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Bill may save state \$47M

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A bill that would force students to pay back Bright Futures money for classes they drop after the Drop/Add period would save the state about \$47 million in 2009-2010, according to a new cost estimate.

The estimate, released last week, predicts that more than 312,000 credit hours will be dropped by college students in Florida in 2009-2010.

If the state was reimbursed for those hours, it would save about \$30 million. The other \$17 million in savings would come from the part of the bill that increases the number of credit hours per year students need to take to be eligible for the full Bright Futures scholarship from 12 to 24.

Gov. Charlie Crist's budget for next fiscal year includes about \$481 million for Bright Futures.

According to UF officials, im-

plementing the bill at UF would cost \$250,000 for system modifications in the first year as well as \$150,000 annually for staff.

Incoming UF Student Body President Jordan Johnson, who said Bright Futures and budget


cuts will be the focal points of his presidency, which begins this summer, said he agrees that Bright Futures needs to be pared down but said this bill is not the way to do it.

Students should be allowed to drop a class later in the semester without being punished if they've signed up for more than they can handle, he said.

"No one's perfect," Johnson said.

Instead, he said he'd like to see standards for the scholarship raised.



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Lookin' for Lizards

UF student Chris Grassia looks for green anole lizards at the edge of the Dairy Pond near the North Lawn Monday afternoon. Grassia's friend is studying the spread of brown anoles and their affect on the green anole population in Florida. He lamented the overcast sky, as the lizards come out to sun themselves on warm days.

ELECTIONS

Candidates, activists prepare for election results

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The battle lines are long-drawn.

For weeks Charter Amendment 1 supporters and opponents have struggled

over the minds of Gainesville voters.

And today, for one side, all of the effort will amount to defeat and an unhappy future.

In addition to the controversial amendment, voters will also decide on two elected officials and an additional amendment

to the Gainesville City Charter.

For the At-Large 1 seat, incumbent City Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, who opposes Amendment 1, faces four challengers: Richard Selwach, Tom Cunilio, Robert Krames and James B. Schlachta.

All four challengers are in favor of

Charter Amendment 1, which 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

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Campaign ends, candidates plan local watch parties

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After nearly two months of intense campaigning, Gainesville City Commission candidates will draw the curtain on election sea-

son today.

From socializing with supporters to holding signs on street corners for a last minute pitch to voters, each candidate has a plan for their final campaign day.

At-large Gainesville City Commission incumbent Jeanna Mastrodicasa plans to watch today's election coverage at Gainesville's

Star Garage. After the results are in, she said she will head to The Top restaurant as she did after

Gainesville she won her three-year term in 2006.

"We had a really good time. Everyone there was very receptive,"

she said.

She said she would go to The Top, win or lose.

"I may have to drink my sorrows away," she joked.

Mastrodicasa said she hopes her supporters will come to enjoy the night with her.

"It's going to be an open place," she said. "Come on along!"

She will also try to make a stop at Brophy's Irish Pub, where the anti-Amendment 1 community plans to await the results.

Scherwin Henry, the incumbent for District 1, will spend election night with family, friends, donors and supporters at Matheson Mu-

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■ The No. 8 UF women's basketball team will face No. 1 Connecticut, coached by Geno Auriemma (right), in the second round of the NCAA Tournament tonight at 7:11 p.m. See Story, Page 18.



UF startup invited to meet with Obama

Deepika Singh, president of UF start-up company Sinmat, bought a plane ticket and headed for Washington, D.C., where she was praised Monday, along with representatives from other "clean energy" companies, by President Barack Obama.

The event was part of an announcement of billions of dollars in clean energy appropriations in the new federal budget.

"Innovators like you are creating the jobs that will foster our recovery," Obama said

during the event.

Sinmat, a 15-employee company cofounded about five years ago by Deepika and her husband, Rajiv, a UF materials science and engineering professor, develops technology that makes lighting more efficient, Rajiv said.

It was created after the couple licensed technology developed at UF, he said.

"It was a great honor to be invited and recognized," Deepika wrote in an e-mail after the event.

- THOMAS STEWART

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LOCAL

Campus assault suspect still on loose

Police are still searching for a suspect involved in an on-campus assault of a former UF student and employee Friday night.

The 21-year-old woman was leaving the law school library around 9:15 p.m. when a man riding a dark, beach-cruiser style bicycle approached her and asked her for money, said University Police Department Capt. Jeff Holcomb.

The woman declined to give him money, and at some point after that the man shoved the woman and she shoved him back, Holcomb said. After a brief "shoving match," the woman slashed both of the man's arms with an eyebrow trimmer, and he fled west on Southwest Second Avenue, Holcomb said.

The woman was not injured.

A search was conducted, but the suspect was not found, a UPD news release said.

The suspect is described as a 20- to 30-year-old white man with long hair, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, according to the release. He was wearing a white tank top, dark pants, boots and a hat.

The woman was last registered as a student in the summer of 2008, according to UF's Office of the Registrar. She had also worked at UF as a student assistant, but her term of employment ended March 9, according to UF's Office of Human Resource Services.

Holcomb asked anyone with information about the crime to call UPD.

— THOMAS STEWART

FORECAST



NATIONAL

Conn. may apologize for racist policies of past

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut legislators are considering making their state the first in New England to apologize for slavery and other racist policies of old.

A legislative committee heard testimony Monday on a resolution that would issue a formal, general apology and express the General Assembly's "profound contrition" for the official acts that sanctioned and perpetuated slavery hundreds of years ago.

The state's African-American Affairs Commission, a liaison between black communities and the government, is urging legislators to pass the resolution, which it has called "an exercise in reconciliation" and not an effort to determine fault for slavery.

The commission's legislative analyst, Frank Sykes, told the legislature's Government Administration and Elections Committee that "opportunities like this must be seized," especially in light of the "giant stride" the country took last November in electing its first black president, Barack Obama.

"While this is encouraging," Sykes said, "it should inspire us and challenge us

to continue peeling away at the layers of racial discrimination and intolerance."

Fla. men face assault charges in fatal Colo. fight

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Two brothers from Florida face assault charges in Colorado after a fight that authorities say led to the death of a Special Forces soldier.

Routt County District Attorney Elizabeth Oldham on Monday filed charges of second- and third-degree assault against 27-year-old Eduardo Capote Jr. and third-degree assault charges against 23-year-old David Capote. They haven't entered pleas and their hometown wasn't immediately known.

Authorities say the Capotes got into a fight with Sgt. 1st Class Richard Lopez outside a Steamboat Springs bar in January. An autopsy report said the 37-year-old Lopez was struck twice in the face before he fell, hitting the back of his head on the ground and suffering fatal head and brain trauma.

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ON CAMPUS

Student-run firm interviews students for campaign

By CHELSEA KEENAN
Alligator Writer

A large blue truck parked between the Plaza of Americas and Peabody Hall was soaking up the memories on Monday afternoon.

The truck was used as a makeshift video studio for about 30 students who stopped by to share stories and eat free pizza as a part of the "When Did You Become A Florida Gator?" campaign.

UF sociology senior Ana Her-

rera sat on a bench inside the truck, the walls of which were covered in blue and orange fabrics with an Albert the Alligator print, while she thought about her story.

"It was four years ago, right after I got my acceptance letter," she said. "The next day my stepdad went and switched his car decal from LSU to UF."

The truck, which is often used to display different advertisements, has been driving around campus since November promoting the new

campaign, and cost about \$1,300 to rent.

The campaign is run through Alpha PRoductions, a student-run public relations firm.

