So I'm a little relieved there as well."

The Gators shot lights out in the first half against the Owls, draining just over 60 percent of their shots and building a 41-33 advantage at the break.

Temple closed to within 4 early in the second half and chipped into UF's lead on several occasions, but the Gators were in complete control throughout.

"We knew that Temple was going to come out fast, and they did," Gardner said. "But we felt like we were probably in better shape, and

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AP Photo

UF guard Sha Brooks shoots during the Gators' 70-57 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Storrs, Conn., on Sunday.

Gymnasts place third at SEC Championships despite injuries

■ ONLY 7 OF THE TEAM'S 12 MEMBERS COMPETED.

By EUGENIO TORRENS
Alligator Writer

The UF gymnastics roster has 12 names on it. Only seven of those names were able to compete at the Southeastern Conference Championships on Saturday.

As depleted as the team was, the seven gymnasts competing finished third with a score of 196.75, the team's fourth best score this

season.

"The team inside and outside of the arena was amazing," junior Melanie Sinclair said. "Under these circumstances, under this pressure, under everything that's been going on, we were able to pull out third place? That's amazing. That's phenomenal."

The team drew the Olympic rotation, meaning it was the same format as home meets: vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

The Gators opened up on vault with a 49.2 thanks to a pair of 9.85s

from Sinclair and Maranda Smith. Corey Hartung, who returned to the competitive lineup for the first time since the Feb. 28 meet against Georgia, turned in a season-best score of 9.9.

UF coach Rhonda Faehn credited Hartung's return as an enormous boost for the whole team.

"To do as amazing as she did with the limited amounts of training going into the competition was

just phenomenal," Faehn said.

Hartung said she spent the weekend mentally preparing herself, envisioning how she wanted her routines to go and blocking out her injured calf, which she said was still tight.

The Gators moved to bars, where Hartung's return was undeniably noticeable. With only five gymnasts on the bars lineup, there was no room for error, and the team responded with a 49.375, the best bars score for the Gators since they hosted Kentucky on Jan. 30.

Hartung and Sinclair posted

9.95s, good for second overall. Smith pitched in a 9.9 and all-arounders Elizabeth Mahlich and Courtney Gladys scored 9.8 and 9.775, respectively.

"We had only five people on bars. Normally that would make it a stressful situation," Faehn said. "This team did not respond that way. They were very calm. They performed aggressively there."

Beam was the Gators' only perceivable hiccup. The team's 48.825 was fueled by Sinclair and Gladys'

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ONLINE

■ The UF men's golfers placed fourth in their weekend tournament. For a story on their weekend along with coverage of the UF women's track and field team and Santa Fe College softball, go to alligatorSports.org.

BRACKET CHALLENGE

■ Five different people — two of whom work for the Alligator — are tied for first place in our Bracket Challenge with 54 points after the first weekend. Sports Editor Evan Drexler is tied for 21st place with 51 points.

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Previous question: Is your bracket already busted at the end of the first day of the men's NCAA basketball tournament? (see right for results)

UF BASEBALL

Panteliodis excels in relief role, gets win against UT

By KYLE MAISTRIAlligator Staff Writer
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Despite getting just 2 1/3 innings from preseason ace Patrick Keating, UF (14-7, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) was able to come from behind and record a 7-5 victory Sunday in McKethan Stadium, completing the weekend sweep of Tennessee (9-12, 1-5 SEC).

Freshman Alex Panteliodis (2-2, 4.44 ERA), who has been used primarily as a starter this season, replaced Keating in the third and pitched four scoreless innings, giving the Gators' offense a chance to climb back in the game after being down 4-2 after three innings.

"(I was) very surprised it was that early," Panteliodis said. "I expected Pat to go a little bit longer, but it happens. It's happened to me."

In Panteliodis' second relief appearance of the season, he allowed two hits and walked one batter while keeping an inherited runner at third base after coming in with one out.