Nicole Baker, a campaign associate, said the new theme, which follows the The Gator Nation campaign, centers on finding Gator fans' connection to UF.

"We're finding out what everyone's stories are," she said.

UF psychology senior Keren Reznika, said she decided to stop by

and interview after spotting signs for free pizza and drinks near the truck.

"We're finding out what everyone's stories are."

Nicole Baker
Campaign associate

ter the 2005 NCAA basketball championship.

"We were all on the streets celebrating together," she said. "I knew that was something we would all remember."

The videos, which can be viewed on insidethegatornation.com, feature stories from past and current students.

"It's for anyone connected to The Gator Nation," Baker said, adding there are about 400 video interviews on the Web site so far.

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What's in a name? For Do It Reitz, a copy shop located on the ground floor of the Reitz Union on the UF campus, it's everything.

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and it provides customers with copying, faxing, packing and shipping services.

Now it's hosting a contest for students in hopes of finding a new name that better describes its business.

"The current name is catchy, but it isn't descriptive," said Charlotte Dare, manager of Do It Reitz and the Reitz Union Game Room.

Dare and two other Reitz Union employees will choose the new name for the store.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$50 store credit and a \$50 UF Bookstore gift certificate.

Participants may submit up to five names per entry, and they're allowed

to submit as many entries as they wish. Entries can be anonymous, Dare said.

But if an entry is missing contact information, there will not be any prize given.

All names must be received by April 15. Entries can be submitted online through the store's Web site at www.union.ufl.edu/doitreitz.

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LOCAL

Man charged with battery

By THOMAS STEWART

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A UF student and a UF employee, a husband and wife, were involved in an alleged domestic dispute Thursday night at Diamond Village, an on-campus apartment complex for married students.

As a result of the incident, which happened around 8 p.m., Eric Hayden, 29, has been banned from his apartment and all UF housing complexes until further notice.

According to a University Police Department arrest report, Venus Hayden, 21, alleges that she was arguing with her husband when he pushed her hard against the front door then put his hand around her neck but did not choke her.

He then opened the door and threw her out of the apartment, Venus said in the report.

Eric was arrested and charged with battery, a misdemeanor, and taken to the Alachua County Jail, UPD Lt. Robert Wagner said.

A sworn complaint was also filed against Venus, Wagner said. The complaint was not available by press time.

'Octomom' fires nanny service

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Octuplets mother Nadya Suleman has fired a nonprofit group of nurses that helped care for her children, accusing the group of spying on her and reporting her to child welfare officials, her spokesman said Monday.

Suleman attorney Jeff Czech said the relationship started badly between Suleman and Angels in Waiting, which has been training

nannies paid by Suleman at the family's La Habra home.

Last month an attorney for the Angels in Waiting filed a complaint against Suleman with child welfare officials, seeking an investigation into whether the mother could provide a suitable environment for her 14 children.

Suleman later had several confrontations with the nurses, Czech said.

"It started out adversarial and never really resolved itself," Czech said.

Group offers software

By ALEX CHACHKEVITCH

Alligator Contributing Writer

ware, said Mark Sisley, president of the group.

Anyone can contribute to the open-source software, allowing better ideas to emerge, and it's much cheaper than manufactured software that can't be altered, he said.

On Campus

"Sometimes a community can create software much better than a company," said Sisley, adding that he thought buying an overly expensive Microsoft Office is pointless when you can get a better Open Office for free.

FFC member Jordon Kalilich said anti-virus software McAfee is provided by UF.

"UF offers software for free to students," Kalilich said. "It's just a lot of people don't know about it."

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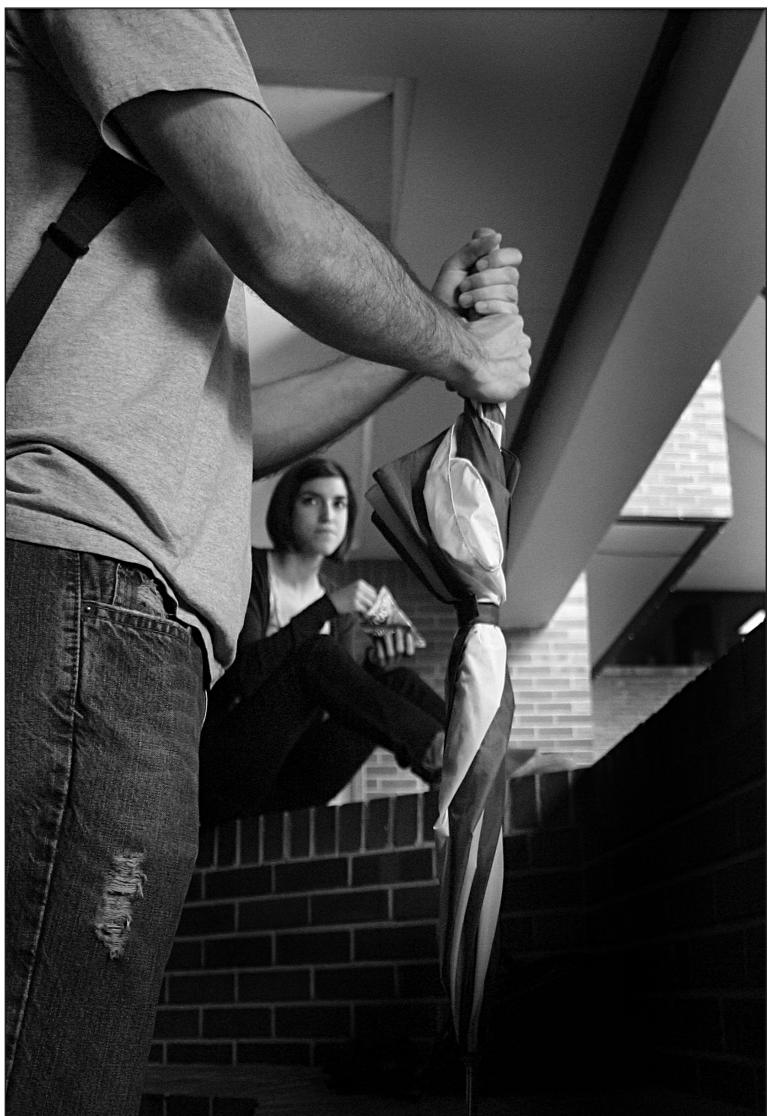
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Waiting Out Of The Rain

Seniors Kent Hill and Priscila Torre wait in Turlington Hall on Monday for another member of their project group for their Western and Film Noir class. "The lazy member," Hill said.

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GPD ride-along opens eyes

■ RIDE-ALONG WITH GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS EXPOSES PART OF TOWN UNKNOWN TO MANY.

Editor's note: Katie Emmets spent Friday night patrolling with Gainesville Police officers to write this story.

By KATIE EMMETS

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As we drove by the small houses of southeast Gainesville, with bars on the windows and "No Trespassing" signs on porches, I realized I was going into an area of the city I didn't know existed.

In the police car of Lt. Keith Kameg, I rode along Friday to get a firsthand account of a night on patrol with officers from the Gainesville Police Department.

When we pulled up to a boarding house on Southeast Sixth Avenue, some people ran away, and others stood firm, mumbling curse words at us as we approached.

Often drug dealers hide their drugs in their socks and in the exhaust pipes of nearby cars, said Gainesville Police Sgt. Mike Douglas, head of GPD's Tactical Impact Unit.

The unit was created in 2006 to combat violent crime and drug dealing and specializes in patrolling Gainesville's high-crime areas, Kameg said.

As we drove past houses with busted windows and torn-down fences, I realized how separated the student community is from southeast Gainesville.

Kameg said although the area we scouted was only 1.5 miles away from downtown, students are usually unaware of it.

As we pulled up at "the horseshoe," a name given to Southeast Sixth Street because its curved design lets drug dealers see police approaching from both directions, men walked away as they yelled at the officers to leave.

We walked around a house past a bathroom shed and saw three people fending off the night's cold next to an outdoor fire and listening to Earth Wind & Fire's "Dancing in September."

"You need to go to the White House and get Dick Cheney and the real criminals," one of the men said after telling us to go home. "There are no criminals here."

Kameg jokingly replied that Cheney is no longer in the White House.

We then walked around the side of the house, passing rusty kitchen appliances and stray cats. The officers shined their flashlights on two men in lawn chairs and searched them for drugs. On one of the men, they found a small bag of marijuana.

Quietly and calmly, the officers took the man's fingerprints, gave him a notice to appear in court and let him go.

Special Report The officers were compassionate and friendly, knowing people by name and joking with residents.

Gary, a man carrying a 32-ounce bottle of King Cobra beer and wearing a blue jail-like jumpsuit, cursed at the officers.

He got so close to Douglas, I worried Gary would punch him.

Then, suddenly, the two laughed, and Gary hugged Douglas and kissed him on the cheek.

Gary carried on with the officers like they were old friends, laughing, joking and catching up on Gary's life.

The officers were filming Police Beat, GPD's local version of 'Cops,' and police coaxed Gary to go on camera.

After police spent about five minutes talking to Gary, he looked at the camera and yelled, "I hate Police Beat!"

Everyone laughed and Gary agreed to a take two, this time saying, "I love Police Beat," and kissing Douglas on the cheek.

Gary didn't want me to feel left out, so he hugged me and kissed me on the neck — a perfect ending to my night.

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Editorial

Vote!

Gainesville needs to hear your voice

Gainesville city elections are today, and if you haven't voted early, this is your last chance to make your voice heard in what will prove to be a historic election.

Up for vote are two City Commission seats and two amendments to the Gainesville City Charter.

The Editorial Board endorses voting no on Charter Amendment 1. The controversial amendment would remove Gainesville's existing discrimination protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity and revert the law back to the Florida Civil Rights Act, which has no protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents. The amendment is worded so that it cannot be reversed and also would leave no room, if passed, for further protections — such as veteran status — to be added.

The Editorial Board sees no benefit that can come from taking these protections away from a large and important segment of the community. If LGBT residents lose these protections, they can be fired from their jobs, evicted from their homes or denied service at businesses solely based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. The issue is not whether you support homosexuality, but rather if you support equality for all citizens in Gainesville.

The Editorial Board endorses voting yes on Charter Amendment 2, which would require a state referendum vote to convert city-owned land used for conservation, recreation or cultural purposes to another use. Simply put, if passed, this amendment would make it more difficult for public land used for those purposes to be rezoned to, for example, commercial use and sold to private investors.

Gainesville residents deserve to reap the benefits of land used for culture, conservation and recreation. It is important that we protect this land lest it be rezoned and sold to the highest bidder.

For Gainesville City Commission District 1, the Editorial Board endorses incumbent Scherwin Henry. While his undecided stance on Amendment 1 is disconcerting at best, Henry's pledge to support responsible business expansion couldn't come at a better time. With both local businesses and chain establishments closing their doors at an alarming rate, it's time to regain control of our community.

Henry's support of local youth and public aid programs also strikes the Board's fancy. With subsidized housing taking a hit in our faltering economy, a significant portion of disadvantaged families find themselves with nowhere to turn as they are forced out of their homes. Henry has a proven track record of working with Gainesville's Community Redevelopment Agency to pump funding into areas that need it most.

For Gainesville City Commission At-Large Seat 1, the Editorial Board wholeheartedly endorses incumbent Jeanna Mastrodicasa. Mastrodicasa was first elected in 2006 and has been working concurrently as a UF administrator and city commissioner. She believes in striking a compromise between key groups in Gainesville — students, residents at large and local businesses. Mastrodicasa's platform focuses on responsible handling of the city's budget shortfalls and smart investing of the city's resources. What the Board likes most about Mastrodicasa is her commitment to the thousands of UF students that comprise a huge chunk of her constituency. Her ties with UF help her stay in the loop with matters affecting this important voting bloc, which has been increasingly active in elections over the past few years.

No matter whether you agree or disagree with the Editorial Board's endorsements, we implore you to get out and vote. In order for our government to continue to serve its citizens, we must let our opinions be heard.

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AMENDMENT 1 SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MEANT TO KEEP SEX-OFFENDERS OUT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC BATHROOMS.



BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, IT MAKES DISCRIMINATION KIND OF LEGAL.

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



IT MEANS WE SHOULD SEND AMENDMENT 1 BACK WHERE IT CAME FROM!

Column

'Terrible tyrant' packs powerful punch

This week Parade Magazine, that renowned paragon of investigative journalism, published a list of the top 10 "terrible tyrants" next to a full-page color ad for those mysterious Amish fireplaces.

Moving up one spot to tenth place in the rankings this year was Muammar al-Gaddafi. The leader of Libya for 40 years now, Gaddafi is on the verge of completing one of the most amazing stories of redemption in modern political history.

Al-Gaddafi was once among the most hated men in the Western world. He overthrew the Libyan government in 1969 and by the 1980s was the leading venture capitalist in contemporary terrorism, sponsoring bombings across Europe and buying all the bootleg nuclear technology he could find.

Former President Ronald Reagan called him the "mad dog of the Middle-East," but al-Gaddafi was always more big pimpin' than bin Laden. Never seen without a fresh pair of sunglasses or his platoon of hot female bodyguards in matching fashion camo, Gaddafi was a relic of the Cold War who most thought would just disappear as the Soviet empire crumbled.

Few observers would have guessed that al-Gaddafi would be spearheading African politics in 2009 or that former President George W. Bush would call him in December 2008 and become the first U.S. president to talk to the Libyan leader.

Bush even sent Condi to Libya in late 2008 to open up formal relations, which was pure genius; Gaddafi called our secretary of state "that darling black African woman" and remains completely sprung to this day.

Of course, this is all about the money. Libya has one of the largest proven oil reserves in the world and a crumbling infrastructure. Top European and American



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firms can't wait to get at that oil. In addition, being a terrorist state for so long allowed Libya to sit out this recession — they have about \$100 billion that they are spending on commercial real estate across the globe.

Money is also how Gaddafi got out of the doghouse. Gaddafi poured billions into funds set up for the families of the victims of his bombings but only after a push from Bush. Maybe W. told him to get a good public relations firm, too — Libya just paid the Livingston Group \$750K for the last six months of its work in helping to rehabilitate the region in the eyes of the West. Throwing money at problems and hiring a top lobbying firm, Gaddafi has learned a couple of new tricks these past few years.

Some habits die hard, though. Gaddafi remains a strong adversary of Israel; his plan for a one-state solution for Israel and Palestine seems misguided at best. Our government, meanwhile, remains committed to selling guns and military technology to pretty much anyone.

The current U.S. ambassador to Libya revealed earlier this month that we plan on selling Gaddafi nonlethal weapons and training immediately, with lethal weapons soon thereafter.

The French have already welcomed Gaddafi to Paris and sold him 14 brand-new fighter jets, so America isn't quite spearheading this Libyan renaissance story. After 40 years, Gaddafi is proving that the only constant in this world is change — well, that and Arab money.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Did you vote in today's election?