"I thought he did an outstanding job and changed the momentum for us," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said.

Keating struggled early, and the Volunteers were able to capitalize on his ineffectiveness. Tennessee scored 3 runs in the first two innings behind a pair of doubles.

"I thought (Panteliodis) did an outstanding job and changed the momentum for us."

Kevin O'Sullivan

UF baseball coach

"He's too good of a pitcher," he said. "He's had too much success for him not to turn his performance around."

While the Volunteers got on the scoreboard early, the Gators hit into two double plays with the bases loaded in the first three innings and took a little longer to get to Volunteers starter Bryan Morgado.

In the seventh inning, senior left fielder Avery Barnes tripled home Adams and scored on a pinch-hit single from freshman Preston Tucker, giving the Gators a 6-4 lead.

The Gators needed help from the top of the lineup in Friday night's series opener as well, and junior center fielder Matt den Dekker more than answered the call. Down 2-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning with two outs and a runner on third, the newly anointed leadoff man blasted a home run over the right-field wall, giving UF a 3-2 win.

"A play like that can certainly ignite a team," O'Sullivan said.

The Gators came out swinging in Game 2 on Saturday and ran away with a 10-2 victory behind first-inning home runs from Barnes and Buddy Munroe.

Nelson energizes crowd, team in weekend sweep of Vols

■ THE GATORS ARE NOW ON A 21-GAME WINNING STREAK.**By ADAM BERRY**Alligator Staff Writer
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With her team down 1-0 to Tennessee in the bottom of the fourth inning Sunday, Stacy Nelson stepped out of the UF dugout, energizing the home crowd and telling them the Gators were about to get back into the game.

"This is it!" Nelson screamed to the fans. "We're getting it right here!"

As the senior pitcher promised, UF tied the game that inning and pulled ahead with a 3-run fifth, taking them to a 4-1 win over

the Volunteers in Game 3 of the weekend series. With the victory, the No. 1 Gators (32-2, 11-0 Southeastern Conference) completed the sweep of the No. 6 Volunteers (24-6, 2-3 SEC).

Nelson (17-2, 0.39 ERA) has primarily led by example during her career — and she continued to do so this weekend by striking out 21 batters and only giving up eight hits in 14 innings — but her mid-game guarantee brought a noticeable change in her leadership tactics.

"I've kind of taken on the role as the pump-up leader, or tried to at least," Nelson said.

With the sweep of the Volunteers, the Gators pushed their win streak to 21 games.

"Any time you're looking at an opportunity to win a conference championship, you need to take some sweeps," UF coach Tim Walton said. "You've got to beat great teams,

and we beat a great team this weekend. I was really proud of the way we played."

After losing 7-0 twice on Saturday, Tennessee made adjustments before Game 3, and it took UF nearly half the game to catch up. The Gators took advantage of the high number of inside pitches they saw Saturday, but Volunteers pitcher Cat Hosfield went outside and away on Sunday.

UF made its own adjustments in the fourth inning.

With two outs and two strikes on the board, center fielder Michelle Moultrie tied the game at 1 with an infield single that drove in Brooke Johnson. The next inning, the top of the order came through with 3 runs on three straight doubles from Kelsey Bruder, Ali

Gardiner and Francesca Enea.

"The whole game, we were trying to make adjustments because Tennessee came out today for Game 3 with a lot better adjustments and pitched us completely different than they did in the two games before," Gardiner said.

The Gators came out on fire in their Saturday doubleheader. Corrie Brooks was the hero at the plate in Game 1, as her third-inning grand slam — her third of the season — put UF ahead 5-0.

With the win in Game 1, Walton became the winningest coach in UF softball history, and he immediately added to his record in the next game.

Sophomore Stephanie Brombacher (15-0, 0.67 ERA) held the Volunteers to just two hits in Game 2 while striking out nine batters.