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Letters to the Editor

Student earned seat in dental school

I didn't know that I was lying to my child every time I said, "If you work hard enough, you can achieve anything."

She is graduating cum laude in chemistry and has been published in journals; she worked hard enough. I've learned that education is being doled out like sacraments to the over- and underprivileged. Middle America won't be given a swing in the game or even the courtesy of an interview for dental school.

Much like our leaders, our educators are selling their integrity to the highest bidders (nonresident tuition) and my children will pay the penalties. Starting with her great grandfather, she is one of 13 in our family who are alumni of UF, all of whom are native Floridians. Where is The Gator Nation's loyalty now?

When you gave away the seat she earned in dental school to a nonalumnus, you betrayed her. This is the lasting lesson Genevieve Garris will take away from UF.

Harriett Garris
Gator Mom

Guest column

Cutting UF geology major bad for society

This column is written in rebuttal to the dean's assertion that Geology is a drain on the resources of UF because of the low number of Ph.D.'s and undergraduates.

Geology is a found major. Most incoming students to UF seek traditional majors because they have little exposure to the geological sciences. Nearly every single major is a student who took a geology class to fill a general education requirement and said "Hey, this is a perfect major for me."

Before UF instituted the 120 hour rule, the size of the undergraduate geology population at UF was larger. Unfortunately, I see at least a dozen or more students every year who want to change majors, but are not allowed to change because of the number of credits they have already earned. Can you imagine finding your life's passion and then being told you cannot pursue that passion because you found it too late?

In spite of the hurdles thrown in front of our majors and potential majors, the geology undergraduate numbers have doubled in the last five years. Large numbers of majors are a good thing, but one of the nice things about having a smaller number is that our undergraduates get to know and work with

Joseph Meert
Speaking Out

project as part of their curriculum.

Lastly, there must be an infrastructure in place to handle an increasing number of majors. Lab space, instructors, etc., must exist before we can handle larger numbers. Major space for laboratory and teaching expansion cannot happen in our building because it is still occupied by the physics department (that department with the nice new building by the Reitz Union).

In an economy that is struggling today, there is still at least one employment bright spot and that is in Earth science disciplines. In this state alone, geologists work in a wide variety of industries ranging from mining, environmental, groundwater, surface water, construction and nuclear-test monitoring. These industries all rely on the skills of highly trained geoscientists. The Geology Gator Nation has far-reaching tentacles that positively benefit our state and nation.

With a geology degree, our students get great jobs, and our success in placing stu-

dents in these jobs is unparalleled in CLAS. By any metric you wish to apply, UF is a preeminent school in geosciences. Our faculty is made of internationally respected researchers whose goal it is to see their students succeed in helping Florida maintain and develop our natural resources and to protect our citizens from geological hazards such as diminishing groundwater resources and pollution.

The department also brings in a large overhead budget that helps support undergraduate and graduate education.

The Ph.D. program at UF is relatively young, yet the trajectory of our program is positive. One of the biggest hurdles we face with Ph.D. students is the fact that many of our master's students finish and try to decide whether or not to get a Ph.D. or go out into the workforce.

Imagine trying to decide if you want to spend 4 to 5 more years being paid a low wage and working your tail off or accepting a \$90,000 per year job with a \$10,000 to \$12,000 signing bonus. Yes, that's what geology master's graduates are making working in geology.

Joseph Meert is the undergraduate advisor for Geological Sciences and a UF alumnus.

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New act may protect shark population from finning

By MARIA PIQUET

Alligator Contributing Writer

On average, five people are killed by sharks each year, but one hundred million sharks are killed by people each year.

In an effort to protect sharks and decrease shark finning, the 2009 Shark Conservation Act is currently passing through the levels of Congress. It was approved by the House of Representatives March 2 and now awaits a response from the Senate.

"It's pretty obvious who's the at-

tacker and who's the attackee," said George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research.

People are gradually becoming a major threat to shark populations and, as a result, the ocean's ecosystem.

Sharks frequently get caught in gill nets or long lines accidentally.

They drown as a result of not being able to move, and pass oxygen through their gills, according to Dana Ehret, a UF vertebrate paleontology graduate student.

The act sets specific regulations for boats that participate in shark

"It's pretty obvious who's the attacker and who's the attackee."

George Burgess
Director of Florida Program for
Shark Research

finning. Among these regulations is the prohibition of the removal of shark fins while at sea. Instead, the fin must reach land attached to the shark's body, decreasing the number of sharks fishermen can catch because of storage limitations.

"This is a step in the right direction," Burgess said. "One we're very happy to see."

In the past decade, shark finning has become a growing threat to shark populations as the demand for shark fins continues to increase.

For now, fishermen slice off sharks' fins and discard the carcasses back into the ocean to save storage space on the boat. Many times, the injured shark is still alive when it is tossed overboard, and it's left to die a slow death, Ehret said.

Shark fins are used to make shark fin soup, a delicacy in Asian

countries with a popular and lucrative market. In the U.S., shark fins are sold for about \$30 a pound.

It is difficult to protect the shark population because it is an international resource, so countries need international agreements, Burgess said.

Another problem facing protection efforts is the difficulty of enforcing laws, Ehret said.

"It's really hard to protect things in the open water," Ehret said.

"There's so much water. Who is going to go out and patrol what's on board?"

Obama administration plans to help failed mortgages

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration aimed squarely at the crisis clogging the nation's credit system Monday with a plan to take over up to \$1 trillion in sour mortgage securities with the help of private investors.

For once, Wall Street cheered.

The announcement, closely stage-managed throughout the day, filled in crucial blanks in the administration's financial rescue package and formed what President Barack Obama called "one more critical element in our recovery."

The coordinated effort by the Depart-

ment of the Treasury, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. relies on a mix of government and private money — mostly from institutional investors such as

hedge funds — to help banks rid their balance sheets of real-estate related securities

that are now extremely difficult to assess the value of.

The goal, said Obama, is to get banks lending again, so "families can get basic consumer loans, auto loans, student loans, (and so) that small businesses are able to finance themselves, and we can start getting this economy moving again."

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Zaxby's expands despite economy

■ THE RESTAURANT CHAIN IS BASED IN ATLANTA.

By KATHERINE BEIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

After restaurants such as Guthrie's and Joe's Deli shut down in Gainesville, a new Zaxby's is opening up shop.

The popular Atlanta-based franchise opened its doors to the public at a downtown location at Northwest 10th Avenue and Main Street Monday.

Zaxby's has two other Gainesville locations, one on Northwest 43rd Street and another on Southwest Archer Road in Butler Plaza.

Such business expansion

seems out of place in today's economy, but Lisa Swan, assistant manager of the new Zaxby's, said she's not worried about any of that.

Swan said she was confident that popularity of the Zaxby's brand would be enough to stimulate business.

Local News "Customer service is our goal," she added. "Keep the customers happy, and they'll keep coming back."

Josh Ditto, 20, is a resident of downtown Gainesville who stopped by for some chicken fingers. He said he was excited to hear that a Zaxby's had opened close by.

"I like their chicken," Ditto said. "I'll be back."



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Visitors eat and stand in line to order food at the new Zaxby's Monday afternoon on the corner of N. Main Street and N.E. 10th Ave. The restaurant opened Monday.

Amendment 2 would require state vote to convert use of protected land

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level.

In effect, this would remove protected status for transgender, lesbian, gay and bisexual Gainesville residents and loosen protections for other classes.

For the District 1 seat, incumbent Scherwin Henry, who advocates responsible business expansion, vies against Marcia Wimberly, who campaigns against wasteful spending. Wimberly opposes Amendment 1, while Henry was still undecided at press time.

Charter Amendment 2, if passed, would

require a state referendum vote to convert city-owned land used for conservation, recreation or cultural purposes to another use.

In a last-minute effort to raise awareness, a group of parents and their children which oppose Amend-

ment 1 spent an hour Monday evening in a march along 34th Street.

Equality is Gainesville's Business, the main anti-amendment group, will continue to reach out to voters tomorrow, said Shelbi Day, the group's spokeswoman.

"We will be talking to voters until the very last minute," she said.

Cunilio, Krames, Schlachta to watch results at Supervisor of Elections office

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seum.

"We're just going to bring a joyous end to the occasion — win or lose," he said.

Henry said anyone is welcome at his gathering.

At-large candidate Tom Cunilio said he plans to spend part of his day gardening, and then waiting for the results at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

"I'll be finally planting my spring corn," he said.

Cunilio said he would rather people show their support by voting than attending a party.

"I don't want pats on the back. I don't want free drinks," he said. "I don't have any plans to hang out beforehand. I'm not that kind of guy."

Robert Krames, who is also running for the At-large seat, said he will watch the results at the Supervisor of Elections Office, but he will not have an open gathering after the results are in.

"It's a private party. I'm just keeping it to my supporters," he said. "But if anyone wants to come talk about the campaign, I'll be at the elections office at 7."

As I reflect on the road to March 24, 2009, tears well in my eyes to see it come to a close."

Marcia Wimberly
District 1 candidate

At-Large candidate Richard Selwach said he is confident about tomorrow's election results.

"I'm feeling pretty darn good," he said. "I am the candidate with the most experience."

Not only did Selwach run for Gainesville City Commission in 2007, but he has been to hundreds of Commission meetings, he said. He called himself one of the more controversial attendees.

"I'll probably be at Mark's Prime Steakhouse downtown,

eating at the bar and having a few drinks with my best buddy Eric Forrest," he said of election night. "If there is a victory, drinks will be flowing."

James Schlachta, an At-large candidate, said he would campaign on street corners today, but he's not sure if he will make it out on election night.

"If my family doesn't need me at home with our new baby, I will be at the elections office awaiting the results," he said.

Although Schlachta said he is new at running for office and he could have done certain things better, he feels confident.

Marcia Wimberly, a District 1 candidate, said in an e-mail that she will relax at Flaco's Cuban Bakery and Deli after the polls close.

"As I reflect on the road to March 24, 2009, tears well in my eyes to see it come to a close," Wimberly wrote.

She said she trusts that God will watch over the election, and that everything will be done fairly and decently.

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Graduates become alumni for life



As we get ready to celebrate the upcoming graduation of the Class of 2009, it is a good time to think about the important role alumni play in the life of the University of Florida.

Alumni serve as ambassadors for the university by sharing the good news about their alma mater.

Alumni help the university by being effective advocates through such programs as Gators for Higher Education, <http://gatorsforhighered.ufl.edu>, a grass roots advocacy program.

Alumni provide valuable career advice to fellow alumni and students through the nearly 100 Gator Clubs around the globe, along with the Gator Nation Network, which is accessible through the UF Alumni Association's Web site, <http://www.ufalumni.ufl.edu>.

Alumni, through their respective Gator Clubs and special-interest organizations, provide more than 200 scholarships a year. Alumni also provide much-needed financial support for UF through the Florida Tomorrow Campaign, <http://www.FloridaTomorrow.ufl.edu>.

Alumni serve as the torchbearers of the institutional spirit. The Alumni Association, through the work of the Florida Cicerones and the Student Alumni Association (the largest such organization in the nation), produce the "F Book" as a way to celebrate UF's proud history.

Alumni express their loyalty to their alma mater by joining the UF Alumni Association. UF's Alumni Association has more than 55,000 dues-paying members, the largest in the SEC.

We encourage the upcoming Class of 2009 to stay connected to its alma mater. You are a student for a few years, but an alumnus for life.

The Gator Nation is everywhere. We look forward to working with you in advancing the university and enriching the lives of our students, friends and alumni.

Go Gators!

Leland D. Patouillet
Associate Vice President, Alumni Affairs
Executive Director, UF Alumni Association

Top Stories

UF students explore Big Apple during spring break

Rather than soaking up the sun on a Florida beach, 15 University of Florida students spent their spring break in the Big Apple for the UF David C. Miller Center for Retailing Education and Research's New York City Retail Tour.

During the five-day tour from March 9 to 13, students visited more than 30 retail locations and met with a variety of retail-industry executives, including several UF alumni. The tour included visits to notable retail establishments, such as Bloomingdales, Juicy Couture, Macy's Herald Square, Saks Fifth Avenue and Toys "R" Us.

"New York is where fashion trends are established," said Betsy Trobaugh, tour director and JCPenney director at the UF center. "This is why we prefer New York City."

This year's tour marks the third time Trobaugh has taken students to New York during spring break. Her favorite aspect of the tour is showing students a part of the retail industry that they have never seen — the behind-the-scenes buying and planning activities. In fact, some students attending past tours decided to pursue a retail career even though they had never considered a career in the industry.

Although Heather Petrie, a member of the 2009 tour, did not decide to drop her pharmacy major to pursue a retail degree, she said she enjoyed her first visit to the big city.

"I think the best thing about New York City is that it never stops," Petrie said. "They say the city never sleeps — and I believe that."

Debra Malbin, UF alumna, met with students on the first day of the tour to discuss her New York-based business, Debra Malbin Associates. The executive search firm specializes in the fashion industry.

Malbin majored in marketing, then pursued a career in retail buying. UF provided her with a superb education, she said.

"School prepares you to a point," Malbin said. "Actual training on the job is



The Saks Fifth Avenue store manager explains the store's design to UF students.

New York is where fashion trends are established ... This is why we prefer New York City."
— Betsy Trobaugh

use of diverse textures in his fall clothing line, she said.

During the evenings, students dined at restaurants in Little Italy, shopped in Soho and saw the Broadway play, "Chicago."

One morning in Manhattan, three students attempted to appear on the "Today" show. "We got close to shaking Matt Lauer's hand," Petrie said. "I'm pretty sure we got on camera."

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All UF students are eligible to attend the retail tours. For more information on future tours, visit the David C. Miller Center for Retailing Education and Research Web site at <http://www.cba.ufl.edu/mkt/retailcenter>.

By Bridget Brennan

Happenings

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

March 25

School of Music presents "Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale Concert." University Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-377-1870 or visit <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/music> for more information.

March 26

UF Air Force ROTC presents "ROTC Joint Service Pass in Review." Flavet Field, 2:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-392-1355, ext. 201 or e-mail Janet Nobles, office assistant, at jnobles@aa.ufl.edu for more information.

March 27

Gator Men's Tennis vs. Ole Miss. Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex, 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 352-375-4683 or visit <http://www.gatorzone.com> for more information.

March 28

Pre-Dental American Student Dental Association (ASDA) presents "Miles for Smiles 5K." O'Connell Center Commuter Lot, 8 a.m. Free and open to the public. Pre-register the day of the race until 7:45 a.m. or online. Call 305-336-

In Focus

UF athletes excel on the field – and in a laboratory

If winning two national championships in three years doesn't convince you that University of Florida football players are outstanding, then maybe scientific-based evidence will.

In addition to practice and attending class, University of Florida football players visit the UF Biomechanics and Motion Analysis Laboratory to sharpen and evaluate their top-notch skills.