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UF WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Gators finish seventh at NCAA Championship meet

By MERCEDES MACHADO

Alligator Writer

Junior swimmer Gemma Spofforth makes a habit out of setting records, and her performance at the NCAA Championships meet in College Station, Texas, proved that.

Spofforth dominated from the start of the weekend by placing fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:54.73, beating her previous UF record of 1:55.39. On the final day, Spofforth,

freshman Teresa Crippen and junior Stephanie Proud also swept the 200-yard back, giving UF its 100th national title.

Spofforth said she swims for her coaches and for her mom.

"I lost my mom about a year and a half ago, and when I look up at the board, I do it for her," she said.

Her coaches helped her overcome the "post-Olympic blues" and have pushed her to the high level she's maintained all season. She repaid them for their effort this weekend.

"Gemma Spofforth has been outstanding, not only in the pool, but as a leader of this team."

Gregg Troy

UF swimming and diving coach

"Gemma Spofforth has been outstanding, not only in the pool, but as a leader of this team," UF coach Gregg Troy said.

Spofforth and the other Gators

women selected for the NCAA snatched a seventh-place finish this weekend, placing in the top 10 for the ninth consecutive year. Thirteen swimmers and divers captured 34 All-American honors including honorable mentions, with Spofforth leading the pack.

Other standouts included freshman Jemma Lowe and Crippen, who placed fourth in the 200 butterfly and set a UF record in the 400-yard IM, respectively.

"We have a promising future

because we probably had the most freshman at this meet," Troy said. "And the good news for us is they're all returning."

The team is proud of its seventh-place finish, but Spofforth believes there is still more within her reach. Her tenure on the UF swimming and diving team is not over yet.

"Each and every day was harder and harder," Spofforth said. "Next year (my senior year), I'd like to make it on the first-, second- and third-place platform."

UF excited for tough second-round opponent

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if we could continue, we might get the lead and sustain it."

Seniors Sha Brooks and Marsha Dotson didn't hold back in their first trip to the Big Dance in three years.

Brooks tallied a game-high 18 points, while Dotson, who started 4-of-4 shooting, totaled 13. Junior Steffi Sorensen gave the Gators another big boost with her 13 points and 13 rebounds along with three assists and three steals.

Sorensen, as she has done for much of the season, got her hands on seemingly every loose ball, tipping it to a teammate

if she couldn't corral it.

"She was a little disappointed, ironically, after the game," Gardner said. "I said, 'What's wrong?' She said, 'I had too many turnovers.' But that's the type of competitor that she is."

As well as the Gators shot against the Owls, Gardner was reminded that she was in the stands for the day's first game to watch the Huskies shoot 74 percent in the first half.

"I thought we just shot well for the game, and now I got my feelings hurt,"



Gardner

Gardner said jokingly.

UF is in a position now where it will have everything to gain and seemingly very little to lose when it takes on Connecticut in the second round.

Gardner said she's looking forward to seeing how her team stacks up against one of the best.

"It's a great challenge," Gardner said. "It's fun to scout them. It's fun to think about playing perhaps one of the best teams in history."

"We aren't going to have to use any motivational tactics at all except talk about them, and they'll be excited."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

Chaney suspended for season for undisclosed reasons

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Werner managed to score 12 points and grab six rebounds.

UF held Miami star Jack McClinton to just 13 points on 5-of-12 shooting.

"We dug ourselves a hole and just couldn't get back into the game," McClinton said.

UF played what may have been its best game of the season against Miami, and it seems the disappointment of missing out on the NCAA Tournament has given way to

a new goal.

"In a lot ways, they're just out there playing now," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "I'm not saying there is not any pressure because I know in those guys, there is pressure."

"I think any time you step on the court there is always a level that you want to perform and you want the team to do well. But I think for them, just their attitude and disposition the last week or so has been good."

UF will now host Penn

State (24-11) Tuesday night at 9 in the NIT quarterfinals with a trip to Madison Square Garden on the line.



Men's Basketball

on Friday night, and Donovan said he won't be for the rest of the season.