Bryan Conrad, a UF department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation senior engineer, and other lab engineers use innovative technologies to perfect human movement. From assisting quarterbacks to working with cerebral palsy and other patients referred by Shands at UF physicians, the engineers touch many lives in extraordinary ways.

The engineers' ground-breaking "Florida Quarterback Model," a database of UF football athletic-performance measurements, benchmarks athletic success, Conrad said.

Chris Leak, former Gators quarterback, visited the lab numerous times while attending UF. Leak is one of five quarterbacks featured in the model.



Fourteen video cameras capture Chris Leak's motion during various passing exercises.

"Before we developed this report, people would look at a player and say, 'It looks like he is fast,' but now we can quantify speed and other data," Conrad said.

"The Biomechanics and Motion Analysis Lab is a tremendous resource for our trainers, strength staff and coaching staff.

It allows our trainers and strength staff to analyze motion deficiencies that might cause future injuries and allows the coaching staff to evaluate an athlete's technique," said Urban Meyer, UF football coach.

The lab began operation in January 2005. Located at 3450 Hull Road, off 34th Street, the 2,500-square-foot room within the UF & Shands Orthopaedics and Sports

Medicine Institute hosts 14 video cameras, two recently UF-patented robots and force plates that detect the power of motion.

The robots, developed by UF Mechanical and Aerospace Engineer Scott Banks, take X-rays of a subject's bones while he or she is in motion, providing a more accurate analysis of the bone system in action, Conrad said.

"There is nothing like those robots anywhere in the world," he said.

The lab is open to the public for analysis of any physical movement. For information on costs and appointment procedures, visit <http://www.ortho.ufl.edu/index.shtml>.

By Bridget Brennan

Seen & Heard

Fillingim to receive national dentistry award



Roger Fillingim

the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the Florida Housing Coalition. The grant will help preserve properties that provide housing for extremely low-income households and people with special needs.

The Shimberg Center will receive \$500,000 of the grant to develop enhanced data tools to help the state, nonprofits and local governments make far-sighted decisions about the communities and properties most in need of affordable housing preservation.

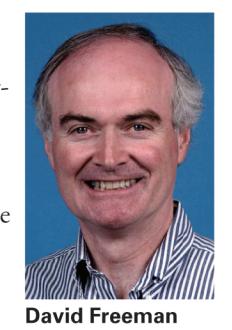
UF's research and data collection will provide information such as the types of tenants who are most at risk of losing housing and the best locations for affordable housing preservation.

Business students win investment competition

The Warrington College of Business Administration's Student Investment Club (SIC) captured first place at the annual Russell Investment Management and Research Case Competition. Undergraduate SIC team members, Tolulope Bukola, Matt Hayes and Alexandra Mirchev, competed with rival investment clubs from across the nation, ultimately triumphing over

the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Texas and the University of Washington. Russell Investments, headquartered in Tacoma, Wash., is a privately held subsidiary of Northwestern Mutual.

Freeman named as interim chair



David Freeman

David Freeman, an equine surgeon and professor in the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, has been named interim chairman of the college's department of large animal clinical sciences.

Freeman will oversee the teaching, research, extension and service missions of the UF veterinary college in the primary areas of equine, food animal, aquatic animal and companion animal health. Freeman also will serve as chief of staff of UF's Alec P. and Louise H. Courtelis Equine Hospital, which has one of the largest equine caseloads of all similar referral teaching hospitals in the U.S.

Phillips Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating: \$25-\$35. Call 352-392-ARTS(2787) for tickets or visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu> for more information.

April 2

O'Connell Center presents "Celtic Woman." O'Connell Center, 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating: \$41-\$61. Call 352-392-5500 or visit <http://www.oconnellcenter.ufl.edu> for more information.

April 1

Student appears on reality TV show

By MALIKA WRIGHT
Alligator Contributing Writer

One student's opportunity as reality show cast member was the career booster she always imagined.

Terri Darden, a UF sophomore, was chosen last semester to be part of the cast of BET's "College Hill: South Beach."

After being chosen out of about 4,000 people, she agreed to live in a mansion for \$100 a week for six weeks without TVs, bedroom doors or communication with people outside of the show.

College Hill is a reality show that focuses on the lives of college students.

"I prayed that (the show) would be used for the greater good of my career," said Darden, who has been singing, acting and dancing since she was very young.

Though she had no idea what would take place while filming the show, Darden said she naively thought all the cast members would get along.

"It was the most volatile experience of my life," she said. "I wouldn't recommend anyone to go out for a reality TV show because it's not safe."

During filming, she got in a fight with another cast member. She said the producers of the

show didn't break up their scuffle, and afterward, the producers wouldn't allow her to call the police.

After the fight, Darden was released from the show.

"Initially, the cast would have gotten along, but the producers instigated fights," Darden said.

She also said a lot of the show was scripted, and producers made them act out situations again until they gave the reactions they wanted.

The show isn't real, she said, because it doesn't capture the essence of real college life.

Student Life "In real college, we don't fight," she said.

"We are more focused on graduating and finishing school."

The cast of "College Hill: South Beach," which premieres Tuesday night on BET, were all acting, Darden said.

Most of the cast members weren't in college at the time when they were filming, she explained.

Darden said she isn't going to watch "College Hill" this season.

She said it was a jungle, and normal people couldn't survive in it.

"I'm proud to be a Gator, but I took off a semester to be on the show," she said.



Photo Provided

UF student Terri Darden, who appeared on 'College Hill: South Beach' poses in this undated photo.

NATIONAL

Alaska volcano erupts for first time in almost 20 years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLOW, Alaska — Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times overnight, sending an ash plume more than 9 miles into the air in the volcano's first emissions in nearly 20 years.

Residents in the state's largest city were spared from falling ash, though fine gray dust fell Monday morning on small communities north of Anchorage.

"It's coming down," Rita Jackson, 56, said Monday morning at a 24-hour grocery store in Willow, about 50 miles north of Anchorage. She slid her fingers across the hood of her car, through a dusting of ash.

Ash from Alaska's volcanoes is like a rock fragment with jagged edges and has been used as an industrial abrasive. It can injure skin, eyes and breathing passages. The young, the elderly and people with respiratory problems are especially susceptible to ash-related health problems. Ash can also cause damage to engines in planes, cars and other vehicles.

Alaska Airlines on Monday canceled 19 flights because of the ash. In-state carrier Era Aviation canceled four, and Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage kept 60 planes, including fighter jets, cargo aircraft and a 747 commercial plane, in shelters.

Five of 20 Alaska state senators were scheduled on the morning

flight from Anchorage to Juneau, which was canceled. As a result, consideration of a resolution accepting federal stimulus funds was put off until Wednesday.

The first eruption, in a sparsely populated area across Cook Inlet from the Kenai Peninsula, occurred at 10:38 p.m. Sunday and the fifth happened at 4:30 a.m.

Monday, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

The wind took the ash cloud away from Anchorage, toward Willow and Talkeetna, near Mount McKinley, North America's largest mountain.

There were reports of a quarter-inch of ash in Trapper Creek and up to a half-inch at a lakeside

lodge near Skwentna.

Dave Stricklan, a hydrometeorological technician with the National Weather Service, expected very fine ash.

"Just kind of a light dusting," he said. He said the significant amount of ash probably dropped immediately, right down the side of the volcano.

"The heavier stuff drops out very quickly, and then the other stuff filters out. There's going to be a very fine amount of it that's going to be suspended in the atmosphere for quite some time," he said.

"The finer ash is going to travel farther, and any ash can affect aviation safety."