"He's suspended for the rest of the year," Donovan

said.

"It had nothing to do with the team or anything else. It was really more my decision. I'm not going into detail about any of it."

Chaney had been out for more than a month with a sprained right arch in his left heel.

Donovan said that as for now, the forward is still a member of the team.

Chaney averaged 3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game this season before going down with the injury.

Hartung's return pumps up team

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9.8s. Mahlich followed closely with a 9.775.

UF finished the meet on floor, and because it was the last event for the Gators, Faehn decided to put Hartung in after she was slated to only do vault, bars and beam.

The decision paid off, as Hartung led the team with a 9.925.

"I knew the coaches and the trainers were iffy about it," Hartung said. "I knew I wanted to do it, so it was in my head that I was going to do floor. I didn't have any doubt that I could do it."

Smith captured her second 9.9 of the night, and Sinclair and Amy Ferguson turned in 9.85s to give the Gators their third highest floor total this season, a 49.35.

The Gators' third-place finish was a bit of a surprise given their disastrous injury situation. Two of the schools UF beat out for third, LSU and Arkansas, were road opponents the Gators lost to earlier this season.

"One thing we know is to absolutely never underestimate this team," Faehn said. "Many people have counted us out with the injuries we had. That gave this team more motivation."

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AHEAD OF HIS CLASS

Linebacker Jenkins brings brains, brawn to UF despite young age

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The video starts with a jolt.

The running back takes a handoff, but by the time he grips the ball, he's already bracing for impact. From off-screen, a white blur dash-

tion, age won't be a problem.

"I always have to keep reminding people that he's 16 years old," Maurice said in February. "He should be playing JV instead of varsity. When he was 14, he was playing offense and defense on varsity against 18-year-olds — and dominating them."

That was all it took to convince Maurice his son was destined for a great football career. But Jenkins was more interested in playing hard-hitting defense, a sentiment that was clear each time he carried the ball.

"He had this thing about knocking kids out," Maurice said. "Every game, he was just a little guy, but he

who signed with Maryland this year — was injured before the season finale against rival DeMatha Catholic High, Jenkins filled in and ran for three touchdowns.

The performance helped convince Milloy that Jenkins was ready for the next level. The following year, Jenkins joined the varsity squad and became a two-way starter at fullback and linebacker at 14 years old.

Stepping Into the Spotlight

In his junior season, Jenkins put together another defining game against DeMatha. The Stags, who have won the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference football championship six years running, entered the matchup having not lost a conference game in 1,114 days.

Jenkins ran for 79 yards and a touchdown in his team's 28-24 win, and he set the tone early with his jaw-dropping hit on Stags running back Ashby Christian. Skip past the clip of his hit on Christian, and there's a better play, one that Milloy lists as his favorite.

On the play, DeMatha receiver Rodney McLeod — who played in nine games for Virginia last season as a defensive back — catches a slant pass, spins off the safety and seems destined for a touchdown.

There's no one in front of him, and the speedy Division-1 prospect has a solid 5-yard head start on the nearest defensive player, Jenkins.

But Jenkins accelerates in a heartbeat and closes the gap on McLeod with a frightening burst of speed. He dives, extends his right arm and drags McLeod down instantly, and when Jenkins bounces back up, he's holding the ball.

In one fluid motion, Jenkins made the tackle and took the ball.

"The referee said it wasn't a fumble, and after the game, I brought it up," Milloy said. "He said, 'Coach, I blew that one. I've never seen anyone do that in my life. I blew that, and I apologize.' (McLeod) is a good athlete, and Jelani ended up with the ball before they hit the ground."

Jenkins racked up awards, including the 2007 and 2008 Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year titles, and he was rated the nation's top outside linebacker by Rivals.com.

The Matrix

Jenkins put together a solid career on offense, but defense always held more of an allure.

"On defense, you don't know what they're going to do, so the challenge is figuring that out," he said. "You can always be in the play on defense. Unless you're a quarterback, you're not really in control, but if you're on defense you can run anywhere you want."

His love of a mental challenge benefited him off the field as well.

With a GPA above 4.0, Jenkins became the first player in the 71-year history of the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C., to win defensive player and scholar athlete of the year awards. He's so focused on school that he's even reluctant to miss class for a good reason.

"This is a kid who's whistling in the morning when it's time to go to

school," Maurice said. "On National Signing Day, he said, 'Dad, how long is this going to be? I don't want to miss any of my classes.' I said, 'It's OK, this is your day. You'll be all right.'"

When Jenkins made an all-state team, he was supposed to drive to the Baltimore Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium to have his picture taken. But even with the principal's permission, Jenkins refused to skip class.

"Now, he has an 'A' in the class already, and he's graduating in three months, so I'm thinking to myself, 'Who the hell really cares?'" Milloy said. "But he did not get his picture taken. They had to go to the archives and get it, and he wasn't in the team picture either because he was afraid of missing this class."

With his two-way ability, vicious hitting, blazing speed and high marks in school, Jenkins drew tons of attention from colleges across the country. To sort through all his possible destinations, Jenkins and his family devised a matrix to rate each school in a variety of categories, such as diversity, national academic ranking and current football record.

Then, they narrowed the list to 15 schools and ranked the categories by what was most important, and the computer program played a big role in his decision to play 800 miles from home on signing day.

"When we ranked the teams, the top five out of the 15 were colored green and the lowest five were red," Jenkins said. "Florida was green all the way across the board, and it was the only school that did that. That's how Florida jumped out at us."

Great Expectations

The bar has been high for Jenkins ever since he signed with the Gators on Feb. 4.

At his press conference that day, UF coach Urban Meyer gushed about Jenkins' talent, his attitude and his family — his mother, Stephanie Hall, played basketball at Howard University and has a black belt.

"I'll be disappointed if he's not a captain at Florida some day," Meyer said.

But at 6-foot-1, 200 pounds and 17 years of age, Jenkins is likely to need some time to develop. His speed is game-ready — he ran the 40-yard dash in just over 4.4 seconds — but Jenkins will have to pack on some weight before he can play linebacker in the Southeastern Conference.

But the good news is he's still not done growing, and a spurt could make him the replacement for Brandon Spikes at middle linebacker.

"His dad is about 6-4, 260 and really put together," Milloy said. "He has two more years of growing. He could be a 6-foot-4, 240-pound linebacker. His upside, physically, is unbelievable."

Whether he hits a growth spurt or not, Jenkins' age won't faze him. It has never been any other way.

"My whole life, I've been the younger one and adapted to people older than me," Jenkins said. "I was constantly reminded that I was younger, but I never really saw it that way. Age has never been a problem for me."



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Jelani Jenkins, who will be enrolling at UF over the summer at the age of 17, warms up before the Under Armour All-America High School Football Game in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 4.

Destined for Stardom

Jenkins' road to becoming a sought-after recruit and decorated student-athlete started at the Roots Public Charter School in Washington, D.C., a school that stresses African heritage and holistic education.

At Roots, students advance through grades based on individual progress, and they're grouped in a multi-grade fashion to stimulate development. Students in grades five through eight take classes together, as do first- through fourth-graders, so the younger children are exposed to more advanced knowledge and the older children learn how to be role models and leaders.

Jenkins flourished in this environment, skipping a grade and excelling despite being younger than his peers from the first grade on.

Maurice, a well-known architect in the D.C. area, stressed to his son that "age is just a number," making it clear that nothing should stop him from achieving his goals.

"I remember telling him when he was younger that every time he gets the ball, he's supposed to score," Maurice said. "I would smile to myself because he went out there thinking he should score every time."

The mentality caught on, and one afternoon Jenkins put that plan into action. When he was 8 years old, he ripped off 300 rushing yards in one game, scoring on runs of 85, 65 and 99 yards.

would knock out two or three guys a game — and he was running the ball."