Jackson said she was taking a sip of coffee when she tasted something funny on her lips — ash. She was experiencing other affects, too.

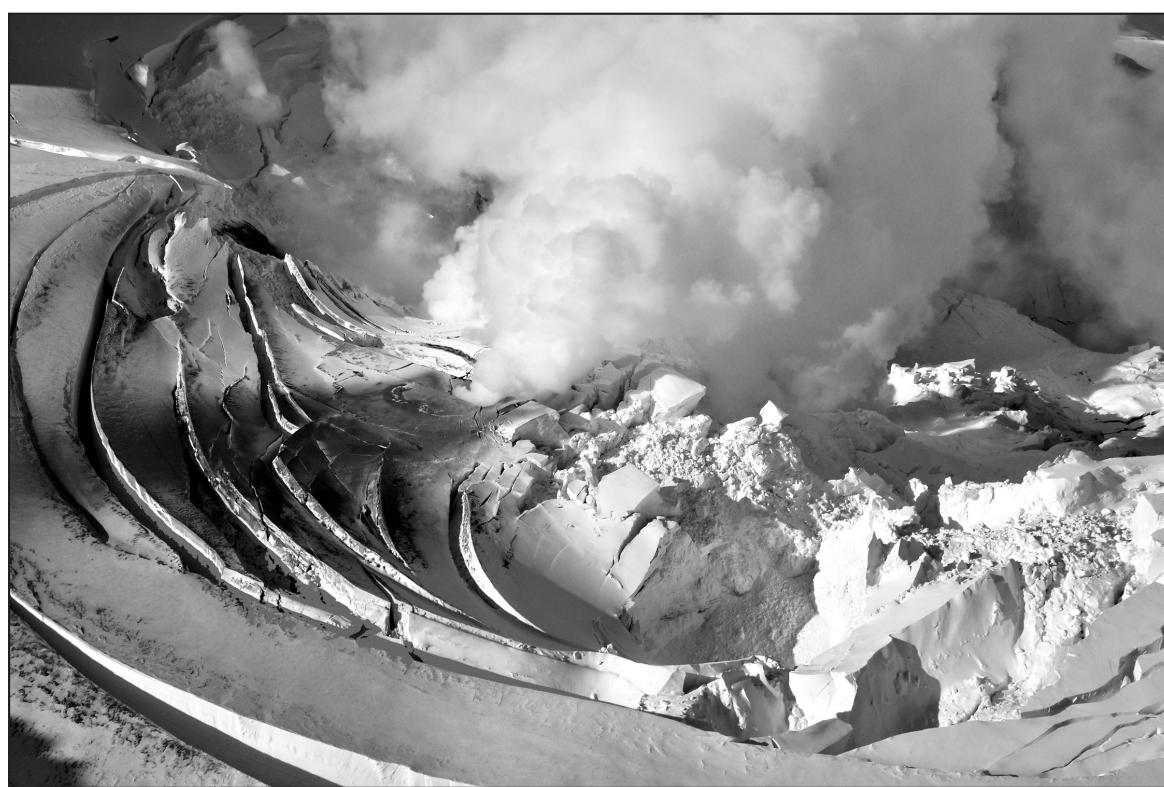
"My eyes are itching really bad," she said as she hurried to get out of the store and to her car.

Jackson, who unexpectedly got the day off, hurried home from the grocery store to secure a motorcycle, snowmachine and vehicles under protective blue tarps.

The 10,200-foot Redoubt Volcano, roughly 100 miles southwest of Anchorage, last erupted during a four-month period from 1989-90.

In its last eruption, Redoubt sent ash 150 miles away into the path of a KLM jet and its four engines flamed out. The jet dropped more than two miles before the crew was able to restart all engines and land safely. The plane required \$80 million in repairs.

The volcano became restless earlier this year. The observatory had warned in late January that an eruption could occur at any time.



AP Photo

Steam rises from the top vent in the summit crater of Alaska's Mount Redoubt on Saturday. The Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Williams surgery a success

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Robin Williams was recovering at the Cleveland Clinic after heart surgery that his doctors deemed successful, his publicists said Monday.

The 57-year-old actor had an operation to replace an aortic valve on March 13, publicists Mara Buxbaum and Chris Kanarick said.

He was expected to make a complete recovery in the next eight weeks.

"His heart is strong and he will have normal heart function in the coming weeks with no limitations on what he'll be able to do," said Dr. A. Marc Gillinov, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic.

"A couple of hours after surgery, he was entertaining the medical team and making us all laugh."



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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators face No. 1

By CHRISTOPHER YAZBEC

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The 1980 U.S. hockey team over the USSR. Villanova over Georgetown. The New York Giants over the New England Patriots.

If the Gators women's basketball team (24-7) comes away victorious tonight, it might not be asking too much to add its feat to this list of greatest sports upsets.

That's just a taste of what No. 8-seed UF will be up against when it steps on the court at 7:11 p.m. in Storrs, Conn., to take on No. 1-over-all-seed Connecticut (34-0) in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"They are an incredible team," UF assistant coach Susie Gardner said after Sunday's win against No. 9-seed Temple. "I'm not that old, but I've seen some of the undefeated teams that have come through. The Tennessee, even Texas, the first team that went undefeated. I'm not going to say this quite yet, but they may

be one of the top three teams in the history of the game."

It's clear the Gators won't need any extra motivation, at least none they can't get from just talking about playing the Huskies.

When they watched as the brackets were revealed just over a week ago, the Gators were not happy with their seeding or with this potential matchup in such an early round.

Because of that, they've had a chip on their shoulder.

"It's actually a motivation for us to see actually where we are," senior point guard Sha Brooks said.

Gardner said the team will go into this game with a similar approach to when it played Tennessee the first time this season in Gainesville.

"Our players are going to know UConn's players' names," Gardner said. "They've seen them on TV all year. You ask your players, 'Who would you like to play?' when you're scheduling, and

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AP Photo

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma watches a Louisville player at the Big East Tournament on March 10 in Hartford, Conn.

Donovan believes team has overachieved

■ UF WILL FACE PENN STATE IN THE NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS TONIGHT.

By MIKE DIFERDINANDO

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The UF basketball team has faced more than its fair share of criticism this season.

The team has been labeled undersized, called out for its lack of toughness and chastised for its failure to finish late in close games.

Monday, UF coach Billy Donovan threw out a new adjective: overachieving.

"He feels like we overachieved? Really?" center Alex Tyus said.

Apparently UF, the same team that missed out on the NCAA Tournament and found itself in the National Invitation Tournament for the second time in two

seasons, has done more than Donovan expected it to do this year.

"Our guys in a lot of respects have overachieved," Donovan said. "Those guys have won 25 games and done a pretty good job."

"Twenty-five games at this point in time in the season is a lot of basketball games."

UF, which will host Penn State (24-11) tonight at 9 in the NIT quarterfinals, is just two years removed from winning back-to-back national titles.

Donovan has coached in the NIT just three times in his 13 years in Gainesville, the first coming in 1998.

"But you also have to look at this group and what they've been able to do as a team, and although it may not be at the expectation level of some teams, they

are trying to get to that point," Donovan said.

The Gators (25-10) have lost five games this season by 3 points or fewer.

Winning any one of those three games would probably have been enough for UF to slide into the NCAA Tournament field.

"I understand the measuring stick," Donovan said. "You're always looking to the NCAA Tournament and getting in and having a chance to move on and advance."

Donovan has tried his best to shelter his young team from the expectations set by two national titles.

The coach may be pleased with his team's effort this season, but his players are far from happy with the result of their work.