Jenkins' reputation as a big hitter was partially due to one of his other hobbies. By age 9, he was a second-degree brown belt in karate — he was too young to be awarded a black belt — and the skills he learned in that sport helped him lay waste to opponents on the gridiron.

"One of the recruiters saw that first hit, and he shut the tape off and said, 'He's got a scholarship.' He didn't need to see any more."

Maurice Jenkins
Jelani Jenkins' father

"We used to break boards, and they always told us to go through the board. Don't hit the board, go through it. So that mentality helps me out when I hit."

Maurice said: "The analysts say he's not a big hitter, he's a violent hitter. There's a difference."

Jenkins' playing style drew attention from private high schools in the area, and he enrolled at Good Counsel High for ninth grade.

As Jenkins and Falcons coach Bob Milloy are quick to point out, he didn't get off to a fast start, but at the end of the freshman team's season, he gave an indication of what he would provide in the future.

When tailback Caleb Porzel —

How to spend your time during the break from March Madness

Welcome to the worst three days of March Madness.

From Thursday to Sunday, you were treated to non-stop basketball.

There were plenty of close games, upsets and late heroics, giving you a reason to skip class and put off everything else.

You could even watch games live on your computer, a tactic I saw masterfully orchestrated by a few guys in one of my classes Friday.

They had all the current games streaming at once (though one of the guys had to close out of a few Web sites mom wouldn't be proud of first).

Anyway, as you trudge through this week toward the next round of games on Thursday, let me give you a few things to occupy your time.

First off, check out our podcast. It's available on iTunes (search "alligatorSports Podcast") and usually runs anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes.

You can subscribe to it, load it on your iPod and fill your previously boring bus rides with our banter on all things sports — like who belongs on the Mount Rushmore of Gators athletics, a college football playoff and general updates and discussions on all UF teams.

In two new segments, we'll dish out our Reggie Nelson Awards for Excellence in the Field of Sport and Kyle Jackson Bad Angles of the Week. and at the end, we'll give you an idea of what you can buy off your TV at the ungodly hour of the morning that we finish the podcast. Last week we ended at 3:13 a.m., and I'm ashamed of my level of



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knowledge about what they were selling.

I can't guarantee you'll agree with anything we say, but I promise

we'll live up to our new motto: "The alligatorSports Podcast: Maybe it sucks, but it still sounds better than Deadspin's."

Speaking of time-wasters that have gone from boring to semi-interesting, check out the MLS.

Yes, that's right, American soccer.

The MLS season got underway last week, and I'm going to give it a chance.

The season runs from March through November, filling a big

gap in my sports calendar between college basketball and football, and I've pledged my allegiance to the newly formed Seattle Sounders.

They sold out their first game, a 3-0 win against the L.A. Galaxy, and will host the MLS Cup after selling 20,000 season tickets before their first game.

And now, the best time-waster I can offer you.

Remember UF safety Tony Joiner's run-in at a Gainesville tow lot in 2007?

Well, that provoked the greatest production in Alligator history.

Go to our online archives, search "Tony Joiner," click the Oct. 2 article with "BREAKING" in the headline and read the 452 comments.

Some of them are inappropriate and/or offensive, but most of

them are hilarious.

They range from poking fun at a few football players to references of Rhett Bomar, Ruben Boumtje-Boumtje, the Hills, Hope Solo, Mel Gibson, Tay Zonday, Arrested Development and Seinfeld.

One of my favorite comments, near the bottom, is from "Richard Belding" and states, "What the hell is going on here?"

Since most of the comments came within minutes of each other, it looks like a few friends were responsible for them.

Reading it should kill half an hour, and if you know who it was, e-mail me because these heroes need to be recognized for their effort.

If none of my ideas keep you occupied, I guess you can watch NIT games — if you're into that sort of thing.

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