"I feel like not making the tournament is a disappointment. That's where we all

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- **NCAA Women's Basketball: No. 8 UF vs. No. 1 Connecticut**
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- **NIT Men's Basketball: No. 1 UF vs. No. 2 Penn State**
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I DID NOT KNOW THAT

- The field for the NCAA Gymnastics Regionals was released Monday. UF got the No. 6 overall seed and will be competing on April 4 in Iowa City, Iowa against, among other teams, No. 7 UCLA.

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: What will be the result of the UF-Connecticut women's basketball game tonight?

Previous question: Which No. 1 seed will be the first to lose in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament? (see right for results)

	Percent (Votes)
Pitt	36% (16)
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231 TOTAL VOTES

UF BASEBALL

Davis, Bullock lead stronger bullpen into UNF series

By BOBBY CALLOVIAlligator Writer
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There were no guarantees the lead would hold for the Gators once they turned the ball over to the bullpen before this last week.

UF's relief pitching has successfully finished off its last five victories, with the only hitch coming from Patrick Keating, usually a starter, on Tuesday against FSU.

UF (14-7, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) will need its bullpen to continue to close out games when it heads to Jacksonville tonight to take on North Florida (8-15).

The bullpen started the season on a high note but began to slip during the Miami series. Then, Florida Atlantic came to Gainesville on March 4, and everything fell apart for the relievers. They let 6 runs score in the sixth inning and gave up UF's 4-0 advantage.

The bullpen had few problems against lowly Duquesne the next weekend but faltered again during UF's three-game series against Arkansas on March 13-15, allowing 10 runs in just 14 1/3 innings of work.

At that point, UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan had seen enough. It was time to talk to his two veteran relief pitchers, Tony Davis and Billy Bullock.

"We had some heart-to-hearts last weekend," O'Sullivan said. "Sometimes that's not easy for a

coach to do, but we had some serious talks."

They couldn't have listened any harder to his request for them to re-focus.

The two have each pitched in four of the five games since, resting during UF's 10-2 blowout of Tennessee on Saturday, and they have combined to let up just 2 runs over their 8 1/3 innings.

"They needed to step up, and both guys have had outstanding weeks," O'Sullivan said.

Their success has poured over into the rest of the bullpen. As a whole, they have allowed just 9 runs in 23 1/3 innings of work in the last five games.

Catcher Buddy Munroe has seen a difference in the relievers lately.

"Everyone is going out there attacking hitters, which coach O'Sullivan preaches, and everyone is going out there with more confidence," Munroe said.

That confidence has allowed them to go after hitters more, and the result has been more ground-ball outs by the pitchers.

O'Sullivan thinks the improvement of the pitching staff could also help another part of UF's game where the team has struggled recently.

"If we (get more ground-ball outs) and shorten the counts, the defense plays better, because if the counts don't go deep, the defense won't get out on their heels,"



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UF pitcher Billy Bullock winds up to throw during the Gators' 2-1 loss to Miami on Feb. 28 at McKethan Stadium.

O'Sullivan said.

When Anthony DeSclafani takes the mound to start the game tonight, he will now have the comfort of handing the ball to someone he can rely on to finish what he started. He was unable to do that when he gave

up just one hit during 5 1/3 innings against Florida Atlantic, only to see his tremendous start go for nothing.

Now, he will not only have the luxury of a bullpen performing at a high level, but also one that has a group of guys eager to get their

chance to pitch.

"We are more relaxed and ready to go," said Clint Franklin, who tossed 3 2/3 innings in relief on Saturday and allowed only one base-runner. "Everybody just wants to get up and throw."

Gators' depth provides sole advantage

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they always say UConn."

It might seem difficult to find a kryptonite to a Huskies team that has an average margin of victory this season of nearly 32 points and has won every game by no fewer than 10.

But Gardner has done her best to name something.

"If UConn does have a weakness, which it's hard to find weaknesses, but they're not overly deep," Gardner said.

"Their bench is not that deep, but they don't play a lot of players either. They stay out of foul trouble."

UF, however, is quite the opposite, and has the ability to dig through its bench.

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UF may see glimpse of own future

By ANTHONY CHIANG
Alligator Writer

This week might prove to be a glimpse into the future for the Gators. The No. 26 UF women's golf team

will begin play at the Dixie Classic in St. George, Utah, on Tuesday, swinging on the same course where NCAA Regionals will be held in 2011.

"Playing on this course is going to help the team because regionals are



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UF golfer Jessica Yadloczky smiles after sinking a putt during the Lady Gator Invitational at The Mark Bostick Golf Course on Feb. 23, 2008.

going to be hosted there in a couple of years," sophomore Jessica Yadloczky said. "We are actually going there to get a view of the course for regionals, so we will be prepared."

But this advantage comes with a price. The course is on a desert in Utah and has lava rock lining the fairways and greens.

The Gators have yet to play on a course like this all season, which could prove to be a severe disadvantage for the team.

"A lot of the courses that we've played on have been lush greens and tree-lined," Yadloczky said.

UF will be the only team from the east coast to play in the event, which is something the Gators will have to adjust to.

"I think it's going to be an eye-opening experience just because it's definitely a different layout than our course that we have here," Yadloczky said.

If UF is going to have success this week, the team will have to play consistent golf, something freshman Evan Jensen has struggled to do. Throughout the spring season, she has scored drastically better in the final round of each event.

Jensen has shot a combined score of 40 over par in the first two rounds of each tournament in the spring, but she has shot a combined score of 1 under par in the final round of each event.

"Evan has been working really hard on it," Yadloczky said. "She has been playing more, so when she gets out there, it's easier for her to score right off the bat."

The Gators' lineup for the tournament will consist of Yadloczky, Jensen, Andrea Watts, Lauren Uzelatz and Nicole Schachner.

Yadloczky said this week's event will be used to send a message to other teams around the nation.

"Knowing we are the only SEC team in this tournament, we know we have to make a stand toward other teams because they are going to be at nationals as well," she said.

MIAMI HEAT O'Neal sits with hip bruise

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Miami forward Jermaine O'Neal sat out in the Heat's 94-82 win against the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night with a bruised right hip, something he described as a minor ailment that shouldn't keep him sidelined for long in the Heat's postseason push.

O'Neal had been bothered by the hip for several days, starting when he tried to take a charge last week against the Boston Celtics.

He aggravated the injury in Sunday's win against the Detroit Pistons, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said, and after a pregame huddle with team trainers and physicians, the decision was made to give O'Neal the night off.

"It's definitely just one game, just trying to calm it down, just because it's affecting the way I move a little bit and jump and stuff like that," O'Neal said. "So that's basically it. It's nothing to be worried about."

The Heat entered Monday 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the race for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference, and 1 1/2 games up on Philadelphia for fifth place. After Monday, Miami will have 12 games remaining.

And if O'Neal gets his way, he'll play in all of them.

"We're not worried about it at all," O'Neal said. "It's just a precautionary thing. Obviously, I would like to play and the team would like for me to play, but it's the best-case scenario just for this particular day."

O'Neal has averaged 14.2 points and 5.4 rebounds in 17 games since being acquired from Toronto. Miami began the day in fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

He's also second in charges taken on the Heat, despite not coming to the team until past the midway point of the season.

"I'm one of the rare big guys in this league, I'm almost sure. I may even lead the league in charges taken (among forward-centers)," O'Neal said. "You don't find a whole lot of that, who really puts his body in harm's way to protect the basket. Sometimes, the negative to that is you're going to get a couple of nicks and bruises."

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